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### **Impossible? No, "I'm Possible"!**

Did you ever notice that the word "impossible" is made up of two words: "I'm" and "Possible"? How did I not notice this? I was in a virtual leadership session recently and this was something we learned in relation to how we are facing today's COVID challenges.

#### **from the executive director**

The past many months we've all been caught up in the challenges that have accompanied the pandemic: economic fears, racial unrest, antisemitism, and so much more. Sometimes we get overwhelmed with the negativity in the air. And where our thoughts go, our emotions and actions follow. We must change our thought paradigm, our thought habits. Doing so will change our feelings and behaviors for the positive.

We cannot lose sight that there are so many POSITIVE things that are happening around us every day. Are we looking at the good in people? Are we looking at the "silver linings"? For example, month after month the Federation has been doing drive thru events (150 Shabbat

meals served in August!). The socially distant yet physical presence of all the drive thru participants...I could feel the energy, the smiles (even behind the masks), the joy of seeing one other. I too was filled with joy about seeing people in person! These events give us all something to look forward to. We appreciate seeing each other in person; we feel grateful being together with our Jewish community.

We've also seen an influx of new participation in various virtual events. Technology has allowed us to stay connected and engaged, even in this new format. More people feel connected and my gut tells me that more people want to feel connected. One of the many strengths of the Jewish community is this sense of connectedness and being part of something larger than oneself. I hope you'll agree that we are meeting this need.

By no means do I want to take away from the struggles so many of us are feeling: lost jobs, social isolation and even depression. These are real feelings and happenings within our community. Let's identify the challenges, which are many. But let's not forget the opportunities, which are also many. How we respond to the challenges today will set us on a positive course for the future. And doing so can literally change the outcome.

I've learned these past six months that nothing is impossible, because, well, I'm possible – and so are you!



**Mike Spector**  
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### **Investing in Your Community**

You know that I am committed to our Jewish Federation because you have seen me in *The Shofar* as

Campaign Chair and now Board

Chair. I have told numerous stories about my Federation trips and the impact they have had on me personally. I have learned so much from these

#### **from the board chair**

experiences, seeing first-hand how our dollars are making a difference in the lives of Jews around the world. Through three Federation leadership trips, I have been fortunate to interact with the Jewish communities in Kiev, Berlin, Budapest, Buenos Aires, Montevideo and Israel. Sure, I love to travel and the sites and scenery have been incredible. But the stories have been about real people—real people in need. Jewish people in need. The elderly, the youth, the Holocaust survivors. What we do as a Jewish community, as the collective Jewish community, is lifechanging. But what about right here in Chattanooga? We have helped both Jewish and non-Jewish people right

here at home – providing social services, transportation, and meals. We've provided, and continue to provide, engaging programming that helps build a stronger and more connected local community. I am proud of all that the Federation does.

The Federation's most recent program was a Shabbat drive-thru event on August 14th. One hundred-fifty meals were prepared; fifty were delivered to community members – those who do not drive, and some who are not getting out in public due to the coronavirus. What really touched me was one family on our pick-up list, a family new to Chattanooga. They were very excited about their Shabbat dinner, excited to "get out" and meet those at the Federation that Friday afternoon. Unfortunately, two days before pick up day, one of the family members was diagnosed with Covid. Thankfully it was a mild case, but it left them quarantined at home and they let the Federation know they needed to cancel their meal.

Cancel their meal? The Federation swung into action and made sure their Shabbat meals were delivered (safely) so they too could enjoy the dinner and one of their first Shabbat weekends in Chattanooga. This is just part of what the Federation does. A simple gesture to a new family that we've not met face to face, so that they can feel a part of things. This is a Jewish community that I'm proud of.

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## Just Because

*Boom! Whoosh! Crash! Bang! Thud! Sunshine.* I bet you thought this was about a dog rearranging our house. Or

maybe my husband attempting to help me out by “cleaning”. Or maybe the weather report-- “sunny with afternoon thunderstorms”--coming to life. Or maybe it was the feral cats who roost on the porch in the afternoon waiting to catch a butterfly while blocking my view out the window.

Oh yes, life in the Chattahoochee National Forest can have its unexpected moments. The noise was actually a heavy limb, crashing and taking out two small trees while opening up the tree canopy by the creek. There was no wind, no rain, no well-meaning husband, no creatures gnawing a cut in the bark. It broke and fell-- just because.

In the woods you sometimes hear an animal **from the** scream. Often you program director can’t tell if the sound is an anger scream, a fear scream, a delight scream or a

challenge-me scream. I remember when my son was a teenager and asked why animal death screams and animal mating screams sounded so much the same. All I could answer was, “Just because.”

Inbal Lev, our incoming shlichah, and I have had numerous online and Zoom conversations over the last few months. Michael and I have met her sister, her

**Spector** (continued from previous page) I know that many of you out there contribute to a lot of causes. Like me, you probably make monthly donations to needy children, homeless pets, NPR, and other worthy groups. Sometimes I arrange for a simple monthly donation of \$10 or \$20.

Although a one-time gift is always appreciated, I try to maximize my impact with monthly donations. It’s one movie ticket or an inexpensive meal out. You would not believe what my \$120 or \$240 per year donation does for those organizations. Would you consider increasing your gift to the Federation this year with a monthly donation? This is great option for donors at any and all levels. As the Federation says, “No gift touches more lives.” Thank you in advance for contributing, and for investing in your community and your Jewish Federation.

mother, her dog, and discussed everything from what to wear in the office to what Chattanooga is really like. When she told me she was meeting former shlichim Noa Hadad and Chen Dahan at the end of August, I was thrilled.

Why? As two-year shlichim, I thought they could give Inbal valuable advice about coming to Chattanooga during such an unusual and unique period of time. I’m sure they will tell her everything from making sure Alice, our kitchen supervisor, is your best friend (think food) to how Christian United for Israel fits into the Jewish Federation. When she asked if she would be in quarantine for two weeks upon arriving, I said no. Then she asked if she would be alone when she arrived. I said no. She asked why. Just because....I know this community.

As the never-ending political season comes to a head, I have to think about our democracy. If elected officials represent the majority of people voting in their communities, then how is it, with all of the divergent ideas, we can be as one? Can it really be that our differences are the threads the founding fathers wanted to protect, to make our American tapestry? And how does this manifest in our domestic policy? Join a Federation Zoom program monthly to have discussions about our domestic policy and what makes us Americans. Why? Just because....you can.

“Just because” seems to have become part of the new normal. Why would someone get sick without showing symptoms? Just because. Why would someone not wear a mask in a grocery store when you always wear a mask indoors? Just because....you care.

To sum things up, I know this community. What you can do, you will do. Why? Just because you’re you.

**DOMESTIC POLICY**

meaning, definition, explanation...

A monthly program based on materials from Policy.ed, affiliated with the Hoover Institution, Stanford University. View short video clips, read short articles and discuss them with a group via Zoom.

**Monday, September 21, 6:00 p.m.**  
 RSVP to atreadwell@jewishchattanooga.com  
 to get the monthly program materials

### It's Cake Time!

Rosh Hashanah begins at sundown Friday, September 18th. Order your Alice Goss Morgan cakes now!



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**Pickup dates: Wed., September 16th, noon to 4pm  
Thursday, September 17th from 9am - noon.**

Choose from apple (\$20), coffee (\$18) or Heavenly chocolate (\$18).

To order and pre-pay, call the Federation at 493-0270 or go to [jewishchattanooga.com](http://jewishchattanooga.com) and RSVP.

### Join us for Tuesday Cafe via ZOOM

September 1, 8, 15, 22, and 29

Fix your lunch, sit down in front of your computer, laptop, or phone, and let's chat!

Meeting number: 747 223 9161

Password: 940790

Want to come in person?

We are hosting very small, in-person Tuesday Cafe get-togethers, but you must make a reservation in order to attend.

Contact Ann Treadwell for more information, at [atreadwell@jewishchattanooga.com](mailto:atreadwell@jewishchattanooga.com) or 493-0270.



### 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 delivery only until further notice.*

All Mitzvah Meal recipients must be preapproved by Christi Haustein, Director of Social Services. Menus are set by the Kitchen Supervisor and Director of Social Services.



### Meal Delivery

**Need a meal delivered?  
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**Contact:**

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or Christi Haustein**

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**893-9241**

Well folks, fall is right around the corner and we are still in the midst of COVID-19. I thought for sure we'd be done with this by June or July. I know we all just want things to go back to the way they were. I know many of us canceled vacations and missed birthday celebrations, graduations, and other big, important events. Many of us find ourselves feeling down at times—me included. It's hard to maintain a consistently positive outlook with everything going on. I really want something to look forward to. Above all, I want to see an end to all the pain and suffering and isolation. And on a much lighter note, I want to watch college football!

Most of you are aware that we've now seen some positive COVID cases in our community and that we lost someone very dear to many of us. Please take this virus seriously. Please take precautions, wear your mask, stay home when you're not well and try not place yourself in high risk situations. I know it's tough, believe me, I get it, but we want you safe and healthy.

I know I sound like a broken record, but please get in touch if there's anything we can do to assist you or your family. You can call my work cell at 394-3922. We are working staggered shifts at the office, so I'm not able

to answer my office phone as often as I can my work cell phone.

On to a new topic: MEDICARE Part D! We will be sending out postcards with information shortly. This year, instead of meeting with me in my office, those who are comfortable coming to the JCC will meet with me in the large multipurpose room. We will make use of our new projector so you'll be able to clearly see your Medicare account on a large screen. We will clean before and after we meet with each of you. Those who are not comfortable coming to the JCC can meet with me virtually. Please watch for your Medicare postcards and schedule your appointment.

I'd like to end on an uplifting note, but honestly, I'm mourning the loss of one of our own. If you are struggling right now, as I am, if you are sad or lonely or need support, don't be afraid to reach out and ask for it. It's OK to be human, and to let others be of support.

**The Federation will continue to provide rides to doctor appointments and the grocery store though we encourage you to utilize grocery store and pharmacy delivery services. Some offer these for free but we can cover the cost of delivery if you need help.**

**We are starting to phase back in normal transportation service and will continue to practice cleaning and social distancing procedures. Contact the drivers directly for rides. See schedule at <https://www.jewish-chattanooga.com/van-drivers/>**

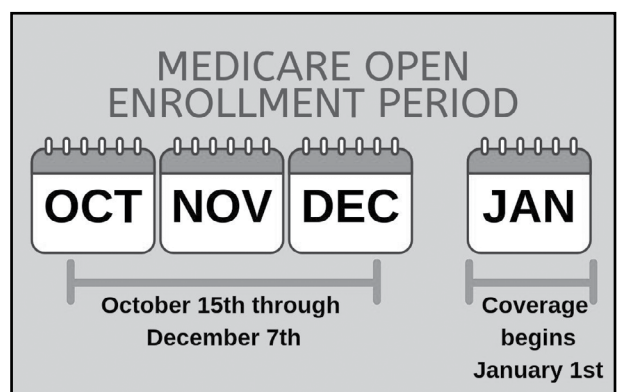


**Brenda McColpin, RN, MSW**

**(423) 322-8641**  
**Hours: Monday/Tues/Thursday**

Medicare Part D Enrollment is upon us again! Please call Jake Balsler, our Executive Assistant, at 493-0270 once you receive your postcard and he will mail you the Medicare forms to complete. We will also include a self-addressed stamped envelope for your convenience. Once we receive these forms back and they are COMPLETE, Jake will begin calling and making appointments for you to meet with Social Services director Christi Haustein for enrollment. This is on a first come, first served basis. Medicare forms need to be accurately and completely filled out in order for this to run effectively and efficiently.

We look forward to seeing you--virtually or otherwise--and helping you out with this important service. In the meantime, stay well and let us know how we can be of assistance.



**Stay in touch through the website, community email, and our Facebook page. See inside back page of this *Shofar* for handy list of email addresses.**

## Untitled Poem

By Brenda McColpin, Federation Nurse

What to write about,  
What to Say,  
Over 5,000,000 Cases,  
More on the way.

Wearing a mask,  
Although it's a pain,  
If it saves one life,  
How can I/we refrain?

Deaths on the rise,  
Children impacted,  
Masks worn by  
folks that overreacted?

What more does it take?  
It has struck our community,  
It is personal now,  
There is no immunity.

What can we do?  
When will this stop?  
How can we explain?  
Our numbers are top?

The world watches on,  
As we figure it out.  
Midst fear, confusion,  
Mistrust and doubt.

All politics aside,  
My focus on others,  
I won't refuse to protect  
My sister's and brother's.



*Brenda, above right, with partner Pearl and dog Tessa.*

## Did You Know? Get a Tax Break for Charitable Donations

We want to make you aware of one more aspect of the CARES Program that we didn't mention last time -- a tax deduction on charitable giving. And yes, this applies to you! Here's how it works:



- According to the CARES Program, up to \$300 of your donation may be tax deductible, even if you don't usually itemize. The new charitable deduction allows most Americans to deduct donations to charities from their taxes when filing for 2020.
- This applies to your donations to the Jewish Federation of Greater Chattanooga. When you give at least \$300 towards lasting change in your community, you get a tax break at the same time.
- The time to act on this is now - this opportunity ends with the year on December 31, 2020.

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### Mazel Tov

-- to Susan and Dennis Matzkin on the birth of grandchild Zev Hirsch Matzkin, on August 18. Parents are Rachel and Gideon Matzkin.

### Condolences

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

--Al Freireich, former Chattanooga Hebrew Academy principle and beloved husband of Bambi Katz, father and father-in-law of Sue and Joseph Sonshine, Jay and Gale, Sherry and Allan Weiss, brother and brother-in-law of Irving and Molly, and the late Frances Gold and Claire Borenstein.

--Harry Lakow on Friday, August 7th. He was laid to rest in New York on August 11th in a private ceremony.

--Joan Schulman, mother of Elaine Epstein and Dani Tawanda (Judy Epstein), grandmother to Samantha Jackson (AJ) and great grandmother to Sarah and James. She was preceded in death by her husband Ralph Schulman, son Jesse Epstein, and first husband David Epstein.

## Reverse Shaliach

## Reverse Shaliach

The Federation is looking to hire two young adults, age 22-28, to spend nine to ten months in Israel as a “reverse shaliach” – an American emissary to the Israelis. The Reverse Shaliach will be provided furnished housing, transportation, insurance, and a monthly stipend. They will live and work in Hadera, Israel, our P2G



partnership community. (See page 6 in this *Shofar*.)

Job responsibilities will include teaching English to students in Israeli schools, connecting and engaging the Hadera partnership community, and reporting back to US communities in our partnership. Reverse Shaliach positions begin in November 2020 (THIS YEAR).

Candidates must go through an application and interview process. Only those who currently live in, or are from, Chattanooga or any of the Southeast consortium cities – Richmond, Charleston, Charlotte, Greensboro, Knoxville, Nashville, Jacksonville, Pinellas, Ft. Myers or Daytona Beach--are eligible to apply. There is no cost to participate.

For more information, contact Ann Treadwell at the Federation:  
(423) 493-0270 x13 or [atreadwell@jewishchattanooga.com](mailto:atreadwell@jewishchattanooga.com).



***Inbal Lev with former shlichim. Back l-r Amit Matityau, Raoul Molnar (with son Emanuel), Inbal, and Noa Hadad. Front l-r Chen Dahan and Shiran Amir. Not pictured: Einav Cahaner and Hadas Peled***



***Noa Hadad (right) met with Inbal recently to help prepare her for her Chattanooga shlichut.***

## New Federation Shaliach Arrives in Chattanooga September 14



We are thrilled to welcome the newest Federation shaliach to Chattanooga this month. Inbal Lev will arrive just before Rosh Hashanah. She recently finished her service in the IDF. This past summer, she spent her time working with children.

Inbal has had numerous interactions with American Jews, at Jewish summer camps in the US and as an army guide with a Birthright trip from Tulane last year. Inbal just happens to hail from from Alon HaGalil, a small village in the north – the very same small community our former shlichah Einav Canaher hailed from!

As Inbal gets settled, please reach out to her and do everything you can to make her feel at home and welcome. We understand that social distancing adds new challenges, but Inbal and the Federation see them as new opportunities as well. It will take added support from the community to make Inbal’s time in Chattanooga everything we want it to be. I’m confident that our warm and welcoming community will embrace her quickly, both virtually and in small groups. Think about inviting her along on all types of interactions – not only Zoom but picnics in the park, dinners on your porch, and any other outdoor activities you’re engaged in. As always, connect with Inbal on social media as well as by phone and email: 423-385-0098 and [israel@jewishchattanooga.com](mailto:israel@jewishchattanooga.com).

## The JOOM Crew



While the 2020 school year is off to an unusual start, we want everyone to know that the Jew Crew is coming back with engaging programs, social events and social actions projects - with a social distancing twist, of course. And even though our (initial) interactions will most likely be virtual, you can expect REAL fun, meaningful and memorable opportunities for connections.

As a reminder, The Jew Crew is a program of the Jewish Federation of Greater Chattanooga that brings together Jewish high school students (grades 9 through 12) once a month for social activities and social action projects. We make the world a better place and we have a great time doing it.

In light of COVID-19, we are working on a slightly amended schedule and calendar this year, and our first virtual program, A "Joom Crew" virtual meeting on August 30, was the perfect opportunity to get feedback from all the teens in terms of what they most want to see and do this year. If you are, have or know of a Jewish high school student not yet part of the Crew - let us know! Our tent is wide and our community is ever growing.

With hope for an amazing and healthy year ahead,  
*Alison Lebovitz and Andy Hodes, Jew Crew Advisors*

## Letter from the Community

Dear Michael,

We really miss going to the JCC and really wanted to let you know how much we appreciate the things you are doing to help support the community and facilitate keeping in touch during this difficult time. It's wonderful to know that you are there, should we need it.

We hope that you all stay well and that we can all return to some semblance of normalcy sometime in the near future. Take care and thank you for all you do.

*Marian Kern and John Beck*

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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, please contact

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# Chattanooga Jewish Film Series: Fast Facts



**WHAT?** Thirteenth Annual Chattanooga Jewish Film Series featuring the best Jewish-themed international films available.

**WHEN?** The months of October and November (see dates page 10).

**WHERE?** There will be two viewing options:

1) In-home viewing: We will send you a viewing code to plug in. Films will be available from noon on Tuesday to noon Thursday. For some films, guest speakers will be [virtually] available to discuss the film at 7pm on Thursdays.

2) Watch at the JCC: A limited number of people will be able to watch films in the big room safely spaced apart. To claim this option, RSVP to 493-0270 to the first day of the film's

screening. Masks will be mandatory and chairs will be set up to comply with social distancing. No walk-ins or payments taken at the door.

**HOW WILL PAYMENT WORK?** Online pre-payment for all sponsorships, and subscriptions, and single film viewings will be required. This will allow us to capture your email address in order to send you the viewing codes.

**ANYTHING ELSE I SHOULD KNOW?** Yes! Following each film, we will send you an evaluation and the chance to win a prize. Contact Ann Treadwell about sponsorship interest at [atreadwell@jewishchattanooga.com](mailto:atreadwell@jewishchattanooga.com) or 493-0270.



## Levels of Support



### 1) Family/Individual Sponsor\* - \$75 per household

This entitles your household to view all five films in the Series, plus one extra (*Crescendo*).

*Crescendo* is the story of world-famous conductor Eduard Sporch's experience as he creates an Israeli-Palestinian youth orchestra, and is quickly drawn into a tempest of sheer unsolvable problems. This German film is subtitled and lasts 102 minutes.

--As a special "thank you" to sponsors, we will provide a drive-thru cocktail party. Come to the Jewish Cultural Center Tuesday, October 13 between 4-6 PM and receive a box of amazing Kosher appetizers and bottle of wine to take home. All sponsors MUST RSVP in advance for this opportunity to ensure enough boxes are available.

--Your name will appear in *The Shofar* along with our corporate sponsors (see box below).

### 2) Family/Individual Subscriber - \$50 per household

As a subscriber, you will be able to view each of the five films beginning October 20th. (Subscribers are not eligible for the sponsor film or the sponsor virtual cocktail party box.)

### 3) One Film at a Time

View the film or films of your choice without committing up front to all of them. This option is \$12. Does not include the sponsor film, and must be pre-paid on the website.

### Film Series Committee Members:

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# Chattanooga Jewish Film Series: October Films



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**October 13\* *Crescendo***

When world-famous conductor Eduard Spörck accepts the job to create an Israeli-Palestinian youth orchestra, he is quickly drawn into a tempest of sheer unsolvable problems.  
*German, subtitles, 102 minutes*

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## Chattanooga Jewish Film Series



**October 20\* *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

This film is based on the 2003 play *Golda's Balcony*, written by William Gibson. The film captures a solo performance by Tovah Feldshuh who plays Golda Meir and numerous other characters. *English, 68 minutes*

**David Fishelson, Producer, will discuss the film Thursday, October 22, 7 p.m.**

**October 27\* *The Crossing***

***Family Friendly***

This is the story of adventurous 10-year-old Gerda and her brother Otto, whose parents are in the Norwegian resistance movement during the Second World War. Their parents are arrested, leaving the siblings on their own. Following the arrest, they discover two Jewish children, Sarah and Daniel, hidden in a secret cupboard and help them flee from the Nazis. *Norwegian, subtitles 90 minutes*



**See November films on page 12**

## Melanie Val Bat Mitzvah September 5th



Melanie Val will become a Bat Mitzvah at Mizpah Congregation September 4th. Her parents are Ray and Michelle Val and grandparents are Linda Edwards and Ray Val Sr. (both deceased) and John and Deb Cutuli. She has three sisters, Lucy (23), Kayla (22) and Mia (12) and one brother, Ryan (19).

Melanie is a freshman at St.

Andrews-Sewanee where she plays soccer and wrestles for St Andrews. She also wrestles for Team TN, Tennessee's USA wrestling team, and was an All-American last year in Girls Middle School Wrestling. In addition to soccer and wrestling, Melanie also enjoys riding her horse.

Do you have an upcoming bar/bat mitzvah or graduating senior in your family?

We want to know about it! Please email the *Shofar* editor at [dshavin@jewishchattanooga.com](mailto:dshavin@jewishchattanooga.com) and she will take it from there!



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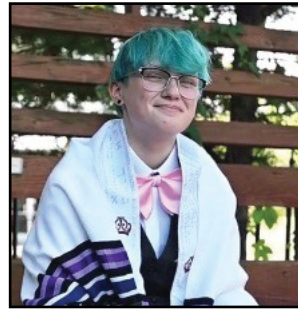
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L-r, Stella Burton, Julia Flanagan, and Roslyn Steinberg brought home August 14th drive-thru Shabbat dinners from the Jewish Federation and enjoyed them together.

## Eren Kaplan Became Bar Mitzvah August 8th



Eren Kaplan became a bar mitzvah August 8th at Mizpah Congregation. His parents are Caroline and Paul Kaplan and grandparents are Marie and Jeff Kaplan and Linda and Craig Woods. He has one sister, Ava, age 11. Eren currently attends GPS, where his favorite subjects are art, theater, choir, and history. Hobbies include drawing, longboard, and playing Dungeons & Dragons.

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# Chattanooga Jewish Film Series: November Films



## November 3\* *Incitement*

Winner of the 2019 Ophir (Israeli Academy Awards) as best film. This psychological thriller follows the year leading up to the assassination of Israel's Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, as he sought peace with the Palestinians. *Hebrew, subtitles, 123 minutes* (Rabin Day in Israel is October 30)

## November 10\* *An Irrepressible Woman*

Janot Reichenbach fell in love with Blum when she was only sixteen. Years later, when they could finally be together, the Nazis arrived in France and Janot gave up her comfortable life to link her destiny to the former French Prime Minister. *French, subtitles, 105 minutes*



## November 17\* *The Keeper*

Already winner of 10 audience awards as best narrative, including Atlanta and San Francisco, *The Keeper* tells the incredible true story of Bert Trautmann (David Kross), a German soldier and prisoner of war who, against a backdrop of British post-war protest and prejudice, secures the position of Goalkeeper at Manchester City. *English, 113 minutes*

All films will screen virtually for 48 hours beginning at noon the day listed (Tuesdays) and ending at noon 48 hours later (Thursday). Scheduled discussions about the film will take place virtually at 7PM on the Thursday of that film's screening. Virtual screenings must be pre-paid in advance at [www.jewishchattanooga.com](http://www.jewishchattanooga.com); you will receive the login code once payment has been received. We are allowing limited in-person screenings of each film at the Jewish Cultural Center at 7PM on Tuesdays each week; approximately 30-50 people. These screenings must also be pre-paid in advance and reservations are required in advance to secure your seat(s).



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Our brand new school year at Aleph Bet has begun! With all of the stress and turmoil caused by the pandemic, our goal now more than ever is to be a place of safety and security for your child. We will strive to provide consistency and routine, while giving the children room to explore, gain confidence, and grow in their love of learning.

Behind every cloud is a bit of a rainbow, and the need to minimize germs and contact has encouraged us to explore some new technologies! This year, we've moved to contactless attendance and record keeping, all based in an app that allows families and staff to easily communicate, and share milestones, cute photos, and day-to-day life. We're very excited about what this innovation can do for our home-school relationships.

We are missing our usual Shabbat visitors and community volunteers! Hopefully in the near future, we'll be together again. In the meantime, reach out and see how you can get involved with Aleph Bet today!



*Yellow Room yogis practice their form*



*Eliza explores the garden*



*Blue Room super chefs demonstrate their new-found culinary skills*



Train your cell phone camera on the QR code to go to [aleph-bet.com](http://aleph-bet.com)



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*Lily Dropkin Traci Sloan*

***Machanooga is a  
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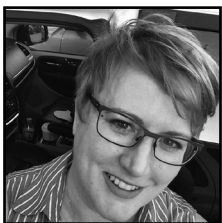
We are so excited that you have chosen us to aid in your child’s Jewish learning. As I’m sure many of you have guessed, Machanooga will not be holding in person sessions this fall. The safety of our students, their families, and our staff is of the utmost importance to us, and we will not resume in-person classes until we are certain it is safe to do so.

To start our year, we will be hosting a special High Holy Day program on September 13th at 10AM, with our first day of school beginning after the High Holy Days on October 18th. Please stay tuned for more information and links to all programming.

We will be holding weekly virtual Zoom sessions for each classroom with our amazing teachers (see below). These will begin at 10AM and last no more than 45 minutes to an hour depending on age. Each family will receive a package each month containing any specialized supplies needed to participate. We are asking parents to please furnish basic supplies for your child (a list will go out to all registered families) so that they will have access to them for virtual learning.

See below for this year’s teachers. (Note that there is no fourth grade incoming class this year.) Please contact Traci Sloan at traci.sloan@gmail.com or Lily Dropkin at youth@mizpahcongregation.org with any questions. We look forward to seeing you!

Modified Fall Semester Dates for Machanooga 2020 - 2021
September 13 - Virtual High Holiday Pop-Up Program
September 20 - Rosh Hashanah - NO SCHOOL
September 27 - Yom Kippur - NO SCHOOL
October 4 - Sukkot - NO SCHOOL
October 11 - Fall Break - NO SCHOOL
October 18 - Start Date for all Virtual Learning
October 25
November 1
November 8
November 15
November 22
November 29 - Thanksgiving - NO SCHOOL
December 6
December 13 - Virtual Chanukah Party - Last Day of Fall Semester



**Jen Lewis K-1st Grade**

I am also known as “the Rabbi’s wife” or “Eden’s Mom.” My hope is to bring a lot of energy to the classroom with fun activities, stories and learning. I plan to use the Jewish calendar to teach values, traditions, holidays, food, and Hebrew letters.

**Alex Street 2nd-3rd Grade**

I grew up with Jewish learning and I enjoy helping to create those experiences with our youth in Chattanooga. This will be a great year and look forward to seeing you Sundays!



**Marissa Street - 5th-6th Grade**

I recently moved to Chattanooga to be closer to my family. Having an extensive Jewish education as a child and teenager, I know the value it has and I am excited to share my knowledge with the next generation. In addition to our standard curriculum, I plan to lead chugim on Jewish classical music (and Jews in classical music), as well as environmental social activism.

**Rabbi Lewis 7th-8th Grade**

I have been incredibly proud to be part of Machanooga from shaping the vision to getting in the classroom to teach the kids. I look forward to engaging and challenging young Jewish minds. The 7th-8th grade are perhaps the most important formative years in a Jewish person’s life. They are also the most fun. This promises to be the best Machanooga year yet.





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### B'nai Zion and Mizpah Building Share

An agreement exists to guide the sharing of space at Mizpah. Ample room is being made available to accommodate a rabbi, support staff and other lay leaders. Angela Rickert, Mizpah Temple Administrator, will supervise the building and guide the process. Mizpah President Frank Miller and B'nai Zion President Scott Israel are in close contact to ensure an effective transition. This arrangement will begin when it is mutually agreed that the building is safe to reenter and will continue until it is no longer needed.

All Mizpah worship and study programs are online.  
Refer to your Monday and Friday email announcements and reminders.  
We continue to evaluate and judge when it is safe to reenter the building.  
Thank you for your patience. Please stay connected!

### MIZPAH HIGH HOLY DAYS 2020

Mizpah will offer a full array of worship and study sessions, all via ZOOM. The building remains closed due to corona virus.

- Saturday September 12:** Selichot study and prayer 7:00pm
- Friday September 18:** Erev Rosh Hashanah 7:30pm
- Sat., September 19:** Rosh Hashanah Family service 10:00am  
Children's Service 1:00pm
- Thursday September 24:** Yom Kippur "goodie box" drive thru  
(RSVP REQUIRED!) 3:00-5:00 pm
- Sunday September 27:** Erev Yom Kippur worship 7:30 pm
- Monday, September 28:** Yom Kippur Family Service 10:00 am  
Adult Prayer and Meditation 1:00 pm  
Children's Service 1:00 pm  
Afternoon Service 2:00pm  
Yizkor Service 4:00pm  
Book of Remembrance to be mailed  
Closing service with Havdalah 5:00 pm

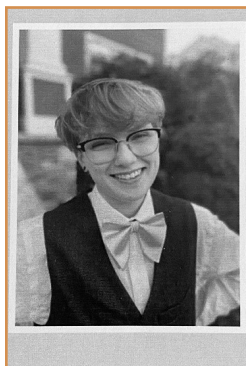
**ZOOM link on Mizpah website:**  
<https://www.mizpahcongregation.org/mizpah-live>

### Don't Miss Machanooga and Hebrew School!

First Day of Hebrew School: September 9th  
Machanooga High Holy Days Pop-Up:  
September 13  
First Day of Machanooga: October 18  
All Programming this fall will be virtual  
Contact: Lily Dropkin  
Youth@mizpahcongregation.org

### Mizpah Ongoing Activities

Please attend your favorite Mizpah activity.  
We offer virtually everything you are used to:  
Lunch 'n Learn: Thursdays at 12:15  
Kabbalat Shabbat services: Fridays at 6:00 pm  
Torah Study (BYOB- bring your own bagel): Sat. 9:00 am  
Shabbat worship: 11:00 am  
For details: [www.MizpahCongregation.org](http://www.MizpahCongregation.org)



### Eren Kaplan Bar Mitzvah

Eren Kaplan, son of Paul and Caroline Kaplan and sibling to Ava Kaplan, celebrated his bar mitzvah on August 8th. The service was officiated by Rabbi Craig Lewis. Eren's teachers included Rabbi Lewis and Youth Director Lily Dropkin.

L' Shanah Tovah  
Have a sweet year!

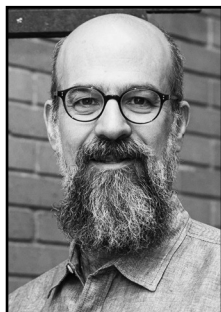




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# Introducing

**Rabbi Hillel Norry**, B'nai Zion's Interim Rabbi  
**Rabbi Edward Bernstein**, B'nai Zion's High Holy Days Rabbi  
Two outstanding rabbis with numerous accolades between them.  
Welcome to our congregation!



**Rabbi Hillel Norry**, B'nai Zion's Interim Rabbi, earned his degree in Near Eastern and Judaic Studies from Brandeis University and an MA in Talmud from the Jewish Theological Seminary of America. He was ordained in 1993 and later pursued doctoral studies in Talmud. He has led congregations in NYC, Atlanta and Gulfport, MS, served as Camp Rabbi

at four Ramah summer camps, founded and taught in the Jewish Theological Seminary's beit midrash for rabbinical students, and was a fellow in the first cohort of Rabbis without Borders. He is not your typical rabbi, as he is a black belt in Tae Kwon Do (3rd Dan), a certified firearms instructor, and advocates self-defense training. He also teaches the mental and spiritual aspects of martial arts and is a lifelong musician, accomplished in guitar and harmonica.



**Rabbi Edward Bernstein**, B'nai Zion's spiritual leader for 5781 High Holy Day season, grew up in the Conservative Movement and was ordained at the Jewish Theological Seminary. He serves as Chaplain for Vitas Healthcare. Previously, he served congregations over an 18 year period in New York, Ohio and Florida. He has served on the faculty of Camp

Ramah Darom, the JTS Florida Office and Moishe House. He presently serves as the co-chair of the Rabbinical Assembly Resolutions Committee and previously served as president of the South Florida Rabbinical Assembly. Rabbi Bernstein hosts the My Teacher Podcast and blogs for the Times of Israel. He lives in Boynton Beach, Florida with his wife Ariella and their three children, Sam, Noam, and Esther. He enjoys biking, swimming, and running.

**High Holy Days:** Although BZ's High Holy Days services will be virtual this year, they will continue to be special and engaging thanks in part to slides selected by our High Holy Days leader, Rabbi Bernstein. Honored participants and our Hazzan Hila Brod will also be featured during services.

## Schedule of Services:

Erev Rosh Hashanah Friday, Sept. 18 at 6 pm  
Rosh Hashanah on Saturday, Sept. 19 at 9:30 am  
Rosh Hashanah on Sunday, Sept. 20 at 9:30 am  
Tashlich and blowing of the Shofar on Sunday, Sept. 20 at 4:00 pm \*\*  
Kol Nidre on Sunday, Sept. 27 at 6:15 pm  
Yom Kippur on Monday, Sept. 28 at 9:30 am (Yizkor at approximately 10:30)  
Mincha (Yom Kippur) on Monday, Sept. 28 at 5:30 pm  
\*\* Tashlich and Blowing of the Shofar will be held at a lake or river, location TBD, along with a live-stream.

## Zoom Shabbat Services are HERE!

After months without Saturday services, they are back, live via Zoom at 10:00 am. Rabbi Norry will lead services on September 12 and 26. Be sure to join us on September 5 and 19 for services with excellent lay leaders. **Shabbat Services Meeting ID: 849 2084 4539**

## Zoom Minyans: Wednesday Minyan and Friday Kabbalat Shabbat

These are still going strong via Zoom. Come together to observe yahrzeits and gather with your fellow BZ congregants.

**Wednesday Minyan Meeting ID: 845 0521 2418**

**Friday Kabbalat Shabbat Meeting ID: 871 2503 4665**

## Idea Schmooze and Havdalah:

Come together for a virtual social gathering of singing, schmoozing and havdalah with BZ congregants and Rabbi Norry. Bring your own candles, fragrant spices, and wine or juice as we make havdalah together on September 26 at 7:30 pm. **Meeting ID: 830 3221 4726**





*Rabbi Shaul Perlstein*

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**Registration required: [www.jewishchatt.com](http://www.jewishchatt.com)**

**How do you take an epic camp pic in 2020?  
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**THANK YOU!!!**

To the most amazing staff and campers who made this year's CGI the best Jewish experience ever! It was truly an unforgettable Jewish summer experience, filled with fun, friendship and learning. We can't wait to see you all again soon!

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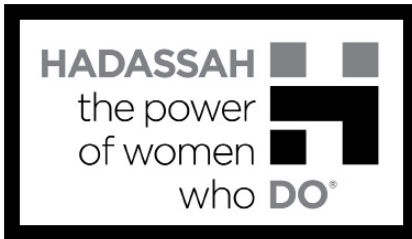
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# Hadassah Happenings

by *Judith Sachsman*



A special thanks to Beth Thomas (left, RN, who works for the State of Tennessee as STD Program Manager, and Dana Waxler, National Hadassah Co-Chair of Grass Roots Giving, for the “virtual” program on Covid-19 in Tennessee and Israel. This was the first local Zoom program and it will be followed by several more. Meanwhile, several chapters in the Tri-Region will be sharing their programs, and National Hadassah will

provide programming at the Hadassah at Home website.

To all members who have contributed to the Annual High Holiday Card, your donations are going to support modernizing and expanding the Round Building of Hadassah Hospital. Anyone who has not yet sent her contribution can still mail a check to Millie Lander. These special greeting cards will arrive shortly before Rosh Hashanah.

Hadassah’s No-Show Donor in support of the 360 Degrees of Healing Campaign was the non-event of the spring season, but Chattanooga Hadassah members can continue to make these donations.

**Save the date:** on October 7th there will be a Tri-Region Super South Zoom Annual Giving Event. Dana Waxler promises some very special entertainment and lots of fun.

In August, Hadassah kicked off its Keepers 25th Anniversary Celebration. Over 650 members nationally attended this Zoom celebration! In honor of this milestone anniversary, there is a new Keeper level, Silver Keeper, starting at \$2500. Naturally, a new beautiful Keeper’s Pin has been designed for this giving level.

Annual Giving is comprised of two programs: Keepers of the Gate and Chai Society. Hadassah created Keepers of the Gate almost 25 years ago and in 2013 introduced the National Chai Society. Both programs create a basis of knowledgeable and committed donors who have an ongoing giving relationship with Hadassah. An Annual Giver can designate a gift to Young Judaea, Youth Aliyah, Hadassah Medical Organization, or an unrestricted category in support of Hadassah’s mission. Annual Giving has become a reliable source of Hadassah’s funding. Hadassah raises over 4.5 million dollars a year through Annual Giving. The giving levels start at Chai Society (\$180/year) and Silver Chai (\$360/year) and continue to Traditional Keepers (\$1,000/year), Chai

Keeper (\$1,800/year), Silver Keeper (\$2,500/year) and Golden Keeper (\$5,000/year). All of these levels can be set at convenient, affordable monthly installments. Chai Society starts at \$15/month and a Traditional Keeper starts at \$83.33/month. Anyone who wants to become a new Annual Giver or who wants to “Step Up” to the next level should contact Dana Waxler at: [dwxler@hadassah.org](mailto:dwxler@hadassah.org)

Hadassah Hospital and Israel are addressing the COVID-19 virus. HMO researchers are working on innovative versions of treating the virus as well as their own version of a virus vaccine. The picture from Hadassah Hospital (below) shows Dr Akiva Nachshon, an intensive care physician at Ein Kerem, who has developed a better device than the invasive ventilator used to ease Covid-19 patients’ breathing difficulties. In collaboration with the Israeli company SodaStream, makers of the popular countertop machine that carbonates water in seconds, he developed a new device, designed to be used on patients moderately ill with the virus. The new machine, named Stream02, already approved by the Israeli Ministry of Health, is being tested in a 40-patient clinical trial. Hadassah Hospital has already published modifications to breathing machines on the web for international medical use. It has never been so important to support Hadassah and Hadassah Hospital in this fight against COVID-19.

Those members hunkering down at home can go to Hadassah at Home website for interesting videos, recipes, concerts, and interviews. Let Hadassah take you places!



*Dr Akiva Nachshon, an intensive care physician at Ein Kerem Hospital.*



*Hadassah's 2020 Rosh Hashanah greeting card.*

# September

# Stay Informed

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

Up-to-date information about online programs, cancellations and changes can be found here:

- weekly community email
- Federation Facebook Page  
(Jewish Federation of Greater Chattanooga)
- Federation website  
(Jewishchattanooga.com)

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**Please let the Federation know how we can help you during these challenging times.**

**Federation offices slowly re-opening. See you soon! Stay safe and stay masked.**

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