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FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Shine A Light On Antisemitism

In the past few weeks national figures Kanye West and Kyrie Irving posted antisemitic ideas and tropes on their social media platforms. A local activist came out in support of Kanye's comments, doubling and tripling down on this antisemitism. Recently we saw antisemitic flyers posted throughout the UTC campus. Whether these words stem from hate or ignorance, the damage being done is immeasurable and unacceptable.

No longer can the Jewish community brush off these kinds of comments. These public figures have followers and admirers; in fact, Kanye, or Ye as he is now known, has more than 18 million Twitter followers. How many of these are influenced by his comments? Probably many more than we'd like to believe. In short, antisemitism exists in our community.

According to the Anti Defamation League (ADL), antisemitic events increased by 34% in 2021 across the U.S. In the South it was even more dramatic, with reports up 74% year over year. Antisemitic incidents are described as assaults, harassment (intimidation, distribution of hate propaganda, threats and slurs), and vandalism. Additionally, FBI statistics show that 55% of all religious bias crimes are directed towards Jews, although Jews make up approximately only 2.5% of the U.S. population.

The Jewish Federation's Community Relations Committee (CRC) daily addresses these issues. The CRC builds relationships with our multi-faith community to

ensure understanding of different religions and cultures. Speakers are brought in to address topics. We always encourage our friends of other backgrounds to participate in Jewish cultural events – Jewish Film Series, music and food programs, celebrations and commemorations – all of which are lenses into the Jewish community and opportunities to learn. Education and engagement are key to having respectful conversations, to creating a better understanding of our differences, and most importantly, our similarities. We always ask people of other faiths and cultures to support causes important to us; equally, we must stand up and support their causes as well.

Your Jewish Federation Board of Directors has recently engaged two national organizations, JewBelong and Shine a Light. Our goal is simple: to tell our fellow Chattanoogaans that antisemitism exists and that it is a significant problem in our society. This awareness campaign will begin in a few weeks and have a multifaceted approach:

- Large, pink billboards will go up throughout the city that highlight antisemitism. One will address antisemitism directly; the other addresses the security issues faced by Jews.
- This public awareness campaign will be accompanied by a media campaign that will create positive, ongoing attention to this issue.
- In an effort to team up with our multi-faith partners and Shine a Light on antisemitism,

we are creating branded materials (information cards and candles) for distribution in churches to educate others on the importance of standing up against antisemitism and all forms of hate. Information will include facts and resources.

- As thousands of candles are distributed throughout the community, we will ask our friends to light their candles and spread the message through social media posts.
- We are looking at bringing in speaker(s) in early 2023 to be shared with the general community to increase antisemitism awareness and education.
- All of this will coincide with the "Americans and the Holocaust" exhibit being hosted at the Chattanooga Library and co-sponsored by the Chattanooga Jewish Federation. A companion exhibit, "The Perpetrators", from the Tennessee Holocaust Commission, will also be hosted at the JCC during this time.

As we light our Chanukah candles later this month, let's open our doors to clergy, community leaders, elected officials, and people of all faiths and backgrounds, to not only share in our celebration, but to also use this opportunity to Shine a Light on antisemitism.

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FROM THE BOARD CHAIR

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Fighting Antisemitism Is A Priority

Kanye West (now known as Ye), Kyrie Irving, Nazi Halloween costumes, antisemitic signs on highway overpasses, hate messages projected onto buildings, local activists pushing antisemitic narratives, credible threats to synagogues, antisemitic flyers posted at local university...

Nearly every day it seems, we learn in the news about new instances of antisemitism around the country. It comes from celebrities, social activists, and influencers across social media. False narratives and antisemitic tropes are increasingly pushed through all forms of media. The spread of these narratives is leading to the normalization of hate speech, vandalism, and sometimes violence, against Jews. Hate crimes have been on the rise with Jewish people as the largest target of religious-based hate crimes. Every hate crime is heinous and unacceptable, no matter its

target, and we, as a Jewish community, must stand resolutely with any targeted group.

In light of these developments it is even more important that we have a strong, unified Jewish community and Jewish Federation. The Federation will continue to be vocal in its response to antisemitic speech or crime. The Federation has an active Community Relations Committee (CRC), composed of volunteers who regularly meet to discuss the best way our Federation can address incidents that occur locally. In recent years, we have applied for and received various grants from the State, grants that have been used to upgrade security at the Jewish Cultural Center and distributed to our local synagogues.

The Jewish Federation has always been and will continue to be proactive in educating about

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FROM THE PROGRAM DIRECTOR

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Many Opportunities To Be Kind

As a college student in Cleveland, Ohio I lived in a neighborhood with high crime, along with others with low incomes. At this point in my life I was working about full-time and paying for all my expenses. The first thing I did was rent a two-bedroom apartment that had a tiny maid's room in a very old brick building built when maids were expected to maintain a family home.

After building a loft bed in the maid's room so I could put my dresser underneath the bed, I solicited roommates from the law and medical schools. Their portion of the rent paid for my rent plus utilities, telephone, and cleaning supplies. They liked it because it was close to all their classes and it was not a dorm room. I thought I was being wise.

My roommates were mostly foreign students with

the exception of the American hippie. She brought in crabs, and not the good kind, but that's another story. A Greek roommate, a scientist studying law, taught me about self-esteem. She was not a beautiful woman and had a gorgeous sister who was a model back in Greece. An Ethiopian medical student taught me how to build an extended family. A stoic Russian woman supported my tenacity for work and learning. They were all my age. When we could, we combined resources, cooked and laughed together in our large communal living area and shared stories about our days.

Our landlord had been a young adult in this apartment and knew that leaving the door unlocked would provide us a unique education. Neighborhood homeless people would often come sit on the stools there at night. One older man would tell me when

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FROM THE SOCIAL SERVICES DIRECTOR

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Setting Realistic Goals

Happy December! I hope you have recovered from Thanksgiving, whatever that looks like for you. After a day of being on my feet cooking for hours to enjoy a meal that lasts 30 minutes, I am happy (thankful) to have some rest. (I also think we should make Thanksgiving *Alice Goss-Morgan appreciation day*, since our Federation Kitchen Supervisor cooks this way every week!)

I hope the coming season is a peaceful time of reflection of the past 12 months. I know this is a busy time for many, especially businesses trying to make their big sales before the end of the tax year. Not too different from our human attempts to make our "big sales" for the giving season. Coming from a food bank background, donations always pour in during November and December.

But aren't people also hungry in July? With a new calendar year approaching, I am considering how I can help others every month, as a family, as an individual, or with a group of friends. This is also a time for New Year's resolutions. Do you set goals? Are they attainable? I had a goal last year to write a letter to a friend or loved one every month. I didn't make it past January. That goal wasn't super challenging, so what could I have done differently to achieve my goal? Using the acronym **SMART** is a good way to set realistic goals.

Is your goal **Specific**? Maybe I should have identified who to send my letter to each month.

Is it **Measurable**? A checklist with a name for each month would have been helpful.

Is it **Achievable**? I have no excuse here; there was nothing that prevented me from accomplishing my goal. Perhaps addressing and stamping all the envelopes at once would be one less barrier.

Is it **Relevant**? With so much happening over a phone or keyboard now, I know I enjoy receiving a handwritten letter. It's important to me to do that for someone else.

Is it **Time-bound**? Once a month seems reasonable. I could put a reminder on my phone for each month.

I think I'll try this resolution again for 2023 implementing this SMART approach to goal setting.



CONTINUING

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HERE TO RESOLVE YOUR CARE CONCERNS by Jennifer Van Kirk

During this fast-paced season, between Rosh Hashanah and the secular New Year, we recognize the persistent passage of time. Our minds turn to how we can protect our loved ones, some of whom no longer live at home because they are elderly or infirmed. We want to make sure our most vulnerable family members are safe, protected, and properly cared for.

If you or a family member are a resident of a local assisted living community or are receiving skilled nursing care, know that I am here for you. As the District Long Term Care Ombudsman for Southeast Tennessee, I am here to resolve complaints or concerns about your loved one's care. Many in our area aren't aware that this service is available to them, and that this assistance is fast, confidential, and always free of charge. Our goal is to resolve issues in a way that protects and empowers residents and improves the quality of care for all.

Please contact me at jvankirk@partnershipfca.com or (423-755-2877). Happy Chanukah to you and your family!

The office of the District Long Term Care Ombudsman is funded by the Southeast Tennessee Area Agency on Aging and Disability and Administered by the Partnership for Families Teens and Adults and the State of Tennessee Ombudsman Program.

Rob Lowe (Fighting Antisemitism) Cont. from Page 3

antisemitism and Israel. With the latest wave in hate crimes and rhetoric, we are focusing now on a campaign to further combat antisemitism. This includes co-presenting, sponsoring, and, offering numerous programs around Americans and the Holocaust," a travelling exhibit coming to the Chattanooga Library in January and February.

I strongly encourage you to check out the exhibit and to promote it within your circles. There will also be a billboard campaign in the coming months that highlights the existence of antisemitism for the broader community. The Federation will engage further with local faith, government, and educational leaders to continue to ensure that fighting antisemitism is a priority in our community. For more information about national news events and how to fight anti-semitism, please check the websites of the Anti-Defamation League (ADL) and American Jewish Congress (AJC).

These are uncertain times, and it's never been more important that we stand together, take pride in our Judaism, and always speak out against antisemitism and hate crimes of any kind.

1. Jews comprise only 1.8% of the population in the U.S. but are targets of 60% of the religious hate crimes.
2. There was a 34% increase in anti Semitic incidents from 2020 to 2021
3. Jews are despised for their ethnic, racial, and religious characteristics.
4. Many Jews live below the poverty line, unlike the stereotype.
5. A lack of knowledge about Jewish people often causes anti-Semitic acts.



Ann Treadwell (Be Kind) Cont. from Page 3

he thought my skirt was too short or that I was working too hard. A different man would size up my boyfriends, express his opinion, and was all too often correct. Another person, a Vietnam veteran, would play his harmonica.

I learned that if I left a fresh loaf of bread, maybe some cheese, and something to drink, I would always have a security force to watch over me as I walked to class and work. I also learned that as a result of kindness, our building was one of the few on the block whose vestibule was not used as a toilet. You never know what will happen when you're kind to others.

This month at the Federation there are many opportunities to be kind. The Federation is assisting with The United States and the Holocaust exhibit coming to the downtown library branch at the end of January and all of February. This exhibit was one of the catalysts for Ken Burns' documentary miniseries The U.S. and the Holocaust on PBS. Please contact me if you are interested in being a docent.

December also brings a Foreign Policy Supper Club discussion of China and the Quad (United States, Japan, Australia and India). As the world turns and manages conflict, this program helps us understand the importance of our role in talking about policy.

December is also about celebration. The Community Chanukah Candle Lighting will feature great food, a strolling magician and opportunity to meet new people. Also participate in Hadassah's kindness as it conducts its annual collection of toiletries for Room in the Inn and non-perishable food and pet supplies for the Brainerd Area Food Pantry through Dec. 20.

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Monday - Thursday: Joel
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Wednesday & Thursday: Jonathan

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Mitzvah Meals Delivered

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
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Menus are set by the Kitchen Supervisor.

We are delivering meals on Thursdays.

Contact: Social Services (423) 893-9241

All Mitzvah Meal recipients must be pre-approved by Social Services.

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December 1 - \$10 lunch at the JCC
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\$10 charge for your meal



Happy Chanukah

from the Jewish Federation
and Aleph Bet staff



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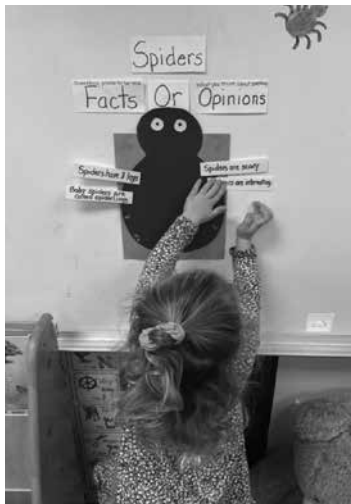
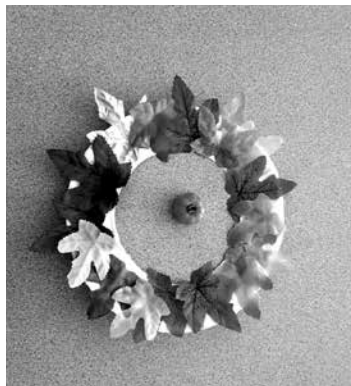
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Spread Light Wherever You Go

Hanukkah is one of my favorite holidays. It was one of the longest holiday vacations when I was in high school, and sufganiyot are the best. I hope you have good ones here in the U.S.!

When I saw people starting to sell sufganiyot in Kiryat Gat, I knew that meant that Hanukkah was around the corner, and I used to get so excited. I want to share the customs that Israelis usually do and also share my memories from this holiday.

Candle lighting - On this holiday, it is customary to light candles for eight days, starting on the first day with one candle, on the second day, two candles, and so on until the entire menorah, eight candles (not including the shamash), is lit. I know you also do this but my family has a tradition.

The lighting of the candles is accompanied by a blessing, and it is customary to sing Hanukkah songs. I have a big family, and most of my family lives close to my house, including my grandfather. Usually my grandfather will be the one to light the candles. One thing that I love is that whoever lights the candles is always someone from the family to whom we want to show our appreciation. We want to let them know they are someone special.

Playing with wooden dreidels (sevivonim) - During Hanukkah the children usually play with spinning tops. I remember when I was young we always compared our dreidels. If you had one with lights and glitter, wow!, you were lucky!

Eating sufganiyot (donuts, but not really) and levivot (potato pancakes) - These treats are a reminder of the miracle of the oil. Donuts and potato pancakes saturated with oil are reminiscent of the miracle of the oil that lasted during the Hanukkah holiday.

Hanukkah money - it is customary to give children money on the holiday. This is a custom that aims to teach the children to give a tenth of their money to charity. That was a nice, fun custom.

When I was young my father worked at an orphanage for 10 years. I used to spend a lot of my time there when I was young, including the holidays.

I had friends living at the orphanage who had difficult life stories. I remember I was excited for Hanukkah but not as much as they were. It wasn't until I grew up that I understood how lucky I was growing up. Not lucky in a way where I got a lot of gifts, I actually didn't. I meant lucky that I got to see and experience real appreciation that others don't have much.

Hanukkah is a beautiful holiday, a holiday of light. Try to spread light wherever you go. Make people feel good, laugh, and enjoy life. And, of course, appreciate it!



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Israel Trip Confirmed – Now time for YOU to sign up!
 (Trip is open to Jewish and non-Jewish community)

Depart Chattanooga Sunday, June 25, 2023 (arrive Israel June 26)
Return to Chattanooga July 5/6

Highlights Include:

- Visit our friends and family in Hadera, our P2G community
- Golan Heights including jeeps, ancient oil press, wine tasting and OZ 77
- Tzfat ancient synagogues and GREAT shopping
- Shabbat in Jerusalem
- Temple Mount, City of David/Davidson Center and the NEW Great Bridge Route of the Western Wall tunnels
- Visits and Discussion on Arab/Jewish relations
- Possible museums include Hertzl, Begin, Palmach and/or Israel Museum
- Walking tour of old Tel Aviv and Carmel Market
- Burma Road overlook, Latrun Tank Memorial, Ammunition Hill
- Tours, stories and meals in Abu Ghosh and Jaffa

COST - \$3,900 per person - which includes all hotels (10 nights), ground transportation, guiding, entrance fees and ALL tips!

Not included: Airfare, travel insurance and extra health insurance
 (Federation can give you suggested flight options as well as contact for insurance)

\$500 deposit due with application (by January 15).

Other payments due March 10 & May 1.

\$750 subsidies available.

Contact Michael Dzik at 423-893-5443 or mdzik@jewishchattanooga.com for more information, questions and to have all materials mailed or emailed.



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VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

1. Americans and the Holocaust Docents in conjunction with the Centennial Public library – training and the month of February 2023
2. P2G Each One Teach One – American adults teaching English to one Israeli teen student at a time by Zoom
3. Anti-Semitism Ambassador
4. Chai Nite planning and implementation – now through March 2023
5. F Troup planning and implementation (programs and activities for people in their forties and fifties)
6. PJ Library activities
7. Archives Assistants
8. Aleph Bet Gardeners
9. Common property clean-up
10. Inventory kitchen supplies
11. If you have a specific idea for a new project or program, and are willing to plan, solicit resources and implement it, we welcome a conversation about making it a reality.

Want to know more?

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 or call 423-493-0270 ext.13

FOREIGN POLICY SUPPER CLUB

December 5 - 6:00 p.m.

Xi's China takes on the Quad

\$12 for dinner

Please RSVP to
RSVP@JewishChattanooga.com



CAN YOU ID ANYONE IN THIS PICTURE?

If so, please get in touch with Ann Treadwell,
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This photo is one of hundreds stored in the Jewish Archives of Chattanooga (JAC), along with a treasure trove of papers, letters, and other documents. They are temporarily housed in a room provided by Mizpah Congregation. While hoping for a more permanent, climate-controlled home, where things can be displayed and accessed more easily, the Federation is fortunate to have the expertise of museum archivist Lindsay Stuber, pictured at right. Lindsay is working part-time to organize, curate, and properly preserve the many items that will allow scholars to research the history of the Jewish community in Chattanooga and help individuals learn about their family heritage. Lindsay serves as Curator of Collections of the Chattanooga Historical Society/Picnooga.



Pictured below is another historic photo found in our Jewish Archives of Chattanooga. It shows the laying of the cornerstone for the Ochs Memorial Temple in 1927. If you have memorabilia you would like to donate to the JAC or want to volunteer with this ongoing preservation project, please contact me at the email and phone listed in the Federation Directory. **Thank you** – Karen Diamond, Committee Chair, Jewish Archives of Chattanooga



THANK YOU TO ALL WHO HAVE PLEDGED

by Ken Goldsmith, Annual Campaign Chair



When it was announced earlier this year that I had accepted the position of Annual Campaign Chair, a previous Chair congratulated me and said in a joking manner,

“you will be signing a lot of letters.” I wasn’t sure whether the comment referred to an unanticipated burden I was assuming or a recognition of the commitments made by me and other members of the Jewish community of Chattanooga.

Over the last several months, I have signed more than 200 thank-you letters. In signing these letters, I learned that it was both a burden (I used up the ink in two pens) and a joy.

It was an honor to put my name on letters that thanked you for your engagement and commitment to the work the Federation supports locally, nationally, and internationally.

There was another important thing I learned through the thank-you letter signing process – the amount you pledge is not as significant as the fact that you make a pledge. Every time I signed a thank-you letter its signing was an acknowledgement that you feel strongly enough about the work the Federation does to sign your name to a pledge card. And it didn’t matter whether that letter is thanking you for pledging \$18 a month or for pledging \$18,000 a year.

As we close out the year, I also want to thank all community members who have taken the time to work as Campaign Cabinet members and campaign ambassadors as well as the Federation staff. Their collective work has made this campaign very successful. And of course, I again thank you! I thank all of you who pledged for the first time, who re-pledged your commitment from last year, and those of you who increased your pledges from the previous year.

I am proud to be part of this caring and generous community!

Camp and Israel Scholarships from YOUR Jewish Federation!

Applications open NOW; Up to \$1,750 per camper

NEW THIS YEAR – The Chattanooga Jewish Federation is partnering with One Happy Camper (OHC) and PJ Goes to Camp for first time campers. Been to camp more than once? More than twice? Three times? Your Chattanooga Federation offers camp scholarships for ALL!

ALL Chattanooga applications go through OHC: jewishcamp.org.

NOTE – If this is not your first time, the application may “deny” your grant. Not to worry, OHC collects that data for Chattanooga and you WILL get a grant! Grants range from \$1,000-\$1,750 per child, per summer, from the Federation.

Requirements

- Must be approved Jewish summer camp (through movements, Hadassah, etc)
- Family must live in the Chattanooga metro area
- Family must make annual campaign gift (and in good standing) to Federation – at any level



The Federation recognizes the life-long benefits of Jewish summer camp, building Jewish identity, friendships and independence.

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



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MACHANOOGA KEEPS DISCOVERING!

Machanooga dug deep into November as we explored Jewish values such as *bikur cholim*, visiting the sick. We made sweet care kits that included honey and tea, tissues, cards, chapstick, and even a little wooden heart for a free hug. We didn't let one of our last daylight saving times get us down as we had a pajama day!

Every time we're at Machanooga we learn about that week's upcoming Torah portion, and we have a Hebrew Letter of the Day. We sing our prayers, such as the Bar'chu and the Shema. We also share what we're thankful for after we sing the Modeh Ani. We're often thankful for our parents, our pets, our friends, and simple things, like being together.



Later in November, we explored our own personal relationships with God. We decorated prayer journals and made incredible weaving projects with old T-shirts and ribbons. We also made hamsas for our homes out of clay as we learned about *shalom bayit*, keeping peace, in the home. Machanooga then had a few weeks off for the Thanksgiving break.

In December we'll talk about disability awareness and explore how people in our community make up a kaleidoscope of friends. We'll also close out the fall semester before Chanukah celebrations begin. It's been an incredible semester, and we can't wait for next year!

Did you miss out on the fall semester? No problem! Machanooga has rolling enrollment. Spring semester starts Jan 22. Please email us at roshnooga@gmail.com for the link to the registration form. Machanooga is for learners pre-K (*potty trained*) to 8th grade and takes place on Sundays from 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon. We welcome you at any time. Machanooga communications are sent every Thursday. Email us if you'd like to get on the list. Additional information is posted on our Facebook page.

REMAINING MACHANOOGA CALENDAR 2022-2023

Dec 4, 2022	Feb 5, 2023	Mar 12, 2023
Dec 11, 2022	Feb 12, 2023	Mar 19, 2023
Jan 22, 2023	Feb 26, 2023	Mar 26, 2023
Jan 29, 2023	Mar 5, 2023	Apr 16, 2023

Special Events: *Purim Carnival Mar 5, 2023*

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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

Dr. Ken "Jerusalem Jones" Hanson Scholar-in-Residence Weekend

Many thanks to Carol and Steve Cohn, who arranged and sponsored Dr. Hanson, from Nov. 4 to 5, featuring his historical and hysterical rendition of The Moses Scroll.



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

- 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
6:00 worship service
- Saturdays:** 9:15 a.m. Torah Study
11:00 a.m. Shabbat services and Torah reading
- Sundays:** 9:30 a.m. Machanooga

Dec. 2: Family Shabbat and Dinner 6:00 p.m.

Dec. 20: Chanukah on the Steps 6:00 p.m.

Dec. 23: Chanukah Shabbat and Dinner 6:00 p.m.

Mazal Tov

Herb Cohn Families for our recent Music at Mizpah concert fundraiser, featuring the Emily Nelson Rodgers Quartet.

Committee members: Richard Zachary and Marilyn Goler. Huge thanks to Ruth Longway and friends for the deluxe reception: Lynn Howard, Linda Spector, Marcie Mott, Susan Distefano, Judy Monen, Warren Posternack, Vivian Hershey, Jon and Amy Cohen. Thanks also to our incredible Mizpah staff and all our generous Patrons and guests for a most-successful event.



Deluxe Reception

Sarah Stoloff and Trey Bowen, married Oct. 28, in Wilmington, N.C. Sarah is the daughter of Bonnie Stoloff and Henry Stoloff (of blessed memory). The wedding was a "Hallowedding." Rabbi Jim Stoloff performed the wedding ceremony.



Mizpah Consecration Service

Nov. 4, as we welcomed three new members into Religious School.



Kids from left: Mila Caminez, Rosemary Odineal, and Hugo Caminez.

Celebrate and Enrich Jewish Life

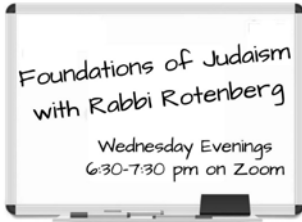
B'nai Zion's vision is to inspire a vibrant, uplifting, and inclusive community connected to the dynamic traditions of Conservative Judaism.



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FOUNDATIONS OF JUDAISM

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



December's Topic: "Fire in Jewish Tradition" In the month where we celebrate the festival of lights, a look at how fire plays a role in Jewish holidays and customs.

Meeting ID: 845 0521 2418

HOME ^{style} HOSTED KABBALAT SHABBAT

Services at 6:00 pm followed by dinner.
Bring in Shabbat with music, friends, and dairy potluck dinner!

December 9th in Feinstein Hall



HANUKKAH WITH BZ

FAMILY HANUKKAH PREP & PARTY

DECEMBER 14
4:30 @ BSI

COMMUNITY HANUKKAH EXTRAVAGANZAKAH

DECEMBER 21
5:30 @
PRIVATE RESIDENCE



B'nai Zion Calendar

Morning Shabbat Services:

9:45 am at Ochs Memorial Temple & via Zoom

Kabbalat Shabbat Friday services:

6:00 pm in person & via Zoom

December

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| 3 | Lunch & Learn |
| 4 | Jews & Brews |
| 9 | Home-style Shabbat |
| 11 | Book Club |
| 14 | Family Hanukkah Prep & Party |
| 17 | Lunch & Learn |
| 21 | BZ Hanukkah Extravaganzakah |

BSI: Dec. 7 & 14 at 4:30 pm

Minyan & Foundations:

Wednesdays @ 6:00 & 6:30 pm via Zoom



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JEW'S AND BREWS



DECEMBER 4
2:30 PM AT
ODDSTORY BREWING CO.
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FIFTH NIGHT OF CHANUKAH

Thursday Dec 22
 1400 Market Street, Ice on the Landing

- 5:30 - Parade Begins
- 6:00 - Chanukah on Ice
- 6:30 - Lighting of Giant Ice Menorah with Dignitaries

JOIN THE PARADE OF OVER
 40 MENORAH TOPPED CARS

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UPCOMING SCHEDULE

Torah & Tea
 AT CHABAD - 950 VINE ST

WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 21	MONDAY JANUARY 9
MONDAY OCTOBER 31	WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 22
MONDAY NOVEMBER 21	THURSDAY MARCH 23
THURSDAY DECEMBER 15	THURSDAY APRIL 20
	MONDAY MAY 22

Jewish Women's Circle

BAT MITZVAH CLUB

Girls Ages 11 to 15
 Bi-Monthly Sessions
 Sundays, 10:30 a.m. to Noon

Bat Mitzvah Club, where girls of Bat Mitzvah age get together to discover what it means to become a Jewish woman and how powerful and important they are through fun crafts, DMCs, and lessons that will last a lifetime.

For more information or to sign up:
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For more information
 contact Rosie at
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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

Millie Lander,
Treasurer

A TRAVELLING EXHIBIT FOR LIBRARIES

AMERICANS AND THE HOLOCAUST

January 27 - February 27, 2023
Chattanooga Public Library

Hadassah has defined healthcare in Israel and around the globe. It's about compassion. It's about healing. It's about life.

We offer a special thank you to those who contributed to the Community Blood Drive. This was a particularly important time for contributions since the blood banks supplies have been low.

Hadassah's 100th NATIONAL CONVENTION
Together in Israel: Our Pride. Our Purpose. Welcome back, Dana Waxler, who just attended this exciting international program!

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

Mitzvah Project collecting food for the Brainerd Food Pantry and toiletries for Room in the Inn, a home for abused women and their dependents. This will start at Thanksgiving and run through Chanukah. Collection boxes, decorated by Aleph Bet students, will be available at the Jewish Cultural Center. Beth Thomas is coordinating this project.

Hadassah and the Federation are co-sponsoring the Annual Chanukah Celebration on the first night of Chanukah, Dec. 18, at the JCC. Participants will light their candles together as they dine on a holiday dinner. Special entertainment will also be provided for guests.

In February, Hadassah is planning a program at the Chattanooga Public Library's exhibit "Americans and the Holocaust." Chattanooga is one of 50 U.S. cities to host this traveling exhibit. After the program, Hadassah members will gather to discuss what they have seen and their emotional response to the experience.

This Purim on March 5, Hadassah will remember Susan Wolf-Schwartz, who died on Sept. 22. She was an expert baker who conducted the hamantaschen demonstration last year. After Passover, Hadassah will present another popular program, "360 degrees of Mah," as members gather to play Mah Jongg in honor of the expansion and renovation of the round building at Hadassah Hospital Ein Kerem.

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 dwxler@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.

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| Allen, Amelia* | Center, Marilyn | Hill, J.R. | Levine, Lawrence* | Siskin, Pris |
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| Alper, Maxine* | Cohn, Herb | Hochman, Lynn | Lewis, Vicki | Spector, Linda |
| Balser, Jeff | Cohn, Sue* | Hodes, Alvin* | Lowe, Beth | Spector, Mark* |
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| Brooks, Ellyn | Frank, Estelle* | Lebovitz, Alan | Rose, Cassie | Zachary, Richard |
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* Deceased

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

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for insuring
our future.**

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Find up-to-date information about online programs,
cancellations and changes in our:

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

**QUESTIONS? Call us!
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Community Chanukah Celebration and Candle Lighting

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18
5:30
JCC - 5461 NORTH TERRACE

**CELEBRATE THE FIRST NIGHT
OF CHANUKAH WITH
FRIENDS AND FAMILY**

* ENJOY A FESTIVE MEAL
WITH ENTERTAINMENT

* BRING A MENORAH:
WE'LL PROVIDE THE CANDLES



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Register at
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Menu: Oven fried chicken, green
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Vegetarian option available
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Professional strolling magician
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non-perishable foods for the
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