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FROM THE PRESIDENT AND CEO

Tzedakah, Chesed and Tikkun Olam

When someone in our community needs help, where do they turn? It can be humbling to ask others for help or guidance. It is human to need help; it is also human that asking for help may not be the first, second, or even third thing on someone's mind. I'd like to think that a call to your Jewish Federation would be your first instinct, your first call. For some it is. For many others we're not on their radar. I don't have enough fingers and toes to tell you how many times I've heard "I had no idea our Federation did that." So how can we inform our community that the Jewish Federation is your social service resource?

As a Jewish community – as a Jewish Federation – these three principles are what guide us: ***tzedakah, chesed*** and ***tikkun olam***.

Rooted in the Hebrew word for righteousness and justice, ***tzedakah*** reflects the Jewish belief that helping others is not simply an act of generosity, but a responsibility. We give not only because we want to, but because we recognize that everyone deserves dignity, security, and the opportunity to live a meaningful life.

Through the Federation's Social Services Department, this value comes to life when we help individuals and families navigate difficult circumstances, connect people with needed resources, and respond to challenges that can otherwise feel overwhelming. Whether someone is facing a financial hardship, a personal crisis, or an unexpected change in their life, our commitment is to ensure that members of our community know they are not alone.

If ***tzedakah*** reminds us of our responsibility to help, ***chesed*** reminds us how that help should be offered. It is loving-kindness expressed through compassion, empathy, and genuine concern for another person. Social services are about more than connecting someone with a resource or providing practical assistance. It is also about listening without judgment, building trust, respecting individual circumstances, and treating every person with care. Sometimes, the most meaningful thing we can offer is a helping hand. At other times, it is a listening ear, a reassuring conversation, or simply the knowledge that someone cares.

These moments of human connection are essential to a strong Jewish community. They remind us that caring for one another is not just something we do; it is a reflection of who we are.

Tikkun olam, commonly understood as repairing the world, calls on us to make our communities and the broader world better places for everyone. While we cannot solve every problem or eliminate every hardship, we can make a meaningful difference in the lives of individuals and families.

The Federation's Social Services Department helps put this principle into practice by responding to immediate needs while also strengthening the network of support that makes our community more resilient. Every person who receives assistance, every family connected with a needed service, and every individual who feels seen and supported represents a small but meaningful step toward a better world.

And that work extends beyond any single department or organization. A stronger community is built when neighbors look out for one another, organizations work together, and people recognize that the well-being of others is a shared responsibility.

Tzedakah, chesed, and ***tikkun olam*** are more than ancient Jewish concepts. They are living values that challenge us to turn belief into action. They remind us to give because it is right, to care because it is human, and to work toward a better world because we all have a role to play.

At the Jewish Federation, these values help shape our commitment to the community. Through our Social Services Department, we strive to meet people where they are, respond with compassion, and help individuals and families find the support they need.

Ultimately, the strength of a community is measured not only by what it accomplishes, but by how it treats people when they need help the most. When we put these Jewish values into practice, we do more than provide services. We live out the best of our Jewish tradition and build a community in which everyone has the opportunity to feel supported, valued, and connected.

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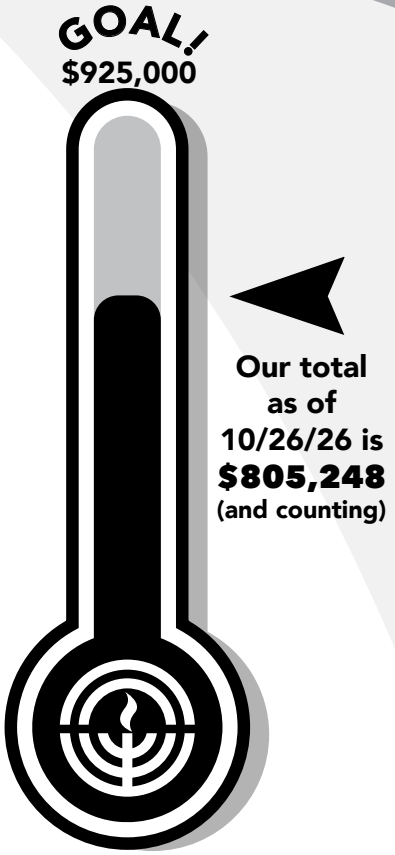
2027 FEDERATION ANNUAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE

Thank you to the 256 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 **
*Gene Boulware **
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*Adam Gerson **
Ken Goldsmith
Andy Hodes
*Al Jarman **
Alan Lebovitz
Alison Lebovitz
Michael Lebovitz
Paul Lefkoff
Rob Lowe
Jed Mescon
Barbara Oxenhandler
Judy Sachsman
*Fern Shire **
Pris Siskin
Cara Weiner
Richard Zachary

** are members of the Campaign Leadership Team*

Michael Dzik ***(Tzedakah, Chesed and Tikkun Olam)*** ***Continued from Page 2***

See below for many of our social services offerings. See page 7 for additional details and some upcoming programs

Your annual campaign dollars support these critical services to our community. Together we are living each principal - tzedakah, chesed and tikkun olam - every day. *(All of these services are provided at no cost unless otherwise noted.)*

- Full-time social services director
- Part-time nurse advocate
- Medicare D consultations *(happening now!)*
- Monthly grief support group
- Quarterly Legal Aid of TN sessions at JCC
- Weekly Mitzvah Meals – kosher, delivered meals (sliding fee scale)
- 50+ weekly hours of transportation – doctor appointments, pharmacy, grocery store, and much more
- Weekly chair wellness exercise classes - Mondays at 1:00 p.m.
- Coffee and Conversation – Every Friday at 11:00 a.m.
- Health, educational, and social luncheons

Michael Dzik

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FROM THE ENGAGEMENT MANAGER

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The Gift of Belonging

November is a time when many of us pause to reflect on what we're grateful for. For me, one of those things is the sense of belonging that comes from being part of a strong and connected community.

As the Engagement Manager, I spend a lot of time bringing people together, but what keeps me passionate about this work is seeing what happens after the introductions are made. Friendships form. People reconnect. New faces become familiar ones. A person attends one event and suddenly finds themselves feeling more connected than they have in years. I am proud to offer opportunities that help sustain those connections.

One of the things I appreciate most about our community is that there isn't just one way to be involved. Some people are looking for social connections, others want to learn something new, volunteer, celebrate Jewish traditions, or simply spend time with people who share similar experiences and values. Whatever brings someone through the door, there's a place for them here.

I've seen that through every stage of life. Whether it's a young adult attending a NextGen gathering, someone joining a Middle Chai event to meet new people, or a SAGE participant sharing stories and experiences they've gathered over a lifetime, each person adds something unique to our community. It is these opportunities to connect, the stories we share, and the relationships we build, that make Chattanooga's Jewish community so special.

I'm especially looking forward to several upcoming opportunities to connect. On Nov. 16, The Federation will host a Women's Night Paint & Sip, offering a chance to unwind, get creative, and spend an evening with friends, old and new.

Then on November 18, SAGE will have an Appraisal Event, which I'm particularly excited about. Participants will have the opportunity to bring meaningful items from their homes to be professionally appraised, but what interests me most are the stories behind those objects. Often, a piece of jewelry, artwork, or a family heirloom carries decades of memories, family history, and personal meaning. The chance to share those stories with one another is what will make the evening truly special.

And before long, we'll gather again for our Community Chanukah Celebration on Dec. 6. Chanukah reminds us of the power of bringing light into the world, and one of the greatest sources of light in any community is the relationships we build with one another.

As we head into the busy holiday season, I encourage you to make time for connection. Reach out to an old friend. Introduce yourself to someone new. Attend a program you've been curious about. Sometimes all it takes is one conversation or one event to feel a little more connected.

Thank you for being part of our community. I am grateful every day for the opportunity to work alongside so many wonderful people, and I look forward to seeing many of you at our upcoming events.

FEDERATION HOSTED "MAHJONG AND MINGLE"

A unique overhead photo of community members mixing and mingling at this fun event!

FROM THE CHIEF IMPACT OFFICER

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Say Yes to the Dress

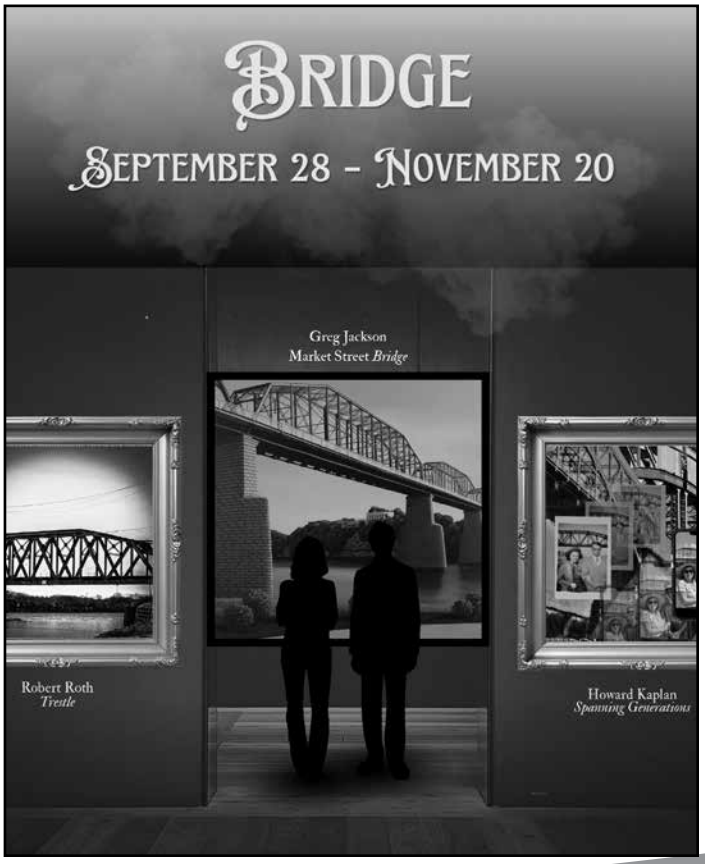
Searching for my wedding dress was an ordeal. At the time, I was living on an island in the middle of Lake Erie between Ohio and Canada. I was waiting tables for wealthy people with huge yachts and walleye fisherman, with only a day off a week. My maternal grandfather's house was a little more than an hour away, and to get there you had to take the ferry or fly.

I met my mother on the far shore and we went to bridal shops in Sandusky, Toledo, and Cleveland. Let's just say, nothing pleased me or fit my budget. The deal with my parents was that I had to pay for my wedding dress. It was their way of making sure I had "skin" in the game. On my way to my grandfather's, after a long disappointing day, we stopped in Lorain, Ohio. This former steel working town has a very diverse population compared to the Eastern European immigrant families around my grandfather's house and the family farm. Lorain was the home of Toni Morrison and had large Puerto Rican and Mexican populations. And there in the store for quinceañera (Latina coming of age) dresses was THE dress, the yes to the dress. The dress fit with no alterations. I bought it on a payment plan. That afternoon, my father called to tell us that my maternal grandmother had just passed away. She and I had an agreement. She wouldn't die until I found the right person to marry. The dress was my future.

Dressing for the future, with hope, is an important element for our personal survival. When Stephen Black came to Michael Dzik and me about the Federation collecting clothes for Erlanger Hospital's Compassion Closet, I admit to being skeptical. The last thing I thought we wanted was a bunch of dirty clothes in boxes by the front door. And then Stephen laid out the purpose for collecting these clothes. The clothes we would accept are gently used, but in good condition. Clean, but not fully laundered since the hospital will run them through the high temp washer in the hospital. The clothing closet helps provide patients clothing during discharge that they can wear home. Not fancy clothes but regular, everyday comfortable wear. The hospital can also accept shoes. Their most needed items for now are: new socks for men and women, and men and women's pants, shirts, and jackets. The Federation will have two deadlines for adult clothing donations. The first will be Wednesday, Nov. 11 and the second Wednesday, Dec. 9. Your donation could inspire hope for someone leaving the hospital.

November brings us around tables as family, friends to be thankful, and provide hope for the future. At the Federation you can share this month with other community women for Paint and Sip on Nov. 16th, or with other men for Men's Night on Nov. 19. Don't forget to pick up your pie on Nov. 24 to share with those at your Thanksgiving meal. And please remember others by bringing adult clothing to the Federation for Erlanger's Compassion Closet.

See page 12 for details on the clothes donation drive



FROM THE JEWISH FEDERATION NURSE

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It's That Time Again!

Your Federation is here to help with Medicare Part D from Oct. 15-Dec. 7. You should have received a letter from us explaining when and how to schedule a time to come in to review your prescription plan. Simply call Jake at 423-493-0270 to schedule an appointment. Medicare Open Enrollment has begun with multiple insurance companies advertising on television, by mail, radio, email, and any other means of communication to get their message out. Many of these companies offer really great plans so you can decide which coverage is important for your individual needs. Some will advertise 'no monthly cost plans' and some will offer extra benefits such as cash to spend on Over the Counter items each month. The marketing tactics are endless! However, you should not forget that this is also a time for scammers to take advantage of you.

While you are seeking information to possibly change your insurance carrier for better benefits, or to lower your cost, the scammers are hard at work as well. A scammer may try to convince you that you are due to receive a refund for overpayment, or changes to your existing plan and ask for your banking information. They may ask for your Medicare number 'to verify' your account, or request you pay a processing fee. Never give this information to a person who calls you out of the blue. Some scammers may tell you to download or send a photo of your Medicare card, this is a tactic to obtain your information. Protect your Medicare card and your Social Security number just as you would protect your credit card numbers.

Insurance companies compete to earn your business with marketing strategies. Some are less costly than others. Some may cover certain services that others do not. These companies may reach out to you. If you feel uncertain of who you are talking to, simply hang up and call the company's toll-free number to know that you are absolutely speaking with the company you wish to speak to. Be aware of suspicious links you find online as the fraudsters are quite crafty, having similar addresses to look like legitimate insurance companies.

When Medicare issues you a new card, it will be mailed to you at no cost. At that point, cut up or shred your old one. Medicare will never ask you to pay a processing fee for card replacement. If you have questions for Medicare, call their toll-free line at 1-800-MEDICARE.
Please reach out to the Federation if you need any assistance. We will meet with you personally, look at all your medications and give you unbiased guidance.

Happy Fall Everyone,
Katrina Miller, LPN

FROM THE SOCIAL SERVICES DIRECTOR

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WELCOME LEANDRA

The Jewish Federation is pleased to welcome Leandra Naylor, MS, LMSW, as our new Social Services Director! Leandra will begin on Wednesday, Oct. 28.

Leandra brings a strong background in social work, behavioral health, housing stability, and community-based services, along with valuable experience leading teams and developing programs that help individuals navigate life's challenges. Most recently, she served as Director of Housing Stability at AIM Center, where she led a team supporting individuals experiencing serious mental illness, and she worked to connect people with the resources they need to achieve greater stability and independence. Two years prior she was the Program Director, also at the AIM Center.
Throughout her career, Leandra has demonstrated a commitment to compassionate, person-centered care, building strong community partnerships, and ensuring people receive the support they need. Her combination of direct social services experience and organizational leadership will be a tremendous asset as we continue strengthening our commitment to the well-being of our Jewish community.

Leandra earned her Bachelor of Science in Psychology from UTC in 2012, and also has two master's degrees, Social Work (2023) and Studies in Human Behavior (2015). She also is a licensed master social worker (LMSW). Outside of work, Leandra enjoys spending time with her family, going on cruises, and cooking.

We are excited to welcome Leandra to the Federation team and look forward to the experience, compassion, and leadership she will bring to our community. Please join us in giving her a warm Federation welcome!

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 // Edley's BBQ (Northshore)
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.
Please check Community Email for weekly updates.

Mondays at 1:00
Jewish Cultural Center
5461 North Terrace Rd

Jewish Federation Transporation Services

OUR STAFF AND FLEET

We have 4 drivers and 4 cars, including a wheelchair van!

WHY WE DO IT

1. To promote and support health & wellness in our community and the greater Chattanooga area!

2. **HOW CAN I HELP?**
You can donate! We want our rides to remain cost-free, but if you can donate, we encourage that. Our annual campaign helps provide services just like this and we invite you to be a part of this community!

3. **OUR COSTS**
It costs on average $40 to transport a client from their home to a doctor appointment and back home.

4. **WAYS TO DONATE**

5.
- Cash or check donations in the provided envelope to the driver
- Venmo donations to @jewishfed
- Call 423-493-0270 for credit card donations
- Mail donations to :
  P.O. Box 8947
  Chattanooga, TN 37414

MITZVAH MEALS

OUR MEALS ARE PREPARED WITH LOVE TO NOURISH THOSE WHO CANNOT PREPARE FOOD FOR THEMSELVES DUE TO ILLNESS/MEDICAL EVENTS, CARETAKING & GRIEF.

WE PROVIDE A COMPLIMENTARY DELIVERY FOR ONE WEEK AS YOU RECOVER FROM ILLNESS, SURGERY OR LIFE EVENT. YOU CAN GIFT MITZVAH MEALS FOR YOUR FRIENDS OR FAMILY IN NEED. DELVIERY ONLY. SLIDING FEE AVAILABLE.

- $12 PER ENTREE
  CHOOSE FROM BEEF, CHICKEN, OR FISH
- $5 UPCHARGE FOR SALMON
- $8 MATZA BALL SOUP OR CHILI

All orders must be placed through the Social Services Department. Orders must be received by **3:00 on Thursday** for delivery the following Thursday (1 week notice). Call or email Lorri Lipski 423-893-9241 or llipski@jewishchattanooga.com

Hazel Brunton Bat Mitzvah
November 14 at 5:15 PM - B'nai Zion

Hazel Brunton is a bright, creative 7th grader who attends East Hamilton Middle School. She enjoys playing the oboe and singing in the school choir. In her free time, she can often be found camping with her family, working on art projects, or reading. Hazel is the sister of Micah and Savannah, and the daughter of proud parents Elizabeth and Eldon.

Mazal Tov

… to Rita Fanning on being named the 2026 Woman of Distinction (WOD) Community Volunteer. A Woman of Distinction volunteers her time to help improve the quality of life for others and her community.

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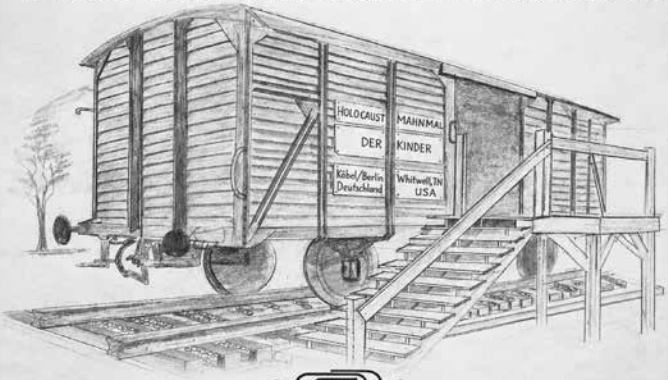
AT THE CHILDREN'S HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL AND MUSEUM



Join us as we remember the past, honor the present, and inspire the future.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2026
5:00 – 6:30 PM CST

WHITWELL MIDDLE SCHOOL
1 Butterfly Lane
Whitwell, TN 37397

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תודה רבה - *Todah Rabah*

November in the United States brings a familiar feeling: the excitement of Thanksgiving, tables filled with food, families gathering, and conversations about what we are grateful for. Since moving from Israel to Chattanooga, I've come to appreciate how much this holiday means to American culture. It creates a special moment in the year when people pause their busy lives to reflect on the good things around them.

In Israel, we don't celebrate Thanksgiving. There is no turkey dinner that brings the entire country to a standstill, no traditional Thanksgiving menu, and no national holiday dedicated specifically to giving thanks. But that doesn't mean gratitude is absent from Israeli life. In fact, Jewish tradition teaches us that gratitude is something we should practice every single day.

One of the first things many people learn about Jewish gratitude is the Hebrew word Todah- תודה, meaning "thank you." It is a small word, but it carries a meaningful idea: recognizing that something good has been given to us, whether by another person, by our community, or by God.

Jewish tradition encourages us to begin our mornings with Modeh Ani, a prayer of gratitude for being given another day of life. Before we check our phones, make our coffee, or begin our daily responsibilities, we are invited to acknowledge the simple miracle of waking up. The Jewish practice of saying blessings before eating, experiencing something beautiful, or reaching a meaningful milestone also reminds us to pause and appreciate moments we might otherwise take for granted.

Gratitude is woven into our holidays, too. During Passover, we retell the story of the Israelites journey from slavery to freedom. On Sukkot, we leave the comfort of our homes to remember our ancestors' journey through the wilderness and appreciate the shelter and blessings we have today. Again and again, Jewish tradition asks us to remember where we came from, recognize what we have, and share our blessings with others.

Living in Chattanooga has given me a new appreciation for the way gratitude can bring people together. As an Israeli living far from home, I have learned that community is not something to take for granted. It is built through the people who welcome us, the conversations that turn strangers into friends, the traditions we share, and the moments when we show up for one another.

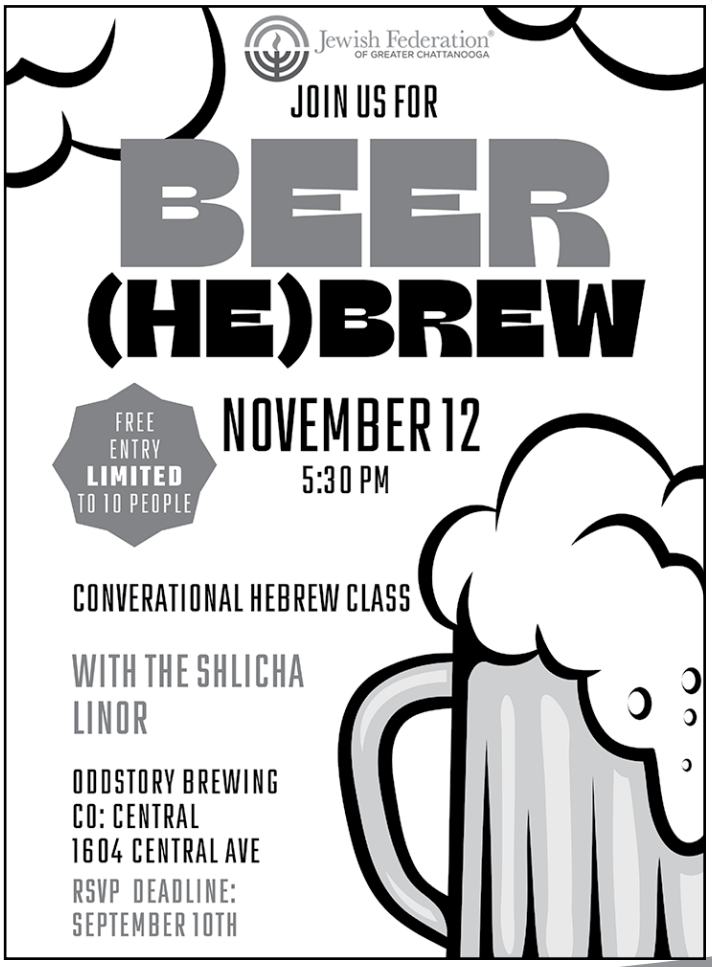
I think this is where Thanksgiving and Jewish tradition meet. We may celebrate gratitude in different ways, but the underlying message is remarkably similar: we are not meant to live only for ourselves. We are part of something larger, and our lives are enriched by the people around us.

As we enter November, I invite you to take a moment to think about what you are grateful for. It doesn't have to be something extraordinary. It might be a friend who checked in, a meal shared with family, a community that made you feel welcome, or the opportunity to learn something new.

And perhaps, this month, we can take gratitude one step further. Beyond recognizing the good in our lives, we can become part of the good in someone else's.

After all, gratitude is more than something we feel. It is something we practice, something we share, and something that helps turn a group of individuals into a community.

תודה רבה · Todah Rabah. Thank you, truly.



Solidarity in Art

Jewish Federation
OF GREATER CHATTANOOGA

WOMEN'S NIGHT PAINT & SIP

With wine & Appetizers

November 16, 2026

6:00 PM – 8:00 PM

5461 N Terrace Rd.
Chattanooga, 37411

- Step-by-step guided painting session
- All painting supplies included
- Participate in a community project
- A fun evening with friends & a work of art to take home

This program is open for women of all ages (21+)

Register: Jewishchattanooga.org

Honey Seed

HAND-ROLLED BAGELS · WOODFIRED PIZZA

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MEN'S NIGHT

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 19
6:00 PM, DINNER SERVED AROUND 6:30PM
JCC

MENU:
BRISKET + MORE

$15 - INLCUDES DINNER
REGISTER AT JEWISHCHATTANOOGA.ORG

November 2026

Register for our events at jewishchattanooga.org

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2 Chair Wellness 1PM	3	4 SNACK PACK VOLUNTEERING 6PM	5	6 COFFEE & CONVERSATION 11AM	7
8	9 Chair Wellness 1PM	10	11	12 BEER (HE)BREW 5:30PM	13 COFFEE & CONVERSATION 11AM	14
15	16 Chair Wellness 1PM WOMEN'S NIGHT PAINT & SIP 6PM	17	18 SAGE ANTIQUE ROADSHOW 2PM	19 MEN'S NIGHT 6PM	20 COFFEE & CONVERSATION 11AM	21
22	23 Chair Wellness 1PM	24 Lunch OUT 11:30AM THANKSGIVING PIE PICK-UP	25	26 CLOSED	27 CLOSED	28
29	30 Chair Wellness 1PM					

SAGE ANTIQUE ROADSHOW

Jewish Federation
OF GREATER CHATTANOOGA

November 18
2-5 p.m.
JCC

Join SAGE for a special Judaica & Antiques Appraisal Event featuring Ryan Bush, owner of Dirty Janes Antiques and a longtime antiques expert with more than 20 years of experience.

Bring your treasured heirlooms, Judaica, collectibles, and keepsakes to learn about their history, significance, and potential value while sharing the stories that make them meaningful.

2 items per person
Refreshments Provided
Please deliver all appraisal items to the JCC by November 5.

Please register at
JEWISHCHATTANOOGA.ORG

5461 NORTH TERRACE,
CHATTANOOGA, TN 37411

ERLANGER HOSPITAL'S COMPASSION CLOSET

Donate gently used or new adults clothing/shoes to those in need.

Drop off at the JCC.
Deliveries to Erlanger will be on Nov. 11 and Dec. 9

JCC
5461 North Terrace Rd.

Jewish Federation
OF GREATER CHATTANOOGA

THANKSGIVING PIES

Order deadline:

Tuesday, November 17

Pick-up:

Tuesday, November 24, 10am-4pm

Mitzvah Pie
(donation towards Mitzvah)

Pumpkin

Apple Cranberry

Pecan

$20 per pie

Order at jewishchattanooga.org

CAMP AND ISRAEL SCHOLARSHIPS FROM YOUR JEWISH FEDERATION!

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

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

Contact Michael Dzik – mdzik@jewishchattanooga.com

FOUNDATION FOR JEWISH CAMP
one happy camper
JEWISH FEDERATION OF GREATER CHATTANOOGA

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

ALEPH BET CHILDREN'S CENTER

Ayla Smith alephbet@jewishchattanooga.org • (423) 893-5486

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

A FALL FULL OF LEARNING, LAUGHTER & PUMPKINS AT ALEPH BET!

The school year at Aleph Bet Children's Center is off to a wonderful start! Our classrooms are filled with happy children, busy teachers, and lots of opportunities for learning, exploring, and growing together. We are especially excited about our new curriculum, which has been a wonderful addition to our school community. Our teachers have embraced it, our children are loving it, and our families have enjoyed seeing all of the learning happening in our classrooms.

We have officially welcomed fall at Aleph Bet, and our classrooms have been busy exploring all things autumn! The children have been learning about apples, farm animals, and, of course… PUMPKINS!

We also want to extend a heartfelt thank you to our community for supporting our recent Silent Art Auction. The participation, generosity, and enthusiasm from our families and community members made the event a tremendous success and directly supports the children and teachers of Aleph Bet. We are so grateful for everyone who helped make it possible!

As we continue through this wonderful school year, we are also preparing for a very special transition. I will soon be stepping away for maternity leave as we welcome our newest little family member, and I am so grateful to have such an incredible team here at Aleph Bet. I look forward to returning and being back with our school community at the beginning of 2027!

From all of us at Aleph Bet, we wish our community a beautiful fall season filled with family, learning, and lots of fun!

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www.mizpahcongregation.org
office@mizpahcongregation.org

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.

Mizpah est. 1866 CONGREGATION

First Friday Family Shabbat

NOVEMBER 6, 2026
SERVICES @ 6:00 PM
DINNER @ 7:00 pm

Soup and Salad Night

We will have a variety of soups and salads to enjoy!

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BRUNCH 12:00 – 1:30 PM
CONCERT 1:45 – 3:00 PM

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- *Guitar: $500+ 4 brunch & concert tkts*
- *Mandolin: $200+ 2 brunch & concert tkts*

*Patron levels acknowledged in the program & invited to brunch

GENERAL ADMISSION PRICING:

- *Brunch & Concert $75*
- *Concert only $25*

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SAVE THE DATE

Mizpah: Our Story, Our Identity, Our Future

A Congregational Retreat

WITH RABBI SHARON L. SOBEL

An interactive congregational conversation as we honor the journey that has shaped us and envision the next chapter of Mizpah's future.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8TH
12:15 – 3:00 PM
Simultaneous programming for youth will be offered.

FEINSTEIN HALL

A LIGHT LUNCH WILL BE SERVED

YOUR VOICE MATTERS.
Please join us as we celebrate our story and shape our future together.

RSVP to: office@mizpahcongregation.org
by Wednesday, November 4, 2026

MIZPAH TORAH STUDY

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

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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SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7

12:00pm: Lunch & Learn, The History and Politics of the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict

6:30pm – 8:00pm: Havdalah, Desserts, and Open Israel Q&A
(limited to members of B'nai Zion)

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8

2:00pm – 3:30pm: Israel's Domestic Politics

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

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Mazel Tov, Hazel Brunton on your Bat Mitzvah!
Saturday, November 14th

BZ HANUKKAH PARTY!

Wednesday, December 9
5:30pm - BZ Social Hall

Latkes, jelly donuts, and bring your favorite hanukkiah to light!

B'nai Zion Calendar

Friday Night - Kabbalat Shabbat: 6:00 pm
Shabbat Morning Services: 9:30 am
BSI: Sundays, November 8, 15, and 22
Minyan/Foundations: Tues., 6:00/6:30 pm via Zoom
Weekly Parsha Study: Sundays, 7:00pm
Weekly Talmud Study: Thursdays, 10:00am

November

7	Shabbat Muffins /Scholar in Residence Lunch & Learn
8	Scholar in Residence
14	Bat Mitzvah of Hazel Brunton
15	Lunch & a Picture
20	Shira v'Shulchan
21	Lunch & Learn

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MONTH IN REVIEW

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.

HADASSAH Chattanooga

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

HEALTH CRUISE

The **SS Hadassah II, a Health Cruise Experience**, visited ports of call including healthy aging topics for women. Bev Coulter organized this impressive program with help from Beth Thomas, Stephanie DeOlloqui, Edie Weiss, Frank Miller, Judy Sachsman, Elaine Winer, and Richard Zachary. Speakers at each port discussed a range of health issues.

MAH JONGG AND MARGARITAS

On **Sunday, Nov. 15**, Hadassah will host another **Mah Jongg and Margaritas** game afternoon. Additional games will be provided 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! Paula Israel and Leta Berger will make this annual event into a fun afternoon for all attendees!

THE DREAM IS REAL

Judy Sachsman, Region President Jill Weinstein, and three other region members recently attended the Hadassah National Conference in Jerusalem.

Israeli President Hergtzog addresses opening dinner the night before the election.

Judy Sachsman, Ilana Reisen and Jill Weinstein (President of the Southern Region)

HANUKKAH

Save Dec. 6, the second night of Hanukkah, to celebrate with your family at the JCC for another annual Federation-Hadassah dinner.

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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.

Anonymous (2)
Allen, Amelia*
Allen, Owen
Alper, Maxine*
Balser, Jeff
Balser, Robin
Barukh, Rebecca
Bean, David*
Bean, Margaret
Berz, Bob
Binder, Claire
Black, Bonnie
Black, Stephen
Bogo, Jerry
Bogo, Rosalee
Bohn, Jerry*
Brooks, Ellyn
Brooks, John*
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Brouner, Lee
Center, Austin
Center, Marilyn
Cohen, Tal
Cohn, Herb*
Cohn, Sue*
Cowan, Rob
Diamond, Karen
DiStefano, David
DiStefano, Susan
Dittus, Sandy
Dropkin, Warren
Dzik, Michael
Dzik, Paula
Fairchild, David
Frank, Estelle*
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Lebovitz, Betty
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Lebovitz, Lauren
Lebovitz, Michael
Levine, Lawrence*
Lewis, Art
Lewis, Vicki
Lowe, Beth
Lowe, Rob
Lowy, Pamela
Lowy, Sam
Malsh, Rebecca*
Nash, Ike*
Oxenhandler, Barbara
Parker, Jordan
Posternack, Warren
Pregulman, Helen
Richelson, Alan
Richelson, Miriam*
Rose, Cassie
Rose, Kevin
Rosenfeld, Jackie
Rosenfeld, Roy
Sachsman, Judy
Schwartz, Holly
Schwartz, Skip
Siskin, Pris
Sivils, Janet
Spector, Linda
Spector, Mark*
Spector, Mike
Susman, Gail
Susman, Joel*
Weiner, Cara
White-Dropkin, Donna
Winer, David
Winer, Elaine
Winer, Finette
Winer, Sanford*
Zachary, Richard

**** Deceased***

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Call Michael Dzik at (423) 493-0270 ext 15.

Thank you for insuring our future.

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

- Weekly Community Email

- Federation Facebook Page (Jewish Federation of Greater Chattanooga)

- Federation Website (JewishChattanooga.org)

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Register: Jewishchattanooga.org

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6 AT 5:30PM

JCC - 5461 NORTH TERRACE

*FAMILY FRIENDLY: KIDS GAMES AND ACTIVITIES
*CRAFTS AND DONUT DECORATING
*ADULT BEVERAGES: A "GIN AND TONIKAH"
AND THE "MIRACLE MOCKTAIL"
*BRING A MENORAH: WE'LL PROVIDE THE CANDLES