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FROM THE PRESIDENT AND CEO

Volunteers

There is a famous quote from the 1970's that is attributed to Israeli Prime Minister Golda Meir. She said something to the effect of: "I am the Prime Minister of 3 million prime ministers". In the past I've joked that I am the President and CEO of 1,700 other Chattanooga Jewish community Presidents and CEOs! Anyway, Golda's point was that every citizen of the state of Israel was a vocal and influential piece of the Israeli citizenry; that every citizen had their own opinions on what was best for the country and they were not afraid to share that opinion. I absolutely love this quote! In a sense it defines the Jewish community, right? We all have input into our Jewish community and want to be heard.

I'm not suggesting that the Federation is like a country. But, I am saying that every Jewish community member has a role; they have access to input, suggestions, criticism, and most importantly, volunteerism.

A few weeks ago our community elected a new board of directors for the Jewish Federation. As you know the Federation board is a volunteer board. The board has fiduciary responsibilities as well as sets the vision and direction for our entire Jewish community. I hope you'll find this is a diverse cross-section of our Jewish community: by gender and age; by being members or not of our congregations; by having young kids, no kids, or grown kids. You get the picture. It is our goal that the board of directors each have unique skill sets AND perspectives.

But there is much more to the Federation than just the board. In fact, I think it is equally important, maybe even more important, to have active and engaged volunteer committees as well. The Federation is a volunteer driven organization, and it can only thrive when volunteers are working with the staff. While the board tends to look at the big picture, a 30,000 foot view per se, it's the committee volunteers who drive the programs, services, and the more short-term operations of the Federation. Many of the ideas for programming come directly from you, the community.

For example, Randi Weiss came to the Federation

wanting to explore the idea of a Jewish food festival. We investigated the idea and brought in a few additional interested volunteers. We spoke with other communities on how their food festivals worked. Once we had a good idea of the scope of what a Chattanooga food festival could look like, we were off and running!

This past fall we held an old-school parlor meeting for our younger families and community members. Some great ideas came out from that brunch meeting, and a volunteer, Angela Conn, helped us head up a family survey. Just two months ago was the first of many young family dinner events. The next is scheduled around Tu B'shvat. Meanwhile, Angela continues to recruit other volunteers to be part of this new program initiative.

The Federation is always seeking community volunteers to help fulfill our mission. Sometimes people choose to be on a committee, having a broad interest in that committee's goals. Other times a person comes to us with an idea and we explore it together. And yes, sometimes ideas come directly from our board members. The point is this – we're looking to meet the needs of everyone in our Jewish community and that requires guidance, ideas, input, and volunteer hours from the Jewish community. And, having that input from the board, existing committees, or soon-to-be volunteers is how we make things happen.

Have an idea to help improve our Jewish community? Is there something the Federation is already doing but could use a little tweak or could be improved? That's where you come in! I look forward to hearing your ideas and seeing you soon at many upcoming events.

Michael Dzik

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FROM THE BOARD CHAIR

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The Start of the Calendar Year – New Perspectives

For the past four years, Jan and I have travelled over the new year.

It is interesting to be outside of the country at this time of the year and to come back to Chattanooga with a renewed sense of commitment to the Federation. I say renewed because our travels always reveal to us that global conflict is extensive and that it is important to back the work of our Federation because it not only supports our community in Chattanooga but also because it is part of a national network that helps Jewish communities throughout the globe.

When I first came to Chattanooga, I did not know what the Federation did. Like many, I associated the Federation with the JCC, which I knew from living in Florida that it had many social and gym facilities. To a large degree, my early association with the Federation in Chattanooga was just going to programs that interested me. It was only years later that I learned how much the Federation did in the local community that supported those in need (social services, meals, and transportation) and help the community thrive (Aleph Bet, the Shlichim program, and annual events like Chai Night, the 4th of July celebration, and Chanukah candle lighting). And it was years later that I learned how much our local Federation supported through the national Federation network efforts to aid Jewish communities around the globe to help them thrive.

I mention the above because I think we have reached a crossroads in how the Federation operates. As a "senior" member of the Board, I had to first learn fully about all the activities and programming the Federation supports but also to understand fully what our local community needs and wants from the Federation. I see a parallel in professional life as a college professor to my role as Board Chair. As a professor, I have seen my teaching going from being the expert who delivered knowledge in a one-way flow, to sharing knowledge in two-way flows that aligned better with how students learned. As Board Chair, I have seen my leadership going from thinking my role was continuing our successful programming in a one-way flow to working with leaders of our younger community to develop more

programming with two-way flow. One small example of two-way flow is listening to younger members of our community request events like our campaign kickoff start earlier with activities for their children so that they could attend this event. Another example is allocating unrestricted budget dollars to the programming committee so that they could make decisions without needing to go to the full board for approval. I realize that these might seem like small decisions, but they represent a start in the process of listening to all members of our community to understand how to best serve everyone's needs.

If you want to be involved in creating more two-way flow in our programming, let us know. If you want to address the Board, let me know and I will get you on the agenda. And of course, you can let Michael or Ann directly know of your idea.

Best regards and a belated Happy New Year!
KG

CONDOLENCES

We extend our sincere condolences to...

...the friends and family of Sanford Winer, who died on December 31, 2024. Sanford is survived by his wife, Elaine; son and daughter-in-law Art Winer and Mallory McCreary; daughter and son-in-law Barbara Winer and Scott Schenberg; granddaughter Lyra Winer; sister Lois Kiselik; sister and brother-in-law Minna Ree and Eddie Miranne; many nieces, nephews, and greats.

...the friends and family of Robert Levine, who died on December 24, 2004 in Israel. He is the son of Charles and Miriam Levine.

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FROM THE CHIEF IMPACT OFFICER

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It's A Family Affair

I've been thinking a lot about family. I have been my biological family's matriarch for over 25 years now. My sisters and I have each formed our own biological nuclear families, each in a different state, and rarely getting to see each other. I have twelve first cousins. A few of us talk often. Others only interact on Facebook if at all. All of us have developed non-biological, unique families which surround us in special ways with different interests.

My family consists of fur babies (two dogs right now), all nine past shlichim, strangely several forest creatures whose life cycles I track, and close friends in addition to my husband and son. I know when someone is family when I can celebrate their successes and be heartbroken at their challenges or loss. Family of any kind takes a little bit of work from time to time.

Federation has different ways for you to be part of our family. All of us are watching as part of our Israeli family navigates the world after Oct. 7, 2023. To that end, three of our Partnership Together (P2G) family members will be in Chattanooga on February 25 and 26. (See back page) They will tell us how our Israeli family is doing during these times. Ofer Musan, shaliach/cultural emissary, will continue with his Hot Topics informal conversations about what is going on in Israel. Reach out to him if there is a specific topic you would like him to cover.

Young families here in Chattanooga are encouraged to participate in a Family Dinner on Feb. 11 spearheaded by Angela Rose. Angela is working to bring families with young children to the Federation every other month for dinner and a craft activity.

Come to various programs to join family activities. It makes me smile to see how the folks attending Chair Wellness on Mondays have bonded. Or, how the Film Series committee members tease each other about their differences. And, at Foreign Policy Supper Club the difference in politics remains respectful.

No one has ever said that family means you have to agree on everything all the time. In fact a good,

respectful family discussion means growth for all those involved and a bond of caring. Federation is a place to meet family.

TRIBUTE TO SANFORD WINER

Michael Dzik and I have an agreement: Everyone can great ideas, but we only have the resources to act on those ideas in which a passionate person is willing to be responsible and committed to take the actions needed to make that idea a reality.



Sanford walked in and asked about a Film Series, something I had wanted for years. Little did I know then that we would be completing our 17th series together this year. The Series has grown from four feature films to ten weeks of feature and documentary films, and a dedicated committee with various perspectives.

We weathered dealing with distributors, escalating costs, purchasing chairs and black-out curtains, finding suitable technology (screen/projector), adding a committee, going virtual during Covid and navigating post-Covid audience development, always reexamining our purpose and goals....and always keeping our audience and content in mind. Smiling – we also weathered having significant difference of opinion on many topics, sometimes needing Michael to step in.

Through it all, we found a bond of respect and friendship. I will miss your ledger sheets for tracking films and costs. But mostly I will miss your wisdom and friendship. Sanford Winer, of blessed memory.



FROM THE SOCIAL SERVICES DIRECTOR

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Expectations

I was hoping to be able to share with you all the highlights from my trip to Israel, but unfortunately, we have to submit our articles before we even depart. So instead of telling you my experience, I'll share my expectations!

I expect to be educated

I have always enjoyed learning about other cultures. Physically being in places I have only read or heard about will give me a tangible understanding, especially since my learning style is "hands-on". This trip will provide a deeper perspective of the culture and traditions of Israel.

I expect to be emotional

The attacks and violence that have taken place in Israel will weigh heavily on my heart. As someone who has experienced an unexpected loss, I am so sad for the families and communities who are grieving the loss of their beloved person or who are living in turmoil not knowing the fate of their loved ones. I can imagine this pain is even more complex with the anger that may be present.

I expect to be enamored

I have heard of the beauty of Israel- The Land of Milk and Honey! I am extremely excited about authentic Middle Eastern food. I'm a little sad I won't be able to float in the Dead Sea, but perhaps next time!

I expect to be exhausted

Our itinerary is packed. I know we will be doing a lot of walking. Jet lag hits differently than it did when we lived overseas in 2016 and I was 10 years younger! Just flying from Tennessee to the West Coast wears me out for a few days. I still function, but not at 100%!

I expect to return to you with renewed passion to help you continue living your best life. As a matter of fact, here is some information about an upcoming event that Jennifer, our Community Nurse Advocate, has put together:

Don't let a fall slow you down!

Preventing falls does not make you old! Falls are the leading cause of injury in adults over 65. Taking steps to prevent a fall is a proactive measure to maintain safety and independence. Join us for a fun "Lunch & Learn" on Monday, Feb. 24. We will start with a

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February in Israel

Although February is shorter than any other month, it holds so many events that were significant and shaped Israel's history. One of the most well-known moments happened on Feb. 2, 1997. Two IDF helicopters crashed into one another on their way to Lebanon. This is known in Israel as "The Helicopters Disaster," and all 73 soldiers and officers died due to the crash.

A crazy event happened Feb. 5, 1950, when snow came down on most of the State of Israel, including Tel-Aviv. It has never happened again. In the U.S., snow is considered just a regular winter day, but in Israel, this day is known as "The Snow Day of 1950." Growing up I remember my uncle telling us stories about that day. He and some of his friends collected the snow to keep, but they did not refrigerate or freeze it. It melted a few days later.

A major event in my personal life happened in Feb. of the year 2008. I grew up in the city of Ramat-Gan, which was famous for a lot of things. One thing was known about it more than anything, the "Elite Chocolate" factory. My bedroom window was about 200 yards away from the factory's chimneys. I remember the smell of chocolate in everything, food, drinks, books, everything smelled like chocolate. In Feb. of 2008, the factory moved up north, and after a few months, the smell was gone. I found out that not everything is supposed to smell like chocolate 24/7.



The Old "Elite Chocolate" Factory

A well-known event by almost every Israeli is the Space Shuttle Columbia disaster. On the Columbia that day, was the first Israeli astronaut, Ilan Ramon. He was one of the most famous people in Israel at the time, to the point that costume shops were selling Ilan Ramon costumes for Purim, even before the disaster. His space flight was the main headline in every newspaper and news channel for many days. I remember that on Saturday, just a few days before the disaster, they played a famous Israeli song in the shuttle with lyrics that say "Can you hear my voice, my beloved that is far away? Can you hear my voice, wherever you are?" He had a phone call with then Israeli Prime Minister, Ariel Sharon. It was broadcast

live on almost every television channel. Then the disaster happened. I remember watching the television broadcast. The clock was counting down to zero, the silence when nothing happened, and the sadness when the broadcaster figured out they would never come back. Since then, that song became part of our story in Israel. Ramon, the brave air-force pilot who was one of the pilots who attacked the nuclear site in Iraq, died in that disaster. A few years later, his son, also a pilot, died in a plane crash while training in southern Israel.



Ilan Ramon

Several important figures in Israel's history were born in the month of February. Like Aba Eban, the founder of modern Israeli diplomacy, and Ehud Barak, former IDF Chief of Staff, Minister of Defense, Prime Minister of Israel, and the most decorated soldier in the IDF's history. Also, Michael "Mikki" Berkovitz, the biggest Israeli basketball player of all time was born in February, the same day that Michael Jordan was born.



Michael "Mikki" Berkovitz

Fun fact: On Feb. 1, 1978 "Eskimo Lemon" came out. It is the most successful movie in Israel's history, and one of the only movies that was successful outside of Israel. It is also one of the only movies that sparked a franchise in Israel's cinematic history, with 10 movies.

GOOD DEEDS DAY

Sunday, March 30 11:30 - 2 p.m.

Meet at the JCC

Join members of the community for social action activities and community service. Good Deed Day was started in Israel in 2007 and has become a global program.

For more information contact Ofer Musan, Shaliach: israel@jewishchattanooga.com.

MIDDLE CHAI

Middle Chai at a MOCS Basketball game.
Contact a staff member to get involved with
this group, ages 40-60.



BAT MITZVAH

Verity Ruth Moore

Verity Ruth Moore will be called to the torah at B'nai Zion Congregation on Saturday, March 1. She attends Learning Tree School (LTS). Verity enjoys volleyball, sports in general, the outdoors, spending time with her friends, Camp Ramah, Gan Izzy, and assisting Rabbi Keilah and Morah Randi at BSI. She has two



siblings, Corrine (10), and Asa (8). Verity thinks that becoming a bat mitzvah means becoming a part of the Jewish community as a young Jewish lady, becoming more of an equal and more involved, and it also means that there will be more expected of her. She loves walking around her beautiful property, swimming in her creek, and hiking. Verity also has a competitive spirit and plans to beat her Abba one day in Tetris Connected on Switch.

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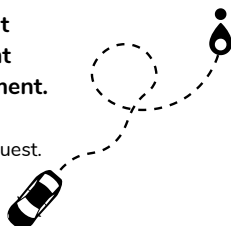
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RADICAL KINDNESS III

In the gallery until February 27

Gallery Hours: Monday 9 am – 5 pm, Friday 9am – 3 pm or by appointment

Almost two years ago Robin Atlas and Nancy Current from the Vector Artist Initiative contacted us about hosting an exhibit. Founded in 2013, Vector Artist Initiative facilitates partnerships between exhibiting Jewish artists and arts organizations interested in using artwork as an educational opportunity for community engagement. They had already produced two Radical Kindness exhibits. Both are based on this statement: *Misery and hatred are the products of a toxic mix of intolerance, supremacism, and an unwillingness to listen to what others have to say. When convinced of their own superiority, people lose the ability to respect others' ideas or ways of living, and feel they have the right to deny others the right to coexist in an equal way.*

I agreed with several conditions. I included Jewish and non-Jewish artists, opened the call to Chattanooga area artists, and would select the work. Several of the artists who have shown at the Federation in the past are Vector artists. This includes Cindy Lutz Kornet, Ruth Simon McRae, Laurie Wohl and Robin Atlas.



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Marilyn Goler

Marilyn, now known as the Chief Instigator, brought amateur and professional performers to the Jewish Cultural Center with sold-out audiences for both The Coffee House in January, Come to the Cabaret in April, and The Beat of Motown in November. In each case well over 150 people from the greater Chattanooga community attended these events and were left clamoring for more.

Dr. John Steinberg

John, a professor at Austin Peay State University, designed and implemented the extremely successful three-part History of Jewish Hate Symposium, which took place last October and November. He reached out and secured scholars on Antisemitism, destruction, memory, and education. Represented on the panels were Dr. William E. Engel of the University of the South; Dr. John Swanson of University of Tennessee at Chattanooga; Dr. Alison Vick of Pellissippi State Community College and Mr. Ken Gluck of the Tennessee Holocaust Commission.

ALEPH BET

Rabbi Keilah Lebell

Aleph Bet Children's Center is honored to nominate Rabbi Keilah Lebell as our 2024 Volunteer-of-the-Year. Rabbi Keilah has been incredibly helpful in educating our teachers about Jewish holidays, customs and traditions. She participated in a school-wide teacher development day while also helping throughout the year with any questions teachers might have. Whether scheduled or impromptu, we appreciate her willingness to share about Tikkun Olam, Holidays and even leading our weekly Shabbat mornings. Rabbi Keilah has become a trusted and knowledgeable resource. We are grateful for the Rabbi sharing the many beautiful Jewish traditions with all of the teachers. Todah, Rabbi Keilah.

B'NAI ZION

Gail Susman

Gail Susman has been a staple around B'nai Zion since we opened our new space. She began giving of her time to honor her late husband, and beloved Gabbai, Joel Susman, and has certainly honored his memory through her dedication to our community. After moving in during the Summer of 2024, we had dozens of boxes that required organizing, and dozens more that needed unpacking, all tasks that would require months of work. Gail was in the office three, four, even five days a week helping to get our new synagogue unpacked, organized, and looking beautiful. We have lost track of the hours Gail has dedicated to B'nai Zion and cannot thank her enough for all the help she has given to our community. We appreciate you tremendously, Gail!

CHABAD

Phil Potts and Carla Nixon

We are thrilled to recognize Phil and Carla as our Volunteers of the Year! Their dedication to our community is truly inspiring. Phil and Carla selflessly give of their time, not just to ensure every detail is taken care of, but to make sure it's all has their special warm touch. Whether it be the weekly Kiddush, or preparing the mikvah into a serene oasis that feels like a spa, they do an excellent job. All this is done with such happiness, gladness of heart and love. Their kindness and generosity extend beyond our Jewish community. Their healthy snacks are only complete with their signature "Bitayavon!"



HADASSAH

Leta Berger

Leta is always willing to pitch in and help on any event or project. She has Co-Chaired Margaritas and Mah Jongg events, worked on several Donor Committees, and Co-Chaired Membership. Her cheerful attitude and enthusiasm for Hadassah has been contagious, which is why we are recognizing her as Volunteer of the Year.

Paula Israel

Paula has a long history of working on Hadassah events. She remembers Co-Chairing Membership with Amelia Allen and she has more recently Co-Chaired Membership with Leta Berger. Paula has been a Co-Chair of Margaritas and Mah Jongg, in charge of sending out cards and certificates for Hadassah, and has served on countless Donor Committees. Whenever someone asks for her help, Paula has been eager to work on Hadassah projects, which is why Hadassah is recognizing Paula as Volunteer of the Year.

MIZPAH

Marjorie and Issi Goldberg

Mizpah extends heartfelt thanks to Issi and Marjorie Goldberg for their unwavering dedication to our congregation. These two incredible individuals generously volunteer their time to assist our Office Manager in countless ways. Issi diligently works on our calendars, bakes challahs, and creates a variety of delicious treats for us. Marjorie takes care of all the office filing and lends a hand with any task Angela needs help with. Their contributions reflect their long-standing commitment to Mizpah and the Jewish community, where they have been valued members for many years. Thank you, Issi and Marjorie, for all that you do!

ANNUAL MEETING



Volunteers of the Year



NOSH-A-NOOGA 2025

Sunday, September 7

With the huge success of our first Nosh-A-Nooga and the community's desire for more, bigger and better, we have decided to start the planning now.

Interested in being on a team but these dates and times don't work?

Please contact Ann Treadwell atreadwell@jewishchattanooga.com

VOLUNTEER

Team Entertainment: Sunday, February 2 – 4:00 p.m (Adult Taki Tournament at 5:30)

Team Logistics: Thursday February 6 – 5:30 p.m. (after work)

Team Bakers and Cooks: Thursday, February 13 1:30 p.m. (This may miss some of the younger folks)

Team Marketing and Sponsorships: Sunday, February 16 Noon

Team Children's Activities: Thursday, February 27, 5:30 p.m. (after AB closes)



CAMP AND ISRAEL SCHOLARSHIPS FROM YOUR JEWISH FEDERATION!

Applications open NOW through February 15; Up to \$1,750 per camper

The Chattanooga Jewish Federation is partnering with One Happy Camper (OHC) and PJ Goes to Camp for first time campers. Been to camp more than once? More than twice? Three times? Your Chattanooga Federation offers camp scholarships for ALL! ALL Chattanooga applications go through OHC: jewishcamp.org. NOTE – If this is not your first time, the application may “deny” your grant. Not to worry, OHC collects that data for Chattanooga and you WILL get a grant! Grants range from \$500-\$1,750 per child, per summer, from the Federation. Requirements • Must be approved Jewish summer camp (through movements, Hadassah, etc) • Family must live in the Chattanooga metro area • Family must make annual campaign gift (and in good standing) to Federation – at any level.

Contact Michael Dzik – mdzik@jewishchattanooga.com



The Federation recognizes the life-long benefits of Jewish summer camp, building Jewish identity, friendships and independence.



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We are a welcoming and inclusive congregation, offering worship, learning, social action, and social programming that enhances the lives of our members, helping us as we make choices of our lives that we might better ourselves and our world by our actions.

**FIRST FRIDAY
FAMILY SHABBAT**
FEBRUARY 7, 2025

**SERVICES @ 6:00PM
DINNER @ 7:00PM**

Adult Members: \$12 Adult Non-Members: \$15
Age 13-22: \$9 Age 13-22 Non-Members: \$11
Under 12: No Charge Under 12: No Charge

**BBO Chicken, roasted
potatoes and vegetables
Chicken Tenders for Kids
Veggie & gluten-free option**

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**NEW CLASS
DAY AND TIME**

Mizpah
CONGREGATION

**TUESDAYS
JANUARY 22ND
THRU MARCH 25TH**

Beyond Torah
The Prophets

By popular demand, we are going to study the books that come after Deuteronomy. We are currently in Judges. Using the JPS Translation, we will see where our study takes us beyond Torah.

Tuesdays at 5:00pm in Feinstein Hall
January 22nd thru March 25th

**Adult beginning Hebrew,
Using Aleph Isn't Tough**
with Rabbi Lewis

Wednesdays
12:00-1:00 PM

Class Dates:
Jan 15, 22, 29,
Feb 5, 12, 26
Mar 5, 12, 19, 26,
Apr 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

Cost will be \$30 dollars for materials

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**INTRIGUING
CONVRERSATIONS**

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 12TH
FEINSTEIN HALL
7:00 PM

**Chattanooga NEWS
Chronicle**

**let's celebrate
BLACK
HISTORY
MONTH**

THEY STOOD UP AGAINST RACISM AND INEQUALITY.

MANY CHATTANOOGANS LIKE JOHN EDWARDS, III, FIGHT BY USING A TYPEWRITER, TO ENSURE THAT PEOPLE OF ALL COLORS ENJOY THE RIGHTS AND FREEDOMS THAT WE OFTEN TAKE FOR GRANTED.

MIZPAH CELEBRATES BLACK HISTORY MONTH WITH A INTRIGUING CONVERSATION FEATURING JOHN EDWARDS, III, WHO IS THE FOUNDER OF THE CHATTANOOGA NEWS-CHRONICLE, OUR CITY'S PROMINENT AFRICAN AMERICAN NEWSPAPER FOCUSED ON THE NEEDS AND NEWS OF CHATTANOOGA'S BLACK COMMUNITY.

THIS VIETNAM VETERAN WILL GIVE HIS HONEST PERSPECTIVE OF HOW HIS LOVE FOR JOURNALISM CONNECTED OUR COMMUNITY THROUGH THE CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT AND BEYOND.

MIZPAH ONGOING OFFERINGS

Mizpah offers these ongoing classes for all ages:

Contact our Office or Rabbi Lewis for information

Newish to Jewish: Tuesdays 6:00 pm (zoom only)

Mussar - Ethics of Judaism: Wednesdays 0730 am (zoom)

Adult Beginning Hebrew: Wednesdays 12:00 noon

Mizpah Hebrew School (MHS) Wednesdays 5:00 pm

MIZPAH TORAH STUDY
9:15 am Shabbat
Bagels and lox prior - Mizpah Feinstein Hall

**Tot
SHABBAT**

3RD SHABBAT EACH MONTH:
TOT SHABBAT 5:15 pm
SHIREI SHALOM 6:00 pm
Sabbath of Song and Meditation

**Join us for
SHIREI SHALOM
Shabbat**
Every 3rd Friday

Celebrate and Enrich Jewish Life

B'nai Zion's vision is to inspire a vibrant, uplifting, and inclusive community connected to the dynamic traditions of Conservative Judaism.



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BZ Artist in Residence Hillel Smith

Sunday, February 23 - Social Hall

5:00pm-6:30pm: Graffiti Challah Covers
(Children; Grades 3 and up)
7:00pm-8:00pm: Expressing Jewish Identity Through Art,
Past and Present
(Adults; coffee, tea, and dessert served)

Monday, February 24 - Social Hall

11:00am-12:00pm: A Brief History of Hebrew Typography
12:00pm-12:30pm: Lunch provided
12:30pm-1:30pm: What's in G-d's Name? Evolving Symbols
for Writing G-d's Name
5:30pm-7:30pm: Community Art Project
(all ages, drop in during the time window!)

Scan the QR Code to RSVP or visit our website!



Keep an eye out for the Shabbat Muffin hiding out in our Shofar page each month! Our next Shabbat Muffins kids' program, grades K-5th, is Shabbat morning on February 8!

BZ'S ANNUAL SUPER BOWL PARTY

February 9, 2025
6210 Airpark Dr.

6:00 pm: Cookout
6:30 pm: Game Time
\$15 entry, or free with
purchase of a square



Scan the QR code to
buy a \$25 square!



\$50 squares are SOLD OUT

\$100 squares are SOLD OUT

**Special \$25
board
opened!**

B'nai Zion Calendar

Friday Night - Kabbalat Shabbat: 6:00 pm

Shabbat Morning Services: 9:30 am

BSI: Feb. 5, 12, 19 and 26

Minyan & Foundations: Tuesdays, beginning at
6:00 pm via Zoom

Weekly Parsha Study: Sundays, 7:00pm

February	8	Shabbat Muffins / Lunch & Learn
	9	Super Bowl Party
	14	Tu B'Shevat Shabbat
	21	Jammies & Jeans
	22	Lunch & Learn
	23	Artist in Residence
	24	Artist in Residence

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Chabad is a philosophy, a movement, and an organization.

Chabad is an educational organization dedicated to helping every Jew, regardless of background, affiliation, or personal level of observance, to increase their level of Jewish knowledge, enthusiasm, and commitment.

CHANUKAH RECAP

It was an epic Chanukah in Chattanooga this year! The Menorah car parade, followed by Chanukah on Ice, was absolutely stunning. And for the first time, a beautiful Menorah was displayed at Miller Park - a wonderful reminder that Am Yisroel Chai (the people of Israel live)!



CAMP GAN ISRAEL

SUMMER 2025

Chattanooga, Tennessee

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JUNE 23-JULY 11
9:00AM-3:30PM

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STARTING THIS FEB!

Decoding the Talmud
Tuesdays 7:00 - 8:30 PM
Starting February 4

Inside the Story, Substance, and Significance of the Book That Defines Judaism.

Discover the intricate world of the Talmud, its history, authors, and significance - and experience it yourself. You'll decode every part of the Talmudic page and see why it powers Jewish life to this day.

Sign Up Today at www.myjli.com/learn/chattanooga

Torah and Tea

Torah and Tea mornings are our favorite mornings - all are welcome!
Join us Feb. 3rd at 10 am



MAHJONG CIRCLE

An evening of camaraderie, friendship and fun.
Learn and join the Mahjong circle or bring the game you like. You are sure to find a friend to join!
Weekly, Wednesday evening
6:00 - 8:00 PM

Hadassah enhances the health and lives of people in Israel, the United States and worldwide. By connecting and empowering Jewish women to effect change, we are the women who do. Now, and always, we are Hadassah. Be proud of who you are, Hadassah women.



**Judy Sachsman
& Beth Thomas**
Co-Presidents of Chattanooga
Chapter of Hadassah

Millie Lander,
Treasurer

"THE LAST GENERATION"

The most recent January/February Hadassah Magazine ran a cover story about Holocaust survivors "The Last Generation." John Pregulman, who grew up in Chattanooga, took many of the magazine's Holocaust survivor photographs as part of KAVOD, a nonprofit organization that ensures dignity for Holocaust survivors. President and Co-Founder John Pregulman has taken over 1,200 photos of these survivors around the globe as part of the mission to remember these individuals. Helen Pregulman is, indeed, proud of her son.

VOLUNTEERS OF THE YEAR

Congratulations to Leta Berger and Paula Israel for being honored as Hadassah's Volunteers of the Year. Both women, who have been invaluable to the chapter for their help with Membership, Mah Jongg and Margaritas, and the Donor last spring, were recognized at the Annual Meeting.



DONATIONS

Thank you to all the contributors to the Hadassah Mitzvah Project at the JCC with donations to the **Brainerd Food Pantry** and **Room in the Inn**, a home for women in need and their dependents (toiletries and related supplies). And thank you to Carla Morrow for chairing this project.



JEWISH FILM SERIES

The last documentary of the Jewish Film Series "Four Winters" commemorated International Holocaust Day. Hadassah members and their friends ate an early dinner at Sweet Basil after the movie and Dr Frank Miller led a discussion of the youth resistance movement during WWII.

CHANUKAH CELEBRATION

The Annual Chanukah Hadassah-Federation dinner and candle lighting celebration was a wonderful community celebration on the sixth night. Obviously, the children enjoyed the event, and the candles certainly lit up the room!



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.

Annual Givers start with:

Chai Society members (\$180/year)
Silver Chai members (\$360/year)
Traditional Keepers (\$1,000/year)
Chai Keepers (\$1,800/year)
New Silver Keepers (\$2,500/year)
Golden Keepers (\$5,000/year)

Those who are already Annual Givers should consider increasing donations or stepping up to the next level. Contact Dana Waxler at dwaxler@hadassah.org.

By connecting and empowering women to effect change, we are the women who do. Be proud of who you are, Hadassah women. Hadassah means **life changing**.





HADASSAH Chattanooga

Hamantaschen

with Hadassah

March 6, 2025

6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Address provided upon registration

"Talk and roll.
Bake and learn."

Scan the QR Code
or use the link to register
<https://bit.ly/HamantaschenwithHadassah>





LEGACY SOCIETY

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 or 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.**

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for insuring
our future.**

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www.JewishChattanooga.com, where you can RSVP

Find up-to-date information about online programs,
cancellations and changes in our:

- Weekly Community Email
- Federation Facebook Page
(Jewish Federation of Greater Chattanooga)
- Federation Website
(JewishChattanooga.com)

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P2G ISRAELI VISITORS AND COMMUNITY DINNER **February 25, 5:30 p.m.**

Register: jewishchattanooga.com • Cost is \$15.00 per person.

Three visitors from our P2G region Hadera-Eiron will visit Chattanooga February 25 and 26.
Dorit Zini, an Israeli Steering Committee member, will visit with
Noga Hila Motana and Amit Yagur. Both Noga and Amit will give presentations
at the Community Dinner.



NOGA HILA MOTANA

Noga is an author and family consultant. Since October 7, 2023 she has written a children's book that has tools for families to deal with the reality of uncertainty.



AMIT YAGUR

Amit is the cofounder of EDTECH, a start-up company which has created a tool to change the perception of learning on screen. He is a reserve Navy intelligence and strategic planning senior officer.

