

the Shofar

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"I'm glad I have a nice family and I love them very much."

Artwork and quote by Maisy, Aleph Bet Blue Room student, on what she's thankful for. See page 9.



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Once Family, Always Family

There is just something special about Chattanooga's shlichim. Last month we welcomed Inbal Lev as our seventh Chattanooga shlicha. We felt her arrival was so important, we featured her on the cover of last month's Shofar! At a time when we're all feeling more and

from the executive director

excitement and energy.

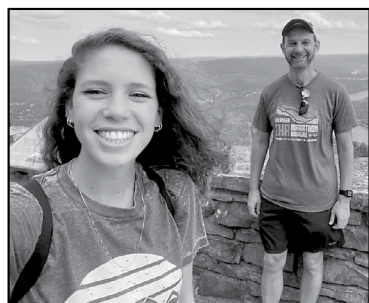
In the short time since Inbal's arrival, I have found many glowing words to describe her, but the main one is "courageous."

The COVID crisis hit Israel very hard, and unfortunately the country is now in a second lockdown. Inbal arrived in Chattanooga just days before this lockdown occurred. I'm sure this wasn't an easy choice for her, and no one would have blinked if she had changed her mind about coming to Chattanooga now. I was impressed before she even arrived!

Inbal has already begun to experience the warmth of our community. Numerous individuals and families have opened their doors and outdoor porches to welcome Inbal. From parks to picnics to adventures on the lake, you have made her feel at home.

Everyone had hesitations about moving forward with a shaliach during COVID. We still don't know what the next weeks and months will bring. But I believe that the community, this year more than ever, NEEDS a shaliach. We need to feel the connection, to feel engaged, to feel a part of something larger than ourselves. When we think about the last 7-plus months and all we have been through, having our Israeli family with us again adds so much to our lives.

And as always, our former shlichim have joined in to both welcome Inbal to Chattanooga and to provide programming. In the spring, our past shlichim participated



Be like Rob Lowe!
Invite Inbal for a hike, lunch, or dinner! Reach her at *Israel@jewishchattanooga.com* or on her cell at (423) 385-0098.

in our "Back to the Future" three-part series. We celebrated with two of our shlichim, Raoul and Einav, who became parents with their respective spouses over the summer. And this month, Noa shared her experience of being called back to IDF reserve duty to take on coordination of COVID hotels in Jerusalem. Once our family, always our family.

I hope you will send a quick note to Inbal to welcome her here. Invite her for coffee, a meal, a hike. I promise she will share all of herself and her Israel with you. The impact of the shaliach program is everything you make of it. Now more than ever, let's be with our family, and our newest member, Inbal. Email her at *israel@jewishchattanooga.com* or text/call her cell at 423-385-0098. Her smile will warm any room you bring her into.



Giving Thanks

Mike Spector, Board Chair
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Every November, we consider what we are thankful for. I am thankful for the wonderful support we get from our Federation. It's so nice to have helpful people around in times of need. Like Christi Haustein, our Social Services Director, registered nurse Brenda McColpin, and their entire crew of volunteers. They are there for Medicare D, transportation, check-in calls, home visits, meals and more.

Executive Director Michael Dzik has been with us for over 22 years, with extensive contacts in the Federation network. He is in contact with the professional and the lay leadership in our community, and on top of all developing events.

from the board chair

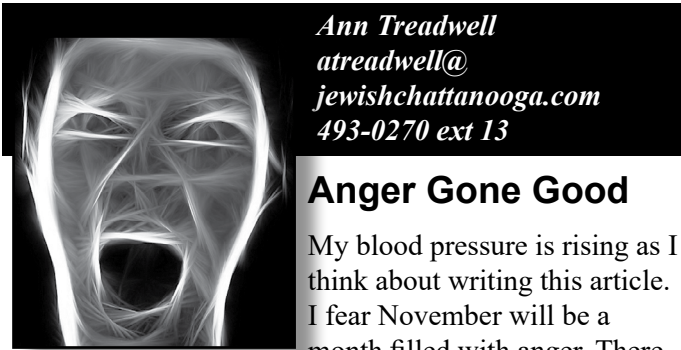
Program director Ann Treadwell is unmatched, and we have a new shlicha, Inbal Lev, to bring us engaging programs and discussions. And of course, we wouldn't have this beautiful *Shofar* magazine, a robust website, or a Facebook presence without the ever-creative Dana Shavin.

Jake Balsler is the friendly front office face and voice of the Federation. Annette McJunkin keeps the JCC facility running smoothly while also maintaining all of the financials. Aaron Russell keeps the JCC clean while also making sure all events have the proper set-ups.

Our Film Series is now underway virtually. Sanford Winer, Committee Chair, has done a marvelous job over the years bringing us wonderful films.

Our Aleph Bet preschool is top notch. The Federation has a special fund to encourage Jewish families to participate. Thank you to Meghan Graybeal and her entire team.

And isn't it great to have Alice back, and to be enjoying her cooking? Take advantage of the services we provide, and as always, do your share during the 2021 campaign. Thank you to all who have already contributed.



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Anger Gone Good

My blood pressure is rising as I think about writing this article. I fear November will be a month filled with anger. There is the usual anger we feel about things like being cut off in traffic, or feeling manipulated or used. There is self anger. And there is even the kind of anger that grows out of the love and concern we have for others, especially if they are not taking good care of themselves.

The other day on my way to the Federation, I was cut off four times by different motorists. Just like that day years ago when a driver cut me off at JFK airport, a slew of four letter words issued from my mouth. Recently a similar thing happened to my son, but when I said something about his language, he reminded me he takes after me.

It angers me when someone uses supposed love of country or faith as a cudgel to force people to act or behave in a certain way. The non-conformist in me rages inwardly at being

made to feel the only way to be part of something or in a relationship with someone is to be like them. At those times I like to remind them that others are free to think and act as they see fit.

Self anger is the most dangerous to me. I get angry that my memory or thought processes are not as quick as they used to be. I get angry that my life has not turned out like I thought it would. I get especially angry when I feel powerless or voiceless, either because I have relinquished my power without realizing it, or had it taken from me.

In my younger years, I used art to create something beautiful out of my anger. Now I try to soothe the angry spirits of other people. I find that this transition from anger to assistance is helpful not only to me but to others.

I expect some will have anger about the new Supreme Court justice, as well as anger over the results (or lack thereof) of the election. I wonder if this anger can be turned into action for good--if we can create something beautiful instead of something ugly?


The last two films in the Chattanooga Jewish Film Series have to do with making something good from anger. In *Incitement* (November 3-5), we see the anger that led to the assassination of Yitzhak Rabin. Consul General to the Southeastern United States Anat

Sultan-Dadon will talk about how anger has manifested itself in acts of "anger gone good" in her Zoom talk on November 5th. The Series' final film, *The Keeper*, relates the anger targeting German people post World War II and the resulting outcome, one that has become folklore in the history of British soccer.

I have high hopes for anger gone good this November. After all, with Thanksgiving on our doorstep, even with every form of anger surrounding us, we have a



lot to be grateful for and a lot to share with others. And positive sharing with others is always anger gone good.



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, November at 6:00 p.m. RSVP to atreadwell@jewishchattanooga.com to get materials.

November's topic:

American Educational Policy

Go to:

<https://www.policyed.org>

and search for the following discussions:

- National emergencies
- Why keep the electoral college
- Restoring democracy
- Diversity and freedom
- Constitutional power

social services



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Celebrations in the Time of COVID-19

This Thanksgiving will obviously look different for all of us. Experts tell us that staying home is ultimately the way to stay healthy, but here are some tips for you and your family this year. Keep in mind, if you're attending an intergenerational gathering, wear masks to the extent you can. The CDC has provided risk level guidelines to help during the holidays:

Lower Risk:

- A small dinner with the people in your household
- A virtual dinner with family and friends
- Preparing food for family and neighbors (especially those at higher risk of severe illness from COVID-19 who are social distancing), and delivering it to them without person-to-person contact
- Shopping online rather than in person on Black Friday and Cyber Monday

Moderate Risk Activities:

- A small, outdoor party with family and friends who live in your community
- Visiting pumpkin patches or orchards where people are taking COVID-19 safety precautions like using hand sanitizer, wearing masks and maintaining social distance
- Small outdoor sports events with safety precautions in place.



Brenda McColpin, RN, MSW

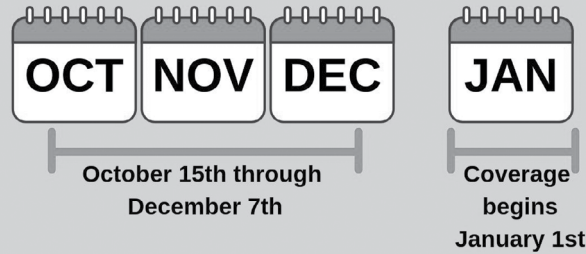
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Hours: Monday/Tues/Thursday

The Importance of Sharing Accomplishments

What lesson would you like to pass on to future generations? Think about sharing something you have done in your life that is particularly meaningful. Maybe you have completed a challenging task or feat, survived a difficult time (or had a particularly wonderful time), or learned from travel or interactions with other cultures. Sharing these experiences is valuable to you and often to others. According to Mike Brozda (agingcare.com), writing about or sharing your story and taking the time to reminisce about your family builds self-worth, reduces

MEDICARE OPEN ENROLLMENT PERIOD



Higher Risk Activities:

- Going shopping in crowded stores just before, on or after Thanksgiving
- Participating or being a spectator at a crowded event
 - Attending crowded parades
 - Using alcohol or drugs (can cloud judgment and increase risky behaviors)
 - Attending large indoor gatherings with people from outside of your household

If you think you might have COVID, there are many places in Chattanooga offering free testing. Call the Health Department at (423) 209-8000 or follow this link [http://health.hamiltontn.org/AllServices/Coronavirus\(COVID-19\)/HealthDepartmentAffiliatedFREETestingSite-sinHamiltonCounty.aspx](http://health.hamiltontn.org/AllServices/Coronavirus(COVID-19)/HealthDepartmentAffiliatedFREETestingSite-sinHamiltonCounty.aspx).

If you need to cancel/reschedule your appointment, please let us know in advance.

depression, improves the feeling of having mastered life, and of being in control. Also, it frequently yields a new, broader perspective on one's life.

As we share these accomplishments, we come to recognize their value. What stories do you have that you have not shared? If you are getting older and feeling a lack of accomplishment or a general lack of well-being, take the time to reminisce and share some of your family stories. Writing or telling your story may change your perspective of the value of your life. You may learn more about yourself in the process and develop more appreciation for yourself. You may also connect with the people you share it with in a different way than had you not shared your story.

So, start writing and sharing and in the process renew your vision of your own life and gain new insights. You may find that bonding through story telling improves relationships and resolves old family hurts. (Adapted from *From The Power of Telling Stories*, <http://www.agingcare.com>)

Matching Funds for Local Social Services

Jewish Federations of North America (JFNA), our parent organization, has announced an \$18 million matching fund for social service needs. This special fund is to help with the increase and ongoing community needs due to COVID-19. Chattanooga is eligible for up to a \$25,000 that would go directly to our social services department. The match is 1:2 – so every \$2 in new money will be matched with an additional \$1 from the matching fund. Payment does not need to happen now – just new and increased pledges. Here's how we can tap into these funds:

--Any new and first time campaign pledges received September 1st through December 31st will be fully matched 1:2 (50%)

--For any increased pledges received September 1st through December 31st, the increase amount will be matched 1:2 (50%)

Have you already made your 2021 campaign pledge? Please consider a modest increase now to help us unlock these matching dollars. Reach out to Michael Dzik to let him know: mdzik@jewishchattanooga.com.

Over the past six months the Federation has ramped up numerous social services including transportation, grocery shopping, check-ins, medication deliveries, and meals. Your extra dollars will help us continue these increased services during these challenging times. One hundred percent of these funds will go to our local social service needs!



Your campaign pledge helps Jews locally and around the world. Donate today to support the Shlichim Program, Aleph Bet, Social Services, Mitzvah Meals, and so much more.

Campaign total as of October 23
\$763,427

Number of gifts: 284

If you have not yet pledged, it's easy to do so! Simply contact Jewish Federation Executive Director Michael Dzik at (423) 493-0270 or email him at mdzik@jewishchattanooga.com

Mazel Tov

--to Austin Center, who has been voted onto the ORT America Board of Directors.

– to Flossie Weill, named 2020 Lioness of the Bar by the South East Tennessee Legal Association for Women.

Condolences

We are sad to announce the passing of:

--Laurie Kalaher, on October 21. She is survived by son Nathan (Lisa) Kalaher, two grandsons Oliver and Logan Kalaher, and brother Norty (Terry) Wheeler.

--Arvin Reingold, on October 18. He is survived by his wife Lillian, children Gayle (Toby) Steinberg and Arthur (Susan) Reingold, six grandchildren, four great grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews.

NEED A RIDE?

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.

Our van drivers practice strict cleaning procedures before and after each client. Contact them directly for rides.

*Monday-Wednesday: Eddie or Joel
Tuesday- Jason and Eddie (Jason is primary contact for Tuesday)
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The Making of My Political Viewpoint

Many people here are asking me about my political opinions. I think the best way to answer is to share my experience as an Israeli.

As a child, I went to the kindergarten of the small community I grew up in, Alon Hagalil. A homogeneous community, many of the parents grew up in a Kibbutz and were families of moderate economic means or higher. For elementary school, I went to a small regional school with kids from small communities that were just like mine.

And then I went to the regional high school (7th to 12th grade). This school combined students of moderate economic means or higher together with students who were in the boarding school, most of whom were from a variety of socioeconomic means. Later on, in 9th grade, new students joined from the Naale program.

Naale (pronounced Na' Ale) is an international program which enables Jewish teenagers from the diaspora to study and complete their high school education in Israel for free. In my high school, these students came mostly from Russia and the Soviet Union area.

WIZO Nahalal Youth Village, my high school, is an agricultural school located in Nahalal – the first Moshav in Israel. It was established in 1923 as an “agricultural school for girls,” and over the years, many of the great men and women of the Israeli nation studied there, such as Hana Senesh, Moshe Dayan, Shaul Mofaz and more.

Meeting the students from the boarding school for the first time as a twelve year-old opened my eyes. Until then, I thought everyone was just like my family and

friends--some might have more money so they could live in a bigger house, or travel every year to a different country around the world, and some couldn't travel but still had money. I found out that there were more differences than I'd realized.

I graduated from high school with the feeling that I knew everything and I could do anything I wanted. And then I started a year of community service, a gap year, and found out that I was totally wrong – I knew nothing about the real Israeli society. I had lived in a bubble my whole life, and it only took one week to explode that bubble.

As a result, I volunteered in a boarding school for at-risk children and youth who had been removed from their homes by court order. I got to know children who were the second and third generation of immigrants who'd come to Israel in the 1950s or 1960s, or made aliyah from Ethiopia with their families. It changed my perspective about Israeli society.

I have a better grasp now on how understanding the social structure of Israeli society is the basis for beginning to understand the political structure in Israel, and I look forward to talking more about this in the coming months!

Meanwhile, please join me for a special conversation Sunday, November 15th at 5pm with the shlichim from St. Louis and Alexandria. Virginia (see Shlichot: Three Cities, below.).



Inbal, fourth from right, with friends from school.

SHLICHOT: THREE CITIES
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- \$90 per month based on 3 meals/week
- \$125 per month based on 4 meals/week
- 160 per month based on 5 meals/week
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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*

View the film or films of your choice for \$12 each. Pre-pay on the website. We're sorry, due to COVID concerns, there is no in-person viewing option at the JCC, out of an abundance of caution.

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Every autumn, Aleph Bet delights in hosting a Fall Program and Luncheon. This event always includes adorable performances by our kiddos, a delicious, Thanksgiving-style lunch created by Ms. Alice, and a fundraising opportunity to support our center. We have been mourning the loss of our usual Fall Program, but after some collaboration with Ms. Alice, we have some exciting news! On November 13th, the Jewish Federation will host a drive-thru Shabbat dinner pick-up to benefit Aleph Bet! This delicious meal will include some of your favorite Thanksgiving specialties as well as the candles, challah, and grape juice for your Shabbat dinner.

If you want to support Aleph Bet, but don't need an amazing dinner, there is still the opportunity to make a donation to our program. Did you know your donation of just \$18 could purchase three new, diverse books for our library? With \$36, we could buy all the supplies we need for a class craft project, and with \$100, we could make our school garden flourish, which will bring opportunities to learn about nutrition and the natural world! We rely on the support of our community to maintain the high quality of our program, and we appreciate everything you do for Aleph Bet Children's Center.

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Sunday, November 1

1:30 PM EDT

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8:30 PM ISR

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Tuesday, November 24th 12-4pm

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The fine print: Order and prepay online
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Happy Thanksgiving from the Federation!

Thinking Inside the Box

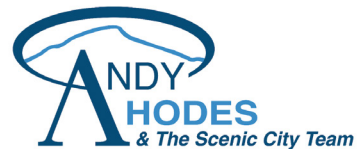
This year, due to COVID restrictions, it was necessary to think “inside the box” when it came to how to thank our Corporate Sponsors for helping to make the annual Jewish Film Series a success. It was decided that the Federation would create a Corporate Sponsor drive-thru “cocktail party”: sponsors would remain in their cars and receive a special box of kosher appetizers and a bottle of wine. In addition, the Federation hosted a virtual discussion of the film *Crescendo* with Rabbi Lewis for sponsors (see photo, right).



Left-right: Lynn Howard, Mike Spector, and Linda Spector put together drive-thru Corporate Sponsor boxes. In all, 140 boxes were put together and handed out.



Drive-thru cocktail party Corporate Sponsor boxes awaiting pick-up at the Federation.



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Linda Spector, right, with Kitchen Supervisor Alice Goss-Morgan. Linda generously donated many hours of her time in the Federation kitchen in October.

Hadassah, Federation Collect Food, Toiletries to Benefit Brainerd Food Pantry, Room in the Inn

Your non-perishable foods and toiletries can make a big difference in the lives of those who are homeless, impoverished, or seeking shelter from domestic violence. Unopened, sealed items can be dropped off at the Federation during the December 10th Chanukah Drive Thru event and will benefit the Brainerd Food Pantry and Room In the Inn, respectively. Your generosity is greatly appreciated!



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 on December 31, 2020.

Partnership 2Gether Connects, Fosters Lifelong Bonds Between Jews

Partnership2Gether connects regions in Israel with specific Jewish communities outside of Israel. Established by the Jewish Agency for Israel (JAFI) in 1995, over 500 Diaspora communities have been matched with 45 regions in Israel to bring Jewish people closer together as equal partners on joint projects and activities.

In Chattanooga, Partnership 2Gether is a community initiative of the Jewish Federation that seeks to create people to people connections with the Jewish members of our community and the Jewish members of our partnered communities in the Southeast Consortium and in the Hadera-Eiron region of Israel, which is 30 minutes north of Tel Aviv on the coast. The Partnership also includes the Jewish community of Prague. The Chattanooga community has joined together with other communities in the Southeast United States including Charlotte, Charleston, Knoxville, Nashville, Richmond, Pinellas, Volusia County and Fort Myers to create the Southeast Consortium.

Partnership 2Gether is committed to creating meaningful, lifelong bonds between Israelis and Diaspora Jews. We organize and offer programs for members of all different ages in our community to have the opportunity to learn and interact with Israelis both here and in Israel. Our programs include:

- Summer teen exchanges through Get Connected
- Educator exchanges
- Leadership2Gether Young Adult programs and exchanges
- Professional exchanges which have included medical professionals and firefighters
- Online programming including cooking demonstrations, a joint Passover Seder, virtual tours of different parts of Israel, advocacy and philanthropy programs for teens and young adults alike and more.

Israelis and members of our community have visited with each, toured our respective communities and spent time in each other's workplaces so as to develop a shared sense of peoplehood. These connections also deepen Jewish identity and strengthen our resilience as a people by demonstrating that Jews everywhere are part of the same family and are responsible for each other.

Locally, the Partnership is maintained and strengthened through the P2G Committee, with a chair and volunteers, all of whom have been active in one or more aspects of Partnership programming, including visits to Israel and the Hadera-Eiron region. It is the members of this committee that shape the local component of our partnership with Israel, Prague and the other communities across the Southeast United States.

To learn more about our Partnership2Gether program and its activities, please contact Ann Treadwell at Atreadwell@jewishchattanooga.com.

The Enduring Impact of Federation Philanthropy Camp

by Michael Dzik,
Federation Executive Director

Philanthropy Camp was a staple of the Federation's summer youth programming for many years, and its impact remains a strong part of many young people's lives. Watching our young campers develop into philanthropists and activists was one of the many goals of our program. Read below to hear how one such camper put his hands-on learning into hands-on action.



To Family, Friends, and Fellow Donors,

My name is Keoni Varlack and I am a homeschooled junior in high school. 2020, has been a particularly difficult one for people of all ages, races or socioeconomic status. I started thinking about how I could give back to our commu-

nity. I immediately thought about Philanthropy Camp that I attended for several summers through the Chattanooga Jewish Community Center. We were able to experience the services of different organizations in the community and help assist them with their needs for the day.

While quarantining at home, I found a wonderful organization, Playtime Edventures, that makes game-themed bedsheets for children in hospitals or other settings confined to their room or bed. I knew that this was the idea I wanted to undertake to begin my philanthropic journey.

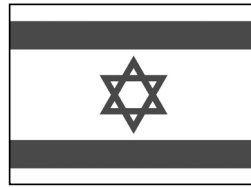
I have chosen to start this process with two organizations that I have personally volunteered for: Chattanooga Room In The Inn and the Chattanooga Community Kitchen, who both provide shelter for children. Combined, these organizations have stated they would like a total of 48 sets at a cost of \$25/set.

I'm asking that you help me by donating any amount to help me achieve my goal for these two wonderful organizations. Below you will find the contact



*information to both facilities if you'd like to learn more about their mission. Please contact me at 423-505-2444 or by email keonivarlack@gmail.com if you have any additional questions. Thank you so much for your support!
Warm regards,
Keoni Varlack*

Jewish Resident Camp and Israel Grants Due December 15th



The Jewish Federation of Greater Chattanooga (JFGC) provides grants for a recognized Jewish overnight camping experience. Its purpose is to encourage our youngsters to have an intensive Jewish

camping experience as part of their growing up, and the grant reflects the Federation's desire to increase the number of young people who will have this opportunity.

In addition, the Federation offers Israel Grants, whose purpose is to provide supplemental financial aid to high school and college students to be applied toward educational and Jewish identity-strengthening programs in Israel. Grant applications are due on December 15th. **Go to <https://www.jewishchattanooga.com> for more information and to fill out an application for camp and/or Israel grants.**

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

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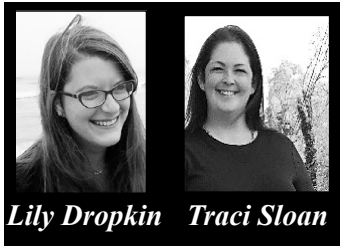
Advertising deadline is the 8th of the month before insertion month.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, please contact

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Machanooga is a joint program between Mizpah and B'nai Zion that serves children from pre-K to 8th grade

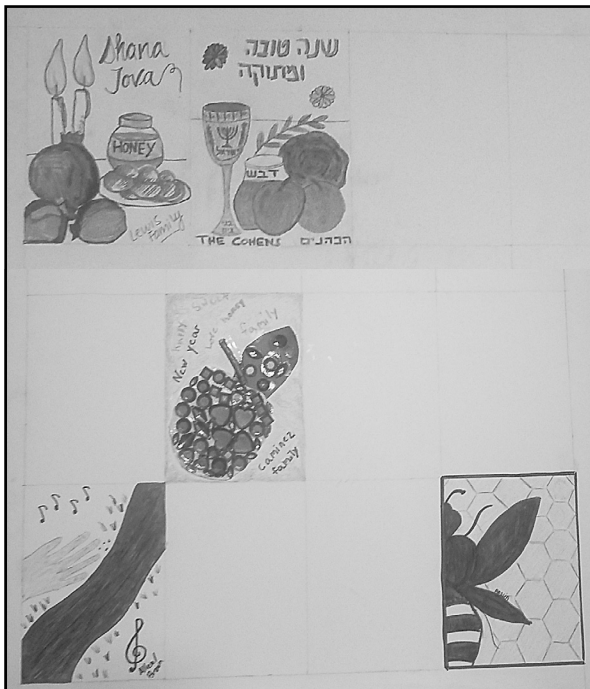
Hi all!

On October 18th, we welcomed students, teachers, and teens back for another great year of Machanooga. Our year has just begun, and we are so excited for this new Jewish journey of virtual school. We know that this year is a process for all of our families.

This year, we want to run Machanooga and conduct it in the way that works best for you and your family. If there is something that we can be doing differently, let us know. We want our program to grow and evolve to fit your needs, and the best way to do that is to hear from you. Do you want more reminders? What kind of reminders work for you? Do you want us to do more programming? Less? Let us meet you and your family where you are this year.

L'Shalom, Lily and Traci

Modified Fall Semester Dates 2020 - 2021
 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



Above, collaborative art project-in-progress between Machanooga families



**Kol ha'olam kulo
 Gesher tzar me'od
 Re - mi - fa - so - la - ti - do
 Machanooga... LET'S GO!!!
 The main thing is have no fear
 The future is drawing near
 HaShem hu adir
 Let the world hear
 Machanooga, Machanooga,
 Machanooga...
 CHOO CHOO!**



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!

Richard Zachary

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Mizpah Ongoing and Special Activities

Please attend your favorite Mizpah activity.

We offer virtually everything you are used to:

Wednesdays:	<i>Mussar</i>	7:30 am
	Hebrew School	4:30 pm
Thursdays:	Lunch 'n Learn	12:15 pm
Fridays:	<i>Kabbalat Shabbat</i> services	6:00 pm
Saturdays:	Torah Study	9:00 am
	Shabbat worship:	11:00 am

For Details: www.MizpahCongregation.org

Mizpah Partners with Family Promise to Provide Meals



Mizpah Congregation will once again participate with Family Promise to provide

meals. Family Promise has relocated, at least for now, to the Church of the Nazarene, next door to the Jewish Cultural Center. We will ONLY be providing suppers. Please contact VivianHershey@gmail.com to participate. Our dates are November 1st through the 12th.

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. Use of the building inside will begin when it is mutually agreed that the building is safe to reenter. The agreement will continue until one or both parties wishes to terminate. We are excited for the possibilities and opportunities for joint programming.



Sukkot Celebration at Mizpah



Shofar sounding with Bruce Shaw and Marissa Street



Fed.shlichah Inbal Lev



Sukkah 2020 Build Team



Yom Tov goodie box



Lily Dropkin, decorations coordinator



Steve Coulter, lulav and etrog

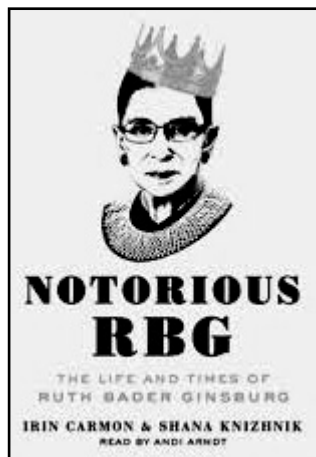


**Weekly Classes with Rabbi Norry
Wednesdays at 6:45 pm**

Rabbi Norry's Wednesday evening classes continue through November 18th as we cover remarkable objects found in the Torah. These objects not only pop up in various stories, but also play a major role in their respective mentionings. We will ask questions of each object like, "What is it? What is it made of? Where is it? Is this an object there is many of or just one of? What role does it play in the story?"

**Idea Schmooze and Havdalah
Saturday, November 21st at 6:30 pm**

Have you been to our virtual havdalah? Come together for this social gathering of singing, schmoozing and havdalah with BZ congregants and Rabbi Norry. This is the time to share your questions, ideas, and thoughts about BZ. Bring your own candles, fragrant spices, and wine or juice as we make havdalah together.
Meeting ID: 830 3221 4726
Passcode: idea



**Book Club
Tuesday, November 24th at 10:00 am**

Join the BZ book club for another outstanding discussion. For November, we will read *Notorious RBG: The Life and Times of Ruth Bader Ginsburg*. This is more than just a love letter; it draws on intimate access to Ginsburg's family

members, close friends, colleagues, and clerks, as well as an interview with the Justice herself.
Meeting ID: 841 9782 7577
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*Check out our website at
www.bnaizioncongregation.com
and like us on Facebook!*

Joel Susman is BZ Volunteer of the Year



An instrumental part of our congregation, Joel has gone above and beyond for B'nai Zion during the High Holy Days these past two years. This year, he coordinated continuously with Rabbi Bernstein on Torah readers, including ordering goods, putting together and distributing bags for

Break the Fast with Irv Ginsburg and others, and working alongside the B'nai Zion office team with all of their High Holy Day needs.

We are grateful for Joel's tremendous dedication to making sure B'nai Zion's virtual HHD programming was so successfully inclusive! Beyond his dedication to the High Holy Days, Joel has been a part of the B'nai Zion board for over twenty years, and a member of the executive committee. He works to include congregants in weekly Shabbat services to read Torah as well as fulfilling the role of Gabbai. He has served as Treasurer, Vice President, and President of B'nai Zion. We are lucky to call him one of BZ's own.

**Sacred Book Burial
Sunday, November 8 at 1:00 pm**

We are having a book burial at the B'nai Zion Cemetery Sunday afternoon. Join us as we place our sacred books in the genizah and conduct a small ceremony. All are welcome at a social distance, wearing a mask.

HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

THE B'NAI ZION OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON THURSDAY, NOV. 26 AND FRIDAY, NOV. 27

Remember to sign up for the 21st Annual Grateful Gobbler 5K!

It is entirely virtual this year and all proceeds will benefit the Maclellan Shelter for Families and homeless services.

Visit gratefulgobblerwalk.org to register. The "walk" starts at 8am Thanksgiving morning.






Rabbi Shaul Perlstein

As far as Jewish holidays go, Sukkot is always one of the most fun. This year's Sukkah Mobile was no exception. Everyone got to shake the lulav and etrog, and smell the lemony scent of the etrog and the spicy smell of the myrtle, all on the Sukkah Mobile. Chattanooga friends waved, honked, and jumped into the traveling Sukkah all over town. It was the perfect way to bring the holiday joy to everyone everywhere! Just look at the photos below!

Simchat Torah is truly a celebration of our Torah with a parade, singing, dancing, along with the highlighted annual "Holy Smokes Barbecue." Thank you to our star chef Bret Moldenhauer who, in spite of these unprecedented times, made it happen. What a memorable (and different) high holiday season for all!

Sukkot Mobile Around Town





Revisit six seemingly absurd stories you likely remember from Hebrew school. Uncover their hidden themes and eye-opening insights into the mysteries of life.

Sign up for a thought-provoking experience, sure to deepen your understanding of Judaism and enrich your life!

What is the deeper meaning behind these stories?

How did they shape the Jewish worldview?

What wisdom do they hold for you today?

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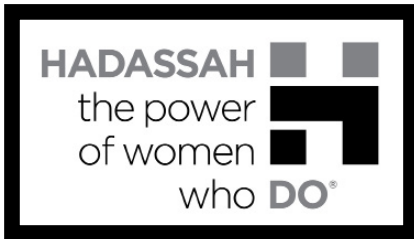
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Hadassah Happenings

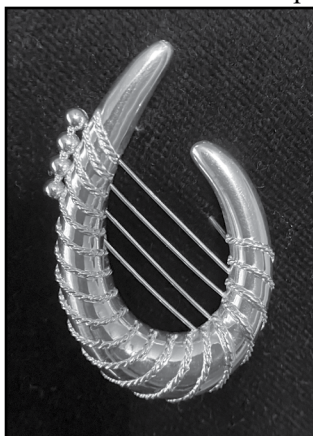
by Judith Sachsman

The SuperSouth Tri-Region Sukkot Annual Givers program outdid itself. Rabbi Rebecca Sirbu gave members a spiritual “tune up,” Dr Janice Weinman (CEO of Hadassah) presented a fascinating overview of what Hadassah is doing in Israel and the United States, and Eleanor Tallie Steinberg shared her talent as a singer and entertainer. Attendees from Chattanooga included Dana Banks, Ellyn Brooks, Vivian Hershey, Judy Sachsman, Susan Wolf-Schwartz, and Dana Waxler. In all, there were over sixty participants.

Congratulations to National Hadassah Annual Giving Co-Chair Dana Waxler. After Southern Region President Marla Kameny stepped up to become a new Silver Keeper, several others followed. Annual Giving enables Hadassah to allocate its support of its many medical programs on an annual basis. Annual Givers start with Chai Society members (\$180/year), Silver Chai members (\$360/year), and move on to Traditional Keepers (\$1000/year), Chai Keepers (\$1800/year), New Silver Keepers (\$2500/year) and Golden Keepers (\$5000/year). Anyone interested in becoming an Annual Giver should contact Dana Waxler at dwxaxler@hadassah.org.

Inbal Lev, Chattanooga’s newest shlichah, joined (virtually) Hadassah members for coffee and chatting. Inbal had the opportunity to answer questions about herself and Israel in an informal setting. She comes from a family with a history of support for Hadassah and is eager to participate in our programs. Hadassah is happy to welcome her to our community.

Hadassah is planning a joint Hanukkah celebration with the Jewish Federation on the first night of Hanukkah, December 10th. Participants will drive by the JCC and pick up candles and goodies while dropping off nonperishable food for the Brainerd Food Pantry, and toiletries for Room at the Inn, the home for abused women and their dependents (see page 12 for details). This exchange program will be followed by a community candle lighting program.



Join Hadassah@Home for interesting recipes, videos, concerts and interviews. See how Hadassah is fighting the war against Covid-19. Let Hadassah take you places!

Hadassah enhances the health and lives of people in Israel, the United States and worldwide. By connecting and empowering Jewish women to effect change, we are the women who do. Now, and always, we are Hadassah. Be proud of who you are, Hadassah women.

This year’s Silver Keepers pin

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--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.

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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