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With Fond Memories L'hitraot!

by *Ronni Charyn, Director*
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Seven is one of the greatest power numbers in Judaism, representing creation, good fortune, and blessing. The Torah is filled with references to seven: the first verse of the Torah consists of seven words; the seventh

day is Shabbat; there are seven laws of Noah; several Jewish holidays are seven days long; and the menorah has seven branches.

In this tradition, I have now completed my seventh and final year as the director of the CJCRS. My years here have been rich and satisfying beyond measure. The best part of my job was seeing the faces of children eager to learn about their Jewish heritage, culture and language.

I leave CJCRS better than I found it, both financially and academically. I want to say “*todah rabah*” to our faculty, who would come to school every Sunday prepared with strategies, engaging activities, and enthusiasm. In addition, many parents participated in our school activities and helped in their child’s classroom—and both the children and teachers appreciated their presence.

Our trusted volunteers--David Fairchild, Trent Center, Amy Cohen, Leigh Watson, June Collins and my husband Chaim Charyn—gave faithful service each week and exhibited admirable dedication to Jewish education.

Our tireless adult education team, headed by Rabbis Susan Tendler

A THANK YOU TO RONNI

For the past seven years Ronni Charyn has devoted her time, energy, expertise and enthusiasm to nurturing our community’s congregational Sunday Religious School. She has guided teachers, encouraged parents, partnered with rabbis and other community leaders, and – most important of all – inspired the many children and youth whose intellectual, emotional and spiritual growth have been her focus and passion. As Director of the Chattanooga Jewish Congregational Religious School [CJCRS], she has served as a testament to the value we place on life-long Jewish learning. For all of this and more, we are sincerely grateful.

Todah Rabbah, Ronni! And all the best to you and Chaim in your future endeavors.

Rabbi Bill Tepper
Rabbi Susan Tendler



and Bill Tepper, and accompanied by Richard Zachary and Barbara Paper, put in many hours preparing for this year’s classes. I don’t want to forget other members of our community from the past years: Joy Adams, Lynn Hochman, Ruth Zachary, Al Jarman, and David Speal all added their inspirational teaching to the CJCRS program. Thank you also to Rabbi Shaul Perlstein for his involvement in Matzah Factory and Shofar Factory in past years and to Rabbi Tendler and Rabbi Tepper for Matzah Factory this year.

Our wonderful educational curriculum was created and implemented by our ISJL fellows: Andrew Turkel, Meagan Roberts, Jessica Kent, Emily Andes, Ben Chaidell and Adam Wassell. What an amazing group of young, dedicated men and women who gave of themselves and their talents, sharing their many and varied Jewish experiences.

Finally, our Israeli shlichim visits formed a powerful “*keshet*” between Israel and Chattanooga. Our students looked forward to the days when Raoul Molnar, Einav Cahaner and Hadas Peled would come to the school. Raoul created a Tu B’Shvet Seder with the entire student body that we shared via YouTube with students in Israel. Einav gave our adult education program an amazing opportunity when we made her grandmother’s favorite cookies while Skyping with her in Israel. Hadas created and shared games from Israel with our students.

As I move with great enthusiasm to my next assignment, that of Savta (grandmother), I look forward with optimistic delight to teaching my family’s next generation of (G-D willing) dedicated Jewish children! Chazak Chazak v’nit Chazek.



Give Me The Torah!

by *Adam Wassell, Education Fellow*
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When young children begin their Jewish education, they spend significant time learning about holidays, biblical text, Hebrew, life cycles, and Israel. As they develop into adolescents and their *b’nei mitz’vah* comes into sight, their exposure to the Torah increases. Students explore the history of struggle which plagued our people for nearly 5000 years, and their pride in the Torah’s teachings grows.

The Torah is comprised of laws given to Moses on Mount Sinai which he delivered to our people. We imitate this event every *Shabbat* when we remove the Torah from the ark and parade it around the synagogue for congregants to see. But there are rules when interacting with the Torah. We must not touch it with our skin; therefore a *yad* (pointer) is provided. We must not leave the Torah unwrapped, therefore we cover its exterior with cloth and its handles with crowns. Lastly, we must not drop the Torah, for if we do, an individual or the community is required--according to the tradition--to fast for 40 days.

The Jewish community spends a great deal of time preserving the safety of the Torah. As a result however, we have created a sense of apprehension and fear that has caused young people to avoid handling this sacred scroll. Reasons for this fear may be due to the Torah’s weight and size and/or its holy nature. It could be that there is a disconnect because it’s written in Hebrew.

Regardless of the reasons for the fear, however, *Shavuot* (The Feast of Weeks) encourages us to put our anxieties behind us and celebrate the gift of the Torah. *Shavuot* commemorates the anniversary of the delivery of the Torah to the Israelites at the foot of Mount Sinai. We typically celebrate by reading the last and first portion, unrolling and rerolling the Torah, and dancing and singing with it.

Shavuot is one of the most joyful Jewish celebrations. Regarding the fear of handling or sullyng the Torah, Rabbi Andy Koren, from Temple Emanuel in Greensboro, North Carolina, advised against fear and encouraged engagement with it.

“Do not be afraid of the Torah!” he said. “When someone tries to hand you the Torah, do not step away. Step up with confidence and enthusiasm. Stand there and shout as loud as you can, GIVE ME MY TORAH!” This, he said, is what will help break down the barrier. Understanding the individual need to take ownership of their congregations’ Torah will ensure the spirit of *Shavuot* all year long. And after all, how effective can the laws of the Torah be if there is no community to follow it?

This year I charge you to get up close and personal with your Torah. Volunteer to read from the Torah on *Shabbat*. Read the Torah portion every week. And most importantly, cherish the Torah and its teachings. Within this holy scroll lie the beliefs that ultimately guide our lives.

FEDERATION SHLICHA



Empty Equals Full

by *Hadas Peled*
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Although this is Hadas's last *Shofar* article, she will continue with her Shlichim duties until she leaves in August.

A couple of weeks ago I realized that this, my June article, will be my last for *The Shofar*. So many questions came to mind: Where did the year go? How can it already be June? I was confused. I felt empty, almost like I didn't have anything to write about. And of course, I knew then that I had to write about exactly that.

What does it mean to be empty? Is it a bad feeling or can it be positive? It's not like I've run out of ideas or motivation, especially when it comes to talking about Israel. In thinking about it, I realized that, in this case, the word empty has a positive meaning for me. We Shlichim talk about bringing our Israeli world to the shlichut, and about how we need to bring all of ourselves to the task – as Israelis, as people, and as human beings. Empty, for me, translates into feelings of accomplishment, happiness and satisfaction. It means knowing I gave everything I had, and that I shared my Israel fully with the Chattanooga community. I shared who Hadas is, completely, and with zero regrets. I realized that feeling empty is not only amazing, but also rewarding. I want to share some of my thoughts with you as I near completion of my shlichim duties.

First, I must say that, because I'd been in America several times, the American culture and mentality weren't new or surprising to me. Because I knew some of what to expect, it helped make my adjustment to Chattanooga fun, exciting and comfortable.

But although it was very much a soft landing, no one could have prepared me for the spiritual journey I would take. I discovered new abilities and qualities that were hidden in me. I learned to trust myself. I got in touch in a stronger way with my Judaism. I learned that, no matter what, there's no place

like Israel, and even though I have a love/hate relationship with it, that's where I belong. It's funny to think that I had to move to the other side of the world to realize who I am, where I want to be, and what I want to do with my life.

I met amazing people here who will be part of my life forever. Those strong and meaningful relationships, in addition to every class, program, Shabbat, and event, gave me a new perspective on life, Judaism, Israel, diaspora, identity, and what's in between. I learned that life is full of opportunities and that we just need to read the signs pointing us to opportunity carefully. I learned that we should not settle for average, as there's so much more in life to be had. I learned that we should always inspire, motivate, and lead ourselves and others to be better, to take action—to make the world a better place to live. I learned that, although I influenced and gave of myself to the community, you influenced me and gave back so much more—and for that I will always be grateful.

I know it will take me a long time to digest every single experience I had here, and it's not over yet. There much more work and fun ahead in the next three months, and I'm very excited about it. But one thing I know for sure: living in Chattanooga is a journey that will not end in August, but will be with me for the rest of my life.



Hadas Peled is available for public speaking for civic groups, schools, churches, and other community organizations. Please contact Hadas at Israel@jewishchattanooga.com or 385-0098

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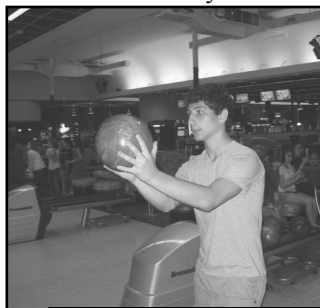
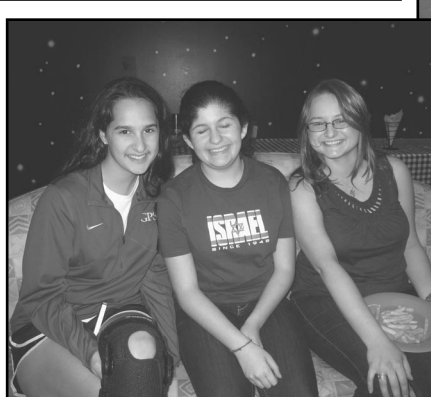
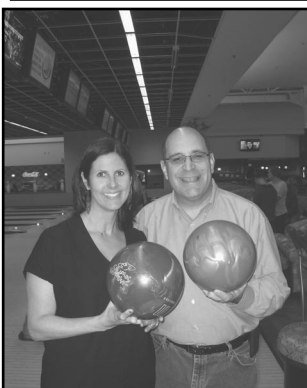
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Bowl-A-Rama

by co-chairs *Andy Hodes*
 and *Alison Lebovitz*



The Jew Crew wrapped up another successful year with their annual *Bowl-A-Rama* at Pin Strikes on April 6th. We bowled, ate pizza then bowled some more. While everyone was excited about the end of school and their varied summer plans, we were sad to say good-bye to our Jew Crew seniors. They will be missed but we look forward to welcoming our upcoming 9th graders (and first-time Jew Crewers) in the fall. If you're a Jewish teen who is not on our mailing list, please send your name and email address to alebo@mac.com. Have a great summer everyone! Alison and Andy



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Your gift to the Annual Campaign enables the Federation to fund the Jew Crew. Thank you!

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Thank You, Ronni

I grew up going to Mizpah congregation, and the two faces I saw each time were Ronni and Chaim Charyn's. They have been very involved in shaping my Jewish upbringing. As a madrichim, I had the privilege of working under Ronni as my teacher. Then, two years ago, I had the opportunity to become a madrichim teacher's assistant. The main reason I chose to come back was because Ronni was the director. Every day I saw her passion for her religion, teaching, and ability to share it with all the children. She'll be missed, but she is moving on to the most important role of her life: Savtah! Thank you, Ronni and Chaim, my life wouldn't be the same without you.

Alexandra Rose

I've been privileged to be involved in the CJCRS since its inception 20 years ago, as a student, then madrich, then a teacher. The faculty member I could most rely on to offer unwavering support and unrelenting dedication was Ronni Charyn. That's why I was so pleased when she was named director seven years ago.

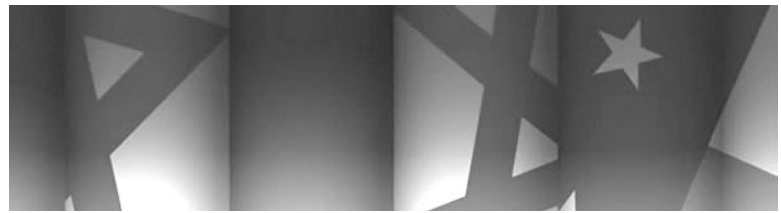
My special bond with Ronni and her family is no secret. My unique perspective has allowed me to see that the fire and concern that Ronni shows for Judaism in the classroom, the director's office and on the street is for real. Whether on the bima in front of the community or at home where no one can see, Ronni Charyn lives, breathes, and exudes passion for Jewish education.

These past seven years have seen the legacy of CJCRS grow and prosper. Our enrollment, achievements and diversity of activities has expanded under Ronni's leadership and through our partnership with the ISJL. While it is a bittersweet moment to see the tenure of "Director Ronni" come to an end in service of her new career as "Bubbe Ronni," I am comforted to know she leaves her post in a stronger and more secure place than she found it. Mazel Tov!

Jason Hillner

I feel very lucky to have had the opportunity to teach at CJCRS for the last five years under the leadership of Ronni Charyn. Ronni goes above and beyond to show that the Jewish community here is special in its ability to bring families together, while exploring and expanding each child's individual Jewish identity. Her ability to bring people together in a respectful and positive environment has been invaluable to me as a teacher and to my children as students at CJCRS. We will miss you.

Joanna Nash



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6:00 p.m. ~ Buffet Dinner

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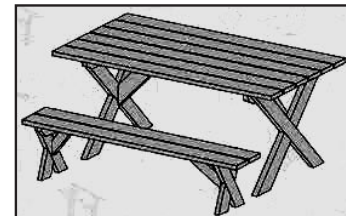
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You learned well from their example. Through your generosity of spirit and resources, you have continued the sacred work of repairing our world. You have fed the hungry, educated the young, uplifted the lonely, protected the persecuted, and cared for the elderly. You have fought for justice and fairness, or furthered scientific understanding. Whatever you have done, you have done with passion.

So how will you turn that passion into your legacy?

It's never too early to share your dreams and your passions with future generations. Call the Jewish Federation of Greater Chattanooga today.

Contact Michael Dzik, 504-5518; mdzik@jewishchattanooga.com to start a conversation about how you can join others in the *Create a Jewish Legacy* effort.

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By the Numbers

It's a statistically proven fact that women who carry a little extra weight around their midsection live longer than the men who mention it. (Source: Facebook)



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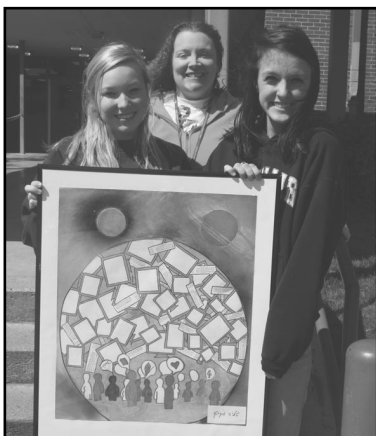
Your gift to the Annual Campaign enables the Federation to fund almost half of the operating costs of the CJCRS. Thank you!

Chattanooga Sister Cities



"Growing Relationships to Change the World"

The Sister Cities Association of Chattanooga is proud to be hosting an exhibit of posters from our Sister City of Givatayim, Israel. The posters are the winners of a competition sponsored by the International Lions Club. They have been exhibited at Ooltewah High School, Montessori School, McCallie School, CSLA, Hixson Middle School, CCA and East Ridge Elementary and will be in public locations in June and July (see below).



Left, *Ooltewah H.S. art student Allison Pruett, art teacher Carrie Cook and art student Madison Davis pose with 6th grade Israeli student Talya McKeiten's art.* Below, *7th grade art student Simeon Honeycutt examines two posters.*



When and where you can see the posters:

6/1-6/13 Balance Studio <http://www.thisisbalance.com>
6/14-6/28 Downtown Library 2nd Floor <http://teens.chattlibrary.org>
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MAZEL TOV

...to Alex Center, daughter of Channing & Trent Center, recipient of the Joan Haley Frierson Award.
 ...Rachel Raisin, daughter of Kathy & John Raisin, recipient of the Lisa Blake Award.

CONDOLENCES

...to family and friends of Marshall Eidex, who died on April 15, in Atlanta. Marshall was a longtime member of B'nai Zion.
 ...to family and friends of Stephen Goldstein, who passed away May 6, in Chattanooga.

Our heartfelt sympathies are extended to the bereaved.

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

SHALOM Y'ALL

The Jewish Federation welcomes...

..Matthew Spitalny, son of Neil and Cheri Spitalny, who recently moved back to Chattanooga. Matthew is a sales representative for State Industrial Products. He is a member of Mizpah and enjoys the outdoors, music, travel, and gardening.

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Grace Brody Bat Mitzvah



Grace Elise Brody will become a Bat Mitzvah on Saturday, August 16 at Mizpah Congregation at 10:30 a.m. She is the daughter of Dr. Kirk and Donna Brody, and the granddaughter of Robert "Buzz" and Sondra Brody of Knoxville, and Donald and Claudette Anderson of Kingsport, Tennessee. Grace's twin brothers, Griffin and Greer, are rising seniors at McCallie School.

Grace is a rising 8th grade honor student at Girls Preparatory School where she is Vice President of her class. She is very involved in the

drama department at GPS, and is a member of the GPS McCallie Blue Crew cheerleaders and the GPS McCallie Chorus.

Grace has held numerous supporting and lead roles in the GPS McCallie productions, and was a member of the cast of Les Miserables in 2012. She is currently serving as Pre-Teen Miss Scenic City with the Miss Tennessee Scholarship Organization, and also volunteers with

local pageants. She will be seen on the runway again this year during Chattanooga Fashion week.

Grace is a rising star in the performing arts field. She has spent the last 5 summers with the Atlanta Workshop Players and at Brenau University's acting camp. Last summer she was cast in her first film, *The Boy Scout*. She is signed with Erik Lingvall of The Acting Camp in Atlanta and Los Angeles, and will appear in an upcoming Hallmark movie.

The Brody family asks that you join them in celebrating as Grace becomes a Bat Mitzvah. Kiddush luncheon to follow.

Eva and Ross Binder B'nai Mitzvah



Evamaria Katherine Hodges Binder (Eva) and Robert Samuel Alexander Binder (Ross) will become a B'nai Mitzvah at B'nai Zion on June 14 at 9:30 a.m. Parents are David and Brenda Hodges Binder, grandparents are Claire Siskin Binder and Dr. Samuel Binder, (deceased) and Robert Lloyd and Evelyn Hodges (deceased). Eva and Ross have one brother, Eli.

Eva attends Normal Park Museum Magnet Upper School, has danced with Chattanooga Ballet for ten years, has just gone on pointe, and is in the Children's Company. In addition, she is a board diver and placed fourth in the 1 meter and fifth in the 3 meter in her age group in the 2013 AAU Springboard Diving Nationals. She earned her junior open water certification as a SCUBA diver in 2010. Eva enjoys conducting science experiments and spent spring break learning to write computer code. She participated in her first soap box derby in May 2014. Eva also excels at making desserts.

Eva will use her dance skills to lead the children at Siskin Children's Institute in movement classes this summer. She is thrilled for the opportunity to continue the family tradition of service to children with special needs.

Ross attends The McCallie School and has participated in scouting since first grade. He will soon earn his First Class ranks as a Boy Scout with Patrol 176 (a high adventure patrol) on Signal Mountain. Like Eva, he earned his junior open water SCUBA certification in 2010.

Ross enjoys computer games, robotics, climbing, and rappelling (he climbed the Walnut Street Bridge wall at age 4), canoeing, and BMX biking. B'nai Zion is teaming up with the Church of the Nazarene to host homeless families for a week through Family Promise of Chattanooga this June, and Ross will undergo training to prepare him to host with dignity and graciousness, to serve dinner, and to plan appropriate and engaging programming for the participating families.

Kiddush luncheon will be served after the service.



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HADASSAH

by *Judy Sachsman*
Past President

Sandy Tabakin chaired a very successful program on Human Trafficking at the JCC. Mary Frances Bowley, founder of Wellspring Living Atlanta, an organization fighting childhood sexual abuse and exploitation, and Dennis Miller of the GBI, spoke.

Beth Lowe hosted a Book Talk at Panera Bread Company on *The Chosen* by author Chaim Potok.

The National Convention will take place in Las Vegas July 21-4: Inspire; Imagine; Ignite. Contact Dana Waxler for more information. (706-820-4013).

Dana Banks and Ellyn Brooks, Donor Chairs, are arranging for the group Shir Harmony to perform at this special event. Volunteers who would like to assist with the donor event are encouraged to contact Dana (706-820-4013) or Ellyn.

Beverly Coulter has graciously offered to host a pool party at her home on Saturday, June 28, from 5-8. Beverages will be provided and guests are asked to contribute to a cold pot luck dinner: salads, light Italian food, and

desserts. Notify Sandy Tabakin if you are planning to attend so she can coordinate the meal (706)820-0123 or sandyjtab@gmail.com. Bring your own towel!

On July 13 at 12:30 p.m., Sandy will host a brunch at her home on Lookout Mountain. Please RSVP to Sandy (number above). Sandy will also host a "Novel-Tea" at her home on Sunday November 9 from 2-4 PM. See bottom of page for details.

Beautiful Hadassah certificates designed for every occasion are available for contributions to JNF environmental projects such as trees or water conservation, and new Hadassah Chai certificates start at \$18. Millie Lander is available to assist members with certificates and Paula Israel (706-935-3156) is now in charge of a wide assortment of Hadassah cards.

Current President of Chattanooga Hadassah Sandy Tabakin has just become a Founder, joining the ranks of Amelia Allen, Pris Siskin, Dana Waxler, and Fillis Frank (of beloved memory). Anyone interested in stepping up her contribution to the next level is encouraged to explore this option with Dana Waxler.

As newcomers arrive in Chattanooga, please bring them to Hadassah events so they can become part of this dedicated group. Cathryn Cohen and Julie Cowan have recently transferred their Hadassah membership to Chattanooga. Sadie Cowan, who recently celebrated her Bat Mitzvah, has been made a new Child Life member. Remember: every lifecycle event deserves the gift that endures: membership in Hadassah.



SAVE THE DATE
August 10 Hadassah donor event at
The group Shir Harmony (pictured at left) will entertain at the JCC.
Dinner at 6pm, entertainment at 7pm

Informational Program on Human Trafficking

(Below, left) *Mary Frances Bowley, founder of Wellspring Living Atlanta, and Dennis Miller of the GBI, discuss human trafficking along the I-75 corridor. Approximately 100 people were in attendance at the JCC.*



Left, Rikki Odineal, Elaine Winer, Carolyn Sherman, and Dana Banks attended program on human trafficking at the JCC.

Save the Date!
Sunday November 9, 2014
Novel-Tea
At the home of Hadassah President Sandy Tabakin
2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Book discussion of Marge Piercy's
Gone to Soldiers
Contact Cathryn at 423.847.3310, 423.637.0040 or cohenmarder@epbf.com for more info and to order your book.

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CONGREGATION NEWS



For Our Ancestors, For Us, For Our Descendants

Shavuot

An evening with different tracks of study interspersed with three courses of traditional Shavuot dairy fare. Starting at 6:00 p.m. there will be programs presented simultaneously each hour, with a break in between each program, where everyone comes together to eat and socialize. The program will feature PJ Library, baking, music, Israeli dancing, "For the love of Yiddish," and "The texts that guide our lives." We'll top it all off with "Your God shall be my God, your people, my people"--an intimate panel discussion of Jewish journeys. Attend any program that interests you on any track during the evening. Open to all. RSVP to the synagogue office: (423)894-8900.



June 4 – Shavuot Morning Services, 1st Day: 9:30 a.m.

June 5 – Shavuot Morning Services, 2nd Day: 9:30 a.m. Yizkor at 11:00 a.m. Following services, join us for lunch. Free of charge, but please RSVP to the office by May 30. **Babysitting is available on both June 4 & 5.**

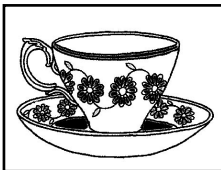


Monthly Bagels, Lox and Tefillin Minyan

Sunday, June 1, July 6 & August 3: 9:30 a.m.
Come for the praying and stay for the food!

Sisterhood Donor Tea

Sunday, June 1 at 2:00pm at the Hickory Creek Clubhouse. Delicious Delicacies, Door Prizes. Kindly RSVP to Marcia: 894-8900



B'nai Zion Annual Meeting Sunday, June 8, 10:00 a.m.
Please join us for the B'nai Zion Annual Meeting

Sisterhood presents: Murder at the Grand Gatsby Speakeasy

Sunday, June 22: 7:00 p.m. @ B'nai Zion



A murder mystery set in the roaring 20's! \$20 per person includes cocktails, dinner & dessert. Find out who the murderer is! Come and join the fun! Call or email for your reservation by June 9. 894-8900 or marcia@bzcongregation.com



Hot Dog Shabbat August 2. Shabbat Services begin at 9:45 a.m., Hot Dog lunch to follow Join us for an American salute to Hadas Peled, community Shliha, as she becomes a Bat Mitzvah!

USY on Wheels

Thurs., July 10 and Wed., July 30

USY on Wheels loves Chattanooga so much that they are coming back to B'nai Zion two times this summer! We are in need of 15-20 families to host 2 or more Wheelniks on Thursday night, July 10 and Wednesday night, July 30. USY on Wheels EAST is a 4 week bus tour of the United States for rising 9th graders. As part of the program, USY on Wheels uses home hospitality in communities all over the country. We ask for host families to provide a bed and breakfast. Please contact Jason Cathcart if your family can help: 894-8900 x103 or Jason@bzcongregation.com.



*Questions about Adult education?
Contact Jason Cathcart at Jason@bzcongregation.com.*

BZ Service Times

Minyan - Tuesdays & Fridays - 5:45 p.m.
Shabbat - Saturdays - 9:45 a.m. (unless otherwise noted)
Services are open to all. Visitors are welcome.

Erev Tisha b'Av Services

Monday, August 4 at 8:45 p.m. Help us commemorate the destruction of the First and Second Temples as well as other tragedies in Jewish history through prayer, chanting and introspection.



Thursdays: June 12 & 26; July 10 & 24; August 14 & 28: 12 p.m. @ BZ

In June and July we will continue our survey of the Jewish view of ethical issues. Starting in August, we will begin our preparation for the High Holy Days through study. RSVP for your tuna or egg salad sandwich to Marcia at B'nai Zion.

Beit Sefer Ivri and BZ Youth

Thank you to all of the students, parents, grandparents, siblings and supporters of the Beit Sefer Ivri here at B'nai Zion. It was a fantastic year of learning together. We look forward to many more opportunities to share Jewish knowledge.

Be sure to check in at our webpage: www.bsiednotes.blogspot.com. Starting July 1 you will be able to find the 2014/2015 registration form, calendar of classes, Youth Group information and more!



Beit Sefer Ivri Resumes on August 20 at 4:30pm!

Have a great summer!



Be sure and visit our blog at bsiednotes.blogspot.com. It is open 24/6 (please don't visit on Shabbat). There is a link to our online registration, a current calendar of our school activities, schedules of classes, resources for upcoming holidays, Youth group information and more! Don't forget our Ashrei Society and Kiddush Society pages.

For more information about Hebrew School or upcoming youth events, please contact Jason Cathcart 894-8900 x103 or jason@bzcongregation.com.

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CONGREGATION NEWS



by Richard Zachary

Mizpah Shabbat Worship and Study Schedule

JUNE WORSHIP-STUDY SCHEDULE

June 3	6:00 pm-10:00 pm	Mizpah and B'nai Zion <i>Tikkun Leyl Shavuot</i> Traditional <i>Erev Shavuot</i> Learning Program held this year at B'nai Zion
June 3, 10, 17, 24	7:30 am	Early Morning Study with Rabbi Bill S. Tepper
June 4	11:00 am	Shavuot Service with Yizkor
June 6, 13, 27	5:45/6:15pm	Oneg Shabbat/Kabbala Shabbat Service
June 6	7:30 pm	First Friday <i>Shabbat</i> Dinner
June 7, 14	9:00 am	Torah Study w/ Breakfast
21, 28	11:00 am	Shabbat Service with Recitation of Torah and Haftarah
June 20	5:45 pm	Oneg Shabbat
	6:15 pm	<i>Shabbat Shirim</i> : Shabbat of Song
June 27	4:00 pm	Rabbi Tepper visits Hickory Valley Retirement Residence for Shabbat

JULY/AUGUST WORSHIP-STUDY SCHEDULE

The following is an abbreviated outline of ongoing worship and study opportunities at Mizpah. Please call the Temple at 267-9771 for any questions; schedule subject to change.

Tuesdays	7:30 am	Early Morning Study with Rabbi Bill S. Tepper
Wednesdays	12:00 noon	Discussion Group with Rabbi Bill S. Tepper
Fridays	5:45 pm/ 6:15	Oneg <i>Shabbat</i> and <i>Kabbalat Shabbat</i> Services (First Friday <i>Shabbat</i> Dinner on July 4 th and August 1)
<i>Shabbat Shirim</i> – Sabbath of Song		3 rd Shabbat each month
Saturdays	9:00 am	Torah Study preceded by bagels and lox nosh
	11:00 am	<i>Shabbat</i> Services with Torah and Haftarah reading

Early Morning Study Sessions continues through the summer months

Tuesdays from 7:30 to 8:30am

Join us for thought-provoking discussion, reading of texts and exploration of an array of Jewish subjects. Current topic: Anti-semitism. The coffee is always fresh and everyone is welcome!

Mizpah Academy

Todah Rabbah, Shalom and L'hitraot!

On Wednesday May 7, Mizpah Academy, our Hebrew Language Learning Program, concluded classes for the year with a festive "Café Ivrit," or "Hebrew Coffee House." Israeli music and decorations, delicious refreshments, a Hebrew menu, Hebrew-labeled items as well as Certificates of Achievement for each student were all part of our joyous celebration. We celebrated dedication, friendships and our commitment to enhancing our appreciation of Judaism's "first language." (see picture below)

Todah Rabbah - thank you so much - to our excellent students, their supportive parents and our devoted faculty. Thank you also to Mizpah staff members for helping this to happen. A healthy and happy summer to all! Shalom - goodbye until August - and L'hitraot - we will see you again!

Rabbi Bill S. Tepper



Student assistant Grace Brody with teacher June Collins (right)

Below, Rabbi Bill Tepper, singer Kim Criswell, Karen Diamond, and Oscar Kosarin, who was Kim's teacher and mentor at The Cincinnati Conservatory of Music.



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