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FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Your Federation Staff – It's Personal!

Q&A with Program Director Ann Treadwell



Q. How did you first get interested in the arts?

A. Growing up in New York, our family attended various performing arts experiences, from Broadway to music in Central Park, jazz vespers to Harlem African dance programs, MET dress rehearsals to parades in Spanish Harlem. I particularly remember sneaking out one night with my friend Hank and driving in his mother's car to take the Staten Island Ferry to see the J.Geils Band. I didn't really care about the music; I just really liked the boy--and his mother's purple Duster with a white top.

Q. How did you learn so much about Judaism?

A. My New York neighborhood consisted of Catholic families and Jewish families. We were within walking distance of the Catholic church and the Conservative synagogue. Friday nights I could choose between meat-free dinners with Catholic friends, or Shabbat dinner with whole families. When my mother took ill, the Jewish families took my sisters and me in when my father was working. This was for all holidays, Passover, Chanukah, Sukkot, Neighborhood Bar/Bat Mitzvahs, Passover and Chanukah.

Q. What past job have you held that stands out now?

A. In the summer of 1974, I was a Congressional page in Washington, D.C. What a time to learn about politics and see some amazing

people at work! One person stuck out. I was terrified, awestruck, amazed at her eloquence and incredible thought process, even when I disagreed with her policy choices. When I could sneak away from my duties, I would try to get into hearings to listen to her. That person was Congresswoman Barbara Jordan from Texas. I was too scared to speak to her then. Now I wish I could have several conversations with her.

Q. What career did you think you would have growing up?

A. When I left graduate school, my goal was to be a self-supporting visual artist, a sculptor. After starving for a few years, I decided I wanted to use my political and arts background to change the world, by working in nonprofit or government. I attained museum accreditation for an art center with a majority minority staff, led a public-private partnership for artists, created development opportunities in rural communities, and after several Republican and Democratic political experiences, switched to more traditional nonprofits. Now, my challenge is to work with a diverse group of people to help them achieve their goals.

Q. How do you recharge?

A. My mother's parents lived a block from the Vermilion River in Ohio and two blocks from the Lake Erie beach. My father's parents had a summer cabin in the mountains near Concord, N.H. My mother often said that my personal strength came from being either in the mountains or



by large bodies of water and that I could take on anything as long as I could recharge there. She was right. I live on the boundary of the Chattahoochee National Forest on land settled by the Cherokee and fought over during the Civil War.

Q. What do you love most about working at the Federation?

A. My role at the Federation is that of the gatekeeper. It brings me joy to open the door to what the Federation has to offer. Whether it's programs, social services, or comradery. Additionally, I show the Federation's face to the general public through marketing and grants. In return I get to meet and interact with lots of interesting people.



FROM THE BOARD CHAIR

Mike Spector Mspector19@Gmail.com

An Interview with Chattanooga's Rob Lowe

Q: First concert: My first concert was U2 at The Meadowlands [N.J.] in 1984. I was invited to tag along with my big brother and his friend, and his friend somehow had a private box, so I was feeling like a VIP. The tide turned on the way home when our car broke down on the highway, and our dad had to come rescue us.

Q: First celebrity crush: One of my celebrity crushes growing up was Bo Derek. I mean, she was a ten. What's not to like? It was really cool to see her years later in one of my favorite comedies, Tommy Boy, a movie that also included my namesake.

Q: First car you purchased: It was a Honda Accord. My dad has only bought Hondas since I was a kid, and I trust his judgment. I didn't buy a car of my own until I was married. Before I graduated, I had no money for a car. After college I lived in big cities with good public transportation and didn't need a car.

Q: Favorite actor: One of my favorite actors has to be Tom Hanks. I loved watching him in the early 80s mindless sitcom, "Bosom Buddies," and then in his early movie comedies, Splash, Bachelor Party, and Big. My favorite Hanks' movie is Forrest Gump, playing an incredible character, who despite his steep challenges, achieves the heights of greatness, while always remaining humble and incredibly loyal.



Q: Proudest accomplishment: I'm very proud of being part of a volunteer team that planned and executed five Night Runs here in Chattanooga. The idea for Night Run came from our former shlichah, Noa Hadad, who based it on a similar race (on a much larger scale) in Jerusalem. The Night Runs brought people

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FROM THE PROGRAM DIRECTOR

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Sanford Winer Stepping Down as Chattanooga Jewish Film Series Chair

Chattanooga's longest-running international film series, featuring first-run films, and a companion documentary film series both exist because of one man. Sanford Winer presented his idea for a Jewish Film Series to the Jewish Federation in 2007 and has continued to motivate audiences to attend and individuals and businesses to sponsor. The result is the highest quality films for all of Chattanooga.

Sanford believes that film can be a bridge between communities and has also demonstrated that film can be a catalyst for difficult discussions about race, civil rights, women's rights, Southern Jewry, sports, gender, war, hatred, and love. His high standards have attracted members of the greater Chattanooga community to the Jewish Cultural Center for meaningful shared experiences.

The first Chattanooga Jewish Film Series in 2008 presented four feature films, with an average attendance of 24 people per film. There were no sponsors, and we had no idea of how to work with film distributors or to manage ticket sales. Chairs weren't particularly comfortable, and too much light came through our curtains. But everyone enjoyed free popcorn and a drink--Sanford's idea -- a tradition we continue to this day.

By 2010, Sanford had made major improvements to his brainchild. He:

- recruited several committee members to help screen 25 to 30 films, of which five to six are chosen.
- recruited individual and corporate sponsors for the

feature series.

- used sponsorship funding to purchase comfortable chairs, blackout curtains, and upgrades to the projection system.
- applied funding to rent Ophir-award winning films (Israel's version of Academy Awards) and other national and international award winners

In 2011, in response to growing demand, Sanford led the charge to launch a documentary film series, affectionately known as the Doc Series. The initial audience was 40 people, who enjoyed films the committee selected from the 20 to 25 Sanford initially identified. These films have highlighted everything from the shared African American-Jewish Civil Rights experience, to Jewish food, to the history of Israel's spies (The Mossad), to the impact of Jewish musicians in American musicals such as Fiddler on the Roof and White Christmas.

The Jewish Film Series continued through the pandemic by moving from spring to fall and going virtual with 48-hour windows during which participants could watch selected films. Sanford, who worked tirelessly to get permission from distributors to offer this arrangement, also worked with them to present videoed and live discussions via Zoom following some screenings. The Series reached 163 households, many non-Jewish, receiving rave reviews on Survey Monkey. (surveys are administered after all films.)

When the Doc Series went virtual in January 2021, we had low

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FROM THE SOCIAL SERVICES DIRECTOR

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Bucket List

As we grow closer to the end of yet another year, COVID is still on our minds every day. I hope many of you were able to visit with your family and your friends and to feel a little better, perhaps slightly more at ease this year. I realize we still have a way to go with this pandemic and can only hope 2022 brings better news.

Many of you I spoke with were able to connect with family, reuniting for the first time in over a year. I loved hearing about your trips and celebrations with loved ones and appreciate you sharing your stories with me! I was finally able to take a vacation this year and checked off a box of my bucket list.

It has always been my dream to visit Colorado. My husband and I were able to go there with close friends who used to live in Colorado. We started out in Denver, attended a Rockies game, (my first professional game!) and then headed to Colorado Springs. There, I was able to see my precious nephew, Ethan, who attends Colorado State. This really made my trip whole, but our trip was not over. We saw the magnificent views atop Pikes Peak and enjoyed the beloved high-altitude donuts.

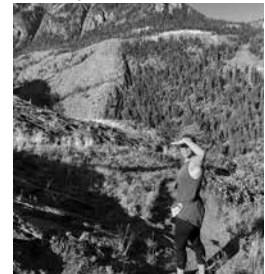
After Pikes Peak, we then drove to the small town of Ouray, nicknamed the Switzerland of America. Here we did lots of hiking, shopping, eating, and swimming in the hot springs.

Honestly, this was the most beautiful city I've visited in my life. I've always been more of a mountain person, than a beach person. The views here were simply breathtaking. I urge you to visit this gorgeous town if you're ever in Colorado.

From Ouray, it was on to Grand Junction. I have never been to so many wineries in my life! Hiking in Grand Junction was also simply amazing. We also made some new friends here, including some furry friends. After Grand Junction, we drove through Aspen, had lunch, did a bit of shopping, and quickly realized how expensive it was there! The food was great and shopping, even better! We ended our trip where we began, in Denver.

Colorado was everything I thought it would be and more. I did okay with the altitude too! I will definitely go back and look forward to seeing new friends made while I was there.

I hope you can check something off your bucket list too! There's much beauty in nature. Get out there and experience this for yourselves. We have beauty in our own city too, our own uniqueness. Take your little furry babies too.



Ann Treadwell (Sanford Winer) *Cont. from Page 3*

expectations. We assumed screen/Zoom fatigue was settling in the community. Sanford has been mentoring others to assume his leadership position. He worked with Documentary Series Chair Stephen Black, who did a great job, surprising everyone by attracting 85 households, which viewed five films. Almost 30% were households that had never before participated in either series!

The seeds of the success of the Documentary Series can be attributed to Sanford's early leadership. Sanford ensured that the history of the Jewish/African American connection was put front and center, examining, for example, the history of the Rosenwald Schools for African American children in the early 1900s. One such school was in Chattanooga, and one of its students, now in her 90s, attended the screening of the film. This year we screened *Sharing Legacies* about the African American/Jewish Civil Rights alliance, and followed it with a panel who participated in Chattanooga's Civil Rights Movement.

Since 2018 the Doc Series has also provided a screening about the Holocaust to public and private students, eighth graders

to seniors, in the greater Chattanooga area for International Holocaust Day. An annual average of 175 students have seen films produced by Nancy Spielberg, sister of Stephen Spielberg, about the importance of preserving history regardless of its horrors, to the film *Syndrome K*, about a fictitious virus created during World War II by Vatican doctors to save Jews from the Nazis.

Sanford created a unique asset for Chattanooga that has run for more than a decade. I have been his staff liaison for the entire journey. At times, when Sanford calls, I am both excited and feel dread at his next idea. While I know it will be great, and he will work diligently to make it happen, it will still mean a lot of work for me. But that's what it takes to make Sanford Winer's commitment to quality of film, education about the Jewish people, and the inclusion of all at the Jewish Cultural Center a reality. And we could not appreciate him more.

P.S. At the dawn of the pandemic in 2020, the Federation used past Series funds to upgrade the projector and screen at the Jewish Cultural Center. No one has (yet!) seen a film using the new equipment. We look forward to the day we can do so together!



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Getting to know Marki

How I ended up in the Chattanooga area

Not long! After years of my fiancé pleading with me to leave city life in Chicago behind, we bought a house in Chattanooga Valley [Ga.]. We moved in March 2021 and have since adopted two baby goats, who seem to appreciate our mountain home as much as we do.

Where I worked in the past

I graduated with my Master of Social Work degree in December 2020, and since graduation I have worked as a mental health counselor, providing therapy for a vast range of individuals. I also worked as a social worker in a homeless shelter and as a mental health counselor for seniors. I feel so fortunate to have careers centered around elevating the lives of those around me and look forward to this same opportunity at the Jewish Federation.

Prior to a career in social work I worked for NBC Golf Channel as a golf instructor and program director. During my golf career I had the opportunity to coach children in underprivileged communities in downtown Chicago and at

a school for orphaned children, which encouraged me to pursue a career in social work.

What I enjoy outside of work

"On the road again," by Willie Nelson, seems to be my family anthem. My fiancé and I love all travel and spend most weekends on road trips to hold us over between our grander adventures. We love any excuse to be outside (lucky for our goats, who love going on walks with us). I am always on the hunt for new coffee shops – give me a book and a coffee (or four), and I am over the moon.

Since moving to this area, I have started a mental health consultation business called Mental Health Break Down, which aims to uplift individuals' wellness through a holistic lens; I so enjoy meeting with clients to promote their well being on my days away from the Federation.

I also love spending time at Chabad and working my way through a long list of "best desserts in Chattanooga." Recommendations welcome!

Check back here each month for Mental Health with Marki.

Until then, I look forward to meeting the incredible community members the Federation serves.

Mike Spector (Rob Lowe Interview) *Cont. from Page 3*

together from both the Jewish and the greater Chattanooga communities for a fun, unique event. We also raised over \$13,000 for organizations that support children in Chattanooga and Israel.

Q: Favorite Jewish tradition in Chattanooga: Definitely Chanukah on Ice, put on by the Chabad each year. First, I always find it humorous that there's outdoor ice skating in Tennessee. But it's an awesome event with the menorah parade, latkes, sufganiyot, and especially the lighting of a beautiful, artistic six-foot ice menorah. I love sharing this event with my girls.

Q: Favorite Jewish experiences: Two of the Jewish experiences that stand out for me are the Federation missions I took to Israel in 2016 and Buenos Aires in 2019. Both were incredible, memorable trips, not only through experiencing the culture and beauty of each county, but also seeing first hand how impactful our Federation dollars are to improve the lives of people. Both missions have served to further solidify my commitment to the Federation's mission.

Another experience has been the special relationships built with our Israeli shlichim. Our family had the privilege to be a host family to a former Shlich, Chen Dahan. Relationships with Chen and other shlichim that continue after they return home has only

strengthened our bond to Israel and to our need to support the Federation's services.

Q: Hobbies: I love to be outdoors and take advantage of the great weather and landscape here in Tennessee, taking my paddleboard out on the river and hiking Chattanooga's many scenic trails as often as possible. I've been an avid runner for 20 years, completing nine marathons. I'm also a bit of an obsessed fantasy football manager (with two championship titles, but I'm not one to brag.)

Q. Where you're from: I'm a Jersey Boy, born and raised in northern New Jersey, the son of Brooklyn-born parents. After graduating from University of Michigan (Go Blue!), I started my career in public accounting with Ernst & Young in New York City. I met my lovely wife, Beth, on a four-city European tour, and eventually moved to the Windy City where we got married and started a family with our twin girls, Rachel and Hannah (now 18).

After 15 years in Chicago, we took a job transfer to a city we knew nothing about. Our expectation was to stay here three years (a little adventure) and transfer back to Chicago for hopefully another promotion. Fast forward ten years, we've fallen in love with this city, our friends, and our connection to the Jewish community.

Tuesday Cafe via ZOOM

October 5, 12, 19, 26

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- \$90 per month based on 3 meals/week
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- 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
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Menus are set by
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Condolences

We are sad to announce the passing of

Dorothy Shaffer Godett - She is survived by her daughters, Rachel Schulson (Henry) and Amy Thurman; grandchildren, Niccole Thurman, Monica Thurman, Adrienne Thurman Cuff (Dalen), Michael Schulson (Emma Green), and Leah Schulson; and great-grandchildren, EJ, Levin, Lyra, and Jethro.

Eric Richelson - He was preceeded in death by his father, Alvin Richelson, and is survived by his mother, Judy Richelson; brother, Leonard; and sister, Myrna.

Margaret Friedman-Vaughan - She is survived by her husband, Willard, her children, and a wide circle of devoted family and friends.

Victor Hanan - He is survived by his son, Michael; daughter-in-law, Jan; granddaughters Rachel and Rebecca; and cousins Esther and Lucy.

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.

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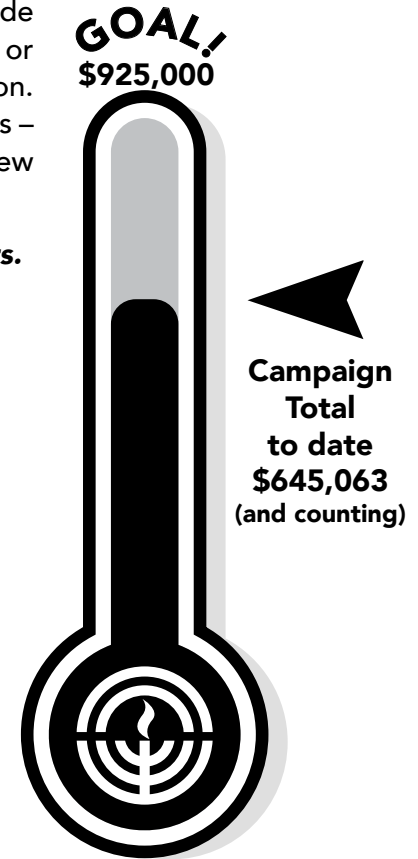
2022 FEDERATION ANNUAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE

Thank you to the over 200 community members who have already made your pledge to the Federation's Annual Campaign. Whether a long time or first time donor, we hope you'll consider a meaningful gift to the Federation. Your community-wide investment supports our local programs and services – Social services, transportation, meals, community events, shaliach, teen Jew Crew, Machanooga and so much more!

Special thanks to our volunteer campaign leadership and ambassadors.

Fern Shire – Campaign Co-Chair
 Rob Lowe – Campaign Co-Chair
 Mike Spector – Board Chair
 Ken Goldsmith – Incoming Campaign Chair

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Diversity Town Hall to Feature Panel of Business Leaders

Monday, Oct. 18, 5:00p.m.

The American Diversity Report in partnership with the Gary W. Rollins College of Business at UTC will present its second annual Diversity Town Hall on Monday, Oct. 18 at 5:00 p.m.

Speaking virtually, a panel of business leaders will explore the relationship of business and community in creating the Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Belonging (DEIB) of the future. Panel organizers cite this quote from an editorial by panelist Eric Fuller, President and Chief Executive Officer of U.S. Xpress, as an inspiration for the event.

"I'm calling on Chattanooga business leaders, large and small, to begin taking steps toward creating a culture that's more accepting of others from different races, ethnicities, genders and sexual identities. As a larger business community, we'll struggle to attract the type of talent we need to compete in a global economy if we don't start having these conversations and enacting real change."
 ~ Eric Fuller



MODERATOR

Dr. Gail Dawson, Associate Professor of Management and Director of Diversity and Inclusion - Gary W. Rollins College of Business/UTC

PANELISTS

Eric Fuller, President and Chief Executive Officer - U.S. Xpress

Deborah Levine, Founder/Editor/Consultant - American Diversity Report

David Ortiz, Corporate Diversity Officer, former board member - La Paz

Lorne Steedley, Vice President for Diversity and Inclusive Growth - Chattanooga Area Chamber of Commerce

The 2021 Diversity Town Hall is a virtual event and is free of charge. The public is invited and encouraged to attend. To reserve your seat at the virtual table, please register at <https://tennessee.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJMkdeytqzssGtBriKO7X9W3M3vQpoSgKWxY>



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Hitting our Stride in 2021!

Our new school year is off to a wonderful start! We've had some COVID-related interruptions (who hasn't?), but we are really hitting our stride. As we move through October, we're very excited to announce our first-ever 5K fundraiser! In November, we'll be encouraging everyone to participate in our virtual 5K. Stay tuned for more information, including how to register and prizes you might win.

Please contact me by Oct. 12 if you're interested in sponsoring the event. We'd love your support. All proceeds from participation and sponsorship benefit Aleph Bet!

We still have some room on our Shabbat roster for a community visitor or two. Email me if you'd like to spend a Friday morning with Aleph Bet students, and we'll get you set up!



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Chattanooga Jewish Community Shlichah Is For Life

After two years Chen Dahan, a former Chattanooga Shlichah, visited last month. Her visit was so much fun. I got to meet community members with her that I haven't met before. And I learned that becoming a Chattanooga Jewish community shlichah is for life. It showed me how much my time here is a great starting point for when I'll return to Israel in late summer and how to move on with my life.

For me, this year starts with the Jewish year on Rosh Hashanah. My second year as a Shlichah has started off so differently from the first one. Last year, I arrived in Chattanooga right on time for the High Holidays. I have been hosted by different families and got to join the zoom services of the different synagogues here. It was a special experience that helped me get used to my new environment slowly.

This year I got to meet people in person at services. Rosh Hashanah was the first holiday I celebrated at the congregations in person, a perfect way to mark my first full year in town. Seeing community members out of the Zoom cubes was so exciting, even though it was only the top part of their masked faces. Running around between all three synagogues, listen and participating in all different kinds of services – that's what I'm here for, and I finally have the chance to do so.

Recently I was invited to teach a session about Israel, together with Michael Dzik, at Lee University in Cleveland, Tenn. They have asked us to teach the



exact same session we did last year with their new students. It was a unique experience for me as an Israeli that hasn't been through college yet, and when they reached out to us again, I started to understand more the meaning of staying for a second year. The feeling that people outside of our community know me and are inviting me to come again is amazing. What a great honor.

Covid has made it harder to meet people in person. I am looking forward to getting to know more people in our community, as I've started to do lately. It feels like I would have met a lot of the people here much earlier in different times. This year I want to meet more people, make more friendships, take an active part in our community and even get to do bigger projects that I have been thinking of. Maybe we can even create our own community family tree and try to find more connections to each other and Israel.

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Lets get together



I'm here for my second year of Shlichut and would love to get to know you in person!

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See my new project on Page 10



The Daffodil Project

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Tal Cohen, Chattanooga, Tennessee

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October 6 Sponsor in person Noon, October 6—Noon, October 8 virtual

A subversive love story between clashing cultures and families. The film is a romantic misadventure crossing all borders. When two generations of Israeli women fall for a German woman and a Palestinian man, chaos follows. The film takes aim at some of the most pressing social issues in Israel today. English, German, Hebrew, Arabic, subtitles, 1h 41min

14th Annual

Chattanooga Jewish Film Series



October 13 Sponsor in person Noon, October 12—Noon, October 15 virtual

Neighbors In a Syrian border village in the early 1980s, Sero attends school for the first time. A new teacher has arrived with the goal of making Syrian comrades out of the Kurdish children. He uses the rod to forbid the Kurdish language, orders the veneration of Assad, and preaches hate of the Zionist enemy - the Jews. The lessons upset and confuse Sero because his long-time neighbors are a lovable Jewish family. Kurdish, subtitles, 2h 4min Speaker, live and streamed, the night of October 13

October 20 Sponsor in person Noon, October 19 —Noon, October 22 virtual

Here We Are Aharon has devoted his life to raising his son Uri. They live together in a gentle routine, away from the real world. But Uri is autistic, and now as a young adult it might be time for him to live in a specialized home. While on their way to the institution, Aharon decides to run away with his son and hits the road, knowing that Uri is not ready for this separation. Or is it, in fact, his father who is not ready? Hebrew, subtitles, 1h 34min



October 27 Sponsor in person Noon, October 26 —Noon, October 29 virtual

Tiger Within A story featuring an unlikely friendship between a homeless teen and a Holocaust survivor, sparking larger questions of fear, forgiveness, healing and world peace, starring Ed Asner. English, 1h 38min Speaker, live and streamed, the night of October 27

November 3 Sponsor in person Noon, November 2—Noon, November 5 virtual

Thou Shalt Not Hate The son of a Holocaust survivor who lives in Trieste as a surgeon begins to doubt his actions of refusing to help a victim of a traffic accident that he encountered on his way home from work. Polish origin, Italian, subtitles, 1h 36min Speaker live and streamed the night of November 3



November 10 Sponsor in person Noon, November 9—Noon, November 12 virtual

Starry Sky Above the Roman Ghetto In her Roman attic, a girl finds an old picture of the Jewish child Sarah Cohen whose family had been killed by the Nazis in World War II. She will track down Sarah's past with help of current and new friends. Italian, subtitles, 1h 40min

STAR sponsors will be able to view each film in-person and/or virtually. To participate in-person, you must be vaccinated, wear a mask and RSVP. Star Sponsorships are \$100. STAR sponsorships come with 2 tickets to the in-person Sponsor Reception or choose Cocktail Party-in-a-Box drive through. Dates listed in bold are for SPONSOR in-person viewing at 7:15 pm. at the Jewish Cultural Center. Want one film at a time? Each film will cost \$12 and only be available virtually. To purchase a STAR sponsorship or one-film-at-a-time visit www.jewishchattanooga.com.

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TECH GOES HOME SEPTEMBER GRADUATES





the JEW CREW

The Crew is Back Together!

by Alison Lebovitz and Andy Hodes

After a year of virtual programming and months of doing "Zoom Crew" because of COVID, the Jew Crew was finally back together in person for its traditional kickoff event, The Jew Cruise, in August. Eighteen high school students, along with Jew Crew advisors, Alison Lebovitz and Andy Hodes, and our amazing shlich, Inbal Lev, gathered on Lake Chickamauga for food, fun and a fabulous time together.

The group also welcomed seven first-time members, including three new Jewish Baylor School boarding

students. Enjoying ice breakers to swimming to sliding and hanging out, everyone became fast friends and made awesome memories.

The Jew Crew is a program of the Jewish Federation of Greater Chattanooga that brings together all Jewish teens (ninth through twelfth grade) in our community. We meet once a month for social activities and social action projects. Basically we make the world a better place, and we have a great time doing it. If you are or know a teen who would like to get involved, please email jewcrewchattanooga@gmail.com.



Israel: A Simple Guide to the Most Misunderstood Country on Earth with Noa Tishby



Tuesday, October 8PM EST

Jewish Community Relations Committee (JCRC) invites you to Join Noa Tishby, Israeli- American Author, Actress, Producer and Activist as she discusses her book - Israel: A Simple Guide to the Most Misunderstood Country on Earth.

Reservations are required to participate virtually. Go to www.jewishnashville.org and click on the "Federation & Events" tab. Find the October 5 Noa Tishby event and click "Register".

Special thanks to Nashville Federation for inviting all of TN Jewish community to participate at no cost.



Do you need help signing up for your Medicare Prescription Coverage?

Christi Haustein, LMSW, with the Jewish Federation, can help you navigate your Medicare Part D choices!

Open Enrollment Period is October 15 - December 7, 2021.

Contact Jake at the Federation if you would like an appointment at 423-493-0270 or federation@jewishchattanooga.com.

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Susan Caminez
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Machanooga is on the Trail!

Machanooga blazed ahead on the learning trail established on Aug. 29 with a great first day. We made New Year's cards for seniors in our community, met shlichah Inbal Lev on the Israel National Trail, and ended our day with a visit from the Kona Ice Truck.

We continue to travel through the Torah, learning how it will soon be re-rolled and start again. It's just like watching our favorite movie over and over again. Who knows what new things we will discover?

Each year we get to start fresh, as if we have a blank journal. Our students made their own journals to keep their thoughts, promises, or song lyrics. Being back in our building meant we also spent time making sure we reviewed our safety procedures in case of an emergency. For COVID, we all stay masked, sanitize between activities, and enjoy a lot of time outside.

On Sept. 12, due to overwhelming demand, we welcomed preschoolers to Machanooga full-time! They join us as we start and end each day filled with music, learning our prayers, and sending each other off for a sweet week with Havdallah. One lucky preschooler even gets to hold the Israeli flag at the end of our day.

What does our day look like? We start with Morning Tefillah (prayer) in the garden where we sing, learn the letter of the day, and learn about the week's Torah portion. Then the day is split into three sections: Kita (classroom time); Mercaz (center), our programming and craft room; and Tarbut (culture), where we meet with Inbal, or may, for example, have a learning session in the sukkah. We end our day with Siyyum (ending) in the garden, for Havdallah (separation) and Havtikvah (Israel's national anthem). It's a fun-filled day that meets from 9:30a.m. to 12:00p.m. I assure you that time flies! Even parents don't miss out on the fun. They meet for the Machanooga Walking Club after Morning Tefillah.

We have a rolling registration, which means you're welcome to join us at any time. Want your student to try it out? Email me at roshnooga@gmail.com and let me know when you'd like to come. See you on the trail!



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Temple Now Open

Friday Kabbalat Shabbat services
 Shirei Shabbat: Sabbath of Song
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Please check with Temple Administrator Angela Rickert for details and read our Weekly Email Announcements

Adult B'nai Mitzvah Classes to Begin

Beginning November 4, Mizpah will offer ongoing classes for adults who wish to work towards their B'nai Mitzvah. Classes will address: Hebrew language skills, worship service "101", life cycle and major holiday facts and a bit of Jewish history. Participants will learn sufficient skills to participate in a concluding ceremony demonstrating their learned skills. Cost is \$18 per student. Email the Mizpah Office to sign up.



MIZPAH Ongoing and Special Activities

*Please attend your favorite Mizpah activity
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 you've come to expect*

- Sundays:** Machanoooga 9:30 a.m.
 Monday Oct. 18 – Black-Jewish Dialogue and American Diversity Report Town Hall
- Wednesdays:** 7:30 a.m. Morning Mussar (contact Rabbi Lewis)
- Fridays:** Kabbalat Shabbat services 6:00 p.m.
- Saturdays:** 9:00 a.m. Torah Study
 11:00 a.m. Shabbat worship services

For Details: www.MizpahCongregation.org

Tashlich Observed

Rosh Hashanah Tashlich: Privateer Yacht Club. Susan Caminez, pictured with storybook; Marianna Allen on guitar; and Rabbi Lewis led the children in celebration.



On Monday, October 18 at 5:00 pm ET,
 The American Diversity Report Presents
 its 2nd Annual Diversity Town Hall
 in partnership with the
 Gary W. Rollins College of Business at UTC.

TORAH STUDY

Shabbat Morning Torah Study | 9:00 a.m.

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.

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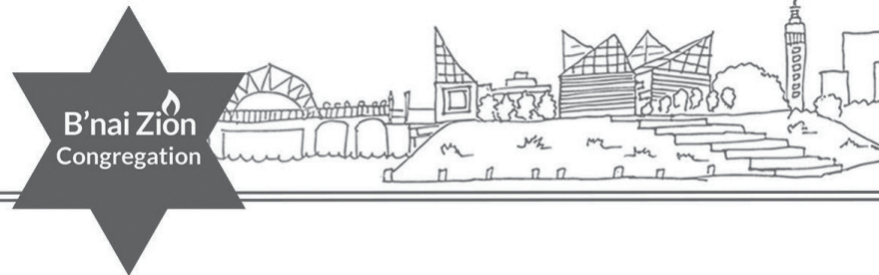
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Contact Rabbi Rotenberg
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Blessing of the Animals:

Sunday, Oct. 10, 1:00p.m. at Renaissance Park

In honor of Parshat Noah, bring your pets to the park for a fun afternoon and to receive a special blessing and gifts. Kids are invited to bring cardboard for hill sliding after the program!



**NEW
Date and
Time!**

B'nai Zion Bookclub

Sunday, Oct. 10 at 11:00a.m.
Zoom Meeting ID: 895 8729 6334
Passcode: book (2665)

Set at Corbin College in not-quite upstate New York in the winter of 1959–60, our story follows Ruben Blum, a Jewish historian—but not an historian of the Jews. The Netanyahus, a delightful and hilarious book by Joshua Cohen, is a work of speculative fiction that we can't wait to discuss with you!



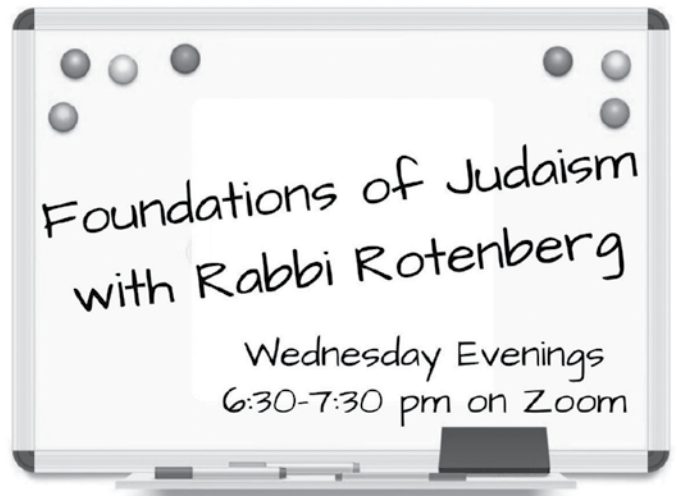
Shabbat in the Park:

Oct. 22 at 5:30p.m. at Coolidge Park

Join us for a fun, family-friendly kabbalat shabbat at Coolidge Park. All ages are welcome! Bring a blanket or chairs, and a picnic dinner to share with your family. We will meet at The Peace Grove.

Foundations of Judaism: Wednesdays on Zoom from 6:30 to 7:30p.m., beginning Oct. 6

Each month we will explore a new topic core to Jewish tradition. This month, we will focus on Jewish liturgy, the form and content of the Siddur, and how to find meaning in Jewish prayer.



Learning and Havdalah: Oct. 16 at 7:30p.m. at Mizpah & on Zoom

Meeting ID: 868 8172 0961

Join Rabbi Rotenberg for our monthly community havdalah, as we welcome the new week with learning and song. Look for Zoom information in our weekly email.



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JUDAISM US 301

To live as a Jew - A deeper look at the Jew's daily structure how & why

6 Mondays Beginning October 11, 6 pm - RSVP to Rabbi@JewishChatt.com

Jew's Daily Routine

- Tzitzit
- Tefilin
- Kosher

How? Why?

- Tikun Olam
- Blessings on Food
- Business dealings

Torah Study

- Family
- Evening prayers
- Going to sleep

Holidays

- Hand Washing
- Morning blessings
- Prayers

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The Jewish women of Chattanooga enjoyed a Rosh Hashana-inspired Culinary Journey with Chef Naomi Elberg!

With more than 35,000 followers on Instagram (@NAOMI_TGIS), and tons of cooking demos, Naomi is known for her fresh, modern take on kosher cooking and baking.

At the Mega Challah Bake we enjoyed a challah and babka taste buffet and fabulous tips and tricks for our own homes!



Email rosie@jewishchatt.com to stay in the loop about future events.

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Judy Sachsman,
President of Chattanooga
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Judith Lieber Collection

Glittering Judith Lieber pig purse owned by Sandy Tabakin and shared online after the virtual tour of the Judith Lieber Collection.



Hadassah wishes everyone Shanah Tovah and thanks all who contributed to the 5872 annual holiday card. Donations support Youth Aliyah, the organization that assists at-risk young Israelis on a successful path to their future.

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The Southern Region fall Board meeting, scheduled for Aug. 29, was postponed due to weather conditions for several chapters near the Gulf Coast. The new date has not yet been announced. National Hadassah will continue to recommend Zoom meetings until it determines that it is appropriate for Hadassah members to meet safely in person.

KEEPING *the* CAMPFIRE BURNING

Generations of Young Judaeans



Join generations of Young Judaeans who will take part in a program "Keeping the Campfires Burning" on Sunday, Oct. 17, at 7:00p.m. EST. Chattanooga's Sanford and Elaine Winer, who met at a Young Judaea camp, will have a role in this special event that is free for all Hadassah Southern members. Gather 'round the virtual campfire with the Southern Region as we all pay tribute to our Keepers of the Gate and Chai Society members. Contact Dana Waxler to join Keepers of the Gate and/or Chai Society. (Please register online for this Zoom event.)



Elaine and Sanford Winer

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.

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Those who are already Annual Givers should consider increasing donations or stepping up to the next level.

Contact Dana Waxler at dwxaxler@hadassah.org.

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