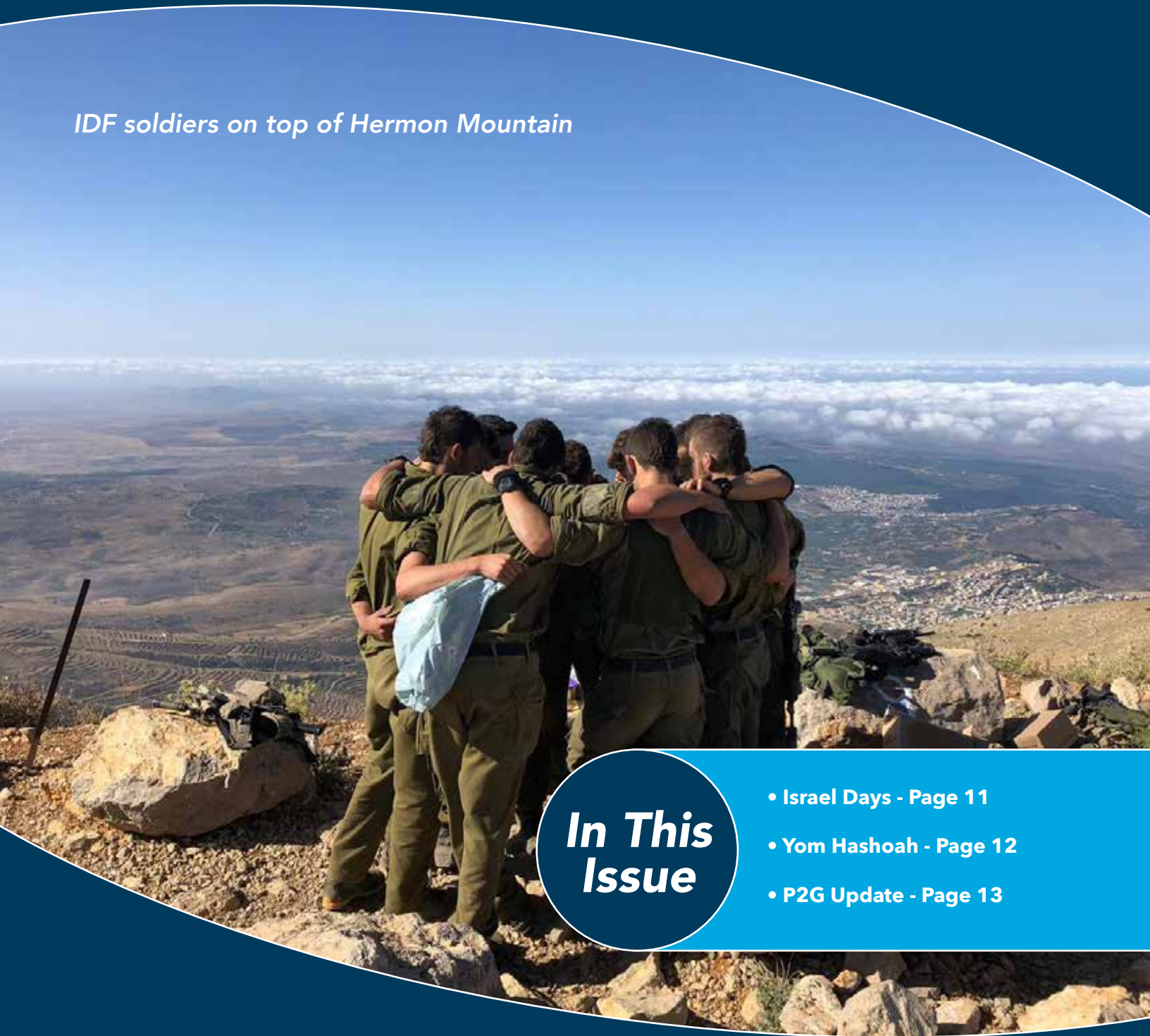




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*IDF soldiers on top of Hermon Mountain*



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# FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



## *It's always personal*

I was recently on a Zoom call with some of my Federation executive director colleagues. We meet every other Tuesday for some time together to collaborate, learn from each other, and hear what other communities are doing. It's been a huge benefit to me—I've learned a great deal and have picked up some new ideas along the way. It's also been a chance to get to know them a little more personally.

When I meet with this group, I always feel an added sense of trust. We're all on the same team, just in different communities, and these meetings are something that I always look forward to.

On one of our recent calls, one person opened up about some personal issues. This unnamed colleague (I'll call them John) had been feeling extremely isolated and stressed. John opened up about losing someone close to COVID-19. He talked about some of his coping skills and how he was feeling. It felt like he was both asking for help and getting a hug at the same time. It turned out to be such a special moment, a deep connection, for all of us on the Zoom call to support each other. I think we could all relate to John's experience of loss and grief.

I started thinking, and I realized that my personal life is such a big part of leading this Jewish community. You know so much about me, my family, my successes, and my challenges. You know my likes, dislikes, hobbies, and interests. You know of my love for Israel, travel, and adventures. And yes, even my cell phone number is somewhat public! I think I have found the right balance between public and private, yet I still know that my life is an open book, too.

Did you know that my high school life revolved around BBYO? My high school foreign language? Latin! How many of

you know that my college degree is in Education after attending both Arizona State and UTC? Did you know that I went skydiving for my 40th birthday? Did you know that on my honeymoon with Paula in 2015, we went whitewater rafting in a glacier river in Canada (yes, the water was freezing!). Did you know that I took both of my daughters to Israel after their Bat Mitzvahs? My dad took me on my first trip to Israel at age 14. Did you know that I am a native Chattanooga? And that I lived 48 years in East Brainerd until last summer when we downsized homes and moved to Hixson? How many of you know I'm a huge Los Angeles Dodgers Fan? And I'm sure just about all of you know that I meet up with several of my Chattanooga friends in Las Vegas just about every year!

The point I'm making is that, well, everything is personal. Our connections, our friends, our community, it's all personal. Starting next month, my column, along with the Board Chair, will focus on the personal. Mike Spector will be highlighting community members—maybe a short interview and sharing what he's learned about that person. Meanwhile, I will be highlighting Federation and Aleph Bet staff members to share a little bit about them with you. These community connections are so important. We're all part of each other's lives. I think it will be nice to meet and learn about members of our community and staff. We will feel a little more connected, closer together and a deeper sense of community. I look forward to sharing more with you soon!

*Michael Dzik*

**Michael Dzik**

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Did you see the half-page card in this month's Shofar?  
**Renew, Refresh, ReFED.**  
I'm very excited about this renovation project and look forward to hearing from all of you. Special thanks to our co-chairs, Cara Weiner and Stuart Bush, for taking on this leadership role. I welcome your questions, suggestions, and input! Visit the Federation website at [JewishChattanooga.com](http://JewishChattanooga.com) for more details, to follow our progress, and for opportunities to support.



## FROM THE BOARD CHAIR

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### **FedLab**

On March 3, 2021, The Jewish Federations of North America (JFNA) hosted FedLab, which takes the place of Fundraising Resource Development (FRD), the annual trip for the leadership of Chattanooga. Michael Dzik, Austin Center, Rob Lowe, Kevin Rose, and I went to Argentina and Uruguay in 2019. Sadly, our 2020 trip to Israel was canceled due to COVID-19.

FedLab included a company called Jigsaw Analytics Group, which was founded in 2017 with one mission: to help nonprofits do better. According to Jigsaw's analysis, 56% of donors stop giving due to reasons nonprofits can influence. They put forward nine recommendations to increase our donor pool:

1) Treat new donors like major donors – Examples include some things we're already doing, like making phone calls and writing thank you notes. Ask the question: "how do you want this person to feel?"

2) Send a card in the mail – Birthdays, anniversaries, new babies, Bar Mitzvahs, etc.

3) Personal video messages – Jigsaw provided the software to make this a possibility

4) Use digital strategically to highlight donors – Spotlighting donors using our donor recognition list and creating donor appreciation days or weeks

5) Include your business card in everything

6) Perfect your name formats – Take the time to spell the donor's name correctly

7) Make content donor-centric – Help the audience feel like the star of the show, highlight the direct impact the donor makes when they give, and always infuse your own reason for giving (especially lay leaders!)

8) Plan your stewardship in advance – If it is not in your calendar or in your budget, it might not happen.

9) Personalize ask amounts - Ask for what you want because it's worth it.

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## FROM THE PROGRAM DIRECTOR

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### **Dam it, a change!**

I live in a house in the woods. We share 60 acres and the Chattahoochee National Forest with soon-to-be five neighbors and lots of wildlife. Working from home two or three days a week during the pandemic has allowed me to understand the woods, its seasons, and our mutual habitat. I can appreciate how poison ivy vines turn red in the fall. I've learned that English Ivy can actually choke a huge tree to death. In addition, how trillium, a three-leaf plant, is really the bedrock for other flora in the early spring.

Our back porch sits about 30 feet above the forest floor. From this viewpoint, we can watch the tree canopy throughout the seasons. Right now, I am waiting anxiously for the grey trunks to disappear into a sea of leaf green. I can't wait for the return of more songbirds, and the silencing of the woodpeckers that will bring spring. I will also be sad when the forest roars back with its carpet of life and clouds my view of the creek and the mountains in the distance.

Our creek, aptly named Hurricane Creek, flows about three feet deep during quiet spells. Hurricanes and massive rainstorms make it rise at least three feet and then, if the weather persists, the creek stretches quickly, rising many more feet and almost lapping at the house. The creek is home to an ecosystem of snakes, turtles, frogs, crawfish, tiny fish, and freshwater clams, all of which bring even more creatures.

During the winter months, I can see up and down the creek for about a quarter of a mile. Down the creek, there is a beaver dam. When we first moved into the house, there were signs of beaver all through the woods. Chewed bark and downed saplings were the norm. The river bamboo was regularly uprooted. Occasionally when large predators were around you could hear water slaps. But now, the dam is in a bit of disrepair. During rainstorms, the dam still holds back the rising, fast-moving waters, allowing the creatures

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## FROM THE SOCIAL SERVICES DIRECTOR

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For what it's worth, "peak mood" occurred at 67.4 degrees Fahrenheit, lending credence to the Miss Congeniality quote: "April 25 is the perfect date, because it's not too cold and not too hot. All you need is a light jacket."

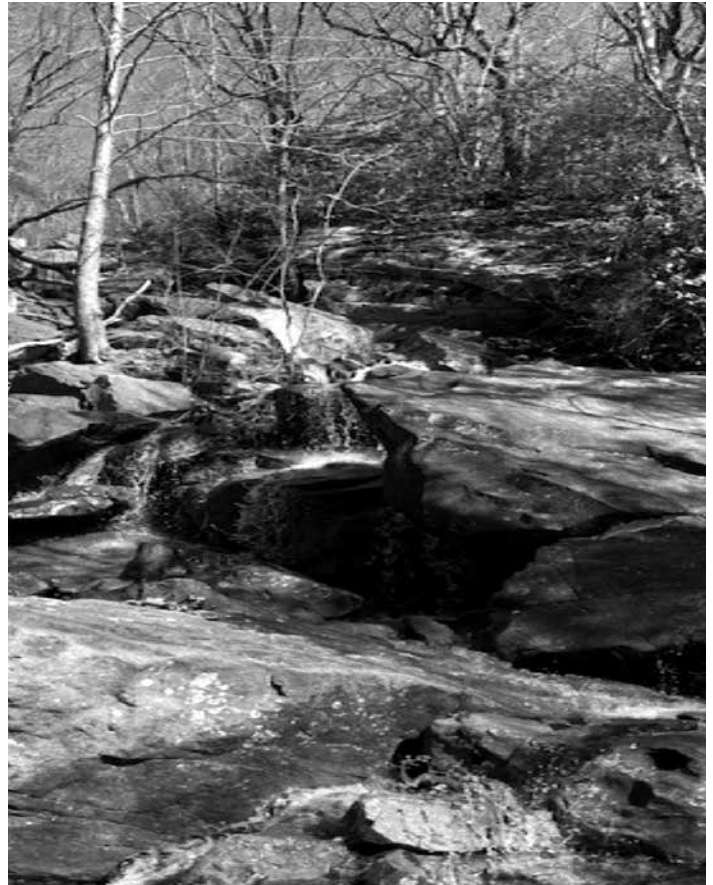
As we move into the Spring, I hope we will all move into a better headspace. For me, it helps to get outdoors and get some fresh air, whether this is walking my furbabies, going for a hike, or simply spending time on my back porch.

I know it's been so hard for all of us in the last year. I have really missed seeing my family and friends. Many of us have lost loved ones during this time and were not able to hold services, making it even more difficult. I also think many of us have endured increased feelings of depression, anxiety, and isolation. I truly hope that we can return to some degree of normalcy soon. I think we all need it! We are creatures that were designed to be around others and wired to be connected for our own well-being.

I think we're all ready for some happiness and togetherness in our lives, and maybe we can achieve some of that very soon. Out of the clients we have spoken to, I would say at least 80% or more have received both doses of the vaccine or the new single-dose Johnson and Johnson vaccine. I know we're not all rushing to be in crowds now, and who knows how long we'll be wearing a mask, but it's coming!

As for our staff, most of us are almost fully vaccinated, so we're all thinking about when we can safely open

and what that might look like. We've discussed how we can continue to spread out in our large meeting room and open the doors, allowing fresh air to circulate. Many clients have said they're ready to come back, see others, and have lunch at Tuesday Café—and so are we. I certainly hope we can see you all soon! In the meantime, take care!



### **Ann Treadwell**

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downstream to prepare themselves for what's to come. Here upstream, it is a bit of a nuisance, making it difficult for us to use its pooling to our advantage. The dam's former tenants have moved on for better resources, preferring a more up-to-date environment with lots more bamboo, saplings, and less interference.

My acres-away neighbor and I are content to leave the dam as is. No one ever sees it. It's not hurting anyone or any property. It's not being used except as a habitat for turtles and frogs, and they only perch on it. Would you call it benign neglect and just let it be?

After twenty years of dedicated hard work, our building, the Jewish Cultural Center, is a little like my dam. Like the dam, the Jewish Cultural Center will still serve its purpose, albeit differently post-COVID, but it needs a little ReNew/ReFresh to be useful in these new circumstances. Letting the building just be is not an option. It needs an upgrade for us to provide the best possible environment for all to flourish. Won't you join us in creating this environment, both when it comes to programming and within our facility?



## FROM THE COMMUNITY NURSE

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### *The Dawn of Spring*

We are nearing Spring,  
A Robin is digging outside,  
The daffodils are peeking up,  
Canadian geese are flying by.

Winter soon laid to rest,  
The fragrant smell of rain,  
Greenest of hues come 'round,  
Sounds of new life reply.

Hope tends to fill the air,  
Rebirth of creation calls,  
Invigorated by all the growth,  
We're reminded to live, not die.

Thus, to cherish every moment,  
To have gratitude for life,  
Being thankful for each other,  
The gifts our money cannot buy.

- Brenda McColpin



### LETTER TO EDITOR:

*Dear Editor,*

I'm writing to express my thanks to the Jewish Federation for assisting my mother and me in early March. My mother, 92, lives with us and spends almost 100% of her time in bed or in a wheelchair indoors. Pressing dental needs meant that she had to leave the house for the first time in almost two years. Working with Social Services Director Christi Haustein and van driver Joel Scribner made a potentially stressful experience as easy and comfortable as possible. I was so touched by their kindness and attention to my mother's needs.

Without the Federation, I have no idea how we would have gotten my mother to the dentist in her wheelchair. My husband, Henry, and I support the Federation because of the many programs and services it offers. Being on the receiving end of these services only affirms the importance of our gift and of the Federation's role in our community.

*With appreciation,  
Rachel Schulson*

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### Mike Spector

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What we do as a Federation is so important, and we are striving to accomplish these tasks in order to reach as many donors as possible and to help donors feel important to us and to the Jewish community, here and worldwide.

To further this effort, I want to take the opportunity in the next several Shofar issues to interview these key campaign community leaders so we can all have a chance to meet them and thank them.

## FEDERATION SEEKING VOLUNTEER HANDYPERSONS

**The Jewish Federation is putting  
together a handyperson corps!**

Seeking volunteers who can do odd jobs  
and light repairs around the home.  
Could include changing light bulbs, air filters,  
small repairs and more.

**Contact Christi Haustein**

**Chaustein@JewishChattanooga.com or 423-493-0270 x16**



## Tuesday Cafe via ZOOM April 6, 13, 20, 27

Fix your lunch, sit down in front of your computer, laptop, or phone, and let's chat!  
Meeting number: 747 223 9161  
Password: 940790



**Purchase matzo ball soup or chili for just \$5 for a one-bowl container.**

**Call ahead to reserve – we do run out.**  
Contact Jake Balsler at 493-0270, or  
Federation@JewishChattanooga.com

## 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-Thursday: Joel

Tuesday & Thursday: Susan

Tuesday & Wednesday: Billy Joe

**Joel Scribner (423) 321-4236**

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## Mitzvah Meals Delivered or picked-up

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

**We are delivering meals on Thursdays.**

All Mitzvah Meal recipients must be pre-approved by Christi Haustein, Director of Social Services.

Menus are set by the Kitchen Supervisor.

**Contact:**

**Christi Haustein**

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# PROGRAMMING

## Foreign Policy Supper Club Dates and Topics 2021

Foreign Policy Supper Club takes place once a month, on Mondays at 6:00pm virtually. Until further notice the meetings will be virtual. To receive the link to each session video and receive the corresponding article please email [RSVP@JewishChattanooga.com](mailto:RSVP@JewishChattanooga.com) - There is no cost to attend virtual sessions.

**Zoom Login ID: 747 223 9161 • Password: 940790**

### **April 19 - Brexit: Taking Stock and Looking Ahead**

With the "Brexit transition period" coming to an end this year, the United Kingdom will formally leave the European Union at the start of 2021. With negotiations between the two entities continuing to stall, what does the future of Europe and the UK look like? Will the UK survive a possible Scottish vote to leave? Who will step up and take command of Europe now that Angela Merkel is out of the spotlight?

**May 17 - The Coldest War: Toward a Return to Great Power Competition in the Arctic?**

**June 21 - China and Africa**

**July 19 - The Two Koreas**

**August 16 - The World Health Organization's Response to Covid-19**

**October 18 - The End Of Globalization?**



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This month Israel marks its national days: Yom Hazikaron laShoah ve-laG'vurah (Hebrew: יום הזיכרון לשואה ולגבורה) – **Holocaust Remembrance Day**,

Yom HaZikaron (Hebrew: יום הזיכרון) – **Memorial Day for the Fallen Soldiers of the Wars of Israel and Victims of Actions of Terrorism** and Yom Ha'atzmaut (Hebrew: יום העצמאות) – **Independence Day**.

When you grow up in Israel, there is no way to not talk about the Holocaust at least once a year, on Holocaust Remembrance Day, which happens on the 27th of Nisan (falls in April or May). On that day, there is a 2-minute siren at 10 am sharp, and the entire country stops in order to remember, honor, and think about the horrible disaster that our people suffered. We learn about the Holocaust at school, starting in kindergarten, and every year the teacher adds to our knowledge. The Holocaust is one of the main subjects we study as part of our final history exams in high school. All of this happens at school, in addition to our experiences at home, learning from the perspective of our families.

The peak of Holocaust studies begins in high school when we begin the preparations for a journey to Poland. Every year, thousands of youth, schoolchildren, and members of Israeli youth movements go on a tour of Poland, mainly to Holocaust-related sites. Most of the participants in the trips are teenagers, including Jewish teenagers from communities around the world, and there is a growing number of delegations of IDF soldiers. These journeys began in the early 1980s and have continued annually.

My high school journey to Poland started in 11th grade, and I went on the trip in the first week of my senior year in September 2015.

I began the process thinking that I knew what it was going to be like. I saw my two older sisters go through it. I thought I knew all of my family's stories and I just waited to go on the trip and feel all the feelings that everyone kept telling me that I was going to have there.

In our second meeting, as part of the preparations, I brought a list of addresses of my family members in Krakow pre-war. My great-grandmother was born in Krakow and came to Israel as a pioneer in the early 1900s. On the list, I had the names and addresses of the family's house, their store, and a few more places.

I will never forget the look on my guide's face the moment he read the list. He asked me, shockingly: "are you Drenger from Krakow?" I couldn't understand why he was so excited about my family. I said, "yes, my great-grandma was Drenger from Krakow." With tears in his eyes, my instructor sent me back home to ask my mom if we were

related to a man called Shimshon Drenger. He was my great-grandma's cousin.

A few months later, when we finally got to Krakow, my group's guide sent me to take a picture next to a different address every few blocks. Then, when the group was sitting in Szpitalna Street, he finally told us the story of Shimshon (shimek) Drenger and Gusta, his wife.



Shimshon was an Akiva youth movement leader, the editor of its journal Divrei Akiva and was one of the leaders of the Krakow ghetto uprising. He was also a founder of He-Haluz Ha-Lohem ("The Fighting Pioneer"), an underground combat group in Krakow's resistance movement. Shimshon and his wife, Gusta Dawidson Draenger, took part in a heroic act in the Krakow ghetto, and later were executed by the Nazis in November of 1943.

I have never heard their story before my journey to Poland and had no idea that we were related. It was a very exciting and unique experience for me, especially to hear their story at the actual place where most of their heroic deeds happened.

Later on, that year, I researched and read a lot about them, and got to know their story even better.

I think that one way or another, I would have heard those stories at some point, and understand the family's relations. But the opportunity that I got through my school's trip to Poland was unique. I heard the story in the actual place, from a Holocaust expert, who chooses to tell that specific story every time at the same place because he believes that this is one of the greatest stories that not enough people know.



# Community-wide BLOOD DRIVE

ONE DONATION SAVES THREE LIVES



**Sunday, May 16**  
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*Location:*  
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# ISRAEL Days

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**Yom HaShoah featuring  
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Thursday | April 8 | 7pm

Tuesday | April 13 | 6pm  
**Chttanooga's Yom HaZikaron program**

Thursday | April 15 | 2-6pm  
**Yom HaAtzmaut Drive-Through**  
pick up your Israel Celebration Packet  
which includes fun games and treats for  
children & adults! **RSVP**

Sunday | April 18 | 12-2pm  
at Coolidge Park!  
**Israel Celebration, weather permitting,  
fly your kites and get an Israel Picnic Kit!**

### Additional Events

Tuesday | April 13 | 1pm  
**Virtual Yom HaZikaron Ceremony**  
Israel time

Wednesday | April 14 | 12pm  
Join P2G on a flight over Israel  
with Alon Moller, a retired Lieutenant Colonel  
from the IDF Air Force. **RSVP**

Thursday | April 15 | 7pm  
**JFNA Yom HaAtzmaut Celebration**

Sunday | April 18 | 5pm  
**P2G Winery tour featuring Binyamina  
and Vitkin wineries**

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with me!  
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**Chattanooga Boys Choir dress rehearsal for Yom HaShoah Program on April 8, 7pm**







## Tributes 2020

From Trudy and Tom Trivers  
*In Memory of Dot Dubrow*

From Rabbi Craig Lewis  
*In honor of Michael Dzik  
sharing wisdom with  
Machanooga Madrichim*

## Condolences

*We are sad to announce the passing of*

**Bessie Collins** - She is survived by her children Jan (Andy, z'l) Gladstone, Dana (Wayne) Cooper, and Evan (Mary Kay) Collins, as well as her her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

**Doetje Veldhuis McFadden** - She is preceded in death by her husband John McFadden; Survived by her brother, Martin Veldhuis, and family.

**Donald Wilee** - He is survived by his wife Pat Lesselroth Wilee.

The Jewish Federation congratulates Vic Oakes as this year's East Tennessee award winner of the Belz Lipman Award for Excellence in Holocaust Education. Vic Oakes serves as Artistic Director of the Chattanooga Boys Choir.



The Belz-Lipman Award for Excellence in Holocaust Education Award recognizes outstanding talent and commitment in the field of Holocaust education. The Tennessee Holocaust Commission has presented the award since 1993, recognizing the most skilled, dedicated, and enduring Holocaust educators across the state of Tennessee for nearly thirty years.

Each year three educators are chosen for the award and accompanying \$1500 grant, which can be used for professional development and support. Examples include the development of new curriculum, to purchase resources or attend trainings in Holocaust history or education. Of the three recipients, one each will be chosen from East, West

and Middle Tennessee, respectively.

### Recipients receive:

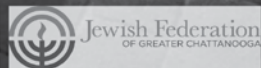
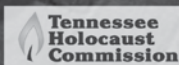
- A \$1500 grant for their classroom.
- State-wide recognition.
- Exclusive access to Tennessee Holocaust Commission events and workshops.

The award is open to teachers in the state of Tennessee with at least two years of experience teaching the Holocaust in the classroom. The winners of the Belz-Lipman Holocaust Educator Award are announced in the House Chambers of the State Capitol, as part of The Tennessee Holocaust Commission's Annual Day of Remembrance Holocaust Commemoration.

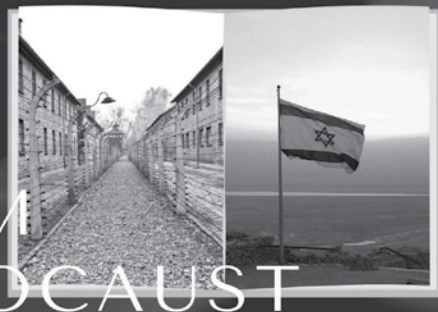
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HOLOCAUST  
TO REBIRTH**

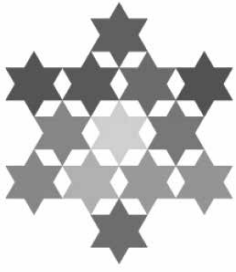


Join us to hear the story of Josef Sroka who escaped Przemysl Ghetto as a young boy with his mother and sister and lived under fake Catholic identity.  
Narrated by his son, Dani Sroka.

**April 8th**

12PM EDT/ 11AM CDT/ 7PM ISR





# Partnership2Gether

A joint program between your Chattanooga Jewish Federation and the Jewish Agency for Israel

## How I Spent My Winter Vacation

By Jackie Rosenfeld

*Okay, it wasn't really "vacation," but it was a lot of fun!*

I was lucky to be chosen to participate in One2One, which works with our Israeli sister-city, Hadera-Eiron. It is an outgrowth of the People2Gether program and is designed to help Israeli kids feel more comfortable speaking and using English.

Lila was a somewhat precocious 11-year old girl who loves to dance, talk, paint, and make faces at the camera. We engaged in a variety of activities and games. Lila already knows that she wants to become a pediatrician, and in one session we talked about medical terminology, types of medical doctors, and what recurring parts of medical words mean.

Yair was a 14-year old teen who was a little bit shy but who easily chatted when talking about European soccer teams and upcoming games, basketball, and travel. He gave me an extensive tour of his immediate neighborhood and area via Google Earth. We talked about the January 6th rioting in Washington, D.C., about Black Lives Matter, and how President Trump is viewed by Israel and by some in the U.S. We chatted about the vaccine distribution in Israel and the U.S. While Yair was allowed to play basketball with his friends, they only very recently had a family gathering since everyone (except kids under 18 years old) had received both COVID-19 vaccinations and an adequate period of time had passed.

I hope that Lila and Yair learned a thing or two, but I learned from them, too. Each student taught me some things about the features of my computer and some maneuvers on Zoom. It really was a terrific way to spend my Sunday mornings for eight weeks.



By Randi Weiss

For the past two months, I have been fortunate to spend my Sunday mornings with Israeli teens who wanted to improve their English as part of the Partnership2Gether program. Our goal is to provide Israeli students with the opportunity to develop confidence in their English abilities, but also to

create people-to-people connections between Israelis and Americans.

Thanks to Partnership2Gether, I now have a special place in my heart for a sweet 14-year-old girl from Pardes Hanna, Hila Ben Natan, who loves to bake, loves animals, and who boldly told me that Groundhog Day is the stupidest thing she's ever heard of. Also dear to my heart is a kind 14-year-old boy, Yehonatan Borozaner, who was quiet and shy, unsure of his English, and ended up passionately arguing with me that there is no good reason for Americans to love football when soccer is clearly the superior sport. We talked, we played word games, and truly got to know each other. But most importantly, I think we all came out of it having learned and connected together.



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Wednesday, April 14th  
12PM EDT/ 11AM CDT/ 7PM ISR





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



Lily Dropkin



Traci Sloan

We have a limited number of Machanooga face masks for sale! These masks are two layers of soft cotton and come in red, orange, and teal. We are selling them for \$7 each as part of a fundraiser. Please email Lily at [youth@mizpahcongregation.org](mailto:youth@mizpahcongregation.org) if you would like to support us and buy them! We will arrange delivery with you on a case-by-case basis.



Machanooga came together in style for Purim with our in-person drive-thru! Families, students, and staff came together in joy and in costume for an amazing time. Our teachers shared the story of Esther dressed in costume from start to finish, with students remaining in their cars. They also got some sweet treats throughout the program, with coloring books, activities to do at home, and of course, Hamantaschen!

***Thank you to all of our staff and parents for making this year a Purim to remember!***



### Modified Spring Calendar 2021

*All school days are subject to change.*

January 24 - First Day of School
January 31
February 7
February 14 - President's Day - NO SCHOOL
February 21
February 28
March 7
March 14
March 21
March 28 - Pesach - NO SCHOOL
April 4 - Spring Break - NO SCHOOL
April 11
April 18
April 25
May 2 - Last Day of School



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We are a welcoming and inclusive congregation, offering worship, learning, social action, and social programming that enhances the lives of our members, helping us as we make choices of our lives that we might better ourselves and our world by our actions.

### COVID-19 Update

Many of us are anxious to get back inside our building. We also know that some of us have received the vaccine, though many have not. When the Board and leadership of Mizpah and B'nai Zion deem it safe, rest assured we will welcome everyone back. Your safety is our ultimate responsibility. In the meantime, please enjoy all our online offerings, reach out to others, stay connected, and be well.

## TORAH STUDY

### Shabbat Morning Torah Study | 9:00 am

Join Rabbi Lewis and fifteen or more for Torah study. We read portions of the parsha and discuss extra-biblical commentary. LINK is included in our bi-weekly announcements email. The highlight of the session is our breakout rooms with small discussion groups.

#### Parshaot for April:

April 10th-Shmini | April 17th-Tazria-Metzora  
 April 24-Achrei Mot-Kedoshim

### Machanooga Purim Drive-thru

Thanks to all the bakers for our Purim Drive-thru Goodie bags: Jan Suhrbier, Carol Cohn, Linda Spector, Marcie Mott, David Temple, Vicki Lewis, Lynn Howard, Dana Banks, Ilene Gould, Vivian Hershey, Glyn Ruppe-Melnyk, Amy Cohen, Ronni Charyn



## MIZPAH Ongoing and Special Activities

Please attend your favorite Mizpah activity.  
 We offer *virtually* everything you are used to:

<b>Sundays:</b>	Introduction to Hebrew	4:30 pm
	Machanooga	10:00 am
<b>Tuesdays:</b>	Introduction to Judaism	6:30 pm
<b>Wednesdays:</b>	Mussar- Must sign up	7:30 am
	Hebrew School	4:30 pm
<b>Thursdays:</b>	Lunch 'n Learn	12:15
<b>Fridays:</b>	Kabbalat Shabbat Services	6:00 pm
<b>Saturdays:</b>	Torah Study	9:00 am
	Shabbat worship:	11:00 am
<b>April 11:</b>	Black – Jewish Online Dialogue	4:00 pm
<b>April 25-May 1:</b>	Family promise	

For Details: [www.MizpahCongregation.org](http://www.MizpahCongregation.org)



Thanks also to the Machanooga faculty and parents who dressed for the occasion.

### 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!

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### Shabbat & Yom Tov Service with Yizkor

Saturday, April 3 at 10:00 am  
Meeting ID: 849 2084 4539  
Passcode: service

Shabbat Services will be conducted by Rabbi Norry and will include a Yom Tov Service for the final day of Passover as well as the observation of Yizkor.



### Yom Hashoah Commemoration Service Wednesday, April 7 at 6:30 pm

Meeting ID: 845 0521 2418  
Passcode: service

Join us for minyan and stay with us following as Rabbi Norry leads us in a ceremony of remembrance and history as we honor those lost in the Holocaust.

### Yom Hazikaron and Yom Ha'atzmaut Service

Wednesday, April 14 at 6:30 pm  
Meeting ID: 845 0521 2418  
Passcode: service

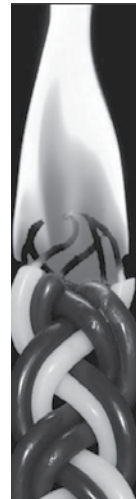
Following minyan join us with guest speaker Chattanooga shlichah Inbal Lev as we pause to acknowledge all the sacrifice that has afflicted the country of Israel through time for Yom Hazikaron. We will also move into the celebration of Israel's Independence Day, Yom Ha'atzmaut, that same evening.



### Havdalah and Idea Schmooze

Saturday, April 24 at 7:30 pm  
Meeting ID: 897 3652 0233  
Passcode: service

Led by Rabbi Norry, this havdalah will be an opportunity to enjoy each other's company in song and chit-chat. Bring your own festive spices and wine or grape juice as we light candles together for another fun night of community.



### B'nai Zion Bookclub

Tuesday, April 27 at 2:00 pm  
Zoom Meeting ID: 881 7003 6650  
Passcode: book (2665)

Join our discussion of *Ten Years Gone* by Jonathan Dunskey. In Israel in 1949, private detective Adam Lapid has been hired to find a missing boy. Adam thinks the case is hopeless, but what he doesn't realize is that this case will soon put him in mortal danger. At the root of this mystery lies a double murder that has stayed unsolved for ten long years. Adam must untangle a web of lies and betrayal to get to the truth. A thrilling Jewish fiction novel, *Ten Years Gone* will have you devouring every page.



### Scholars of the Scroll

is still meeting on Zoom Saturday mornings at 9:15 am prior to Shabbat Services. Meeting ID: 864 7508 7747 / Passcode: Torah  
Join us as we discuss the parsha and Rabbi Sacks' weekly article.





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Thank you Bruce, for the Delicious Deli Dinner!

We had awesome street entertainment, including salsa dancing in Central Park and the coolest acrobat show by the **Dynamic Duo**.



One person was overheard saying  
**"This was amazing! I wonder where we will celebrate Purim next year."**

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## Lag B'Omer Party on the Farm

Join us for a day on the farm  
**Lag B'Omer Party**  
**Thursday, April 29**

Zipline over the creek!

Enjoy Southern smoked BBQ  
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Play and hike at the creek!

Play with the chickens, horses and donkeys!

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**Judy Sachsman,  
President of Chattanooga  
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## Join us in Israel as we celebrate the 25th Anniversary of Keepers of the Gate!



Jerusalem



Meir Shifayah Youth Aliyah Village

Keeper of the Gate pillars, Hadassah Hospital Ein Kerem



Machaze Yehuda market

This year, Keepers of the Gate will celebrate our silver anniversary in Israel. This exclusive tour of Israel gives our Keepers an up-close-and-personal opportunity to see the projects that Keepers of the Gate gifts support.

- Visit the Meir Shifayah Youth Aliyah Village and meet the students to learn how we are educating and nurturing Israel's most at-risk youth and helping to shape their future.
- Tour both Hadassah Hospital Ein Kerem and Hadassah Hospital Mount Scopus campuses and witness the impact Hadassah doctors and nurses have on the lives of Israelis and our broader global community.
- While visiting Hadassah Hospital Ein Kerem, Keepers who have achieved their 5-year milestone will experience the thrill of seeing their names engraved on the Keeper of the Gate pillars.
- Visit the Knesset, tour Machane Yehuda market, experience Shabbat at the Western Wall and so much more!

Two 4-day post-tour excursions are also available.

### DETAILS

**November 7-14, 2021**

Land package \$3,125.

Early bird rate of \$2,525 until July 1, 2021.\*

Join as a **NEW Keeper** or **STEP UP** to the next level of Keepers of the Gate and receive an additional **\$250 off your land package!**\*\*

Visit [hadassah.org/israeltravel](http://hadassah.org/israeltravel) or contact Roz Kantor at [rkantor@hadassah.org](mailto:rkantor@hadassah.org) for more information.

\*Land package only. Airfare additional.

\*\*Offer available for the first 40 new and step-up Keepers who register.

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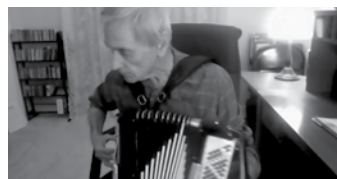
Annual Giving enables Hadassah to provide ongoing reliable funds for its many projects such as: Hadassah Medical Organization, which supports saving lives, healing, research, and cutting edge medicine at its two Jerusalem hospitals; Youth Aliyah, which educates and nurtures children at risk; and Young Judaea scholarships, which enables children to attend camp and young adults to spend a "gap" year in Israel.

### **Annual Givers start with:**

- Chai Society members (\$180/year)**
- Silver Chai members (\$360/year)**
- Traditional Keepers (\$1000/year)**
- Chai Keepers (\$1800/year)**
- New Silver Keepers (\$2500/year)**
- Golden Keepers (\$5000/year)**

Those who are already Annual Givers should consider increasing donations or stepping up to the next level. Contact Dana Waxler at [dwxler@hadassah.org](mailto:dwxler@hadassah.org).

Chattanooga hosted its Zoom Mask-erade event on Purim, the holiday that honors Queen Esther, also known as Hadassah. Pictures of Ed Bergin, the piano accordionist who provided the entertainment, and members in their decorative masks are shown in the screenshots. The Purim Mask-erade was the Chattanooga chapter's annual fundraising event in support of medical research in Hadassah Medical Organization. For information on how to support this important fundraiser, please contact Millie Lander at [milllander523@gmail.com](mailto:milllander523@gmail.com).



The Chattanooga chapter will host another Open Board meeting on Zoom on April 11 at 2 PM. Future programs will be discussed, including a possible follow up-Holocaust Education program at a time when area school teachers would be available to attend. An invitation to this board meeting will be sent to the entire membership and additional discussion topics are welcome. *(Please note that the original time has been changed to 2 PM).*

In honor of the 25th Anniversary of Keepers of the Gate, Chattanooga Annual Givers, Chai Society, as well as Keepers, will be invited to a congratulatory program on June 13. More details about this special event will follow. Dana Waxler, the National Hadassah Annual Giving Co-Chair, will be coordinating this program.

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