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# FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

## Leap of Action

There's a running joke going around the Federation offices these days - Michael attended church more than synagogue in February! Yes, it's actually a true statement. Church 6, Synagogue 4.

Building relationships within the multi-faith community is a priority for the Jewish Federation. We are always looking to build and develop new connections throughout the community - finding common issues and cultural similarities, fostering friendships, and building understanding. Many people from the non-Jewish community attend films, music events, speakers, and exhibits at the Jewish Cultural Center. We also have many non-Jews who receive social services - meals, transportation, consultations and more. These are great ways to express and educate others on the uniqueness of our Jewish culture.

Back to the point at hand - Michael attended more churches than synagogues? One of the longer-term goals of the antisemitism awareness campaign, the pink billboards, is to create a dialogue about antisemitism. The billboards have definitely caught people's attention. We have also distributed thousands of pink postcards with messaging that mirrors the billboards. Chattanoogaans have noticed the billboards and are asking to learn more about the rise in antisemitism. A lot of our multi-faith partners and friends are getting in touch with us; I've been reaching out to them as well. This campaign is doing exactly what we

hoped - it is creating a dialogue in the community. Over the past several weeks I've been to several worship services as well as adult Sunday school and Wednesday evening classes.

Two weeks ago I received an email from Vic Oakes, who I've known for 20 years. Many of you know Vic as well, as a music teacher at Baylor School and the Director of the Chattanooga



*Rev. Clay Thomas of Rivermont Presbyterian Church gives a sermon to his congregation on antisemitism awareness on January 22. Rev. Thomas is one of many churches around Chattanooga that are using our "pink" materials.*

Boys Choir. The Boys Choir has participated in several programs at the Federation including Yom HaShoah. Vic connected me with the chaplain at Baylor, and after a nice lunch together, I'm now confirmed to speak to the entire student body later this month (1,200 students.) Vic was thrilled

to hear I'd be speaking at Baylor, and then asked me if I would also speak at his church. A personal relationship with Vic opened two doors at once.

I recently spoke at First Baptist Church, where Vic and his family attend. It was a Wednesday night education program; about 70 people were in attendance. Although I have formal remarks that I use when for a Sunday morning sermon, I chose to be a little more casual. I defined antisemitism and tried to explain what it sounds like and looks like. I gave examples, many of them local. I talked about how easy it is to look the other way, and how social influence leads people to be less likely to intervene. You would be surprised (or not) at how many people are simply unaware of security issues, incidents of antisemitism, and issues that Jewish community faces every day. Sometimes there's an audible gasp; other times jaws drop or heads shake side to side.

After my remarks, there are always plenty of questions and comments. There were many special moments at First Baptist Church that truly warmed my heart and should have us all feeling quite proud. The first was a couple who told me that they've been attending events at the Federation for years. They love the film series and they've attended several other events too. They asked "How do we help let more people know about what the Federation does?" Wow! Although my primary purpose was to bring awareness to antisemitism, people are also interested in the programs and services of the organization!

Let's say that many new emails are now on our distribution list!

The second individual was a familiar face. Julie is a former Aleph Bet parent. She disclosed to the group that her father has been getting our Mitzvah Meals for the past two years. Julie talked about the preschool, the diversity of our programming, and how being open and involved in various cultural programs has helped her family become more well-rounded and have a better understanding of our similarities and differences. Julie and her family are advocates and friends of the Jewish community. I know the Federation is impactful but it's still nice to hear how meaningful and appreciated we are throughout the community.

Now I need your help. I'm asking for volunteers, a small team, who would be willing to be trained and available to speak about antisemitism in the community. You don't have to know everything; I'll help guide you. I promise it will be a meaningful experience for you and an eye-opening experience for participants. Please join me!

The Federation is always welcoming volunteers into the organization. I appeal to you to become more involved – join a committee such as Programs, Aleph Bet, or Young Leadership. We need your input to continue providing what the community wants and needs. We're considering a new committee, an Israel committee, that would focus on our Shaliach, Israel programming and P2G. There are endless options to become a little more involved and engaged. Take that leap of action. I'm looking forward to hearing from you.

*Michael Dzik*

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## *Deepest Condolances*

The Jewish Federation family sends it's deepest condolences to the Lipski family on the passing of Jacob Lipski who passed away Wednesday, February 15th at the age of 23, after a tragic car accident on February 12th. Jacob served his country as a Lance Corporal in the United States Marines for 4 years, yet he performed his final and most heroic act by donating his organs, saving the lives of eight other people.

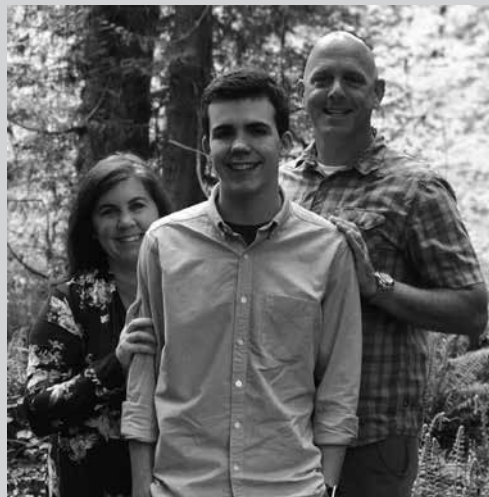


*Jacob Lipski with his wife Marilyn.*

Jacob's parents are Kevin and Lorri; Lorri is the Federation's Director of Social Services. Jacob is survived by his parents, wife Marilyn, brothers Ethan and Owen, sister Anna Grace, grandparents and many aunts, uncles and cousins. The Jewish Federation will continue to wrap our support around the Lipski's during this most tragic time.

If you would like assist the family through the Federation, you can make a donation at [www.jewishfederation.com](http://www.jewishfederation.com) or mail check to PO Box 8947, 37414. All donations will go directly to assist the Lipski family by purchasing various gift cards, providing meals and other day-to-day needs. The Federation will also be coordinating a meal train sign up in cooperation with the Chattanooga Food Bank (Kevin's employer). We will share this information once available.

*May the memory of Jacob Lipski always be remembered for a blessing.*



*Jacob Lipski with is parents Kevin and Lorri.*





## FROM THE BOARD CHAIR

**Rob Lowe** [roblowe1770@gmail.com](mailto:roblowe1770@gmail.com)

### *The Importance of Looking Back*

On a rainy afternoon in February, I took my daughter to visit the Americans and the Holocaust exhibit at the Chattanooga Public Library. The traveling exhibit is based on an exhibition that opened in April 2018 at the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, D.C. The display addresses important themes in American history, including Americans' responses to refugees, and war and genocide in the 1930s and '40s. It challenges the commonly held assumption that Americans knew little about the Nazi persecution and murder of Jews as the Holocaust unfolded. The exhibit challenges people to not only ask "what would I have done?" but also, "what will I do?"

After we received an excellent tour from my lovely wife Beth, who trained to be one of the volunteer docents, I circled back to more closely study and consider the displays. I've been to several Holocaust museums over the years, including the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, D.C. and Yad Vashem in Jerusalem. And while this exhibit obviously does not compare to the scale of those large memorials, I found this one to be unique, moving, and very impactful with its focus on the political and social environment in America during the years leading up to the bombing of Pearl Harbor and our entry into WWII, and when and how the American public learned about the Nazi plans to exterminate the Jewish people of Europe.

It was intriguing to view various examples of the horrific media reports and imagine how Americans were internalizing them at that time. I was struck by several of the public opinion polls presented. In November 1938 (immediately after Kristallnacht), Americans were asked, "Do you approve of the Nazi treatment of Jews in Germany?" 6% Approved, 94% Disapproved. And were then asked, "Should we allow a larger number of Jewish exiles from Germany to come to the United States to live?" 71% said No. Another poll asked (in January 1943), "It is said that two million Jews have been killed in Europe since the war began. Do you think this is true or just a rumor?" 48% responded True, 28% Rumor, 24% No Opinion. The United States government and public became very isolationist and anti-immigration in the years of the Great Depression and through the war.

The exhibit also highlighted the openly antisemitic sentiment throughout the State Department, which could have saved so many more Jews with a more humanitarian immigration policy.

While scanning some of the books displayed on the Holocaust, I was approached by one of the volunteer docents asking if I had already viewed the exhibit. I told her I "read every word", and we proceeded to talk for 15 minutes about the exhibit, how important it was to help educate the community, and what an honor it was to have this opportunity here in Chattanooga. She admitted that when she was young she had taken too little interest in history and was trying to make up for it now. We talked about how the environment within the United States at that time impacted the (lack of) response to the atrocities in Europe, and how the levels of antisemitism over 80 years ago seem to be gradually returning now, why that might be, and why it's so important to learn what can happen when we don't call it out. As I left the library, I felt grateful to have this conversation, between a Jew and non-Jew, that exchanged ideas about how antisemitism can grow in society, needing only to look back and understand recent history. I hope the presence of this exhibit in Chattanooga, and many other cities, will encourage many similar discussions between parents and children, teachers and students, colleagues and friends.

I'm so proud, as I hope everyone in our community is, of our Jewish Federation for helping bring this very important exhibit to Chattanooga as we continue to bring awareness to and fight against the threat of antisemitism.

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## FROM THE PROGRAM DIRECTOR

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### **Let's Think About the Big Picture - Building Community**

Some, if not all, of the big pink billboards came down. The response has been fantastic with over one hundred people, not from the Jewish community, reaching out to help us with antisemitism programming. Michael Dzik has been reaching out and giving talks and sermons in area churches. And, we have begun planning a community-wide antisemitism and racism program for April.

But that's not all. In February, in partnership with the Bessie Smith Cultural Center, we hosted about 180 high school students at University of Tennessee at Chattanooga. Students came from Tyner, East Hamilton, Chattanooga School for the Arts and Sciences (CSAS), and Brainerd High Schools. They came to view the film *Shared Legacies, The African American Jewish Civil Rights Alliance*. Later the same evening we screened the film at the Bessie Smith Cultural Center to a wider audience.

In February, local exhibits open to the community drew diverse crowds. At the Jewish Cultural Center, we hosted the hauntingly beautiful, informative, and ugly exhibit of prints by Sid Chafetz, *Perpetrators*. This exhibit was on loan from the Tennessee Holocaust Commission. One visitor from Knoxville said to me "How is it to be in the same space as this exhibit for a month?" *The Americans and the Holocaust* exhibit at the Chattanooga Public Library drew about 400 people for its opening. Over 17 members of the Jewish community were trained and participated as volunteers. Hundreds of students attended and participated in support programs.

But that's not all. In March, working with Barking Legs Theater, which is dedicated to elevating the work and voices of performers representing marginalized communities, we are presenting Cultural Cross Ties: Chattanooga & Giv'atayim. This multi-media and multi-dimensional exhibit highlights the work between a Chattanooga Latina and an Israeli artist from Giv'atayim, with other artists involved.

The Jewish Documentary Film Series kicks off in March with films that have special topics for us to discuss. Topics about reparations, creating unity where there is hatred, saving others from harm at

your own personal risk, the challenge of being an isolated culture, and the importance of cultural traditions are all shared in the Series.

Why does this matter? The Federation community cannot survive standing by itself. Whether standing up to hate or strengthening our identity, the Federation community needs to tell our stories, share our influences, and stand with other people in order to build a safe place for all of us to thrive. Come see what we are building at the Federation. There is always a place for you to stand with all of us.

#### **CULTURAL CROSS TIES Giv'atayim and Chattanooga (CCT) Reception – March 9 from 5-7pm**

CCT began during the height of COVID lockdowns in 2020 to create a global arts community centered around Chattanooga artists, working to further enlarge our borders, safely through technology. CCT artists are from multiple art disciplines (dance, music, theater, poetry, visual arts and filmmaking) and multiple communities within Chattanooga, young, old, black, white, Jewish, Latino, male, female and nonbinary. CCT is fostering candid conversations that build creative connection and relationships with the final outcomes of social innovation, collaborative art projects and advancing the arts, culture and creative economies across Chattanooga. CCT encourages our community to increase communication and connection around issues that impact our day to day lives, creating a template for collaboration around improving public spaces and increasing civic engagement. CCT is composed of four Chattanooga artists partnered with four artists from our Sister City, Giv'atayim, Israel as well as filmmakers from both cities.





## Jewish Federation Nurse

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### Stay Healthy This Spring

Remember last Fall when I shared tips on how to stay healthy during the holidays? Well, it turns out that my instructions weren't foolproof because I still got sick. Even though I tried to take all of the preventative measures such as a vaccine booster, washing hands, and wearing a mask, I developed two different upper respiratory colds, COVID (for the second time in a one-year span), and the stomach flu between November and January. It was not pleasant, and my illnesses made it difficult to promote good health. Thankfully I'm doing well now, and I hope that you all fared better than I did with your health. The previous year I worked at home, so maybe I hadn't been exposed to the viruses that are out and about. This past year, I felt like I was a little kid who had started school for the first time in my life, and I was starting to build up my immune system from scratch by being around other kids. The United States evidently experienced the "Triple Threat" this past winter consisting of respiratory syncytial virus, influenza and Covid-19. We are hopeful that the spring season will dissipate this unpleasant trifecta.

You still might be experiencing the winter blues but thankfully spring will be here soon. Spring brings blooming flowers, longer days with more sunshine, and more outdoor activity. For many of us it's a time to get moving after a long, cold, WET winter. There are so many things you can do: take a walk, plant a garden, and watch the stars at night. Soak up the sunshine but don't forget sunscreen because it's easy to get sunburned if you don't plan ahead. Enjoy the outdoors

this spring but be prepared for allergy season. The same mask that you wore for COVID could also come in handy for preventing some seasonal allergens. Remember to take your allergy meds and try to plan your outings when the pollen count is not as high. Stay hydrated by drinking plenty of fluids including water, tea (which has antioxidants and energy-inducing components), and lemonade (which helps prevent kidney stones). Eat lots of produce and, if possible, include 5 servings of fruits and vegetables every day. Healthline.com tells us that there longevity benefits in foods such as green, leafy vegetables like kale, spinach, and lettuce. Important beta-carotene and Vitamin C nutrients are found in citrus fruits, carrots and berries. Get plenty of rest, which for most adults, should include at least seven hours of sleep per night. Daylight Savings Time is Mar. 12. The extra daylight is wonderful, but it may take a few days to make adjustments with your sleep patterns. Spring is also a good time to get a routine check-up with your primary care physician so that you can receive routine screenings and updates on medications.

Speaking of incorporating some activity into your life, we have a new Tai chi class led by Dr. Tom on Tuesday mornings at 11:00 a.m. at the Federation which is sponsored by the Social Services Department. Tai chi is a great way to get moving, reduce stress, strengthen your body, and improve your balance. See the ad in this month's Shofar for details.

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## Condolences

*We extend our sincere condolences to...*

...family and friends of Sarah Faye Montgomery, who died on Jan. 23, 2023 at the age of 61. She is preceded in death by her parents, Shirley Stephens and Estelle Whaley. She is survived by her husband of 31 years, Deforest Montgomery; step-father John; daughters, Laura (Kevin) Moore and Shaina (Michael) Johnson; siblings, Anita Beard, Donald Whaley, Sharon (Mark) Marcus, and Teresa (Mike) Glenn; six grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

...family and friends of Jacob Lipski, who died on Feb. 15 at the age of 23. He is survived by his wife, Marilyn; parents, Lorri and Kevin; brothers, Ethan and Owen; sister, Anna Grace; grandparents; many aunts, uncles, and cousins.

## *Mazal Tov to...*

...Alison Lebovitz on her nomination for an Emmy Award on her WTCI PBS show "the A List with Alison Lebovitz".

...former Chattanooga Shlichah Einav Cahaner (Amichai) and her husband Asaf on the birth of their second child, Nimrod, on February 5.

...Jon Cohen, 2023 Honoree as an Erlanger Distinguished Physician.

...Jill Weitz for starting a new position as Director of Communications at UnifiEd.

...Austin Center for starting a new position as Public Art Collection Specialist for the City of Chattanooga.

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## Celebrating Purim

This month we celebrate Purim, which is a wonderful and fun holiday. Purim was joyous but different in Israel depending on if I was a student, soldier, or adult.

In school, we had a choice of pizza or falafel for the celebration. Even though I love pizza, I always chose falafel with hummus, fresh salad, and tahini. School started later on Purim morning. I used to walk with my friends and we would take pictures in our costumes and laugh all the way to school, which is one of my best memories. My school was decorated and music was playing. The costumes were amazing as they were crazy, beautiful, and creative. School that day was just a big carnival with lots of fun games.

In the army we celebrated Purim, but it wasn't a big carnival like it was in school. We played music and games, and sometimes there were singers. After the army, the celebration was similar to my childhood except a little wilder. Last Purim my friends and I bought the most amazing costumes. I loved my costume because I was an angel. We met in the evening, took pictures, and went out to celebrate at carnivals and parties. It was my favorite Purim.

How can I talk about Purim without talking about Mishloach Manot?!



Mishloach Manot, one of the mitzvot practiced during Purim, includes reading the Megillah (the Book of Esther) and having a feast. It is meant to ensure that everyone has enough food for the Purim holiday, and to increase love and friendship among Jews and their neighbors. Israelis send Purim baskets to one another to commemorate the holiday. I have a big family, and during Purim our house was filled with many Purim baskets!

Let's celebrate this Purim together. Join me on Thursday, March 9 at 6:30 p.m. for a mini Purim celebration at Sing It or Wing It. Let's get together to hang out, talk about Purim, of course if you like karaoke we can sing!

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Australia, 76 minutes, Arabic, Hebrew, English, subtitles



**Sauvons les Enfants (Saving the Children)**

In person March 27 / Virtual March 26 - March 31

Using a unique storytelling format, this film tells the story of Jewish children from the North of France saved from Nazi deportation by the local population. France, 62 minutes, French, English, subtitles

**Xueta Island** In person April 3 / Virtual April 2-7

The Spanish island of Majorca has a secret history; a group of families have been discriminated against since the 1400's because their surnames have a connection to a once suppressed Jewish heritage. A few have been inspired to return to the faith of their ancestors. Spain, 63 minutes, Catalan, Spanish, English, subtitles



**The Klezmatics on Holy Ground**

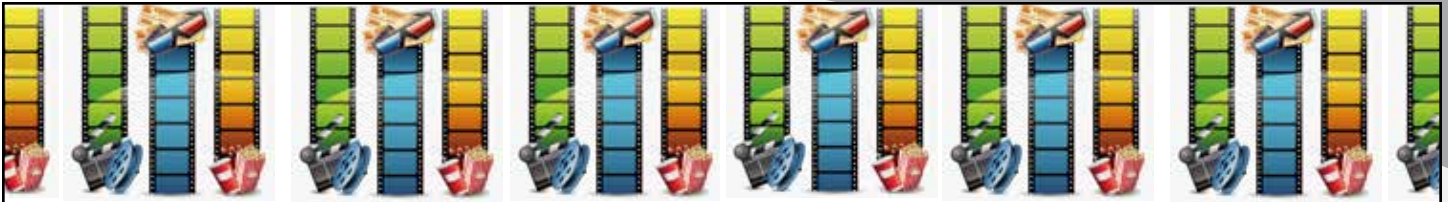
In person April 10 / Virtual April 9-14

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# THE JEWISH FEDERATION ANNUAL MEETING – JANUARY 29

2022  
Volunteers  
of the Year



Executive Director,  
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Alice Goss-Morgan,  
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with a special piece of Israeli  
artwork in honor of her  
20 years of service to  
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Hadera-Eiron Partnership presents  
**(Zoom) March Series**  
 The Mosaic of Israeli Society



**Sunday, March 5** 1pm EST/ 12pm CST  
 "Israeli Democracy at a Crossroads"  
 The government in Israel and the global Jewish world.  
**Speaker: Nadav Eyal**  
 Israel's most prominent journalists and a winner of the Sokolov Award – Israel's Pulitzer Prize.

**Sunday, March 12** 1pm EST/ 12pm CST

Film: "Pinhas", Directed by Pini Tavger  
 A look at the Jewish-Russian immigration to Israel.  
**Speaker: Vadim D. Blumin**  
 JAFI's Director of Educational Strategy.



**Sunday, March 19** 1pm EST/ 12pm CST  
 Film: "Cleaning Time", Directed by Alamork Marsha  
 On the challenges of the Ethiopian community in Israel.  
**Speaker: Roni (Fantanesh) Malkai, Lawyer**  
 A social entrepreneur promoting social initiatives for youth at risk and disadvantaged population.

**Sunday, March 26** 1pm EST/ 12pm CST

Film: "SABBATH ENTERTAINMENT",  
 Directed by Mihal Brezis and Oded Binnun  
 A personal story about religious life in Israel.  
**Speaker: Tzilit Barda**  
 Left the religious world together with her husband.



# Save The Dates

All events at the Jewish Cultural Center

## Yom HaShoah

*Commemoration of the Holocaust*

**Monday, April 17, 7:00 p.m.**

*Candle Lighting and premiere of the video*

Untold: Stories of a World War II Liberators

*by Deborah Levine*

## Yom Hazikaron

*Commemoration of Those People Lost To*

*Terrorism and War in Israel*

**Monday, April 24, 7 p.m.**

## Yom Ha'atzmaut - Israel's 75th

*Trivia and Brunch Celebration*

**Sunday, May 21, 10:30 a.m.**

### CHATTANOOGA JEWISH FEDERATION AT THE TENNESSEE CAPITOL

On February 1, Austin Center and Michael Dzik represented the Chattanooga Jewish Federation at the Tennessee Capitol in Nashville. Along with our colleagues in Knoxville, Nashville and Memphis, we met with elected officials from across the state to discuss security, protecting our communities and antisemitism. The four Tennessee Jewish Federation have hired a lobbying firm to assist with securing TN specific grant funding for our Jewish institutions as well as initiate a conversation about the creation of an antisemitism task force. Last year the TN Federations secured \$500,000 in state grant funding for security. We have asked for \$1M this year and are hopeful that building relationships will be one of the many keys to our success in these efforts.





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



Susan Caminez  
roshnooga@gmail.com



Jen Lewis  
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## SPRING SEMESTER

Machanooga's spring semester has been rolling right along! It's been more exciting than ever because we purchased a giant inflatable gaga ball pit! We've been having so much fun with it, and every class gets time to play in it each week.

Back in January, we prepared for the secular new year by creating our own Jewish calendars-at-a-glance. These calendars showed our students that Tu B'Shevat is the birthday of the trees! We planted parsley so it will grow in time to be placed on our Seder plates for Passover, and we also made beautiful tissue trees.

Every week we learn about the upcoming Torah portion from Morah Marissa, who gives us a hand motion to help us remember what we learned week-to-week. Recently, we learned that the Torah portion Beshalach was when Moses, with God's help, parted the Red Sea. We got to part water too with fun STEM experiments!

We hope you join us (with a suggested donation of \$5) at our Purim Carnival on Mar. 5 from 9:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. It's going to be a great time, and we thank you in advance for your support!

Machanooga takes place on Sundays from 9:30 a.m.- 12:00 p.m. We welcome you at any time. Machanooga communications go out every Thursday. Email us if you'd like to get on the list. Additional information will be posted on our Facebook page.



Machanooga presents  
**a Purim Carnival and  
 Mario Brothers Spiel!**

Sunday, March 5  
 9:30 AM - Noon  
 Mizpah Congregation

\$5 suggested donation

Carnival Games, Prizes, Inflatable Slide,  
 Cotton Candy, popcorn, and  
 the Purim Story through a FUN spiel.

Happy Purim  
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Open to the  
 Jewish community  
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### MACHANOOGA CALENDAR 2022-2023

**Special Events:** *Purim Carnival*

Mar 5, 2023

Mar 12, 2023

Mar 19, 2023

Mar 26, 2023

Apr 16, 2023

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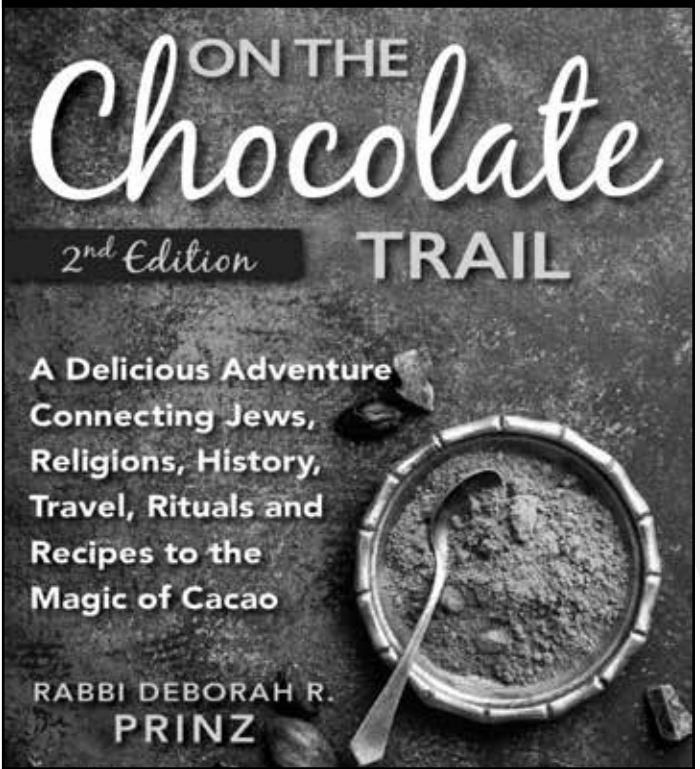
## ONGOING AND SPECIAL ACTIVITIES

- Sunday:** 9:30 a.m. Machanooga
- Tuesday:** 6:30 p.m. Mizpah/BZ Intro to Judaism
- Wednesday:** 7:30 a.m. Mussar via Zoom
- Thursday:** 6:30 p.m. 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:

- Sunday, Mar. 5, 10:00 a.m.** Purim Carnival
- Monday, Mar. 6, 6:00 p.m.** Joint Mizpah and B'nai Zion Megillah reading and Purim trivia
- Saturday, Mar. 18, 4:00 p.m.** On the Chocolate Trail


Saturday, Mar. 18 at 4:00 p.m. Feinstein Hall



**"STORY TIME"**  
 Susan Caminez reads during 1st Friday Family service



Mizpah's Volunteer of the Year announced at the Federation Annual Meeting.



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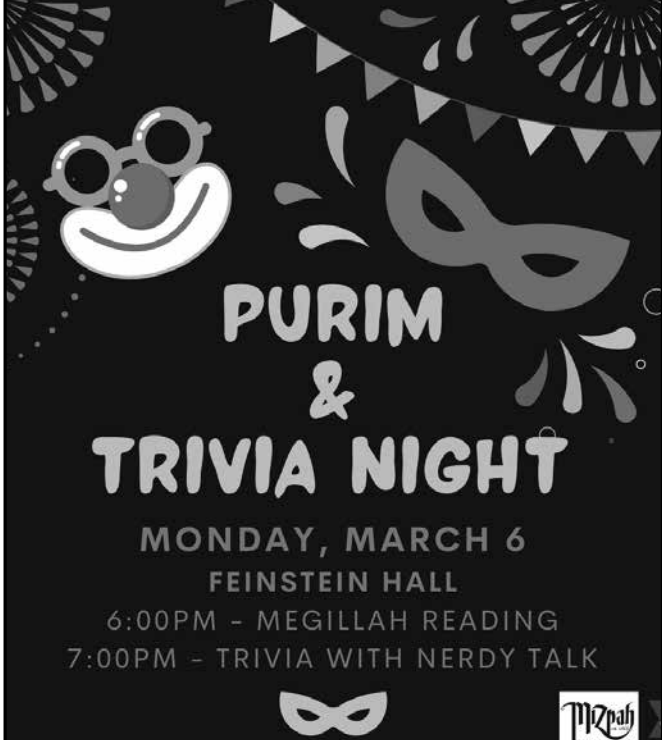
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# JEWES AND BREWS




SUNDAY MARCH 5  
2:30 PM

AT ODD STORY  
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# PURIM & TRIVIA NIGHT

MONDAY, MARCH 6  
FEINSTEIN HALL  
6:00PM - MEGILLAH READING  
7:00PM - TRIVIA WITH NERDY TALK




Jews and Brews November 2022



## BZ Passover Seder

SAVE THE DATE

When: April 6th at a 6:00pm  
Where: Jewish Federation

Join us for an interactive, musical and meaningful Passover seder, and delicious catered Kosher for Passover meal!



### 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

<b>March</b>	<b>4</b>	Shabbat Muffins
	<b>5</b>	Jews and Brews
	<b>6</b>	Purim & Trivia Night
	<b>11</b>	Lunch and Learn
	<b>17</b>	Jammies and Jeans
	<b>18</b>	Lunch and Learn
	<b>24</b>	Homestyle Shabbat

BSI: March 1, 8, 15, 22, & 29 at 4:30 pm

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

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UPCOMING SCHEDULE

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MONDAY OCTOBER 31	WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 22
MONDAY NOVEMBER 21	THURSDAY MARCH 23
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**CELEBRATE PURIM WITH HADASSAH**



This Purim on Sunday, Mar. 5, 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, and Rabbi Keilah Lebell will present a short program about the Women of Purim. This is a hybrid event which will be in-person and on Zoom. Participants are urged to register in advance for a list of baking ingredients and the Zoom link as well as the host's address.

**GENESIS PRIZE**

The 2023 Genesis Prize has just been awarded to Jewish activists and Non-Governmental Organizations for their work supporting the Ukrainian people in the wake of the humanitarian crisis, including Hadassah, the Hadassah Medical Organization and Hadassah International. This was a collective award, a rare departure, from naming one individual. Currently, Israel and Hadassah are helping in Turkey and Syria after the devastating earthquakes in that region.

**AMERICANS AND THE HOLOCAUST**

Hadassah's program as part of the Chattanooga Public Library's exhibit Americans and the Holocaust was a huge success bringing over 60 visitors including some traveling from Knoxville, Nashville and Atlanta. Thank you to Alison Lebovitz, a member of the Tennessee Holocaust Commission, as well as the local Chattanooga Chapter, who led a discussion afterwards about the history of the Holocaust Commission and antisemitism today.



**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.

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 Judea scholarships, which enables children to attend camp and young adults to spend a "gap" year in Israel.

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