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## 2020 and Beyond Begins March 12

Beginning March 12, the Federation will offer "2020 and Beyond," a series of interactive lectures whose purpose is for emerging Jewish leaders to co-create a vision for the Jewish community at large. The program is designed for all ages, as well as individuals and couples, regardless of faith.

The series will consist of eight ninety-minute sessions. Dinner will be available at 5:30 pm, thirty minutes prior to the start time of classes. All classes

will be held at the Jewish Cultural Center. Cost to participate is \$118. Subsidies are available. For information about the content of each class, please see page 4.



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## Community Relations Committee: Update



Mokah-Jasmine Johnson, President and Co-founder of the Athens Anti-Discrimination Movement (above, middle) led, "Breaking the Cycle of Discrimination and Racism" at JCC Feb. 17th.

Since the vigil that was hosted at the Jewish Cultural Center in October 2018, your Jewish Federation has taken a community-wide lead role through the Community Relations Committee (CRC). In December, the Federation CRC convened a group of interfaith clergy and representatives from the Mayor's Council Against Hate for a luncheon at the JCC. Eighteen clergy from various faith groups and cultures participated in a session on stereotypes, led by UTC's Dr. Gail Dawson. The presentation was followed by a brainstorming session on what and how we can

work together to combat all forms of hate.

One of the many ideas that came from this group was to develop an interfaith teen event. Several weeks later, our Chattanooga Jewish teens, the Jew Crew, held a similar "stereotypes" program with four other church teen groups. With thirty-five in attendance, the teens took a first step into building new friendships and learning how to combat hate.

The fourth and final film in our winter Jewish Documentary Film Series was a film called, "Who Will Write our History." Members of the Warsaw Ghetto wrote their own history and hid these stories from the Nazis in hopes they would be found after the Holocaust. The Federation reached out to area schools and had a tremendous response. Two hundred students from Baylor, Whitwell and Boyd Buchanan came to the JCC for two showings of the film.

In February, the Federation partnered with a local group, Moms for Social Justice. We hosted thirty participants for a workshop titled, "Breaking the Cycle of Discrimination and Racism." Also in February, the interfaith clergy group, along with church volunteers and the Federation's CRC, was reconvened for continued discussion and planning for community-wide anti-hate programs. We have titled 2019 the "Year of Understanding," as we work together as faith leaders to build bridges, educate, and make connections. The Federation Board of Directors has already allocated significant dollars for programming in this area.

In addition to the above activities, the Federation curated an exhibit called Hate Speech: Contemporary Cartoons, which hangs in the JCC lobby. It is free to view.

If you have any suggestions for programming or want to get involved in any of these projects, please reach out to the Federation so we can connect you with your interest and passion.

## Community Nurse Edie Redish Says Goodbye to Federation



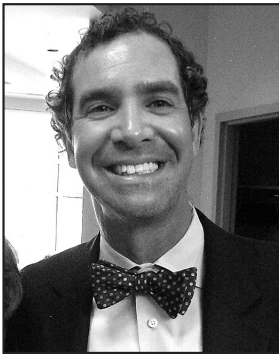
After almost seven years of service as the Federation's community nurse, Edie Redish has decided to seek out other opportunities. Her last day was February 22. Edie has been a valuable asset to the social services team and Federation as a whole, caring for and supporting all those in need in our community. We are so appreciative of Edie, her caring nature, and her engaging personality. We wish her well on her next adventure!

Meanwhile, Christi Haustein will continue to maintain the services of the Federation as we open a search for a new part-time advocate for our community. We hope to have the position filled in the near future. See page 8 for more information.

## SAVE THESE DATES

April 7 Good Deeds Day  
April 11 Spring Fling  
May 15 Film Series Sponsor Event

# NOTES FROM LEADERSHIP



## Helping Others Help Others

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One Jew asking another Jew to help another has defined our community for generations, and has never been more prevalent than the past few months. I often write about what makes our community strong, and I can not help but continue to tout our community and the people who take time from their busy lives to realize that community service not only enhances our community, but enriches the lives of individuals. Every day I am fortunate to be able to see, firsthand, examples of this.

It's easy to look at the amount of money we raise from our "small but mighty" community and be proud. These donation dollars have such an impact on our community and around the world, and define *tikkun olam*.

But in addition to this, our community members are doing more great work behind the scenes, giving of their time to care, help, and give to others in need. Whether simply putting our arms around someone who has lost someone close to them, or teaching, or inspiring others, we do what it takes.

This past month, Frank Miller, inspired by a Friday night sermon by Rabbi Lewis, began to think about the people affected by the government shut down. He made calls to the someone he knew in the TSA. Frank wanted to make sure our local TSA employees knew their work was appreciated. He spearheaded an initiative, led by the Mizpah Social Action Committee, that then shared its call to action with B'nai Zion, resulting in the Federation's push to raise funds for these Federal employees. Through Frank's leadership, our community answered the call, truly an example of how one person, thinking large, can make a difference for many. Thank you Frank, and everyone who helped with this social service project.

Our Young Jewish Leadership group has, in recent weeks, united in helping one of its members in whose life tragedy struck. Their strength and numbers and commitment has been steadily growing over the years, and we owe a great deal of gratitude to this next generation for the work they do for one and another. Our community is stronger because of our Young Jewish Leadership members.

As a community we unite to show our support for others not just at home, but around the world. We saw this on the evening of the Pittsburg vigil, when our united voice said, "We can do more!" What we did was call together clergy from various faiths and ask "how can we as a community learn from hate?" As a result we have started to engage our teens in the conversation about stereotypes and hate speech. We are sharing our programming, our speakers, and our resources with the community at large to combat hate in all forms. We are letting our voice be heard and our actions lead.

The foundation of our "small but mighty" community is built on individuals asking themselves what they can do to make the world a better place, and asking another Jew to join with them to help another. This unity and commitment to change is the true act of *tikkun olam*.



## True Young Jewish Leaders

*Michael Dzik  
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The Federation has had an organized and quite active Young Jewish Leadership (YJL) group for nearly nine years now. There have been many ups and downs, changes to structure, and changes in dynamics. Some might call these ups and downs "growing pains." But what I learned from this group most recently has brought me a great deal of pride in these, our youngest leaders.

For years, the YJL group structure has ebbed and flowed. Sometimes they've wanted more, other times not so much. In January, the YJL group recognized that there was a need for a more formal structure, and called a meeting; twenty members attended. They discussed Shabbat dinners, socials, communication, networking, family dynamics, and more. There were varying perspectives and opinions as to what should happen going forward. But at its heart, there was agreement that they were united in their Jewishness and committed to staying together as a group. They wanted to get to know others better, and to engage more. In the end, there was a good deal of conversation about empowerment: in what ways the group could and should take ownership of itself, and how they could better define leadership roles and responsibilities. Most attendees volunteered to take on various leadership roles to move the group forward.

Amanda Boulware and Tal Cohen will co-chair YJL for the next twelve months. I've already seen them work together, listen to each other's ideas, and create a warm atmosphere. Amanda and Tal have created a YJL leadership "Cabinet": a small group of people that will take charge of various duties, and that will reach out to many other YJL volunteers to help with ideas, planning, communication, and implementation. This newly formed Cabinet consists of Amanda, Tal, Jacque Nodell, Jake Patish, Jen Lincove, Becca Hanan and Aaron Lincove. The Cabinet is a great cross section of the group: there are single and married people, those with and without children, younger folks, and more experienced folks. I'm really looking forward to working with this group.

The Cabinet met in February to create its new structure. They are looking at strengthening their communications, especially through Facebook, as well as ensuring diversity of programming. The first issue tackled was that of Shabbat dinners. Currently they are offered every other month. The Federation prepares a kosher meal at the JCC, and provides all of the needed supplies – from wine and challah to utensils and Shabbat candles--for the host to bring into their home. What the group has discovered, however, is that some members prefer a child-friendly evening, while others prefer adults only. Some homes simply are not large enough or child-proof enough to have children present. So the YJL group found a simple compromise: have Shabbat dinners every month instead of every

other month, alternate between child-friendly and adult only, and let individuals choose to participate in one or both.

Already we have seen some immediate success and progress. The February YJL Shabbat had twenty-four in attendance. At this dinner, Amanda and Tal gave an update on the leadership Cabinet and on plans for moving the group forward. The group was excited and energized.

Over the last nine years, YJL has really taken an active role within the community. They've volunteered for clean-up days at Aleph Bet and for Night Run, chaired Super Sunday events, and many have joined the Federation Board, including as committee chairs. I expect this Jewish community engagement to continue and deepen. It is so important that our younger community members have an outlet for their Jewish interests and passions, and to have a comfortable setting for meeting and interacting with their peers in the Jewish community.

Thank you Amanda and Tal and your entire Cabinet for standing up and taking on new responsibilities. I couldn't be prouder.



*Newly formed YJL Cabinet members Aaron Lincove, Tal Cohen, Jen Lincove, Amanda Boulware, Becca Hanan, Jacque Nodell, and Jake Patish.*

Passover begins Friday, April 19th. Wish friends and family a happy one! See greeting insert in this issue and return to the Federation with your payment by March 15th.

# @JEWISH CULTURAL CENTER

# YES



**We Are Only as Strong as Our Yesses**

*Ann Treadwell*  
Program Director  
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*I'm over it.*  
*It doesn't matter.*  
*I don't care.*  
*I don't want to be involved.*

My grandfather used to tell me that if someone said any of those statements to me, the opposite was probably true. Of course, I looked at him, nodded my head and thought, *I don't care.*

But, I do care. I care about social justice. I care about quality education. I care about women's rights. I care about many things. Don't you?

Take this little survey:

I care about building a sense of community. \_\_\_\_\_ yes  
I care about quality Jewish education. \_\_\_\_\_ yes  
I care about community history. \_\_\_\_\_ yes  
I care about helping others. \_\_\_\_\_ yes  
Did you check yes to any of the boxes?

No? Really? Maybe you were thinking someone else can do this?  
Or, *I don't have time.*  
Or, *I'm too old.*  
Or, *I'm too tired.*

I've used all of the excuses, at least in my head. But, this is what I know. Each of us has the ability to check yes to one of the above boxes and contribute, even a small amount, to making progress in that area. Here is what the program area of the Federation needs in the next few months.

Can you check yes to help:

Volunteering time at the Archives \_\_\_\_\_ yes  
Helping with Philanthropy Camp \_\_\_\_\_ yes  
Participating in an oral history project \_\_\_\_\_ yes  
Making phone calls to people we haven't seen in a while \_\_\_\_\_ yes  
Assisting with the Cabaret Music Series \_\_\_\_\_ yes  
Planning and implementing Good Deeds Day \_\_\_\_\_ yes  
Taking the 2020 class \_\_\_\_\_ yes  
Setting tables for Tuesday Café \_\_\_\_\_ yes

And the list goes on. Did you mark anything yes? If so give me a call 493-0270 ext. 13. No? Really? If you are reading this article, I know you care enough to spend the time to think about what I'm asking.

Maybe you have an idea about an activity or program that you are willing to help make real? An activity that you care enough about to spend some time on? Call me.

**Our Federation community is only as strong as the people who are willing to say yes.** Okay, sometimes we try activities that don't work out. Sometimes we try things *you* want to happen, but others aren't interested. Don't let that deter you. Let us assist you in thinking through other ways to make your interests work here.

Already in March there are some great activities planned, from the Cabaret Music Series to Foreign Policy Supper Club to the travelling shlichim panel, which will talk about the upcoming Israeli elections.



*Once again: Our Federation community is only as strong as the people who are willing to say yes.*

**STAY IN THE LOOP!**

**Our website is <http://www.jewishchattanooga.com>.  
Our Facebook page is Jewish Federation of Greater Chattanooga (JFGC)**

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](mailto: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 give advance notice.**



**Tuesday Cafe**

Tuesdays, March 5, 12, 19, 26 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.

**Cabaret Music Nights**

Saturday, March 9 at 7:30 pm and Saturday, March 23rd at 8:45 pm. \$18 pp includes appetizers and beverages. See page 7 for more info.

**Chronic Pain Management Class**

Tuesdays, March 5, 12, 19, 26 and April 2, 9 at 10am-12 pm. Contact Christi Haustein for more information. [chaustein@jewishchattanooga.com](mailto:chaustein@jewishchattanooga.com) or 493-0270 ext. 16. If you'd like to attend Tuesday Cafe afterward you must RSVP separately.

**Shlichim Touring Panel Discussion**

Monday, March 11 at 7 pm. Contact [israel@jewishchattanooga.com](mailto:israel@jewishchattanooga.com) for info. See front page for more info.



**Foreign Policy Supper Club**

**The Middle East: Regional Disorder**

Monday March 18 @ 6 p.m. \$12 includes dinner and materials for discussion. Please RSVP.

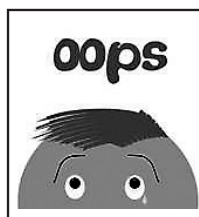
As the presidency of Donald J. Trump passes the half-way point, the Middle East remains a region in turmoil. The Trump administration has aligned itself with strongmen in Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates and Egypt, which along with Israel have a common goal of frustrating Iranian expansion. What will be the fallout from policy reversals such as withdrawing from the Iranian nuclear accord and moving the U.S. embassy in Israel to Jerusalem? Does the United States see a path forward in troubled states such as Syria, Yemen, Libya and Iraq? Is the United States headed toward war with Iran?

**By the Numbers**

**290**

Number of documentary series patrons, students and teachers who attended film *Who Will Write Our History*

**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](mailto: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. **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](mailto:atreadwell@jewishchattanooga.com) to get your order packaged and ready to go!

# COMMUNITY NEWS

## Eva Binder to Graduate Baylor in Spring



Congratulations to Eva Binder, who will graduate from The Baylor School this spring. She is the daughter of David and Brenda Binder. Paternal grandparents are the late Dr. Samuel Binder and Mrs. Claire Binder. Maternal grandparents are the late Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Hodges. Eva has a twin brother, Ross, and a younger brother, Eli, 13.

In school Eva is active in Spirit Club and Gender Equality Club, has been a member of the yearbook staff, a member of Verve (Baylor's dance company), and has worked as crew for the Baylor

theatre company. Her favorite subjects are the history of American law, and forensics.

As a Baylor diver Eva finished in 6<sup>th</sup> place in the 2019 State Dive Meet in Nashville; in soap box derby racing she has won 2nd place in the Chattanooga race twice; as a member of the Baylor varsity basketball cheer team, she received the Spirit Award at finals in Nashville, 2018.

In addition to the above Eva is also manager of the Baylor Crew Team, is a Baylor varsity basketball cheerleader, and is a certified lifeguard and a member of the Sea Cadets.

Outside of school Eva enjoys soap box derby racing, sailing, scuba diving, ice skating, drawing, singing, dancing, photography, and playing with her golden retrievers, Shiloh and Lyra. She has been invited to walk the runway as a model in this year's Siskin Styleworks.

Eva tentatively plans to attend Tennessee Tech or UTC next year and would like to study toxicology or biology.



### FOR EMERGING COMMUNITY LEADERS

**Purpose** To create a vision for the Jewish community. It is designed for all ages and backgrounds including interfaith - individuals, couples, etc.

*There will be eight ninety-minute sessions beginning March 12th at the Jewish Cultural Center. Dinner will be available thirty minutes prior to the start of each session. Each session will begin at 6:00 p.m. The cost to participate is \$118; Federation is offering 50% subsidies. Course dates and topics:*

#### March 12 Leadership Concepts

What is servant leadership? What are your leadership traits? Who will compliment your leadership type?

#### March 19 Our Community

Introduces participants to the history of the City of Chattanooga, Chattanooga Jewish history and the demographic trend lines (interfaith, age groupings, geography, etc.) through panel discussions and more.

#### March 26 Federation and Congregations

Introduces participants to the diversity of the Federation, two local congregations and Chabad with missions and priorities through conversations with local volunteer leaders.

#### April 2 National Outlook

Introduces participants to the origin stories and purpose of national Jewish organizations.

#### April 9 Building Cohorts

Introduces participants to the concept of working in cohorts to better accomplish desired outcomes.

#### April 16 Service

Introduces participants to internal and external community service possibilities with the object of creating an individual or group service opportunity. Guests will join the group to share their experiences.

#### April 23 Where Are We Going...Together

Engages participants in projecting what a thriving Jewish community will look like in 2040.

#### April 30 Final Reflection/Dinner and Graduation Party

This post course meeting is a celebration and reflection on what participants have learned.

The course was designed and will be led by Ken Goldsmith, Federation board member and Chattanooga State professor.

For more information, contact Michael Dzik or Ann Treadwell at (423) 493-0270.



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## Save the Date: Jewish Film Festival Sponsor Event is May 15th



This year's Jewish Film Festival will kick off with a sponsor event May 15th at the JCC. In addition to a first-rate reception, there will be a screening of the film *Firebirds*. In this film, an eighty-year-old man's body is found with three stab wounds to the chest and a number tattooed

along his forearm. Amnon, a police detective and second generation Holocaust survivor, is reluctantly assigned to the case. As the plot weaves between the past and present, their stories unfold. For more information about the festival watch your April *Shofar*.

### Jewish Film Festival Schedule

May 15 *Firebirds* (Sponsor event)

May 22 *The Tobacconist*

May 29 *Act of Defiance*

June 5 *Murer: Anatomy of A Process*

June 12 *Redemption*

June 19 Surprise! (i.e. wait and see)

## Women's Night at the JCC, February 5th



# FEDERATION NEWS

## Doctors in Israel: Jon Cohen Reflects on Mission Trip



Sometimes it pays off to take a chance and respond to a *Shofar* ad! I mostly ignored the first Partnership 2gether trip ad over a year ago, but when the ad ran again last fall for the January, 2019 trip, I signed on. It was an amazing journey. I traveled with a group of nine physicians from our Southeast US region to our partner city, Hadera, for a week. We've hosted teachers from Hadera for several years, just as they've hosted teachers from the US.

Our group of doctors ranged in age from their 20's to their 60's. They represented a range of specialties and hailed from Nashville, Charlotte, Richmond and Jacksonville. Although I knew no one prior to the trip, our week together allowed us to bond with one another and, because each of us spent three nights in the home of a host doctor's family, we also bonded with our hosts. It was a much richer way to experience another culture



than a hotel stay! Touring three hospitals, and my time in Jerusalem and Tel Aviv was interesting, but the highlight for me was the personal connections forged with our local hosts. As an added bonus, I spent a couple nights with teacher Amit Shacham, who we hosted a few years ago, and toured Jerusalem with the world's best connector/tour-guide, Noa Hadad (photo, right).

--Jon Cohen

## Summer Camp Dreaming

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## Join the Jewish Federation Legacy Society

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

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*Allen, Amelia	Dzik, Michael	Lowe, Rob
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Balser, Jeff	*Frank, Estelle	Oxenhandler, Barbara
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Brouner, Betsy	Howard, Lynn	Spector, Mike
Brouner, Lee	Israel, David	Susman, Gail
Center, Austin	Israel, Scott	Susman, Joel
Center, Marilyn	Jaffe, Dot	Weiner, Cara
Cohen, Tal	*Jaffe, Sam	White Dropkin, Donna
Cohn, Herb	Lebovitz, Alison	Winer, David
*Cohn, Sue	Lebovitz, Alan	Winer, Elaine
Cowan, Rob	Lebovitz, Betty	Winer, Finette
Diamond, Karen	Lebovitz, Charles	Winer, Sanford
DiStefano, David	Lebovitz, Lauren	Zachary, Richard
DiStefano, Susan	Lebovitz, Michael	
Dittus, Sandy	*Levine, Lawrence	

\* Deceased

See how easy it is to join the Legacy Society!

Call Michael Dzik at 493-0270 ext 15.

## JCRS CAMP, COLLEGE 2019 SCHOLARSHIP DEADLINE MAY 31

Southern Jewish families seeking financial assistance to send their children to Jewish overnight camp, and families in search of funds to pay the costs of undergraduate college education, have a special friend in the Jewish Children's Regional Service (JCRS), the oldest and only regional Jewish children's social service agency in the United States.

Primary qualifications to apply for and receive consideration for assistance are relatively simple. First, the family must live within the seven-state service region, which includes Alabama, Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Oklahoma, Tennessee, and Texas. The family must also provide requested financial information and documentation, as the primary factor in approving any amount of aid is financial need.

The overnight camp scholarship deadline for the summer of 2019 is February 15th, and the undergraduate college aid application for the 2019 Fall Semester is May 31st. Applications received after those dates will be considered, but will fall into a lower range of priority from those received by the published application deadlines.

JCRS typically receives 450-500 applications, each year, just for these two programs, and has provided annual funding to approximately 450 of the applicants. In all seven JCRS programs combined, over 1600 unduplicated Jewish youth receive annual funding, and over 1700 are served. Many youth served are from single-parent or grandparent-led families, or possess family members with serious health, mental health, unemployment, or disability concerns.

The JCRS website: [www.jcrs.org](http://www.jcrs.org) contains information on all of the JCRS programs and provides applications that can be sent electronically back to the JCRS office. The headquarters address is P.O. Box 7368, Metairie LA 70010-7368 and phone is 1-800-729-5277 or (504)828-6334.

The \$1,600,000 annual budget of JCRS is supported primarily through general donations, as well as from the annual income that results when dedicated scholarship funds are created by donors, past aid recipients and JCRS "success stories."

# COMMUNITY NEWS

## Federation Summer Intern Opportunity



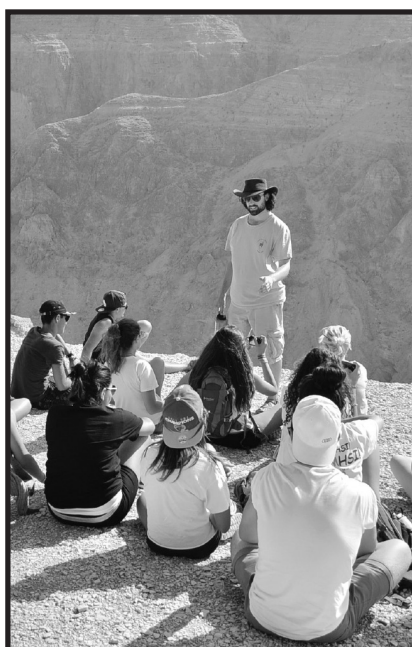
The Jewish Federation is announcing its third annual paid Summer Internship Program. Candidates should have completed at least their first year of college. Preference will be given to applicants whose families have

been donors to the Federation.

The commitment is for an average 10-20 hours per week for twelve weeks for a total of 160 hours. Some weeks may be twenty-six hours and other weeks ten hours depending on the activities and the intern's personal schedule. The majority of these hours will take place during regular Federation office hours, 9-5 pm Monday – Thursday and 9-4 pm on Fridays. However, from time to time the intern will be asked to work evenings or Sundays. They will not be asked to work on Shabbat (Friday evening through Saturday evening).

In addition to other duties, interns will assist with Philanthropy Camp from June 28 – August 2. Past summer interns have included Rachel Raisin and Will Potts.

Candidates will go through an application and interview process. For more information or to request an application contact Ann Treadwell, Program Director, 423-493-0270 ext. 13 or [atreadwell@jewishchattanooga.com](mailto:atreadwell@jewishchattanooga.com).



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### Study in Israel

## Joshua Hillner Bar Mitzvah is March 9



Joshua Shannon Hillner, son of Matthew and Shannon Pickett and grandson of Dr. William and Susan Hillner, Andrew and Jean Smith, and Melinda Pickett, will become a bar mitzvah March 9 at B'nai Zion synagogue. Josh has a brother, Benjamin Hillner, 18, and a sister, Avery Kate Pickett, 7. Rabbi Tandler will officiate.

Josh is in the 8th grade at Ringgold Middle School. He's especially interested in paleontology, science, and politics. In his free time, he plays video games and watches movies, (the Jurassic Park series is a favorite) and holds a blue belt in taekwondo. He also has a passion for all things Disney. Josh looks forward to attending Camp Ramah Darom again

this summer. For his bar mitzvah project he plans to have a drive to collect blankets, toys and other items to take to the McKamey Animal Care Center.

**Let us feature your bar/bat mitzvah in  
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### PHILANTHROPY CAMP COUNSELORS WANTED

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## Moms for Social Justice was February 17



The purpose of this workshop, "Breaking the Cycle of Discrimination and Racism," was to identify personal biases, analyze how racism shaped America, and teach participants how to break the cycle of discrimination. Attendees reviewed historical factors, white privilege, and the impact of slavery and oppression.

The workshop was led by Mokah-Jasmine Johnson, President and Co-founder of the Athens Anti-Discrimination Movement. It was a part of the Federation's initiative to combat hate through a "Year of Understanding." Thirty participants were in attendance.

# COMMUNITY NEWS & EVENTS

## Condolences

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

- Dr. Ronald Elliot Hempling, brother of Barbara (Dr. Sam) Jacobson.
- Bethany Schklar, wife of Joshua Schklar, mother of Noah.
- Samuel Werbin, brother of Charlotte
- Muriel (Winkler) Bonder, mother of Dr. Michael Bonder, grandmother of Cherie Bonder Dennis, and great-grandmother of Emmett Dennis.

*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](mailto:dshavin@jewishchattanooga.com).*

## Tributes

### In Memory of

--Dr. Harley H. Ross, Robert and Pris Siskin

## 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.

## Cabaret Nights Continues March 9th, 23rd



*Deaconbluz*



*Rick Rushing*

Cabaret Music Nights continues March 9 at 7:30 pm, with Deaconbluz and the Holysmoke Band. Deaconbluz is one of the few remaining Blues bands in the southeast who play traditional Blues dance music. The band, composed of professional musicians, has been performing since 1997 under the direction of Clark "deacon bluz" White, (B.A., M.A., Ph.D.).

An organic public intellectual bluesologist, he is currently directing Blues Chattanooga: Center for Blues Studies. He is one of the producers of the annual grassroots community-based "Blues in the Knob" sponsored by the Orchard Knob Neighborhood

Watch Association. He has taught at Michigan State University, Temple University, Northeastern University, Brown University and Morehouse College (his alma mater Class of 1971). He was also a Visiting Scholar at the WEB DuBois Center for African American Studies at Harvard University and the Delta Cultural and Research Center at Mississippi Valley State University." For more information, see <https://www.deaconbluz.com/>.

On March 23 at 8:45 pm, we will welcome Rick Rushing. From playing cello in elementary school, to studying classical guitar at the University of Tennessee Chattanooga, Rushing has been involved with music his entire life. He is related to the late legend vocalist and musician Jimmy Rushing of the Count Basie Big Band, and learned to play the Blues in Chattanooga. Plan to dance!

Cost is \$18 pp. Enjoy adult beverages and dinner-quality appetizers along with the live music. RSVP at [rsvp@jewishchattanooga.com/rsvp](mailto:rsvp@jewishchattanooga.com/rsvp) or 493-0270.

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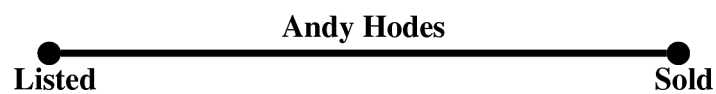
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# SOCIAL SERVICES



## The Importance of Staying Connected

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**Social Services Director**  
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 893-9241

When I was hired by the Jewish Federation, Executive Director Michael Dzik stressed the importance of keeping members connected to the community. I now understand that concept more than ever, and see the importance of connectedness. Of course, we love seeing your smiling faces, but we also know the importance of the health-related updates you give us and the information we share with you when you're here. We're aware that with knowledge comes the ability and the increased likelihood that you and your loved ones will become (and remain) active participants in your own care. It never hurts to add in some social time on top of this, which is what many people take advantage of.

Here at The Jewish Federation we'll be hosting a program, taught by UTC's Master of Public Health students, called Chronic Disease Self-Management. This program is funded by Chattanooga-Hamilton Co. Public Health Department. It is free to community members with chronic conditions, and to caregivers of those with chronic conditions. It's a series of six weekly Tuesday classes that commences Tuesday, March 5th and runs through April 9th. It will focus on self-management techniques with the goal of living a healthier lifestyle. Each participant will receive a certificate of completion.



Please stay tuned for more programs that have your health in mind, including the popular Better Balance program.

Questions? Concerns? Comments? I'm here for you. Please don't hesitate to call me at 893-9241 or email me at [chaustein@jewishchattanooga.com](mailto:chaustein@jewishchattanooga.com). Let's stay connected.

## 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](mailto:Atreadwell@jewishchattanooga.com) or 493-0270 ext. 13.

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Responsibilities include client advocacy, home/hospital visits, transportation, needs assessments and coordination of services/care, community engagement, and more. Good candidates should be caring, compassionate, team oriented, self-motivated and have experience in nursing or social services field. Up to 20 hours per week with flexible schedule.

Call Michael Dzik at (423) 493-0270 Extension 15

## March is Colorectal Cancer Month

Experts recommend that people concerned about getting colorectal cancer should exercise and eat right. The National Cancer Institute recommends a low-fat, high-fiber diet that includes at least five servings of fruits and vegetables each day. To reduce fat in your diet, you can change your eating and cooking habits. Major sources of fat include meat, eggs, dairy products,



and oils used in cooking and salad dressings. To increase the amount of fiber in your diet, eat more vegetables, fruits, and whole-grain breads and cereals. Avoid red meat and processed meats, and incorporate healthy fats, such as those containing omega-3s, into your diet. *Source: WebMD*

## 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.
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## DID YOU KNOW?

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# SHLICHIM PROGRAM



## Ch..Ch...Ch... Cha... Changes!

*Chen Dahan, Federation Shlichah  
Israel@jewishchattanooga.com*

During a cold week in January, I had the chance to travel back home to Israel, to see my family and friends one more time before I finish my shlichut term here in Chattanooga. Each time I've gone home previously, I've come to the conclusion that nothing had changed. That no matter how long I've been away, I'll always come back to the known home.

This time it was different. Even though it's only been five or six months since I was home, I felt that many things had changed.

The BIGGEST change was that my family had moved to a different house. While I was in Chattanooga, my parents packed all of the memories from the house we'd been in for fourteen years and started anew in a new neighborhood.

Not being there to actually experience the move was disorienting. Suddenly, the community surrounding us has changed, the bus lines are different, the distance to my favorite places changed, and the space we live in got smaller. Overall it seems like a small change, but it was a big shake-up in my routine.

Another thing that changed is my little brother Dvir! In five months he became a man: he got taller and even started shaving. My dog, Shifra, got older and so attached to my dad that she will not leave his side.

More changes occurred in my city. Tel Aviv became the most touristy place, with prices listed in US dollars and tourist massage parlors popping up everywhere. Dizingoff square is no longer a lifted square, and food delivery is no longer done by a scooter, but by electric bikes.

And my friends have changed. While I was in Chattanooga, they had many meaningful experiences with one another.

Then again, maybe I changed too. Two years in a different place shapes you in ways that you couldn't have ever imagined. I got used to Chattanooga. And I think Chattanooga got used to me...

**Next YJL Shabbat:  
March 29th  
Home of Cara and JR Weiner**

**DID YOU KNOW?  
The Shlichim Program is made possible by your  
donations to the Jewish Federation Annual Campaign.**

**Thank you to all of the participants of the  
conversational Hebrew class!**



*Chen Dahan presents Randi Weiss with a graduation certificate for her participation in the 10-week Hebrew class. All participants received a certificate.*

## January Shlichim Supervisors Conference: Two Viewpoints



**Chen:** On January 22-24, Ann and I traveled to Washington DC for a Shlichim Supervisors Conference titled: Arvit Hadadit (Mutual responsibility). We met our peers from all over the United States and Canada, who are working in Jewish Federations, JCCs, schools, and shuls. We discussed the mutual responsibilities of world Jewry and Israel, and what it has meant to us during our shlichut work. We met with the founder of "Reut" institute,

Gidi Grinstein, and the Israeli Ambassador to the US, Ron Dermer.

This year Ann and I had the privilege of being part of the steering committee for the conference, and we arranged a day tour to Washington's Jewish Federation and a meeting with our friends from CUFI to learn about their commitment to Israel. Meeting with different shlichim and supervisors was really meaningful to me. I made new friends, and learned about different practices in different places. I can't wait to implement the new things we learned at the Jewish Federation and in the Jewish community in Chattanooga.

**Ann:** The Annual Shlichim Supervisors Conference provides us with the opportunity to learn together, discuss best practices from other shlichim programs, and share ideas with our peers. The goal of the conference is to think of *arevut* as a Jewish value that deepens the connection between Israel and the Jewish people by asking essential questions: *what is the purpose of Israel education and engagement in the Jewish community? What is the unique value of the shaliach in promoting this purpose?*

What I noticed was that many shlichim and their supervisors were unaccustomed to speaking with each other about program content. I'm proud to say that all of our shlichim have regularly discussed the big picture of Israel education with Federation Executive Director Michael Dzik and me. Chen and I mused about the fact that, while our peers were talking to each other about general support for Israel, we were talking about exciting and challenging upcoming events and projects. We asked each other: *What should be the baseline for Israel education in children? How do we evaluate if Israel education is working in the congregations? What key current issues in Israel are the most important to discuss with adults? And, what is Chen's role as an educator?*

Chen and I spoke to other Federation duos about what makes our shlichim program unique. We talked about the program not being a nine-to-five job, but a lifestyle that the supervisor needs to participate in as mentor, friend, and supervisor. We talked about our "work hard/play hard" concept. We spoke about the shlichim being part of the Chattanooga Federation family, so much so that when one of the past shlichim comes to the U.S., they stop in Chattanooga. And we talked about how, when one of the Chattanooga family goes to Israel, many of the shlichim visit with them for everything from a bar mitzvah to Shabbat. We always believed we were unique in these regards, and the conference reinforced our belief.

Top of page, *Chen and Federation Program Director Ann Treadwell pose for double selfie in Washington*



Right, *shlichim from all over the US and Canada pose for a group shot*



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