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Keynote Speaker
Jewish Federation Campaign
Kick-off Brunch
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FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Giving – It's all in the Family

From my early years working at the Federation, I've never approached my job as "work." Yes, it's a job, and after 26 years, I guess you can call it a career! But for me it's become a passion – and more accurately, a lifestyle. Not many people have the opportunity to live and breathe – and raise a family – in such a Jewishly-immersed setting. It's not always easy, and my personality is one that I'm sometimes challenged to find the balance between work and home. Thankfully I have a supportive family – wife, kids, parents, and extended family – that has allowed the Dziks to thrive in our small Chattanooga Jewish shtetl.

I've never been one to shy away from asking someone to "join me" in financially supporting our Jewish Federation, or any organization that I feel passionate about. Making a financial investment builds a connectedness to the mission and organization. When you make a financial commitment to any organization, you're more likely to pay extra attention, participate, and volunteer. In the case of our Jewish Federation, we're supporting our entire community, our family.

When Vicki and Jason Cathcart were in Chattanooga (former Federation employee and B'nai Zion educator, respectively), they suggested we should encourage our youngest community members to make a financial investment in the Federation. What? How can a two-year old make a gift? I quickly realized the beauty of this idea, and I took it to heart.

For the past 15+ years, I made an annual campaign contribution to the Chattanooga Federation in my girls' names. I would talk to them about what the Federation does and why it was important (I think they already knew as it was part of their DNA and lifestyle as well.) As they got older they understood more about the depth and breadth of the Federation's impact. Sure, most years the money came from my pocket – occasionally from their Bat Mitzvah money or babysitting money. They were listed as individual donors to our campaign year after year, and they were proud to see their names. Many families continue to do this today. Why was this so important?

Simply put, it started a tradition of giving and helping others. They knew they were part of the community and felt a deeper connection, even as children. This year I have the unique opportunity to "ask" my children to participate in our Jewish Federation annual campaign. They have both chosen to live in Chattanooga as young adults, starting careers and families. Rachel is now married to Joseph and working as a Masters Social Worker; Rebecca has her cosmetology license and is working at a North Chattanooga salon. They are making their own money and setting their own courses.

It's been fun having these Federation conversations with my girls the past few weeks. Like you, they received the community letter and pledge card in the mail. We've talked about Israel; we've talked about social services. Both girls are getting involved in our young Jewish community, attending events and both are already making Jewish friends in

town. I'd like to think I've set an expectation to participate fully in the Jewish community – to work, play, volunteer, and yes, donate. I asked them to consider giving monthly. At the early stages of their adult lives, donating \$250 or \$500 isn't possible. But, they can consider \$10 a month (\$120 year) or \$25 a month (\$300 year). The actual dollar amount isn't the most important piece; it's that they "get it". They recognize that our Jewish community exists because everyone does their part. Their part may be smaller financially today; that will grow with time and experience. Meanwhile, they will grow, in and with our Jewish community. They will attend events and make friends. They will volunteer their time and participate. They will add value to our Jewish community.

I'm an incredibly fortunate person to be able to work in the Jewish community I grew up in myself; to raise a family in that same Jewish community. I know the investment I made in both my daughters was well worth it no matter where they would have landed. They would be good people, good Jewish community members. But now? I'm one proud and lucky dad who gets to "ask" his own investments to invest in our Chattanooga Jewish community. I ask both my girls - and all of you – to join me in investing in the Federation's annual campaign.

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Time of Renewal

As we transition from the warmth of summer to the crispness of fall (hopefully), it is a natural time to ponder and contemplate the year ahead. This period of reflection resonates deeply with me. Working in academia, my life is structured around the semester system, which starts anew every August.

August is also a pivotal month for our community. It marks the start of Aleph Bet classes, and the beginning of our Annual Campaign. These activities are more than just routine; they symbolize the continuous growth and revitalization of our community.

The beginning of Aleph Bet classes is a particularly exciting time. Education is at the heart of our community. It is through education that we pass on our traditions, values, and heritage to the next generation. When Aleph Bet classes commence, it represents a new beginning for our children and a reaffirmation of our commitment to Jewish education. The Annual Campaign is another cornerstone of our community's renewal process. This campaign is essential for funding the programs and services that support Jewish life in Chattanooga. It is a time for us to come together as a community and reaffirm our commitment to each other.

Mazel Tov to...

...Elliot Berz for being named one of the 20 Under 40 in Chatter Magazine.

...Rob Cowan who has been elected president of the Georgia Council of Municipal Court Judges.

...Dana Shavin who won third place in the national Professional Journalist Green Eyseshade Awards for humorist commentary.

...Rachel Pohl and Jesse Rosenthal on the birth of their son, Solomon Pohl Rosenthal on Aug 17, 2024. Little brother to Emmett.

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As we move into the fall season, I encourage each of us to take a moment to reflect on the past year and consider what we hope to achieve in the year ahead. Let us embrace this time of renewal with enthusiasm and optimism. Let us recommit to our values, our mission, and each other.

CONDOLENCES

We extend our sincere condolences to...

...the family and friends of Bobbie Craw, who died on August 12, 2024 at the age of 83. She is survived by her son, Ernest Craw.

...the family and friends of Diane Stoller, who died on August 9, 2024. She is predeceased by her husband, Michael Stoller. She is survived by her children Seth Stoller, and Dana Stoller and John Navin; siblings Bob (Bobby) and Jane Berz, Paul and Phyllis Berz, and Barry and Cheryl Stoller; Aunt of several nieces and nephews.

.....the family and friends of Irwin Koplan, who died on June 14, 2024 at the age of 87. He is predeceased by his wife Joann Jacqueline Berger-Koplan. He is survived by his brother, Alan Koplan; daughters Kara (Ruslan Tsukerman) and Heather Koplan; and grandson Asher Adrabi.

...the family and friends of Ina Longway, who died on June 25, 2024. She is predeceased in death by her husband, Milton Longway. She is survived by daughter Ruth Longway (Richard Zachary).

...the family and friends of Evelyn Tepper, who died on May 26, 2024 at the age of 92. She is survived by her children Rabbi Bill (Deborah) Tepper, Rhonda Tepper, and John Samuels; grandchildren Max, Sophie, and Madelyn; and Sister/Sister-in-law of Shelia and Alan Feldman.



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Annual Federation Campaign

Have you noticed the speed of life? I sure have! It's fast and gets faster each year. In fact, a University of Michigan study confirms this psychological perception. The reason is simple, and it can be summed up in one question. "Are we in the moment experiencing it, or are we looking backward on time?"

Last week Amy and I attended our first "parlor meeting" as campaign chairs. Marki Kaim and Dan Stubblefield were our gracious hosts, who opened their home to friends and campaign volunteers. As people arrived, I had an incredible flashback to when we moved to Chattanooga thirty-two years ago. This house was a home. A home filled with young families, good food, laughter, and the patter of little feet. I beamed with joy, as it brought back a flood of memories.

Amy, our fifteen-month-old daughter Amanda, and I had just moved from St. Louis. We were young professionals, first-time homeowners, and first-time parents. We didn't know a soul. Our closest family lived in Tulsa and Chicago. We were like fish out of water, but not for long. Amy had checked out the Federation and yes, there were in fact Jews in Tennessee. Within days, Pris and Robert Siskin had invited us to Star Night. Barbara Oxenhandler had dropped off a challah, candles, and wine. Merle Becker had given us a kiddush set for our new home, and Richard and Ruth Zachary had invited us to shabbat services.

We quickly learned that Chattanooga was very welcoming and that we could be as active in this Jewish community as we wanted. Nothing was holding us back.

Months later we would curate our new Jewish family, a community of friends with like-minded values, mutual goals, and shared experiences. It was only through a supportive Federation that this new family could create Mishpachot, a playgroup for our toddlers, and build a community-wide Sunday school (which is now Machanooga); one that would bridge our reform, conservative, and orthodox congregations together.

Aleph-Bet Children's Center would soon follow as our Mishpachot kids would grow into the next phase. I might also add, we are now attending weddings and sending baby gifts to our Mishpachot group's children's children. Life is fast.

This is just a snapshot of our early days in Chattanooga. Today our Federation is front and center fighting antisemitism in our community, bridging divides in the faith community, providing Mitzvah Meals and transportation to seniors, supporting nurse advocate visits and free of charge Medicare D reviews, hosting grief support groups, hosting Jewish themed day camps, film series, and lectures. In addition, our Federation hosts community annual events like July 4th, Chanukah, Yom HaShoah, Yom HaAtzma'ut, and Yom HaZikaron.

I've just mentioned some programs and events that make Chattanooga such a special place. However, without a strong Federation we could not be the vibrant Jewish Community that we are. Thirty-two years ago, I could never have dreamed that Chattanooga would be where Amy and I would raise our family and build our lives. Life is fast.

So back to the University of Michigan study. "Are we in the moment experiencing it, or are we looking backward on time?" Looking back, I am glad we engaged and invested in this community. Looking forward, I see a whole new generation like Marki and Dan with hopes and dreams to keep our Chattanooga Jewish Community strong. It's truly "L' dor Va-Dor", from generation to generation.

If you have given to our annual Federation campaign, we are so thankful. If you haven't contributed yet, please consider looking forward by contributing. Look forward to the community you will sustain. Life is fast. Don't let it pass us by. Oh, and Jake Balser, the editor of this magazine and Federation Communications Manager, was one of our Mishpachot kids many years ago. Way to go Jake-y!



FROM THE SOCIAL SERVICES DIRECTOR

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EVENTS

As I write this, we have just finished week 2 of Grown-Up Summer Camp. I don't know about the campers, but I am exhausted! During the two weeks of camp, we danced to the oldies, did some activities that some had never attempted (Tie Dye!), and learned some facts from the 1950s to the 1980s! For instance, we learned that the famous dairy farm that hosted Woodstock, the music festival in the 1960s, was owned by a Jewish immigrant family, the Yagurs. We had a blast traveling back in time, and enjoying decade-specific food (Tang and TV dinners while watching "I Love Lucy" are just a few examples). I hope everyone who participated in our grown-up summer camp has recovered. If you missed it, consider joining us for future events similar to grown-up summer camp! Lastly, I am so grateful for the collaboration among the staff here who work as a team to bring excellent experiences to the community; Camp couldn't have happened without their support.

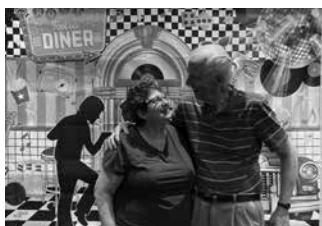
Speaking of experiences, with all the world events and political issues approaching, including the upcoming elections, Dawn and I hope to give you some opportunities for mental respite. We have

TWO "Supportive Sit Downs" scheduled at the JCC; one this month and one in November; this is a time for you to come to a safe space to discuss world events that affect you, facilitated by our very own Marki Kaim. We are resuming our weekly "Walk Chattanooga" this month, a chance to explore parts of Chattanooga that you may not have experienced before--this is a great opportunity to address both your physical and mental health. We've been known to have a spontaneous lunch after the walk too! We hope to have a possible outing to a local-ish apple orchard, and if we can find a good date, another "Friendsgiving" gathering. We are also working on our annual training for Medicare D reviews; Stay tuned for that.

As always, please don't hesitate to reach out if you need anything! Dawn and I would love to meet with you at your home, at a restaurant for lunch or coffee, or we can meet with you here at the JCC. Phone calls, emails, or a Zoom session are also easy options! Stay well.

Grief Gathering will meet on the following dates (Friday) at 12:00 @ JCC:
Sept 6, Oct 11, Nov 8, Dec 13

ADULT SUMMER CAMP





FROM THE PROGRAM DIRECTOR

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The Connective Tissue That Binds Us

From time to time I visit Ray Bassett at WUTC, 88.1, to record segments for his show Scenic Roots. I've been there recently talking about Nosh-A-Nooga. We chatted about all the different recipes that came from home cooks to how the event would be structured. He learned about food that he had never heard of before and received a copy of all the definitions, which he posted on their website. We talked, and I praised the amazing volunteers who helped with the event. From prep work, cooking and baking, to selling tickets and clean-up...this event was a feat that could only be possible with the help of volunteers. Randi Weiss chaired the Nosh-A-Nooga volunteers, made 100 challahs, and worked diligently to make the event a success.

And then Ray began to tease me.....why is this the summer of food? Ray was referring to the fact that David Cook, journalist, educator, wannabe farmer, and former columnist at the Chattanooga Times Free Press, co-founder and main writer of Food as a Verb, had been in recently with me to talk about the exhibit at the Jewish Cultural Center which will open on Sept. 8. And yes, this summer I have been obsessed with planning about ways to talk about Jewish culture through food, and to share that obsession in the greater community all the while using food as a way to connect us.

The exhibit, Food for Thought, is in partnership with Food as a Verb, a media business devoted to telling the stories — agrarian, delightful, spiritual, and gutsy stories — of local food in all its forms. David says "stories feed people," and "food is a connective tissue between us." In soliciting artists to participate, I searched throughout the wider community for diversity that would complement quotes from stories produced by Food as a Verb. Great quotes such as: "Feel it. Feel what they are doing. Feel the wind" and "You could lay all your burdens down and dine together." These really inspired me. Along with the quotes, by using your phone, you will be able to enter into each of the stories they came from. The exhibit will be up for the Community Brunch Kick-Off event on Sept. 8th and run through Dec. 20. A community reception for the new exhibit Food for Thought will take place on Wednesday, Sept. 25 at 5:30 p.m.

Yes, more food. Andy Hodes has been working hard

to prepare Men's Night for Thursday, Sept. 19. I received a sneak peak at his mother's recipe for the night's chicken dish. Wow! It looks amazing, and it reminds me of David Cook's quote "You could lay all your burdens down and dine together." What a great way to socialize.

I really like the concept of the Federation being one of the ways to be the connective tissue that binds us through cultural activities. The Chattanooga Jewish Film Series is one of those cultural activities that both binds the Jewish community together as well as shares the Jewish culture with others. The committee is hard at work previewing and selecting films for January's documentary film series. Recently the Film Series Committee Chair, after years of amazing service and willingness to step in whenever asked, has stepped down from the committee. Thank you, Stephen Black for all you have done. Michael Hanan has been added to the committee.

What does it take for the Federation to be the connective tissue between us? You. I hope to see you at Federation events.



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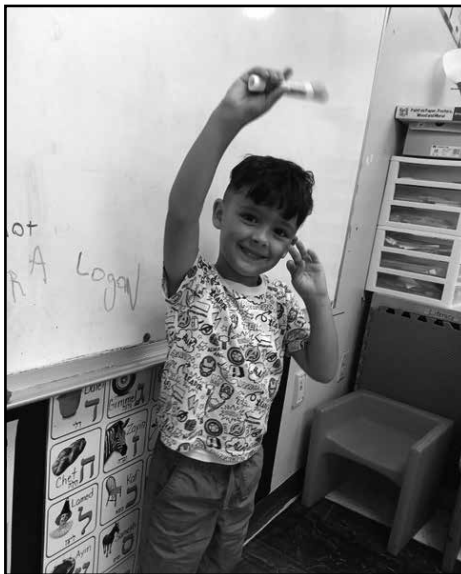
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WELCOME BACK EVERYONE!

Summer at Aleph Bet was a very happy time, full of laughing, learning, and fun in the sun! We had visits from the Chattanooga Zoo and the Hamilton County Public Library. We played in the water, and launched rockets to the moon. And now we are at my very favorite time of year, back to school! We have welcomed back many students, and have some new faces just starting back here. We do still have spots available, if you know of anyone looking for high quality, loving childcare in the Chattanooga area.

A new school year is an invitation for new beginnings, and we would love for you to be a part of all that is happening here at Aleph Bet. We always welcome volunteers to come in and be a part of the fun! We would love to have guest readers, volunteers to help with crafts or activities, and with the high holidays coming up sooner than it seems possible, we would love to have help planning our celebrations.

On a personal note, thank you so much to our wonderful community for a wonderful first year at Aleph Bet. It has been such a joy to be here, and I am looking forward to lots more to come!





Ofer Musan Federation

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My Summer Visit to Israel

This summer I went back to Israel for three weeks. It was important to me to go both personally and professionally. I knew a lot had changed since I came to Chattanooga almost a year ago such as the war continuing, friends' lives changing, and of course Israel's temperament.

One of the most important things I wanted to do is to go to Hostages Square in Tel-Aviv. I'd been there during my short visit back last winter, and it had a huge effect on me. Last time I was there in the middle of the night, and this time I wanted to be there during the day. When I got there a group of French Jewish teenagers were standing around a big piano and singing. It was heartwarming to see and hear them. I also walked by a group of people sitting together, some secular, some religious, talking about how the war affected their lives, about their family members who died or were kidnapped, and how they left their houses on October 7th, and are still waiting to go back.



A funny moment happened when I bought a hostages t-shirt. The woman who stood at the booth started speaking in English. We started talking and we figured out that she was originally from New Jersey, and she moved to Israel a week before October 7th, a day before I moved to Chattanooga. Moreover, we figured out that she is also a Persian Jew, like me and my mother's family, and that her family lived in a nearby village close to where my family used to live. It is a small Jewish world.



I continued walking by the exhibits around the square, and some of them have started to get old. Some of them are all new. One that caught my attention was the tunnel that was built in the square that looks like a Hamas tunnel. I walked for another minute and it felt real and scary. The second exhibit that affected me was the chained heart one. It got me mostly because of the short poem that was written with it:

"One giant heart,
in chains, tightly bound,
almost suffocated.
It weeps with sorrow,
aching deep.
Yet it beats,
bravely beats"

"לב אחד ענק,
בבול,
כמעט נחנק.
הוא עצוב,
הוא כואב,
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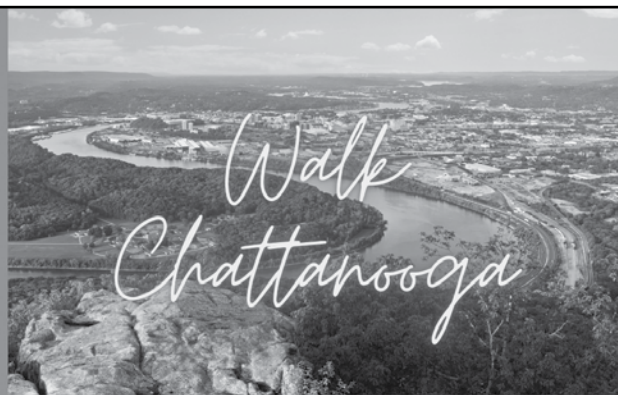
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Wow! Thank you to the entire Chattanooga community for coming out and noshing with us! You all made this event a success! We believe there were around 1000 attendees.

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Dr Steinberg was also a Charles H. Revson Foundation Fellow at the Jack, Joseph and Morton Mandel Center for Advance Holocaust Studies at the United States Holocaust Memorial and Museum. He moved with his family to Chattanooga in 1996 and has been a member of Mizpah Congregation ever since.

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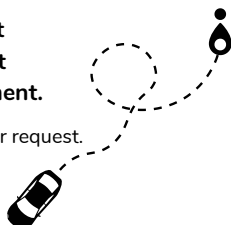
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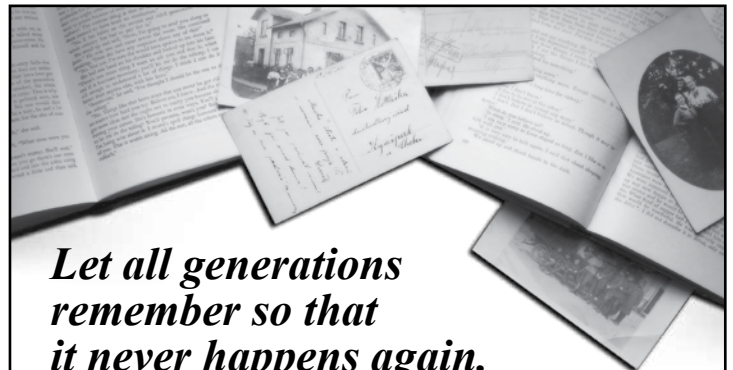
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YOUNG JEWISH LEADERSHIP IN THE SUMMER



MIDDLE CHAI GROUP

Our Middle Chai (40ish-60ish) group is having a lot of fun! Thanks to Rob Lowe and Erica Newman for organizing these group gatherings!



JEWISH FILM SERIES

The summer series successfully piloted in-person screenings on Sunday afternoons while keeping virtual screenings. The total viewings exceeded previous years. Michael Hanan has joined the committee. We thank Stephen Black for his service on the committee. He has stepped down from the committee and as Chair. The Jewish Documentary Film Series will take place in January. In-person screenings will be on Sundays at 3pm.

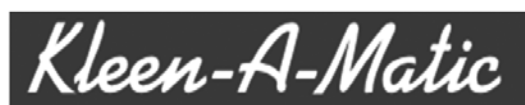
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Mizpah CONGREGATION 2024 HIGH HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

September 28, Saturday	Selichot - In Sanctuary	6:30 PM
October 2, Wednesday	Erev Rosh Hashanah - Children's Service In Kindertransport Chapel	6:00 PM
	Erev Rosh Hashanah - Board Oneg to Follow	7:30 PM
October 3, Thursday	Rosh Hashanah Morning Service	10:00 AM
	Tashlich - Hubert Frye Center	5:00 PM
October 6, Sunday	Kever Avot Service at Mizpah Cemetery	11:00 AM
October 11, Friday	Kol Nidre - Erev Yom Kippur - Children In Kindertransport Chapel	6:00 PM
	Kol Nidre - Erev Yom Kippur	7:30 PM
October 12, Saturday	Yom Kippur:	
	Morning Service	10:00 AM
	Adult Discussion	12:30 PM
	Teen Discussion w/Marissa	12:30 PM
	Afternoon Service	2:00 PM
	Yizkor - with Book of Remembrance	4:00 PM
	Closing Service	5:00 PM
	Break-the-Fast to Follow	
October 13, Sunday	Build Sukkah in Garden	9:00 AM
October 18, Friday	Tot Shabbat - in Sukkah	5:15 PM
	Shirei Shalom - In Sukkah (Sushi to Follow)	6:00 PM
October 25, Friday	Simchat Torah - Children	5:00 PM
	Simchat Torah - All	6:00 PM



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SEPTEMBER 6, 2024

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ADULT NON-MEMBERS: \$15*

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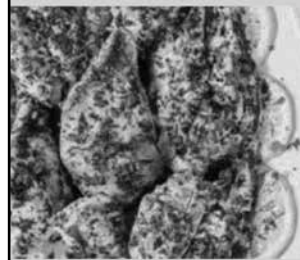
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High Holy Days

NEEDED:

High Holy Days readers, all services.
Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur
Please TEXT Richard Zachary
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MIZPAH TORAH STUDY

9:15 am Shabbat

Bagels and lox prior - Mizpah Feinstein Hall

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September 20th

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High Holy Days Schedule



Sept 28 8:00 PM	Selichot Musical Selichot & Havdalah	Oct 12 10:00 AM 10:15 AM 11:00 AM 11:45 AM 4:30 PM	Yom Kippur Morning Service Babies & Toddlers Program Children's Program (6yrs and up) Yizkor Service Mincha Text Study Special Reading: Chapter 116 from The Count of Monte Cristo	Oct 20 5:30 PM	Men's Club in the Sukkah Steak, Scotch, & Torah Study RSVP Required
Oct 2 6:00 PM	Erev Rosh Hashanah Maariv Service Via Zoom Only	Oct 13 6:15 PM 7:00 PM 7:00 PM 7:47 PM	Sukkot II Morning Service Babies & Toddlers Program Children's Program Appx. Blowing of Shofar	Oct 24 9:45 AM 11:00 AM 5:00 PM 6:00 PM	Shemini Atzeret/Simchat Torah Morning Service Appx. Beginning of Yizkor Service Children's Simchat Torah Party Community Simchat Torah Celebration
Oct 3 9:00 AM 9:00 AM 10:15 AM 10:45 AM	Rosh Hashanah I Morning Service Babies & Toddlers Program Children's Program Appx. Blowing of Shofar	Oct 17 9:45 AM	Sukkot I Morning Service	Oct 25 9:45 AM	Simchat Torah Morning Service
Oct 4 9:00 AM 10:45 AM	Rosh Hashanah II Morning Service Appx. Blowing of Shofar	Oct 18 9:45 AM 5:30 PM	Sukkot II Morning Service Family Shabbat in the Sukkah		
Oct 6 11:00 AM	Kever Avot Kever Avot BZ Cemetery	Oct 19 9:45 AM 12:15 PM	Shabbat Sukkot Morning Service Lunch & Learn in the Sukkah		
Oct 11 6:45 PM	Kol Nidre Kol Nidre				



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BRAINERD FOOD PANTRY

Hadassah started off its fall events by assisting with the Federation project to pack toiletries as a "Back to School" gift to clients of the Brainerd Food Pantry.



MAH JONGG AND MARGARITAS

Upcoming chapter programs for this fall will include the ever-popular Margaritas and Mah Jongg on Sunday, Sept. 22. This annual event will be an excuse to celebrate Chattanooga's National Vice President Dana Waxler with a margarita toast!

HIGH HOLIDAY CARD

Kathy Kessler and Millie Lander have been working on the Chattanooga High Holiday Card, which will be mailed in September. Thank you to everyone who has supported this fundraiser as a way to wish the community "L'Shanah Tovah." Anyone who has not sent in their support can still submit it. Next year in Jerusalem, 5785.

FOLLOW YOUR HEART TO NASHVILLE

"Follow Your Heart to Nashville" is the theme of the Supersouth TriRegion Conference Nov. 8-10, 2024. Registration information is now available. Save this date for an amazing experience that is so accessible to Chattanoogaans.



Dana Waxler

Dana Waxler was elected by the National Assembly at Hadassah's National Business meeting as a National Vice President of Hadassah, the Women's Zionist Organization of America. Dana is a member of Hadassah's Chattanooga chapter and sits on the board of Hadassah Southern Region. She is a Hadassah National board member, National Co-chair of Annual Giving, National Associates Chair, Liaison for Member Impact and Giving department, and sits on the Ethics Committee. Among the many other positions Dana has held are president of the Chattanooga Chapter, President of the Southern Region, and President of the Chattanooga American Institute of Architects. Dana and her husband Richard were recently honored with the Myrtle Wreath award at the Chattanooga Donor event. She is the second generation of a four-generation family of Hadassah life members.



Annual Giving enables Hadassah to provide ongoing reliable funds for its many projects such as: Hadassah Medical Organization, which supports saving lives, healing, research, and cutting edge medicine at its two Jerusalem hospitals; Youth Aliyah, which educates and nurtures children at risk; and Young Judaea scholarships, which enables children to attend camp and young adults to spend a "gap" year in Israel.

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