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**Abe Lebovitz to Graduate in Spring**



Abe Lebovitz, son of Alison and Alan Lebovitz and grandson of Charles and Betty Lebovitz, Amelia Allen z'l and Owen Allen, and Arlene and Milton Goldstein of Birmingham, Alabama, will graduate from McCallie in the spring. Abe has an older brother, Arthur, 19, and a younger brother, Levi, 15.

This past fall Abe was inducted into the National Honor Society and the Cum Laude Society in recognition of academic excellence. He is involved with varsity tennis, varsity bowling, Keo Kio, and the Ping Pong Club. Outside of school he enjoys playing ping pong and volunteering at Bethlehem Center. In the fall, Abe will attend Tulane University and plans to study business.

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## Happy 2020!

The first half of our school year has absolutely flown by. We've made new friends, welcomed special guests, rejoiced in daily triumphs, and picked ourselves back up after disappointments. Thank you to everyone who made donations of time, supplies, and funds to our program during 2019. Aleph Bet can only be as strong as the community behind us; I'm thrilled to say we are thriving!

As we enter 2020, it's time to begin planning for the summer and the next school year. If you know anyone who may be interested in enrolling their child for the 2020-2021 school year, please have them contact me! Registration for new families will begin February 18<sup>th</sup>.

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## Israel Joins the Fight

In light of recent events in the US and Europe, I'd like to address the rise of antisemitism, especially in the United States, in recent years. Antisemitism has always been here, hovering above us like a cloud, escorting Jews everywhere they go. The

record of antisemitism, and the pursuit of Jews, reminds us of the Holocaust, but it is important to remember that antisemitism did not begin--and certainly did not end--in Auschwitz.

The idea for the "Final Solution" began with individual attacks on the street when Hitler came to power in 1933. Today there are three primary factions promoting antisemitism: the radical left, the radical right, and radical Islam. The radical left expresses antisemitism mainly by way of campus violence, or pride parades that do not allow pride flags that have a Star of David. The radical right, on the other hand, is Nazi par excellence, promoting theories about the supposed superiority of the white race in the US. Radical Islam is a rising Muslim power united in the hatred of Jews that promotes antisemitic messages.

"Antisemitism migrated from Europe to the United States: for the last 15 years, we have witnessed the rise of antisemitism in Europe. It is now felt especially in cities such as Paris, London, Amsterdam, and Berlin. Jews are afraid to send their children to yeshivas and synagogues," says Rabbi Marvin Heyer, one of the most important and esteemed rabbis in the United States, "Jews are scared and are considering immigrating to Israel or to the United States."

But antisemitism does not miss the United States either: "There are hate campaigns against Jews in the world's largest democracy: in San Francisco, Seattle, and Oregon. Every city in America has experienced antisemitism for the past two years." Only one day after the Monsey attack there was an antisemitic attack against a yarmulke-wearing Jew in the Grand Central area of central Manhattan. An American man touched him and said mockingly, "What are you wearing?" The Jewish man ran away and the other man chased him. Notably, a hundred people were present, and none of them did anything.

This antisemitic cloud can be found all around the world except for one place: Israel. True, one of the reasons why Israel is not liked (to say the least) in the world is because it is the "Jewish state." It has even given

rise to the term "new antisemitism." The word originated out of the antisemitic BDS movement. The proof of rising antisemitism is reflected in the proliferation of "world domination by Jews" conspiracies and cartoons. Two such cartoons published this past year included an image of urine on the Israeli flag, and a blind Donald Trump with Netanyahu as guide dog. But antisemitism in Israel is not felt in the streets and does not openly threaten our lives. Israel has many problems, but it provides one solution: a safe home for Jewish people.

The big question currently is, what can we do about antisemitism? As we've witnessed, it's not hidden anymore. It's evident in our streets and institutions and social media platforms are filled with antisemitic content that can escalate quickly into action. We simply cannot stand by when we are face to face with an antisemitic act against us or other Jewish people.

A new organization from Israel is collaborating with the Israel American Council to combat the problem. It's called ACT.il, and is an international volunteering organization with more than 22,000 volunteers in 41 countries. Their main goal, as stated on their website, is "To positively inform and influence foreign publics and create an efficient and effective battle against the growing trend of the boycott movement (BDS) and the delegitimization of the State of Israel. I encourage you to visit their website for more information: <https://act-il.com/about-us/>.



*With Nashville shlicha Noam Harari and Memphis shlicha Meitav Menachem, at shlichim conference in Newark in January.*



*In the kitchen with Amit: baking Cookies for Compassion with Rabbi Shaul Perlstein and young sous chefs. Cookies for Compassion Day was Jan. 20th; the kids delivered cookies to the community.*

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*Above, 6th graders decorated mugs for their whole class, to reduce the environmental impact of single-use cups.*



*Federation shaliach Amit Matityau taught students about the struggles of early Israeli settlers through a series of puzzles, problem solving, and activities. They had to "learn" Hebrew, by putting letters in order, create irrigation channels by transferring water between buckets with only a sponge, and even solve puzzles without communication (as if they didn't all speak the same language).*

## Machanooga Chug Blocks 2019-2020 Year

Everyone has a passion, interest, or skill, whether it be math, art, music, science, cooking, drama, dancing, gardening, sports, history, photography, technology, yoga, or meditation. The possibilities are endless, and we need your help to ensure that Machanooga thrives as a community-wide endeavor and opportunity.

Our new Sunday educational initiative is excited to offer at least two parallel chugim (elective group activities) for our kids' learning and enjoyment. We are looking for volunteers from the community to consider coming to Machanooga to talk about what you do professionally or what you are passionate about. We truly believe that the best way to learn is to teach which, with the help of you as a volunteer, translates into Machanooga being an incredible opportunity for both our young in age and our young at heart.

Each chug will consist of a 2 to 4 week block (can be non-consecutive) with your classes lasting 45 minutes (11:15 to 12:00).

To sign up to teach a chug, contact Lily at youth@mizpahcongregation.org or Traci at traci.sloan@gmail.com.

### SLOTS AVAILABLE:

February 2, 9, 23

March 1, 15, 22

(NO CHUG MARCH 8th or 29th)

April 19, 26

### Spring Semester

February 2

February 9

February 16 - NO SCHOOL - President's Day

February 23

March 1

March 8

March 15

March 22

March 29 - Good Deeds Day

April 5 - NO SCHOOL - Spring Break

April 12- NO SCHOOL - Passover

April 19

April 26

May 3- Last Day of Spring Semester



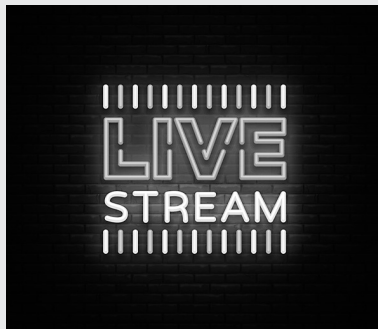
**Mizpah Volunteer of the Year**



Mazel tov and thank you to **Marianna Allen!** Please see our full write-up on page 3.

**Mizpah Services Live-Streamed**

We are happy to report that all services and events in Feinstein Sanctuary are available for watching on our live streaming service. The only time live-streaming is turned off is at the request of family or performers. Services and events are archived for thirty (30) days, so if you miss them, you can still see them. Also, our office is happy to provide a link so you can download and keep a copy of services or events of your choice. For privacy reasons, **ONLY** the bimah and the middle half of the first four (4) rows are seen. Go to <https://www.mizpahcongregation.org/mizpah-live>.



**FEBRUARY WORSHIP AND STUDY SCHEDULE**

<u>Sundays</u>	Machanooga Joint Religious School	10:00 am
<u>Tuesdays</u>	Introduction to Judaism 11 <sup>th</sup> and 18 <sup>th</sup> Only	6:30 pm
<u>Wednesdays:</u>	Hebrew School	4:30 pm
<u>Thursdays:</u>	Lunch ‘n Learn: Seasonal / current events	12:15 pm
	Kulanu program	4:00 pm
<u>Fridays:</u>	<i>Oneg/Kabbalat Shabbat Services</i>	5:30 / 6:00 pm
February 7	First Friday Family <i>Shabbat</i> Service	6:00 pm
	Songleader: Lev Gross-Comstock	
First Friday	<i>Shabbat</i> Dinner	6:45 pm
February 21:	Shirei Shabbat w/ Amy Cohen	
<u>Saturdays:</u>	Torah Study w/ breakfast	9:00 am
	<i>Shabbat</i> services w/ Torah/Haftarah Reading	11:00 am
	February 1 <sup>st</sup> Family Havdallah (location TBA)	6:15 pm
	February 15 <sup>th</sup> : Mazel Tots	10:45 am

**Please Note: Due to normal security concerns, Mizpah doors - front and back - are locked at all times. Use the code or ring the bell. Thanks.**

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**Chanukah 2019 Ugly Sweater Contest Winners**



**Overall winner:**

Dana Banks (left)

**Runners Up:** (See Mizpah website for photos)

**Most Creative:**

Mollie and Madelynne Gabelman

**Best Use of Unconventional Material:**

Donna White-Dropkin

**Most Likely to Go Viral:**

Lily Dropkin

**Most Likely to Be Found in a Boutique Shop:**

Jen Lewis

**Should Be Mass-produced**

Joey Nash and Julie Smith-Bartoloni



**JNF brings Lt. Col. Tiran Attia, founder of Special in Uniform February 8 at 9:45 a.m.**

Special in Uniform is an innovative program sponsored by Jewish National Fund, that aims to integrate young people with disabilities into the IDF and, in turn, into Israeli society. After their service, Special in Uniform helps usher its graduates toward a self-sufficient life.



**Congregational Retreat at Ramah Darom, February 14-16**

The Southern Schmooze Shabbaton will provide opportunities to sing, eat, learn, and play with members from our community, while also connecting with Jews from Montgomery. The weekend will be complete with spirited prayer services, kids' programming, delicious kosher food, and evening childcare for our youngest participants. Transportation will be provided for those with mobility issues. **Kids 18 & under -FREE, Adults \$250. Contact Rabbi Tendler for details.**

**BZ Book Club, February 18 at 2:30 p.m. – *A Bend in the Stars* by Rachel Barenbaum:**

In Russia, in the summer of 1914, as war with Germany looms and the Czar's army tightens its grip on the local Jewish community, Miri Abramov, a doctor, and her brilliant physicist brother, Vanya, are facing an impossible decision. *A Bend in the Stars* offers a heart-stopping account of modern science's greatest race amidst the chaos of World War I, and a love story as epic as the railways crossing Russia.



**February Speaker Series: February 22, 9:45 a.m.** - Rob Cowan will use his experience as a judge and a lawyer to speak about *Parshat Mishpatim* as it deals with laws, rules, ordinances or judgments.

**February 29, 9:45 a.m.** - Kathleen Tice will speak on *Parshat Terumah*, which coincides with Moses' yahrzeit and is a traditional date for honoring the *Chevra Kaddisha*. It also speaks about the contributions we all make to the community as a whole.



**Ask AIPAC, February 20 at 6:30 p.m. at the clubhouse at Al and Paula**

**Jarman's building, 200 Manufacturer's Road.** - Come meet with Todd Young, AIPAC Southeast Regional Synagogue Initiative director, for a town hall-style meeting. This is your opportunity to ask your questions about AIPAC, Israel, and her relationship with America and diaspora Jewry. Join us for bagels and an honest discussion. **Pay to park at Renaissance Park.**



**Becoming Dr. Ruth with the BZ Sisterhood, Artistic Civic Theatre in Dalton, GA, February 23 at 2:00 pm** - Join the BZ Sisterhood for "Becoming Dr. Ruth", a one-woman show about America's earliest and best-known sex therapist. This is her story from the time she became a Holocaust orphan at age ten through the present day, as she is still going strong at over 90 years old! Directed by Judith Beasley, this show is sure to enlighten, entertain, and ultimately move everyone in the audience! **Contact Beth Lowe concerning tickets, or buy tickets solo.**



Rabbi Shaul Perlstein

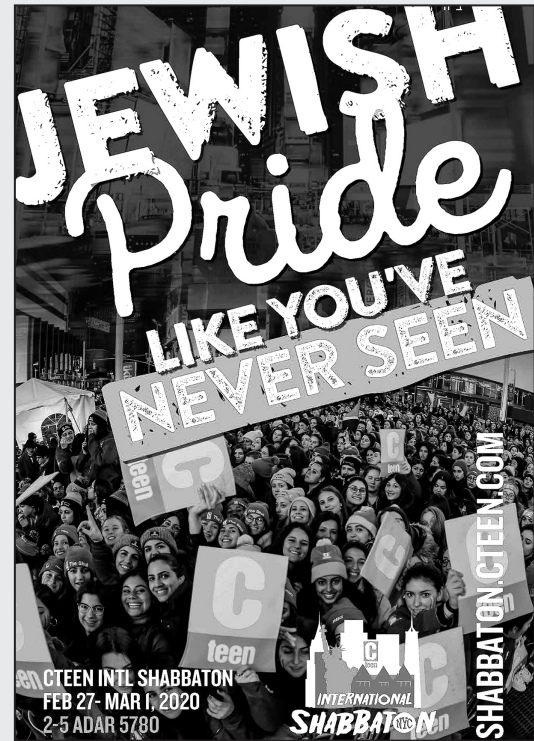
## A Chanukah to Remember

There are no words to describe that feeling of Jewish pride as we drove on the Walnut Street Bridge alongside twenty menorah-topped cars. Even Expedia got hold of the fabulous event and named Chanukah on Ice in Chattanooga one of the top places to celebrate Chanukah in the world. We thank the drivers, the Chattanooga police, volunteers, and sponsors for making it happen.

We celebrated the fourth night of Chanukah with a traditional Chinese dinner, latkes from Bruce Weiss, and a movie. Thank you Bruce and Tom Balazs!



CTeen Shabbaton February 27 Through March 1

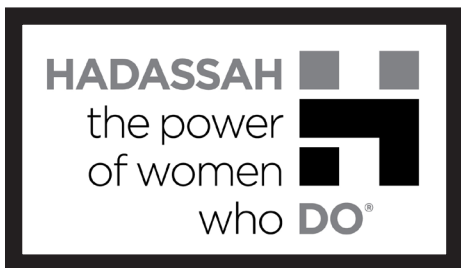


The CTeen Shabbaton, coming up at the end of the month, is like no other!! Over 3,000 Jewish teens from across the globe gather to experience this incredible weekend of Jewish pride. Do you have

a teen who is interested? Registration is closing soon so please reach out to Rosie with any questions. This shabbaton can CHANGE your teen's life by providing a meaningful and exciting Jewish experience to remember forever.

*This page: Chabad's now-legendary Chanukah on Ice celebration photos*





## Hadassah Happenings

At the Federation Annual Meeting, Hadassah celebrated their Volunteer of the Year, Bev Coulter. As the Chattanooga Chapter Chair

of Wellness, Bev has been coordinating medical programs for the last two years, culminating with the November Wellness Cruise, which helped members understand how to navigate the labyrinth of medical providers as women advocate for themselves and their loved ones. Bev's creativity and enthusiasm sets a model for the Hadassah Women Who Do.

In January, Hadassah prepared a dinner at Room in the Inn, the home for women and children who are transitioning from homelessness to self-sufficiency. Thank you, Alexis Chenkus, for coordinating this project and thanks to all members who contributed food items and other donations for this project.

Federation shaliach Amit Matityau will lead a hike/picnic at the Sculpture Fields on Sunday, February 16th, for Hadassah members and their families, starting at 11a.m.. An art representative of the Sculpture Field at Montague Park will help with the tour. Spouses and children of members are welcome to join this art exploration event.

Rosie Perlstein will lead a discussion of the Torah and coordinate baking *hamantaschen* as part of the "Torah and Tea" Chabad program to celebrate Purim with Hadassah members on Monday, March 2nd at 6:30 at Chabad. Purim honors Queen Esther, known as Hadassah.

Hadassah members have started planning the May 3rd donor event. The speakers at this event will describe their experiences with high-risk pregnancy at Hadassah Hospital. This major fund raiser for the chapter will be a dinner at the JCC. Any member who would like to work on this program should contact Judy Sachsman.

*Celebrate each lifecycle event with membership in Hadassah. Contact Judy Sachsman for information about annual and life membership. ([jmsachsman@gmail.com](mailto:jmsachsman@gmail.com)) and Dana Waxler for information about Annual Giving. ([d.waxler@comcast.net](mailto:d.waxler@comcast.net))*



**Vicki Lewis, Alexis Chenkus, and River help serve food at Room in the Inn supper hosted by Hadassah.**



**Fried chicken and special pea salad were among the offerings at the supper.**

Annual Giving starts at Chai Society of \$180 a year and includes Keepers of the Gate, which starts at \$1,000 a year. Annual giving enables Hadassah National to plan the charitable support of Hadassah Hospital in Israel as well as countless other projects.

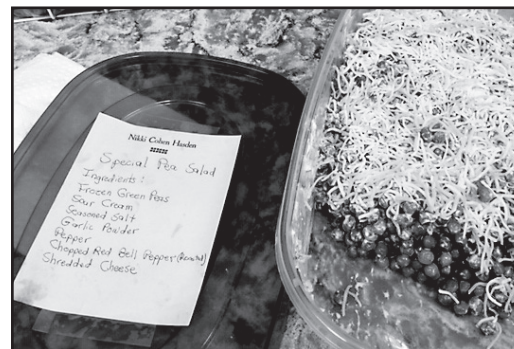
## Nonprofit KAVOD spotlighted in Hadassah Magazine



Congratulations to John and Amy Pregulman on the January/February *Hadassah Magazine* article "Helping Survivors While Honoring Their Lives," describing their nonprofit

organization KAVOD. KAVOD provides emergency aid to Holocaust survivors. John, the son of Merv (z'l) and Helen Pregulman, grew up in Chattanooga. He and wife Amy live in Denver.

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.





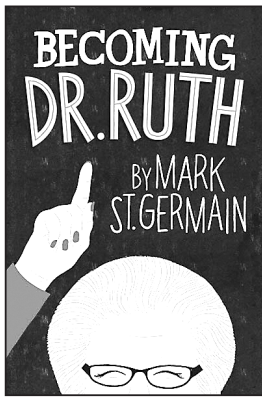
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## What's Going on at the JCC

*A full listing of monthly programs is also on our website,  
jewishchattanooga.com, where you can RSVP.*

- 4, 11, 18, 25** Tuesday Cafe
- 5** Documentary Film Series: *Picture of His Life*
- 6** Paint Party
- 12** Cocktails and Comedy Night
- 17** Foreign Policy Supper Club: Climate Change
- 27** Trivia Night
- 29** YJL Film Night at JCC (*Maktub*)

### **Becoming Dr. Ruth at the Artistic Civic Theater (ACT) in Dalton, GA**



Everyone knows Dr. Ruth Westheimer from her career as a pioneering radio and television sex therapist. Few know her incredible journey that began with her fleeing the Nazis, joining the Haganah in Jerusalem as a scout and sniper, and struggling to succeed as a single mother coming to America. *Becoming Dr. Ruth* shows us — with honesty and humor —

all the ways Ruth Westheimer is an inspiration to us all. **Performances February 14, 15, and 22 at 8:00 pm; and February 16 and 23 at 2:00 pm.** Tickets are \$15 each and available now <https://actdalton.org/index.html>. (Tix not available through Federation.)

### **Former White Supremacist TM Garret Spoke at Mayor's Council Against Hate, St Paul Episcopal Church, January 8 and 9**



*Garret was interviewed by Nicole Brown, Communication Faculty Adjunct and M.P.A. Associate in the office of Equity and Diversity*



### **SAVE THE DATES:**

- March 7** Joe Buchanan Concert
- March 24** Eleanor Tallie and Band Concert
- March 27** Spring Fling AB
- March 29** Good Deeds Day

### **Return of the Paint Party, Feb. 6**



Join Alex Chenkus-Street for a redux of last year's successful paint party! Meet Thursday, February 6th at the JCC to receive your canvas and paints, then follow directions (or don't!) to produce a tree painting worth keeping or gifting (in honor of Tu b'shevat, the "birthday of the trees).

Cost per person is \$26 and includes all supplies, plus wine and snacks. RSVP to Megan Greybeal at [alephbet@jewishchattanooga.com](mailto:alephbet@jewishchattanooga.com).

### **TRIBUTES**

*In memory of Alvin & Clara Shoenig*  
Alan & Missy Shoenig

### **Mazel Tov**

--to **Beverly and Steve Coulter** on the birth of their granddaughter, Coulter (Coco) Malu McKenzie on January 19th. Parents are Dr. Sarah Margaret McKenzie & Drew McKenzie, in Reno NV.

--to **Holly and Nicholas Mahan** on the birth of their daughter, Elliana Leia, on January 21st.

### **Condolences**

**We are sad to announce the passing of**

--**James Charles "JC" Bouldin**, grandfather/grandfather-in-law of Sean and Riki Odineal and great grandfather of Rosemary Odineal.

--**Terry Krigelman**

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*Contact Shofar editor Dana Shavin at [dshavin@jewishchattanooga.com](mailto:dshavin@jewishchattanooga.com) to place a mazel tov or condolence.*



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