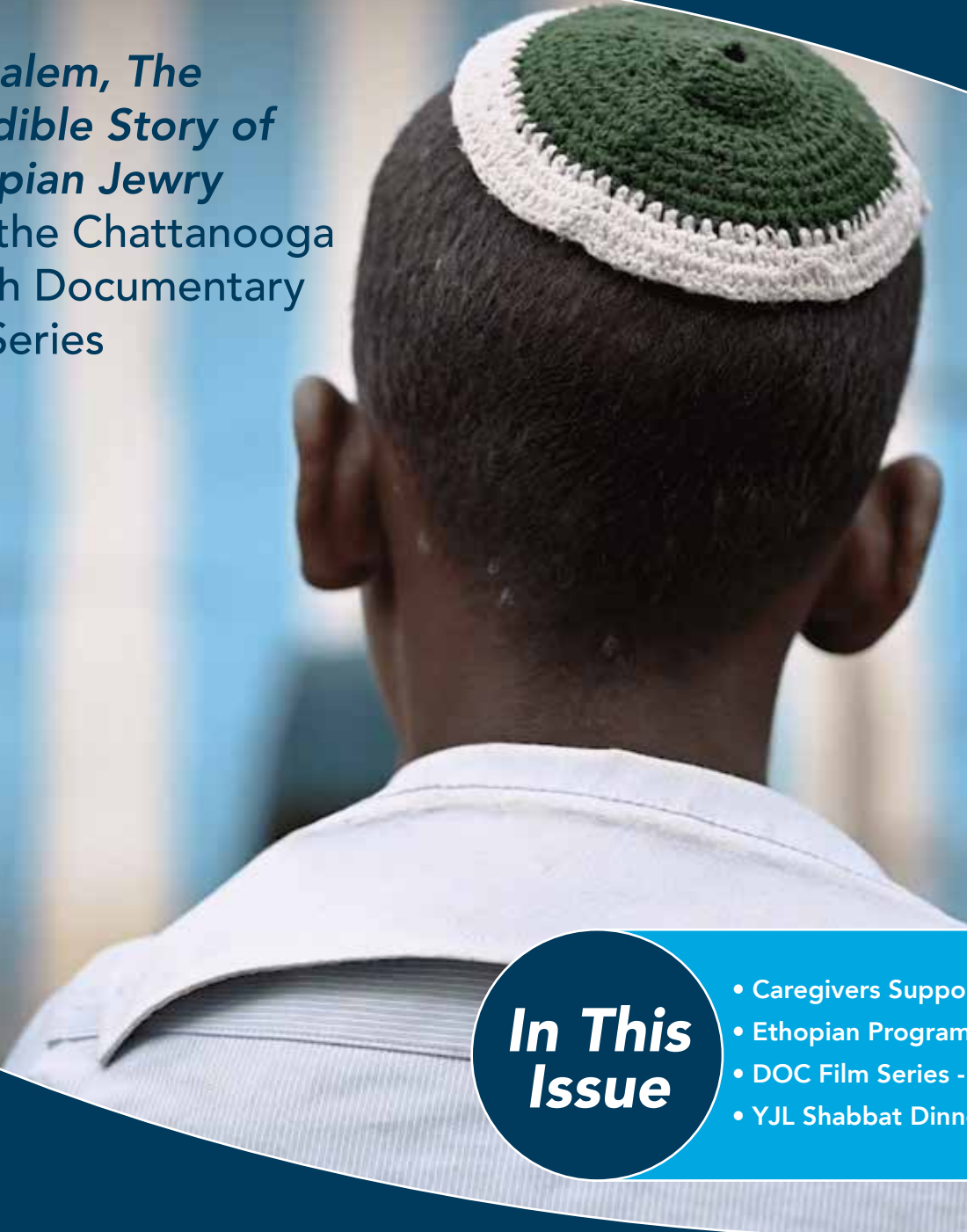




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Yerusalem, The Incredible Story of Ethiopian Jewry
from the Chattanooga Jewish Documentary Film Series



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FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Milestones



"The first 50 years of childhood are always the hardest."

I laughed when I heard this one, especially because I turned 50 on January 22. With 50 comes certain rights of passage. Of course I received my AARP card in the mail. I also had that special visit with the doctor no one likes to talk about. This past year I've felt my aches and pains, a few surgeries to repair ankles, elbows and shoulders. But overall, I feel really great and ready for my next decade.

I've been asked how I maintain my excitement about and enthusiasm for the Federation day in and day out. For me, the glass is always half full. I'm inspired by the work that we do, the help we provide, the programs and services that this small Jewish Federation offers to our community. I am energized by the multitude of volunteers – some of whom help with fundraising, and others with programs. The passion from many volunteers is contagious! Without you, the Federation and this amazing Jewish community would just be a regular community. Regular, we are not!

Equally, I take pride in and get energy from the Federation staff. Did you know that half of the preschool teachers (Meghan, Kathy, Tammy and Julie) have been at the Aleph Bet Children's Center for more than 12 years? On the Federation side, the long-term staff is equally impressive: Alice Morgan, 20 years; Ann Treadwell, 15; Annette McJunkin, 12; Jake Balser (who worked at Aleph Bet and Federation), eight. This summer I will reach my 24th year at the Federation. I've learned a tremendous amount and made

mistakes. I am proud to have created a working environment where staff feel like more than colleagues, working together for the betterment of the community and organization. And where the staff puts you, the community, first in all that we do.

On occasion I hear, "How have you handled 24 years at the Federation? That length of service, at the Federation or any job, is nearly unheard of." I'm very lucky to have grown up in Chattanooga. I'm a result of this community – Bar Mitzvah at B'nai Zion, President of our local BBYO chapter, Jewish summer camps (day and overnight), Hillel in college. Sure, it was a little strange at first – people who were my friends' parents (Mr. and Mrs. Siskin) now became Robert and Pris, for example. Heck, Pris was my Cub Scout leader! Just as much as I had to grow into my leadership position, the community had to equally accept me as their leader. I quickly built adult relationships with the Jewish community, lifelong Chattanoogaans and over the years, decades of newcomers.

Along these lines, I've been fortunate to help guide our community to where we are today. I started at the Federation in 1998 assisting with the fundraising and planning for the Jewish Cultural Center. (Thank you Deborah Levine and Claire Binder for the opportunity!) I fell in love immediately; passion for connecting and engaging our community. In March 2001, I became Executive Director. I helped guide the construction and opening of the JCC in 2002; instilled a culture of estate planning gifts for all of the Jewish organizations in 2007. There have been numerous mission trips to Israel, helping others also become

advocates for the Jewish State, finding their own love for Israel and Israelis. I take pride in connecting the Jewish community to Israel through our P2G partnership (Hadera) and instituting our Shaliach program over 10 years ago. Aleph Bet opened its doors in 2002 with a multitude of volunteers led by Alison Lebovitz and Monique Berke. Both of my children, Rachel and Rebecca, are Aleph Bet graduates, Rachel in its first graduating class in 2004. There is too much to list here, but some highlights are: our first in class Film and Doc series; special dinners, speakers, musicians. And your Federation continues to be at the forefront of security and the fight against anti-Semitism.

I've always felt the Federation is the perfect all-inclusive organization to bring all Jews together, regardless of affiliation and Jewish practice. I still feel this way quite passionately as you can tell. As I reflect on 50 years (with nearly half spent leading the Federation), I recognize a few things. I realized early on that the Federation is not just a job or career. For me, it's a passion, a lifestyle. I'm as much a part of the Federation as it is of me. I also recognize that change will always happen, so let's be on the forefront of that change. Let's plan for the future – what we want it to look like for our Jewish community. Remember, those who fail to plan, plan to fail.

Thank you for the opportunity to turn 50 doing what I most love to do!



FROM THE BOARD CHAIR

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It's An Honor To Begin My Term As Board Chair

For the last six years, I have proudly served on the Federation Board of Directors, and during this time I have been inspired by the dedication, compassion, and generosity of my fellow Board members, the Federation staff, and the Chattanooga community. It is an honor for me to begin a two-year term as Board Chair and to continue collaborating with our amazing Board and staff on the programs and services that have built a strong and engaged Jewish community in Chattanooga.

Since this is the start of my term, I want to share a little about my background. I'm a Jersey boy (Bruuuuce!), born and raised in northern New Jersey to Brooklyn-born parents. My dad was an electrical engineer and my mom a teacher and later a customer service manager; they now spend their winters in the warmth of south Florida. I have an older brother who is an internist in upstate New York. I proudly attended the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor

(Go Blue!) and earned a BBA degree. After college I obtained my CPA license and began my career in public accounting with Ernst & Young in New York.

On a singles' group trip touring cities in Europe, I met a very cool girl from Chicago (spoiler alert: we're married). A year later I moved to Chicago, where Beth and I continued dating, got married, and had beautiful twin girls, Rachel & Hannah, now 18. In 2011, a job opportunity brought our family to Chattanooga. We thought it would be a temporary move with an eventual return to Illinois, but our love for this city and lifestyle and the connection to the community and our friends led us to stay. We couldn't be happier with this decision. It's a reminder of how getting out of your comfort zone and taking risks in life can lead down a completely new path. In my spare time, I enjoy being outdoors, hiking, paddleboarding, running, playing tennis and pickleball, attending local sports events and concerts, and trying to win my fantasy football league.



FROM THE PROGRAM DIRECTOR

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Documentary Film Series Presents Significant Topics

I am proud of the members of the Federation's Film Committee. They spend hours screening, reviewing, and discussing films to potentially share with the community. And, with the documentary film series, they have established the reputation for bringing us films that allow for consideration and discussion of important topics. This year's Chattanooga Jewish Documentary Film Series is no exception. In fact, I think this year's Series strikes at the heart of several current topics facing our community, and all communities.

Yerusalem, The Incredible Story of Ethiopian Jewry is about Israel's handling of immigration and the integration of Ethiopian Jews into its culture. There are several questions the film made me ask myself about how the United States and other countries approach immigration. Could Israel be the democracy that shows us how to have a multicultural democracy? To have a group successfully immigrate,

does there need to be one specific commonality among the incoming population and the resident population, i.e. religion in the case of Israel? How important is it that the immigrating population is greeted with a support system that includes language development, workforce training, and cultural assimilation education?

The film *Outremont and the Hasidim* made me really consider how as a population we handle "the other," those who don't share the cultural attributes we have established. Do we have to assimilate people into our community? Are there different levels of respect to offer "other" people? What does coexist mean when one group of people refuses to acknowledge another group? Some Americans believe that our strength comes from having a diverse culture. Other Americans believe that it is important to have a monoculture with similar primary cultural and community beliefs. Does inclusion mean adopting a shared culture?

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FROM THE SOCIAL SERVICES DIRECTOR

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Acts of Kindness During Challenging Times

Like all of you, I have my good days and days that I question so much in my life. I wonder about humanity with our heated political environment and then, naturally, I wonder about this pandemic and whether we'll ever see the end of it. I worry about my family, friends, and those I work with at the Federation. I recently ended up having COVID and, thankfully, have fully recovered. I am thankful I had the vaccine and booster; perhaps this helped me have mild symptoms. This new variant, as you said, has impacted many around us.

I feel like it's becoming harder for some of us to remain optimistic as we approach two years of the pandemic. I've seen this in my own family as well. For me personally, there are a few things that help me. I really enjoy my volunteer work at the Brainerd Food Pantry. This has allowed my husband and me to get out, meet new people, and help those in need. Giving back (or volunteering) somewhere might help you too! You can consider volunteering at the Chattanooga Aquarium, a local animal clinic, shelter, or local humane society or when the weather is warmer, a community garden.

Another thing that I find very helpful is regular exercise. Some form of exercise a few times a week serves as a natural treatment against depression and anxiety and does wonders for your physical health, as we all know. Consider getting outside when you can to walk or hike. Indoor exercises are popular as well. You can always go online to find exercises you can do from home.

Lastly, and at the heart of this article about remaining optimistic is the importance of acts of kindness. Be creative with this, but act! Call your neighbor or a friend you haven't spoken with in a while and let them know you're thinking about them. Write and mail letters to friends. Bake and share goodies with others. Many of you have prepared and delivered some incredibly delectable desserts to our staff (thank you!), so I know you can bake. Offer to help people in your life who need assistance by picking up a meal or taking them flowers. Be creative; the number of kind acts available to us are endless. We all need this right now; we need kindness! And

spreading kindness that brightens someone's day will, in return, lift you up and bring you happiness.

My last tip, and it sums everything else up: we all have so much. Don't lose sight of this.



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Rob Lowe (An Honor)

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My involvement in Federation activities has been an integral part of my and my family's life in Chattanooga. Most of my lasting friendships were made through Young Jewish Leadership (YJL) Shabbat dinners and activities. As kids, my girls learned about tikkun olam by attending annual summer Philanthropy Camps, and now enjoy connecting with other Jewish teens at Jew Crew. Our family has participated in many Good Deeds Days and educational and holiday programs. We built relationships with our amazing shlichim, including being a host family for shlichah Chen Dahan. With mentoring from Federation Executive Director Michael Dzik and Board members, I've been able to develop my leadership skills, serving on the YJL, executive committee and, during the last two years, co-chairing the campaign committee. I'm excited to continue the next stage of this journey, working with the Board and Federation staff to build future leaders and engage the community.

Please reach out to me or any of our Board members as resources to support you and your families in strengthening your relationship to our Jewish community. Each year brings its own challenges, but together as a community, we will keep working to improve people's lives, which is ultimately the mission of the Federation.

SAVE THE DATE

Monday, March 1 at 8PM

TN statewide men's zoom program with special guest Dan Grunfeld. Dan's father Ernie Grunfeld was part of the famous "Ernie and Bernie Show" with the Univ. of TN basketball team. He also played in the NBA for many years. Dan himself played college basketball at Stanford and had many years of European professional basketball including several in Israel. Dan will be speaking about his new book "**By the Grace of the Game: The Holocaust, a basketball legacy, and an unprecedented American dream.**" There is no cost to attend this virtual program. Registration and zoom login information to follow.



Ann Treadwell (Film Series)

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The next documentary in the series, *Mish, Mish* made me think about how we support, or don't support, creative people. When I was a teenager, and my father was trying desperately to find common ground with my strong creative and artistic nature, he would often point to Walt Disney as someone I should emulate. After all, Disney could be creative and make money by establishing a business that people love. *Mish, Mish* will make you smile and laugh and likely make you wish that the lives of the brothers in the film had turned out differently.

The fourth film in the Doc Series, *The Legacy of Aristides*, and the recent hostage incident in Texas have made me think about how we as a community can work with non-Jews in a way that they will feel a moral obligation to take action to protect members of the Jewish community.

Want to discuss a specific film? Email me: atreadwell@jewishchattanooga.com. If a number of us want to discuss a film, we can meet via Zoom or in person for coffee or tea. Or email me if you have a comment for the committee.

To purchase your subscription to the Doc Series, go to the Chattanooga Jewish Documentary Film Series tab at www.jewishchattanooga.com. Select a \$36 subscription or \$12 for an individual film. Due to the Jewish Cultural Center's renovation and COVID concerns, all films will all be virtual. You will be emailed a link on the day the film is available. You can then watch the documentary at your convenience starting at noon on Tuesday through noon on Friday.

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Condolences

We are sad to announce the passing of

David Eli Steinberg - on Dec. 29, 2021. He is survived by his wife of 68 years, Peggy Salomon Steinberg; son, John W. Steinberg (Victoria S. Steinberg) of Chattanooga; daughter, Ellen S. Moses (Graham Moses); grandchildren, Hannah E. Steinberg, Aaron W. Steinberg, William G. Moses (Ashley Moses), and Emily Boskoff (Ben Boskoff); and great granddaughter, Aliza Beatrice Moses.

Jan Fay - on Cortez, Fla., on Jan. 1. He is survived by his wife, Carolyn Fay; daughter, Allison Fay of Knoxville; sons, Preston Fay (Kim Fay) of Charlotte, N.C., and Steven Fay (Ulrika Fay) of Cape Coral, Fla. He was the brother of Gail Fay Dressler (Stanley Dressler) of Chattanooga, and a cousin of Monte Millen and Sondra Brody.

Alvin D. Hodes - on Jan. 13. He was preceded in death by his wife, Elizabeth (Liz) Hodes. He is survived by his son, Andy Hodes; daughter, Leslie Swichkow (Ron Swichkow); grandchildren, Erin Cooper (Seth Cooper), Brian Swichkow (Chantle Swichkow), Micah Hodes, and Jonah Hodes; and great-grandchildren, Ellie Cooper and Avery Cooper.

Shelton Goldblatt - on Jan. 18. He was preceded in death by his wife, Susan Goldblatt. He is survived by his sons, Ethan Goldblatt and (Michael) Taylor Goldblatt; and sister, Debra Goldblatt.

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Federation Annual Meeting on January 25 at Mizpah Congregation



Tribute

A special donation has been made to the Jewish Federation in honor of Michael Dzik's 50th birthday by the entire Federation staff



Mazal Tov!

To parents, Michael Schulson and Emma Green, and two-year-old Jethro Schulson, on the birth of Lev Theodore Schulson on Dec. 23, 2021, in New York City. Lev's local grandparents are Rachel and Henry Schulson.

To Jessica Layne Kodsí, who was named a 2022 YoungArts Finalist in Voice/Classical, the organization's highest honor. As a Finalist, Kodsí participated in YoungArts Week+ in January, featuring virtual classes, workshops, and mentorship from leading artists in her field. At press time, Jessica was set to perform for the public at a virtual performance at the culmination of YoungArts Week+ on Jan. 29. Kodsí is eligible to be nominated to become a U.S Presidential Scholar in the Arts, one of the highest honors given to high school seniors. To learn more about Jessica's accomplishments, visit youngarts.org.





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America the Beautiful!

I came back from the best trip ever, and I want to tell you all about it.

But before we go there, I want to tell you about another trip. Forty-seven years ago, in 1975, my paternal grandparents, Sarah and Meir, took my 15-year-old father and his younger sister, Dalit, on a two-month-long road trip touring the United States.

There were no cell phones, no GPS devices, and they had very little money and no decent way to exchange their Israeli lira (Israeli pounds) into dollars to bring with them from Israel. At that time, people were not allowed to take dollars out of Israel for travel, so my grandpa had to overcome those restrictions. My grandad saved \$2,000, got plane tickets, and the newest guide book, America for Israelis by Varda Yael – and off they went.

The four started the trip in New York City, visiting a relative. They rented a car and started driving. By the end of the trip, they completed a full circle of the U.S. map. They left NYC, drove all the way to the West Coast, back east to Miami and Key West and back to NYC. They stopped at Niagara Falls, Detroit, Mount Rushmore National Memorial, several national parks, such as Yellowstone, Yosemite, Zion, Bryce Canyon, Grand Canyon, Joshua Tree, and the Smoky Mountains. They visited San Francisco, Houston, New Orleans, Key West, Washington DC, and even more. My dad tells me it was a trip of a lifetime. They saw the amazing views, and drove a large, old American car with a cooler between them in the back seat. They navigated the entire trip using the book they got in advance and the big road map and managed to take the wrong way only once or twice.

Isn't that amazing? A really unique story for the late 1970's. I'm not really sure why, but from some reason, I barely heard of this trip growing up. I mean, I knew it happened, but I only heard the most interesting stories about it recently from my dad.

Now we're finally getting to talk about our most recent trip.

Some of you already know that I've been blessed with an amazing family. How amazing? They came to see me in the U.S. twice in one year during a worldwide pandemic. For this trip, both of my parents, joined by my younger brother, Ori, arrived in New York right before Israel declared the U.S. as a "red country", meaning that people won't be allowed to travel there due to the number of Covid-19 cases.

After making it safely and spending a few freezing days in NYC, we all met in Las Vegas.. It was such an exciting reunion, even though I visited Israel not too

long ago. We rented a car and drove off to the Grand Canyon National Park, where we stayed for a few days. Then, a huge snowstorm started in the entire area that we were supposed to visit, and we had to change our plans. It was a little stressful at first, but somehow, we managed to stay calm and adjust to the changes – we can't control the weather!

We ended up going to six national parks in two weeks! The views were breathtaking. The snow has stopped falling after a few days and the sun came out. Everything looked white and magical. And the best part – we spent a lot of time together, and it was great. We laughed a lot, heard stories, ate some good food and watched movies. Real quality family time. We were missing my older sisters who couldn't join us this time, and I was a little apprehensive about it in the first place, but everything worked out just great.

America is so beautiful, interesting and full of colors, cultures, history and interesting people. In 2022, I wish all of us lots of traveling and exploring of new places – far away or right around the corner. I would love to travel around Chattanooga with you and hear all about your travels!





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February 15 - 18: *Yerusalem, The Incredible Story of Ethiopian Jewry* For 2500 years, the Jews of Ethiopia believed that they were the last Jews on Earth. Deeply connected to their faith, Yerusalem brings to life the long, dramatic and tumultuous journey of this community as they finally find their way back to the heart of the Jewish people, Jerusalem. Hebrew, Ethiopian, subtitles 90 minutes

February 22-25: *Mish Mish* In a basement near Paris a treasure - trove of Egyptian animated films has been found. The films show the work of the Arab world's pioneers in this genre, the Frenkel brothers: three exceptional young film - makers, creators of Mish-Mish Effendi, the Mickey Mouse of the entire region, which disappeared from Egyptian screens when the State of Israel was created. English, Hebrew, French, subtitles 74 minutes



March 1- 4: *Outremont and the Hasidim* The challenges of accommodating the "Hasidim", or ultra-Orthodox Jews, in the affluent Montréal borough of Outremont highlight the need for relationship building. After settling there more than 70 years ago, the Hasidim are a rapidly growing minority group which today represents about 23% of Outremont's population. The growing presence of the Hasidim and their believed refusal to integrate causes distrust and fear. English, French, Yiddish, subtitles 53 minutes

March 8 - 11: *The Legacy of Aristides* In June 1940 in Bordeaux, France Aristides de Sousa Mendes saved tens of thousands of Jews and non-Jews by issuing them visas for Portugal. As the Portuguese consul to France in the early years of the Second World War, Sousa Mendes found himself continually more restricted by the policies of Portugal's prime minister, who had assumed a position of neutrality in his desire not to offend Hitler. French, subtitles 72 minutes



All films will screen virtually for 72 hours beginning at noon the day listed (Tuesdays) and ending at noon 72 hours later (Friday). Scheduled discussions about the film will take place virtually at 7:00 p.m. on the Thursday of that film's screening. Virtual screenings must be pre-paid in advance by visiting www.jewishchattanooga.com; you will receive the login code the morning of the screening and a Zoom code for discussions, if any, on Thursday. **Subscription for all films \$36. \$12 one film at a time.**

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Great Decisions participants read from a book issued annually by the Foreign Policy Association, watch a companion video on each of the eight topics, and meet to discuss the most critical global issues facing us today. The first Great Decisions group was launched in Portland, Ore. in 1954. It was formed at the Chattanooga JCC in the 1960s by Joy Adams. In the 2000s our Jewish Cultural Center changed the model to a dinner program, and with the pandemic the program has become virtual.

*As we move forward, we feel it is time to evaluate the program. Please answer the following survey questions and email your answers to **Ann Treadwell, Program Director** at atreadwell@jewishchattanooga.com. We appreciate your input!*

Have you participated in Foreign Policy Supper Club within the past two years? ___ yes ___no

If not, would you be interested in participating in the future? ___yes ___no

Would you prefer to participate: ___ virtually ___ in person ___ either

At what time of day would you prefer to participate? ___ 10 a.m. ___ Noon ___ 3 p.m. ___ 6p.m.

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Weddings
Individual Hebrew teaching for children
Zoom, Temple Livestreaming and Facebook Live
Bar / Bat Mitzvah training

Please check with Temple Administrator Angela Rickert for details and read our Weekly Email Announcements

Super Bowl 2022

Mizpah, Feinstein Hall
Feb. 13 at 5:00 p.m.
Contact Mark Shapiro
for information.



Federation Caregiver's Support Group

See page 10 for more information on the Caregiver's Support Group that meets every Wednesday at Mizpah. ONLY via ZOOM.



Purim Carnival

March 20
Stay Tuned for Details!

Bon Voyage!

Jan and David Suhrbier are moving! We wish them all the best! Jan serves on the Mizpah Board, and both she and David will be missed. California – near Fresno – is their new home. Mazal Tov!

Welcome!

NEW MEMBERS

Mizpah Welcomes New Members:

Erin Lopez
Megan Loewenthal
Lawrence McDermott

TORAH STUDY

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

Join Rabbi Lewis for Torah Study. We read portions of the parsha from Plaut Commentary and other chumashim. ZOOM LINK included in our bi-weekly email announcements

MIZPAH Ongoing and Special Activities

*Please attend your favorite Mizpah activity
We offer in-person and virtually everything
you've come to expect*

- Sundays:** Machanooga 9:30 a.m.
Wednesdays: 7:30 a.m. Morning Mussar
(contact Rabbi Lewis)
1:30 p.m. Federation Caregivers
Support Group ONLY via ZOOM
Thursdays: 6:30 p.m. Adult B'nai Mizpah Classes
Fridays: Kabbalat Shabbat services 6:00 p.m.
Saturdays: 9:00 a.m. Torah Study
11:00 a.m. Shabbat worship services

February 19th Bat Mitzvah Mia Val 10:30 a.m.

For Details: www.MizpahCongregation.org

Shabbat Learner's Service

Hebrew students' preparation for Bar or Bat Mitzvah! Held in conjunction with our regular Shabbat worship services.



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BZ SUPER BOWL PARTY

JOIN US
FEBRUARY 13,
2022

PARTY: 5:00 PM
SUPER BOWL:
6:00 PM

Contact Mark Shapiro or The BZ Office to buy a square on our board and to make a reservation to attend our Super Bowl Party at Mizpah's Feinstein Hall. There will be good food, good company and a super large screen to watch Super Bowl LVI

Scan Here to buy a square(s)!

Each month we explore a different topic core to Jewish tradition. During February, our topic is Abortion: Classic texts and Jewish Perspectives.

Zoom ID:
Meeting ID: 845 0521 2418

For New and Prospective Members:

A TASTE OF BZ

Social Gathering and Wine Tasting with Imbibe!
Tuesday, February 22
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm
At a Private Residence

Email the office or scan here to R.S.V.P.

B'nai Zion Schedule

(For any covid related changes please see our BZ weekly email)

Morning Shabbat Services at 9:45 am at Mizpah Congregation in Ochs Memorial Temple for vaccinated adults and children. Masks required. Services will also be accessible via zoom. Kabbalat Shabbat, Friday's at 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm via Zoom.

F E B R U A R Y	13	BZ SUPER BOWL PARTY, 5:00 PM
	18	Jammies & Jeans, 5:30 PM
	20	FOREST FUN CENTER, 10:00 AM
	22	TASTE OF BZ, 6:00 PM
	25	HOME HOSTED SHABBAT, 6:00 PM

Ashwood Kabbalat Shabbat - February 11 at 6:00 PM
Machanooga - February 6, 13 & 27 at 9:30 AM
BSI - February 2, 9, 16 & 23 at 4:30 PM

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MAHJONG CIRCLE

Every Wednesday at 6 pm

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Men and women invited!

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**Judy Sachsman,
President of Chattanooga
Chapter of Hadassah**

Celebrate Purim

with Hadassah Chattanooga



**Sunday, March 13, 2022
2:00PM on Zoom**

Join us for this free, virtual event combining Jewish learning with a Hamantaschen bake-a-long



With Special Guests:

Rabbi Keilah Lebell discussing "The Women of Purim"

Susan Wolf-Schwartz, Hadassah Chattanooga Life Member & member of Mizpah Congregation, hosting the bake-a-long



A list of ingredients will be sent to those who register.

This event is open to everyone!

Register: <https://hadassahsupersouth.org/CelebratePurim>

Start saving extra toiletries and food for the annual donations. Collection bins and boxes will be at the re-opened JCC from April 28-May 8. The Brainerd Food Pantry (part of Chattanooga Food Bank) and Room In the Inn will be the designated recipients for this annual event.

Support of the Hadassah Medical Organization enhances the health and lives of people in Israel, the United States, and worldwide through medical care and research. For instance, the transformation of Hadassah's iconic Round Building has been underway for two years. When the Pandemic hit, parts of the building were converted into ICUs where countless lives were saved. Despite that interruption, 360 of Healing, The Full Circle Campaign, continued with a new Dialysis Unit, several nursing control stations, and rooms for over 200 new patient beds. Fortified Safe Rooms on every floor will protect patients and staff against earthquakes, terror attacks, and other disruptions.

JNF TREE OR WATER CERTIFICATES

Anyone who missed the early Tu B'Shevat holiday and forgot to order JNF tree or water certificates, it's never too late. In fact, Millie Lander will take your requests all year long. Certificates start at \$18 for both trees and water.

Simply mail your request and check to Millie at 4118 Cherryton Dr., Chattanooga, TN 37411.



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 Judea 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 (\$1,000/year)**
- Chai Keepers (\$1,800/year)**
- New Silver Keepers (\$2,500/year)**
- Golden Keepers (\$5,000/year)**

Those who are already Annual Givers should consider increasing donations or stepping up to the next level. Contact Dana Waxler at dwaxler@hadassah.org.

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

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cancellations and changes in our:

- Weekly Community Email
- Federation Facebook Page
(Jewish Federation of Greater Chattanooga)
- Federation Website
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**QUESTIONS? Call us!
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