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Remembering Gene Wilder
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on January 5

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FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Let's Wrap a Bow on 2024!

In the shadows of Oct. 7, our Chattanooga Jewish community continues to be strong and vibrant. At a time when we've needed the company and presence of our friends and family, you have "shown up" for various programs and events. You have truly shown the strength of a community, being together in a year when we needed it most.

And let's make sure to celebrate our many successes as well. For example, who would have expected 1,000+ people to attend Nosh-a-Nooga, our first Jewish Food Festival? It took 35 volunteers and LOTS of cooking and baking but we pulled it off. We already have a September date on the calendar for the 2nd annual – more food, better layout, and maybe even some entertainment as well! And, speaking of entertainment, we hosted three very fun Saturday evening events – Coffeehouse, Cabaret, and Motown (which sold out!).

We also added a new "Jewish Community Night" at the Chattanooga Lookouts in 2024. It was a fun time to share our Jewish pride with all of Chattanooga. And who could beat the Lookouts T-shirts in Hebrew – with our Mizpah, B'nai Zion and Chabad Rabbis!



The work of the Federation is always ongoing – no breaks, no slowing down. Our annual documentary film series happens this month as well as our annual meeting where we not only recognize our board volunteers but also all of our Jewish community volunteers. I will be joining the Lorri Lipski, the Federations Social Services Director, on a P2G trip to Israel this month as well. This is Lorri's first trip to Israel and first taste of our Federation work and partnership overseas. I look forward to reporting

back on this very special trip.

In 2025 I plan to re-double our efforts in reaching out to our younger community members – not just in words but in action. Equally, I want to make sure we do an even better job of welcoming our newest community members as well. Engaging these groups and making sure we have offerings for all community members is part of the Federation's mission. We are looking at putting together some focus groups to learn from you - to help the community connect in more meaningful ways. How can we make sure our younger parents are supported? How can we ensure strong Jewish identities? How can we use PJ Library to foster a more connected community? We might not have all the answers – yet – but I hope you'll consider participating in one of these focus group sessions once we have them on the calendar. We literally cannot do it without you!

Finally, a special thanks to the nearly 1,000 adults and kids who have financially invested in the Federation through our annual campaign this Fall. Every gift and every dollar have a tremendous impact - in Chattanooga, in Israel, and around the world.

Over the next weeks and months, I look forward to working with so many of you in creating the best Jewish Chattanooga we can be.

Michael Dzik

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ANNOUNCEMENT!

The Federation Board of Directors has unanimously approved a new title for Michael Dzik – President & CEO.

This title change is both to bring our Chattanooga Federation in line with other high-level Federations in North America while also rewarding Michael for his passion, hard work and dedication to his job for over 26 years.

Mazal Tov, Michael!



FROM THE BOARD CHAIR

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What I Have Learned and Continue to Learn About the Federation

When I began my service as Board Chair one year ago, I knew I had a lot to learn - not only about the day-to-day operations of the Chattanooga Jewish Federation - but also about how our Federation fits into regional, national, and international efforts. Early on, I conducted a personal "self-audit" and realized something crucial: as my knowledge of local operations grew, so did my understanding of how those operations connect to the broader Jewish world.

This past year has been an incredible journey of discovery. I've sat in on budget meetings, joined Community Relations and Program committees, and attended ORT and Partnership2Gether (P2G) regional meetings. I also had the privilege of participating in the General Assembly (GA) in Washington, D.C. Before stepping into this role, I knew of ORT and P2G, but I didn't truly grasp how we support their vital work. Similarly, I was aware of the GA but didn't fully understand its importance in uniting 2,500 members of U.S. Federations to share knowledge, experiences, and collective strength.

One moment that truly opened my eyes was during the GA in Washington. I attended a workshop where families of hostages shared the unimaginable pain they have endured since Oct. 7th. It was deeply moving to learn how various Jewish agencies have organized to respond to the needs of those affected by acts of terrorism. This experience took me back to a mission trip I participated in back in 2016, where I visited a Jewish community center in Budapest and spent time with Holocaust survivors. Their stories of resilience and loss underscored a powerful truth: while our individual and collective suffering may never fully fade, the work of our Federations and the Jewish agencies we support ensures that no one has to face such challenges alone. In times of extreme hardship, our community is there to offer strength, solidarity, and hope.

So, what have I learned over the last year? If I had to sum it up, I'd say that it's okay to begin a journey with a narrow perspective, as long as you're willing to grow. My initial focus as Board Chair was on

the specific actions we needed to take to serve and engage our local community. However, as the year unfolded and I attended more meetings and - most importantly - listened more than I talked, my perspective broadened. I came to appreciate that our Federation is part of a rich mosaic of Jewish histories, woven together across hundreds of communities in the U.S. and abroad.

I've learned that the Federation is about so much more than just local events like Chanukah parties, Fourth of July celebrations, film festivals, and art exhibits. It's also about supporting global efforts—whether through Israel advocacy, summer camps, the General Assembly and Mission trips, or the work of shlichim (emissaries). The Federation is a bridge that connects our local Jewish community to the wider Jewish world, fostering unity and understanding. Our efforts don't just strengthen Jewish connections—they also build bridges between cultures, combat antisemitism, and promote global understanding. None of this would be possible without the extraordinary dedication of our staff, volunteers, and committee members. Their time, talents, and passion are the backbone of everything we accomplish together, and I am continually inspired by their commitment to our shared mission.

Looking ahead, I'm excited to explore how we can deepen our commitment to Jewish learning, grow our impact locally and globally, and bring even more people into this incredible journey. The Federation has a bright future, and there is so much more we can achieve together.

If you're curious about the incredible work we do locally and globally, I encourage you to join one of our committees or attend our next event. There's always room for new voices and ideas in the Federation, and I'd love to hear how you'd like to contribute. In essence, I've discovered that the Jewish Federation is both a vibrant social organization that brings people together for incredible events and a deeply impactful Jewish organization with a global mission. It's a privilege to serve in a role that allows me to witness and contribute to this vital work.



CAMPAIGN CO-CHAIR

Amy Boulware

A Lasting Impact

On Sunday Dec. 15, the Jewish Federation hosted its annual "Super Sunday" event to make phone calls to community members who had not communicated with us about their pledges. As I chatted with each of the volunteers about their calls, I heard from several of them that they were able to catch up with people they hadn't spoken to in a while, hear stories about growing up in Chattanooga, and best of all about how the Federation had impacted their lives. I really believe that it is the people-to-people connection that encourages people to support our efforts. While we may say that the campaign has start and end dates, that isn't really true. We are able to sustain such a robust campaign because the staff and volunteers at the Federation work all year to make a difference in the lives of our community. As of press time our total campaign has reached a total of \$945,973.00. Whether you made calls, took the call, or maybe even both - THANK YOU! Your gift makes a lasting impact in our community, in Israel, and overseas.

Nosh-A-Nooga 2025

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.

Nosh-A-Nooga 2025 will take place

Sunday, September 7 (the week after Labor Day).

We are creating the following teams to make sure the event is a success. For each team we are asking for a volunteer team leader. Please contact me (atreadwell@jewishchattanooga.com) if you are interested in leading or being on a team. Team meeting will begin in February.

The teams are as follows with: **Bakers and Cooks, Logistics, Entertainment, Children's Activities, Marketing and Sponsorships.** We need volunteer support to make 2025 a reality.

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FROM THE PROGRAM DIRECTOR

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Resilience

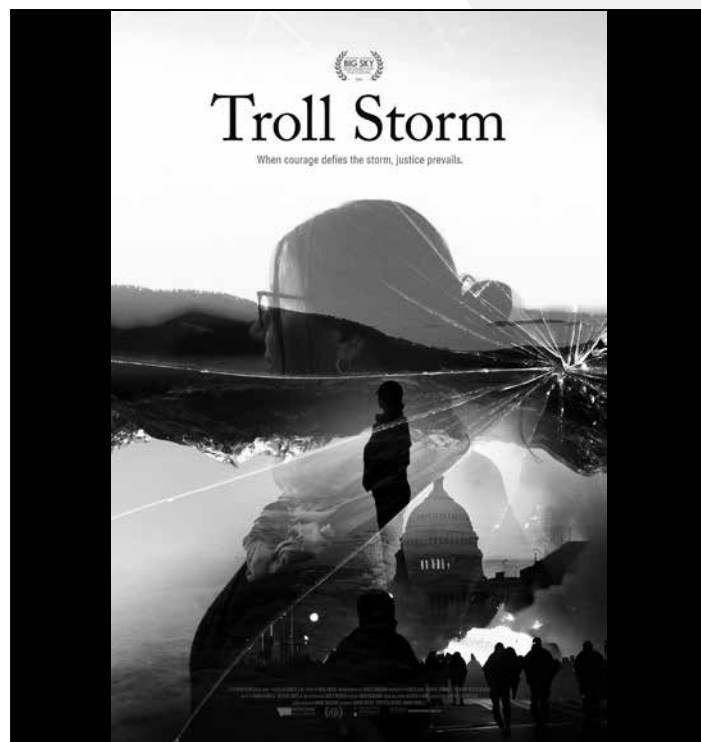
This year I have watched a great number of people increase their levels of resilience. My son went to college in Asheville and lived in Swannanoa. Where he lived and that part of North Carolina were devastated by Hurricane Helene. Friends and former professors have been trying to live and work "normally" despite not having access to some very basic things, like grocery stores, water, and at times electricity. Community dialogues about rebuilding are happening.

I think about the war-torn areas of the world and how people, regardless of ethnic background, are struggling for basic survival. Most importantly. I am curious about their very different types of resilience. What makes someone strong enough to move forward? Ethics, cultural traditions, and as my grandmother would say "chutzpah" tackle things like feeding a starving child, providing for personal security, and fighting for freedom from hate.

There are two films in this year's Chattanooga Jewish Documentary Film Series that trigger thinking about resilience, and they come from two very different time periods. Both deal with fighting hate. First, on Jan. 26, there is an in-person screening of *Four Winters* to commemorate International Holocaust Day. This is not your typical holocaust film. It is about the stories and first-person accounts of the Jewish partisans who fought back against the Nazis and their collaborators. What made these brave young people become resistance fighters? How did they turn the forests of Eastern Europe into a hot bed of resilience? Their resilience stopped hate.

The second film is contemporary, *Troll Storm*. It is screening in person on Jan. 19 and virtually from the 19th to the 24th. You'll see how an unsuspecting mother's life is devastated by the neo-Nazi movement in Whitefish, Montana. Yes, it's an unsuspecting place that most people didn't know had any Jews. She gathers her community together, creates conversation, and fights back at what is becoming growing American fascism. How did she have the resilience and the perseverance not to brush the acts and voices of hate aside, but to actively take a stance against hate?

I don't know if you made a traditional New Year's resolution. Spending time at the Jewish Cultural Center may increase your resilience. Come see films in the Doc Series which may inspire you to add a dose of resilience to your 2025 action plan. The Radical Kindness III exhibit may also inspire you to replace hate with kindness.



RADICAL KINDNESS III EXHIBIT

January 10 – February 26, 2025

Twenty -three artists from the United States, London, Berlin and Israel



Title: *Teaching Sorrow to Swim*
Artist: Ronit Joy Holtz - This Israeli artist's work will also be shown at Lee University.



JEWISH FEDERATION NURSE

Jennifer Waxenberg, RN nurse@jewishchattanooga.com

Introductions

I would like to start by introducing myself to our community, and thank you for being so warm and welcoming during my first weeks here at the Jewish Federation. I have met many of you over the years, but have also continued to meet new faces and look forward to continuing to get to know you.

I have lived in Chattanooga for the majority of my life, growing up in the Jewish community in a number of different settings here. My career path of nursing has been a joy, and I am excited to shift from hospital bedside care to a role of advocacy for the health of this wonderful community.

Health and wellness have been important to me from a very young age, and nursing is the perfect way to pursue this, learn and grow, and help others on that same path. I am here for you, but I need YOUR help! Over the next few weeks, as I work on programming and ideas, I would welcome input from you...the community... on thoughts and questions as to ways your community nurse can help you!

My days in the office are primarily Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, and the best way to reach me is either directly to my work cell (423-322-8641) or email nurse@jewishchattanooga.com. Please always remember that any emergency or acute medical issue always warrants a call to 911 or your physician respectively.

Lastly, as we begin a new calendar year together, I want to mention a word about resolutions. I am sure many of you can relate to my story of starting my year off on 1/1 with a determination to make big changes. These wide sweeping declarations of change can be limiting, and set us up for disappointment and failure. I would invite you to pick something small, measurable, and that shows kindness to yourself. Many times the big goals we set are more likely to happen if we start by stacking the small things. For me the simple act of trying to drink more water was a great start to feeling better throughout the day. Maybe it is putting the phone away one hour earlier and working on a little extra sleep? The most important part is to never tie these goals to success or failure. We should always strive for progress not perfection, and that is a much healthier way to kick off 2025!



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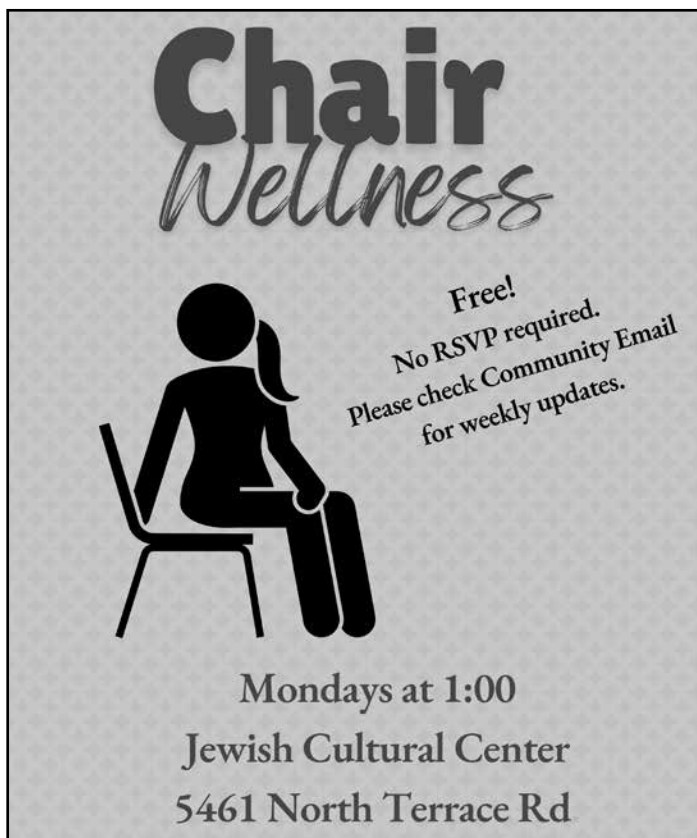
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January in Israel

In the month of January there are a lot of significant moments in Israel's history, some of them changed the lives of many Israelis for years to come. Historically during the month of January, there were a few terrorist attacks. There were also wars and conflicts with surrounding countries. For example, Jan. 1, 1969 was the first time rockets were fired towards Israel from Lebanon. Another event that changed the course of Israel was the agreement Israel signed with Germany in 1952, in which the German government paid restitution to Holocaust survivors. This brought a lot of controversy among different parts of the Israeli society.

**Ariel Sharon**

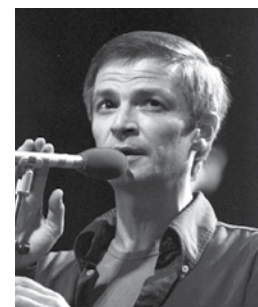
Another event occurred on Jan. 4, 2006, when Prime Minister Ariel Sharon fell into a coma after having a stroke. The entire country, as well as the Middle East, went through an emotional spiral that lasted a few weeks. Sharon was known as a stubborn military leader and as a controversial figure in the Middle East. He was celebrated in Israel as a great leader who brought and promoted security and peace. I remember there were 24/7 news broadcasts from the hospital, his house, interviews with his doctors, his family, members of the Knesset, former politicians, and past Prime Ministers. Even in the satire shows on television, they were talking about his condition, and whether or not he will survive. As time went by, the news coverage decreased. The sad part was, when he passed away on Jan. 11, 2014, there was barely a mention of his death in the media.

One of the most well-known things about Israel, around the world, is its intelligence agencies, of which Mossad is the most recognized. Growing up in Israel you learn about how Mossad caught Eichmann and brought him to Israel, about Eli Cohen and his work in Syria, about Mossad's help with the rescue of the hostages held in Entebbe,

**Eli Cohen**

and so much more. Ever since Jan. 19, 2010, there is another story you learn about, and it is not a good one. On that day, a few Mossad agents were sent to assassinate Mahmoud al-Mabhouh, one of the leaders of Hamas, in Dubai. After they were caught, many people found out the agents involved were using civilian passports for that operation. This led to a big controversy in Israel and a large investigation about the operation. This story even became the plot of a few successful television shows.

During the month of January some of the biggest stories in Israel's history have secretive details. Included in this group is when Eli Cohen was caught in Syria, the disappearance of the Achi Dakar submarine on its way to Israel, and the killing of a cab driver by two 12 year old children. Most notable is the story of the soldier, Uri Ilan, committing suicide in the Syrian prison, which is now known in Israel as the "I did not betray my country" story.

**Haim Nachman Bialik****Arik Einstein**

Also, during the month of January, a lot of important Israel figures were born. Two of the most famous ones are Arik Einstein, who is one of the most influential singers in Israel's short history, and Haim Nachman Bialik, who is known as The National Poet of Israel, who wrote some of the most famous poems in Hebrew, both for adults and children.

My next Shir Echad program, on Jan. 14, 2025 at 5:30 p.m. at the Jewish Federation. We will learn about one of the most well-known songs by Arik Einstein.





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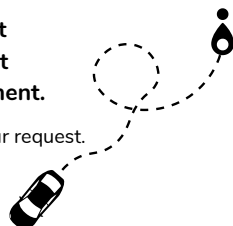
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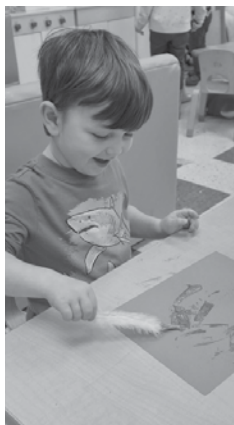


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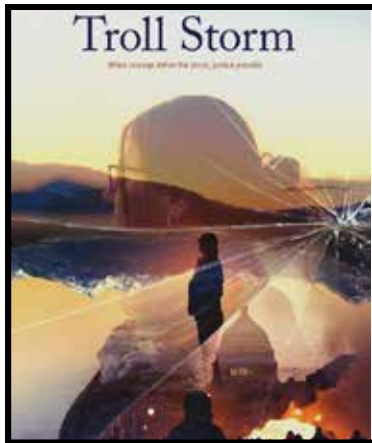
Remembering Gene Wilder

In person January 5, virtual January 5 - January 10
A special tribute honoring Gene Wilder's life and career. *English, 92 minutes*

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In person January 12, virtual January 12 - January 17
The film describes the history and achievements Israel's Institute of Technology founded in 1912.

Hebrew, Subtitles, 77 minutes



Troll Storm

In person January 19, virtual January 19 - January 24

A successful realtor and soccer mom's life is turned upside down when Neo-Nazis unleash a troll storm against her and her family. In the face of an alarming growth of American fascism, she finds solidarity with her community by standing up, fighting back and ultimately filing a landmark case for the First Amendment, setting a precedent that could shape America's future. *English, 83 minutes*

Four Winters

January 26 In person only

In commemoration of International Holocaust Day, January 27
Over 25,000 Jewish partisans fought back against the Nazis and their collaborators from deep within the forests of WWII's Eastern Europe, Ukraine and Belarus. They escaped Nazi slaughter, transforming from young innocents to courageous resistance fighters. *English, 90 minutes*



All films will screen in person on the day listed, Sunday at 2:00 p.m., and virtual access begins at noon the day listed and ends at noon on Friday. Scheduled discussions about the film will take place virtually. Popcorn and a drink are available for in person films. Virtual screenings must be pre-paid in advance by visiting www.jewishchattanooga.com; you will receive the login code the morning of the listed screening.

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CONDOLENCES *We extend our sincere condolences to...*

... the family and friends of Floyd P. Schultz, who was buried at Chattanooga National Cemetery on November 22, 2024. He was survived by his wife, Marcia Schultz; children Kimberly and Tracy (Mike); and grandchildren Calabria, Gabriella, and Zachary

... the family and friends of Lester Cohen, who died on November 27, 2024 in Chattanooga, TN at the age of 86. Lester was preceded in death by his son, Philip Cohen; sister, Ceil Miller; brother, Rabbi Nahum Cohen; and parents, Abe and Corrine Cohen. He is survived by his wife, Irene Cohen; son, Jeffrey Cohen; daughter, Rabbi Sharon Cohen (Jeffrey Siegel); along with Meredith Rooker, Lee (Cindy) Rooker, Will (Patti) Rooker, and Sara Durham; grandchildren, Jonah, Joshua, and Allison, along with Leroy, Kendall, Colby, Willow, Grayson, Ashley, and Krisa.

...the family and friends of Frances Mogul, who died on November 28, 2024 at the age of 102. Frances is preceded in death by her husband of 50 years, Albert Mogul. She is survived by her daughter, Judith; and son, Stuart; grandchildren, Madeleine, Hayley, Jack, and Ethan.

...the family and friends of Zeena Betty Meininger, who died on December 3, 2024. Zeena is preceded in death by her son, Carl Meininger. She is survived by her husband Norbert Meininger; daughter, June (Robert) Collins; sons Gerald, Lawrence, Robert, and Marvin; 11 grandchildren; 7 great-grandchildren.

... the family and friends of Dr. Harvey Jacobs, who died on December 9, 2024 at the age of 99.

...the family and friends of Steve Rubenstein, who died on December 12, 2024. He was preceded in death by his parents, Henry and Ruth Rubenstein, and his brother, James Edward Rubenstein. Steve is survived by his sister, Sue Carol Rubenstein; sister-in-law, Barbara Rubenstein; and nieces, Julie Rubenstein Blumberg, and Lisa Rubenstein Friedlander.

...the family and friends of Herb Cohn, who died on December 15, 2024. Herb is survived by his children Amy and Jon Cohen and Gerry Cohn and Dara Bloom; grandchildren, Geoffrey Cohen, Ludovic Lusseau, Ethan Cohen, Aliza Cohen and Carolyn Schneider, Esther Cohn, Jethro Cohn, and Leo Cohn; and several beloved nieces and nephews.

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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.**



Machanooga is a joint program between Mizpah and B'nai Zion that serves children from pre-K to 8th grade.

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machanooga
A bridge to Jewish learning



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Machanooga Happenings



SESSION II

January 12

January 26

February 2

February 9

February 23

March 2

March 9 - PURIM

March 30

April 6

April 27

May 4

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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.



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



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

MIZPAH WORSHIP SERVICES

We invite you to join us for worship services, conducted by **Rabbi Lewis**. Services include ritual prayers and meditations, familiar liturgical songs as well as new offerings. Rabbi Lewis presents lessons and parables from our tradition - ancient and new - in the context of stimulating sermons or conversations. Our Mizpah Choir - led by the amazing **Marianna Allen** - sings every other Friday, **Amy Cohen** leads Shirei Shalom - Sabbath of Song - on the 3rd Friday of each month. **Susan Caminez** and **Rabbi Lewis** host a fun and uplifting Family Shabbat Service on the 1st Friday of each month (followed by our fabulous 1st Friday dinner, arranged and prepared by **David Israel** and friends). Take it from me: worship services are worth your time and if you are not careful, can become habit forming!

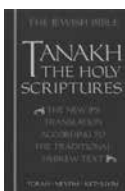


BEYOND TORAH

The Prophets

By popular demand, we are going to study the books that come after Deuteronomy. Using the JPS Translation, we will see where our study takes us—Beyond Torah!

Thursdays at
6:00 pm
Feinstein Hall



Wine Tasting at Mizpah

In the new year, why not go ahead and wine a little. You'll feel a lot better. If you would like to improve your knowledge about wine and make your wine drinking experience better in 2025, have we got a night for you.

January 16, 2025 - 7:00pm
Feinstein Hall

Please RSVP office@mizpahcongregation.org or 423-267-9771

Swirl, Sip and Learn. Bill Hull, better known as Chattanooga's Wine Guy, has extensive knowledge of wine, including how to recognize different wine styles, their aging potential, regions, grapes, and flavor profile. You will also have a chance to taste some new corks for the new year.

**If you feel uncomfortable driving, we will reimburse you for an Uber ride home.

No Charge for this Event

FIRST FRIDAY FAMILY SHABBAT

JANUARY 3, 2025

Services @ 6:00PM

Dinner @ 7:00PM

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

Paula Israel's Chicken in a Pot

Chicken Tenders for Kids
Veggie & gluten-free option

Please RSVP to the office at
423-267-9771 or email:
office@mizpahcongregation.org

MIZPAH TORAH STUDY

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

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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Join our congregation in the North Georgia mountains for a fun-filled weekend together and a chance to schmooze with other Jewish communities from around the Southeast.

Jan 31-Feb 2, 2025

Scan here to register!

Learn more at ramahdarom.org/schmooze

BZ KADIMA

Jan - May 2025

FOR AGES 5TH - 8TH GRADE
SUNDAY NIGHTS @ 5:30PM

JAN 12	Make Your Own Pizza & Movie Night 6210 Airpark Drive
FEB 16	Rock Climbing at High Point 219 Broad Street
MAR 9	Urban Air Jump Park 2020 Gunbarrell Road
APR 6	Bowling at Spare Time 5518 Brainerd Road
MAY 4	Limo Scavenger Hunt 6210 Airpark Drive

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Jammies and Jeans

Family Shabbat Service

Friday, January 17
5:30 PM - Private Residence

Call or email the office to RSVP!

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 January 11!



TORAH | BEER | STUDY

JEWS AND BREWS

SUNDAY, JANUARY 12
2:30 PM

AT ODDSTORY
1604 CENTRAL AVENUE

POTLUCK KABBALAT SHABBAT

Friday at 6:00pm
January 24
Social Hall

Celebrate Shabbat with a dairy potluck dinner!

B'nai Zion Calendar

Friday Night - Kabbalat Shabbat: 6:00 pm

Shabbat Morning Services: 9:30 am

BSI: Jan. 15, 22, and 29

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

Weekly Parsha Study: Sundays, 7:00pm

January	Event
11	Shabbat Muffins / Lunch & Learn
12	Jews & Brews
17	Jammies & Jeans
20	Old Time Radio Show
24	Potluck Kabbalat Shabbat
25	Lunch & Learn

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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.

CHABAD HEBREW SCHOOL

Sparking Joy at Chabad Hebrew School! This semester, our students have been engaged in exciting activities that bring Jewish learning to life! From creating 'Lighthouses' using electricity to playing 'Deal or No Deal', to having an Israeli soldier lead daily challenges including saying mode ani every morning. Meanwhile, our students continue to make impressive progress in their Alef Champ Hebrew reading levels. Wishing you a Joyous Chanukah from our Chabad Hebrew School family!



Torah & Tea

Your monthly dose of
friendship and inspiration.

THURSDAY MORNING
JAN 2 ~ 10:00 AM
AT CHABAD ~ 950 VINE ST.



UPCOMING DATES

MONDAY, FEB 3
TUESDAY, MARCH 4

TUESDAY, MARCH 4
TUESDAY, APRIL 29

FUN NIGHT AT MENORAHS AND MARTINIS



WINTER 2025 / 6 LESSONS

Decoding the Talmud

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.

BEGINNING FEB. 2

**DECODING
THE
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BEGINNING MAY 6



**Colorful
Profiles**

SPRING 2025 / 4 LESSONS

Colorful Profiles

Short Stories of Extraordinary
and Unexpected Characters
from Jewish History

Encounter twelve stories of Jewish
history's most fascinating men and
women: converts, captives, royal
advisors, philosophers, philanthropists,
and more. Witness their fascinating
sacrifices, adventures, and achievements
and uncover our people's rich history.

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

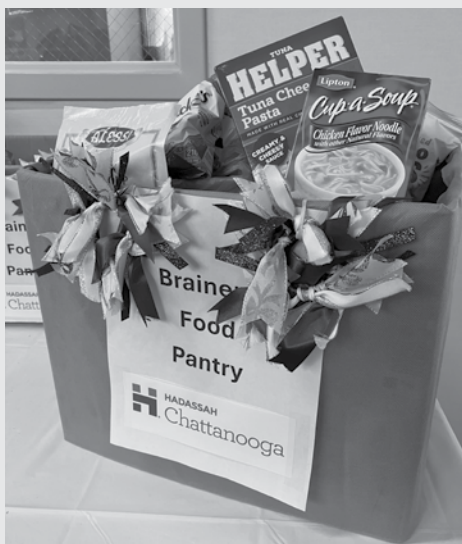
Millie Lander,
Treasurer

VOLUNTEERS OF THE YEAR

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

DONATION BOXES

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

On Jan. 26 the last documentary of the Jewish Film Series "**Four Winters**" will only be screened in person in commemoration of International Holocaust Day on January 27. Please join Hadassah members and their friends at an early dinner at Sweet Basil after the movie. Dr Frank Miller will join us at dinner and lead a discussion of the youth resistance movement during WWII. No reservations are required and individuals will pay for their own dinners.

TRIPS TO ISRAEL

When Israel opens for tourists, be ready; it will need us visitors! May we spend next year in Jerusalem in 5785.

ANNUAL 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!

HEALTH CRUISE

Another "Health Cruise," currently in the design mode with Bev Coulter, is planned for next spring. And save March 6 at 6:00 p.m. for Hadassah's annual hamantaschen bake and learning; this time Hadassah will celebrate in the new kitchen at B'nai Zion! Rabbi Keilah Lebell will lead the learning about the women of Purim, the holiday celebrating Esther, also known as Hadassah. And thank you to Randi Weiss for preparing the baking portion of this program.

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 Judea 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**.





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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Call Michael Dzik at 493-0270 ext 15.**

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our future.**

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

**QUESTIONS? Call us!
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JEWISH FEDERATION ANNUAL MEETING

January 13, 2025

5:30pm

5461 N Terrace

Appetizer Buffet
Volunteer of the Year Awards
Federation Update
Electing Board Members