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12th Annual Jewish Film Series Returns in May

By Sanford Winer



The Chattanooga Jewish Film Series begins its twelfth year on May 15th at 6 p. m. with the opening Sponsor Event, a cocktail buffet catered by our own Alice Goss-Morgan. Dinner will be followed by a screening of the award-winning Israeli movie, "Fire Birds."

Chattanooga is one of the first small cities to have a Jewish Film Series, thanks to the Federation, and ours is the longest running international film series in Chattanooga. Now we are one of over 100 Jewish film festivals in North America, and there are many others throughout the world.

Over the years the Federation has shown films from five continents and fifteen different countries. This year's lineup spotlights Jewish-themed movies from comedy to drama and from pre-World War II to modern day Israel. Film Series committee members Stephen Black, Frank Miller, Sheila St. Aubin, Sanford Winer (Chairman), and Richard Zachary, advised by Ann Treadwell, previewed over thirty films to select the six best.

People often ask how we select our films. Now that the Chattanooga series is so well known, we constantly receive e-mails from film distributors around the world. Also, we review the films shown by other Jewish and International film festivals in the United States and other countries. The selection committee's criteria include: films with great stories; superb acting; tight editing; universal themes; excellent cinematography; and enhancing music.

In the end, we choose films exploring the complexities of Jewish life around the world and at different time periods. We look at films that have relevant universal as well as Jewish values. These movies are meant to inspire and to help understand Jewish history, culture and the richness of the Jewish experience. We are certain the movies we chose this year will not only entertain you, but will make you think about different world-wide possibilities.

All movies will screen at the Jewish Cultural Center. See page 9 for schedule, movie descriptions and how to become a sponsor.

Federation Names Amit Matityau New Federation Shaliach

by Michael Dzik
Executive Director



The Federation is pleased to announce that Amit Matityau will be our seventh Chattanooga shaliach. He will start in August.

Growing up, Amit was in Tzofim, the Israeli Scouts, as a participant and later a madrich. During his time at Sha'Ar HaNegev High School, he worked with at-risk children in an organization called Elem. After graduation (2012), he served his three years of military service as a sergeant in the Israeli Navy. He then spent a gap year traveling in the Far East. Most recently, Amit worked as an assistant manager in the hotel industry in Eilat. His parents, Alexander and Sarit, live in Israel with his two younger siblings, Rehut and Yonatan.

Amit had a unique upbringing, growing up in Sderot, a border town next to the Gaza Strip. During various wars and rocket attacks over the past twenty years, Amit and his family spent anywhere from hours to days in underground shelters seeking safety. One summer, he even came to the United States for summer camp in order to be away from the constant barrage of rockets.

Amit describes himself as friendly, independent, and adventurous. He values friendship and is looking forward to engaging community members in groups and smaller settings. He loves traveling, cooking, hiking, and all types of outdoor experiences. Amit hopes to host people in his home for events, meals and social gatherings, as he truly enjoys and appreciates being with people. Of course there will be plenty of opportunities to meet Amit out and about in the community as well.

Meanwhile, we will continue to enjoy and cherish every moment with our current shlichah, Chen Dahan, these next five months. There are still many programs to come and will be many opportunities to connect and deepen our relationship with her before she heads back to Israel.

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Thursday, April 11 at 9am

CHECK OUT PAGE 12 FOR MORE INFORMATION!

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- May 8 Yom Hazikaron
- May 9 Yom Ha'atzmaut
- May 15 Annual Jewish Film Series Sponsor Event
- May 23 Aleph Bet Graduation

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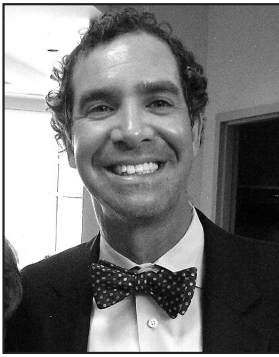


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The Federation will close for Passover on April 19th at 3:00 pm. We will also close April 25th at 3pm and remain closed the 26th. The Federation kitchen will be closed April 19th-26th.

NOTES FROM LEADERSHIP



In Partnership, Together

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As Federation Board Chair, I have had many opportunities to represent our community at events here and around the world. This past March, not only was I able to join our Partnership 2Gether (P2G) consortium in Charleston, SC for the Steering Committee annual meeting, I also was invited to the Tennessee State Capital for the signing of a resolution that proclaims our state's support of Israel.

The opportunity to join lay leaders, elected officials, professionals, and others whose passion it is to build relationships between Israel and the US was very inspiring. I saw more clearly that there is a common bond, a foundation of liberty and freedom, that we all share. This resolution was a perfect example of the direct impact that Jewish Federations in Tennessee have, proof that our Shlichim Program and P2G, both of which engage American Jewish communities with Israel, are having an impact.

The vision of our P2G Hadera-Eiron Southeast Consortium is for "a global & united Jewish people made up of a rich tapestry of strong, vital, flourishing, interconnected Jewish individuals, families & communities, which enriches Jewish continuity & identity with Israel at its heart."

The mission is as follows: "To develop and strengthen Jewish communities in Israel and overseas by creating vital, ongoing, and meaningful engagement between members of these communities based on mutual endeavors and shared Jewish identity. To promote connection between diaspora communities and Israeli society. To advance mutually defined issues on the agenda of the region in Israel as well as the diaspora partner communities." This vision and mission is the foundation of relationship-building.

Each of the P2G communities allocates a certain number of dollars to the consortium to plan programs and projects to accomplish our mission. Getting to see behind the curtain by attending the Steering Committee meeting showed me again how our partnership works, why we do so

many programs, and how they have such an impact on each of our communities.

Ann Treadwell, our Federation Program Director, is an integral part of the planning for our P2G programs. We are lucky to have someone who so deeply understands our mission and who knows how to create programs that forward it by engaging people with Israel. We also have a dedicated staff of part-time workers, one here in the US and three in Israel, whose job it is to coordinate and execute these great programs.

Many of our community members have gone on one of the professional missions to Israel. These are excellent for showing them first-hand how Federation programs further relationships between our community and Israel.

During the meeting in Charleston, there was discussion of bringing two new cities into our partnership consortium. I am happy to announce that Greensboro has now been added. This valuable Jewish community will help our mission and open up great friendships and partnerships not only with Israel but with Chattanooga, too. As many of you know, our partnership sent several leaders, including Executive Director Michael Dzik, to Prague on a fact finding mission. After much discussion at the Steering Committee meeting, we voted to continue this fact finding, to explore how Prague might fit into our consortium.

As a Jewish community, we stress the need to engage in *tikkun olam*. There is no better example of engagement and relationship-building than the P2G program, and we owe its success to our community's involvement. I am hoping more of our lay leaders will get engaged with this committee to ensure its longevity.

Israel and the people of Israel are so important to us. As we continue to travel, host and develop lasting friendships, we continue to practice the very heart of *tikkun olam*.



How We Connect You With Israel

Michael Dzik
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For the past fifteen-plus years, the Chattanooga community has had many unique opportunities to connect with Israel and Israelis. I remember a while back when Susan DiStefano was talking to me about a unique program called Partnership 2000 (P2K). P2K was where American Federations

built sister city relationships with cities in Israel. There was a consortium of Southeastern United States Federations that were connected to Hadera, Israel. What was this all about?

P2G has also given us the opportunity to connect with other Jewish communities and individuals.

Fast forward to 2019. The program is now called Partnership2Gether (P2G). Through it, Chattanooga has been involved in all types of exchange programs: with teens, physicians, runners, artists, educators, and young leadership adults. Chattanooga has hosted Israelis in our homes, and, likewise, they have hosted us in theirs. We have shared our personal experiences with each other, built relationships, and created new family. Hadera has become a place that we call home.

P2G has also given us the opportunity to connect with other Jewish communities and individuals. As communities participate in exchange programs, not only do we meet Israelis, but also people who attend from our Southeast consortium. At our most recent meetings in Charleston, our consortium voted to expand, making an offer to Greensboro, South Carolina to join our group. Additionally, we are extending an invitation to Prague, Czech Republic, to be our European participant in exchange programs. Ready to get involved in P2G? I'm happy to share more details and connect you with the many offerings and opportunities.

Nine years ago we signed onto another unique program, the Young Shlichim Program. This program brings a young Israeli to live in our community. These young adults are fully immersed in Chattanooga, planning programs and having daily interactions with people of all ages. Our shlichim work in our community Hebrew and Sunday schools, teach at

Aleph Bet Preschool, plan Israel-related programs, and speak all over Chattanooga. They share everything about themselves, from their upbringing and IDF service to their political leanings, hobbies and adventures. They have each uprooted themselves for a year or two to be transplanted (both literally and figuratively) in Chattanooga. We are always excited for a new shaliach to arrive, yet equally sad to see our current one leave. The most beautiful part of this program is that all of our past shlichim have remained engaged with Chattanooga. All of them have come back to visit – and all of them continue to host Chattanoogaans when we come to Israel. It's as if we are family! Because we are.

Both P2G and the Young Shlichim Program offer unique opportunities to connect with Israel. They provide opportunities for honest and open dialogue. I love that we can have informed conversations with our shlichim about the challenges Israel faces every day – security, politics, and even where we agree and disagree with the government. The shlichim have put a human face on Israel, with each having a different perspective.

I'm quite proud of how Chattanooga is able to connect with Israel on a daily basis. We are very fortunate to have had Raoul, Einav, Hadas, Noa, Shiran, and Chen in our community. They each add energy and the Israeli "can-do" attitude. Thank you for warmly welcoming, engaging and making them part of our family, then and now. Your engagement and openness is what makes our Chattanooga Jewish community so special.

P2G Steering Committee Annual Meeting, Charleston, South Carolina, March 2



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We Are Special



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We are special. We – I mean **our** Jewish Federation. Recently I was speaking with Maya Shoham, Director of our Partnership 2Gether (P2G) Region Hadera-Eiron. At first, the conversation was social, about children and family. Then the conversation turned to projects we have in progress. Then she said, “You know, Chattanooga is really special. You *get it*.” Of course, we *get it*, I thought. Others don’t?

Maya went on to talk about the difference between supporting Israel and *supporting* Israel. She talked about how some Federations give financial support to show their commitment, but do not commit to building a long term relationship with Israel. As we talked about how we have merged the shlichim program (our cultural emissaries) with our regular activities, Maya said we embrace our shlichim in a way that is unheard of in many communities. Our shlichim become family with all the good--and all the challenges--that involves. It seems that other communities don’t stay in touch with past shlichim. Nor do other communities see the shlichim as a way to create a circle of influence with Jewish and non-Jewish people.

We also talked about how the Partnership 2Gether (P2G) programming has begun to integrate into parts of our Federation. In the past, having Israeli teens come to Chattanooga and our teens go to Israel was one of the most beneficial programs we had to increase awareness. The benefit of having teens experience Israel and make friends dissipated when the teens left the community for college. The teens took their relationships with them. Not a bad thing, but not a long term relationship for the community.

Now our most beneficial long term program is Leadership-2Gether. In March, Cara Weiner, Tal Cohen and I travelled to Israel as part of Leadership2Gether. Two years ago, Israeli young adults and those from several of our southeast area consortium cities came to Chattanooga for a conference. Last year the conference of a second cohort was in Nashville. What makes these conferences different?

In the beginning of each cycle, a cohort is built, pairing one adult from Israel with one adult from the consortium. The pairs listen to webinars together and discuss content. Sometimes the pairs will read articles and books. Chatting about content, along with regularly sharing various aspects of their lives, the cohort builds relationships. The pairs either come together as a whole, or bond through home hospitality during the conference.

Always the cohort works together and plays together. On this visit to Israel, my home hospitality was with Orna Mars, one of the teachers Lynn Howard and I met at the Educators Conference in Charlotte in December of 2018. Orna is a teacher Lynn will be visiting in Israel when she goes on the Federation’s mission trip in May.

Our relationship with Israel is based on the one-to-one strength of its people. It is about people getting to know people. It is about creating a cohort or a family of people, a small circle of understanding and friendship. What makes our relationship to Israel special is the relationships we build. Are you ready to join us in being special? It takes a little effort, but the rewards can be lifelong.

By the Numbers

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1. On the WEBSITE at <http://www.jewishchattanooga.com>.
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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, April 2, 9, 16, 30 @ noon. No Tuesday Cafe April 23rd due to Passover. Menu will be listed in the community email. \$10. To-go orders may be available after all event attendees are served. Please RSVP.

2020 and Beyond Leadership Group (continuation)

Tuesdays, April 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 at 5:30 pm.



Good Deeds Day

Sunday, April 7 @ 12 p.m.

See front page of *Shofar*, visit Jewishchattanooga.com/gooddeeds-day, or contact Chen Dahan for more information. Israel@jewishchattanooga.com.

Exhibition: Stories from Israel

Opens Sunday, April 7th @ noon in conjunction with Good Deeds Day

Exhibit features community members’ memories, reflections and photos from their trips to Israel. On view Mondays-Thursdays 9am-5pm and Fridays 9am-4pm. There is no cost to view. Contact Chen Dahan for more information, israel@jewishchattanooga.com.

Aleph Bet Spring Fling

Thursday, April 11 at 9:00 am. Contact Meghan Graybeal for more information, at alephbet@jewishchattanooga.com or 893-5486.



Foreign Policy Supper Club

Nuclear Negotiations: Back to the Future?

Monday, April 15 @ 6 p.m. \$12 includes dinner and materials for discussion. Please RSVP.

Nuclear weapons have not gone away, and the Trump administration has brought a new urgency, if not a new approach, to dealing with them. The President has met with Vladimir Putin as the New Start Treaty with Russia comes up for renewal in 2021, the first presidential summit ever with Kim Jong-un occurred to discuss denuclearizing the Korean Peninsula, and President Trump has decertified the Obama nuclear deal with Iran. To what degree should past nuclear talks guide future U.S. nuclear arms control negotiations? Can the art of the deal apply to stabilizing our nuclear future?

Board Meeting

Thursday, April 18 @ 5:30pm.

Mi-Mu-Na Dinner

Sunday, April 28 @ 6pm.

Contact Chen Dahan at Israel@jewishchattanooga.com. See page 10 for details. Please RSVP.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Kalli Agudo to Graduate from Girls Preparatory School in the Spring



Kalli Agudo, daughter of Louis Agudo and Susan Matzkin and stepdaughter of Dennis Matzkin, will graduate from GPS in the spring. She has a brother, Josh Agudo, age 22.

Kalli has been a member of Model UN, the National Honor Society, Beta Club, and the National Spanish Honor Society. She is also Vice President of Terp-sichord, the GPS modern dance group. Her favorite subjects: are history and Spanish. Outside of school, she loves to travel to different countries and hang out with her friends. Kalli will be attending American University in the fall and plans to major in the School of International Service.

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The Jew Crew Experience

By Olivia Diamond, Orly Berke, and Levi Lebovitz

We pulled into the Ramah Darom retreat center with a feeling of concern, unconsciously asking ourselves, “Are we really going to have fun with eight people at a remote Georgia summer camp?” We were pleasantly surprised by the sheer amount of bonding and learning about Jewish life we experienced during our 2019 Jew Crew retreat.

We arrived at our surprisingly fancy bunk Friday night and began the festivities with a nontraditional *Kabbalat Shabbat* filled with songs and skits. After a great Friday night, we woke up the next day and immediately began our Shabbat morning with a *d’var Torah* followed by an Israeli program led by Chen to establish our beliefs concerning the Jewish state and what it means to be Jewish. Afterward, we tested our friendships and pushed our own expectations of ourselves by attempting to take on the climbing tower. Whether we were relying on the voices of our peers while climbing blindfolded, or reaching the top for the very first time, we all stepped out of our comfort zones momentarily to have a special bonding moment with the whole group. Finally, after some well-spent free time playing ping-pong and an excellent dinner, we concluded the weekend with a reflective *Havdalah* service followed by games, fun, and the “Levi Lebovitz Experience.”

Overall, the Jew Crew found that the retreat was more than worthwhile. We substituted our PlayStation games with intense rounds of “Connect Four,” and social media apps for genuine interactions. Old peers became new friends and new experiences felt like old memories, which will be remembered as highlights of our Jew Crew year. Although the retreat was short, the songs we sang, the jokes we made, and the bonds we created will not be forgotten any time soon.



FEDERATION NEWS

2020 and Beyond Leadership Group Gets Underway

A unique and diverse group of community members kicked off an eight week leadership course entitled "2020 and Beyond" on March 12th. Led by community member Dr. Ken Goldsmith, the goals include learning about leadership and sparking the passions that lie within each person. This course will spend a great deal of time looking at our various local Jewish institutions as well as national and international ones.

This cohort will also have several opportunities to hear from many of our local leaders about the history of Jewish Chattanooga, and to learn about where Jewish community members have leadership roles today both within and outside the Jewish community. We will explore service opportunities as well as how people can work together in cohorts. Finally, the class will explore what a thriving Jewish community can look like, from 2020 and beyond.



2020 and Beyond Leadership Group Class, from left, Alex Chenkus, leader Ken Goldsmith, Susan Matzkin, Steve Potts, Marissa Street, Carol Cohn, Barbie Potts, Tom Balazs, Merav Malazs, Beth Lowe. Not pictured: Steve Cohn.

The Story of the Chabuki Dog



Dean Cohen holding a Chabuki dog

In 2010, Eliza Lebovitz's bat mitzvah project was educating and fundraising within our community to provide additional Chabuki Dogs for Israeli children. Interestingly, our new shaliach, Amit Matityau, already has a connection to the Chattanooga Jewish community through these dogs!

About ten years ago, rockets were fired indiscriminately from the Gaza Strip into Israeli border towns. One of the most popular "targets" was Sderot, where Amit grew up. The Federation system jumped in immediately to help these communities. A special stuffed dog called the Chabuki (meaning "hug") Dog was created, and given to the children frightened by the sounds of rockets. The dogs had long, floppy legs and Velcro on their paws so that a child could wrap the dogs' legs around their neck, effectively getting a "hug" from the dog. When the rocket sirens would blast, Sderot residents had fifteen seconds to seek shelter. Under their desks, the children would grab their Chabuki to keep them safe. Amit was one of these children.

Federation dollars also gave many of these children a reprieve from the rocket fire during the summer by arranging for thousands of children to come to the United States to attend summer camp. And yes, Amit was one of these children too.

In so many cases we never know the names or faces that our Federation dollars help. But today we know that our very own future shaliach was one of those young children in Sderot who benefited from our generosity. Although I've always known the impact the Federation has in people's lives, today I feel a special sense of pride in our

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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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 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).

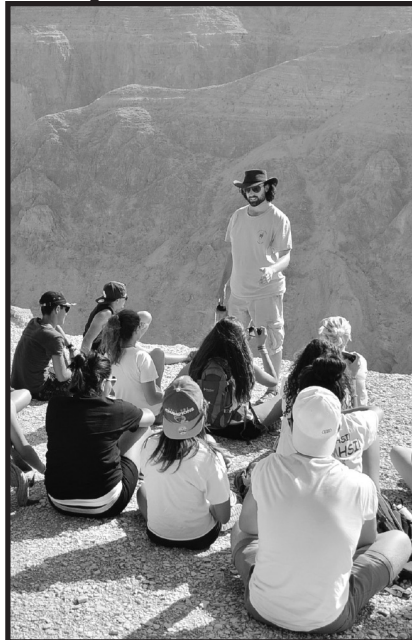
In addition to other duties, interns will assist with Philanthropy Camp from June 28 – August 2. Past summer interns have included Rachel Raisin and Will Potts.

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.

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Passover Greetings from the Berger & Herstik-Berger family

Next year in Jerusalem! Happy Passover from the Rozacs

Happy Passover from all of your friends at the Federation!

COMMUNITY NEWS

Mazel Tov

--to Kem Alexander on the birth of granddaughter Maxxwell Rain Alexander on March 3rd.

Condolences

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

--Marion Abrams, mother/mother-in-law of Frank and Beverly Geismar, Neil and Karen Geismar, grandmother of Jeffrey and Mallory, Lauren, Katie, Jake and Mary Katherine, and great grandmother of four, on March 1.

--Bernice Greenfield, grandmother of Marci and Randy Eibes, mother/mother-in-law of Beth and Ronald Eibel, and sister/sister-in-law of Arnold and Rhonda Schaffer, on March 11.

--Howard Gropper, husband of Yetta Levin Gropper z'l, father of Dr. Gary (Vicki) Gropper and Cheryl (Alan) Schriber.

--Alan Steven Kern, brother of Marian Kern, brother-in-law of John Beck, on February 24.

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.

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.

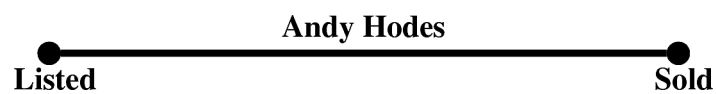


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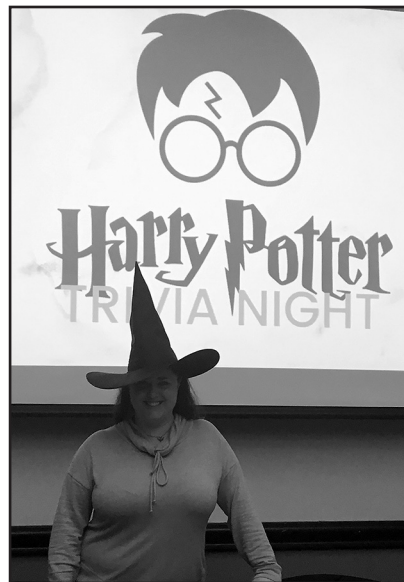
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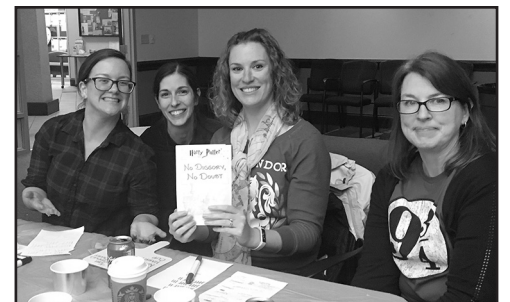
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Harry Potter Trivia Night Raises Money for Aleph Bet

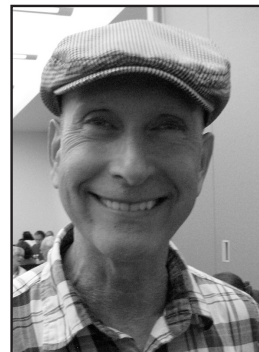


Trivia night just keeps getting better! This quarterly event has really become a favorite, especially since all proceeds go toward helping maintain Aleph Bet's standard of excellence. This time around, eight teams competed at Harry Potter-themed trivia. Congratulations to our winners and defending champs, "No Diggory, No Doubt!"

We are already looking forward to the next trivia night in a few months, and are entertaining several suggestions on theme. What kind of trivia night would you love to compete in?



Federation says Goodbye to Rick Jacobs



It is with great sadness that we announce that Rick Jacobs will be leaving the Federation to take care of personal endeavors. Rick has been a true friend and gentleman to those he's assisted here at the Federation, and he will be missed by all. He has always gone the extra mile to ensure his clients made it safely to their appointments and back into their homes. When you see him, give him a big hug, and thank him for all he's done. Thank you Rick!

Mitzvah Meals Suggested Donations

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Why I Do What I Do

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I've been thinking lately about my chosen profession. Specifically, I've been thinking about my role here at the Federation and how it's different from my previous social worker position back home in Alabama.

Before becoming a licensed social worker, I was a case manager working with people battling substance abuse issues. After finishing graduate school in 2008, I spent eleven years as a medical social worker. I worked with individuals diagnosed with HIV/AIDS, and later at Huntsville Hospital in the Neuro/Spine unit. I then went on to spend two years in Germany with my husband before coming to the Jewish Federation. And lately, I've been questioning how I social work. Yes, I used "social work" as a verb.

Since August, I have found it somewhat challenging to build rapport, and this has caused me some frustration. In asking myself why and how I'm feeling challenged, and what I can do about it, I began thinking about the concept of home visits. I recently visited a client in the hospital and when I knocked on the door and asked if I could come in, they said, "If you're here as a social worker, no, if you're here as a visitor, yes." Why? What do people see as the purpose of a home visit, and why might they be resistant? What exactly do clients think a "social worker" is and what kind feelings does this image invoke?

I thought about my grandparents and how they've always reacted to nurses, home health staff, physical therapists, etc. coming into their home. They DID NOT like it. My grandmother was mostly worried about the house being in a mess and my grandfather, well, he just wasn't happy about it. Having encountered resistance myself, I'm beginning to think it's generational. So I've begun talking to clients in terms other than "home visit", hoping this would open some doors, literally.

I thought it might also be helpful to share with you, the Jewish community, why I chose social work, or rather, it chose me. Addiction is in my family. My brother nearly died a couple of times, and sadly, to this day, still suffers from addiction. So this is why I feel that social work chose me and not the other way around. I've always wanted to help people suffering from addiction. All these years later,

despite the fact that I cannot save my brother, I still have a heart for social work.

So, what exactly is social work? It has roots in the 19th century as a movement primarily within the United States and United Kingdom. Volunteers were initially recruited to provide support to help resolve issues of poverty, disease, prostitution, mental illness, and other afflictions of the time. By 1955, the National Association of Social Workers was formed, (NASW), "...to lead the way towards social justice by developing private and charitable organizations to serve individuals and communities in need." Now social work is one of the most diverse healthcare fields and continues to grow much faster than the average for all other occupations.

So, now you know WHY I chose this field (or why it chose me), WHAT social work is, and HOW it came about in our society. I hope you, my clients, will let me get to know you, and will get to know me on a more personal level. As I said, my main reason for becoming a social worker was to help others in need, to be an ear for those who need someone to listen to them, and to be an advocate for those who need a voice in this world. I'm NOT here to judge your lifestyle, your home, your physical appearance, your family, your friends, your career path, or why you're even here at the Jewish Federation. If you have any questions, about this or anything else, you know where to find me!

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.)

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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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World Health Day is April 7th

World Health Day is celebrated annually on April 7th, to mark the founding of WHO (World Health Organization) on April 7th, 1948, and to draw attention to the subject of global health.

World Health Day Facts:

- World Health Day has been celebrated each year since 1950.
- The World Health Organization (WHO) headquarters are located in Geneva, Switzerland. It was founded by member states of the United Nations.
- The other seven WHO global health campaigns include World AIDS Day, World Hepatitis Day, World Blood Donor Day, World No Tobacco Day, World Malaria Day, World Immunization Week, and World Tuberculosis Day.
- Some events held on World Health Day include public marches and demonstrations, free or easy access to medical tests, conferences, briefings for politicians, and displays aimed at children and young adults.
- World health is greatly influenced by safe drinking water. WHO has many programs to help improve overall world health by providing safe water and sanitation practices.
- Factors that contribute to world health, that many previous World Health Days have addressed include: vector-borne disease such as malaria, Wet Nile, Lyme and disease; contaminated drinking water which can lead to dengue, malaria, and hepatitis; blood pressure, which is a silent killer and affects one in three adults; and aging in a healthy way, which involves staying active.
- Although World Health Day is one of the most well-known celebrations meant to draw attention and raise awareness to a particular health cause each year, many other observances occur with the intention of raising awareness about health around the world, including World Leprosy Day (January 27), World Parkinson's Day (April), International Day for Protection of Children (June), World Arthritis Day (October), and World Cancer Day (February).
- The focus of World Health Day 2019 is Universal health coverage. Key to achieving it is ensuring that everyone can obtain the care they need, when they need it, right in the heart of the community. Progress is being made in countries in all regions of the world. But millions of people still have no access at all to health care. Millions more are forced to choose between health care and other daily expenses such as food, clothing and even a home.

Source: www.WHO.int

Twelfth Annual Jewish Film Festival

Sponsor Event is May 15th at 6p.m.

This year's Jewish Film Festival will kick off with a sponsor event Wednesday, May 15th at the JCC. In addition to a first-rate dinner and drinks reception, there will be a screening of the film *Firebirds*. See front page for more information. *All films except for sponsor event screen at 7:15 at the Jewish Cultural Center; \$8 includes screening, popcorn and a beverage.*

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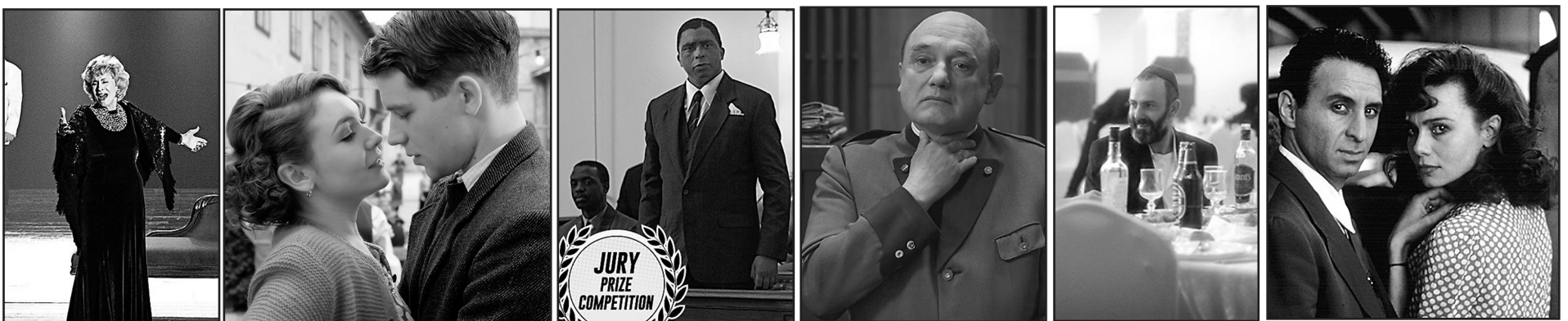
It's easy (and rewarding) to sponsor the Chattanooga Jewish Film Series! Your support facilitates the presentation of an extraordinary and thought-provoking collection of films. Levels of sponsorship are below. Please see page 4 for a list of corporate sponsors to date.

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\$100 includes two tickets to the May 15 screening of *Fire Birds* and Sponsor Reception at the Jewish Cultural Center, plus ten single admission tickets to other screenings.

Director's Circle

\$80 includes two tickets to the May 15 screening *Fire Birds* and Sponsor Reception at the Jewish Cultural Center, plus five single admission tickets to other screenings.



Firebirds

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Murer: Anatomy of a Trial

Redemption

Enemies: A Love Story

May 15: *Firebirds* (SPONSOR EVENT, 6p.m.)

When the body of 80-year-old Amikom (Oded Teomi) is found floating in the Yarkon River, with stab wounds and a number tattooed on his forearm, the case is assigned to gruff but likable Amnon (Amnon Wolf), who has returned to duty after a lengthy suspension. Living apart from his wife and daughter, he struggles to bring the unwanted case to a quick close. The investigation leads him to a tattoo parlor and a club of Holocaust survivors with a zest for life, who seek solace in romantic recollections of their pre-war world. As the plot rewinds through the victim's final months, a story of deadly dalliances, desire, loneliness and rejection emerges, connecting two characters of different generations, both with Holocaust ties and spurned by society. Nominated for 10 Israeli Academy Awards. *105 minutes; Hebrew with subtitles*

May 22: *The Tobacconist*

Based on the international best selling book, *The Tobacconist* is a tender coming-of-age drama about a young man and his friendship with Sigmund Freud during the Nazi occupation of Vienna. Seventeen-year-old Franz journeys to Vienna to apprentice at a tobacco shop. There he meets Sigmund Freud, a regular customer, and over time the two very different men form a singular friendship. When Franz falls desperately in love with the music-hall dancer Anezka, he seeks advice from the renowned psychoanalyst, who admits that women are as big a mystery to him as they are to Franz. As political and social conditions in Austria dramatically worsen with the Nazis' arrival in Vienna, Franz, Freud, and Anezka are swept into the maelstrom of events. *90 minutes, German with English subtitles*

May 29: *An Act of Defiance*

This rousing historical drama is based on the real events of the pivotal 1963 Rivonia Trial in apartheid South Africa when Nelson Mandela and nine of his black and Jewish compatriots faced possible death sentences, having been charged with conspiracy to commit sabotage and treason. White Afrikaner lawyer Bram Fischer (the excellent Peter Paul Muller) risks everything to defend the activists, all the while hiding his own ties to the resistance. A political thriller full of courtroom intrigue, the film is also a powerful exploration of the sacrifices required to stand against injustice. Winner of nine film festival audience and jury awards, including honors for best film, actor, actress, and script. *123 minutes, English & Afrikaans w/ English subtitles*

June 5: *Murer: Anatomy of a Process*

The subdued but engrossing *Murer: Anatomy of a Trial* slowly unspools its righteous anger over two-and-a-quarter hours, depicting in despairing detail a trial about a war criminal who orchestrated the murder of thousands of Jews. Writer-director Christian Frosch's starchy courtroom drama focuses on the true-life trial of Franz Murer, but the film quickly evolves from a legal battle into a resonant, timely exploration of political expediency, the manipulation of the truth, and the normalcy of evil. *137 minutes, English, German, Hebrew, Yiddish*

June 12: *Redemption*

A dutiful but deeply unhappy father fights to save his gravely ill daughter and his own dreams of being a rock musician, in this poignant and probing Israeli drama. Widowed and single, middle-aged Menachem (Moshe Folkenflik) works as a grocery clerk, struggling to cover costly medical treatments for his cancer-stricken six-year-old daughter. After personal tragedy ended his stint as a rock musician, he is now dedicated to the Orthodox way of life. Hoping to raise much-needed cash to solve his dilemma, Menachem tries to persuade his former bandmates to reunite. But is a return to singing compatible with the tenets of his faith? Featuring mesmerizing musical performances, this pitched battle between religion and rock 'n' roll is a spiritually rousing story of self-fulfillment, and paternal and fraternal love, in the face of an existential crisis. *104 minutes Hebrew with subtitles*

June 19: *Enemies: A Love Story*

Based on the brilliant, enigmatic novel by Isaac Bashevis Singer, this is a quietly haunting film about an aloof Jewish intellectual (Ron Silver) who managed to hide from the Nazis during WWII and now, in 1949, leads a double life in Coney Island, NY. He's married to his wartime (non-Jewish) protector (Margaret Sophie Stein) and fooling around with a sexy married Jewish woman (Lena Olin). Things get even more complicated. *119 minutes, English*

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The traveling shlichim: Rotem Gabay, Chen, and Shai Bibas



Sharon Ben Ami, Chen, Rotem Gabay, and Shai Bibas on the Walnut Street Bridge

A few months ago, in a casual conversation with Federation Executive Director Michael Dzik and Program Director Ann Treadwell, we had an unusual idea: What if we brought in two community shlichim from other areas, and I also went to a different community for a few days? This way, two communities would get to see different faces of Israel and hear different stories and perspectives.

After talking to my fellow shlichim, we decided to go on a "Shlichim Road Tour," visiting six communities that are part of the Southeastern Partnership-2Gether consortium. Four of the communities have their own shlichim, two do not.

Shai from Charleston, Rotem from Jacksonville, Sharon from Nashville, and I went on a nine-day road trip beginning March 4th. In each community we held one to four programs about different topics with adults and different ages of children. We focused mostly on the Israeli elections coming up April 9th. It was great fun, and a huge success!



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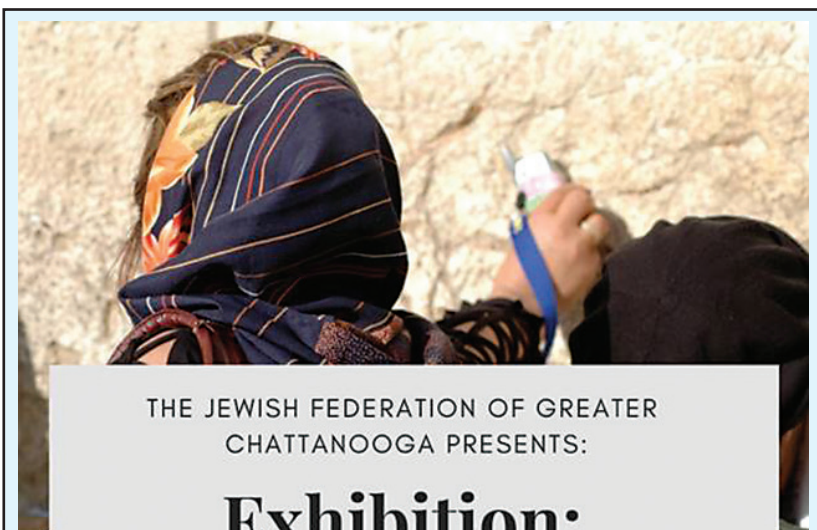
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On January 4, [Joel Susman](#) shared (via facebook) a phenomenal video of an Israeli soldier playing the train station's piano, with the caption, "You never know what surprises you'll find in Israel." Thus was born my next exhibit at the JCC. "Stories from Israel: A Spark of Israel's Magic Through the Eyes of Community Members." Thank you to all of you who have been sending me the unforgettable memories and photos from your past journeys to Israel. This unique database of stories is the main material of the exhibit, which opens on April 7th at noon at the JCC. Those stories will be also the thread that will lead into our Yom Ha'atzmaut (Israel's Independence Day) event on May 9th.