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FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Hodge Podge



One of my favorite words. At our house, it's what we say what we want for dinner. It could mean we have several leftover dishes, cereal, eggs, or a bagel, but mostly it's just a smattering of various options. This month, I feel like there's a hodge-podge of happenings that I want to share with you.

My first "podge" is bittersweet. Our Shlichah, Adva, has decided to stay in Chattanooga for only one year; she will return to Israel in August. Although we're sad to see her go, we appreciate her dedication and her openness. Adva will continue to lead programs, share her Israel, and engage with the community over the next few months. We appreciate what she has given to Chattanooga, and we look forward to hearing about her next journey. Once a Chattanooga Shaliach, always a Chattanooga shaliach. We have another family member to visit when we're in Israel too!



As I wrote last month, I've been spending a lot of time speaking at churches about our pink antisemitism awareness campaign. The first talk I gave was at First Christian Church back in January. A few weeks later, I received a call from them asking how they too could have a "pink



sign." Wow! Here's a congregation who not only is aware and educated but took the next step in support and advocacy. A few weeks ago I was driving on McCallie Avenue and I could see a pink banner in the distance. And there it was – a pink banner hanging right next to the main church sign: "3,500 years of Jew hate doesn't make it right." Not only is it located by the University of Tennessee of Chattanooga and on a main road, it's a tangible example of people standing with the Jewish community. We are truly not alone!

And speaking of the antisemitism awareness campaign, our Jew Crew teens had their annual retreat a few weeks ago at Camp Ramah. It's always an amazing, Jewish experience for all, and this year did not disappoint. Toward the end of the retreat, I received several pictures from our Jew Crew leaders, Andy Hodes, Alison Lebovitz, and Adva Kasay. My first instinct was "is everyone okay?" But as I opened the text messages, I found a sea of pink – everyone at the retreat was wearing their pink t-shirts. I knew early on that ALL of our teens requested a pink t-shirt. They are proud of standing up and making a statement to their friends, schools, and community. Yet, to see them all together was a sense of pride for me. Parents, congregations and Federation have instilled a positive

Jewish identity into these young adults. How could one not feel that the future of our Jewish community is in great hands?

April brings a very busy time for our Jewish community. The most celebrated Jewish holiday (yes, it's Passover, not Chanukah!) begins on the evening of April 5. The Federation is honored to continue our yearly tradition of making sure our Chattanooga community has all the Kosher for Passover food it wants and needs. Our annual trek to Atlanta benefited dozens of families as well as both B'nai Zion and Mizpah for their Seders.

April also brings a few solemn commemorations, Yom HaShoah and Yom HaZikaron. We will commemorate Yom HaShoah on Monday, Apr. 17 with candle lighting and prayers. Also, we have a unique opportunity to show "Untold Stories of a WWII Liberator," a short documentary film locally produced by Deborah Levine and the Jewish Federation. "Untold Stories" examines the wartime perspective of Aaron Levine, Deborah's father and member of the United States Army, as he liberated death camps, served as a spy, and wrote letters about his experience. Deborah's film has won numerous awards, and we are incredibly appreciative that she is sharing it with the Jewish community on this special day.

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FROM THE BOARD CHAIR

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Celebration and Remembrance

April is a very busy month filled with tradition for our Jewish Federation, our Jewish community, and our Israeli family. Once again we will come together with our friends and family to celebrate Passover, commemorating the story of Moses and the Israelites' exodus from bondage in ancient Egypt to settlement in Israel. For me, Passover is a holiday filled with wonderful memories. As a kid growing up in New Jersey, it was my favorite Jewish holiday because it was the time of year I got to spend with my aunts, uncles and cousins. Our Seders were generally a raucous affair. We would read from the old Maxwell House Haggadah, joking about many of the old-style phrases and pictures used; making up new, crazy melodies for the songs; banging the dishes and glasses while belting out 'Dayenu'; my older brother would presumptuously start reading the part about 'the wise child;' and he would speedily read 'Chad Gadya' after which we all yelled out, "a new record!" In between the frivolity, we re-learned the story of Passover and discussed its relation to modern times. We also enjoyed the delicious food prepared by my mother and begged her to sit down with the rest of the family.

Now living far away, I usually don't get to spend Passover with my extended family, but we've carried over some of the traditions from my and my wife's childhoods, and created new ones along the way. We're so grateful for our Chattanooga friends who have become our family, and we will once again get together and bond while celebrating the Passover holiday.

April is also an important month for Jews worldwide as we commemorate and celebrate the "Yom Days." First is Yom HaShoah, Holocaust Remembrance Day, which commemorates the six million Jews murdered during the Holocaust and honors the heroism of survivors and rescuers. As a Chattanooga community, like so many other communities, we will come together at the Jewish Community Center on April 17 to pray, read poetry, listen to music, light candles and share feelings. We will remember those who were lost and those who risked their lives to save others. This year Yom HaShoah comes on the heels of the *Americans and the Holocaust* exhibit at the Chattanooga Public Library. This incredible exhibit engaged thousands

in our community through educating adults and children about the American response during this tragic period in history. The exhibit was accompanied by a series of thoughtful and inspiring programs, that helped us learn about the conditions in Europe and America that led to genocide. This included expert speakers on various aspects of the war, and musical performances originated and inspired by life in concentration camps. Most importantly, we were visited and moved by the incredible story of a survivor of Auschwitz, Michael Bornstein, and his daughter Debbie, who told his story to over 800 people at the Chattanooga Convention Center. It was an honor to have them in Chattanooga, and I felt very proud of the warm reception they received from our community.

Yom HaShoah is followed by another day of remembrance, Yom Hazikaron, observed in Israel for all military personnel who lost their lives in the struggle that led to the establishment of the State of Israel, and those who have been killed subsequently on active duty in Israel's armed forces. Our community will honor those who lost their lives defending Israel at the Jewish Community Center on April 24. Immediately following, we will enjoy a celebration for the 75th anniversary of Israeli Independence on April 25.

This year, I am so excited to be visiting Israel for these commemorations and celebration as I participate in the Israel at 75 General Assembly with thousands of North American Jewish community members. I look forward to sharing this experience with our community in the coming months.

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FROM THE PROGRAM DIRECTOR

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The Legacy Project Comes to Chattanooga in May

Carolyn Dorfman Dance company is coming to Chattanooga. *The Legacy Project* explores the rich tapestry of human experience and tradition through interdisciplinary and intercultural collaboration. Dorfman is a child of Holocaust survivors.

Our project includes 17 local professional and teaching artists creating new works. New work is being created with students throughout the Chattanooga community ranging in age from elementary school to adult. The new work is based on the Holocaust Legacy Project choreography created by Dorfman. There will be 22 community classes, and nine (9) local dance companies and their leadership are involved in all aspects. Carolyn Dorfman worked with the local companies in Oct. 2022 at the Tennessee Youth Dance Festival. She visited again in Feb. 2023 to meet with the companies. Both the visits and Zoom workshops were at her company's expense to determine if this undertaking was possible. All parties have agreed and are excited.

Dorfman and her 10 professional dancers will come to Chattanooga for a week beginning May 7, 2023. The company's dancers are multi-ethnic reflecting Chattanooga's diversity. These dancers will split up to work in community locations with local dance companies. Over 1,500 students from Baylor and Girls Preparatory School will have a "chapel talk" experience during the week. Dorfman dancers and the local Collaborative Roots dancers will give an improvisational performance on May 9 at Barking Legs Theater with the theme of meaningful dialogues based on anti-hate. There is no ticket fee but donations are suggested. On May 12, student dancers will perform with professional dancers at University of Tennessee at Chattanooga Fine Arts Center with new pieces jointly choreographed. These dancers come from all parts of Chattanooga. There is a ticket price of \$20 per person.

On May 13, 500 Hamilton County students will be the audience for a Holocaust-themed professional dance performance of *The Legacy Project*, narrated by Carolyn Dorfman. A curriculum study guide is available for teachers prior to the performance. Hamilton County Schools Fine Arts and Social Studies Coordinators are on board and have agreed to provide \$1,500 in funding for buses. The Jewish Federation sought out this collaborative process as a way to build community, respect differences, and act against hate through education and the arts.

Local dancer and choreographer Louie Marin Howard has been involved in the planning with me for over two years, and is my partner in all aspects of the project. We have strived to include children and dancers from underserved areas of the community. These include children from Barger Academy Elementary School, Chattanooga School for the Arts and Sciences, Shepherd Community Center, Eastdale Community Center, and children involved in the Each One Reach One Pop-up Project. Additionally, students from Girls Preparatory School, Baylor, and local dance companies are participating. These students will be involved in the community performance at University of Tennessee at Chattanooga Fine Arts Center. This will be the first time they will get to work with professional dancers, see dance in a professional space, work with people from different parts of the community, and have the opportunity to perform for their parents and families. It is how we build community and individual self-esteem.

We selected the Carolyn Dorfman Company because they identify the social, political, cultural, and historical context of works of art, art forms, and styles within art forms and show how art helps us understand our world and each other through storytelling. The storytelling in this project is filled with concepts related to the Holocaust.

carolyndorfman.dance/portfolio/the-legacy-project-2008/

How can you be part of *The Legacy Project*? As of this writing, we have received funding from ArtsBuild, the Weldon E. Osborne Foundation, and many private individuals. We continue to need financial assistance to make this project a reality. Any donation will be appreciated. During the week of May 7, we will also need volunteer assistance with transportation, meals, documentation of the project at various sites, and ushering.

Please contact me, atreadwell@jewishchattanooga.com, if you are available to help.





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Water, Wonderful Water!

In the past six months, I had the opportunity to travel with my husband. We went out West in the fall where we enjoyed the beauty of the Pacific Ocean in California, Lake Tahoe in Nevada, and waterfalls and lakes in Yosemite National Park. On a more recent trip to visit my daughter and her family in Albuquerque, New Mexico, I experienced a high desert region with a very dry climate. Upon arrival to Albuquerque, we not only transitioned from 676 feet above sea level in Chattanooga to 5,312 feet at our destination, but we changed from a humid climate to an arid one. We were continually thirsty for water (and a little short of breath) for a few days. During these trips I began to think about how water is not only beautiful but necessary for our lives.

Earth is covered by 71% water. Water is important and essential for us. It comprises 60% of our body contents. (No wonder we were thirsty on our trip.) As we have discussed in previous articles, it is recommended that we drink an average of eight glasses of water per day. We are not only mostly made up of water, but we need it to live life.

Water hydrates and also has numerous other purposes. Electricity and energy can be powered by

water's force. It is seen and experienced by all of us as our own Tennessee Valley Authority directs water through the Chickamauga Dam and, by gravity, water also descends down the mountain from the Raccoon Mountain Reservoir furnishing our valley with plenty of light and power. Water in the form of rain gives life to plants and crops that provide beauty and food to nourish our bodies and the bodies of other living creatures. Water contained in lakes, streams, ponds and oceans provides many habitats for various aquatic animals and plant species, which in turn, bestows additional beauty and nourishment. These bodies of water also open up many avenues of transportation that impart travel for business and pleasure and bestow upon our world many needed supplies for daily life. Last, but not least, and one of my favorite water uses, is for recreation. Chattanooga is home to a myriad of water activities including boating, surfing, skiing, paddle boarding, canoeing, sailing, kayaking and swimming. I am looking forward to these activities as the weather begins to turn warm. I hope you will have the opportunity to enjoy some Spring and Summer water activities as much as I do!

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Michael Dzik (Hodge Podge)

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On Monday, Apr. 24, Adva will share a meaningful commemoration of Israel's Memorial Day, Yom HaZikaron. A uniquely Israeli event, this is a special way to learn and experience this heavy moment while supporting our Israeli brothers and sisters on this difficult day. Yom HaZikaron is always a hard moment for our shlichim; please plan on attending this powerful and important event to support Israel and Adva.

We are very excited that two of our Young Leaders will be traveling to Israel for a week of L2G activities (Leadership2Gether). Along with other young Americans from the Southeast, Marissa Street and Arona DeSure will engage, connect, and build relationships amongst their cohort. And there's no better place than Israel. Ann Treadwell will be joining Marissa and Arona on this fun-filled journey. Meanwhile, I will be attending the Federation's General Assembly in Tel Aviv along with Rob Lowe and Alison Lebovitz around the same time.

Finally, you can save the date – Sunday, May 21 – when we will celebrate Israel at 75, Yom HaAtzmaut, with brunch and trivia at the Jewish Community Center. You should also save Wednesday, May 24 as well – Aleph Bet's graduation program!

Whew! A very busy couple of months. I hope to see you early and often at these events!

Michael Dzik

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Mazal Tov to...

...Rachael Bergmann and Ethan Maitland on the birth of their daughter, Nora Jaclyn Maitland, on Feb. 10.

...Marki Kaim and Daniel Stubblefield on the birth of their son, Callaway River Stubblefield, on Feb. 23.

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Behave The Way You Would Like To Be Treated

Recently, I stopped by the ATM machine and I saw a wallet on the floor. Should I pick it up? I didn't know what to do. What if someone sees me pick it up and thinks I stole it? I wouldn't be surprised if they did. I decided to pick it up. I glanced around to see if someone was looking for it, but I didn't see anyone.

I looked inside of the wallet to see what was in there. Apparently it belonged to a woman from a different city. She had all her life in there: wallet, ID, license, everything. I took the wallet with me to work so I could try to find her on Facebook. And with the help of Joel, a driver from the Federation, I found her and sent her a message.

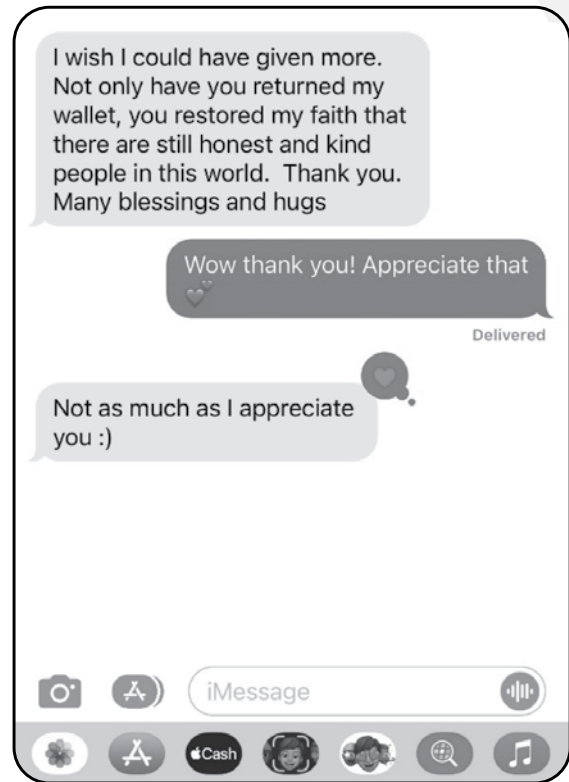
She replied back and told me that she will come to get it. She came, took her wallet, and gave me \$20. She said thank you so many times I couldn't even count. After she left, I texted her to say thank you for the money because she really didn't have to do that. Her reply: *"Not only have you returned my wallet, you restored my faith that there are still honest and kind people in this world. Thank you. Many blessings and hugs"*

I didn't care about the money, or even the thank yous. This woman believes that there are good people who are just doing things that they would want people to do for them.

"Behave the way you would like to be treated" is something that I believe in. It doesn't matter where you are in life, always respect others, help others, and be nice! Those are important things that sometimes people forget. I know it may not be easy, but it's worth it.

I'm not sharing this story for people to say "wow, you did a good thing" or "good for you". No. I just want people to realize that sometimes the smallest things can have a big influence on someone else.

For me to find her on Facebook and tell her that I have her wallet was the easiest thing ever. It was just a message, but for her it was an important act. The fact that she said "you restored my faith that there are still honest and kind people in this world" is the most amazing thing I've ever heard in my life. Be kind, and help others, because it's worth it.



Purim with Adva



PASSOVER RECIPE: Easy Flourless Hazelnut Cookies by Tamar Teitelbaum

Easy Flourless Hazelnut Cookies

- 1 (12-ounce) jar hazelnut butter (oil and all)
- 2 eggs
- 1/2 teaspoon Manischewitz Kosher Salt
- 1/2 teaspoon Gefen Ground Ginger
- 3/4 cup brown sugar

Optional Decoration

- 1 cup Gefen White Chocolate Candy Melts
- 2 tablespoons diced freeze-dried strawberries
- 1/4 cups finely chopped roasted, salted hazelnuts



Directions

Prepare the Easy Flourless Hazelnut Cookies

1. Prepare a cookie sheet or sheet pan with Gefen Parchment Paper. Do not grease the pan or the paper. Preheat oven to 400 degrees Fahrenheit.
2. Place all cookie ingredients into a medium mixing bowl. Combine using a hand mixer on low speed until the ingredients combine, then increase to medium speed for two minutes to fully smooth out the dough. Ignore or drain off excess oil.
3. Use a two tablespoon scoop to place dough balls one inch apart on the prepared pan. Then use a fork to gently flatten the dough balls.
4. Bake at 400 degrees Fahrenheit for 10 minutes. Then immediately remove the cookies from the pan onto a cooling rack.

Prepare the Optional Decoration

1. Melt the candy melts using a double boiler method. Place a glass bowl over a pan of boiling water. Make sure the bowl is big enough not to sink into the water.
2. Dip the cooled cookies halfway into the melted candy coating. Place back onto a cooling rack. Sprinkle with hazelnuts and strawberries. Place the cookies into the refrigerator for five to 10 minutes to set up.

Tips: If making these for Passover, instead of the candy melts you can dip in melted white chocolate.

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Israel at 75: Fun Trivia!

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In 2012, Israel became the first country to ban underweight models. They also required advertisers to identify pictures with photoshopped people.

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The Java platform inside Amazon's best-selling Kindle was developed in Israel.

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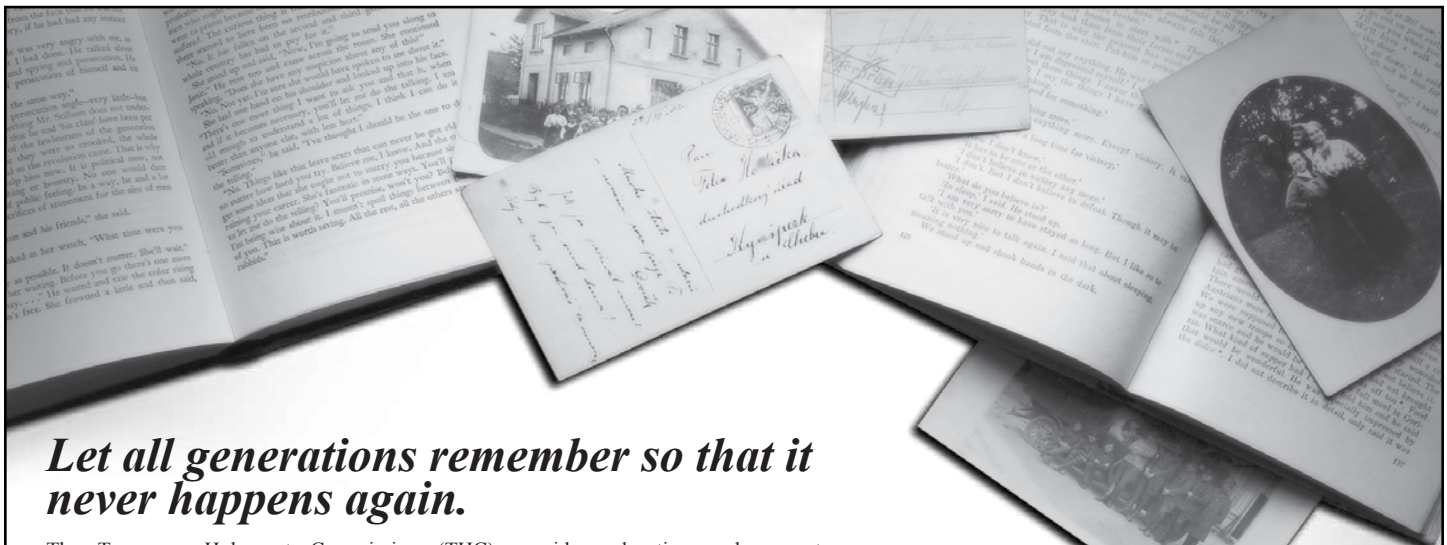
RETREAT AND RECHARGE

By Jonah Hodes (12th grade), Max Cowan (11th grade), and Zoe Solomon (10th grade)

There is nothing like a camp Shabbat. During the last weekend in February, the Jew Crew had an incredible time during our annual retreat at Camp Ramah Darom. Jew Crew represents 11 different high schools from both Chattanooga and North Georgia; during the retreat we had teens from seven different high schools come together and connect with their Judaism.

We started our weekend of fun at beautiful Camp Ramah Darom with a non-traditional Kabbalat Shabbat, a traditional Shabbat dinner and a competitive round of Code Names. Activities throughout the weekend included team building, climbing, board games, and spending lots of time in nature. We were so excited that we could bring our shlichah, Adva. She taught us about the many aspects of being Jewish in Israel and exposed us to a new perspective to enrich our Jewish roots. Saturday afternoon was dedicated to climbing the Alpine Tower and flying on the swings. All of us had a blast; many of us got to step out of our comfort zones. Additionally, this activity played an important role in team building and connecting us as we encouraged and supported each other. Saturday night, we celebrated Havdalah by the campfire and reflected on our time at camp.

Despite a "day of hate" threatening to occur around the U.S. on the Saturday of our retreat, our Shabbat was filled with themes of love and acceptance while we wore our pink "Jew Belong" t-shirts with pride. We were so thankful to be together as a diverse group of proud Jewish teens. And while the 2023 retreat is over, the friendships and lessons we learned during this weekend will stay with us for a lifetime.



Let all generations remember so that it never happens again.

The Tennessee Holocaust Commission (THC) provides education and promotes remembrance of the Holocaust to the state of Tennessee. THC provides teachers, students and individuals with seminars, resources, workshops, traveling exhibits and commemorations to create awareness of the Holocaust; to fight prejudice and to encourage tolerance and understanding among all people.

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CHATTY VISITS EXHIBIT

On Sunday Feb. 19, Mizpah Congregation's Temple Youth Group, CHATTY, visited the Chattanooga Public Library's exhibition *Americans and the Holocaust*. This exhibit explored what America knew and what did America do about the Holocaust. It was an incredibly eye-opening experience that left our group moved and inspired to see what we can do now to aid refugees. What I found interesting was how the Japanese-Americans interned during WWII intersects how Jews were treated. Also, the reason for America's involvement in the war was because of the bombing of Pearl Harbor, not to save Jewish refugees. The important knowledge that comes from this exhibit, while heart wrenching, shows the hopefulness of the Jewish community and highlights the thankfulness we have to the people who risked their lives to help us.

Olivia Center
CHATTY Secretary

The Legacy Project

Community Performance Thursday, May 11

Doors Open at 6:30 p.m. Performance 7:00p.m.

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General Admission Tickets \$ 20 per person (a ticket fee may apply)

Tickets available online

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The story of the Holocaust and the survival of a people through dance and narration, in conjunction with local stories and community dancers.

Carolyn Dorfman is known as a creator of evocative dances that reflect her concerns about the human condition. She is interested in creating "worlds" into which the audience can enter. Hailed as the consummate storyteller, she uses an interdisciplinary and intercultural approach on the stage.

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Purim Carnival

Thank you so much to everyone who came out and supported the Machanooga Purim Carnival. It was an amazing time and so much fun!

We only have one last Machanooga this year on April 16th. Thanks, again!



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MIZPAH

ONGOING AND SPECIAL ACTIVITIES

- Sunday:** 9:30 a.m. Machanooga (Special Passover schedule)
- Tuesday:** 6:30 p.m. Intro to Judaism Class
- Wednesday:** 7:30 a.m. Mussar (via Zoom)
- Thursday:** 6:30 p.m. Adult B'nai Mitzvah Class
- Friday:** 6:00 p.m. Shabbat Worship
- Saturday:** 9:00 a.m. Torah Study
11:00 a.m. Worship services, Torah and Haftarah

Special Activities:

- Note: 1st Friday Shabbat meal moved to the 14th**
- April 2, 3 4 and 5:** 10:00 am Volunteer in Mizpah kitchen for Seder
 - April 5th:** 6:00 pm Passover Seder (must RSVP)
 - April 14th:** 6:00 pm Passover Family Service and Mimouna celebration
 - April 15th:** 7:00 pm Torah on Tap
 - April 19th:** Mizpah Hebrew School (MHS) Monthly meet-up
 - April 20th:** 6:00 pm Shirei Shalom
 - April 23rd:** 2:00 Mah Jong program

Mimouna Celebration

a delicious post-Passover event



FRIDAY, APRIL 14

6:00 PM

Family Shabbat followed by
 First Friday Dinner
 (Lasagna & Garlic Bread)



This April, due to Passover and Spring Break, we will move Family Shabbat & First Friday Dinner to the **SECOND** Friday of the month as we celebrate Mimouna. A post-Passover Moroccan celebration of eating *chametz* (bread) again!

Let us know you plan to attend by RSVPing to:
office@mizpahcongregation.org

New Program at Mizpah:

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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

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

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Shabbat in the Park

Meet Here

Bring a blanket and a picnic dinner and join us for a fun, family friendly kabbalat shabbat at Coolidge Park!

Friday, April 21 at 5:30pm

B'nai Zion Congregation

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JEW AND BREWS

SUNDAY APRIL 2
2:30 PM

AT ODDSTORY
1604 CENTRAL AVENUE

BZ Passover Seder

Looking forward to seeing you Thursday night!

When: April 6th at a 6:00pm

Where: Jewish Federation



Thank you to all our volunteers who helped make the mishloach manot project a success!

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

1	Lunch and Learn
2	Jews and Brews
6	BZ Passover Seder
8	Shabbat Muffins
15	Lunch and Learn
20	Taste of BZ
28	Homestyle Shabbat

BSI: April 19 & 26 at 4:30 pm

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

B'nai Zion Passover Services

Morning Passover Services:
9:45 am at Feinstein Hall & via Zoom
April 6, 7, 12, and 13

Yizkor Service: 10:45am, Thursday, April 13

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Purim in the '60s!

We drummed, danced, said lchaim, ate Tye-die hamantashen and enjoyed a 60s themed feast.

One person was overheard saying:
"This was amazing, I wonder where we will celebrate Purim next year?"



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Chabad Chattanooga invites you to

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Wednesday, April 5, 2023 950 Vine St.
 6:45pm Cocktails/Hors Devours 7:15pm Seder

ENJOY:
 Exquisite Passover Menu
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	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
WEEK ONE!	June 19 Welcome to CCI Bubble Foam, Pi	June 20 Tropical Friday SLEVE	June 21 A Day on the Camp Grounds Beating, Swimming, Fishing, Sports	June 22 Tropical Thursday	June 23 Hospital beds, love, hot packages GLOW IN DARK Shabbat Party
WEEK TWO!	June 26 CARNIVAL DAY BOB DYP'S TALENT	June 27 A Day on the Camp Grounds Beating, Swimming, Fishing, Sports	June 28 A Day on the Camp Grounds Beating, Swimming, Fishing, Sports	June 29 A Day on the Camp Grounds Beating, Swimming, Fishing, Sports	June 30 Magic Shabbat Party
WEEK THREE!	July 2 A Day on the Camp Grounds Beating, Swimming, Fishing, Sports	July 4 USA DAY	July 5 A Day on the Camp Grounds Beating, Swimming, Fishing, Sports	July 6 world of Coca-Cola	July 7 GRAND GOODBYE SHABBAT
WEEK FOUR!	June 19 KIDGIE POOL AND SLIDES BUBBLE FUN	June 20 KIDGIE POOL AND SLIDES LITTLE CHEFS	June 21 KIDGIE POOL AND SLIDES GYMNASTICS	June 22 KIDGIE POOL AND SLIDES METEOR CANEVALE ART	June 23 KIDGIE POOL AND SLIDES CHALLAH BAKE Shabbat Party

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Judy Sachsman,
President of Chattanooga
Chapter of Hadassah

Millie Lander,
Treasurer

This Purim Hadassah remembered Susan Wolf-Schwartz, an expert baker who conducted the hamantaschen demonstration last year, as members gathered to make hamantaschen and learn from Rabbi Keilah Lebell about the Women of Purim in a hybrid event on Zoom and in Vicki Lewis' gracious home. Steven Schwartz, Susan's husband, spoke briefly by phone about how much his wife had appreciated Hadassah and the opportunity to combine her baking skills with a Purim program.



UPCOMING PROGRAMS

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.

Congratulations to Hadassah member Bev Coulter who was recognized by the American Heart Association, receiving the Chattanooga Survivor of the Year Award at this year's Heart Ball.

Hadassah member volunteers are needed the week of May 7-12 to help transport dancers around Chattanooga, feed the participants, assist with documenting the project, and usher at the actual performance May 11. The Jewish Federation of Greater Chattanooga is coordinating the Carolyn Dorfman Dance company residency, and anyone wishing to volunteer should contact Ann Treadwell (atreadwell@jewishchattanooga.com). Carolyn Dorfman, the child of Holocaust survivors, teaches carefully designed educational programs to help people connect dance to life, learn new skills, explore their potential, and to understand our world and each other. During that May week, her company will teach 22 classes and offer three performances. Volunteers are welcome to gather the following week on May 16 at 11:00 a.m. at Rembrandts to discuss their experiences with the residency.

360 Degrees of MAH JONGG
with Hadassah Chattanooga

Get ready for Mah Jongg 2023!
Join Hadassah Chattanooga as we remember Roz Vogel, z"l, and honor her by playing the game she taught so many of us.

Sunday, April 23, 2023, 2:00 - 5:00 PM
Mizpah Congregation
925 McCallie Ave, Chattanooga, TN 37405

Don't know how to play Mah Jongg? Come and learn!
There will be tables set up for Mah Jongg Masters as well as teaching tables.

Other Games such as: Scrabble, Cards, Backgammon, Rummy Q, & more

Fun Door Prizes! Everyone will receive a door prize ticket. Winners of each game will receive an extra door prize ticket to win great prizes!

Everyone is Invited! Non-Members welcome and one lucky winner will be drawn to win an Annual Hadassah Membership gifted by the Chattanooga Chapter.

No charge to attend.

Members are encouraged to bring parve or dairy hors d'oeuvres and memories of Roz.

Questions? Paula Israel fibro420@gmail.com

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

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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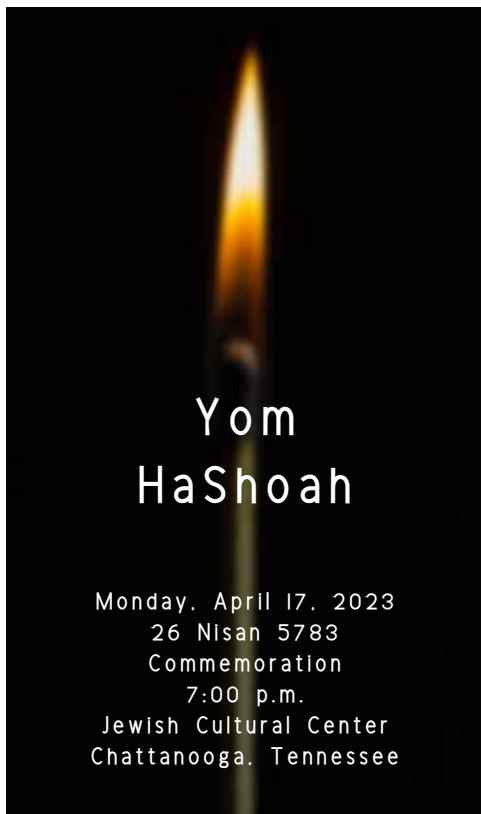
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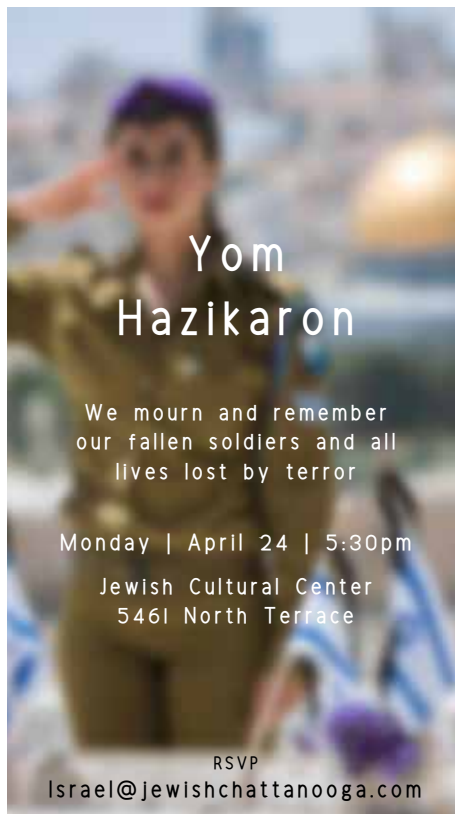
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**Yom
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Monday, April 17, 2023
26 Nisan 5783
Commemoration
7:00 p.m.
Jewish Cultural Center
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**Yom
Hazikaron**

We mourn and remember
our fallen soldiers and all
lives lost by terror

Monday | April 24 | 5:30pm
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