

the Shofar

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Aleph Bet Children's Center celebrates Shabbat

Our New *Shofar* Look

A huge thank you to the dozens of community members who have reached out to share their thoughts regarding the new *Shofar* magazine. We love hearing what you think about the changes and hope you'll continue to let us know what's working and what you'd like to see us do differently.

The decision to break from our 30+ years as a traditional newspaper format and go to a magazine format took a great deal of planning, research, discussion, and consultation. We looked at many other magazines from around the country - Jewish, cultural, secular, and more. We worked with a graphic designer to make sure we understood the process. The new *Shofar* debuted in September, and we couldn't be prouder.

We know you depend on the *Shofar* each month to bring you news of the Jewish community and of

from the executive director

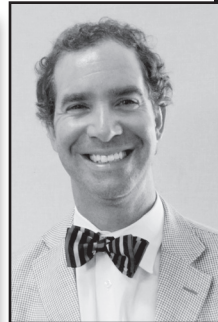
Federation and congregational programs. The new *Shofar* magazine will continue to be your source for this kind of information, along with our website, jewishchattanooga.com.

In addition to all the planning and research that went into creating our new *Shofar*, we also had to find a new printing house that was willing and able to handle our monthly order at an efficient price. The *Shofar* newspapers were printed in Summerville, Georgia, and then shipped by UPS to our mailing house in Chattanooga, where they were addressed and barcoded-- all of which figured into the cost. Now our mailing house here in Chattanooga handles all parts of the process, from printing to mailing. Although the cost to produce a glossy magazine is more than the cost to produce a newspaper, the overall increase is less than \$150 per month (and we print over 800 magazines!). We think it's well worth the added expense to showcase our community in the best, most modern light we can.

Is there more, less, or other content you'd like to see, or would you like to see things presented differently? Have ideas for your new *Shofar*? Reach out to me and to *Shofar* Editor/Communications Director Dana Shavin at dshavin@jewishchattanooga.com and we will take your suggestions under advisement. Thank you for reading!



Michael Dzik



Austin Center

In Jewish Community, No One Plays Alone

When I was in preschool, it was my habit to befriend any child playing alone. My brother did the same thing. I often wonder what it was that my parents instilled in us that created this behavior.

Over the past few years, I have seen this same behavior in members of our Jewish community. So many of you volunteer—for Night Run, to lead the Annual Campaign, to read to our preschoolers at Aleph Bet, to help paint a school in our greater community, to head up committees. You truly embody the idea that helping others makes the world a better place.

from the board chair

This past month I had the pleasure of having lunch

with our new shaliach, Amit Matityau. Amit told me about growing up in Sderot as a teenager during a time of conflict back in the early 2000's, and being sent to summer camp in the United States for refuge. The program that brought Amit and others to the US that summer were programs that our Federation funded and continue to fund. Hearing how our Federation program impacted him, and seeing how he is now reaching out to impact others through his shlichut, reminds me that the work, time and dollars we put into these types of programs really does give back. It is great to know that the work we have been doing as a Jewish Federation since 1931 continues to make our world a better place.

Throughout my time serving as your Board Chair, I have been happy to see the same value my parents instilled in my brother and me—that of helping our fellow community members—in this community and in the people I've met through my travels on behalf of our Federation. We are fortunate to have such a committed community, one that understands that we are stronger together, and that no one should play alone.





Informed Community Voices: Our Greatest Asset

As you may know, over the past few years the Jewish Federation has implemented several leadership programs, which have been facilitated by Ken Goldsmith. As a result of these,

Ann Treadwell we have created a leadership cohort of twenty-four people. We are inviting this cohort to be a “think-tank,” bringing its ideas to the issues we think are important to the Federation or to the community.

Initially we used the Yesod leadership model. The Yesod curriculum, developed through the Florence Melton School of Adult Jewish Learning, was written by Dr. Erica Brown. This course of study offers insights into personal and organizational leadership through a Jewish perspective. Course content merges Judaic text study, business skills, leadership theory, and experiential application.

But we found that although Erica Brown’s method included Jewish text, there was a significant piece of

leadership training that was missing. It took us awhile to determine what that missing piece

from the program director

was, but we finally figured it out: it is the local piece. What Jewish leadership activities have taken place locally, recently or historically? What part of the community do we represent? What are the current local Jewish community’s concerns? And what are the greater Chattanooga community’s concerns that the Jewish community can impact?

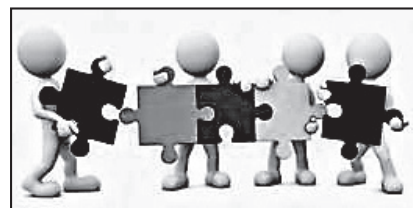
Ken Goldsmith, Michael Dzik and I have taken parts of Yesod’s general leadership training and added panels with local speakers. Herb Cohn, Sanford Winer, Alan Richelson, Austin Center, and Rachel Schulson are among those who spoke to the last leadership class. The discussions that occurred at the end of the last class spurred the implementation of a JSO (Jewish Student Organization) at UTC, headed by Susan Matzkin and Barbie Potts, with Tom Balazs as the faculty advisor. The discussions about future updates to the Federation’s facility and marketing led in part to the new *Shofar* format.

The cohort “think-tank” of past leadership participants meets about every eight weeks. They have conversed around the topic of, among other things, “how to make the Federation “cool.”” The last cohort meeting in September discussed “The Changing Dynamic:

Volunteer Roles and Responsibilities.” All but a few past participants have either joined these meetings or have taken on greater roles within the Jewish community.

Recently someone asked me, “Do you have to be a young adult to participate in the leadership classes?” The answer is no. Current Board Chair Austin Center and incoming Board Chair Mike Spector have both participated in classes and although they are young at heart, I think we all know that neither is under thirty (insert smile emoji!).

We encourage the Jewish community to participate whether single, coupled, interfaith, interracial, or LGBTQ. The past participants are reflective of the diversity in the Federation’s community. The only requirements are that you be supportive of the Jewish community, and that you donate to the Federation’s annual campaign at any level.



We will be hosting a new session of leadership classes beginning in February. If you are interested in participating in this eight-week session, please contact me at atreadwell@jewishchattanooga.com, or call the office at 493-0270. Space is limited.

“Iran: A Continuing Threat to Peace and Human Rights

An update on Iran’s destabilizing activities in the Middle East and the status of its nuclear program.

October 29 6pm; Dinner \$12; RSVP



Bob Feferman

Bob Feferman is Outreach Coordinator for United Against Nuclear Iran (UANI). In 2009, Mr. Feferman helped to initiate legislation in the Indiana General Assembly that required Indiana’s state pension funds to divest from holdings in companies working in Iran’s energy sector.

In 2011, he helped to support the efforts of the Indianapolis JCRC in passing Iran Contracting Legislation that was signed into law in 2012. United Against Nuclear Iran (UANI) is a not-for-profit, bi-partisan advocacy group that seeks to ensure the economic and diplomatic isolation of the Iranian regime in order to compel Iran to abandon its illegal nuclear weapons program, support for terrorism, and human rights violations. Join us for dinner and discussion.

Jewish Student Organization forms on UTC Campus

The Jewish Federation, along with the support of Mizpah, B'nai Zion, and Chabad is working to create a new Jewish student organization on the campus of UTC. Susan Matzkin and Barbie Potts, two recent graduates from our Leadership class, have taken this idea from the class and turned it into a reality. Several Jewish students on campus (Josh Agudo, Carolyn Potts and others) are in the process of creating a formal campus organization, called Jewish Student Organization (JSO). Tom Balazs is the JSO faculty advisor for the group. As JSO better organizes and grows, we'll keep you informed.



Early meeting of the newly formed JSO on UTC campus, at Champy's Fried Chicken.

The Federation Community Puzzle



YOU are a piece of the puzzle! Don't be the missing piece! You can donate online through our website (<https://jewishchattanooga.com/donate/>), call (423) 493-0270 and give Michael Dzik a credit card, or send your check to Jewish Federation PO Box 8947 Chattanooga, TN 37414. Your gift goes a long way!

Major Gifts, at Lincove home Sunday, September 22



Aaron Lincove, speaker Noah Alper, Jen Lincove, Jim Shire



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Annual Jewish Documentary Film Series Begins Jan. 15

by Sanford Winer
JDFS Committee Member

In January 2020, the Annual Jewish Documentary Film Series kicks off at the Jewish Cultural Center. Frank Miller heads the committee this year, of which I am a member, along with Stephen Black, Sheila St. Aubin, Richard Zachary, and our advisor, Ann Treadwell.

The Annual Jewish Documentary Film Series is important for a number of reasons. It brings Jewish-themed, historically and culturally important stories to Chattanooga that otherwise would not be seen here. This is part of the Jewish Cultural Center's outreach to promote Jewish ideals and values.

As Chairman Frank Miller says, "The Chattanooga Jewish Documentary Film Series allows attendees to learn new information about Jewish individuals who are well known, and also to learn about lesser-known persons who have led fascinating lives. We learn new facts about events known to us as well, and we learn about events previously unknown to us. The stories of the Jewish people are utterly fascinating. We hope all patrons learn something that stimulates their desire to know more about who we are."

We are currently in the process of selecting the four films that will be shown on four consecutive Wednesday evenings beginning January 15, 2020. In the past years we have shown many outstanding documentaries. **IN CASE YOU MISSED THEM**, I have listed six of the best films from prior years with information about how you can see them at home. This will give you an idea of the quality of films to come.

ORCHESTRA OF EXILE In the early 1930's, Hitler began firing Jewish musicians across Europe. Overcoming extraordinary obstacles, violinist Bronislaw Huberman moved these great musicians to Palestine and formed a symphony that would become the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra, thus saving the lives of 1,000 Jews.

Available from: Amazon Prime and Netflix



HAVA NAGILA (The Movie) A documentary on the history, mystery and meaning of the ubiquitous Jewish standard that follows the around-the-world journey of the song from Ukraine to Youtube.

Available from: Amazon, Netflix, iTunes, and Vudu



WHO WILL WRITE OUR HISTORY In November 1940, days after the Nazis sealed 450,000 Jews in the Warsaw Ghetto, a secret band of journalists, scholars, and community leaders decided to fight back. Led by historian Emanuel Ringelblum and known by the code name Oyneg Shabes, this clandestine group vowed to defeat Nazi lies and propaganda not with guns or fists but with the ultimate weapon, the truth. *Available from: Amazon, iTunes, Google Play and Vudu*



ABOVE AND BEYOND In 1948, a group of American pilots flew for Israel in its War of Independence. The first feature-length documentary about the foreign airmen in the '48 War, ABOVE AND BEYOND weaves interviews and footage to present a fascinating, little-known tale. *Available from: Amazon Prime and Netflix*



ROSENWALD Julius Rosenwald, the head of Sears Roebuck, devoted much of his life to philanthropy, particularly concerning African-American causes, in an era when racism was rampant. He helped fund over 5,300 schools during the early part of the 20th century, most of them in the Jim Crow South and went on to give away some \$62 million by his death. *Available from: The National Center for Jewish Film and Ciesla Foundation*



PORTRAIT OF WALLY

The story of a Nazi-looted painting, Egon Schiele's "Portrait of Wally", which was discovered on the walls of the Museum of Modern art in 1997, triggering an historic court case that pitted the Manhattan District Attorney, the United States Government and the heirs of a Viennese gallery owner against a major Austrian museum and MoMA.

Available from: Amazon and Amazon Prime



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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See how easy it is to join the Legacy Society!

Call Michael Dzik at 493-0270 ext 15.

You must RSVP to all programs to ensure we have adequate seating and/or food. RSVP on our website at Jewishchattanooga.com; by email at Rsvp@jewishchattanooga.com; or call (423) 493-0270. Specify if vegetarian.



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Tuesday Cafe



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Mitzvah Meals Suggested Donations

- \$8 per meal
- \$90 per month based on 3 meals/week
- \$125 per month based on 4 meals/week
- 160 per month based on 5 meals/week
- 190 per month based on 6 meals/week

Meals are available for pick-up or delivery.



To-go orders from any/all community programs will be charged the program fee (\$10-\$12) as opposed to the Mitzvah Meal fee. All Mitzvah Meal recipients must be pre-approved by the Director of Social Services. Menus are set by the Kitchen Supervisor and Director of Social Services.



Rebecca Dzik to Graduate in December

Rebecca Dzik will graduate early from East Hamilton High School in December, 2019. Her favorite classes include science and English, especially creative writing. She had an essay published in the East Hamilton *Hurricane Review*.

Rebecca is quite adventurous; she went sky diving at fourteen, and has gone snorkeling in the Red Sea.

Rebecca spent her 2nd semester junior year in Israel with Alexander Muss High School (AMHSI). While there, she took her core American classes along with Hebrew and Israel Studies. She traveled throughout Israel, learning first-hand about Israel/Jewish history. She loved hiking (hundreds of miles!) as well as her one week in the IDF as a soldier (Gadna). Through AMHSI, Rebecca also spent nine days in Poland learning about the Holocaust.

Rebecca currently works as a server at Ashwood Square and is also a nanny three days a week. She loves animals (especially her dog, Allie) and hanging out with friends. She is currently completing her Capstone graduation requirement by volunteering at the Jewish Federation in the kitchen with Alice Morgan.

Rebecca is the youngest daughter of Michael (Paula) Dzik and Jennifer Dzik. Her grandparents are Gail and Joel Susman, Fran and Joe Dzik, Susan McDaniel and Michael Ulin (deceased). Rebecca has an older sister, Rachel, who is a junior at Elon University. Rebecca hopes to attend either MTSU, UTK or ETSU in the fall of 2020.



A Note from Annette McJunkin, Office/Facilities Manager

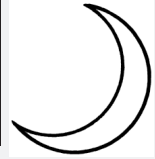
I attended the annual Jewish Federations of North America Finance Technology People Innovation (FTPI) conference this past September. There were approximately 200 participants from Jewish Federations across

the US and Canada. We come together each year to network with peers, speakers, and sponsors, and to brainstorm and collaborate with one another, sharing new ideas and seeing what is working for others in the same fields of finance, human resources and computer software.

This conference was particularly special as I, along with fellow Tennessean Becky Gunn from the Nashville Federation, were chosen to sit on the executive committee of the FTPI conference for the next three years. I am excited to represent the Jewish Federation of Greater Chattanooga, and to have a role in the upcoming conference planning sessions that are aimed at benefiting small/intermediate Federations.

I appreciated the opportunity to connect with my peers and look forward to serving the community in this new role.

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Special thanks to Rob Lowe and all of the Night Run volunteers!

Federation shaliach Amit Mittyau, Aaron Lincove, and Paula Dzik make bagels for Major Gifts brunch.



From Paul Randall Hicks
In appreciation of Aleph Bet

From John MacNeil
In Honor Of Renee Gumenik

Condolences

Bettye Ingle Harrison, mother in-law/mother of the late Hal Schwartz & Elwynn Schwartz and Ken (Melanie). Grandmother of Karen (Art) Johnson, Susan (Mark) Crispell, and Skip (Holly) George (Mallory), Zachary (Maegan), and Whittaker Schwartz, on August 28.

Dorothy Kaset, wife of Melvin Kaset, z'l, mother of David Hyman (Dr. Tobie Bresloff), grandmother of Ted and Jonathan Hyman, sister of Harry (Ray) Sear, z'l and of Yuppie Shavin (Harold Shavin), z'l.

Contact Shofar editor Dana Shavin at dshavin@jewishchattanooga.com to place a mazel tov or condolence.



During September's program the Jew Crew got a chance to "Meet Amit." At Mizpah Congregation following Machanooga, the Jew Crew enjoyed a pizza and salad lunch then played several games, giving us all a chance to get to know one another, and Amit. We also had an Israel trivia quiz; Olivia Diamond won first place and the grand prize : a chocolate Bamba. Then we wrote a few things we wanted to "get off our shoulders" during the Holy Days, inserted the papers into helium balloons, and released the balloons to the sky. By the end of the program, Amit knew everyone's name! **Join us Sunday, October 27 at 12:15 for our annual Paint 'N Party.**



2019-20 PROGRAMS

PROGRAM 3

Sunday, October 27, 2019
Paint N' Party

PROGRAM 4

Sunday, November 17, 2019
Giving Thanks & Giving Back

PROGRAM 5

Sunday, December 15, 2019
Annual Chanukah Party

PROGRAM 6

Sunday, January 26, 2020
Annual Jew Crew Retreat
Friday, February 21-23, 2020
Location TBD

PROGRAM 7

Sunday, March 22, 2020

PROGRAM 8

Sunday, April 19, 2020
End of Year Program & Celebration

Advisors: Alison Lebovitz, Andy Hodes

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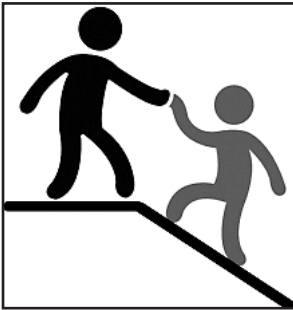
All programs run from 12:15 to 2:00 p.m.

young jewish leadership

We are planning more Shabbat dinners, happy hours, and development opportunities before the end of the calendar year. See our Facebook group page (Young Jewish Leadership of Greater Chattanooga) for details on upcoming events. Our YJL cabinet includes Tal Cohen, Becca Hannan, Aaron and Jen Lincove, and Jake Patish.



Medicare Open Enrollment Returns October 15



Medicare Enrollment is upon us again!!!!
Medicare enrollment opens October 15th and will end December 7th.
 Postcards went out in September. Please call Jake Balsler, our Executive Assistant, at 493-0270 once you receive your postcard

and he will mail you the 2020 Medicare forms to complete. We will also include a self-addressed stamped envelope for your convenience. Once we receive these forms back and they are COMPLETE, Jake will begin calling and making appointments for you to meet with me for Medicare Part D enrollment. ***Please understand, this is on a first come first serve basis. Medicare forms need to be accurately and completely filled out*** in order for this to run effectively and efficiently. To make this event a little sweeter, Alice and Sandra will be baking cookies and cake and serving this up with coffee!

Medicare Enrollment in Tennessee by the Numbers:

As of November 2018, 1,326,033 Tennessee residents had Medicare coverage, including those with Original Medicare and those with Medicare Advantage. That's a little more than 19 percent of the state's total population, compared with a little more than 18 percent of the United States population enrolled in Medicare.

Of Tennessee's Medicare beneficiaries, 80 percent are eligible based on their age (ie, being at least 65 years old), while the other 20 percent are eligible due to a disability. Nationwide, 84 percent of Medicare beneficiaries are eligible due to age, while 16 percent are eligible due to disability. But as of 2011, Tennessee was among the states with the highest percentage of their residents receiving disability benefits, so it makes sense that the percentage of Medicare beneficiaries in the state who qualify because of a disability is higher than the national average. *Source: <https://www.tn.gov/aging/our-programs/state-health-insurance-assistance-program--ship-.html>*



When Is the Open Enrollment Period?

Holidays in 2019 for which the Federation will be closed during Medicare Enrollment:

- October 8th close at 3:00PM
- October 9th
- October 14th
- October 15th
- October 21st
- October 22nd
- November 28th and 29th

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