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The Stars of David Project

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FROM THE PRESIDENT AND CEO

Recent Israel Trip

There were so many powerful and unique moments from my most recent P2G trip to Israel in mid-January. I travelled with Lorri Lipski, our Federation Director of Social Services (her first trip to Israel), and met up with community members from our P2G consortium – there were participants from Richmond, Charleston and Clearwater, FL. Let me share a few of the highlights.



Hostage Square in Tel Aviv. At the time, 94 hostages remained but then crossed out with 90 after 4 released during our visit.

I was lucky to arrive in Israel just moments before the first release of hostages. There was a second release of hostages the following weekend while we were in Israel as well. It was finally a time for tears of joy rather than tears of sadness. There were celebrations but mostly tempered ones. People felt overjoyed to have their friends and family home safely, yet there is equally an understanding that many more people are still being held in Gaza. The hostages' releases we experienced gave the country a sense of hope of better times to come. Israelis also recognize many hostages will come home deceased which will be a painful reminder of Oct. 7, even though it will give people some closure. It is still a difficult time.



A unique and new phenomenon in Israel. Families have made memorial stickers and put them all over Israel in very public places. This is on one of the entrance doors to the old city, Jaffa Gate.

The mood throughout the country was upbeat, much different than my last trip 12 months ago right after the war started. There was still a heaviness but it felt like more optimism of the war's ending. There are very few tourists in the country although many of the hotels are full. They are full of Israelis who are still displaced from their homes near Gaza as well as the North. Everyone was very glad to see our "tourist group" and acknowledged how glad they were to see us. This was true

in the markets as well where shops rely on tourism. People were grateful we were there.



Always love catching up with our former Chattanooga Shlichim. Michael with Shaliach Einav Cahaner Amichai

We met with a P2G group of Hadera teens in small groups and talked about how they are feeling and what is going on around them. They had an activity for us where we looked at different characteristics that made us/them feel Jewish. As we went around the room, we all had similar

answers – it's the shared values, holidays, and experiences that connect us. We have the common bond of being Jewish as a religion but equally a common bond of how we express our Judaism in our everyday lives. We talk often about "Jewish geography" and how most Jews have a sense of comfort around other Jews. The language we speak doesn't matter; it's the shared culture and values that truly connect us. Spending time with these teens, our future Jewish leaders, was both inspiring and rewarding.

We met with an Oct. 7 survivor from Kibbutz Nir Oz. 25% of the kibbutz residents were either murdered or taken hostage. The survivor started with a tour of the dining hall, which still had bullet holes in the glass doors; the kitchen was burned and still closed off. The mailboxes in the hallway had stickers on them; those who were murdered, those who were held hostage, and those who were released. It was a sobering moment to see so many murdered and hostage stickers. And,



Kibbutz Nir Oz – Entrance doors to the dining hall. Kibbutz still has no residents; no repairs since October 7th.



Nir Oz mailbox room identifies all of the kibbutz residents. Red stickers indicate "murdered" on October 7; Dark blue stickers indicate "hostages"; Light blue stickers indicate "released". Multiple stickers on each mailbox indicates multiple people at each residence.

if a family of four had been murdered, there were four stickers on that mailbox. He brought us to his home, one of the very few that was not burned by the terrorists. Our group of 20 entered his now empty home and went into the family safe room, closing the door behind us. He, his wife, and two kids were in this room

for seven hours before escaping. He explained how they physically held the door lever closed while the terrorists on the other side tried to open it (same with a specially locked window). We walked through the neighborhood of homes, mostly burned, and we spent a few extra minutes by the Bibas house. This family, from Kibbutz Nir Oz, has become a symbol to the country and world – the mom and two red head babies were taken hostage and are believed to have been murdered. This is still unknown and they remain hostages in Gaza as I write this article. The husband/father, Yarden, was just released alive just a few days ago.



Entrance to Kibbutz Nir Oz. Sign indicates 1 in 4 residents from this kibbutz were either murdered or taken hostage on October 7. You may recognize the Bibas family – from this kibbutz. Mother and two red-headed children taken hostage.



Michael and Lorri with former Chattanooga Shlichim Chen Dahan and Inbal Lev (and Inbal's boyfriend)

An unexpected but powerful moment happened on our first night in Tel Aviv, before our trip even began. At dinner with Chen and Inbal (former Chattanooga Shlichim), our server was wearing a unique pendant. My Hebrew was good enough to understand it was something about the

Nova Music Festival. In our brief conversation I learned that he was a survivor from that day. He was one of the people running through the fields and forests. He said he doesn't talk about that day very often, and when he does it's with very little detail. It is a trauma that he will live with forever. Oct. 7 is a trauma that all Israelis will live with forever. And honestly, it's a trauma that all Jews will live with. The connections we have as Jews include all of the celebrations, holidays, and customs, but also include the tragedies and traumas as well. It's what binds us as Jews.



Stickers memorial with metal red flowers (Kalanit in Hebrew). These flowers bloom in Israel near the Gaza border every year; now a symbol from the Nova Music Festival Massacre.

I must also mention a few other highlights: meeting with wives of reservists and learning about how they have survived and persevered with the help of our Hadera community; Kfar Silver Youth Village – meeting with the Director and kids who experienced Oct. 7 on the front lines; the Peres Center for Peace and Innovation. New technologies that are coming online soon to benefit the entire world (safety, food insecurity and more); a visit to the Knesset, a first for me, which also included a chance meeting with MK Benny Gantz; the updated Jewish Diaspora Museum (ANU) – brilliantly done with rich history and plenty of modern flare (like Jewish humor!); the food (especially hummus!) – a variety of traditional Israeli, Middle Eastern and Druze always with a strong mix of unique spices and flavors; seeing many of our Chattanooga Shlichim – Chen, Inbal, Raoul, Einav and Shiran. We are lucky to have such an amazing family; Shabbat dinner – we had home hospitality with many P2G Israeli friends. It was a feeling of being at home. And yes – much more!

We are looking at several opportunities for Israel experiences – trips coming up in the next 1-2 years. Are you interested in going? Please let me know so I can add your names to the list. It's always a great time to visit Israel, for the first time or your 10th time!



Nova Music Memorial at the site of the Oct. 7 festival.



Michael Dzik with former (and first) Chattanooga Shaliach, Raoul Molnar



Michael and Lorri with former Chattanooga Shaliach, Shiran Amir.

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I have so much more to share, and I look forward to doing so over the coming weeks and months. But



FROM THE BOARD CHAIR

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Moving Forward

The world has been watching developments in the Middle East with both hope and trepidation. As we absorb the impact of the cease-fire, the return of the hostages and President Trump's initiatives, it remains clear that while geopolitics shape the global landscape, our responsibility and what we can control remains how we move forward in our community. In Chattanooga, and Jewish communities across the country, we ask: What comes next? How do we balance engagement with the wider world while strengthening the bonds that sustain us at home? Moving forward requires investment in what sustains us: education, cultural and social programming, and acts of tikkun olam. While we remain engaged with Israel and the global Jewish experience, we must ensure that Jewish life in Chattanooga remains strong and vibrant.

The path forward is not passive—it requires our active participation. We must remain informed about

global affairs, advocate for policies that align with our values, and work toward unity within our community. The challenges of today are significant, but our tradition reminds us that hope and action must go hand in hand. Let us ask how we can strengthen our institutions, deepen our connections, and ensure that the next generation inherits a thriving community.

To that end, our Federation's Board has been actively listening to feedback from members of our community, recognizing the growing need for specialized programming that reflects the diverse interests and experiences of all members of our community. In response, the Board is considering adding staff to expand our programming, ensuring we continue offering meaningful engagement for all community members.

Moving forward is not just about what happens on the world stage—it is about what we do, here and now, to ensure that our values endure. By investing in our community, we honor our past, strengthen our present, and build a future in which Jewish life in Chattanooga continues to thrive.

CONDOLENCES

We extend our sincere condolences to...

... the friends and family of Stanley Perry Brickman, who died in Atlanta on January 26, 2025 at the age of 92. Dr. Brickman was predeceased by his younger sister Rita. He is survived by his wife, Shirley; his children, Lori Freeman (Joe), Teresa Brickman Finer (Paul), and Jeffrey Brickman (Susan); grandchildren, Jason Morse, Jessica Morse (Jake Stoll), Elena Fishkin (Jason), Talia Finer, Joseph Brickman, and Anna Finer.

...the family and friends of Anna Scissors, which died on January 18, 2025. Anna is preceded in death by her husband, Bernard Scissors. She is survived by her daughter, Sandra Scissors Heymann; her son-in-law, Lyle Fredrick Wolf, Jr.; and grandsons, Jason Heymann, Miles Heymann, Hunter Heymann, and James Anzalone.

... the family and friends of Norbert F. Meininger, who died on January 17, 2025. He is predeceased by his wife, Zeena Meininger and son, Carl Meininger. He is survived by his children, Gerald (Nicola) Meininger, June (Robert) Collins, Lawrence (Linda) Meininger, Robert Meininger and Marvin (Da'Lynette) Meininger; grandchildren, Brandi (Marvin), Jesse (Sara), Michelle (John), Rebecca (Sevea), James (Kimberly), David, Amy, Matthew (Elise), Amanda (Brian), Samuel (Eileen), Kristie (Scott) and Thomas (Donna); and 12 great-grandchildren.

UPCOMING EVENTS 2025

MAR 6 ISRAEL HOT TOPIC
NOON

MAR 16 TAKI TOURNAMENT
2 PM

MAR 23 SHLICHIM PANEL
5:30 PM

MAR 30 GOOD DEEDS DAY
NOON

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Star Light

Living outside of the city or even near a town gives me the opportunity to clearly see the stars. Every morning when I walk the dogs, I look up to see which constellations moved, locate the planets, and check out and contemplate waving at the numerous satellites. I work hard to discriminate and acknowledge their differences. I almost ended my walk by saying to myself "Star light, star bright, first star I see tonight"...and make a wish.

This month in the gallery you will see stars much differently. As you walk into the major reception area, Jennifer Lewis exhibits the pieces she created for the Stars of David Project. These pieces attempt to visually represent the enormous loss of lives caused by the Nazi regime by depicting each person killed in the Holocaust as a star. Her process includes stars overlapping and covering one another. The bottom layer of the stars represents the souls lost without a trace. These people are without a written record. The stars in yellow and gold weaving throughout the entire work represent the individuals lost whose stories have been preserved through books, drawings, or living descendants. Jennifer ends each sheet with a solid gold star and recites the Shema to remind herself that the Jewish people live on. Jennifer's stars also represent the beauty of each person lost. The panels are exquisite in their design.

The stars you will see in the gallery also represent the ugly side of hate. We have been fortunate to borrow pieces from The Gilbert Tabby Collection of Holocaust Artifacts now housed at the Children's Holocaust Memorial at Whitwell Middle School. These stars and special pieces were selected to frame the loss in a much different way, a very human way. It is a way to put faces to the loss. Additionally, it shows how targeting and separating people by gender preference, ethnic, religious, and political characteristics is one of the first steps in turning hate into tragedy. It also illustrates how one family, the Tabbys, were gravely affected. It is the first time these artifacts have been in a public location outside of Whitwell. Special thanks to David Tabby, Austin Center, Taylor McDaniel, and Alison Lebovitz for making this possible.

In March there are other "star activities." Marilyn

Goler has put together the Past Our Prime Players. The Players will be presenting skits designed to make you laugh and smirk from the Golden Age of Television, taking place on Mar. 11. We should call this a star smile event! Led by Ofer Musan, shlichim from our P2G region (Nashville and Richmond) will stop by for a community dinner with presentations as they travel to Southeast communities. And, each of us has the opportunity for stardom by participating in Good Deeds Day. This year projects are designed to strengthen Jewish organizations in the community.

As I wish on a star each day for the foreseeable future, I will include another daily saying. Guide me on a path to better others and give me the strength to get there.



FOREIGN POLICY SUPPER CLUB

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March 17
at 6pm
\$15 for dinner



Register by noon March 14 at jewishchattanooga.com



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Step Into Better Health: The Powerful Benefits of Walking

There are SO many wonderful things about Chattanooga and the surrounding areas. We are flanked by beautiful mountains, lakes, and rivers, and we're spoiled for choice with our pick of outdoor activities! That said, we are NOT a city where it is easy to walk to and from work, school, synagogue, or any of the other places we might frequent. In 2008 my family moved to the United Kingdom for a 4 year stint as ex-pats, and that is when I discovered something...I LOVE to walk!! My car remained parked each day as I darted out the door to walk the children to school, and then proceeded to stop by the library, gym, and even grab groceries, all safely on foot. What I did not realize at the time, was the foundation I was setting up for a healthy future with anti-aging benefits!

Aging is inevitable, but how we age is largely in our control. There is overwhelming evidence that supports walking as an important tool to reduce complications from age related diseases. Risk of cardiovascular disease, type 2 diabetes, and even cancer have been shown to be lower in people who walk regularly (Unvvari et al, 45)

The benefits don't stop there! Better sleep and improved cognitive function are also benefits of walking. Not to mention it just makes us feel better! Walking has been shown to boost mood, reduce symptoms of depression and anxiety, and increase overall life satisfaction.

The best news...it's free! No expensive membership or equipment needed. If the weather is nice, an

outdoor walk is the best, but there is always the option to take a stroll indoors at the mall when the weather doesn't cooperate.

How to start? Literally baby steps. Walking does not have to be an all or nothing event. Start with a five minute stroll after a meal or two each day, because even short walks have proven health benefits!

Walking is not always an option for everyone for different reasons, from illness, injury, or even chronic conditions. I am happy to help anyone come up with an alternative to walking! We offer a safe and very adaptable Chair Wellness program here at the Jewish Federation on Mondays at 1:00 p.m. This is a wonderful way to get movement, and the added bonus of a fun time!

Please reach out if I can help you with any questions. Stay well!

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GOOD DEEDS DAY

SUNDAY, MARCH 30

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March in Israel

The month of March saw some of the most important events in the history of the state of Israel, even before the founding of the country in 1948. Among them is the Battle for Tel-Chai in the Galilee, where Yosef Trumpeldor was killed. He is known for saying the popular belief "it is good to die for our land" in 1920. Ever since the establishment of the State of Israel, the month of March was sadly more than any other month, full of terrorist attacks with dozens of people killed and injured. And yet, there were also a lot of events that became part of the Israeli story. One of them is the hanging of "The Ink Flag" in the City of Eilat in 1949. This event and the photo that was taken while it happened became symbols of Israeli history.



The ink flag in Eilat



Menachem Begin (right), with Jimmy Carter (middle) and Anwar Saadat (left) after the signing of the peace agreement

Another of the more memorable events in March was the signing of the peace agreement between Egypt and Israel in 1979. The peace process between the two countries started in 1977, when Egyptian President Anwar Saadat declared to the Egyptian parliament that he would go to The Knesset to talk to Israel about peace. The process was long, longer than what the plans were at the beginning, but two years after

the first talks, President Saadat, President of the United States Jimmy Carter, and the Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin signed the peace agreement at the White House.

Less than a week later, on Mar. 31, Israel held its biggest event yet, one of the biggest musical events in the world, the Eurovision song contest. Eurovision is an international song contest with countries competing from all over Europe, Israel, Australia, and sometimes Morocco. Each



Eurovision 1979

country sends a singer with an original song, no longer than three minutes, and the winner then hosts the next year's competition. After winning in 1978, Israel hosted Eurovision in Jerusalem. Hosting the competition was considered so expensive at the time, some high-ranking people at the Israeli Public Broadcasting, then the only television channel, thought they would run out of money even before the contest started. They planned to just show a black screen through the competition. Eventually

everything worked out. The Israeli singer Gali Atari with the band Chalav Udvash (milk and honey) won the competition by a big margin. Due to the high cost, Israel had to give up hosting the next competition. And, after winning two years in a row, Israel had to give up taking part, due to the lack of budget. They could not even afford participating in 1980.

In the month of March there were a lot of important Israeli figures who were born or passed away. Some examples are Yitzchak Rabin, former Israeli Prime Minister who was born on Mar. 1, 1922 and Former Prime Minister Menachem Begin who passed away on Mar. 9, 1992. One important figure in the Israeli music industry born in March is Yitzchak Klepter, some would say the best Israeli guitarist of all time. Oh, and one more guy you might have heard of, Ofer Musan, the Israeli Shaliach in Chattanooga was born on Mar. 3!



Yitzchak Klepter

I would like to invite you to join me and the community to take part in Good Deeds Day at the JCC, which will take place on Mar. 30 at 11:00 a.m. For more information you can email me at Israel@Jewishchattanooga.com or call me at (423) 385-0098.

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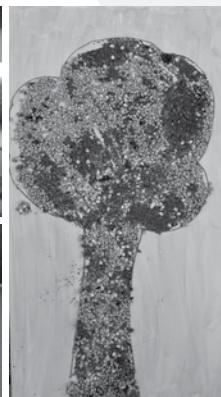
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GROWING AND FLOURISHING!

Spring is just around the corner, and Tu B'Shvat was a great time to celebrate the upcoming season of new growth! In Israel the trees are starting to wake from their winter sleep and the new growth is visible everywhere. But here in Chattanooga, most of our plants are not quite ready to bust out, but we know it is coming soon enough. At Aleph Bet we have talked about the great gifts we are given through growing trees and plants and the sweet fruits that grow from tiny seeds. We read stories, sang songs, and made a seed collage (using tiny seeds to make a big tree). We are told in the Torah that "man is a tree of the field." And on days like today I am so hopeful and grateful for the "seedlings" we are growing here. Seeing their joyous exploration and appreciation of the world around us is a tangible reminder of what is right in our world. So take a moment today to really be aware of how the tiny things around us are growing and flourishing!



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\$10; Light Refreshments Included

**Jewish Cultural Center
5461 North Terrace Road**

Register at www.jewishchattanooga.com

If you remember and enjoyed The Golden Age of Television and comedian performers such as Carol Burnett, Alan King, I Love Lucy, Laugh-In and so much more, then this program is for you! We will feature live performances by talented community members guaranteed to bring back some fun memories.

Appropriate for all ages!

2-4 PM

No night driving required!

Light refreshments.

Cost \$10

**Young Jewish
Social Club
hosted a
Tu B'Shevat
program at
the JCC.**

*Stay tuned
for
more events!*



PASSOVER GROCERY SHOPPING

Community Members,

For the past few years, your Jewish Federation made road trips to Atlanta to assist our community in obtaining Kosher for Passover food. This can include both dry goods and cold items. We know how appreciative you are of this service and it will continue this year!!!

**Orders must be received by
Friday, March 28**

Your order can be picked up at the Federation
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April 4 from 9 a.m.- 12 p.m.



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Ziv Shemesh
Shlichah in
Nashville,
originally from
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She served five years as a combat fitness officer and Krav Maga instructor in the military, spending her final months in a rehab center helping injured soldiers heal from trauma through physical psychology, outdoor training, and mindfulness.

Motivated by the rise in antisemitism and the events of October 7th, Ziv chose to serve Israel differently—on the international stage. After completing her service, she joined Birthright Israel while applying for shlichut. For Ziv, shlichut is about building deep connections and sharing her Israeli story to bring the community closer to Israel.



Tal Bahar
Shlichah in
Richmond,
originally from
Rehovot

Tal's dedication extends beyond the current crises, as she's participated in numerous missions across North America since the age of 16, promoting the Israeli voice and collaborating with Diaspora Jewry. Tal holds a background in youth group work and education, including over seven years in the Israeli scout movement, a year in the pre-military leadership academy "Tavor" and three years of service in the IDF's Education and Youth Corps as a commander and an officer.

During the Israel-Hamas war, Tal actively engaged in Israeli advocacy efforts, volunteering her time. Tal eagerly anticipates sharing her knowledge and love for Israel, and since June 2024, she is in Richmond as the Jewish Agency community emissary and meets a wide range of populations and age groups in Richmond.

Turn to the back cover for more information.

Nosh-A-Nooga

Chattanooga's Jewish Food Festival

September 7, 2025

**Teams being formed: Logistics, Bakers/Cooks
Entertainment, Marketing/Sponsors,
Children's Activities, and more**

Contact Ann: atreadwell@jewishchattanooga.com

Chattanooga Allergy Clinic



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FIRST FRIDAY FAMILY SHABBAT

MARCH 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
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DAY AND TIME



TUESDAYS
JANUARY 22ND
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Beyond Torah

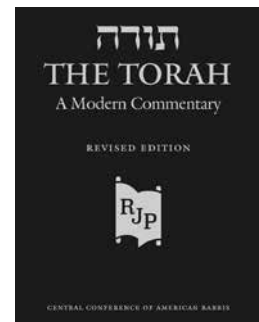


By popular demand, we are going to study the books that come after Deuteronomy. We are currently in Judges. Using the JPS Translation, we will see where our study takes us beyond Torah.

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

MIZPAH TORAH STUDY

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



Join us for an
Intriguing Conversation
we will welcome
Chattanooga broadcast legend
David Carroll

Wednesday, March 5th @ 7:00 PM
Feinstein Hall

David is celebrating his 50th anniversary as a broadcaster on both TV and radio. He has written three books that all share his incredible career both in front of the camera and behind the scenes.

His book, *Hello Chattanooga! Famous People Who Have Visited the Tennessee Valley*, features photos, stories, and complete listings of the entertainers, athletes, political leaders, and others who have visited the area since 1900.

This will be a great evening of memories.
David's books will all be available to buy.



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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Every 3rd Friday



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Shabbat worship: Fridays 6:00 pm Saturdays 11:00 am

Torah Study: Saturdays 9:15 am

Newish to Jewish: (contact Rabbi Lewis) Tuesdays 6 pm

Mussar: Ethics of Judaism Wednesdays 7:30am (zoom)

Adult Beginning Hebrew: Wednesdays 12:00 pm

Mizpah Hebrew School (youth):

Wednesdays 5:00 pm

Mizpah Shabbat choir:

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POTLUCK KABBALAT SHABBAT

Friday at 6:00pm
March 28
Social Hall

A unique musical Shabbat experience, followed by a dairy potluck dinner!

Beginning this Potluck Shabbat, we're unveiling a new service led with the help of talented musicians from our BZ community. Join us each Potluck Shabbat for an elevated musical experience!



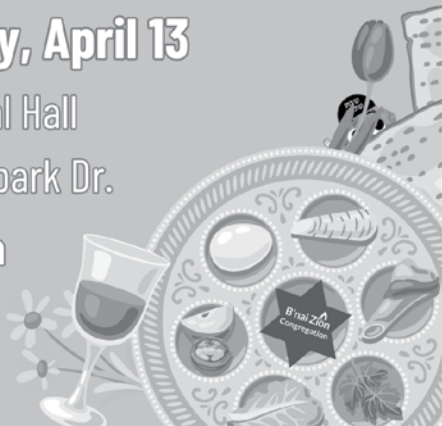
Southern Schmooze Cohort 2025

BZ Passover Seder

Sunday, April 13

BZ Social Hall
6210 Airpark Dr.

6:00 pm



Join BZ & Mizpah for
PURIM & TRIVIA NIGHT
THURSDAY, MARCH 13
BZ SOCIAL HALL
6210 AIRPARK DRIVE
6:00PM - MEGILLAH READING
7:00-8:00PM - TRIVIA



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 March 1!**

B'nai Zion Calendar

Friday Night - Kabbalat Shabbat: 6:00 pm

Shabbat Morning Services: 9:30 am

BSI: March. 5, 12, and 26

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

Weekly Parsha Study: Sundays, 7:00pm

March

2	Jews & Brews
8	Shabbat Muffins
8	Lunch & Learn
9	Kadima - Urban Air Jump Park
13	Purim Party
22	Lunch & Learn
28	Potluck Kabbalat Shabbat

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

CONGRATULATIONS



Congratulations to Chattanooga Chapter's Woman of the Year Randi Weiss. Randi will receive her pin and accolades at the Southern Region Board meeting in Knoxville March 8. Accompanying her on this occasion will be: Luz Faracco, Susan Leininger, Judy Sachsman, Beth Thomas, Ruth Votava and Dana Waxler! Randi has been invaluable guiding Hadassah member through several Purim and Challah baking programs as well as speaking to members about her Israel trip shortly after October 7.

And congratulations to Dana Waxler who was just installed as a Hadassah National Vice President. She is the first person to serve in this capacity from Chattanooga.



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 lead a discussion of the youth resistance movement during WWII.



"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 1200 photos of these survivors around the globe as part of the mission to remember these individuals. Hadassah is planning a meeting in the near future for members to hear about this experience.

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

ANNUAL HAMANTASCHEN BAKE AND LEARNING

Hadassah's annual hamantaschen bake and learning will take place March 6 at 6 PM. Please register for the event using the flyer. 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 coordinating the baking portion of this program.



Use this link: <https://hwzoa.networkforgood.com/events/80274-super-south-sor-chattanooga-hamantashchen-with-hadassah-2025>

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:

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

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