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FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



Summer Events

We're back and we're open! It has been wonderful to see so many people in person at the

refreshed JCC. Our new furniture will be here in a few weeks, creating an even more fun and inviting space to use and visit. And speaking of being in person... here are highlights of a few summer opportunities I hope you'll take advantage of.

First – what I believe is the highlight of the summer – our Newish & Jewish Trivia Brunch. This event on July 17 is open to everyone, not just new folks, in the community. We'll have a delicious brunch, along with fun and unique local trivia. Most importantly, new families will meet other new families as well as long-time Chattanooga families. The Federation takes great pride in being a resource in building Jewish community. This is a perfect opportunity to meet and connect with new and old friends.

This summer we are bringing back monthly luncheons and dinners, both with a speaker or program along with the meal. We've also planned several "What's Up!" events that will include casual opportunities to get together for coffee and desserts and to talk about local current events and happenings.

Music and the arts will also remain a theme this summer with the Scenic City Chorale on Sunday, June 12 and the annual 4th of July picnic with River Moon Express (Country/Southern Rock). The Jewish Film Series begins the week of July 17 with a special FREE screening of *Image of Victory*. The sponsor event and the entire series begins in August. And the summer would not be complete without the Rolling Stones – actually, the Jewish Rolling Stones. The Jewish comedy duo and twins, Adam and Todd Stone, will be "rolling" into town for the Jewish Federation's Annual Campaign Kickoff on Sunday, August 28.

We'll also have the opportunity to say thank you and l'hitraot to Inbal Lev, our amazing shlicha for the past two years. But don't worry – the shlichut program continues as we welcome Adva Kasay before the high holidays.

Looking for connections? Ready to be back in person? Want to show off our Southern hospitality by welcoming new families? How about some live music? Maybe you're ready for some movies and popcorn? This issue of the Shofar has all of these programs listed throughout. Mark your calendars now for all of your favorites! Your Jewish Federation and Jewish Cultural Center is the place to be.

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FROM THE BOARD CHAIR

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Shaping Values and Jewish identity

I find that family milestones are always a good time for reflection.

Our twin daughters, Rachel and Hannah, are graduating from high school and heading off to college soon. I couldn't be prouder of each for their accomplishments and the kind, empathetic young women they've become as they now move on to a new stage of life. I can't wait to see where life takes them.

I take pride in knowing the huge impact the Jewish Federation has had in shaping their values and Jewish identity in the 11 years since our family moved from Illinois to Chattanooga. Our first family friends in Chattanooga were the Cathcarts (Vicki was Aleph Bet Director and Jason the Education Director at B'nai Zion) and the Dziks, so our family was immediately welcomed into the Chattanooga Jewish community.

Our daughters attended Machanooga, formerly CJCRS, where they continued their Jewish education and made Jewish friends. It was very important to us that they continued to have those Jewish connections, knowing they would not be there in their public school. Both girls then worked as madrichim (teachers' aides), passing along to the younger kids their joy for Jewish learning. Each summer through middle school, Rachel and Hannah participated in Federation-run Philanthropy and Tikkun Olam Camps, where they worked on various service projects, learning the importance of collaborating to help others. I loved seeing the model "Care Town" the kids put together to illustrate the inner workings of a community. This terrific program was wonderfully led by the mayor of Care Town, the tireless Ann Treadwell.

The girls were fortunate to spend six summers at their happy place in Clayton, Ga., Camp Ramah Darom. They learned many new skills, continued their Jewish education, made lifetime friends, and simply had the best time of their lives. Last summer after spending ten days in Clayton to make up for her Gesher summer lost to the pandemic, Rachel took advantage of an incredible opportunity to go on Ramah Israel Seminar, experiencing Israel for the first time with over 300 Ramahniks from across North America.

Our family is incredibly thankful for the Federation program that offers grants to assist with camp fees, making these opportunities more affordable.

Throughout high school the girls loved being part of the Jew Crew, having fun, learning, and bonding with other local Jewish teens. We're so grateful to Alison Lebovitz and Andy Hodes for leading, planning and executing such meaningful and fun programs. Rachel and Hannah have been fortunate to build strong relationships with several of our amazing Israeli shlichim, who have become family. Rachel was so thrilled to spend time with Noa, Chen, and Inbal while in Israel. There are so many other Federationsponsored programs — Good Deeds Days, Yom Ha'atzmaut, and community Hanukkah parties, to name a few — that have become family memories over the years.

The Jewish Federation has touched and supported development, our children's education, and engagement with the community. I'm confident their involvement with Federation will continue as they move into young adulthood and for years to come. One reason I'm so inspired to stay involved and to provide financial support is that we want other families to have the same opportunities.

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FROM THE PROGRAM DIRECTOR



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Fasten Your Seatbelts

Summer brings back a lot of fond memories of journeys for me. I remember annually being loaded into the

family turquoise and chrome Ford Mercury station wagon for the long drive from New York to my grandparents' home in Ohio.

We always stopped at dawn for breakfast at the same diner in New Jersey. Car air conditioning hadn't been invented yet, so an early morning departure was necessary. And seatbelts weren't yet part of the journey. My mother did not go on these trips, and my father occasionally let me, the oldest, sit with him on the front bench seat to keep him awake.

Sometimes we watched and counted state license plates, sometimes my sisters played with their toys and stuffed animals, and I drew in my sketchbook. We ate the lunch, packed the night before, of peanut butter and jelly sandwiches, potato chips, and water. Usually we participated in typical sibling torture until my father would pull over for ice cream at Howard Johnson's.

Hours later, halfway through the trip, we would stay overnight at a Holiday Inn with a swimming pool. My father would relax as we swam, praying that we would be so exhausted that sleep would come quickly. We always had a semi-formal dinner at the hotel. We had to wear sun dresses and talk with strangers. It was always a learning time. People had such interesting stories and jobs. Our summer journey at the Jewish Cultural Center is ready to begin. Yes, you need to fasten your seatbelts and remember the journey will only be as rewarding as the extent of your participation. An evening coffee with dessert, a lunch program complete with a door prize, and a dinner will be offered each month. There will be live music two out of the three summer months. The Independence Day Celebration picnic will move back indoors. Foreign Policy Supper Club will start its new season. When possible we will have technology to stream many of the activities. The Chattanooga Jewish Film Series will offer a special free 15th Anniversary screening in July and then begin its season in August. Did I mention that Alice Goss-Morgan will be creating awesome food dishes? Inbal Lev, our shlicha, will be sharing stories of Jewish identity during her summer programming. And we will be sending her back to Israel with a fond farewell party.

But, that's not all. How many times have I heard long-time community members say "I don't know many people in this room?" Often! This summer we have created a few opportunities to get the know the "newish and Jewish" members of the greater Federation community. Toast and Trivia, Independence Day, and the Chattanooga Jewish Film Series Sponsor Event are among them. Don't let this opportunity to journey to the Jewish Cultural Center pass you by.





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My Last Shofar Article

This is so weird. I have the feeling that everyone who takes on the

schicha position says that time flies, and it is the truth. It almost feels like it was a minute ago when I arrived in Chattanooga, confused and not so self-confident. I didn't know what to expect or how my life was going to look. Was I ever going to feel at home in this new place? And here we are today, as I'm starting to say goodbye. It doesn't *feel* like home; it *is* home.

Around this time two years ago, during the first COVID-19 lockdown, I was deciding whether or not I should give up on the shlichim program and begin engineering school. It wasn't an easy decision at the time. Everything was so unclear. Looking back, I know with all my heart that I made the best decision. Choosing not once but, due to Covid, twice to go on shlichut, was the best decision of my life.

I don't know how to start summarizing my time in Chattanooga. And it might be a little too early because I am going to be here all summer. However it feels like the right time because there won't be another *Shofar* before I go, making this article my last. I have already had some other "last times" – last Machanooga, last Hebrew School classes, last Jew Crew.

I was fortunate to be born and raised in the same house that I lived in my entire life. The biggest moves I went through were between different bedrooms. Going away to my gap year or army service didn't feel like moving out. I came back to my home every week or two. No other place has ever been *home* for me. But then, I took two (large) suitcases and got on a plane across the ocean, to go to a place that no one had basically heard of before! I needed it to feel like home in order to be able to be good at the job I intended to do. Thanks to Michael Dzik, Ann Treadwell, the Jewish Federation staff, and our amazing Jewish community, this place has become my home. Not a second one, just home... as simple as that.

This feeling allowed me to learn, evolve and bloom here. I'm leaving my home soon, and I will work to find myself another one, back in Israel. I'm leaving my Chattanooga home and Chattanooga family as a new person, more mature, more on point, knowing myself better and knowing more of what's good for me. I know so much more about the world. I learned the real meaning of community and the different relationships I can have with people in my life. I know much more about Judaism and our history.

I am one lucky girl. I got to join the greatest community in the world, and it took me in at the craziest time. And I will forever be grateful. Chattanooga is such a great city, with the best views and attractions, but I think from my experience, its real secret is the people.

It's not a goodbye. Not yet. Please come see me in my last few Israel programs this summer and let's find time to get together. One-on-one or in small or larger groups, we could go on a hike, get coffee, ice cream, or a meal. It could be our first time getting together, or maybe we cannot count how many times we've met. We can talk about Israel, Chattanooga, or just about life, but please, let's get together before I leave (until my next visit!).

Please join me on Monday, Aug. 8 at 5:30 p.m., at the JCC for my farewell party. I'd love to see as many of you as I can to say good-bye.



FROM THE SOCIAL SERVICES DIRECTOR



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Thank You for the Warm Welcome!

First, thank you all for your warm welcome. I have been blown away by the calls and visits to welcome me to the

Jewish Federation as the new Social Services Director. My first three weeks have been filled with visits to meet some of you, lots of phone calls, and learning the ins and outs of my new role. Once I get past all the required learning, I look forward to getting out into the community and meeting with you all. Until then, I will share a few things about myself.

My husband and I moved to Chattanooga this past December after exploring a bit following my husband's retirement from the Marine Corps. Our military life has taken us to Florida - twice, Texas, North Carolina, South Korea, and, most recently, Washington State, in a suburb of Seattle. We chose to retire in Tennessee and spend our free time seeing the beauty and excitement of our new home state.

I have worked in various roles over the past 20+ years in the mental health field, as well as some other jobs that have nothing to do with mental health, including but not limited to, teaching preschool, being a

Mazal Tou!

...to Cori and Aaron Cohen on the birth of their son, Nathan Maverick Cohen, on April 22.

...to Connor McJunkin, son of Federation Office Manager Annette McJunkin and her husband Ken, brother of Kennedy, on graduating from Tennessee Wesleyan University with a Bachelor's Degree in Business Marketing.

...to Taylor Morgan, daughter of Federation Kitchen Supervisor Alice Goss-Morgan and sister of AJ, on graduating from MTSU with a Bachelor's Degree in Science. personal cook for two families, and being an English tutor to a Korean businessman. I have also held a myriad of volunteer positions in my local communities.

We have four children: Our oldest son is married and serving in the Marine Corps in California, our middle son is near completion of tech school in Arizona to become a certified BMW technician, and our youngest son and only daughter are in high school here with us in Chattanooga. We also have a nine-year-old rescue dog who is spoiled by us all.

There are so many upcoming and ongoing things that I look forward to being a part of: Mitzvah Meal Delivery, restarting the Caregiver Support Group this summer, reviewing the "Handy Helper" program, the Emergency Food and Shelter Program (EFSP), working with Ann Treadwell to offer the next installment of Tech Goes Home, partnering with the Brainerd Community Food Pantry, and of course, meeting with community members to help with Medicare Part D season from Oct 15 to Dec 7...whew! I say all this with full disclosure that I am still learning about all of this. Thank you for your support!

BAT MITZVAH



Maddie Gabelman will become a Bat Mitzvah on July 9, at 10:30 a.m. at Mizpah Congregation. Maddie, 12, is a seventh grader at Ivy Academy. Her parents are Tracie and Matthew Gabelman. She has one sister, Mollie, 14.

Maddie loves cheerleading, gymnastics, animal caretaking, drawing, and baking. She is a natural volunteer, always looking for ways to help others. Maddie enjoys working with kids and animals and finding ways to make her community a better place. She believes that "becoming a Bat Mitzvah means honoring God and becoming an adult in the Jewish community."

Condolences

We are sad to announce the passing of...

...Rabbi Lloyd Goldman, who died on May 11, in Beachwood, Ohio. Rabbi Goldman served Mizpah Congregation from 1966 until 1983. He was preceded in death by his first wife, Sue Goldman, for whom Mizpah's Sue Goldman Lecture Series (now the Goldman-Moses Lecture Series) was named and by his brother, James Goldman. He is survived by his wife, Bernice Draisen Goldman; sons, Joel Goldman, Roger Goldman, Richard (Miranda) Shuman, and Elliot (Alicia) Shuman; and grandchildren, Rebecca, Andrew, Brice, and Layla.

JEW CREW

SHALOM SENIORS!

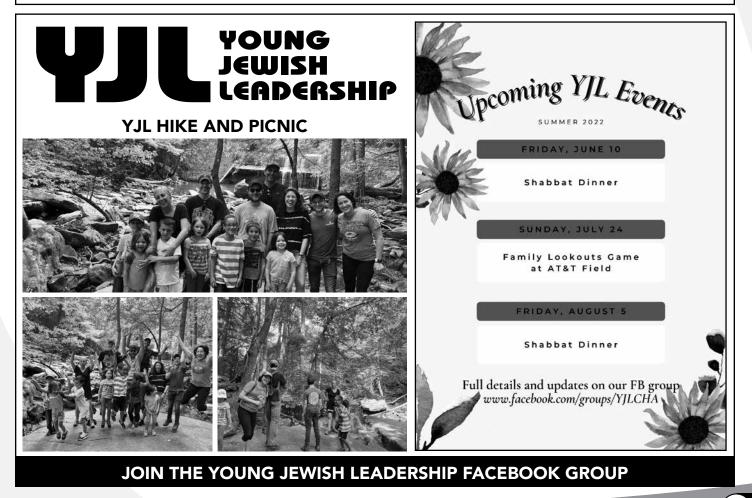
The Jew Crew ended its year with a bang...or, rather, a splatter. We celebrated the end of an awesome year with a paint party at Pinspiration, making splatterpainted masterpieces and cool custom coasters. We said shalom to our spectacular seniors – Levi Lebovitz, Hannah Lowe, Rachel Lowe, Hannah Levin, Sam Levine, and Charlie Griffin (a McCallie boarding student from Atlanta) – and to our super shlicha, Inbal Lev.

As we shared our highlights of the year, we also discussed the incredibly special bonds the Jew Crew forms over the years and how much we look forward to welcoming the newest Crew members at our opening program in August. Have a great summer!

L'hitraot,

Alison Lebovitz and Andy Hodes Jew Crew Advisors





JUNE EVENTS



WHAT'S UP? LOCAL TOPICS

June 2, 7 pm No cost to attend Register: jewishchattanooga.com This program will also be available virtually.

Topic: Conversation with Jennifer Crutchfield of the National Park Partners About the Rosenwald Project in Chattanooga

Chattanooga had eight (8) Rosenwald Schools and people connected to those schools are invited to share their memories, photographs, and stories. Eight Rosenwald Schools were built in the Chattanooga area, including Bakewell, Booker T. Washington, Chickamauga, Georgetown, Hixson, Roland W. Hayes, Summit and Washington School.

COMMUNITY INVITED TO FREE CONCERT Jewish Cultural Center, June 12, 3pm

Scenic City Chorale will perform on Sunday, June 12, at 3:00 p.m. at the Jewish Cultural Center with refreshments to follow. There is no cost for this event, but please use the RSVP tab at jewishchattanooga.com.

Scenic City Chorale is an all-volunteer organization of (mostly) retired people who love music, and especially love to sing. The 60-member choir meets weekly to rehearse, and performs throughout the greater Chattanooga and North Georgia areas.

Ron Starnes is Music Director. Bobbie Howell is Chorale Manager and Music Librarian. Accompanists are Freda Hart, Nancy Teague, and Gene Wolfe. Teague also serves as Assistant Director.

Some of the pieces to be included on the June 12 program are: May You Always - Love Is a Many Splendored Thing - Elijah Rock -Peace (with text by Karen Diamond)

Hine Ma Tov - Al Shlosha D'Varim - Hallelujah, Amen from "Judas Maccabaeus"

Patriotic pieces, including:

America - Sing the Stars and Stripes - From Sea to Shining Sea (paraphrased by Maurice C. Whitney)

> This should be a great event! We look forward to seeing you there.





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FOREIGN POLICY SUPPER CLUB

All events will start with dinner at 6:00 p.m., followed by a video and discussion. The cost of dinner is \$12.00. Registration is required through the Federation website, jewishchattanooga.com. Following registration, participants will receive links to the readings. Due to staffing shortages at the Foreign Policy Association, the format of the videos has been changed this vear to a Master Class format.

Monday, June 13, 6pm: Changing Demographics in the World

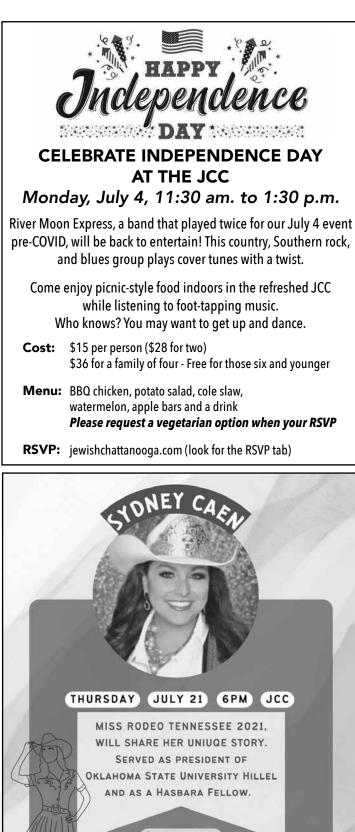
The world experienced remarkable demographic changes in the 20th century that continue today and have resulted in far-reaching social, economic, political, and environmental consequences all



over the globe. These consequences are creating mounting challenges to development efforts, security, the environment, as well as the sustainability of human populations.



JULY EVENTS



\$12 DINNER RSVP AT JEWISHCHATTANOOGA.COM

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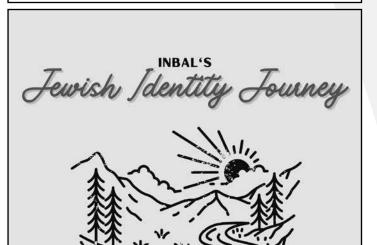
All events will start with dinner at 6:00 p.m., followed by a video and discussion. The cost of dinner is \$12.00. Registration is required through the Federation website, jewishchattanooga.com.

Monday, July 11, 6pm: Outer Space Policy

The launch of Sputnik 1 in October 1957 marked the beginning of the space era and of the space race between the United States and the Soviet Union. In the 21st century, there are many more



participants in space, including countries such as India and China, and commercial companies, such as SpaceX. How will the United States fare in a crowded outer space?



THURSDAY, JULY 28 NOON AT THE JCC \$10 Lunch RSVP at JewishChattanooga.com

Right before she goes back to Israel, come hear from our Shlicha, Inbal Lev, about her Jewish identity journey before and during her shlichut.

AUGUST EVENTS



FOREIGN POLICY SUPPER CLUB

All events will start with dinner at 6:00 p.m., followed by a video and discussion. The cost of dinner is \$12.00. Registration is required through the Federation website, jewishchattanooga.com.

Monday, Aug. 1: The Renewed Climate Change Agenda

The ideological divide in the United States on the subject of climate change has impeded progress in curbing greenhouse emissions. But extreme weather events at both ends of the thermometer have focused attention on the consequences of inaction. What role will the United States play in future negotiations on climate?



JEWISH FEDERATION ANNUAL CAMPAIGN KICK-OFF TO FEATURE RECEPTION, COMEDY DUO Sunday, Aug. 28

The Annual Campaign Kick-off will begin with a 6:00 p.m. reception dinner-quality of hors d'oeuvres and cocktails.



At 7:00 p.m. The Stone Brothers, a comedy

duo from New York City, will take the stage. Twins Adam and Todd Stone have performed in many of the most prestigious comedy clubs in the United States, including Carolines on Broadway, Gotham Comedy Club, The Laugh Factory, New York Friars' Club, Stand-Up NY, and the Upright Citizens Brigade Theatre. They are both members of the New York Friars' Club.



There is no cost to attend. You will have the 2023 Annual Campaign. Please register at jewishchattanooga.com.



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Coffee and Dessert 7 pm No cost to attend Register: jewishchattanooga.com

Join Kristina Shaneyfelt and Lisa Lemza for a presentation about GreenGrace a local project for interfaith congregations based in the concept of GreenFaith. Grace Episcopal Church, a Jewish Cultural Center neighbor, is now a certified arboretum and part of GreenFaith. GreenFaith is one of the oldest religiousenvironmental organizations in the U.S.



AUGUST 11 NOON NOSH Lunch \$12 Register: jewishchattanooga.com

Topic: The Many Hats of the Social Services Director Come see how she weaves wearing a hard hat, drivers hat, baseball cap, fascinator and others into her job.

Lorri Lipski, Social Service Director

New to the Federation, Lorri has a background in case management, having worked for the Volunteer Behavioral Health Care System, Maple Valley Food Bank and Emergency Services, and Sound Mental Health in Tennessee and Washington respectively.

Ready To Travel? Visit Israel!

Your Jewish Federation is looking at offering a 10-day trip to Israel in either March or April 2023 in honor of Israel's 75th anniversary. Initial cost estimates are \$5,000 per person plus airfare. Costs include all ground transportation, guide(s), hotels, most meals, entrance fees and most tips. Subsidies available through the Federation.

Sites will include some of the "usual" but also many unexpected stops. See a Federation project at work, plant your own tree in Israel...and more! We will also have a special visit to our P2G family in Hadera. This tour will be designed for participants of all ages and abilities but recommended for teens and older.

We will hold an informational meeting this summer. Add your name to the "interested" list so we can be sure to invite you. You won't want to miss the chance to see Israel off the beaten path!



Interested in Visiting the Jewish Museum of the South in New Orleans?

We are thinking of putting together a trip from Sunday morning to Tuesday evening either early this November or next March to see the new museum.

We also may visit some Jewish communities along the way.

Please contact Ann Treadwell at Atreadwelll@jewishchattnooga.com if you are interested.



Welcome Rebecca McDonald New Director of Aleph Bet Children's Center

Rebecca has a Bachelor's of Science in Child Health and a Masters in Child Development. She is a Certified Professional Life Coach, working with teachers, administrators, parents and children in Social-Emotional Learning skills. Rebecca is also a Certified PLC (Professional Learning Communities) facilitator as well as a Georgia CASA, Court Appointed



Special Advocate, for foster kids. Currently, she is working towards a Child Mental Health Certification. Rebecca's passion is seeing the success of all children!

Rebecca has worked in Early Childhood Education for 28 years as a teacher, then director, and most recently a State of Georgia consultant supporting teachers, directors, principals, parents and children in their schools and programs. She was born in Sarnia, Ontario, Canada, and has lived in multiple provinces in Canada as well as many places around the United States. She most recently has been living in Atlanta, but Covid brought her to Ringgold, much closer to her family (She is the oldest of 13 children!). Rebecca has two grown children – Obadiah (age 28) and Éowyn (age 27) as well as her 11-year-old Pomeranian-Chihuahua, Aethen.

In her free time, Rebecca enjoys painting (mixed media), gardening, reading, writing and spending time with family. She describes herself as a "nerd"; loves to learn all about the brain and how it works. She truly believes in life-long learning! There is no doubt that Rebecca's love for learning (and teaching) and all of her skills will be an incredible asset to Aleph Bet and to the entire Federation community.

> You can welcome Rebecca to the Aleph Bet and Federation Family at alephbet@jewishchattanooga.com or 423-893-5486



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Aleph Bet Graduates

Aleph Bet graduates were asked: What would you like to do when you are older? Here are their answers:





To be a vet doctor and a mommy.



To be a firefighter.



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Graduates 2022



Jessica Kodsi - Interlochen Arts Academy in Interlochen, Michigan

Jessica is the daughter of Drs. Matt and Angela Kodsi; she has an older brother Devin (20). Jessica is the granddaughter of Alice and Jimmy Benson of Clayton, NC and Marilee and Joe Kodsi of Signal Mountain. At Interlochen, Jessica has been involved in the Choir and Chamber Singers, a Peer Advisor, a member of the Quiz Bowl and on the Wellness Team. She is a YoungArts award winner as well as a semi-finalist for the US Presidential Scholar for the Arts. Jessica plans on attending the Eastman School of Music in New York this fall, majoring in both Voice and Psychology.

Levi Lebovitz - McCallie School (Co-Valedictorian)

Levi is the youngest son of Alison and Alan Lebovitz. His brothers are Arthur and Abe Lebovitz. He is a grandson of Charles and Betty Lebovitz of Chattanooga, the late Amelia Allen and Owen Allen of Chattanooga, and Milton and Arlene Goldstein of Birmingham, Ala.

At McCallie, Levi was named Co-Valedictorian and received the Campbell Memorial Award, which recognizes the second most-esteemed member of the graduating class, as well as the Forensics Award and the Guitar Award. Levi loved his senior year of high school, particularly being part of the mock trial team and starting a band with friends.



This summer Levi will return to his happy place to serve as a counselor at Camp Ramah Darom. He will then take a gap year for the 2022-2023 school year, participating in a program in Israel called Kivunim. He will attend Stanford University the following year, where he plans to major in Psychology.



Hannah Levin - Girls Preparatory School (GPS)

Hannah is the daughter of Becca and Todd Levin. Her brother, Avery, is a rising eighth grader at Baylor School. She has danced at GPS since sixth grade and is a member of the school's modern dance company, Terpsichord, the longest running high school dance company in Tennessee. She was inducted into the National Dance Honor Society in 2021 and performed in both *Mythological Allusions* and *Looking Glass* her senior year. This past spring, Hannah took classes in New York City at Gibney Dance Center, Peridance, and Steps on Broadway. For the past seven years, she has been a dance major and CIT at 6 Points Sports Academy. She will spend this summer as a counselor at GPS dance camp.

This fall she will attend American University in Washington, D.C. She plans to major in Public Relations and Strategic Communications.

Sam Levine - McCallie School

Sam is a son of Jim and Jill Levine. His brother, Jake Levine, is a rising senior at the University of Colorado at Boulder. He is a grandson of Howard and M.J. Levine of Chattanooga and Jim and Brenda Keegan of Boston, Mass.

Captain of McCallie's golf team, Sam played on the varsity team for the past four years. He was also a member of Spirituals, the school's spirit squad. He will spend a semester abroad at John Cabot University in Rome, Italy this fall. In January 2023, Sam will begin his freshman year at Tulane University.





Hannah Lowe - Skyuka Hall (Salutatorian)

Hannah is a daughter of Robert and Beth Lowe. Her twin sister is Rachel Lowe. She is a granddaughter of Arthur and Sandra Lowe of Livingston, N.J. and of the late Milton and Estelle Silver.

During her high school years, Hannah enjoyed participating in band and the AP trip to Disney through East Hamilton High school as well as getting great grades, attending prom, being in the talent show, and forming strong relationships with teachers and friends at Skyuka Hall. She is particularly proud of having established a newspaper for Skyuka Hall and loves writing. She self-published a novel, *Losing Faith, Gaining Hope*, available on Amazon. Outside of school, Hannah has loved being part of Jew Crew.

This summer she will travel with her family, work at Kohl's, and take driver's ed classes. She will then start classes part-time at Chattanooga State this fall to earn a degree in Journalism while continuing to work at Kohl's.

Rachel Lowe - East Hamilton High School (Top 10%)

She received an AP International Diploma, a globally recognized certificate awarded to students who display exceptional achievement across a variety of disciplines.

Rachel is a daughter of Robert and Beth Lowe. Her twin sister is Hannah Lowe. She is a granddaughter of Arthur and Sandra Lowe of Livingston, N.J. and of the late Milton and Estelle Silver.

She identifies theater, marching band, and Jew Crew as the highlights of her high school years. Rachel plans to work as a counselor at Camp Ramah Darom this summer before heading this fall to the University of Georgia, where she plans to major in Social Work.



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- Resources & Referrals

Communications:

- Shofar magazine
- Social Media
 Facebook, Instagram
- Community relations
- Multi-faith bridges

900+ households reached

ISRAEL and overseas

Israel & Overseas:

- Shlichim program
- Partnership2Gether
- Overseas projects JAFI, JDC, ORT
- "Yom" Events
- Mission trips

Building CommUNITY

Community:

- Jew Crew teens
- YJL
- Senior programming
- Business networking
- Social programs
- Community Engagement

Ru'ach

[pronounced roo-akh] Hebrew word for spirit, breath, or wind.

Cultural:

- Exhibits
- Performing Arts
- Jewish food ways
- Film Series
- Celebrations
- Shofar magazine
- Combating antisemitism

Education:

- Aleph Bet preschool
- PJ Library
- Lectures
- Holocaust programming
- Jewish camp grants
- Machanooga funding

Lifelong Learning

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SPONSOR FILM



Lost Transport

Wednesday, August 17 Sponsor Event and Screening in person

In the spring of 1945, a train deporting hundreds of Jewish prisoners gets stranded near a small German village occupied by the Red Army. Deeply distrustful of each other, three women; a Russian sniper, Vera; village girl, Winnie; and a Dutch-Jewish woman, Simone, develop an unexpected friendship. German, Subtitles, 101 minutes. Virtual noon August 18 - noon August 19

15th Annual Chattanooga Jewish Film Series



In-person Monday, August 22 Virtual noon Aug. 21 - noon Aug. 26

Our (Almost Completely True) Story Finding true love in Hollywood has always been challenging; it's even more difficult when you're no longer a young starlet, no matter how many movie-star friends you have. And if you're a short funnyman with a face for radio, well, you can practically forget it. Still, true love can happen. This romantic comedy features Mariette Hartley, Jerry Sroka, Morgan Fairchild, John Rubinstein, Peter MacNicol, Sam McMurray and others. English, 92 minutes



In-person Monday, August 29 Virtual noon Aug. 28 - noon Sept. 2

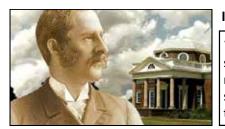
Berenshtein In an old house in the modest neighborhood of Kiryat Ata, Israel, neighbors did not imagine that the old man who lives next door is the last living commander of a partisan battalion in World War II. He is the man who located the secret facility where the Germans developed their last hope for victory - the V2 missiles. Russian, German, Polish, Subtitles 105 minutes

In-person Tuesday, September 6

Virtual noon Sept. 4 - noon Sept. 9

A Kaddish for Bernie Madoff A hybrid of memoir docudrama and narrative fantasy, the film tells the story of Madoff, seen through the eyes of musician/poet Alicia Jo Rabins, and the system that allowed him to function for decades. Fueled by her growing obsession and real-life interviews, she transforms them into music videos, and a vivid, vulnerable work of art reflective of her unique perspective. English,75 minutes





In person Monday, September 12 Virtual noon Sept. 11 - noon Sept. 16

The Levys of Monticello This film is a documentary that tells the little-known story of the Levy family, who owned and carefully preserved Monticello for nearly a century – far longer than Jefferson or his descendants. The remarkable story of the Levy family also intersects with the rise of antisemitism that runs throughout the course of American history. English, 71 minutes

In-person Monday, September 19 Virtual noon Sept. 18 - noon Sept. 23

Rose In this film Rose, 78, has just lost her beloved husband. When her grief gives way to a powerful impulse of life that makes her realize that she can still redefine herself as a woman, the whole balance of the family is upset. French, Yiddish, 102 minutes



New This Year! 15th Annual Chattanooga Jewish Film Series

Patron Sponsorships are now available for \$250. This will include all of the benefits of a regular sponsorship, two (2) additional tickets for a total of four (4) to the Sponsor Event, and special top billing on any sponsor listings. You will have our gratitude for helping to maintain these high quality films.

Sponsorships are \$140 and are good for BOTH the 15th Annual Chattanooga Jewish Film Series and the Jewish Chattanooga Documentary Series. Sponsors will have two tickets to view each film in-person and/or virtually. Other than the Sponsor film, films will also be available virtually from Sunday noon to Friday noon. Sponsorships come with two (2) tickets to the in-person Sponsor Reception. The Sponsor Reception will take place on Wednesday, August 17 beginning at 6:00 p.m. with the film screening beginning at 7:15 p.m.

Wish to sponsor only the Chattanooga Jewish Film Series? The Sponsor cost will be \$120 and include 2 tickets to the in-person Sponsor Reception, virtual screenings, and admission for two at all in-person screenings in the Chattanooga Jewish Film Series. The Sponsor film will be available all day Thursday and Friday until noon.

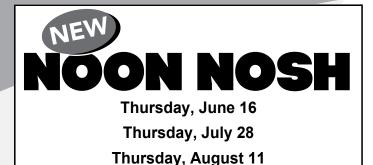
Want to sponsor only the Jewish Chattanooga Documentary Film Series? The cost will be \$36 and only include a link to virtual screenings and two admissions to each in-person film in the Chattanooga Jewish Documentary Series.

The in-person screenings of all films will take place at the Jewish Cultural Center, 5461 North Terrace Road, Chattanooga TN 37411.

To purchase a Patron Sponsorship or a regular Sponsorship visit www.jewishchattanooga.com.

Want one film at a time? Each film will cost \$12 and will be available virtually or in-person.

We ask that all attendees at in-person events be vaccinated and adhere to any COVID protocols set forth by the Jewish Federation.



\$10 charge for your meal



Do you need assistance with your home to stay independent?

Handy Helpers

- ◆ Are you 60 years old or older?
- Do you need assistance with home maintenance, repair, or minor accessibility upgrades?
- Do you want to decrease your utility bills?

For more information or to register contact (423) 493-0270 or visit www.jewishchattanooga.com.

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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 drivers practice strict cleaning procedures before and after each client.

Monday - Thursday: Joel Tuesday & Thursday: Susan Wednesday & Thursday: Jonathan

Contact them directly for rides: Joel Scribner - (423) 321-4236 Susan Berner - (423) 508-4895 Jonathan Snyder - (423) 298-7169

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Suggested Donations

\$9 per meal

- \$108 per month based on 3 meals/week
- \$144 per month based on 4 meals/week
- \$180 per month based on 5 meals/week
- \$216 per month based on 6 meals/week

Menus are set by the Kitchen Supervisor. We are delivering meals on Thursdays.

Contact: Social Services (423) 493-0270 All Mitzvah Meal recipients must be pre-approved by Social Services.

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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.

Rabbi Lewis and our Board Welcome You!

Friday Kabbalat Shabbat services Shirei Shabbat: Sabbath of Song Torah Study Bar and Bat Mitzvah Classes and Celebrations Weddings Individual Hebrew teaching for children Bar / Bat Mitzvah training Zoom, Temple Livestreaming and Facebook Live



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





PASSOVER 1st NIGHT SEDER



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

$MI\mathbb{Z}PAH$ Ongoing and Special Activities

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

Wednesdays:	7:30 a.m. Morning Mussar
	(contact Rabbi Lewis)
Thursdays:	6:30 p.m. B'nai Mitzvah Class
Fridays:	Kabbalat Shabbat services 6:00 p.m.
	1st Friday each month: 5:30 kids meal 6:00 worship service
	7:00 Meal and Kids Story Time
Saturdays:	9:15 a.m. Torah Study
	11:00 a.m. Shabbat services and
	Torah reading

Special Dates:

June 3rd: 7:00 Shavuot Service and Special Adult Meal: Tribute to Ukraine



July 9th: Bat Mitzvah of Madelynne Gabelman August 21: "Dr. Ruth" Westheimer Actor-portrayal One-Woman Show 2:00 pm

For Details: www.MizpahCongregation.org

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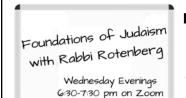


Saturday, June 4 Please RSVP 5:30 pm: Shabbat Mincha 6:00 pm: Dairy Pot Luck Dinner and Dessert 6:45-8:00 pm: Torah Study Topic for the evening: Choices, the mysterious and profound power to shape our future.

SAVE THE DATE

BZ Members, save the Date! BZ's Annual Meeting: June 12, Breakfast at 10:00 am and Meeting at 10:30 am

FOUNDATIONS OF JUDAISM



Foundations of Judaism continues via Zoom through the summer on Wednesdays at 6:30 pm after minyan.

Meeting ID: 845 0521 2418





BZ's Shabbat morning kids program with Rabbi Keilah Lebell

Saturday, June 4 & August 6 10:30 am Mizpah 2nd Floor



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Chabad is a philosophy, a movement, and an organization.

Chabad is an educational organization dedicated to helping every Jew, regardless of background, affiliation, or personal level of observance, to increase their level of Jewish knowledge, enthusiasm, and commitment.

Time flies when you are having fun! Chabad Hebrew School (CHS) 2021/2022 has absolutely proven this truth! We had a year filled with tremendous knowledge. What a bold Jewish spirit the kids have gained!

Throughout the year children in CHS gained skills to properly navigate a Jewish calendar. They were given an appreciation of fundamental Torah dates, and ventured through the Torah to review mitzvot with its many layers and wondrous depths. They did all this while making remarkable progress in their speed, accuracy, and Hebrew reading, through our top-ofthe-line Aleph Champ program.

Some of the amazing highlights from this past year included our Shofar Factory, Mega Challah Bake, sending Chanukah gifts, dance, and Israel Day. To our teachers and volunteers we say *toda raba*

and to our students and families we say mazel tov on another successful year! Watch for our 2022/2023 CHS calendar.







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



Judy Sachsman, President of Chattanooga Chapter of Hadassah

MARGARITAS AND MAH JONGG

Hadassah will host a getback-together celebration, "Margaritas and Mah Jongg" event on Sunday, June 26, from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m. at Mizpah. Following current indoor practices, masks will be required and participants must be fully vaccinated. There is no charge. Members and non-members are welcome. Participants are encouraged to share parve or dairy snacks. (Hadassah in-person events will require participants to sign a waiver, which will be available at Mizpah.). Help Hadassah celebrate!



- Fun Door Prizes! Everyone will receive a door prize ticket. Winners of each game will receive an extra door prize ticket to win great prizes!
- Everyone is Invited! Non-Members welcome and one lucky winner will be drawn to win an Annual Hadassah Membership gifted by the Chattanooga Chapter.
 No charge to attend.

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Please bring pot-luck appetizers, munchies to share (parve or dairy).

RSVP to Dana Waxler dwaxler@hadassah.org



Thank you to everyone who contributed food items for The Brainerd Food Pantry and toiletries for Room in the Inn (a home for abused women and their dependents). This annual event was sponsored by Hadassah and the Jewish Federation and coordinated by Beth Thomas. A special thank you to the students of Aleph Bet, who decorated the donation boxes.



Hadassah's Official Statement on the Supreme Court Decision:

The draft majority Supreme Court opinion is an attack on women's autonomy, freedom and health. We proudly reaffirm Hadassah's unwavering support for full and complete access to reproductive health services and a woman's right to make health decisions according to her own religious, moral and ethical values. Now is the time to speak out and mobilize!

"When a woman's right to choose is limited, we also limit her right to safe, informed medical decisions and procedures," stated Hadassah President Rhoda Smolow and CEO Naomi Adler.



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 (\$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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JOIN THE JEWISH FEDERATION LEGACY SOCIETY

The Legacy Society is made up of individuals who, in the tradition of our Jewish faith, wish to share their blessings with others by providing for the future needs of the Jewish community. There are a number of ways to contribute to the Jewish Federation's Endowment through estate planning: a bequest in a will, contribution of the remainder of an IRA or other retirement plan, a life insurance policy, charitable remainder trust, donor advised fund, charitable gift annuity, piece of real estate, securities or other property, or the donation of other assets. However they choose to contribute, Legacy Society members can be sure that their planned gift will turn their dreams or a strong future Jewish community into a reality. Join today.

Anonymous (2) Allen, Amelia* Allen, Owen Alper, Maxine* Balser, Jeff Balser, Robin Barukh, Rebecca Berz, Bob Binder, Claire Black, Bonnie Black, Stephen Bogo, Jerry Bogo, Rosalee Bohn, Jerry* Brooks, Ellyn Brooks, John Brouner, Betsy Brouner, Lee

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Thank you for insuring our future.

See how easy it is to join the Legacy Society! Call Michael Dzik at 493-0270 ext 15.

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

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- Weekly Community Email

- Federation Facebook Page (Jewish Federation of Greater Chattanooga) - Federation Website (JewishChattanooga.com)

QUESTIONS? Call us! **423-493-0270**

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Next Shofar will be in September 2022. Have a great summer.

Jewish Federation's Annual Campaign Kick-Off

Sunday, August 28

Reception 6:00 p.m.

Dinner-quality hors d'oeurves and drinks

Comedy Show 7:00 p.m.

The *rolling* Stone Brothers are coming to Chattanooga after last year's COVID delay.



There is no cost to attend. You'll have opportunity to pledge at the Kick-off Event

Register: JewishChattanooga.com