What's Happening

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- JF&CS TOOLS FOR LIVING
- ATLANTA JEWISH FILM FESTIVAL
- ATLANTA JEWISH MUSIC FESTIVAL
- MARCUS JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER
- JEWISH FERTILITY FOUNDATION | ATLANTA
- HILLELS OF GEORGIA
- LIMMUD ATLANTA SOUTHEAST
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- JEWISH HOME LIFE COMMUNITIES

Congregation Or Hadash
Illuminate the Light from Within

Enlighten America™
B'nai Brith's annual ESSAY CONTEST
for 7th, 8th, & 9th grade students,
encourages respect and tolerance of our friends and neighbors' diverse religious beliefs and racial/cultural backgrounds.
Visit http://bit.ly/2020EnlightenAmerica-GA to learn how to enter this contest.
$ Prizes $ * Express Your Creativity * Sharpen Your Writing Skills
NEW this year – WINNERS for each grade level will be awarded
First-place: $350; Second-place: $250; Third-place: $150
All entries must be received by Friday, April 10, 2020.
Winners will be announced in mid May, 2020.
B'NAI B'RITH INTERNATIONAL
The 2020 Enlighten America Essay Contest
is a volunteer community service project brought to you
by the Achim/Gate City Lodge (Atlanta) of B'nai B'rith International.
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B'NAI B'RITH INTERNATIONAL

Achim–Gate City (Atlanta) Lodge

Invites YOU to Attend

"Tolerance, Equality, and Respect for All People"

and the Enlighten America™ Essay Contest

AWARDS CEREMONY

Sunday, May 17, 2020 - 3:00 to 4:30 pm

The Weber School

6751 Roswell Road, Atlanta GA, 30328

FREE Admission - RSVP on Eventbrite - Space Limited

https://enlightenamerica2020.eventbrite.com

Donations welcome at PayPal Giving Fund

https://www.paypal.com/us/fundraiser/charity/2410632

Guest Speaker: Dan Mariaschin, CEO of B'nai B'rith International

Daniel S. Mariaschin, B'nai B'rith International CEO

Dan Mariaschin is recognized globally for his depth and breadth of knowledge of today's issues and the history that has led us to this time.

As CEO, Mariaschin is the public face of B'nai B'rith, coordinating BBI's programs and policies on issues of concern to the Jewish community. Mariaschin publishes many op-ed articles each year, is called upon as an expert source by news organizations, chairs global panels and committees, and hosts a podcast.

Mariaschin meets with world leaders, seeking to advance human rights, protect the rights of Jewish communities worldwide, and promote better relations with the State of Israel.

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AJC ATLANTA JEWISH CONNECTOR www.atlantajewishconnector.com/organization/bnai-brith-achim-gate-city

AJC | Campus Affairs

The AJC Global Forum 2020 will be held June 14-17 in Berlin, Germany. The program includes a mixture of large plenary sessions featuring headline speakers and smaller breakout sessions designed to explore the key political, strategic, and social concerns affecting the future of world Jewry. At this unique gathering you will not only experience what it means to be a part of a global people, but also engage in meaningful advocacy to advance the well-being of the Jewish community.

The conference will feature a special, exclusive programming track for campus leaders. Participants will network with one another and develop advocacy and coalition-building skills in a unique international setting.

Applicants who are selected to participate in the campus leaders program will receive a discounted conference registration rate of $500, complimentary hotel accommodations, all meals during the conference, and a travel stipend. Students who do not require lodging during the conference will be able to register for only $250. Limited scholarships are available for students with demonstrated financial need. Please contact campus@ajc.org with any questions.

CLICK HERE TO Apply >>>

Sisterhood Centennial Donor Gala

Sunday, October 18, 2020 | 5 - 7 pm | Srochi Auditorium

A time to rejoice and remember!

The entire community is invited to celebrate 100 years of Sisterhood. Remember the days gone by with a retrospective video produced by Adam Hirsch and Jacob Ross. Experience a transformed Srochi Hall by Jim White Designs. Listen and dance to the music of the Jeni Michelson Band. Savor the delicious gourmet buffet of Annette Marcus Catering.

As part of the celebration, we will honor our past by appreciating the women who have been members of Sisterhood for at least fifty years.

Each family will receive a copy of our cookbook, *A Century of Sweets*!

Cost: $50 per person plus donor contribution

Register by Friday, October 9.

One Good Deed

Do you know any amazing men and women who are looking for a rewarding volunteer opportunity!? *Looking for volunteers!*

As a **One Good Deed** (a program of Aviv Older Adult Services at JF&CS) volunteer, you will make a life-long and lasting difference in another person's life, gain an incredible and rewarding friendship, and you can do it in a couple of hours a month!

You will be carefully matched with a senior who lives near where you live or work, who enjoys the same activities and has similar interests. You will be matched with the same individual, and will spend a few hours a month visiting with your friend to build a bond and friendship and provide companionship and support! One Good Deed volunteers have shopped for groceries, read mail to their visually impaired friends or taken their senior friend out for lunch, or even a concert! Our fantastic volunteers provide valuable companionship and enhance the quality of life for our incredible older adults!

Please call Sharon Spiegelman 404.274.2431 or Volunteer Coordinator Vivienne at 678.978.1249 vkurland@jfcsatl.org to learn more about how you can make a huge impact and gain a lifelong friendship along the way!

JUMPSPARK

STRONG WOMEN FELLOWSHIP

The **Strong Women Fellowship** is an empowering educational cohort providing Jewish teens in Atlanta with unparalleled access to strong women leaders, thinkers, and voices shaping the world we live in today. Each month teen participants will meet speakers, tour organizations, and engage in relevant learning that speaks to what it means to be a woman in our times, helps young people grapple with the obstacles they face, and prepares them to be the leaders they can be today and in the future.

2019-20 Topics include:
Finding Your Voice | Representation & Jewish Women of Color | Appreciation | Empowerment & Politics | Judaism & Our Bodies

NEW in 2019-20:

Community Groups
Debrief Strong Women speakers and form new friendships in your neighborhood!

Leadership Opportunities
2nd year members can become Peer Leaders of their neighborhood group with tailored training and mentorship.

Continued Cohort
2nd year fellows will have opportunities to grow and learn together, deepening the friendships they've built.

Learn more and apply at **jumpsparkatl.org/program/strong-women-fellowship**

Supported by Jewish Federation of Greater Atlanta | Jim Joseph Foundation Shimon ben Joseph | Jewish Women's Fund of Atlanta

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In the Fertility Buddies peer support program, we practice "relationship based support." The emphasis is on building a secure and trusting relationship. Being "held" emotionally is something that makes us feel loved and valued. Fertility Buddies are there, regularly and consistently and give the freedom and space to process your own experience. **They are not there to direct the experience or give advice**. This allows you to feel safe enough to take what you need from the relationship. Confidentiality is an important part of this relationship.

Click Here to Sign up today!

Fertility Buddies are:

paired up according to geography, style, needs, and preferences and trained by a licensed infertility therapist.

Additional Types of Fertility Buddies include:

Retired Fertility Clinic Nurse - navigating fertility clinics, medical questions
Retired Infertility Therapist - emotional support
Insurance Broker - assistance around insurance coverage
Intended Grandparents

EXPLORE JEWISH SCOUTING

It's time for Pack 1818 and Troop 1818 to recruit new Jewish scouts.

We are especially excited that we now have girls in our Pack.

If you have any questions about our group or suggestions on how we can reach more children, please contact:

Dyann Diamond, Troop 1818

770-518-3361 landline | dyannd@charter.net

Click the graphic for complete Troop 1818 Information!

PAL, Atlanta's only Jewish Big Brother/Big Sister Program

Little PALs are Jewish children between the ages of 5 and 17 who could benefit from a Jewish adult mentor. A Big PAL is a caring, Jewish, adult volunteer who mentors a child to help him/her grow and develop in new ways. Do you know of a child who could benefit from a Big PAL? Would you like to become a Big PAL to a child? To become a mentor please 'click' for more information or reach out to Andrea Appel at aappel@jfcsatl.org | 770.677.9390.

Year-Round Programs and Events

Click to check out all our events and programs at our Clayton campus and around the South East!

P J Library Welcomes All

What's a "typical Jewish family?" PJ Library understands that's not a simple question. According to Sarah Bernstein, Federation's Family Impact Associate, "Atlanta's PJ Library families live ITP and OTP. They come from at least seven different countries, speak many languages, and represent LGBTQ+, interracial and interfaith households." While free Jewish book subscriptions remain the centerpiece of the program, there's a growing focus in Atlanta on PJ Library as a community-building tool. Both PJ Library and PJ Baby create community programs that connect young Jewish families, right in their neighborhoods. Ana Rodriguez, who is a PJ Baby Connector in Smyrna/Vinings, exemplifies family diversity. Born in Guatemala, Ana is a Jew by choice and is married to Andrew. Together they are raising Melanie, who is now three. In her role as a PJ Baby Connector, Ana has met and befriended many Jewish families. "PJ Library has helped me to create a strong Jewish community around the area where we live. I'm finding Jewish friends for Melanie, and for me."

MJCCA Club J
AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAM

The MJCCA's Club J is an after-school program for children in Pre-K through 5th grade that runs from 2:30 pm to 6:00 pm. Club J provides transportation to the Marcus Jewish Community Center (MJCCA) from many DeKalb County public schools and most Jewish day schools each afternoon. Kids get a start on their homework, enjoy a healthy snack, and enjoy counselor-led activities including swimming, sports, cooking, arts and crafts, science, ropes course, rock wall, and more. Children in Club J who also participate in other MJCCA extracurricular activities like gymnastics, dance, fitness, tennis, and more, are provided transportation to and from these programs.

- Transportation provided from 13 area schools
- Flexible 3, 4, and 5-day options available
- New this year: sports, arts & crafts, drama and yoga specialists on staff

Atlanta Jewish Coalition for Literacy

NCJW
National Council of Jewish Women
Atlanta Section

Reading Tutors Needed

Do you have 30 minutes per week to spare during a school day?

Join our ranks of over 100 volunteers providing reading tutoring to students in Kindergarten through 3rd grade. NCJW will work to place you in one of 9 participating Title 1 elementary schools. No prior experience is necessary – we provide training and ongoing support with monthly lunch-and-learn sessions *throughout the year*.

For more information, please call the NCJW office at **404.843.9600**.

ALEF FUND WEBSITE OPEN FOR 2019

APPLICATIONS

There's never been a better time than now to support the ALEF Fund which allows Georgia tax payers to turn tax credits into scholarships for Jewish education. Thanks to legislation passed in the GA State Legislature, the $58M cap for education tax credit applications has been raised to $100M, redirecting even more state funds to the school(s) of your choice. In past years the state couldn't award the full tax credit for amounts pledged by donors because it received more than $105M in applications. This year, with the increase to the cap, we expect that Georgia will be able to meet more of the dollars pledged to the schools. Since 2008, ALEF has provided more than $28.3 million in scholarships for Jewish education – at virtually no cost to taxpayers. Learn more at www.aleffund.org, and reserve your 2019 tax credit now. If you're a first-time applicant, create your account and we'll do the rest. If you're a returning applicant, it's even easier. Questions? Contact the ALEF Fund Coordinator today.

Click to learn more and apply

NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR THE 2019 TAX YEAR!

Weinstein Hospice is looking for volunteers who live in the Dunwoody, Roswell and Alpharetta areas.

Weinstein HOSPICE

Do you have time to spend helping others?

Do you have a compassionate and caring heart, a nonjudgmental attitude and the willingness to make a difference in the lives of our patients and their families?

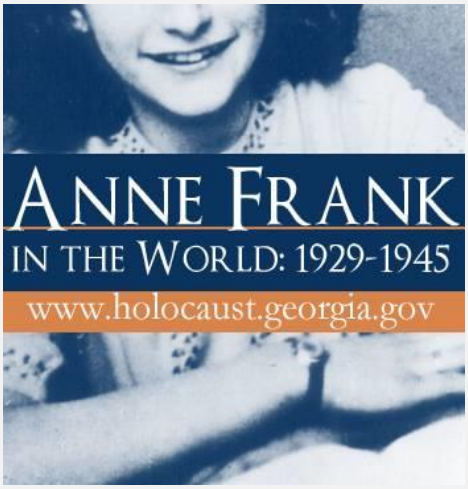
Weinstein Hospice provides volunteers with the training and tools needed to join the rest of the hospice team in providing the highest quality of services to families and the community.

To learn more call or email Jenifer Firestone, Volunteer Coordinator at

404-352-4308 x 293

jfirestone@weinsteinhospice.org

JEWISH HOME Life Communities



The Anne Frank in the World exhibit offers members of the community an opportunity for meaningful volunteer service. All volunteer service is documented and acknowledged by the Georgia Commission on the Holocaust. We currently have many volunteer opportunities available. To learn more and apply online click here. If you have questions about the program, please contact Sandra Craine, Education Coordinator for GA Commission on the Holocaust at 770.206.155.

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