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***"Shared Legacies: The African American-Jewish Civil Right Alliance"***  
will be screening at the Bessie Smith Cultural Center on February 9th at 6pm  
(No Cost to Attend)



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# FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

## *Two Thoughts – Plus A Little More*

The Jewish world, and our Jewish Chattanooga, are busy these days. What's on my mind? Pink billboards and Israel (words I never thought would be in the same sentence.)

The pink antisemitism awareness billboards continue to stand out in Chattanooga. I received many calls, emails, and personal messages about how proud our Jewish community feels about this public campaign. The Federation has received nearly 100 messages from non-Jewish community members, all showing interest in taking a stand and "shining a light" against antisemitism.

I talked and met with numerous local churches over the past few weeks as well. All have been extremely receptive and supportive. We also turned the billboards into postcards – same messaging – and we've been delivering thousands to churches around the city. Several have asked me to speak at their churches on Sundays and weekdays. Many are ready to host and sponsor educational events. I've connected with the City of Chattanooga's Chief Equity Officer and postcards are around city hall. Also in January, I met with both University of Tennessee at Chattanooga and Chattanooga State Community College leadership to discuss their involvement. To help turn our awareness into education, we are tentatively looking at Thursday, Apr. 20 for a program with the Anti-Defamation League for the general community. We'll have things confirmed over the next several weeks.

Israel is the other main topic on my mind. I've been fortunate to visit Israel dozens of times, making friends, touring sites, and feeling that Israel is my second home. My love for Israel is ingrained in my being and soul. Israel has become part of who I am, both personally and professionally. But my love for Israel is not superseded by the politics and what is happening on the ground there. As an American Jew, I'm thankful for my right to criticize Israel's leadership when I believe they are making mistakes or going down a path that is detrimental to the health of worldwide Jewry. Now is one of those challenging times for me personally.

A new government and coalition was sworn into office there in December 2022. My positive outlook means I aim to keep an open mind. I recognize that several members of the new coalition have checkered pasts and were convicted of wrongdoings, and others have ideologies that I believe are more dividing than uniting. I'm already questioning some of the rhetoric from these first few weeks. But my love for Israel doesn't falter when times are hard; it actually becomes stronger.

I learned recently on a webinar sponsored by Jewish Federations of North America and the Israel Democracy Institute that we, as diaspora Jews, must continue to be loud and be heard. Israel's democracy is set up differently than that of the United States. There are fewer checks and balances, and there are opportunities for the few to overrule the many. Some decisions could jeopardize, for example, the judicial arm of the Israeli government. I struggle deeply with "Israel the democracy"

and "Israel the religious," which can and do overlap sometimes in Israel. Will I be accepted in Israel with the same rights as all Jews? What about those who choose to convert? How about the Law of Return? Israel doesn't have a constitution, so checks and balances that exist today are being challenged. Although we are not Israelis, nor voters in Israel, Israel is the Jewish homeland – and homeland for Jews. We will ALWAYS be relevant in the conversations that Israel has with itself and throughout the world. We can and should speak up in both good times and challenging times.

We should always remember that the dollars we raise in Chattanooga are given to organizations that support our partner agencies around the world, including Israel. That money is helping people on the ground, not the governments. Federation dollars make people's lives better by strengthening our Jewish communities, lifting people up, and giving people opportunities. I respect the voters of Israel and the decisions they make, but I equally (and strongly) advocate for an Israel that (I think) would be best for all Jews. I'm passionate about joining with other Jewish Federations in advocating for an inclusive and pluralistic Israel that is open to all Jews without any exceptions. I look forward to you joining me in this important work and advocacy, while continuing to support the people of Israel.

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## FROM THE BOARD CHAIR

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### ***Embraced Your Pride In Your Judaism***

Recently, I viewed a video clip of a prominent New York City rabbi delivering a sermon about one of her former students, now in law school, who attended a Shabbat dinner at the Hillel on campus. In a group chat beforehand, some students discussed whether or not to attend, suggesting that being seen at a Shabbat dinner could get them “canceled.” After dinner, some attendees opted out of a group picture; one student said, “I’m never going back to that again,” implying that any association with something Jewish is inherently problematic.

The rabbi asked “What does it mean to be a public Jew, to show up for a Hillel event, to march in an Israel parade? When did kids have to hesitate before showing up at a Shabbat dinner, weighing what their mere presence might project about who they stand with or what they stand for?” She noted that a 2021 Brandeis Center survey of Jewish students on campus found that 50% of students say they hide their Jewish identity. One student surveyed said that she hesitates to mention Hillel or other Jewish organizations when people ask what she is involved in on campus.

It saddens me that students feel they need to hide their Judaism or risk being an outcast. This made me think of my own teenage daughters, their Jewish identities and whether they worry about how they are perceived among their non-Jewish friends, especially growing up where there were very few Jewish kids. Beginning when she was little, one of my daughters was proud of being Jewish. When asked at a play audition, “What is a fun fact about you?”, she answered “I’m Jewish,” recognizing that it made her unique. When she reached high school, she started wearing her Star of David necklace every day, and admittedly, I was a bit worried that she might encounter antisemitism. But on the contrary, her friends embraced her pride in her Judaism and wanted to learn about Jewish holidays. Even though she highlighted something different about herself, instead of feeling it was a risk, she looked at it as simply an expression of who she is.

My daughter’s confidence and pride in her Jewishness was fostered through experiences at home along with Jewish education, programs, and activities connected

with our synagogue and Jewish Federation, including Philanthropy Camp, Camp Ramah Darom, USY, Jew Crew, Machanooga, and Ramah Israel Seminar. All these programs and involvement contributed to her strong Jewish identity. Now away in her first year at college, she continues to display her Jewish symbol and engage with Jewish groups. If in the future she does encounter antisemitism, I’m hopeful the strength of the Jewish identity she developed in our community will protect her from covering up who she is or her love for Jewish culture.

Antisemitism is on the rise, and is especially prominent on college campuses. The next generation has been impacted by antisemitism; many younger Jews feel they need to downplay or deny their Jewish identity. Continuing to keep our kids involved in Jewish education and programs offered by our Jewish Federation and synagogues will instill in them the strength needed to be open and proud of their Judaism when they leave for college and begin to build their lives away from home.

### ***“Americans and the Holocaust” Exhibit***

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### Take Action

Love is a popular topic for February, and there is an act of love that you can do for your family: **Prepare for your Death** for free.

If you are 60 years of age or older, Legal Aid of East Tennessee can prepare your will, Power of Attorney, and other legal documents. Do you have all of these in order? We already held two Legal Aid sessions, and one is scheduled for Feb. 7. This is a wonderful resource to utilize for those who are of Medicare age!

Examining your end-of-life plan is important for everyone, 18 years or older. My family jokes about this because my husband wants one of his funeral songs (is that even a thing?) to be "Comfortably Numb" by Pink Floyd. His military career, including multiple deployments, caused us to address this issue frequently. Sadly, we are past due for an update, as my parents are still in line to gain custody of our four children, two of whom are now legal adults. This article is as much for me as it is for you! There are documents and decisions that need to be updated with any major life change: marriage, birth, empty nest, death in family, new job, retirement, winning the lottery, bitcoin crash...

Consider what you are leaving behind and who it will go to. Will it be an inheritance or debt? My father, a gentleman scientist, inventor, and collector has an industrial building full of tools. I can tell you my sisters and I are so excited about inheriting that one day. (Kidding.) There are steps

you can take to ensure your loved one won't have to worry upon your departure from this life. For example, if your loved one doesn't have access to bank accounts, you won't be able to continue paying bills without going to court. In my 20 years of working with families, I have seen many instances where things were not in place following an unexpected death or even a life-altering injury. The burden of this on top of grief can be overwhelming. While it is an uncomfortable topic, I encourage you to have these difficult conversations and take action.



Lorri and Dawn love to celebrate all of life's big events with you. Don't hesitate to reach out.

Keep an eye out for an event I am planning that will provide further education and opportunities to act on this topic. If you are over 60, please give me a call to get an appointment with Legal Aid. If the slots are all full, we will have another day for them to come to the Federation as needed.

If you are interested in viewing the Holocaust exhibit at the Library and need transportation, we have set aside at time on February 8th from 1:00-3:00. Please call Lorri at 423-893-9241 to RSVP for a ride!

### ERLANGER EXPRESSES THANKS TO JEWISH COMMUNITY FOR MITZVAH

*Andy Hodes and Stephen Black Coordinate Community Effort*

Once again both B'nai Zion and Mizpah members, about 30 in total, volunteered their time to serve lunch to Erlanger employees on Christmas Day. This mitzvah is done annually in memory of Seth Lurie Eichenthal and Sylvia Wygoda.

*Dear Andy and Stephen,  
I would like to thank you and your volunteers for serving meals at Erlanger Baroness and Erlanger East campuses on Christmas Day. As you are likely aware, it is difficult enough being in the hospital, but being in the hospital during the holiday season is especially hard on families. Your willingness to give back to our community is meaningful and very much appreciated. Again, thank you, Andy and Stephen.*

*Gregg T. Gentry, Chief Administrative Officer  
Erlanger Health System*



Andy Hodes and Stephen Black



Volunteers serving lunch at Erlanger

### BIRTHDAY PARTY AT THE JCC

Do you or someone you love have a birthday or special anniversary in the month of February?

Do you just like cupcakes? Come join us on Tuesday, February 28th from 4:00-5:00 to celebrate!

Please RSVP by Monday February 27th.



## FROM THE PROGRAM DIRECTOR

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### Where's the WOW?

My grown son recently told me that I have become a bit of a snob because I have gotten very picky about how I spend my time. Since COVID, events, performances, and festivals have to be really special to get me to go out. When I stay in, I'll admit I carefully curate the TV shows and films I watch. I think one of the upsides of aging is that you don't have to do or like everything that comes your way. Plus I don't see as much WOW when I do go out as I'd like to.

But I recently did feel a sense of WOW when I watched former shlicha Noa Hadad's wedding on Zoom at 4:30 in the morning Chattanooga time. Seeing the Chattanooga folks and past shlichim there was incredible. Watching the sunrise turn the air into pink crystals was awe-inspiring.

My aim in February is to take personal, political, and beautiful elements to create WOW.

## CHATTANOOGA JEWISH DOCUMENTARY FILM SERIES 2023 Committee Members Summaries

### **Reckonings** - in person March 13/Virtual, March 12-17

In this untold true story, German and Jewish leaders met secretly to discuss reparations for the victims after WWII. They had the difficult task of determining compensation after the Holocaust with no blueprint due to the unparalleled devastation and suffering of the Jewish people. The pain and agony endured by millions of survivors is detailed in this emotionally draining, but ultimately uplifting, story. *Reckonings* is beautifully crafted with interviews with survivors and real-life participants.

- Richard Zachary

### **The Narrow Bridge** - in person March 20/Virtual March 19-24

*The Narrow Bridge* portrays the Arab/Israeli conflict in a very personal and non-political way by following the lives of a group of activists striving for peace through empathy. Based on Colum McCann's "Apeirogon," the story follows Israelis and Palestinians who have lost loved ones, including children, in the conflict. Their commitment to non-violence and to understanding each other is inspiring and heart-breaking at the same time. It appears that searing, enduring personal loss can lead to peace, understanding, and societal justice.

- John Reis and Sheila St. Aubin

### **Souvent les Enfants (Saving the Children)** - in person March 27/Virtual March 26-March 31

The story of *Sauvons les Enfants (Saving the Children)* begins on Rosh Hashanah 1942. The Jewish families of Lille, France were gathering for the holiday when they were rounded up at the train station by the Nazis and their Vichy collaborators. The heroic rail-workers of Lille saved over 40 children from deportation and certain death in Auschwitz. It is a story never heard before, and the only instance of its kind in France.

- Stephen Black

### **Xueta Island** - in person April 3/Virtual April 2-7

*Xueta Island* explores the fascinating legacy of the Chuetas, descendants of 15th Century Jews living in Majorca, Spain. During the Spanish Inquisition, Chuetas were given the choice to either convert to Catholicism or face death, as exile was not an option. Although they were practicing Catholicism, Chuetas were still discriminated against until the mid-20th Century. Today, some Catholic families still practice Jewish traditions that date back centuries. It is estimated there are currently 20,000 Chuetas in Majorca today. Despite the past, some Chuetas are now beginning a Jewish revival.

- Sanford Winer

### **The Klezmatics: On Holy Ground** - in person April 10/Virtual April 9-14

*The Klezmatics: On Holy Ground* is a journey with this Grammy Award winning band during which we learn about the lives and interactions of the group members. Although they have difficult financial issues as a small band of musicians with a niche in Jewish music, their love of the music transcends any problems. The movie follows the musicians on tour in Germany and Poland, where they are extremely popular. *The Klezmatics: On Holy Ground* brings back to life the music of Eastern Europe where few Jews live today.

- Frank Miller



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## Condolences

*We extend our sincere condolences to...*

...family and friends of Dr. Reuben Dubrow, who died on Dec. 30, 2022 at the age of 95. He is predeceased by his parents, Paul and Freda Epstein Dubrow, his wife of 72 years, Dorothy (Dot) Levy Dubrow, and his two brothers, Ben and David. He is survived by his four children, David, Freda (Robert), Michael (Jessica Handler), and Herbert (Lisa); four grandchildren; and four great grandchildren.

...family and friends of Martin Fanburg, who died on Dec. 20, 2022. He is survived by his niece, Pamela Kalis (Mark) Berkowitz; great-nephew, Seth (Annie) Parker; great-niece, Edelyn Parker (Don) Frye; and many loving friends and neighbors.

...family and friends of Chattanooga native Stanley Cure, who died on Jan. 7, 2023 in Pennsylvania. He is predeceased by his parents, Harry and Hannah Mae Cure, and his stepmother, Freda Cure. He is survived by sons, Lee (Elizabeth) and Marc (Angela); sisters, Louise (Leo) Benatar and Eleanor (Sam) Brody; and grandchildren, Stephen, Norah, Matthew, Bryson and Lucas.

## Mazel Tov to...

...Deborah Levine's documentary: Untold, Stories of a World War II Liberator is a winner in the NYC Independent Film Festival and four other film festivals. Her documentary will be televised in 2023 by Jewish Life TV on ROKU. Deborah's documentary shares the wartime letters of her father, a World War II "Ritchie Boy" military intelligence officer, and is a tool for Holocaust education.

... to Federation Kitchen Supervisor Alice Goss-Morgan on 20 years of service at the Federation. She has done so much for this community, and we all are so appreciative.

### **Lilah Parker will become a Bat Mitzvah at B'nai Zion Congregation on Feb. 11, 2023**

Lilah is a seventh grader at Center for Creative Arts, where she is a dance major. She is a proud member of the National Junior Honor Society, and enjoys helping others through philanthropy projects. She loves cooking and baking and listening to BTS. Her summers are spent at Camp Judaea in Hendersonville, N.C.



Lilah is a daughter of Rebecca Barukh and Jordan Parker. Her younger brother, Aaron, is a fifth grader at Normal Park Upper School. Lilah is looking forward to spending time with friends and family during the weekend of her Bat Mitzvah.

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## Family Memories

Every February in Israel we celebrate Family Day, which used to be called Mother's Day. This special holiday revolves around family, the most important thing to me.

Let me tell you a little more about my family and my best memory with them.

My father, Gal Gergy, is 45 years old. He looks daunting at first, but he's funny and intelligent once you get to know him. For almost 10 years, my father worked at an orphanage. I loved going there, and it helped me appreciate the little things in life.

My mother, Nava Fetegey, is a 43-year-old kindergarten teacher. I know everyone thinks that their mother is the best, but mine is actually the most amazing mother in the world because she's caring and she wants the best for me and my siblings. Although we didn't get along well during my high school years, as time evolved so did our relationship. My mother is the best cook, and I love when she cooks my favorite dish, Moroccan salmon fish with challah.

My sister, Lior, is 17 years old. Her name translates to "my light," which is exactly how I feel about her. I tell Lior everything, and I admire her because she is smart, thoughtful, and sassy. You don't want to mess with Lior. I miss her so much, and I think I appreciate her even more since we've been apart.

Last but not least my brother, Harel, 18, is the toughest kid I know, which is funny, because when he was young he was always crying. The thing I love about Harel is his amazing and caring heart. Even though I'm older, he makes me feel safe and calm.

My best family memory is going to Eilat, a city in the south of Israel, every summer when I was young. Eilat is popular for tourists because it's hot, there's a nice beach, and there are fun things to do. We used to go there for a full week to have fun, relax, and enjoy spending time together. Since my siblings and I have gotten older, we stopped going to Eilat. I miss those fun days, and my plan for 2023 is to make a family trip to Eilat a reality.

Another plan for 2023 is to become even more active with Chattanooga's Jewish community. I would love to keep meeting and getting to know all of you. Please reach out to me if you want to sit for a coffee, have dinner, or take a walk.



**It's Lunch Time!**

Hear about what the Jewish Agency for Israel (JAFI) is doing in the Southeast.

Join Shani Turel, the Regional Program Manager for Lunch!

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**Industrial Policy**

The current discussion of industrial policy in the United States is not simply about whether or not to support specific companies or industries, but about trust or mistrust of the government and its ability to manage the economy and deal with a rising China. The upheaval in supply chains during the pandemic exposed weaknesses in the international economy. What policies can the United States implement to deal with trade and the economy?

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### **JEWISH FEDERATION OF GREATER CHATTANOOGA: *Andy Hodes and Alison Lebovitz***

The Jewish Federation is honored to recognize Andy Hodes and Alison Lebovitz as our 2022 Volunteers-of-the-Year.. Andy and Alison have been long-time volunteer advisors for Jew Crew, the Jewish high school group that meets monthly. Alison's tenure began over 20 years ago; Andy's over 15. They have been a great team, engaging our high schoolers in fun, interactive, and social service related projects. Most importantly, since many of our Jewish high schoolers attend different schools, Jew Crew has been a key program to connect our local youth.

Andy and Alison have also served as the Federation Campaign and Board Chairs as well as on the National JFNA board of directors. Alison has been National Young Leadership Co-Chair while Andy has been the Chair of JFNA's small cities board membership. Both members of the Chattanooga Federation's Board of Directors, they continue to lead the organization and help mentor our newer leadership.

Generations of parents and teens are beyond thankful for the opportunities that Andy and Alison have given our community. Thank you Andy, Thank you Alison – for your lifelong dedication to the Chattanooga Jewish community and the entire Jewish world.

### **ALEPH BET CHILDREN'S CENTER: *Edie and Josh Weiss***

Aleph Bet recognizes Edie and Josh Weiss as our 2022 Volunteers-of-the-Year. Even before their children, Elliana and Jackson, attended Aleph Bet, Edie and Josh have been advocates for our Jewish preschool. They always support Aleph Bet's annual fundraisers as well as purchase items from teacher wish lists throughout the year. The couple was very involved in Aleph Bet's Director search in the spring, assisting with many interviews. Whenever there is a need, Edie and Josh are always quick to help and encourage others to join them. We appreciate that they have been constant and consistent supporters of Aleph Bet, and we're thrilled to honor them with this special award.

### **B'NAI ZION CONGREGATION - *Mark Shapiro***

B'nai Zion is proud to nominate Mark Shapiro for Volunteer-of-the-Year.. For the past four years, Mark has volunteered as our High Holy Day chair, and as coordinator of our Super Bowl fundraiser. As a long-time board member, Mark has served as Men's Club president and chaired the personnel and fundraising committees. He is also one of our dedicated Torah readers, going so far as to develop his very own trope system called the "Shapiro Trope." Mark, BZ is proud and lucky to have you as such a committed volunteer. Mark, B'nai Zion is deeply grateful for your time, skills, and commitment.

### **CHABAD OF CHATTANOOGA - *Lindsey Dodson***

Chabad is thrilled to honor Lindsey Dodson as our Volunteer-of-the-Year! Lindsey embodies all four meanings of the Hebrew word Hitnadvoot - volunteering, generosity, willingness, and nobility. An asset to our community, Lindsey enthusiastically and creatively volunteers her time and organizational skills. She was a major contributor to the grand opening of Chabad's new Mikvah, where she handled everything from cooking to designing. With Lindsey's leadership, we have taken Chabad's programs and events to the next level.

### **HADASSAH - *Millie Lander***

During the past few difficult COVID years, Millie has been one of the mainstays of Hadassah. Locally, she has served as Chapter President and as many other positions over the years. Along with her leadership positions, she has chaired several programs and

fundraisers, such as the Tu B'Shvat Tree Certificate sale and program and the High Holiday cards. Millie has held offices on the Regional level too.

Millie has been a major advisor and supporter of all Hadassah activities. Our "go-to" member

for advice and action, Millie exemplifies the slogan of Hadassah as a "Woman who does." It is our honor to recognize Millie for her countless dedication as Hadassah's Volunteer-of-the-Year.



# 2022 VOLUNTEERS OF THE YEAR

## MIZPAH CONGREGATION - Betsy Temple

As Mizpah's Volunteer-of-the-Year, Betsy Temple is dedicated to our congregation. We are fortunate that she chooses to give so much of her free time to Mizpah. She quietly accomplishes tasks in whatever situation she is in,

from managing the garden and library, washing dishes, and prepping for Torah Study or Saturday Oneg. Betsy is always quick to act if she sees something that needs to be done.

## MACHANOOGA - Erica Newman

We are pleased to nominate Erica Newman as the Machanooga Volunteer-of-the-Year. Erica has volunteered her time by helping in the classroom. Whether guiding students through activities or lending support, Erica has been there to lend a hand to students and teachers alike.

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4:30pm to 5:30pm  
1st Meeting -  
Feb. 21st, 2023  
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### Tennessee Holocaust Commission Programs:

- Annual Educator Outreach Programs
- Living On exhibition and newly published book featuring portraits of Tennessee Holocaust survivors and liberators
- Customized Teacher Resources
- Belz-Lipman Holocaust Educator of the Year
- Teacher Workshops & Fellowships
- Annual Day of Remembrance Commemoration
- Mira Kimmelman Essay Contest
- Law Enforcement Training
- Workforce Diversity Workshops
- Ethics in Leadership Program
- Understanding and Treating Trauma through study of Holocaust Survivor Resilience
- Yom Hashoah



Ethel Berger

## Tennessee Holocaust Commission

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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 presents a Purim Carnival and Mario Brothers Spiel!

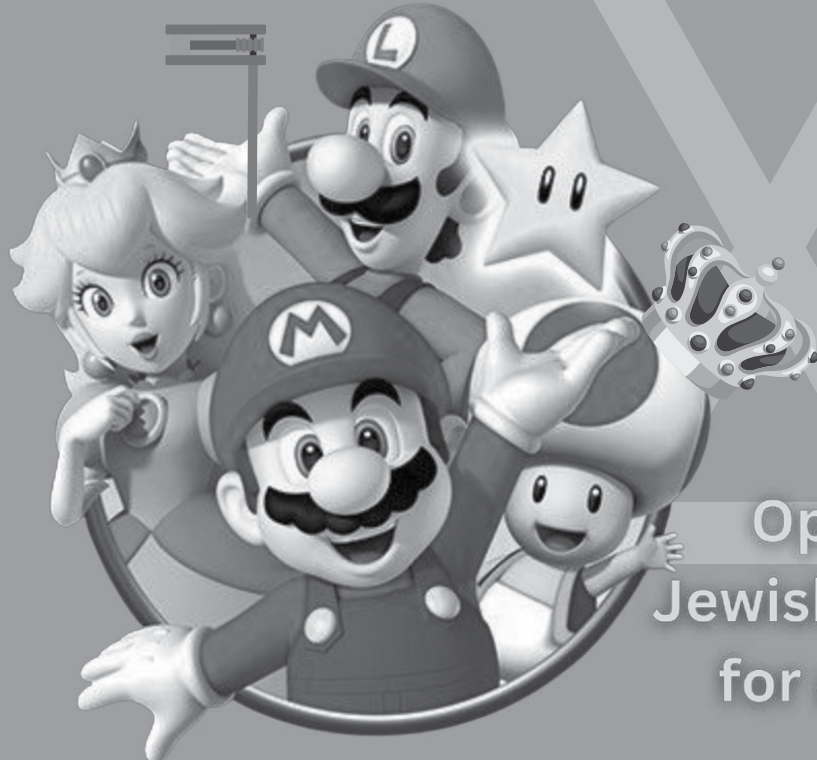
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Sunday, March 5  
9:30 AM - Noon

Mizpah Congregation

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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

### CHANUKAH LATKE TEAM



Bottom to top:  
 David Israel, David Solovey, Richard Zachary,  
 Josh Weiss, Aaron Lewis, Art Lewis

### FORMER MIZPAH RABBI

Ken Kanter: Rabbinic Director of Roots of Reform Judaism, appeared at Mizpah January 27-28, 2023. Rabbi Kanter was Mizpah Rabbi from 1983-1993, and for fifteen years, Associate Dean and Director at HUC/JIR, Cincinnati.



## 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:** 9:30 a.m. Machanooga
- Wednesdays:** 7:30 a.m. Mussar
- Thursdays:** 6:30 p.m. B'nai Mitzvah Class
- Fridays:** 6:00 p.m. Kabbalat Shabbat services
- Saturdays:** 9:00 a.m. Torah Study  
 11:00 a.m. Shabbat services and Torah reading

### Special Dates:

**February 3:** Family Shabbat Service and First Friday Dinner 6:00 p.m.



**February 15:** Intriguing Conversations: Ernest Crow 7:00 p.m.



**February 17:** Shirei Shabbat: Shabbat of Song with Amy Cohen 6:00 p.m.

## Celebrate and Enrich Jewish Life

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# BZ'S ANNUAL SUPER BOWL PARTY AND FUNDRAISER IS ON!

February 12 2023  
Feinstein Hall  
923 McCallie Ave



5:30 pm: Cookout  
6:30 pm: Game Time  
\$10 entry, or free with purchase of a square

Squares are SOLD OUT!  
But RSVP to join us for the Super Bowl Party!

## Family Tu B'Shvat Party



Feb 19 from 10:30 am - 12:30 pm  
Jungle Fun Center  
6503 Hixon Pike

Breakfast, Tu B'Shvat Seder, Indoor Jungle Playground

## Jammies and Jeans

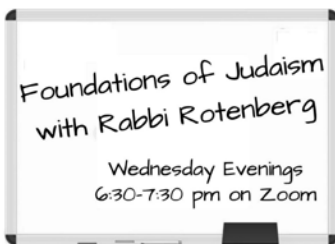


February 17  
5:30 Pm

*including potluck oneg!*

During the winter months, our family Shabbat services move indoors. Join Rabbi Rotenberg at BZ for a musical & fun family Shabbat experience! All ages welcome, and kids are invited to wear their pajamas!

## FOUNDATIONS OF JUDAISM



Wednesdays on zoom, after minyan at 6:30 pm!  
February topic:  
*Jewish law and Digital Technology:*  
*Jewish perspectives on social media, artificial intelligence, and more.*

## 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

February	3-5	Southern Schmooze Retreat
	11	Lilah Parker Bat Mitzvah
	12	Super Bowl Party
	17	Jammies and Jeans
	18	Lunch and Learn
	19	Family Tu B'Shvat Party
24	Homestyle Shabbat	

BSI: Feb. 1, 8, 15 & 22 at 4:30 pm

**Minyan & Foundations:**  
Wednesdays @ 6:00 & 6:30 pm via Zoom

## Mazal Tov

Lilah Parker on your Bat Mitzvah!  
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MONDAY NOVEMBER 21	THURSDAY MARCH 23
THURSDAY DECEMBER 15	THURSDAY APRIL 20
MONDAY MAY 22	

*Jewish Womens Circle*

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**Millie Lander,**  
Treasurer

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**MITZVAH PROJECT**

Thank you to those who donated to Hadassah's annual Mitzvah Project: collecting food for the Brainerd Food Pantry and toiletries for Room in the Inn, a home for abused women and their dependents. Thank you, Beth Thomas, for coordinating this project.

**ANNUAL FEDERATION MEETING**

At the Annual Federation meeting, Hadassah was proud to recognize Millie Lander as its Volunteer-of-the-Year. Millie held many leadership positions locally and regionally throughout the years. She exemplifies a Hadassah "Woman Who Does."



**AMERICANS AND THE HOLOCAUST DISCUSSION**

Sunday, Feb. 5 from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Hadassah is planning a program as part of the Chattanooga Public Library's exhibit "Americans and the Holocaust." After viewing the program, Hadassah members will gather to discuss what they have seen and their emotional response to the experience. Alison Lebovitz, a member of the Tennessee Holocaust Commission, will lead the discussion.

Hadassah Chattanooga Presents  
**AMERICANS AND THE HOLOCAUST**  
TRAVELING LIBRARY EXHIBIT

Sunday, February 5, 2023, from 2:00 - 4:00 PM  
Chattanooga Public Library (main branch)  
1001 Broad St, Chattanooga, TN 37402

The Chattanooga Public Library is opening on a Sunday, JUST for our program!

- Special Guest: Alison Lebovitz, member of the Tennessee Holocaust Commission
- Coffee and discussion will follow
- This event is free, but registration is required

*Advocacy through Hadassah brought us the Never Again Education campaign, which encouraged these kind of exhibits to be organized. Hadassah's mission includes educating people to advocate for combating anti-zionism.*

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

**UPCOMING PROGRAMS**

March 5: In honor of Purim, Hadassah will remember Susan Wolf-Schwartz, an expert baker who conducted the hamantaschen demonstration last year. Vicki Lewis has graciously offered her kitchen for in person baking as members celebrate Esther, Hadassah's namesake. Rabbi Keilah Lebell will present a short program about the Women of Purim.

April 15-16: Regional Meeting in person in Birmingham. If you wish to attend, please contact Judy Sachsman or Dana Waxler. Some terrific speakers are already being invited.

April 23, 2:00 to 5:00 p.m.: 360 degrees of Mah. Play Mah Jongg in honor of the hospital round building expansion and renovation and as an opportunity to remember Roz Vogel, who taught so many members this engrossing game. Thank you to Paula Israel for her help coordinating this event at Mizpah.

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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*Exhibition open to the public.  
Exhibition and programs all at Downtown  
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Thursday, February 2, 2023 | 5 pm  
*Americans and the Holocaust: Scholars' Panel*

Monday, February 6, 2023 | 5 pm  
*Paper Clips Project*

Thursday, February 9, 2023 | 5 pm  
*History Unfolded*

Thursday, February 16, 2023 | 7 pm |  
at UTC Hayes Concert Hall.  
*The Shoah Songbook with Likht Ensemble and  
Chattanooga Symphony Orchestra*

Friday, February 17, 2023 | 5 pm  
*The Shoah Songbook with Likht Ensemble  
Encore Performance*

Thursday, February 23, 2023 | 10 am & 7 pm |  
at The Chattanooga Convention Center  
*Special Guests Michael Bornstein with Debbie  
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