

the Shofar

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Greg Jackson
"Market Street Bridge"
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FROM THE PRESIDENT AND CEO

Tzedakah as a Mitzvah, a Responsibility and a Tradition

Philanthropy. The active effort to promote the welfare of others and improve the quality of human life (Merriam-Webster). Philanthropy can also

include volunteering or sharing one's expertise with others for learning and growth. In the Jewish world we tend to use the term Tzedakah, which has a slightly different meaning. Tzedakah is about righteousness and justice. Tzedakah is mandatory, a mitzvah (commandment), whereas philanthropy is considered more voluntary. Tzedakah is usually a financial gift, but also includes Chesed, acts of loving-kindness. Personally, I believe that Tzedakah is a very unique Jewish value that connects us as a community, and connects us as a people. It is a tenant of Judaism; a basic value. So - if Tzedakah is a mitzvah (commandment), can it also be a tradition?

In our family we have lots of traditions. For example, Paula and I don't buy each other birthday or anniversary presents; we really don't buy birthday presents for the kids anymore as well. What we do instead is purchase experiences – a concert, a travel experience, or even a donation to retirement accounts. When someone passes away, it is our tradition to give Tzedakah to a synagogue, Federation, or even plant trees in Israel. Our Bar/Bat Mitzvah gifts are always Israeli Bonds. OK, technically that's a "present" but really we hope it's the beginning of a relationship and future experience with Israel and the Jewish people. We want the young adult to understand that each Jew is connected to each other in a very special way. These are just a few of our family traditions.

One of my favorite family traditions was started by my mother 30+ years ago. Before we start our Passover Seder, we have each person attending sign and date the inside of the Hagaddah we've provided. Today, each Hagaddah has 30+ signatures; people who have joined us over the years. Kids signed or printed their names; people who've long passed away have their names in our Hagaddah; people who have moved away. It's fun to look back and see all the friends and family who've joined us over the years. We find this a beautiful tradition.

Should we, or can we, consider Tzedakah a tradition? I'll go back to the Israel Bonds example from our

family. The 13 year old may not fully understand what Israel is at that age (I hope they do!). Maybe it's an introduction for the parents as well. But when the bond comes due in five years – at age 18 – and they're looking for some extra spending money post high school? That Israel Bond comes in handy and can be a reminder to the teen and family of the importance of Israel and the Jewish community. Equally, it will be a reminder of their special day five years earlier, a reminder of their Jewish experience and the unique role and responsibility of Jewish values.

When my children were very young – now ages 27 and 24 – I would make individual annual donations to the Federation in their names. It was their gift, in their name, which they paid with their savings or allowance. They would see their name listed every year as a donor and feel a sense of pride. Both have been Federation donors since 2009. What's very meaningful to me is that both of my daughters, now as adults and independent, continue to make their own individual gifts. They learned the importance of the Jewish community and found that Tzedakah is important to them as an adult as well. It's now, well, a tradition of theirs.

People give to projects, organizations, or causes that they are connected to. As a Jewish people, we are fortunate to have unique connections with each other as well. I know that our Jewish Federation plays a pivotal and important role in creating opportunities for these connections and friendships. The Jewish community needs you, needs all of us. To all of our investors – financial, time and experience – thank you for making the Federation part of your Tzedakah tradition. And for all of you that have yet to make that first-time gift? There's no time like the present to start a new tradition.

Michael Dzik

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BOARD CO-CHAIRS

Gene and Amy Boulware

Preparing for 5787

Well, here we are, year 5787. Can you believe that another New Year has come and gone? It seems like it was just yesterday that I marveled that it was the year 5737. Yes, I am slow to catch on. I was an adult before really understanding the magnitude of such a time continuum.

Every New Year, whether religious or secular, we often look at the year past in amazement. We reflect, review, and inventory our lives. How did it go so fast? Where did the time go? We look for our shortcomings and "resolve" to do better. To press forward and to hopefully, hit the mark. Our Federation is no different.

Amy and I are so proud of the Federation's multi-generational programs, layered social services, Aleph Bet Children's Center, Schlichim Program, art

installations, and global JFNA social initiatives just to mention a few. However close to the target mark our Federation is, there is always room for improvement.

As we prepare to barrel down the highway for the 5787 journey, now is the time to make sure that we are ready for that trip. Have we packed those essentials? Are we connecting with community members from all age groups? Are we representing our Jewish community in the most positive light? In a time of increased antisemitism are we providing a place of safety? The key to all of these questions is the word WE. Our amazing staff cannot do this all alone. It requires the commitment of each community member to work with us. If you have a special interest, have been thinking of a program that you would like to see offered or if you just want to feel more connected, Amy and I are here to help you make that happen. Please reach out to us.

2027 FEDERATION ANNUAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE

What an energizing start to our campaign with 175+ in attendance for the August kickoff event. The campaign is off to an amazing start because of all of you! Thank you to the 217 community members who have already confirmed your pledge and investment for the 2027 campaign. That number continues to grow day by day. And thank you to our 20 volunteer Ambassadors who are out in the field – calling on community members and sharing the meaningful impact of our Federation's work. We could not do this without each and every one of you!

Al Jarman, Campaign Chair

2027 Ambassadors

Amy Boulware *
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FROM THE ENGAGEMENT MANAGER

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Kavanah: How We Choose to Show Up

As Rosh Hashanah approaches, I have been thinking a lot about kavanah.

Kavanah is often translated as intention, but I think there is something a little deeper in it than simply having good intentions. It is about being present and purposeful in what we are doing. It asks us to think not only about what we do, but about how and why we do it. That has been on my mind quite a bit in my role as Engagement Manager.

It is very easy to measure engagement by numbers. How many events did we have? How many people registered? How many people showed up? Those things certainly matter, but I do not think they tell the whole story. For me, engagement with kavanah means asking different questions. Did someone meet a person they would not have met otherwise? Did we create an opportunity to do something meaningful together? Did someone decide to volunteer because they were finally given an easy way to get started? Did a conversation at an event turn into a friendship? Did we make space for people to simply enjoy being Jewish together?

Those are much harder things to put into a spreadsheet, but they are the things I find myself thinking about most. As we enter 5787, I want to bring more intention into the opportunities we create through Federation. That means continuing to offer fun programming through our affinity groups, but also thinking beyond events. I want to create more opportunities to volunteer, to serve our greater Chattanooga community, to meet people outside of our usual circles, and to give people different ways to participate in Jewish life.

Engagement does not always have to mean adding another event to an already busy calendar. Maybe this year it means choosing one volunteer opportunity and showing up. Maybe it means attending something you would normally skip. Maybe it means inviting someone who is new to sit with you. Maybe it means reaching out with an idea you have been sitting on for a while. Or maybe it is simply making a point to introduce yourself to someone you have seen at community events for years but have never actually gotten to know.

Small choices can be intentional ones.

That is something I hope to carry into my own work this year. I do not want to plan something simply because

"we should have an event." I want to keep asking what purpose it serves, who it brings together, and what we hope people take away from it.

And I hope you will be part of that process.

If there is something you would like to see us try, a volunteer project you care about, an idea for one of our affinity groups, or a way you would like to become more involved, tell me. Some ideas will be big. Some will be incredibly simple. Both are worth hearing.

Rosh Hashanah gives us an opportunity to look ahead and decide how we want to enter a new year. For me, 5787 is about doing that with a little more kavanah, being more thoughtful about what we create, more purposeful about how we bring people together, and more attentive to the opportunities we have to strengthen our community.

I hope you will find one way to engage with intention this year, too.

Shanah Tovah U'Metukah!

SAGE Wine Tasting

Hosted and led by Stephen and Helene Weinberg
August 19



SAGE Booth Museum Visit

September 18





FROM THE CHIEF IMPACT OFFICER

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It's the Roof Over Our Heads

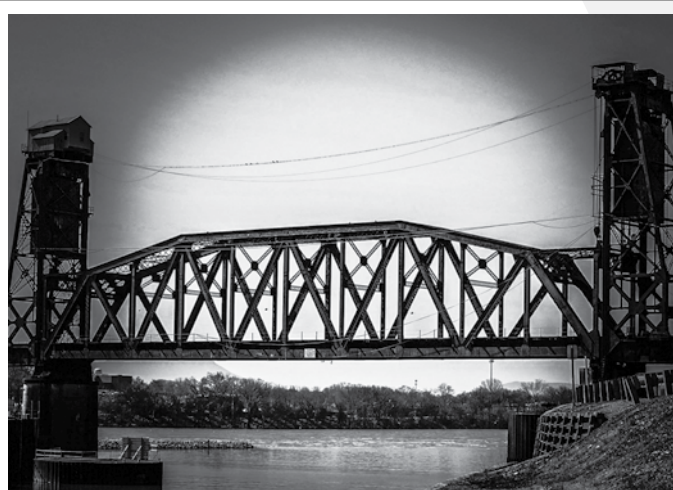
This summer I had the unfortunate pleasure of replacing our home's roof. Mind you, I really can't complain. The roof was installed in 1993, just after the blizzard, by the house's previous owner. The garage roof was not replaced at the same time and was original to the house when it was built in 1976. The gutters were also original to the house and had seen many years of falling nuts and tree limbs. After interviewing several roofing companies, we took on the huge project which included a good amount of deck repair. I've been promised that the shingles will hold up under gale force storms, hail, mold, and other horrible weather conditions for at least 50 years. The crews working on the roof and gutters were professional, friendly, and helpful while being efficient.

Using the roof as a metaphor, I started thinking about our Federation. We are the roof that covers the health and welfare of the Jewish community and the greater Federation community. In the social services department we provide case management. The nurse advocate helps community members with everything from doctor and hospital visits to phone and home check-ins. Medicare Part D consultations through the Federation are an important asset to those people 65 and older. Mitzvah meals provide food both during stressful circumstances and to those in need. Transportation gets people to critical services when they may not be able to do it themselves. Yes, a roof over our heads.

The program department provides opportunities to learn, socialize, break bread together, and kibitz. Programs let us explore who we are, dance and sing, and converse about things that are important to us and our community. The facility is a safe place for the very young, the elderly, and everyone in between. The facility is available as a meeting place for the community. We will commemorate October 7 with a cooking program with Linor Shirinov, shlichah. Linor will also update us on the upcoming Israeli election during a community dinner. Age affiliate groups will participate in Ghost Tours, and a talent showcase.

In gallery the exhibit Bridge will celebrate the reopening of the Walnut Street walking bridge with a diverse range of images. Bridge images from all over the world will compliment art work that highlights bridges that connect us as people and cultures. Join us for a meet the artists reception on Thursday, Oct. 15 at 4:30 p.m..

Keep our "roof", the Federation, strong. Please pledge if you have not already done so. If you have pledged or donated, thank you. Help us be the bridge in the community.



Bridge Exhibit: September 28 – November 20

Trestle - Robert Roth

FOREIGN POLICY SUPPER CLUB

6PM Dinner, \$15 per person

U.S. Engagement with Africa

Monday, October 19

Africa's geopolitical role is growing. What lessons can the U.S. learn from China's presence there, and how might it strengthen ties, especially with leading nations like Nigeria? What tools of statecraft might the U.S. bring to its engagement with Africa?

Register – jewishchattanooga.org



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This one is for Sgt. Dor Lazimi Z"L

This Shofar article is going to be a little bit different. It's not going to be about me, my story, or my experience, but about someone I knew. Someone who sacrificed his life so other people could live.

This one is for Sgt. Dor Lazimi Z"L.

On the morning of Oct. 7th, 2023, just about three years ago, the Nahal Oz base came under attack by Hamas terrorists.

An IDF soldier, Adir Bogale, stood alone at the entrance post of the base as Hamas launched its attack. His two comrades, Dor Lazimi and Ori Karmi, ran to reinforce him under heavy mortar fire. At 6:36 a.m., their fierce battle against dozens of terrorists began, and for almost an hour, they held their ground before being overrun.

When everything was over, they were found with empty magazines. They had fought with everything they had until there was nothing left. Since they only had their rifles, they could only hit the terrorists who got really close.

Their fight, although not many people know about it, was purely heroic and brave. Instead of going to the shelter like many other soldiers did, they chose to go to the front line and fight. It was a decision made in a single moment. And maybe things would have looked different if Dor had run to the shelter as well. Dor sent his last text to his older brother, Bar, at 6:57 a.m. saying, "I'm okay," after his brother had tried to call him and Dor didn't pick up. Not long after, in one of the videos that Hamas was posting on a Telegram channel showing their actions during the attack, I saw Dor's face. It was the moment I knew that life as I knew it would never be the same.

Together, the three fought against dozens of terrorists until they were killed in battle. Dor was most likely killed by a grenade thrown by one of the terrorists.

Dor was born in Nof Hagalil (formerly Nazareth Illit) on Aug. 19, 2002, to his mom, Sharona, and his dad, David. Dor had two older siblings, May and Bar, with whom he was very close.

The connection between Dor and Bar was unlike

anything else. Although they were a few years apart, it was like they were twins.

When Dor was in middle school, he joined the inclusive youth movement "Krembo Wings," which is for children and teens with and without disabilities. With time, he became a counselor and even a communication supervisor, becoming a major part of the local branch.

After high school, Dor joined a Mechina for his gap year before the military. His Mechina director, Avihai, tells the story of how Dor noticed that the Israeli flag they had was torn and old. Avihai agreed, but didn't do anything about it. One Sunday, when they came back from vacation, he saw Dor on the roof. His first reaction was to be mad, but then Dor turned around with his big green eyes and his smile and said, "Avihai, I changed the flag. Now we can keep going."

Dor loved the State of Israel and the country with all of his heart, and since childhood, he wanted to be a combat soldier.

In Aug. 2021, Dor joined the Golani Brigade and later became a commander. As a commander, he was always true to himself and to the values he believed in. He respected his soldiers, got to know them, made sure they were okay, and helped them whenever they needed it - even with some of their duties, such as guarding the base.

The weekend of Oct. 7th, Dor was supposed to spend time at home with his family, but instead chose to stay at the base and help his soldiers with the guarding schedule.

Dor died at the age of 21 and was laid to rest in Kfar Tavor.

This Oct. 7th, we will be remembering Dor and the amazing person he was while making one of his favorite dishes at the Federation at 6:00 p.m. Since we will be cooking, the spots are limited to 10 people and registration is mandatory.

I'm looking forward to the opportunity to tell you more about Dor that day.

SEE PAGE 13 FOR MORE DETAILS

Lunch OUT

JOIN JEWISH FEDERATION STAFF AT 11:30
ON THE LAST TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH
FOR LUNCH (SELF-PAY)!

Jun 30 // Han Mi (St. Elmo)
July 28 // Mah Kin (Brainerd)
Aug 25 // Amada (Southside)
Sept 29 // Bibas (Hixson)
Oct 27 // Old Man River (Foot of Signal)
Nov 24 // J. Alexander (Hamilton Place)
Dec 18 // *Potluck @ JCC
**Parve/Dairy only, please!

RSVP TO FEDERATION@JEWISHCHATTANOOGA.ORG

***Location subject to change based on seating availability.
Please RSVP 3 days before each event*

Chair Wellness



Free!
No RSVP required.
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for weekly updates.

Mondays at 1:00

**Jewish Cultural Center
5461 North Terrace Rd**

Jewish Federation Transporation Services



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and 4 cars,
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community and the
greater Chattanooga
area!



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if you can donate, we
encourage that. Our annual
campaign helps provide
services just like this and we
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It costs on average
\$40 to transport
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appointment
and back home.

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Orders must be received by
3:00 on Thursday for delivery the
following Thursday (1 week notice).

Call or email Lorri Lipski
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llipski@jewishchattanooga.com





FROM THE SOCIAL SERVICES DIRECTOR

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Medicare Open Enrollment

Now that it's October, we are fully in fall mode...and we look forward to upcoming events and weather changes. I am excited about cooler temps with less humidity & the colors of the changing leaves.

Another exciting thing to look forward to is **Medicare D Open Enrollment** which begins **October 15th**.

While I am learning all I can about Medicare Part D, I appreciate what a great service this is to the community. If you are not familiar with it, or if you are new to Medicare, this is a program we offer to the community, free of charge! Our goal is to help you find the best plan/coverage for the medications you are taking. If you have not seen your primary care provider recently, this is your reminder to schedule an appointment and make sure your medication list is up to date. Be sure your provider is aware of any supplements, vitamins,

and OTC's you are taking. Don't forget to include a list of any allergies you may have.

You should receive a packet from the JFGC during the first week of October. Please fill out the form in its entirety, including a current list of your prescription medications. Once you complete the paperwork, please return to the Federation by postal mail, email, or drop off in person. After we receive the completed forms, we will contact you to schedule your session.

I am looking forward to meeting all of you at one of our community events in the future!

Happy Fall,
Katrina Miller

Chattanooga Allergy Clinic



**Todd Levin, MD; Jessica Van Mason, MD; Marc Cromie, MD;
Jennifer Patel, MD; Hyman Kaplan, MD; Lee Perry, MD**

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BAT MITZVAH

Eliza Rose

Saturday, October 24 - B'nai Zion

Eliza Rose is a sixth grader at Baylor School who loves staying active as a cheerleader and swimmer. When she's not at practice, you can find her curled up with a good book, traveling with her family, or cuddling with her beloved dog, Minnie Goldmill. Eliza is a loving big sister to Zane and is deeply cherished by her proud parents, Cassie and Kevin.



CONDOLENCES

We extend our sincere condolences to...

...the family and friends of Marvin Tendler, who died recently. He is survived by his wife, Carol Tendler; children, Rabbi Susan Tendler (Ross Sadoff), Brian (Agnes), and Larry (Michelle); and granddaughters, Hannah Sofia and Daniella.

...the family and friends of Norman Slovis, who died on August 29, 2026. Norman is preceded in death by his parents, Isaac and Sylvia Slovis; and sister, Anita Merlin. He is survived by his wife, Sylvia Slovis; daughter, Stacey (Rick) Goldstein; son, Adam (Jolie) Slovis; and grandchildren, Noah (Shahar) Goldstein, Sarah (Noah) Hanover; Elliot (Melissa) Slovis, and Daniel (Rachel) Slovis

Talkin' 'Bout My Federation

**"Have you pledged
or donated?"**

Thank you."

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jewishchattanooga.org."**

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Join us for a beginners class
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October 5, 2026

6:30pm @ The JCC

\$5 Registration

Please RSVP by October 1

Only 12 spots available
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Register: jewishchattanooga.org

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October

2026

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Next Gen Shabbat Dinner 6PM

NEXT GEN (20ish – 40ish group)

JOIN US IF YOU DARE...

Chattanooga Ghost Tours

NEXT GEN GHOST TOUR

24 OCTOBER - 8:15 PM

TICKETS - \$10

TOUR RUNS RAIN OR SHINE, SO BRING WEATHER-APPROPRIATE GEAR, COMFORTABLE SHOES AS WELL AS YOUR CAMERAS.

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A TOUR OF CHATTANOOGA'S SPOOKY HISTORY

PLEASE RSVP AT JEWISHCHATTANOOGA.ORG



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WE'RE DYING TO SEE YOU

HALLOWEEN SHABBAT DINNER

MAIN DISH WILL BE PROVIDED
BRING A SIDE
*COSTUMES OPTIONAL

30 OCT

6 PM

RSVP: JEWISHCHATTANOOGA.ORG
LOCATION WILL BE PROVIDED (NORTHSHORE)

MIDDLE CHAI (40ish – 60ish group)

JOIN US IF YOU DARE...

Chattanooga Ghost Tours

MIDDLE CHAI GHOST TOUR

10 OCTOBER - 8:15 PM

TICKETS - \$10

TOUR RUNS RAIN OR SHINE, SO BRING WEATHER-APPROPRIATE GEAR, COMFORTABLE SHOES AS WELL AS YOUR CAMERAS.

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please join us for our

MIDDLE CHAI POTLUCK SHABBAT

dinner

Friday, October 30, 2026
6:00 pm

Hosted by Erica and Brandon Newman
*Address will be provided at a later date.

Please RSVP at jewishchattanooga.org

 **OF GREATER CHATTANOOGA**

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Exclusive

THE ARTICLE

With Kailee Shores
 Chattanooga Times Free Press Faith and Family Editor



October 26, 4PM

JCC 5461 North Terrace Road

Kailee Shores holds a degree in journalism from Middle Tennessee State University, where she served as the editor-in-chief of MTSU Sidelines. Her work has appeared in The Chattanooga Times Free Press, The Tennessean, the Nashville Banner and WMOT, an NPR member station.

Link to the article that will be featured shall be sent a week in advance to all those who have registered.

Register
 jewishchattanooga.org

SAGE (60ish + group)



COME SHOWCASE YOUR TALENT!

SAGE Salon

Come share what you do best! Whether you sing, play an instrument, tell jokes, perform magic, or have another special talent, SAGE Salon is your chance to take the spotlight and enjoy an afternoon of creativity and community.

OCTOBER 28, 2026
2-5 PM EST

Please bring an appetizer potluck dish. Drinks will be provided.

Hosted by Bill and Sherie Lefton. Address will be provided to those who RSVP prior to the event.

Register at jewishchattanooga.org

For any questions please contact Les at engagement@jewishchattanooga.org

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Aleph Bet provides an educational, interactive and developmentally appropriate preschool program enriched by Jewish traditions and values.

FALL FUN AT ALEPH BET!

It's been a busy and exciting month at Aleph Bet! Our little farmers have been having a blast with our Down on the Farm curriculum, exploring farm animals, songs, stories, and hands-on activities.

Learning with Linor is back! Each week, Linor will spend time with the children doing fun, hands-on activities that encourage learning and creativity. We've also been celebrating Rosh Hashanah, welcoming the Jewish New Year with sweet traditions, special activities, and wishes for a wonderful year ahead.

And don't forget—Open Enrollment is here! If you know a family who would love to be part of our Aleph Bet family, we'd love to meet them!



**Thank you
to everyone
who donated
and/or purchased
art for our
fundraiser.**

**We raised
\$2,700
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generosity
and support!**



**Happy
Retirement**

Thursday, October 15
4:30-5:30PM at the JCC

**Ms. Kat's
Retirement Celebration**

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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
in the Sukkah**

OCTOBER 2, 2026

SERVICES @ 6:00 PM

DINNER @ 7:00 PM

Balsamic Chicken, Basmati Rice,
Green Beans and Salad Bar

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What We've Been Doing This Year




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JOYFUL JEWISH LEARNING

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Marianna Allen,
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MIZPAH TORAH STUDY

9:15 am Shabbat
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Scan for tickets!






What did you do for the weekend?
We had several family members: Weiss, Ruiz, London and Pollack attending Family Camp at URJ Camp Coleman. You can join them next Labor Day Weekend!

MIZPAH WORSHIP AND LEARNING

Shabbat Services:	Fridays 6:00 PM Saturdays 11:00 AM
Torah Study	Saturdays 9:00 AM
Mizpah Choir Practice	Thursdays 5:30 PM
For exact schedule, contact Marianna Allen - 423-432-0980	

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Scholar in Residence with UGA Israel Institute Teaching Fellow, Eli Sperling

Saturday, November 6

Lunch & Learn: The History and Politics
of the Israeli Palestinian Conflict

Sunday, November 7

2:00pm – 3:30pm: Israel's Domestic
Politics and the Next Government

3:30 – 5:00pm: Israel's Regional
and Global Relationships



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Mazel Tov, Eliza Rose on
your Bat Mitzvah!

Saturday, October 24th



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JEW'S AND BREWS

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B'nai Zion Calendar

Friday Night - Kabbalat Shabbat: 6:00 pm

Shabbat Morning Services: 9:30 am

BSI: Sundays, October 18 and 25

Minyan/Foundations: Tues., 6:00/6:30 pm via Zoom

Weekly Parsha Study: Sundays, 7:00pm

Weekly Talmud Study: Thursdays, 10:00am

October

3	Shabbat Muffins
4	Simchat Torah Celebrations
8	BZ Board Meeting
10	Lunch & Learn
11	Special Jews & Brews: Blessing of the Animals
16	Shira v'Shulchan
24	Bat Mitzvah of Eliza Rose

SHIRA V'SHULCHAN שירה ושולחן

Friday, October 16

6:00pm

Social Hall

Shira v'Shulchan - Song and Table
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HIGH HOLIDAY GIFT CARD

Thank you to all the members who contributed to the High Holiday Gift card as we welcome 5787. You have started the New Year by supporting the Gandel Rehabilitation Center in Israel. And grateful appreciation for the efforts of Susan Leininger, Kathy Kessler, and Millie Lander for getting this card out to the community.

"SWEET PARTY FOR A SWEET YEAR"

In August, Hadassah presented a *"Sweet party for a Sweet year"*: eat some sweets and do some sweets. Hadassah grandmas, moms, children, and grandchildren enjoyed a lifechanging intergenerational party in honor of the new school year and Rosh Hashanah. Randi Weiss designed a wonderful program and Jackie Rosenfeld organized a beautiful project making Rosh Hashanah cards for Hadassah Hospital patients.



HEALTH CRUISE

Coming **Sunday, October 18: SS Hadassah II, a Health Cruise Experience**, will visit ports of call including healthy aging topics for women and men. Bev Coulter has been organizing this program with help from Beth Thomas, Stephanie DeOlloqui, Edie Weiss, Frank Miller, Judy Sachsman, Elaine Winer, and Richard Zachary. Ports of call will include: current vaccine recommendations, demystifying death, urology concerns for men and women, and other health issues. Upon registration, the address for the event will be supplied.



Sunday, October 18, 2:00 pm
(Address provided upon registration)

Join Hadassah Chattanooga for a health cruise experience visiting ports of call and exploring important issues affecting women. Some of the presentation topics will include: menopause, HRT, bone health, hair loss, sleep disorders, women and heart disease, stress management, hospice care, and more.



Registration Cost - \$18

Everyone must RSVP by 10/16/26 - No Walk-ins

Register online with the QR code or visit: <https://bit.ly/ChattanoogaSSHadassahII>

Any questions contact Beverly Coulter at bcoulter02@gmail.com

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Save the date for **Sunday, November 15**, when Hadassah hosts another **Mah Jongg and Margaritas** game afternoon. Additional games will be available and attendees are encouraged to bring an appetizer or a dessert. Mah Jong lessons will be available and one annual membership will be part of the prize drawing!



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