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March 2020

Eleanor Tallie in concert at the
JCC March 24 at 7 p.m.

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One of my more unique opportunities each year is to learn with other Federation professionals. FedPro brings together all types of Federation staff for three days of learning – planners, fund raisers, marketers, executives, and more. Rather than all of us learning in our own “tracks,” this year we learned collaboratively; we looked at how our teams can communicate better and how we can work together more effectively and efficiently. We spent a great deal of time on self-awareness as well--not only how we see ourselves, but also how other people perceive us. So

from the executive director

much of what the Chattanooga Federation does is interconnected. And in many

cases, the staff is making sure their own responsibilities and tasks are being met, working in their own “silos.”

But we must also notice new things around us. We should be constantly mindful – noticing thoughts, emotions and behaviors without judgment. My goal has always been to break down those “silos” so we can work together as a team. To do so we need to have a healthy internal culture with clear and direct communication. Staff should be asking questions and challenging each other. And of course, each staff member should maximize their own unique skills and strengths to be the best team member possible.

I am proud that the Federation staff embodies so many of these skills. We talk, communicate and include each other in all of the happenings of the organization. Through staff development opportunities we’ve learned a great deal about ourselves and each other. We understand each other. We are supportive of each other. Statements such as “that’s not my job” have been replaced with “where can I help out?” The office culture is caring, supportive and creative. And this spills over into community.



At FedPro meeting with Rebecca Engel-Charleston, Maxine Kaufman-Pinnellas of our P2G partnership.



Inside the Training to be Board Chair

Mike Spector
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Federation Executive Director Michael Dzik and I traveled to New York City to a Jewish Federations of North America (JFNA) training for new Board Chairs. I’m sure Michael has attended many of these in the past, but he tells me this one was particularly well done. The experience was enlightening for me, and I was extremely impressed. To attend a two-day training conference without once drifting off was surprising!

The primary speaker was Joan Garry. As speakers go, she has to be in the top tier. She started her career with MTV, then became the executive director of GLAAD, one of the largest gay rights organizations in the U.S. She is now the Principal of Joan Garry Consulting, a boutique

from the board chair

firm that helps nonprofits across a wide variety of sectors untangle strategic knots, thereby enabling them to have a clearer path in pursuit of

their missions. Her book, *Joan Garry’s Guide to Nonprofit Leadership*, was published in early 2017.

The program was right on for me as a new Board Chair. And for Michael and me, it was truly appropriate for our upcoming collaborative time together. The topics included how to put the best people on your board, how to motivate them, and how to diffuse negative influences. According to Garry, the equation for engaging your board is: Inform + enrich + engage = ignite. We also discussed the important issue of fund raising.

We all received a book to take home, *Difficult Conversations: How to Discuss What Matters Most*. The authors are with the Harvard Negotiation Project and have been studying the way people interact for twenty years. The

book will be very useful and I look forward to implementing its many ideas! Prepare to be wowed by what’s to come!



March Music Madness



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My father Verne was athletically built as a young man. Thanks to my grandmother's encouragement, he played

every type of sport...even curling. Before WWII he played on a professional baseball team similar to the Lookouts. Everyone on both teams was white. Post WWII for a couple of years, he played on the road team assembled to play against the Harlem Globetrotters. His teammates there were also white, and mostly from the Midwestern states of Ohio, Indiana, and Illinois. The Globetrotters were from the inner city, mainly Harlem. It was my father's second experience with people of color – the first was fighting against the Japanese in WWII.

His basketball days taught him a lot about strategy and tolerance. After all, imagine having a basketball

from the program director

bounced off your head a couple of times a night, or allowing others to make a fool of you.

My father would take us to see the "retired" Globetrotters after we moved to New York. Immediately they would act like young kids, teasing each other with love and silliness.

My father always wanted me, the firstborn, to become an athlete. I tried. My middle sister and I gravitated towards gymnastics, but in his eyes this was not a real "team" sport. My sister excelled in ice-skating and in competitive trampoline. I competed in gymnastics, but just did not love it.

My father had another special talent, too. He could hear a piece of music and then play it on the piano without looking at a note on a page. Growing up during the Depression, and with a father who had dubious employment, piano lessons were not in the mix. Somehow though my father always found a piano and played. In addition to having a piano in my childhood home, we always had a small organ. My father's dream was that his daughters would play instruments and form a band like the ones of Benny Goodman and Glenn Miller.

Again, we tried to please him! I played piano, guitar, cello and banjo before I finally gave up. I fell in love with a drummer, but that didn't count. My middle sister was kicked out of her piano class and gave up clarinet before high school. My youngest sister...well, by that time my father's dreams of the girl band had dissipated.

In honor of my father, I thought it would be fun to take the madness of March basketball and combine it with a little music. At the Federation, this will be March Music Madness month. Join us to see a concert by Joe Buchanan, who has an Americana, small town Jewish sound. Eleanor Tallie Steinberg and her full band will join us with an American-Israeli sound. Other smaller concerts will pop up during the month as well (see page 4). I will never be an athlete or a musician, but I can always enjoy the energy and awesomeness of both. Please come join the madness this month!

Good Deeds Day was initiated in 2007 by businesswoman and philanthropist Shari Arison, and launched and organized by Ruach Tova (NGO), a part of The Ted Arison Family Foundation, the philanthropic arm of the Arison Group, Israel. "I believe that if people will think good, speak good and do good, the circles of goodness will grow in the world," was their motto.

Good Deeds Day has become the leading day of giving. The largest turnout yet was on April 7, 2019. 3,900,000 participants from 108 countries took part in Good Deeds Day, totaling over 7.8 million hours of service.



March 29th 2020.

Meet at noon for a community lunch.
Jewish Cultural Center, 5461 North Terrace Road.

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March Music Madness at the JCC

Joe Buchanan in Concert March 7



A Texas native, Joe Buchanan makes Jewish Americana music. Joe's music highlights the values, Torah, and history of the Jewish people to deliver stories steeped in the struggle and triumph of the human spirit.

Joe grew up swinging off ropes on the Frio River. His biggest question was about God, and despite a deep belief

in a creator, he was confused about what he believed. Eventually his search led him to Judaism.

He has toured the United States leading original Shabbat services, playing concerts, and giving a workshop called "Choosing to be Chosen," which is all about his conversion to Judaism and the reasons why so many are coming "home." Combining elements of country, roots-rock, and folk, Joe's music reaches deep to tell personal stories of struggle and triumph. This is feel-good, toe-tapping, Americana music with a Jewish soul.

This concert is made possible in part by the Jewish Federation of Greater Chattanooga and the Institute of Southern Jewish Life.

Join us Saturday, March 7th at 8 p.m. \$10 adults, children free, \$3 college students.



Linda Coniglio at Tuesday Cafe Mar. 10

Linda Coniglio still enjoys the music she learned to sing and play in the 1960s and '70s.

"One day I snuck my sister's guitar from her room along with a Kingston Trio songbook. By the end of the evening I'd learned to play a

song with three chords, sing a melody I'd never heard, and found that a hand with five fingers was more useful than a plastic pick that kept dropping into the guitar's sound hole," she says.

Linda has a unique picking style and has covered the music of Joan Baez, Judy Collins, Peter, Paul and Mary, and others. She plays with other musicians at local jams, and in church with her husband. She's also a member of Just Us Gals, four women who tear up traditional, bluegrass, and country tunes and make them their own. \$10 includes lunch and concert. See weekly email for menu.

Eleanor Tallie in Concert March 24



Eleanor Tallie returns to the Jewish Cultural Center March 24th, 10 months after her most recent solo show for Yom Ha'atzmaut, and this time with her band!

Join us for a night of music in both English and Hebrew with this Israeli artist who's made the US her home.

Eleanor Tallie is a multi-instrumentalist and songwriter who moved to the US in 2013. She's played for the Chattanooga community twice before, but this will be her first time bringing her full Memphis-based band along for a live show in Chattanooga.

Born and raised in Israel, Eleanor Tallie Steinberg has been performing for Jewish communities and prestigious venues and festivals all over the US. Calling Memphis, Tenn. her home has enabled her to play with a group of top tier musicians from a city with a deep musical heritage, making for an extremely dynamic, educational, and highly entertaining performance.

Join us Tuesday March 24th at 7 p.m. \$15 per person includes beverages and munchies.

RSVP to all March Music Madness events at

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Chattanooga Jewish Film Series

Sponsor Only Event - May 6, 2020, 6:00 p.m.

The screening of *Golda's Balcony, The Film* (Winner of 21 Audience Favorite Awards at all 21 of its competitive festivals to date, including the Jewish Film Festivals of Boston, L.A., Philadelphia, Tel Aviv, Pittsburgh, Dallas, Hong Kong and others.) follows a reception of fine dinner-quality hors d'oeuvres

The Series continues on consecutive Wednesdays
May 13, May 20, May 27, June 3 and June 10.



Sponsor levels and more information

423-493-0270 or www.jewishchattanooga.com

All films in the regular series screen at 7:15 p.m.

at the Jewish Cultural Center, 5461 North Terrace.

Regular series: \$10 per person includes popcorn and a beverage.

The Films

Golda's Balcony (sponsor film)
Crescendo
Incitement
Tel Aviv on Fire
Irrepressible Woman

And An Evening of Short Films

to include:

Gefilte
Cuba's Forgotten Jewels
L'dor V'dor
Fiestaramos
A Cantor on Trial

Stay tuned for more information including film descriptions, sponsor information, and subscription plans!



And the Winner Is. . . .

The Audience Choice Award for best film of the 2020 Jewish Documentary Film Series went to *Prosecuting Evil: The Extraordinary World of Ben Ferencz*. Thank you to all who attended the series! See you at the upcoming Chattanooga Jewish Film Series.

Left: Nazi prosecutor Ben Ferencz

Over the winter, the Chattanooga Jewish Film Series committee met multiple times to view, deliberate about, and discuss what would become the final selections in this year's outstanding series. On February 20th they met in the main room at the Jewish Cultural Center to finalize their choices.

Committee members are (left-right) Frank Miller, Sanford Winer (chair), Richard Zachary, Stephen Black, Sheila St. Aubin, and Ann Treadwell. The series begins May 6th with the Sponsor Event and continues consecutive Wednesday evenings for five weeks.



Who's in the Kitchen with Cookies?



Answer: Linda Spector, Lynn Howard, and Carol Cohn, baking for community events. Not pictured: Vivian Hershey, Carla Nixon. We appreciate their help in the kitchen!



Mitzvah Meals Suggested Donations

--\$8 per meal
--\$90 per month based on 3 meals/

week

--\$125 per month based on 4 meals/week

--160 per month based on 5 meals/week

--190 per month based on 6 meals/week

Meals are available for pick-up or delivery.

To-go orders from any/all community programs will be charged the program fee (\$10-\$12) as opposed to the Mitzvah Meal fee. All Mitzvah Meal recipients must be pre-approved by Christi Haustein, Director of Social Services. Menus are set by the Kitchen Supervisor and Director of Social Services.

You must RSVP to all programs to ensure we have adequate seating and/or food.
RSVP on our website at Jewishchattanooga.com; by email at Rsvp@jewishchattanooga.com; or call(423) 493-0270. Specify if vegetarian.

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 for a strong future Jewish community into a reality. Join today.

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See how easy it is to join the Legacy Society!

Call Michael Dzik at 493-0270 ext 15.

Community Voices: Paying it Forward

Endowments Are Our Future



Susan DiStefano

Do any of you feel the way I do? With the current political climate, I am honestly worried about my family’s future ability to practice their Judaism without persecution. Shootings at temples, attacks in the streets, individuals making racist comments thinking it is “all right”...If history is our teacher, we MUST learn from our past and be proactive.

How many times have you said, “The Holocaust or the pogroms could never happen in America”? I know in the past, I felt that way too. But now, I am not so sure. I am unwilling to let us continue down this antisemitic road without doing anything and everything I can do to help assure a Jewish future.

You might be wondering what this has to do with the Federation’s Endowment. The answer is EVERYTHING.

Your endowment gift helps ensure a Jewish future for our beloved synagogues, temples, our Federation, and Jewish generations to come. No one can stand by and let others do it. It is our responsibility as Jews to protect the future of Judaism. Can you really afford not to?

For more information You can contact me, Susan DiStefano, at srdistefano@comcast.net, or Michael Dzik at mdzik@jewishchattanooga.com.

Susan DiStefano is a past chair of the Jewish Federation Endowments Committee and past Federation Board Chair.

Say WHAT?

We are seeking community voices on monthly themes (like the article above). Articles should not exceed 500 words and will be edited for clarity and space. There is no guarantee that every article sent in will be published; inclusion in *The Shofar* is contingent on space and editor’s discretion. We look forward to hearing your voices!



TOPICS

April: Personal rituals
DUE MARCH 9th
May: Israel
DUE APRIL 6th
June: Reflections
DUE MAY 8th

Foreign Policy Supper Club

Monday, March 16 at 6 p.m.

\$12, RSVP

India and Pakistan



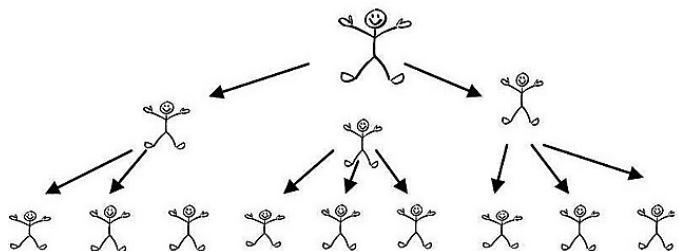
How will the Kashmir situation affect the region, both economically and politically? India’s Prime Minister Narendra Modi rode a wave of Hindu nationalism to a historic reelection in 2019. His first order of business was to revoke the special status granted to the Kashmir region, inflaming the rivalry between India and Pakistan. How will the Kashmir situation affect the region, both economically and politically?

RSVP@jewishchattanooga.com, 493-0270, or on the website at Jewishchattanooga.com.

Paying it Forward Through Mitzvahs

The Mei Ha’Shiloah (the Waters of the Shiloah) teaches that every soul has its own root and is perfected by a different mitzvah. He teaches that one should sacrifice to actualize this root mitzvah in a way they should not normally act. By taking on one special mitzvah to truly cherish and actualize on the highest level possible, and then by sharing it with loved ones and strangers, we are able to transform ourselves and the world around us, in this and perhaps even other lives.

Rabbi Dr. Shmuly Yanklowitz is the President & Dean of the Valley Beit Midrash (Jewish pluralistic adult learning & leadership), the Founder & President of Uri L’Tzedek (Jewish Social Justice)



J*CREW

Game Day 2020

In January, the Jew Crew proved that sometimes life really is all fun and games. As a warm up for the annual retreat in February, the teens spent the afternoon divided into two teams and engaging in some friendly competition, old school games, and new age fun. And while only one team left with some very cool and coveted prizes, everyone left happy. *Alison & Andy*

STILL TO COME IN 2020:

Sunday, March 22

Good Deeds Day

Sunday, April 19

End of Year Program & Celebration

Advisors: Alison Lebovitz, Andy Hodes

For more information contact:

Alison at alebo@mac.com

Andy Hodes at andy@andyhodes.com



young jewish leadership

YJL Shabbat: We Are Family!



Aaron Lincove, Zac Beker, Jen Lincove, Leo Procise, Cassie Rose, Erin Cohen, Amit Matityau at YJL shabbat in January.



social services



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When Michael Dzik hired me, he emphasized that my main focus should be to make sure our community members remained connected to their community.

The longer I'm here, the more I see the importance of this mission. Connection keeps people from becoming isolated, lonely or from falling through cracks in the medical system. To this end, the Social Services department and Social Services Committee members have been working to re-launch an outreach program called "Haverim," or "Friends." Volunteers in the program will help make phone calls, send birthday and get well cards, and even make visits to those community members who are elder orphans, or those who are otherwise isolated, sick, or just in need of some cheering up. Haverim will launch this month, and we are so grateful to both our Social Services Committee for making this a reality and to those of you who will be hands on. If you have any questions about this group, please don't hesitate to call me.

A Word from Kabrella Moore, Federation Social Work Intern



Hi all! I am a recent social work graduate from Southern Adventist University's master's program, interning at the Federation with Christi Haustein and Brenda McColpin. During my time as an intern, I've been assisting with the development of the volunteer program, observing how the

Federation serves the community's various needs, such as transportation, food, and insurance and referral sources.

Thanks to my master's program, I am aware of the challenges facing the elderly and/or disabled, including social isolation, depression, and loneliness. According to the National Institute of Aging, "...social isolation and loneliness have been linked to higher risks for mental and physical conditions such as Alzheimer's disease, high blood pressure, heart disease, obesity, and high blood pressure..."

The social services volunteer program at the Jewish Federation was created to assess and address those exact issues, through frequent phone calls, referral services, and social events, ensuring that all people feel cared for and valued.

If you or anyone you know are interested in joining the volunteer program, or would like to receive services, please contact the Federation. We're truly here for you.



Federation Welcomes Brenda McColpin, RN, MSW, as New Community Nurse Advocate

(423) 322-8641

Hours: Monday/Tues/Thursday

How long have you lived in Chattanooga? I moved to the Chattanooga area in 2005 with my partner of 15 years, Pearl, in 2005. We live on the North Shore.

Where did you work in the past? For 15 years, I worked at Parkridge Valley as an RN-admissions assessment specialist on their RESPOND crisis team. When I moved to North shore, I took a job in managed care at Blue Cross Blue Shield of Tennessee. Three years later, I helped a friend start a psychiatric home health program until a job injury requiring neck surgery changed my life, and I found myself working from home for Medicare. But I truly missed connecting with people and feeling I made a difference in their lives.

What drew you to work at the Jewish Federation? In 2016, at 56 years old, I decided to complete my Masters in Social Work. While working at the Federal Justice Center, I was able to advocate for a population for which I feel a lot of passion, through my role as Elder Justice Clinical Liaison. I also had the opportunity to network with the Jewish Federation, and to collaborate on cases with Christi Haustein. In addition, through my visits to Tuesday Cafe, and because of a fatherly relationship with an elderly Jewish man in my neighborhood, I've experienced the warmth of this community.

How would you describe yourself? I am kind, intentional, sensitive, spiritual, grounded, introspective, gregarious yet introverted, compassionate, creative, soulful, driven to succeed, and trustworthy. I love animals and we have three dogs, Tucker, Tia, and Tessa.

What do you enjoy outside of work? I love walking the bridges downtown, hiking, biking, kayaking, stand-up paddle boarding, and travel. I am in my second acting class at the Chattanooga Little Theatre. I love music, art, and writing songs and poetry, and I also love to cook.

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P2G Israeli Steering Committee Visits Chattanooga

The Hadera-Eiron Southeast Partnership Consortium is comprised of eleven American communities and was recently joined by the Jewish Federation of the Czech Republic. The Southeast Communities are Charleston, Northeast Florida, Chattanooga, Florida's Gulf Coast, Richmond, Greensboro, Nashville, Charlotte, and Knoxville. When the annual budget meeting takes place in the United States, members of the Israeli Steering Committee and staff visit. In February, Ruth Lapidor, Sarah Reiner, and Shimrit Orgal visited Chattanooga (pictured, right) and were hosted by the Lowe family, the Geffer family, and Jon and Amy Cohen.



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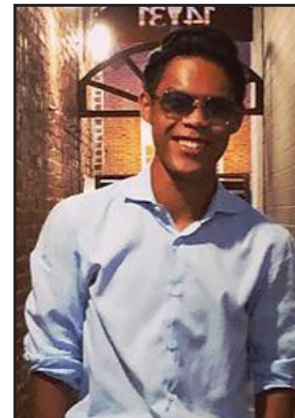
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Ethan Farnam Graduates from McCallie in the Spring



Ethan Farnam will graduate from McCallie in the spring. He is the son of Judith Mogul and Tom Farnam and the grandson of Frances Mogul and Albert Mogul, z'l and John (z'l) and Margaret Farnam (z'l). Ethan's favorite subject is English; he has been inducted into the National Honor Society. He plays Varsity tennis.

Outside of school, Ethan has played piano since age five and studied with Ning An and David Walters. He performs throughout the year at independent and assisted living facilities. Ethan has also volunteered with the CHI Memorial summer teen program and the Salvation Army Youth Program. He has applied to colleges in the Northeast.

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TIME TO PLANT!

Don't miss out! talk to an Aleph Bet family or visit aleph-bet.com by March 27th

Spring is the perfect time to get outside and plant a new garden. This year, Aleph Bet is teaming up with Flower Power fundraising for a plant sale that brings stunning flowers and edible gardens right to you. Best of all, plants are 100% guaranteed to grow and 50% of all profits go right back to Aleph Bet!



The Last Decade in Israel 2010 - 2019



The Shaliach exhibit
March 9th - May 1st
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February 6 Paint Party a Colorful Occasion



Alexis Chenkus, Marissa Street, Meryl Stark, and Rosie Perlstein at the JCC.



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Our annual Spring Fling program is just around the corner, and with it our springtime fund raiser! This year, rather than hold our usual raffle, we've decided to branch out with a green fund raiser. All March long, talk to an Aleph Bet family to purchase gorgeous plants for spring! We're partnering with FlowerPower Fundraising to bring you an outstanding collection of bulbs and plant starts for the perfect flower or vegetable garden. We are very excited about this new opportunity and hope you'll love it too! See more on page 11.



Dancers hard at work



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Does Trump's Deal of the Century Make Middle East Peace Impossible?

On January 28, 2020, president Donald Trump revealed the peace plan for the Israeli-Palestinian conflict in what he called the "Deal of the Century." But is it a plan that could work? Or

will it make Middle East peace impossible?

On paper, the plan looks reasonable. Israel will have sovereignty over the Jewish West Bank settlements, the Jordan Valley and the north side of the Dead Sea, and will establish its eastern border. The IDF will remain in charge of the area, but not the civilians. This ensures security.

The Palestinians on the other side will gain access to ports, and get land in the Negev to deal with the overpopulation in the Gaza Strip and for agriculture. The Peace Plan proposes the development of "efficient transport links" that will facilitate the movement of people and transport goods across the future Palestinian state, including the West Bank and the Gaza Strip. So why do many people say the plan is unreasonable or even laughable?

The Israeli author Michal Goodman, who wrote *Catch 67: The Left, the Right, and the Legacy of the Six-Day War*, recently wrote an article for the *The New York Times*. In it he listed three major flaws in the plan:

1. The dissonance between its pretension and its timing: It purports to change history, but coming just one month before Israel's elections, it serves petty politics.
2. There is a mismatch between the plan's stated aim and the actors who are meant to put it into place. It seeks to bring peace between Israel and the Palestinians, but the Palestinians are not full partners in its implementation.
3. The plan doesn't meet the Palestinians' minimum conditions. Can anyone imagine that the Palestinians, who have previously rejected plans that offered them nearly 100 percent of the West Bank, might be happy with just 70 percent?

"The peace plan, in other words, will not bring peace," says Goodman. "But these three flaws should not distract us from the big opportunity the plan presents: It cleverly redivides, even temporarily, the territories in dispute. This division can rearrange the conflict.

"If put in place, the plan would create a Palestinian state with almost full sovereignty on some 70 percent of the West Bank, while fully addressing Israel's security needs. The conflict would not end, but it would be functionally different. The Israeli-Palestinian conflict is a conflict between occupiers and the occupied. But after the plan it would become a conflict between two separate political entities — and that's an entirely new paradigm. This should be the plan's big ambition: Instead of seeking to end the battle, it should fundamentally redraw the battle lines."

The plan has already started to have influence in Israel. Since it was revealed, security tensions have increased, with terror attacks against civilians and soldiers in the West Bank area and in the Gaza belt area. The Palestinians already said they are not going to agree to the plan and are working internationally to take a vote at the UN hoping to get a majority to declare the plan illegal. On the other side, Israel, with Prime Minister Netanyahu, is trying to apply Israeli law to the settlements in the West Bank before the election to achieve election leverage in the final stretch.

This conflict could not be settled in some "Ultimate Plan," but it could bring a new reality in Israel. One that could be a step towards peace—or one that takes us a step away from it. Only time will tell the consequences. **(Read Goodman's full article here: <https://www.nytimes.com/2020/01/29/opinion/Israel-Peace-Plan-Trump.html>.)**





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Spring Semester

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



**Sunday Morning
 Kids Concert
 Mizpah Congregation
 10:00am, March 8**

Machanooga is pleased to welcome Joe Buchanan for a concert for all Jewish youth in the community. Texas-born and southern raised, Joe Buchanan makes country/Americana music that is steeped in Torah. A convert to Judaism, he grew up struggling with religion and his place in the world. An exploration of faith led the way “home” for the whole family and kicked off a whirlwind of songwriting and study. The goal of his music is to help drive connection to what links us all and to hold the door for other seekers. This concert is made possible in part by the Jewish Federation of Greater Chattanooga and the Institute of Southern Jewish Life.

K-2 class Learns about Israel



**Members of Mizpah Board Visit
 During Open House**



Above, 4th and 5th grade Machanooga classes had a coffee and bake sale Feb. 9th as a tzedakah project for Siskin Children's Institute and Chambliss Center for Children.

Left to right: Will Melnyk, Alan Richelson, Steve Cohn, Herb Cohn, Frank Miller. Not pictured, but in attendance were: Cathryn Cohen, Richard Zachary, and Vicki Lewis



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Purim Shpiel and Carnival

March 8 at 3:00 pm
 Come hear the story of Queen Esther to
 the sounds of the Rocket Man himself,
 Sir Elton John.
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 Mizpah Sanctuary



MARCH WORSHIP AND STUDY SCHEDULE

Sundays

Machanooga Joint Religious School 10:00 am

Monday

March 9: Adult *Megillah* Reading 6:30 pm

Tuesdays

Introduction to Hebrew 4:30 pm

Introduction to Judaism 6:30 pm

Wednesdays:

Hebrew School 4:30 pm

Thursdays:

Lunch 'n Learn: Seasonal / current events 12:15 pm

Kulanu program 4:00 pm

Fridays:

Oneg/Kabbalat Shabbat Services 5:30/6:00pm

March 6 First Friday Family Shabbat Service 6:00 pm

Song leader: Lev Gross-Comstock

First Friday Shabbat Dinner 6:45 pm

March 20 *Shirei Shabbat* with Amy Cohen 6:00 pm

Saturdays:

Torah Study w/ breakfast 9:00 am

Shabbat services w/ Torah/Haftarah Reading 11:00 am

March 21 Family Havdallah Event 6:15 pm

March 29 Mazel Tots 10:45 am

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



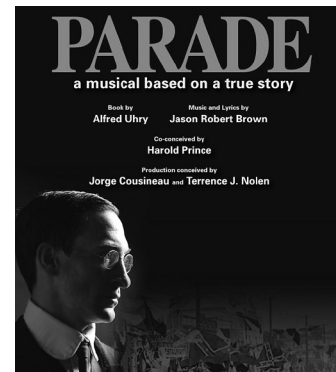
TORAH ON TAP

Meet and study Torah
 Enjoy an adult beverage (or not)
 Saturday, March 14, 5:30 pm
 The Honest Pint
 35 Patten Parkway
 Chattanooga

Parade

Book by Alfred Uhry
 Music and Lyrics by Jason
 Robert Brown

March 22, 23, 24
 and 29, 30, 31 at 7:30 p.m.
 Mizpah Congregation
 923 McCallie Avenue



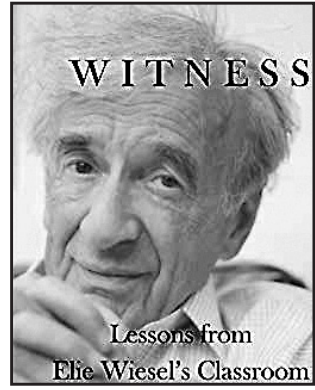
Daring, innovative and bold, *Parade* is filled with soaring music and a heart-wrenching story, offering a moral lesson about the dangers of prejudice and ignorance that should not be forgotten. Written by acclaimed playwright Alfred Uhry (*Driving Miss Daisy*) and composer Jason Robert Brown (*The Last Five Years*, *Bridges of Madison County*).



Men's Club Shabbat with Guest Speaker Howard Kaplan, Saturday, March 7th at 9:30 am at the JCC
Celebrate Shabbat with the Men's Club as they lead us and teach us, highlighting the participation of Men's Club in the religious life of BZ.

B'nai Zion
March Madness

Brackets released March 15.
Due March 19



BZ Book Club, Tuesday, March 24th at 2:30 pm at the Barnes & Noble Café - *Witness: Lessons from Elie Wiesel's Classroom* by Ariel Burger - Elie Wiesel was a towering presence on the world stage. *Witness* serves as a primer on making a more compassionate world.

B'nai Zion March Madness 2020 Join BZ's annual bracket pool/fun(d)raiser! \$25 per bracket (no limit to how many brackets you can submit) to play with prizes being issued for 1st and 2nd place! Contact the office to make your picks!

Purim Celebration, Monday, March 9th at 5:45 pm at the JCC! Our theme is perfectly on par with the transition we've been facing as of late, and as we've continued to do, we'll keep **Stayin' Alive, Stayin' Alive, ah ah ah ah, Stayin' Alive!** Join us for an evening packed with megillah reading, delicious food, *Hamentaschen*, fun card and board games and even a dance lesson in the Hustle! Come dressed as your favorite Purim personality, taking the theme to heart, or as you are.



Last year our dear friend **Howard Groppe, z'l**, prepared to give a *d'var Torah* on Parshat Ki Tisa, in which the Jewish people worship the Golden Calf. This year, we will dedicate this

Shabbat to his memory and the message he planned on teaching. **March 14 at 9:45 am.**



Sisterhood Shabbat and Kiddush luncheon, Saturday, March 28th at 9:30 am at the JCC – Please join us on for a meaningful and heartfelt Shabbat experience. Sisterhood Shabbat is entirely sponsored by, planned, and executed by the women of the B'nai Zion Sisterhood.

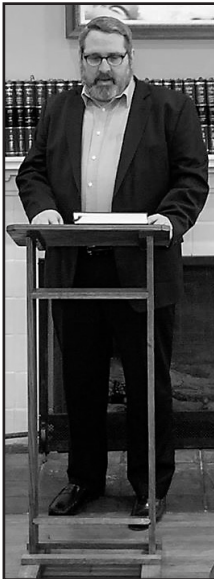
“Barefoot in the Park” with the BZ Sisterhood, Sunday, March 29th at 2:30 pm– Join the BZ Sisterhood for an afternoon “in the park” at the Chattanooga Theatre Center. This romantic comedy follows a free-spirited bride and her buttoned-down groom settling down to some rocky happily-ever-aftering as they learn that marriage isn't always a walk in the park! Tickets are \$25. Contact Beth Lowe by March 15th for tickets.





Rabbi Shaul Perlstein

Come Learn Talmud!



On January 1st, at the Mets Stadium in New York, 20,000 people gathered to celebrate the completion of Talmud. Three days later, Chattanoogaan Robert Krigelman finished learning the Talmud and we began the Talmud initiative! **Every Sunday 10:30 am -noon**, come learn Talmud--no prior knowledge necessary. Start off your week on the right foot!



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@ Chabad Lounge - 950 Vine St.

In memory of Rashi Minkowicz Ob"m

PURIM IN THE WILD WEST

TUESDAY, MARCH 10 • 5:45 PM
950 VINE STREET

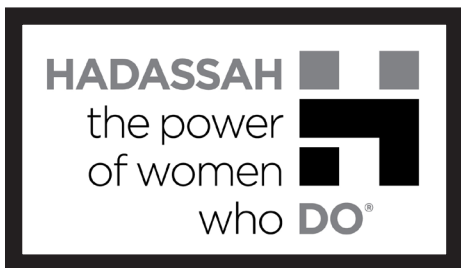
5:45 PM MEGILLA READING WITH ALL THE BELLS AND WHISTLES
6:15 PM PURIM PARTY

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Hadassah Happenings

Hadassah's Chattanooga Chapter deserves congratulations for winning the Regions' Fundraising Award and coming in second for Mid-size Chapters at the mid-winter board meeting in Birmingham, Alabama. Beth Thomas also received the Region Woman of the Year Award for Chattanooga.

As Health Education Chair, Beth has participated in a number of health programs, including the "Health Cruise" last fall and teaching a "Chug" with June Collins at Machanooga (photo, bottom right). Beth works full-time as a public health nurse for the Tennessee Department of Health, which makes her a perfect fit for Hadassah's medical mission. Millie Lander, Beth Thomas and Dana Waxler attended the Region board meeting to receive these awards (see right).

Federation shaliach Amit Matityau led a hike and picnic at the Sculpture Field at Montague Park in February for members and their families. An art representative of the Sculpture Field helped with the tour and 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 2 at 6:30 p.m. at Chabad. Purim honors Queen Esther, known as Hadassah. Members planning to attend should email Rosie at rosieperlstein@gmail.com or Judy Sachsman at jmsachsman@gmail.com

Hadassah members started planning the May 3rd Donor event. The speakers at this event will describe their experiences with high-risk pregnancies at Hadassah Hospital. This major fund-raiser for the chapter will be a dinner at the JCC, which will also honor Dana and Richard Waxler with the Myrtle Wreath Award for service to the community. The Donor event will be in support of the 360 Degrees of Healing Campaign, expanding medical services in the Round Building of Hadassah Hospital. Any member who would like to work on this program should contact Judy Sachsman.

Annual Giving starts at Chai Society of \$180 a year and includes Keepers of the Gate, which starts at \$1,000 a year. New members of Chai Society will be the first to receive a specially designed new pin. Annual giving enables Hadassah National to plan the charitable support of Hadassah Hospital in Israel as well as countless other projects.

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

Local Awards at Hadassah Southern Region Mid-Winter Meeting



The Hadassah Southern Region mid-winter meeting was held in February in Birmingham. Above, left-right, is Marla Kameny, Southern Region President; Millie Lander, Region Board member holding 1st Place Award for Fundraising for a Mid-Sized Chapter; Dana Waxler, Region Board Member; and Beth Thomas, who received the Region Woman of the Year, representing the Chattanooga Chapter.



June Collins at Machanooga CHUG, Feb. 2

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.



What's Going on at the JCC

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

- 3, 10, 17, 24, 31** Tuesday Cafe
- 7** Joe Buchanan at JCC
- 9** Amit Exhibit "The Last Decade in Israel"
- 10** Linda Coniglio at Tuesday Cafe
- 16** Foreign Policy Supper Club
- 19** Classical Concert with Southern Adventist
- 24** Eleanor Tallie at JCC
- 27** Aleph Bet Spring Fling
- 29** Good Deeds Day

SAVE THE DATES:

- April 13 Foreign Policy Supper Club (The Red Sea)
- April 30 Israel in the Kitchen
- May 6th Film Series Sponsor Event

Tuesday Cafe



Join us for lunch every Tuesday at noon. Menus in weekly email. Vegetarian options available with advance notice. \$10. Rsvp@jewishchattanooga.com or 493-0270.



Federation shaliach Amit Matityau leads two young members of the newly formed J-Scouts on a woody hiking adventure in February. For more info about J-Scouts, contact Amit at (423)385-0098 or Israel@jewishchattanooga.com.

The Jewish Federation is now on Instagram! Follow us at ChattaJewga!

Mazel Tov

--to **Karen "Candy" Kruesi**, recipient of the 2020 Ruth Holmberg Arts Leadership Award. She will be honored during the award presentation Tuesday, March 10, 2020. at the Hunter Museum of American Art from 6:00-8:00 p.m.

--to **Rachel and Henry Schulson** on the birth of their grandson, Jethro Baruch Schulson, in New York City on January 23rd. Jethro is the son of Michael Schulson and Emma Green and the nephew of Leah Schulson of Lolo, Montana.

Condolences

We are sad to announce the passing of

--**Richard Ellis**, son of Dr. Eric and Barbara Ellis, z'l, brother to Susan (Darryl) Waskow, Ralph (Angela) Ellis, and Beatrice (Steve) Fine.

--**Dr. Elliot Rose**, father of Kevin (Cassie), Richard (Christin) and Joseph, and grandfather of Eliza, Zane, James, Cole, Eli, and Asa.

Contact Shofar editor Dana Shavin at dshavin@jewishchattanooga.com to place a mazel tov or condolence.

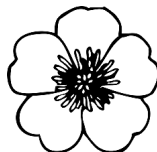
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