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FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

A day in the life of....

Ok a y , m a y b e not a full day, but let me share some highlights from the first four months of 2022. We got a fast start by welcoming Rob Lowe as our new Board Chair in January. The full new board was also installed and had approximately one week of "routine" happenings. And then – *Maus*– its removal from the middle school curriculum by the McMinn County School Board. The Jewish community quickly united with many of our faith community friends and within 10 days, we co-hosted a live virtual program with *Maus* author Art Spiegelman. The event garnered international attention and 17,000 live views that evening in February. Thousands more have since watched the event which remains viewable on the Jewish Federation Facebook page.

Occurring concurrently with the *Maus* publicity was a potential anti-Semitic event at Hamilton County Schools (HCS). Your Jewish Federation was in direct contact with the family as well as with leadership of the specific school. After HCS completed its investigation, we met with the Superintendent of schools, Dr. Justin Robertson, for a more in-depth and personal conversation. We've collected information from the school system. HCS is creating a review committee, and your Jewish Federation will have a seat at the table in addition to suggesting other diverse community leaders who should join the committee. Our Community Relations Committee, led by Austin Center, will continue

to work on these issues and keep the community informed.

We've also said goodbye to Federation staff members Christi Haustein and Marki Kaim. Both have been amazing assets to the Federation and Jewish community through our social services department. Thankfully, Lorri Lipski became our new Social Services Director on April 18. We are conducting a search for a new Aleph Bet Children's Center Director. Interested or know someone who might be? Referrals are always welcome and appreciated!

Other highlights have included a very successful Jew Crew retreat at Camp Ramah, Leadership2Gether (L2G) programs between Chattanooga and Israelis, monthly Young Leadership events, shaliach community engagements, the annual Documentary Film Series, and, our first in-person event in the building with a dinner and guest speaker, Gil Hoffman. We are so excited to have some relative normalcy and to see all of you live and in person!

The JCC refresh project is also coming close to completion. As I write this, we are working our way through a punch list. As so many of you come to the JCC to experience the new bright, warm and cozy Jewish community home, you'll notice one major item that's missing: furniture! Furniture is one of the most delayed/backordered items throughout Covid and it has struck us as well. It is scheduled to arrive "this summer." We hope to have it in time for the Campaign Kickoff on Sunday, Aug. 28.

Our new dedicated front lobby will have waiting room chairs. The atrium will continue to be the centerpiece of the Jewish community living room, with unique sofas, chairs and benches that can be moved and rearranged in various configurations. We've also added a bar table and chairs for small gatherings and meetings that will add a fun nature to the space. The Federation lobby will be a great place to visit and brainstorm; it will be an idea incubator. The conference room, which now has a smart TV, will include furniture that has multi-functionality. Four tables can create a conference room; or tables can be arranged for learning, teaching and teamwork activities.

Meanwhile, campaign planning is well underway. Summer programs including monthly "What's Up" events and our annual July 4th picnic are on the calendar. The 2022 Film Series is also in the planning stages.

On behalf of the Federation staff and Board of Directors, I look forward to welcoming you back to the Refreshed JCC throughout the summer. And most importantly, I can't wait to see all of you in person!

Michael Dzik

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FROM THE BOARD CHAIR

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While War Rages On

When I considered what to write about for this issue of *The Shofar*—what would be most meaningful to address in this moment—it made me wish I were writing about something else. I would rather write about our return to recent in-person events. For example, in March I attended a session at Mizpah Congregation with World ORT CEO, Barbara Birch, to learn more about one of our primary overseas partners and the incredible work they do around education as well as their impact on at-risk children. (Special thanks to Austin Center, who sits on the ORT board, for inviting Barbara to Chattanooga.)

I'd also rather be reflecting on another terrific in-person event, last month's "soft re-opening" of the JCC. In addition to reconnecting with friends and enjoying Alice Goss' amazing brisket dinner, we sat together in a full (and refreshed) multi-purpose room to hear from Gil Hoffman, Chief Political

Correspondent for *The Jerusalem Post*, who shared many informative, thought-provoking, and often humorous stories from an Israeli political insider. Thank you, Ann Treadwell, for coordinating this wonderful program.

While both of these events were thoroughly enjoyable and educational, our Jewish community continues to direct our focus and support on the ongoing humanitarian crisis in Ukraine, a crisis the Biden administration has now recognized as genocide. Tens of thousands of Jews have fled the country and millions are internally displaced. Over 2,000 Ukrainians have been senselessly killed and cities have been destroyed. Despite the Ukrainian people's continued resolve to fight for their freedom and sovereignty, the situation continues to only worsen.

In the midst of tragedy, the network of Jewish Federations has responded in force to the overwhelming needs of the Ukrainian people. To

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FROM THE PROGRAM DIRECTOR

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Behind the Curtain

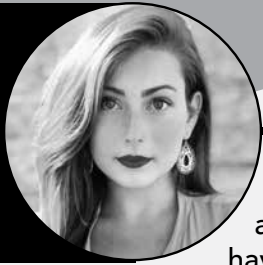
Unlike in *The Wizard of Oz*, there is rarely one person working behind the curtain at Jewish Cultural Center programs and events. The Chattanooga Jewish Film Series, for example, is presented in August with a dedicated team of volunteers. To date the team has viewed and rated more than 30 films. As we sat together in person for the first time in more than two years, we discussed the merits of the top nine films. The committee has six members and works very hard to come to a consensus about the films.

The team listens to your comments and ideas about the series. Henry Schulson suggested that virtual films are not only viewable on weeknights so that working people have a better chance of viewing them. After some discussion, the Series will now offer its virtual piece from Sunday noon to Wednesday noon. Many people have commented that too many of the films are Holocaust-related. A decision was made to have no more than one Holocaust-related film in the

Series, unless there is more than one spectacular film with this theme available. Concerns about screening films on Wednesday nights in potential conflict with congregational activities, is also being discussed. Would people come out on a Monday night? The team has decided to keep the selection of films as recent releases, and films unlikely to otherwise be available at local theaters. In addition, films that are selected are not available, as far as we know, to stream on Netflix or other services at the time of the Film Series.

Each film is examined for the quality of the production, including the readability of subtitles. Next it is examined for content. Some of the many questions asked include, will the content spark conversation? Would the content be enhanced by a speaker before or after the film? Are there any films in English? Does the audience want to only be entertained, or are they willing to stretch their comfort zone? And,

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For the first time in a long time, I am at a loss for words. As you may have seen in the community email,

I have moved on from my position at the Jewish Federation. Although I have moved on professionally, I feel fortunate to still be involved in the Jewish community and JCC. It has been such a pleasure to meet so many of you in my short time living in Chattanooga. Thank you for sharing your stories, challenges, and parts of your lives (and baked goods!) with me.

Leaving my position here was a difficult decision and one I did not take lightly. The Jewish Federation truly is a special place. I look forward to dedicating myself to my mental health company and my upcoming Professorship, not to mention, my wedding in a few short weeks!

I have so much confidence in your new Social Services Director, Lorri Lipski, and the rest of the staff to continue offering our incredible and unique social services. As for the Caregivers Support Group, we will pause while Lorri gets settled, but we plan to continue it in the near future. Thank you for your understanding and patience.

L'hitraot,
Marki



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date, Jewish Federations have raised over \$44 million, with nearly \$45,000 coming from our Chattanooga community. These funds go directly to those impacted, including humanitarian support, temporary housing, transportation, trauma relief, emergency operations, and aliyah assistance. As of this writing, funds allocated have already made an impact in the following ways:

- 12,100 refugees have been fed and housed
- 7,000 refugees have received on-the-ground support in Ukraine
- 5,500+ Jewish Ukrainian refugees have arrived in Israel
- 7,800 beds have been rented
- 55,000+ calls have been received at various hotlines
- Served as the lifeline for 18,000 Jewish elderly and 2,500 poor Jewish children
- Served 32,000 needy Jews in Ukraine with home visits and medical and food assistance
- Sent over 200 tons of humanitarian aid
- Provided temporary housing for 18,600 people
- Fed 21,300 people with meals
- Treated 1,800 people via Israeli telemedicine
- Evacuated 11,900 Ukrainians to other countries
- Handled 15,300 emergency calls across 11 hotlines

While here in the U.S. we carried on the tradition of the Passover Seder with our family and friends, the Jewish Federation mobilized to deliver Passover for Ukraine, distributing Passover food to residents still in Ukraine and organizing communal Seders for displaced refugees in Budapest and other cities, in partnership with the local Jewish communities.

While a war rages on, the Jewish Federation and its partners are making a tremendous difference in the lives of thousands. We will continue to keep you informed about how our Jewish Federation can and will continue to collectively provide assistance. The Jewish people take care of one another. Unfortunately, the immense needs of refugees and the eventual rebuilding of Ukraine are only beginning.



does the diversity of films in the Series reflect the interest areas of the audience? Stay tuned. The team will have a majority of the selections made for the August Series.

Please make sure you visit the Jewish Cultural Center's refreshed gallery. During each year of the shlichut's stay in Chattanooga, we ask the shlichim to mount an exhibit. It is a way to assist them in honing their presentation skills while helping them focus on what matters most to them about their connection to Israel. Last year due to COVID, shlichah Inbal Lev mounted her exhibit virtually.

This year Inbal's exhibit *PHOTO IS:REAL PHOTO IS:VOICE* reflects an Israel that you are not likely to have considered. A very different type of exhibit hangs on our walls, geared to an in-person. Twenty-one photographs with information labeled in Arabic, Hebrew and English tell the story of community seen through the eyes of teen Israeli women. Come to view the wonderful photographs these young women created. Stay a while to read the story. And, when you get a chance, thank Inbal for bringing us this unique story.

JEWISH FEDERATION MASK AND VACCINE POLICY

The Jewish Federation of Greater Chattanooga takes the health of our staff and community members very seriously. We continue to follow local guidance from experts on how best to provide programs and services in a safe environment. We will continually monitor, review and revise this policy as needed. Effective immediately, the Federation's policy on in-person events is as follows:

- All in-person attendees at Jewish Federation indoor events must be fully vaccinated. Live Zoom and streaming opportunities will be available for those who are not vaccinated or prefer to participate from home. Outdoor events are at the discretion of each attendee/participant.
- The Jewish Federation will no longer require masks for attendance at any in-person events. Masks will be optional.
- When using Jewish Federation transportation services, masks will be worn at the discretion of each rider. The rider will be asked what their preference is – mask or no mask. The driver will honor the choice of each rider.
- NOTE – 100% of Jewish Federation staff are fully vaccinated.

Tuesday Cafe via ZOOM

May 3, 10, 17, 24 and 31

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

The Juliets, a women's lunch group, will meet for lunch once a month outside of the Jewish Cultural Center.
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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 by Social Services.

Menus are set by
the Kitchen Supervisor.

**Contact: Social Services
(423) 493-0270**

The Jewish Federation and our local chapter of Hadassah are collecting donations for the Brainerd Food Pantry and Room at the Inn.



**Between April 28-May 8,
please consider dropping off
non-perishable food items
as well as toiletries.**

*Special thanks to Beth Thomas
for helping coordinate this event.*



Brainerd
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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.

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Condolences

We are sad to announce the passing of

...to June and Robert Collins and their extended family on the loss of June's brother Carl Meininger on April 11, in Richmond, MI.

...Chattanooga native Shirley Tyber Klein, who died in Port St. Lucie, Fla., on April 14. She was preceded in death by her husband of 50 years, Bill Klein, and her son, Bobby Klein. She is survived by a daughter, Felice Klein; a son, Joel Klein (Rhonda); a daughter-in-law, Susan Klein; grandsons, Ethan Klein, Peyton Klein, and Chris Harvey (Erin), and two great grandsons.

Mazal Tov!

...to the Jewish Federation of Greater Chattanooga on becoming one of three finalists for Non-Profit of the Year in the Chattanooga area. The winner of this prestigious award from United Way and Venture Forward will be announced at the Celebrate Awards luncheon on May 19 at the Waterhouse Pavilion.

...to Ava Kaplan who became a Bat Mitzvah on Saturday, April 23rd at Mizpah Congregation.

PASSOVER VOLUNTEERS

Special thanks to volunteers who came to the JCC last minute to assist with the community Passover order. Alice Morgan and Michael Dzik went to Atlanta on Sunday, April 3. After 6 hours of shopping at three Atlanta stores, they returned with over \$3,500 worth of Passover food! Thank you to: Alison and Alan Lebovitz, Hannah Lowe, Beth Lowe, Aaron Lincove, Tyler Lincove, and Paula Dzik for helping empty the van and sort the food. We recognize that this Passover shopping service is so valuable to our community and the Jewish Federation is happy to continue this yearly tradition.





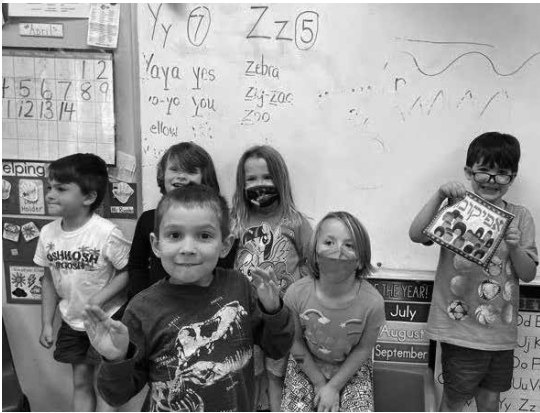
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Experiencing America

As you may know, I'm only 24 years old. I grew up in the northern region of Israel in a small, gated community surrounded by other communities quite like mine. America, the United States was only in the movies. The first time I was exposed to American culture was at the age of 13, when I went to a summer camp in Michigan in 2011.

In this article, I would like to tell you some of my perspective about the cultural differences between Israel and the U.S. through my experience living and traveling here for two years.

Getting ready to go on my shlichut, I went through a long seminar. One of the most memorable parts for me was Federation Executive Director Michael Dzik's presentation to all the new shlichim. Michael told us about the cultural differences between Israelis and Americans, especially in conversations, as in when an Israeli says something, what an American would hear and the other way around.

Some I remember are: when an American says "I would appreciate it if you could get this done by Friday," they most likely mean, "the deadline is Friday – make it happen." While an Israeli might hear/think "it would be nice to have it done by Friday, but next week is also an option," For instance, this article, like every *Shofar* article, was due on the eighth of the month. I am already late in handing it in, as I am almost every month basically. It might be actually because I am an Israeli and I was asked nicely, or I am just always a little late because I'm me? Anyway, I have another example. When an Israeli says, "why don't you do it another way?", what they may mean is "I'm giving you a helpful suggestion," while an American might hear/think "you are really insulting my work."

On my trips around the U.S., I was fortunate to learn how even within the different parts of the U.S. there are so many cultural differences. The conversations, driving, clothing – all can be so different between the North and the South, and going from east to west. Growing up in Israel, it was hard to understand it.

Another example of a big cultural difference would be driving. Did you know that physics works a bit differently in Israel sometimes? The speed of sound is sometimes faster than the speed of light. It happens when the traffic light changes – you might get honked

at by the car behind you before the light turns green. While in some areas of the U.S., it is better to not honk at all, not knowing how the other person might react, and in some other parts of the U.S. people honk at all times.

On a different topic, the food in Israel, mostly due to its location on the Mediterranean coast, is usually always freshly made. In every meal, people would have a fresh vegetable included. In American culture, there could be a fresh vegetable in the meal, but it is not as common as it is in Israeli culture. There are more examples of course. Let's talk about it next time we see each other! I have been really lucky to experience and get to know both cultures. I still have much to learn and to get exposed to, but for now I know that I miss some things from Israeli culture while living in Chattanooga. And I will miss a lot of the habits I gained here when I move back to Israel. We Israelis have something to strive for in terms of culture.



Along with Executive Director Michael Dzik, Shlichah Inbal Lev attended the Shlichim and Supervisors annual conference just outside NYC.

GIL HOFFMAN SOFT OPENING EVENT AT THE JCC ON APRIL 11



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April - July 2022

PHOTO IS:RAEL PHOTO IS:VOICE

PHOTO IS:RAEL is an organization dedicated to the promotion of the art of photography in Israel and abroad. For the organization, photography is a language. It is the language in which we speak, communicate, and argue, the language with which we volunteer and initiate dozens of community outreach programs throughout the year.

PHOTO IS:VOICE is a method which is founded on the belief that every individual in society has the right to represent themselves, their worldview and their message in a direct and unmediated way.

Participants in the programs learn the language of photography, gain hands-on experience of the photographic process and ultimately create an exhibition that expresses their lives, experiences, and social message.

PHOTO IS:RAEL AND HORIZON WARM HOMES FOR TEEN GIRLS AT RISK COLLABORATION

The connection began in 2019, a connection that was immediate and natural due to the common goal of the two organizations to lead positive social change, and the pursuit of a more just society, in which any population can have a voice. From this common goal an amazing joint project was created between the two organizations. The program gives the girls an opportunity to have their voice heard through the language of photography, and makes it possible to create a significant and lasting positive change among the girls.

Professional instructors from PHOTO IS:RAEL trained the social counselors in the Warm Homes to work with the PHOTO IS:VOICE method. The counselors went through a significant personal and professional process, and were able to convey a true and real picture of their lives and personal experiences. The social counselors conducted photography workshops for the girls in the Warm Homes. The girls used the language of photography and found a way to bring their feelings, instead of being left with the feeling of pain and loneliness alone, and during the process they received empowerment and encouragement, along with amazing products presented at an exhibition held at the Tel Aviv International Photography Festival. And now here, in Chattanooga, as well.



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UKRAINE UPDATE

We are thankful for the amazing response to the Ukrainian Crisis over the past two months. Through your donations, the Chattanooga Jewish Federation has raised over \$43,000 towards the \$40M that has been raised throughout North America. We continue to monitor events on the ground, which are changing daily, and will keep the community informed.



WE'VE WORKED IN UKRAINE FOR DECADES. NOW WE'RE NEEDED MORE THAN EVER.

Today, over 3.5 million refugees have fled Ukraine, with millions more internally displaced or forced to shelter in or near their homes. While thousands of Ukrainian Jews have fled the country, most of the 200,000 strong Jewish community is still sheltering within its borders.

Because our partner agencies, the Jewish Agency for Israel, JDC, and World ORT, have been working steadily in Ukraine for generations – we've been able to be on the ground responding to emergency needs from day one of the conflict. All of the support we're providing is only possible because of you – but the crisis has just begun. Your continued help is crucial.

The war in Ukraine will create one of the most significant humanitarian crises of this century. Already, an estimated 10 million people have been displaced, making this the largest number of displaced people in Europe since WWII. The needs are many and urgent. For all those streaming over Ukraine's borders, they include food, shelter, clothing, medical supplies, safe passage, and help to make aliyah or to resettle in another safe haven.

All those staying behind are also in dire need of your aid. For the tens of thousands of homebound elderly, many of whom are Holocaust survivors and those living with disabilities, humanitarian supplies, medicines, and ensuring regular contact are necessary to survive.

WE NEED YOUR HELP

While needs will continue to evolve, in this moment and going forward, there are three critical ways for you to support our Ukrainian brothers and sisters.

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THE JEWISH ARCHIVES OF CHATTANOOGA

The Jewish Archives of Chattanooga is now located in a former classroom at Mizpah Congregation.

Karen Diamond, the current chair, could use some helpers to continue the work of organizing documents, digitizing articles on the JAC's computer and identifying people in photos.

If you are interested in Chattanooga's Jewish history and would like to volunteer to help, please email:

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or **Ann Treadwell**
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NEFESH MOUNTAIN JEWISH BLUEGRASS

The March 18, 2022 Nefesh Mountain Jewish Bluegrass concert was a HUGE success. Over 150 people attended in person; 50 additional joined through Zoom. The Jewish Federation thanks Mizpah Congregation and B'nai Zion Congregation for partnering together on this concert. Additional thanks to event co-chairs David Israel and Joel Susman for the tireless work on this program.



Jewish Changemakers Fellowship

What is Jewish Changemakers? The Jewish Changemakers Fellowship offers three-weeks of online leadership development over the summer for current and aspiring Jewish leaders, between the ages of 20-24. Those who complete the summer requirements (7-10 hours/week) earn a \$350 stipend. Changemakers accepts candidates from North America and around the world and values Jewish diversity in the selection process.

What is covered during the three-week course? There are 3 main themes: Career Networking, Global Jewish Life, Service & Advocacy. The program is designed to foster the individual principles that, together, make a strong community leader. Week by week, participants will be challenged to translate values into action, ultimately creating a cohesive practice you can utilize beyond the intensive.

Dates? undergrad session: June 13-30, 2022
working | grad school | other session: July 25-August 11, 2022

Charge to participate? No! Just your time. You'll actually earn a \$350 stipend for completing the course requirements.

When can I apply? Now! Jewishchangemakers.org



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



Susan Caminez
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MACHANOOGA COMPLETES THE TRAIL

Another great year of Machanooga is in the books. We danced with our Torahs at Simchat Torah, we fulfilled mitzvot in the sukkah, we met Noah and his animals, we competed in Maccabiah games, partied at Purim, gave back to the community in small ways with our kindness rocks, and stuffed "healephants," and prepared for our Passover seders. Our students experienced the Torah every week through crafts and culture, whether they made Joseph's coat of many colors or the high priest's breastplates, or whether they learned the shehecheyanu or ten commandments. It was a memorable and meaningful time together.

As we traveled through the Torah, we also traveled along the Israel National Trail with Inbal - learning about Israel every step of the way. We camped in a bedouin tent, shopped at the shuk in Jerusalem and did experiments with the Dead Sea. We ended the year on a high note by completing the trail in a family celebration of Israel.

Machanooga isn't possible without the support of Federation; B'nai Zion, and Mizpah; the thoughtful supervision of Rabbi Lewis and Rabbi Rotenberg; the dedication of our teachers Alex, Ivan, Marissa, Jen, and Inbal; or our beloved Madrichim, Jacob, Joey, Max, Mel, and Rachel who always lend a helping hand. Thank you to the staff and supporters of Machanooga!

Though Machanooga has come to an end for this school year, now is the time to start registering for next school year (2022-2023). Registration forms will be available on each congregation's website and Federation's website. Join us for what will be another great year. Machanooga meets Sunday mornings from 9:30a.m. to noon. It is available for students from (potty-trained) preschoolers to 8th graders. If you want to learn more, please email me at roshnooga@gmail.com.



**MACHANOOGA
SPRING SEMESTER 2022**

**May 1, 2022
Special Event with Federation**

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

PASSOVER SEDER

Thank you to Paula Israel, Vicki Lewis, and ALL the volunteer cooks who prepared our delicious first night Seder on April 15, and our wonderful staff who put it all together. Please watch the June Shofar for pictures. We also thank Marianna Allen for adding her beautiful voice, and of course Rabbi Lewis for a wonderful Shabbat service and Seder.



SANCTUARY SOUND UPGRADE

We thank Skip and Holly Schwartz for their generous donation of new speakers, an upgraded camera, and the required installation hardware. Skip's father, Hal Schwartz, Jr. (z'l), made the initial contribution of our LiveStreaming camera.



Shabbat Learner's Service

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



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.
- Tuesdays:** 6:30 p.m. Intro to Judaism
- Wednesdays:** 7:30 a.m. Morning Mussar (contact Rabbi Lewis)
- 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

Friday, May 6th

1st Friday Service-RSVP required

For Details: www.MizpahCongregation.org

NEW 1ST FRIDAY TIME SCHEDULE

Please make note: our 1st Friday Service and Dinner now features a NEW time frame: 5:30, dinner in the library for kids ten (10) and under, then Services at 6:00 p.m., then Kids Story time at 7 p.m. in the library while parents enjoy their dinner. It's a great way to spend the evening at Mizpah!

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MORNING SHABBAT SERVICES

Join us at 9:45 a.m. in the Ochs Memorial Temple at Mizpah! Services will also be accessible via zoom.

Kabbalat Shabbat Fridays, always via zoom at 6:00 p.m.

You can also join us in person at the following locations:

- 6/6 Ashwood Square
- 6/20 Coolidge Park
- 6/27 Home Hosted

Muffins + Shabbat =



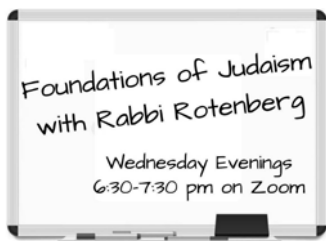
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SHABBAT MUFFINS

BZ's Shabbat morning kids program with Rabbi Keilah Lebell

Saturday, May 2 | 10:30 am
BZ Office on 2nd Floor of Mizpah

FOUNDATIONS OF JUDAISM



Each month we explore a different topic core to Jewish tradition.

During May, our focus is Significant Jewish Numbers.

Meeting ID: 845 0521 2418



HOME HOSTED KABBALAT SHABBAT



When: April 29 at 6:00 pm, followed by dinner
You will receive the address upon RSVP!
Limited capacity, please RSVP as soon as you are able.



SHABBAT IN THE PARK

FRIDAY, MAY 20 AT 5:30 PM AT COOLIDGE PARK

Join us for a fun, family-friendly kabbalat shabbat at Coolidge. All ages are welcome! Bring a blanket or chairs, and a picnic dinner to share with your family. There will be special gifts for children!



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CHABAD MIKVAH

Chabad inaugurated its beautiful mikvah on a gorgeous spring afternoon last month. We thank Jay Goldstein, Carla Eymann, and Lindsey Dodson for making it happen.



CAMP GAN ISRAEL

Camp Gan Israel of Chattanooga is part of the largest and fastest growing network of day camps.

Many children wait all year to come back to Gan Israel where campers enjoy a wide range of exciting activities, trips and overnights in a warm and vivacious atmosphere. The children are guided by loving, patient and caring staff. This is the place to be!

Both our facilities are well suited for a full program of sports, art, water sports, swimming and other enriching camp activities.



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**

"Reproductive Health Access" Program at Mizpah on April 24th

Hadassah and Mizpah presented a program on "Reproductive Health Access" as part of a Repro Shabbaton, coordinated by Debra Dubow. Hadassah's mission has always involved Women's Health, the ability to choose, and advocacy. Judy Sachsman, representing Hadassah, joined a panel that included Rabbi Craig Lewis and Rachel Schulson in the Garden of Life at Mizpah.

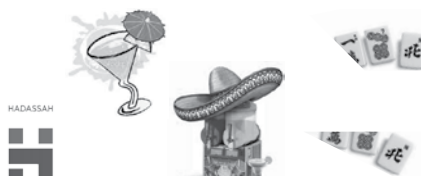


Now is the time to bring those extra toiletries and food to the Jewish Federation for our annual donations. Collection bins and boxes at the reopened JCC have been available from April 28 through May 8. The Brainerd Food Pantry (part of Chattanooga Area Food Bank) and Room in the Inn (a home for abused women and their dependents) are the designated recipients for this annual event, coordinated by Beth Thomas.



MARGARITAS AND MAJ JONGG

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



Save the Date and Join the Fun!!

Chattanooga Hadassah Chapter Presents:
Margaritas, Maj Jongg, & More!

Sun. June 26th 3:00 - 6:00 p.m.

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.

HADASSAH'S HUMANITARIAN MISSION:

By now, four teams from the Hadassah Medical Organization (HMO) have traveled to the Ukrainian-Polish border town of Przemysl to assume a leading role in caring for the Ukrainian refugees fleeing from the bombings in their home cities. Ukrainian refugees are seeking a safe haven in Israel. Teenagers from Ukraine and Russia are being welcomed into Hadassah's Youth Aliyah villages. Hadassah's humanitarian missions will continue as long as they are needed.



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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.

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Call Michael Dzik at 493-0270 ext 15.**

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Join women of all ages from Israel, the Southeast USA, and the Czech Republic for a study session in which we will delve into the world of women in Judaism.

Sunday, May 15, 1PM

Topic: Love

**Special guest speaker
Rabbi Keilah Lebell**

Panel facilitator: Jasmine Hubara,
Hadera-Eiron P2G Fellow
Co-Host: Rabbi Michal Ratner Ken-tor,
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