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New Chattanooga Shlichah  
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# FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

## *Being Part Of A Community That Lives And Gives Generously*

I always look forward to summer. I love being out on the lake, being outdoors, and having dinners outside (at home or at restaurants). I could do without the humidity, though!

Summer also means kids out of school, vacations, and a more relaxing time for many. At the Federation, however, summer is all about engagement and planning. Some highlights:

- Jewish identity dinners with guest speakers Naveh Elder, Sydney Caen (Jewish Cowgirl) and departing shlichah Inbal Lev
- Young leadership Shabbats and outings
- Aleph Bet summer camp
- Our inaugural Newish/ Jewish trivia and brunch
- Beginning of the Jewish Film Series
- An emotional, yet fun, goodbye party for Inbal Lev
- Completion of our Refresh building renovations (new furniture, too)
- Planning for the Annual Campaign including: educational postcards, volunteer Ambassadors and Kickoff Comedy event
- Work with Hamilton County Schools to better inform them about Jewish holidays and observances

- Continued community engagement to combat antisemitism
- A new year of Jew Crew, our Jewish high school youth group
- Lots of meetings with younger and newer community members to best understand their wants and needs from the Jewish community
- Welcoming new Federation staff: Lorri Lipski (Social Services Director), Rebecca McDonald (Aleph Bet Preschool Director), Dawn Hildebrand (Registered Nurse) and our new Shlichah, Adva Kasay.

Many of you attend one or more programs throughout the year(s). Thank you! We're glad you feel connected; it's an important part of our mission to engage you. Others of you rely on the Federation for its resources: transportation, meals, social services, our nurse and more. When we say, "we are here for you," we mean for all of you in whatever way you want us to be.

We understand that there may be months, or longer, when the Federation is not front-and-center in your life. But during that period, your gift may be funding a friend whose loved one is transitioning from independence to caregivers and needs guidance from a social worker. Or an unemployed community member without a car will get free rides and/or meals to ensure they're not hungry. A teen's Jewish identity may be

strengthened through a summer program at camp or in Israel.

Will you give freely to ensure there is a local Jewish entity to support our community at all times and through all phases of life? And that the same agency will be here for you if and when you need that support? History says you will; this Jewish community has traditionally been generous when it comes to time, resources, and dollars. Even those whom we don't see at programs or asking for assistance are consistent donors to our Annual Campaign. **Thank you!**

Your gift helps as we work to fight antisemitism, build friendships within the multi-faith community and ensure that all Jews – in Chattanooga, Israel and around the world – are taken care of, living a life filled with happiness and dignity. It is because of you that our valuable programs and services are available to all. To our seasoned donors, thank you in advance for continuing your investment in the Federation, and I hope you'll consider making your gift as a monthly donation. To our newer community members, your support is very much needed and valued.

To ensure that people you know and those you don't know can live their best lives is one of the biggest *mitzvot* one can do. I am proud to be part of an organization and community that lives and gives generously.

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### ***Annual Campaign Kickoff***

The Annual Campaign kickoff is one of my favorite Federation events. Since it takes place in late summer, it's a great opportunity to re-engage with friends and community members, to catch up with those who have been traveling or otherwise busy with summer activities. In addition, the Federation always brings in fabulous entertainment, comedy, music, or – who can forget – amazing mentalists!

This year I'm especially looking forward to the Stone Brothers comedy duo, who originally were to perform here two years ago. Plus we are treated as always to delicious comfort food prepared by Alice Morgan, which simply can't be beat. By the time this issue is released, the Aug. 28 kickoff will be behind us. Hopefully many of you were able to attend and had an enjoyable evening.

I also love attending the campaign kickoff because it

helps me reflect on the reasons I first got involved, and am still involved 10 years later, with Jewish Federation. I initially was interested for social reasons. My relatively young family had recently moved from Illinois to Chattanooga (in 2011), and my wife and I started attending Young Jewish Leadership events, Shabbat dinners and other activities, to meet other younger Jews in the community. Many of the great people we met then have become our closest friends today. Our girls, Rachel and Hannah, who are now starting college, were seven years old and were active in the Federation's Philanthropy Camp and other summer programs, participated in many Good Deeds Days, had fun times at Jew Crew, and attended many memorable community holiday celebrations. They also received Federation scholarships to help them have six amazing summers at Camp Ramah Darom. The Federation also helped Rachel have an incredible adventure last summer in Israel on Ramah Seminar.

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### ***Out of Darkness into Light***

During the darker times of the COVID pandemic, I wondered how artists were interpreting the feeling of darkness and finding light. I put out a call for art and received a huge number of inquiries only to have to email again to say the exhibit had been postponed. This cycle – a call for inquiries (with modified guidelines), great interest, and postponement – then happened a second time. COVID, as you know, has a mind of its own.

Finally, some light as the Jewish Cultural Center facility reopened after the height of COVID and the completion of our renovation, the Refresh project. In the third round, more than entries came streaming in. Now that our exhibit area includes a monitor, we can also accept music videos, PowerPoint art pieces, and videos. From the 200 pieces ultimately submitted, I have selected works from 36 artists, which I think you'll find compelling.



Tom Cory ***Tree with Storm Clouds, New Mexico***

***Out of Darkness into Light***, is on exhibit through Dec. 9. It includes pieces from private collections, works on loan from artists, fiber art pieces, photographs and sculpture. In installing the exhibit I paired pieces to contrast and compare their visual and philosophical qualities. Down the exhibit hallway, I purposefully thought about the vibrant and celebratory forms of light. Contemplation, a sense of history, and the purpose of place is evoked in the reception area of the gallery.

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### Back to School

As I write this, kids are returning to school, a time I always found exciting. Back-to-school shopping, new shoes, waking up early after sleeping-in all summer, night-before jitters about what the first day will be like. It's a reminder that there is always an opportunity to continue learning. With technology that has evolved exponentially over the past two years (thanks, COVID), we have classrooms at our fingertips. We can tune in to a TED talk any time of the day or learn a new language while we are waiting in the doctor's office.

The learning in our house is centered on vocabulary. Currently our family game nights consist of intense games of Boggle, so we are posting the dictionary.com "word of the day" in the kitchen every morning to increase our skills. Today, August 5, the word is: wizen [ **wiz-uhn**; **wee-zuhn** ]; verb (used with or without object); to wither; shrivel; dry up. The challenge then is to incorporate the word of the day into a conversation...Wish me luck!

You, too, have an opportunity to continue learning. The Federation's new Nurse Advocate, Dawn Hildebrand, comes to us with a wealth of knowledge and experience working with clients from children to seniors. We are thrilled to have her in the Social Services Department and hope you will all get a chance to meet her in the near future.

#### Here is a little bit about Dawn, in her own words:

*My name is Dawn Hildebrand RN BSN. I am so happy to be here as the new Nurse Advocate! Thank you for the kind warm welcome. My husband and I have lived here in the Chattanooga area for 35 years having moved from Memphis where I grew up. My nursing background includes pediatrics-general, neurology, orthopedics, neurosurgery; newborn nursery; postpartum mothers; oncology; school nursing; employee ergonomics; and Medicare insurance nursing. Nursing has been an important part of my life through the years as I love interacting with people through relationships and education to help us be as healthy as possible in the amazing bodies that God has created for us.*

*Family is very important to me. I have three grown children and seven grandchildren. Our oldest son is an ophthalmologist here in town, and he lives on Signal Mountain with his wife and four children. Our oldest*

*daughter has been a captain in the Air Force and now stays at home with her three children. Her husband is a major in the Air Force who flies C130 airplanes, and they are stationed in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Our youngest daughter is in law school, and her husband is a youth director at a church where they live in Tulsa, Oklahoma. We love getting to spend time with our family, and many of our family events occur on the lake where we live.*

*Promoting health is of utmost importance for all of us! Sometimes our bodies face illness, and then it is essential to find a diagnosis and treatment that addresses our needs physically, spiritually and emotionally that lead to healing and comfort. Please let me know if there is any way I can assist you in finding resources for your healthcare needs. I feel privileged and am proud to be on staff here at the Jewish Federation of Greater Chattanooga.*

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*\*If you missed our last session, we are working on getting another session set up. Limited spots available. Contact Lorri if you are interested.*

**Care Giver Support Group** - we just completed a seven-week session covering everything from the basics of caregiving to community resources. Contact Lorri for information about the next meeting.

**Legal Aid of East Tennessee** will be here to help you establish or update legal documents. We will have 30-minute sessions available on September 20 and October 6. Please call the Federation, (423) 493-0270, to schedule your session.

As I've continued to learn more and more over the past decade about how the Jewish Federation helps people in Chattanooga, in Israel, and internationally, I've been uplifted by the the impact our gifts make on the lives of thousands of people -- from addressing food insecurity to education; helping at-risk children and teens develop into community leaders; to providing a range of critical needs to refugees in Ukraine and other areas through the provision of transportation, food, shelter, medical and mental health services; helping people at-risk to make aliyah to Israel; and so much more.

My wife, Beth, and I feel that making a meaningful gift to the Federation's Annual Campaign is a priority. We know it makes a tremendous impact and believe that our gift helps continue all the great work by the Federation. We also believe that as Jews we need to take care of other Jews.

Over the years we've steadily increased our gift to the campaign, and this year will reach the major donor level. In this 2023 campaign year, on behalf of the Jewish Federation, I ask you to consider increasing your gift this year. Or, if this will be your first year giving, to make a gift that will be meaningful for you and your family; and know that you will truly be strengthening Jewish communities and lives in Chattanooga and abroad.

If you want to learn more about how your dollars help Jewish people thrive, I encourage you to look at the Federation website, attend Federation events, talk to staff, Board members, or friends who have been involved with the Federation, an organization that continues to be a leader in Chattanooga and for Jews around the world.

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Please be sure to read the labels to learn about the artists and what they think about their work. Please talk with other people about the artwork. We have all been through a lot with the pandemic, and this exhibit was created as a way for us to think through where we have been and take joy in where we are going.

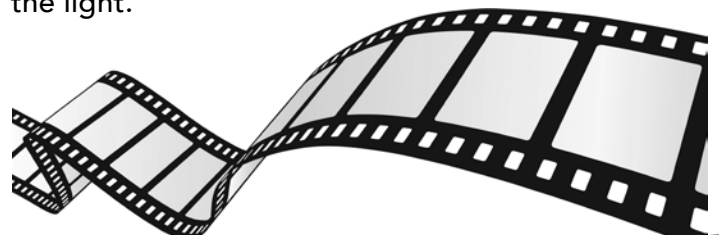
**Lights, Camera, Action!**

We are about halfway through the 15th Annual Chattanooga Jewish Film Series.

The hard-working committee has selected three films to be screened in September. **A Kaddish for Bernie Madoff** relates to the theme of darkness into light. Although I, of course, dislike Bernie Madoff as a person, I am inspired by the film's construction. Don't miss the interview Alison Lebovitz is facilitating with the creators of the film. The link will be available when you receive the film link. Two other darkness-into-light films are showing in September.

**The Levys of Monticello** is a documentary of how the Levys preserved Thomas Jefferson's home and tells the story of enslaved people and antisemitism. Alison Lebovitz is also interviewing the researcher who brought this story to us. And the final film of this year is **Rose**, about a woman who finds light after the loss of her husband.

It is time for us to remember the past with its trials and darkness but focus on the future. Join us at the Jewish Cultural Center this month as we celebrate the light.



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## Condolences

*We extend our sincere condolences to...*

...family and friends of Janet Stock of Dalton, Ga., who died on June 2.

...Caroline and Paul Kaplan and their children, Eren and Ava, on the death of Caroline's father, Craig Woods, on June 7.

...Mike and Alex Birghenthal and their daughter, Tillie, on the death of Mike's grandmother, Margot Birghenthal, on June 8.

... family and friends of Stanley Smith, who died on June 9. Stan is survived by his wife of 57 years, Helen Reader Smith; daughters, Julie Smith-Bartolini (Guido Bartolini) and Rachel Beltran (Jonathan Beltran); and grandchildren, Lorenzo, Tori, Simon, and Woods.

... family and friends of Steve Potts, who died on June 25. Steve is survived by his wife, Barbie Potts; son, Will Potts; daughter, Carolyn Potts; his parents, Linda and William Potts; sister, Kristie Dolan (Darrell); brother-in-law, Jim Thal (Rhonda); aunt and uncle, Brenda and Marshal Gordon; and nieces and nephews, Annakate, Ella, J.R., and A.J.

...family and friends of Howard Levine, who died on June 29. Howard was preceded in death by his brother, Jay Levine, and daughter, Margaret Levine. Howard is survived by his wife of 53 years, MJ Levine; sons, Jim Levine (Jill Levine) and Matthew Levine (Heather Gazan); and grandchildren, Jake, Sam, Eli and Sydney.

...Ken and Jan Goldsmith, on the death of Ken's father, Lester Goldsmith, on July 4.

...family and friends of David Q. Brown, Sr., who died on Aug. 5. David is survived by his wife of 38 years, Catherine Brown; three sons, Samuel Brown, Joseph Brown, and David Brown, Jr.; a daughter, Danette Sweat (David); a sister, Janice Brown; and a grandson, Zander Sweat.

## Mazel Tov to...

...Roslynne Steinberg, who will participate in the Oldies & Goodies Author Tour, which will stop at the Soddy Daisy Community Library on Thursday, Sept. 29 at 6:30 p.m.

...Tal Cohen – who was recently named as the Director of Provider Data at Blue Cross Blue Shield, a new role in the company.

...Hadas Peled Goren (Shlichah 2013-2014) who graduated from Beit Berl College with a Bachelors of Education degree focused on informal education combining Israeli cultural studies with teaching.

...Chen Dahan (Shlichah 2017-2019) who graduated from The Hebrew University of Jerusalem with a degree of PPE (philosophy, politics, economics) and is now working as a Digital Project Manager in the Municipality of Tel Aviv.

### Bat Mitzvah of Matilda Lilly Joels Sept. 10, Mizpah Congregation



Matilda Lilly Joels will become a Bat Mitzvah on Sept. 10 at Mizpah Congregation. Matilda is a daughter of Dr. Charles and Dr. Krissy Joels and the sister of Talia Ruth Joels, a sophomore at Baylor School.

Matilda, 13, is an eighth grader at Baylor, where she enjoys theater, and her favorite subjects are English and Science.

A Bat Mitzvah is "a time honored tradition that recognizes a young woman's transition into adulthood, connects Jewish people over thousands of years, and celebrates Jewish identity," notes Matilda. "It is also an opportunity to bring the Jewish community together to celebrate and connect with the teachings of the Torah and Jewish culture."



### Joshua Lefkoff Graduates from Baylor School

Joshua Lefkoff graduated from Baylor School in June. Joshua is the son of Rebecca and David Lefkoff and grandson of Brenda and Paul Lefkoff and Becky and Larry Tomlin.

Joshua was a member of the National Honor Society and a four-year member of Baylor's crew team, for which he received a Spirit and Dedication Award.

Now a freshman at UT Knoxville, Joshua is enrolled in the School of Engineering.



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## FINDING A SENSE OF COMMUNITY

by Ken Goldsmith, Annual Campaign Chair



An old friend messaged me on LinkedIn the other day. She wrote that her daughter, whom I first met when she was a five-year-old had given birth in Brazil to a baby boy.

After I congratulated her on her daughter and grandchild, she asked me for news from my side. I gave her an account of things I have done personally, things my wife, Jan, and I have done together, and big things I have accomplished professionally. This last area included teaching law in China and being appointed to the Tennessee Board of Regents (Faculty Regent) by the governor.

Then I paused in presenting news from my side, and I realized that I left

out the most recent and the most important thing – I was appointed to the Executive Committee of the Jewish Federation Board and was asked to serve as the Annual Campaign Chair. This was the capstone in my comments to her.

After I had finished messaging my old friend, I realized that my journey at the Federation, from attending singular events, to becoming a sponsor of the Jewish Film Festival, to teaching a Leadership class to serving on the Board reflected not just a checklist item for me, but personal growth.

Before becoming engaged with the Federation, I judged my success by the career I had built at Chattanooga State and beyond in academia. But in reflecting on the last couple of years, I realized that the most significant thing I had accomplished was joining the

Jewish community in an active and fully engaged way.

What I realized was that despite having a wonderful career and despite having a wonderful wife, what was lacking in my journey was a sense of community. By becoming engaged with the Federation at the Board level and now as Annual Campaign Chair, I transcended myself. I went from a person who strove to achieve personally, to a person who wanted my community to achieve and thrive.

I look forward to talking with all of you about your own journeys and how the Federation can help you in realizing your own place in this wonderful Jewish community we all call home.

## ADVA KASAY IS FEDERATION'S NEW SHLICHA

The Jewish Federation is thrilled to welcome Adva Kasay to Chattanooga as our newest shlicha. Adva arrived on August 23 and jumped in immediately, attending Jew Crew, and the Federation's Campaign Kickoff. She's already gearing up for Aleph Bet and Machanooga and is ready to assist with community Hebrew schools.

As a teen, Adva participated in Krembo Wings, a youth movement that works with children of different abilities. She also had the opportunity to participate in the Diller program, a Jewish Agency (JAFI) program that helps teens develop leadership skills. As part of the program, Adva traveled to Chicago, learning about American Jewry and connecting with Jewish teens. It was a transformational trip for Adva, as she believes this experience led her on the path to become a shaliach.

As young children, Adva's parents made *aliya* (immigrated) to Israel from Ethiopia. Adva considers her family's experiences not only as part of her shlichut journey but also part of the larger Jewish community story.

Adva graduated from Aryeh Meir High School in Kiryat Gat, Israel, in 2018. She joined the IDF soon after achieving the officer rank of Lieutenant. Since completing her military service in 2021, Adva has been working as a job recruitment officer for Tenengroup.

Adva loves watching good movies, hanging out with friends, and anything that includes music. She's loves to be adventurous and try new activities and new foods (but also loves pizza, hotdogs and hamburgers). Although she'll be reaching out soon to as many people as possible, don't wait! Please reach out to her for coffee, a meal, an activity and of course, for anything related to music.



The shaliach email address remains the same from year to year:  
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# 15th Annual Chattanooga Jewish Film Series

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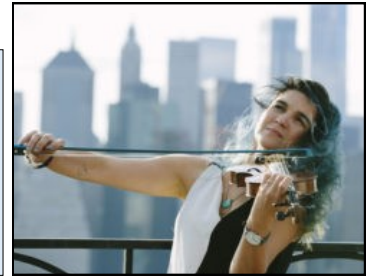


In-person Monday, August 29      Virtual noon Aug. 28 - noon Sept. 2

***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\*\*



\*\*With additional link to Alison Lebovitz's interview with the film's primary artist, writer and producers.



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\*\*

\*\*With additional link to Alison Lebovitz's interview with the film's researcher.

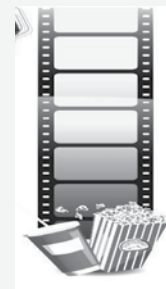
In-person Monday, September 19      Virtual noon Sept. 18 - noon Sept. 23

***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



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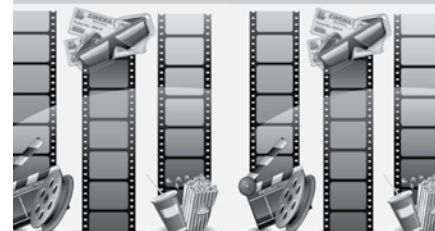


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## THE INCREDIBLE WORK OF ORT

by Austin Center, Chair, Federation Community Relations Committee

As a trustee on the national board of ORT America, I also serve on the Board of Trustees of World ORT, one of the Jewish Federation's international partners. World ORT is the largest non-government education system, educating more than 200,000 students annually in under-resourced communities in more than 30 countries.

In May I traveled to Israel on a mission for the organization's General Assembly and to visit ORT-funded programs. One exceptional visit was to YOUniversity East Jerusalem Excellence Center, one of our new afterschool programs in East Jerusalem for Palestinian students. While no ORT funds are used for these programs, the Jerusalem municipality, which oversees education in East Jerusalem, allocated funds this past year to World ORT. ORT was selected because of the demonstrated success of its Kadima Mada Schools, which offer after-school STEAM education.

We also met with leaders of programs, where we work behind the scenes to teach high school-aged Haredi boys in Jerusalem. ORT helps by giving them a foundation in computer programming, a trade that will always be in demand in the job market.

Other highlights included our tour of Yad Vashem, where we learned about ORT's involvement in DP, Displacement Camps, and with survivors and visited the Beta Israel Memorial, dedicated to Ethiopian Jews killed en route to Israel. We were honored to hear from Naftali Aklum, whose brother Farede Aklum was the leader who proved to his Ethiopian people that there is an Israel, and that they could make aliyah from Ethiopia through the Sudan to Israel. That ORT was in Ethiopia, and that our teachers risked their lives to prepare the Ethiopian Jewish community for aliyah made me so proud.

The impact ORT has had in educating the next generation, and continues to have, is most evident at our flagship School, Kfar Silver, in the Negev. A boarding/day school for teens from the most at-risk communities in Israel and around the world, the school draws students from Bedouin, Ethiopian, Arab, and Jewish communities as well as from Russia and, more recently, 35 from Ukraine, some of whom have no family due to the ongoing war there.

Our support-your support- of ORT changes hearts and minds on the ground, making the world a better place for future generations and ensuring the next generation is set up to be productive members of society. It is truly tikkun olam in action.

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## WE DIG MACHANOOGA!



This year we're digging deep into our exploration of Judaism! We'll uncover the amazing treasures of being Jewish as we explore the Torah and Jewish values through art, group activities, field trips, and more! We'll also unearth the hidden gems of Israel through the eyes of our new shlichah, Adva. It's an exciting new year full of amazing discoveries. Let's dig in!

**What is Machanooga?** We take the best of Jewish camp (*machaneh*) and combine it with Sunday School. Learners from Mizpah Congregation and B'nai Zion join together to learn in fun, interactive ways that build community and Jewish identity. Machanooga is for learners Pre-K (*potty trained*) to 8th grade. Students in grades 9 to

12 are encouraged to apply to be Madrichim (student aides). These are paid positions.

**When is Machanooga?** Our calendar for the year is provided below, however Machanooga takes place on Sundays from 9:30 AM-12:00 PM. **Machanooga starts on Sunday, Sept. 11, at 9:30 a.m. at Mizpah Congregation.**

Want to become involved? We would love you to join our staff as a teacher. Please email us at roshnooga@gmail.com to join the fun!

**Interested in Machanooga?** Registration is now open! Email us at roshnooga@gmail.com for the link to the registration form if you haven't received it already. Getting this after the fact? No problem. **We welcome you at any time.** Machanooga communications will go out every Thursday. Email us if you'd like to get on the list. Additional information will be posted on our Facebook page.



## MACHANOOGA CALENDAR 2022-2023

Sept 11, 2022	Jan 22, 2023
Sept 18, 2022	Jan 29, 2023
Oct 23, 2022	Feb 5, 2023
Oct 30, 2022	Feb 12, 2023
Nov 6, 2022	Feb 26, 2023
Nov 13, 2022	Mar 12, 2023
Nov 20, 2022	Mar 19, 2023
Dec 4, 2022	Mar 26, 2023
Dec 11, 2022	Apr 16, 2023

**Special Events:** *Simchat Torah Oct 18, 2022*  
*Purim Carnival Mar 5, 2023*

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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

### RECENT EVENTS AT MIZPAH



Maddie Gabelman  
 Bat Mitzvah



Shavuot in Mizpah  
 Garden of Life

### Mizpah High Holy Days Schedule 2022

**Saturday, Sept. 17:** Selichot, 7:30 p.m.

**Sunday, Sept. 25:** Erev Rosh Hashanah, 7:30 p.m.

**Monday, Sept. 26:** Rosh Hashanah services, 10:00 a.m.

Children's service, 10:00 a.m.

Tashlich services and potluck picnic, 5:00 p.m. at Tennessee Riverpark Hubert Fry Center (Amnicola Highway)

**Tuesday, Oct. 4:** Erev Yom Kippur (Kol Nidre) 7:30 p.m.

**Wednesday, Oct. 5:** Yom Kippur

Morning services, 10:00 a.m.

Children's service, 10:00 a.m.

Discussion in Library: *Jewish Engagement Post-Covid*, 12:45 p.m.

Afternoon services, 2:00 p.m.

Yizkor memorial service with Book of Remembrance, 4:00 p.m.

Closing services plus Havdalah, 5:00 p.m.

Break-the-Fast meal in Feinstein Hall

## 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.

### Torah Portions for September

Sept. 3 Shoftim

Sept. 10 Ki Teitzei

Sept. 17 Ki Tavo

Sept. 24 Nitzavim

## MIZPAH 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:

Sept. 10th: Matilda Joels Bat Mitzvah

Sundays: Machanooga begins Sept. 4th 9:30 am

Saturdays: Sept., 10th Techilah 9:00 am

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## High Holy Days



### MONTHLONG ITINERARY

<b>SATURDAY*</b> SEPT 17 8:00 PM - MUSICAL SELICHOT & HAVDALAH <b>SUNDAY/ZOOM</b> SEPT 25 6:00 PM - EREV ROSH HASHANAH <b>MONDAY ~</b> SEPT 26 9:00 AM - ROSH HASHANAH I 10:30 AM - KIDS SERVICE <b>TUESDAY ~</b> SEPT 27 9:00 AM - ROSH HASHANAH II <b>SUNDAY</b> OCT 2 10:00 AM - BZ CEMETERY KEVER AVOT 1:00 PM - TVA BOAT RAMP TASHLICH IN THE PARK	<b>TUESDAY ~</b> OCT 4 6:30 PM - KOL NIDRE <b>WEDNESDAY ~</b> OCT 5 10:00 AM - YOM KIPPUR 11:00 AM - KIDS SERVICE 1:30 PM - YOGA 5:00 PM - JONAH TEXT STUDY 6:15 PM - MINCHA 7:00 PM - NEILAH & MAARIV 8:00 PM - BREAK THE FAST ° <b>MONDAY*</b> OCT 10 9:45 AM - SUKKOT	<b>TUESDAY*</b> OCT 11 9:45 AM - SUKKOT II <b>THURSDAY*</b> OCT 13 5:00 PM - MEN'S CLUB° STEAK & SCOTCH <b>MONDAY*</b> OCT 17 9:45 AM - SHIMINI ATZERET & YIZKOR <b>TUESDAY*</b> OCT 18 9:45 AM - SIMCHAT TORAH 5:00 PM - KID'S CELEBRATION 6:00 PM - ADULT CELEBRATION
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**PROGRAM KEY:** ~ AT FEDERATION \* AT MIZPAH ° RSVP REQUIRED

### More HHD Information!

- 1 *Children's services* on Rosh Hashanah I & Yom Kippur will be led by Rabbi Keilah Lebell & Randi Weiss!
- 2 We will provide *childcare* for both Rosh Hashana I & II, as well as for Yom Kippur morning services.  
  
Restorative *Yoga*, led by Southern Soul Yoga, will take place after Yom Kippur morning services. All ages welcome! Bring comfortable clothes & a mat, if you have one. We will have a few extras on-hand. *Childcare will be provided during yoga!*
- 3 *All are welcome* to BZ's High Holy Days services, but please register, so we know you're coming!

We cannot wait to experience these High Holy Days together!



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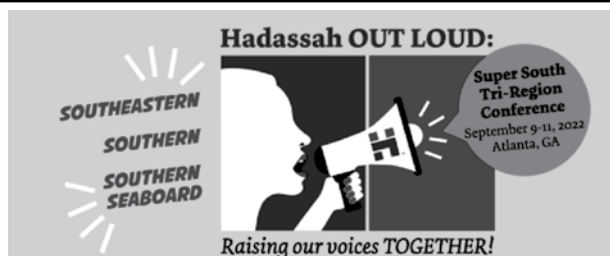
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**Judy Sachsman,  
President of Chattanooga  
Chapter of Hadassah**

### MARGARITAS AND MAJ JONGG

The Margaritas and Mah Jongg event in June was a huge success, thanks to Dana Waxler, who put it together. Jacque Nodell and Lindsey Moses even became new Hadassah members!



Chattanooga's Southern Region will sponsor a Hospitality Suite on Saturday night, Sept. 10. A single-day conference attendance rate is also available. Join Dana Waxler and Millie Lander 9/9 to 9/11, celebrating and learning about Hadassah with members from three regions!

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the 5783 Rosh Hashanah Greeting Card, wishing everyone a heartfelt L'Shana Tovah. More than a century ago Hadassah, the Women's Zionist Organization of America, set up clinics and hospitals in pre-state Israel, curing blindness, containing the 1918 pandemic, and saving women from a 50 percent maternal death rate. Today Hadassah is supporting the Israeli Humanitarian mission in the Ukraine, treating 31,000+ war victims, sending more than 15 medical delegations, welcoming more than 55 war refugees at Youth Aliyah Villages, donating \$30,000+ worth of medical supplies, and raising more than \$1.1 million to support the Hadassah Medical Humanitarian Mission.

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***Register now so you don't miss out!***

This is our first convention in Israel in a decade and our best lineup yet! Share your Hadassah pride and purpose and leave inspired to continue your support for Hadassah and for Israel. Every Region is selecting a "Convention Ambassador," who will be the Region's liaison to the National Convention team. They will work with the Region President to determine if the Region will reserve a block of rooms at one of 10 possible hotels and be kept up to date about all the plans having to do with our 100th National Convention!

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

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