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Yom HaShoah Commemoration is Wednesday, May 1 at JCC

We will honor the victims and survivors of the Holocaust at our Yom HaShoah service Wednesday, May 1st at 7 p.m. It is an occasion to commemorate the lives and heroism of the six million Jews who died in the Holocaust between 1933 and 1945. Yom HaShoah is on the 27th day of Nisan, the first month of the ecclesiastical year in the Jewish calendar. The Chattanooga community's commemoration includes candle lighting, prayers, and family histories of local residents. Speakers will be local children of survivors. There is no fee to attend. Please RSVP to rsvp@jewishchattanooga.com.

Twelfth Annual Chattanooga Jewish Film Series Begins May 15 at 6 p.m.



by Sanford Winer, Film Series Committee Chair

The 12th annual Chattanooga Jewish Film Series will open May 15th with a festive Sponsor Event: a cocktail buffet catered by Alice Goss-Morgan. Following dessert, there will be a screening of "Fire Birds", a much acclaimed Israeli movie. The series continues the next five consecutive Wednesday evenings at the Jewish Cultural Center at 7:15 pm.

The Chattanooga Jewish Film Series committee consists of Stephen Black, Frank Miller, Sheila St. Aubin, Sanford Winer (chairman), Richard Zachary and Ann Treadwell (advisor). This year I asked each member to select a film and write their thematic interpretation of it. Please see page 10 for a roundup of their responses, and for movie schedule and descriptions.



YOM HAZIKARON CEREMONY

WEDNESDAY | MAY 8 | 7 PM | JCC

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YOM HA'ATZMAUT

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Aleph Bet Children's Center End-of-Year Program and Blue Room Graduation is May 23 at 4:00 p.m.



2019 Blue Room Graduates

Federation Adds Three Staff Members



The face of the Federation (or at least some of the faces) are changing! Please help us welcome our new staff members when you see them! Charli Stanley-Parker (above left) is our new Community Health Advocate. Mark Swafford (above middle) is one of our new van drivers. And while Jake Balser is not new to the Federation, we are welcoming him from a paid internship position to a full time Executive Administrator position. You can read about Charli and Mark on page 8.

Federation will be closed Monday, May 27th for Memorial Day

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Summer Film Series June 5, 12 and 19
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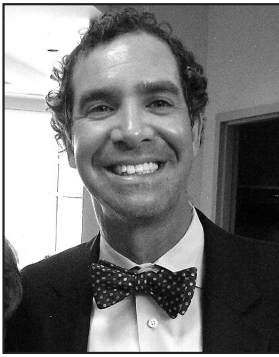
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NOTES FROM LEADERSHIP



Creating Division, Igniting Conflict

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As we all are aware, anti-Semitism has been on the rise in the past few years. Google “Anti-Semitic attacks this past month” and you’ll see that these

attacks are becoming more frequent all around the world. While their goal is to tear us apart, in my view, they actually unite us to stand and fight.

A few years ago, I had the opportunity to speak with Jews who had just left France to make aliya to Israel. Their stories of anti-Semitism in France was sickening. A few months ago, the chief rabbi of Argentina was attacked in his home and beaten almost to death. It is sobering information, as this summer several of us from our Jewish community will be traveling to Argentina on the Jewish Federations of North America Financial Resource and Development Mission to learn first-hand about the work we do there.

Sadly, many of the attacks on fellow Jews of late have happened in the US. There has been a rise in anti-Semitism on college campuses, we witnessed the deadly attacks in Pittsburgh, we’ve seen a congresswoman use anti-Semitic tropes, and we have seen our President create division both by what he says and what he does not say.

On the global scale, we are missing not just leadership but a moral compass.

This divisiveness has got to stop. The political weaponization of “Us” vs. “The Other” must end. Even as I say this, even as we say, collectively, “Never Again,” we know this is not the end. The idea that “The Other” is a problem creates division and conflict. Blaming immigrants, Mexicans, Jews, Muslims, blacks, LGBTQ, etc. for our social woes tears at the fabric of societal civility. Division and conflict leads to exclusion at best and violence at worst. On the other hand, when we are united, we can do great things.

This past month, in one day alone, Jews all across the world volun-

teered for Good Deeds Day. That evening, Mizpah congregation’s Rabbi Lewis was one of several clergy participating in a multi-cultural forum at a church in Brainerd that over 700 people attended. Bringing together communities, whether via Good Deeds Day or at multicultural programs, helps to break down stereotypes, and this alone goes a long way toward eradicating fear of “The Other.”

Throughout my life I have always been taught the value of inclusion. My mother says that in preschool I would always go play with the child who was playing alone. I always said it was because I didn’t have anyone to play with, but there is a valuable lesson in this. Reaching out to others and making them feel comfortable makes the world a better place. This is a value that seems to be missing in our leaders.

Here at the Jewish Federation, we are answering the call for leadership. 2020 and Beyond, a series of classes led by Ken Goldsmith, is training the next generations of leaders in our community. This is a continuation of our past Federation leadership class, YESOD, whose graduates are now serving on boards and committees here at the Federation and at Mizpah, B’nai Zion, and Chabad.

On the global scale, we are missing not just leadership but a moral compass. Where is the leadership that stands up against hate and unites us, putting aside poli-



tics for the greater good of humanity? Standing up against hate is our responsibility, not a political game. It is sad and frightening to see such a divisive society, and to hear the escalating rhetoric against Jews, who are pawns in an ancient fight rooted in fear.

As Jewish people, and as Americans citizens, we need to put our differences aside and unite over shared values. We as Americans need to stand up against injustice and hate through our words and actions, to build a strong and vibrant future of inclusion and respect for all people.



Stop, Start, Continue, Refresh

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Without too much disruption – I hope – the Federation offices were closed one Wednesday and Thursday in March. There was no Jewish or secular holiday, and nothing was wrong with the JCC. Why close the offices in the middle of the week? Sometimes the Federation staff needs to re-charge its batteries – at an off-site retreat!

We engaged our parent organization, Jewish Federations of North America and their consulting department. My colleague, Debbie Stein, worked with the Federation staff to develop and then implement a two-day retreat which we held at the Chattanooga Community Foundation offices (Thank you, Community Foundation, for donating your beautiful space!). Prior to the retreat, each staff member completed a Strength Finders assessment. We all suggested various topics for Debbie to lead us in, and the staff came together to make sure we had plenty of snacks, treats and drinks. It was a full team effort.

One of my favorite topics discussed was the “stop, start, continue” exercise. We also added a fourth component, “refresh”. As a staff, we took a step back to look at the programs and services we provide, the facility, the community, and everything that goes into the Federation operation. We all suggested things that the Federation (as staff) could stop doing, start doing, continuing doing and refresh doing.

Some items were simple and basic: stop wasting paper, clean up after ourselves after lunch, don’t be stuck in the past. There were many things the staff felt were fantastic already and we needed to continue: the Shaliach Program, Jewish Film Series, Aleph Bet, social services and social programming. There were many Federation activities we felt needed a refreshing: Philanthropy Camp (in progress), the July 4th picnic and how we take and keep reservations and attendance. There were some interesting thoughts in the “start” category: Teen/Youth activism, an Israel resource center, mental health/legal/estate information, and a comprehensive marketing plan.

Another over-arching theme was communication. No surprise that communication, or lack thereof, can be the downfall of any organization. We used the “RACI” model for conversation: Responsible, Accountable, Consulted and Informed. Although I would consider the communication between staff members quite good, we can always improve. We can always

be thinking, “Who else in the office does this affect?” In most cases, it’s several of us. No one works solo. It’s a team effort. We talked through some complicated issues and were able to come to consensus on many.

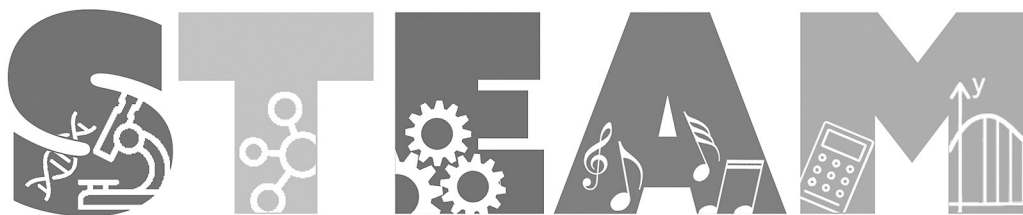
We concluded our retreat with a rewarding exercise. Each staff member taped a piece of paper to their back. Then we walked around and wrote descriptive words about that person on their sheet – with of course no one knowing who wrote each comment. Words such as caring, thoughtful, and compassionate. At the end we each had a sheet that described how our colleagues see us. It was actually quite beautiful and inspiring.

Thank you for the opportunity to recharge our batteries, rethink and refresh our programs and services and strengthen our team. It was very much appreciated.



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- **Mifgash** with Israeli Educators

All land costs covered by the P2G budget. Contact Ann Treadwell at the Greater Chattanooga Jewish Federation: 423-492-0270 ext. 13



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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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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."

FEDERATION NEWS



Partnership2gether Retreat Rekindles Passion for Israel

CARA WEINER: The P2G trip to Israel was nothing short of amazing. While we hit all of the usual Jerusalem and Tel Aviv tourist spots, what made this trip different was that we were also connected with an Israeli partner and spent significant time with them. The trip felt less like being an outsider looking in, and more like getting a sneak peak at the real Israel. Most of all, the trip helped me remember how nuanced Israel and Israeli politics are. It's easy from the outside to break down Israeli politics into simple categories--ultra-Orthodox vs secular and pro-settlements vs. two-state solution -- but there's so much more gray area there. Being with Israelis and talking to them reminded me how much more depth and dimension there is to the story of Israel and to Israeli politics. I learned an incredible amount and it helped reignite my love and passion for Israel.

TAL COHEN: The Partnership2gether retreat for young leaders not only exposed how deep our connections to Israel are, but also gave us tools and knowledge to share with others. We now feel that we can educate and advocate for Israel and this great partnership without getting into politics, and by navigating negative

discussions into positive outcomes. We heard directly from professors and experts in the field, visited key sites that focused on Zionism and the history that we all share as Jewish people. We saw that most Israelis simply want to live their lives in peace, taking care of their families and community. As an Israeli-American who has lived in and experienced both communities, I felt very proud to be a part of the program with my fellow participants. The goal was to bring us all together, from two countries, over ten cities, over thirty people with different perspectives and political views, to become one Jewish nation. It was a success.

Current Exhibit Showcases Israel Through Community's Eyes

"Stories from Israel: A Spark of Israel's Magic Through the Eyes of Community Members" is now on view at the Jewish Cultural Center. Please stop by and take a look at the incredible collection of community members' photo memories and stories from Israel. The stories will be the thread that will lead into our Yom Ha'atzmaut (Israel Independence Day) event on May 9th.



YOUNG JEWISH LEADERSHIP

Next YJL Shabbat:

Friday, May 24th

Place: TBD



May 12 Shabbat at home of Rebecca Sadowitz.

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Relationships: They're What We're About

Ann Treadwell
Program Director atreadwell@jewishchattanooga.com

Ann Treadwell with Eti Dahan, mother of Federation shlichah Chen Dahan

What makes programming at the Jewish Federation different from other non-profits? Relationships. Over the years, we have made an effort to have programming driven by those with whom we have built a relationship. Why? The Federation has a small staff. We could not do all we do in programming or in social services without the assistance of you, the community members. Great ideas are not usually staff generated.

Relationship building is a two way street. Not only do you need to trust that we have your best interests at heart. We need to trust that you will follow through on your commitments. Volunteering at the Federation is more than licking stamps. It usually means that we're asking your opinion. If you have a great idea – wonderful. But are you willing to stick around to make that great idea into a reality? Are you willing to help pilot it? Maybe do some research to see if it will garner the amount of interest and resources needed to sustain it? Not all great ideas come of age immediately. Sometimes a great idea may take time for the cosmic gears to click into place.

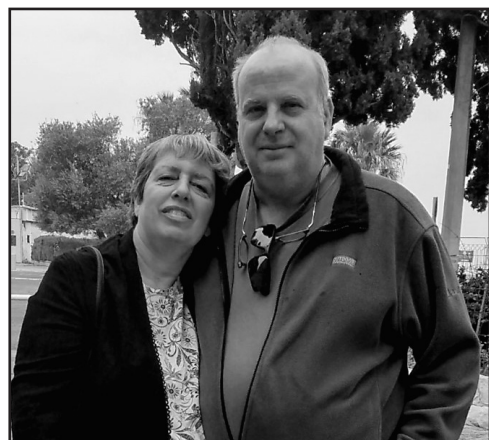
When I was in Israel in March, I had the opportunity to tend to some of the relationships that we have built over the years. I stayed with Raoul Molnar and his soon to be wife, Mati. Raoul was the Federation's first shaliach, and now trains salespeople at a prestigious computer company that has offices in Israel, the US, and Europe. Mati is a licensed tour guide.

I also stayed with Irit and Gil Oren in our P2G region. Irit and Gil are the aunt and uncle of Eyton Oren, Jewish educator at B'nai Zion congregation. Although Irit sits on the Israeli steering committee, she had not been as involved with Partnership programs as she would like to be. Irit works as the volunteer curator and manager for their community center. When I visited, she had an exhibition of ceramics by children and an exhibit about the history of Padres Hannan-Karkur. Her volunteer job is much like my job. Immediately we began to talk about a possible joint exhibit that could be shown in both places. Irit and Gil took me to Haifa with a quick stop to see Israeli flamingos! They will be visiting the United States and hopefully Chattanooga in late June and early July.

I also visited with Chen's parents in Tel Aviv, where I was warmly welcomed by their dog and by Chen's youngest brother. We had an awesome dinner and celebrated Women's Day by going to an energetic concert. It was just the kind of visit we needed before heading to the airport, and back home to the United States.

My visit to Israel was about building local relationships as well. Tal Cohen and Cara Weiner were with me. Many of the activities we did together, or with the twenty or so other people who participated in the L2G program. L2G is about bringing young adults together, Americans and Israelis, to learn together in person and electronically, to meet, talk and visit both the United States and Israel.

Relationships: they're what the Federation is about.



Irit and Gil Oren



2011-2012 Federation shaliach Raoul Molnar with fiancée Mati Dias

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

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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 give advance notice.



Tuesday Cafe

Tuesdays, May 7, 14, 21, 28 @ noon. Menu will be listed in the community email. \$10. To-go orders may be available after all event attendees are served. Please RSVP.

Yom HaShoah

Wednesday, May 1 @ 7pm. See page 12 for information.

Chattanooga CUF--Night to Honor Israel

Tuesday, May 7 @ 7 p.m.

At the Omega Center International in Cleveland, Tenn. See ad on page 6.

Yom Hazikaron

Wednesday, May 8 @ 7pm. See page 12 for information. No fee to attend. Please wear white. RSVP to rsvp@jewishchattanooga.com.

Yom Ha'atzmaut

Thursday, May 9 @ 6pm. See page 12 for information. Dinner and event, \$12.

RSVP to rsvp@jewishchattanooga.com.

Jewish Film Series Sponsor Event

Wednesday, May 15 @ 6pm. Sponsors of the festival will enjoy dinner quality appetizers and a screening of *Fire Birds*. Please RSVP.



Foreign Policy Supper Club THE RISE OF POPULISM IN EUROPE

Monday, May 20 @ 6 p.m. \$12 includes dinner and materials for discussion. Please RSVP.

Mass migration, and the problems associated with it, have directly abetted the rise of populist parties in Europe. Opposition to immigration was the prime driver of support for Brexit, it brought a far-right party to the German Bundestag for the first time since the 1950s, and propelled Marine Le Pen to win a third of the vote in the French presidential election. In addition to calling for stronger borders, however, these parties are invariably illiberal, anti-American, anti-NATO and pro-Kremlin, making their rise a matter of serious concern for the national security interests of the United States.

Jewish Film Series

Wednesday, May 22 @ 7:15pm. Screening of *The Tobacconist*. See page 10 for description.

Aleph Bet Graduation

Thursday, May 23 @ 4:00 p.m.

Jewish Film Series

Wednesday, May 29 @ 7:15pm. Screening of *An Act of Defiance*. See page 10 for description.

Exhibition: Stories from Israel

Mondays-Thursdays, 9-5pm, Fridays 9-4pm, through May

Exhibit features community members' memories, reflections and photos from their trips to Israel. There is no cost to view. Chen Dahan for more information, israel@jewishchattanooga.com.

Take Home Chef Alice Goss-Morgan's "Bowls of Love"



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COMMUNITY NEWS

Abbie Morgan to Graduate from Ridgeland Honors Academy in May



Abbie Morgan, daughter of Sadie and Rick Morgan, granddaughter of Floyd and Doris Morgan, will graduate from Ridgeland Honors Academy in May. Her older siblings live in Scotland, Ireland, California and Chattanooga.

Abbie is a member of the National Honor Society and Art Club. Throughout her high school years she has been the foster of over 60 kittens for Dixie Day Spay of Cleveland, and volunteered many hours for the Free Store at Mercy Junction Justice and Peace Center. She has also volunteered at the Ronald McDonald House and participated in many demonstrations for civil and animal rights, as well as ecological and political issues. In 2018, Abbie's art won First Place at the Labor Day celebration in Ft. Oglethorpe. She has sold many paintings over the past two years.

Abbie will be attending University of Virginia as a QuestBridge Scholar in the Fall. She is considering a major in International Studies.

Ben Suhrbier to Graduate from Home Life Academy in May



Benjamin Charles Suhrbier is the son of Dr. and Mrs. David Suhrbier. His maternal grandparents are the late William J. and Shirley K. Ziv. Paternal grandparents are Richard Suhrbier and Sandra Harding. Ben has a 24 year old sister, Shaina.

Ben has been homeschooled through the Home Life Academy program. He has been involved in a number of outside activities including ballroom dancing and art (sketch work and painting). He has served as a *madrich* for Machanooga and performed in three Chattanooga Theatre Center productions, and worked stage crew in three productions. He is a member of Theatre Quest and Jew Crew.

For fun Ben enjoys LEGO assembly and vacationing at Disney World and in the Theatre District in NYC. He will explore internship opportunities in pursuit of finding his future career.

Ben Hillner to Graduate from Ringgold High School in May



Ben Hillner is a senior at Ringgold High School in Ringgold, GA. He is the son of Matthew and Shannon Pickett and the grandson of Dr. William and Susan Hillner of Chattanooga, Andrew and Jean Smith of Knoxville, TN, and Melinda Pickett of Rossville, GA. He has a brother, Joshua, age 13, and a sister, Avery, age 7.

Ben is a proud member of the award-winning Ringgold Marching Tiger Band and Ringgold Symphonic Band, where he plays tuba. In his seven-year band career he has participated in countless marching competitions, parades, festivals, and concerts. In 2018, the Tiger Band had the honor of playing at the New York Invitational Music Festival at Carnegie Hall.

Ben plans to study business this fall at Georgia Northwestern Technical College and then transfer to a four-year college. He hopes to open his own vinyl record store in New York City.

Ethan Goldblatt to Graduate from Howard High School in May



Ethan Goldblatt is the son of Shelton and Susan (deceased) Goldblatt and the grandson of Regina Davis and Al Rymer. He has a brother, Taylor. Ethan will graduate from Howard High School this spring and looks forward to going to the Signal Center. Ethan loves Broadway musicals, especially *Fiddler on the Roof*, *Mary Poppins*, and *Phantom of the Opera*. Ethan is very social and would love to be a greeter one day. Ethan was proud to be bar mitzvahed in 2015, and enjoys the time he spends at B'nai Zion and Mizpah congregations. His favorite person is his dad.



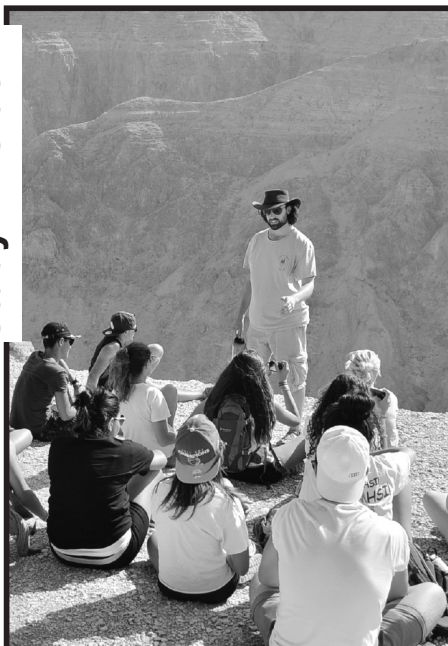
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Tuesday, May 7th
7:00PM

Omega Center International
410 Urbane Rd NE - Cleveland, TN 37312

KEYNOTE SPEAKER:
Pastor John Hagee
CUFI Founder and Chairman

<p><small>Speaker:</small> Mayor Kevin Brooks <small>Cleveland, Tennessee</small></p> 	<p><small>Speaker:</small> Pastor Lyndon Allen <small>CUFI Central Regional Coordinator</small></p> 	<p><small>Master of Ceremonies:</small> Dr. Randy Caldwell</p> 	<p><small>Host:</small> Pastor Perry Stone</p> 
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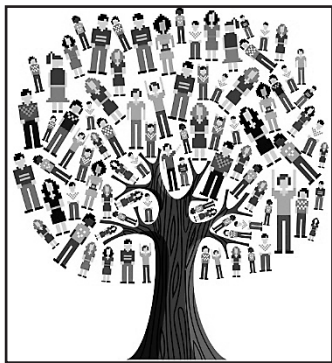
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COMMUNITY NEWS

Everything's Relative: A Chattanooga Jewish Community Orchard



Our Jewish Culture Center's exhibit for the summer of 2019 will be a slightly different theory of relativity than Dr. Einstein's $E=mc^2$. The saying goes that, "in Chattanooga, all Jews are related." As you will see in the exhibit, there is a lot of truth to this statement. Family ties through blood or marriage connect many of the families of long-time Jewish Chattanooga's.

Your program committee will attempt to draw lines connecting these descendants of Chattanooga's early Jewish families. If you are a newcomer to the city and are not part of this spiderweb of relativity, please do not feel left out. We have intentionally created not a single family tree but rather a "family orchard." Throughout the interactive exhibit there will be blank trees on which you can write the names of your own multi-generational family members.

How can you participate? Please share group photos of your extended family. We all have them from weddings, Passover seders and family reunions. Let us have them briefly and we will scan and return them. All we ask is that you identify those in the pictures. Please take a moment now, while you are reading this, and call or email Ann Treadwell (493-0270 or atreadwell@jewishchattanooga.com) or Karen Diamond (227-1505 and kdiamondgran@comcast.net) with questions or photo contributions.

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!



Mazel Tov

--to Bev Coulter, who received the Chattanooga Southern Region Woman of the Year Award

Condolences

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

--Allen Cash, son of Joseph, z'l and Miriam, z'l and brother to Jim, David, and Dan.

--Randy Hale, daughter-in-law of Helen and Merv, z'l, Pregulman and wife of Robert Pregulman.

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

Tributes

In Memory of

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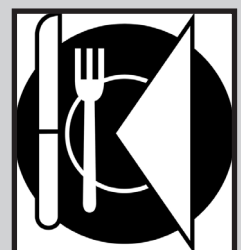
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SOCIAL SERVICES



What's New!

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This year is already flying by! We have recently hired TWO new people in the Social Services Department! We have a new Federation van driver, Mark Swafford, (a Chattanooga local) and a new Community Health Advocate, Charli Stanley-Parker. She is here by way of

Florida/Michigan but has lived in the Chattanooga area for four years. We are so excited about the new faces in our department. I think we have a great team in place and I hope you are able to meet the new staff members soon.

As a refresher and for those who may not know, our Community Health Advocate, Charli, is charged with many responsibilities. Charli will be performing check-ins with clients, obtaining vitals (temperature, blood-pressure, O2 levels, listening to heart and lungs, checking weight, and looking out for red flags such as bed sores, wounds, or conditions that should be followed up with). She will also be filling pill boxes for those who might need a little assistance with medications. Charli will be able to accompany individuals to doctor's appointments and to follow-up with physicians and family, as needed, for updates on their loved ones. **Please keep in mind, that if you do not have a signed release in your chart, we cannot speak to your loved ones/caregivers regarding your healthcare needs or updates, due to HIPAA regulations. And, as always, client information is always kept confidential.**

Visits to see clients in the hospital, rehab facilities, and skilled nursing facilities is also a vital part of our job in the Social Services department. Naturally, the Federation strives to help out as we can by providing advocacy and referrals as needed. Let us know how we can help.

On a much different note, I have had many people contact me regarding my last article and I wanted to thank you for your response and feedback. It means a lot that you took time to call/email me over the last few weeks. I do hope to reach others in the community and I hope that with time, I'm able to build trust and rapport with many more folks. Please don't hesitate to call me or swing by the office. I can also meet you out in the community, not just in your home. I love coffee, so we can always meet up at your local coffee shop for a chat!

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.

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Hello from Charli Stanley-Parker, new Community Health Advocate



Hello Federation community! I wanted to take a quick moment and introduce myself. My name is Charli Stanley-Parker and I am so honored to be your new Community Health Advocate. I moved to Chattanooga in Spring of 2015 and I've been working in the medical field for about a decade. I have had the privilege of working in different facilities up and down the east coast and have met so many lovely people! I'm a newlywed as of March 23rd, and have four crazy, wonderful dogs. I look forward to meeting all of you and assisting in any way I can. Thank you all for such a warm welcome. I'm so excited to be a part of the Federation community. Come by and say hello! My work cell number is (423) 322-8641, and my work email is advocate@jewishchattanooga.com.



Mark Swafford is Newest Federation Van Driver

Mark Swafford joins Jason Shuman and Eddie Reel as a Federation driver. He was born and raised in the Chattanooga area and has a knack for helping others. Please let him know about your transportation needs. Remember, we give priority to doctor's appointments. (See below for additional requirements.) Please keep in mind, Mark is the ONLY driver we have on Mondays. His number is (423) 321-4236.

Chattanooga One of Five Worst Cities for Seasonal Allergies

The five worst cities for allergies this spring are Knoxville, Tenn; Louisville, Ky; Charlotte, N.C.; Jackson, Miss., and Chattanooga, Tenn., according to the Asthma and Allergy Foundation, which uses an algorithm that includes airborne pollen and mold counts, and the number of allergy medications taken and allergy specialists available in each city.

Aside from this season's unique weather conditions, the incidence and severity of allergies (which are an overreaction of the immune system to harmless substances, like pollen or mold) seems to be increasing for other reasons too. According to the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, the prevalence of allergic rhinitis has increased substantially over the past 15 years; now 10 to 16 percent of U.S. adults are estimated to have allergies, which cost the healthcare system \$18 billion annually. (Everydayhealth.com)

See your doctor immediately if you are suffering. There is help!

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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The Bittersweet End of the Year

It's hard to believe that we're nearly to the end of our school year! In just a few short weeks, another chapter here at Aleph Bet will be finished. Of course, if the school year is ending, that means fun at Camp AB is just beginning! We are already looking forward to a summer filled with exploration, learning, special visitors, and lots of water-play days. There are still a few spots open for 3, 4, & 5 year-olds, so contact me if you know someone who may be interested.

The end of May is always a little bittersweet. Our end-of-year program and graduation ceremony is Thursday, May 23rd at 4:00 p.m. This is when we'll say goodbye to some of our families, and see children graduate who have walked through our doors nearly every day for most of their lives. Lucky for us, many of them stop in for visits and stay in touch.

L'hitraot, chaverim, until we meet again!

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Twelfth Annual Jewish Film Festival

The 12th Annual Jewish Film Festival kicks off May 15th with the Sponsor Event (See page 1 for more info). Below is a description of each movie followed by a member of the film committee's take on it. *All films after Sponsor Event screen at 7:15; \$8 includes popcorn and drink.*



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*

Ann Treadwell: Life is full of playing your hand, cheating the odds, and feeling great remorse for not being a member of a specific group. The film Fire Birds reminds us that age, gender and deceit are all players in life. Fire Birds also reminds me that sometimes remorse and deceit can actually bring relief to situations that have untenable conclusions. And best of all, the first dance is just the prelude to one of life's last dances.



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*



Frank's Miller: This is a story about how people from different backgrounds can bond and understand each other. In a setting where control of life and living are out of one's personal hands, people can actually care about each other to assist each other. It is also the story of what one must do to survive in a cruel world. One must sometimes make choices for survival that lack morality and hurt others.



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 (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*



Richard Zachary: South Africa 1963 - apartheid government - Nelson Mandela - Jewish devotion to law and justice; themes with which we are all too familiar, half-a-century later. As Jews, we insert ourselves into these situations many times over: standing up for what's right; fighting for the disenfranchised and mistreated; use of the legal system to bring about change and justice. Bram Fisher is a privileged (white), successful South African lawyer, married with children. Why put his whole life and family at risk to defend a band of revolutionaries? Why indeed. History comes to life in this explosive docudrama.



June 5: Murer: Anatomy of a Trial

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*



Stephen Black: History is replete with stories like the Khashoggi murder. It was an awful crime, but at its heart it is really about the political elite, those behind the scenes who are in charge of the justice system, those who betray the public need for justice. "Murer" is about the infamous "Butcher of Vilnius," one of the most brutal Nazis of WWII. It is the story of his victims and the survivors, the witnesses who condemned his acts by their clear and unequivocal testimony. It is the story of justice perverted by those in power.



June 12: 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*



Sanford Winer: This dark comedy examines the lives of Holocaust survivors in 1949 New York City living in a baffling new country while dealing with their emotional pain. Some torment themselves; some save themselves; some are their own worst enemies; and some show love. The film emphasizes the way they need each other. In some ways the movie extends hope for a new and better generation as the "Wonder Wheel" serves as a metaphor about the cycle of life and death.



June 19: 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 ends his stint as a rock musician, he becomes dedicated to Orthodoxy. Hoping to raise much-needed cash, 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*



Sheila St. Aubin: Redemption explores the boundaries and conflicts between the complicated secular world and the constrained Orthodox beliefs of a middle-aged widower trying to care for his young daughter, Geula. Set to the enticing sounds of catchy Israeli pop music, the film follows Menachem as he struggles to meet his responsibilities while remaining true to his adopted Orthodox lifestyle which provides him with a sense of order and comfort. Ironically, the past he once rejected may now prove to be his only path to salvation in the future.