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FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

We Need You!

We Want You!

I'm sure you read this and your mind goes directly to "Uncle Sam," right? Actually, I should also include "we NEED you!" As a volunteer-led organization, YOU are the most important piece of the Jewish Federation and Jewish community. The Federation is about helping others; it's also about helping ourselves. The programs and services we provide are about building Jewish identity, Jewish pride, and a more connected Jewish community. Our mission is to accomplish these goals by working together to improve the lives of Jews in Chattanooga and around the world.

The Jewish Federation Board of Directors, with guidance from the staff, have developed a new volunteer structure for the organization. Volunteer leadership and staff are "all in" on this new concept which is simple, streamlined and inclusive. It's easy to participate in smaller projects or programs; it's equally easy to get deeply involved in everyday happenings. You can serve on advisory committees to give guidance and/or you can help develop and recruit for many different areas of the Federation.

As you see on page 3 in Rob Lowe's article, there is a brief outline of the five pillars of our new structure and some of the many opportunities to get more involved. Do you have a keen eye for marketing, branding or social media? Maybe you have knowledge in HR? Is there a specific program – ongoing or new – that you want to make happen?

This new volunteer model has something for everyone. For example:

- We hear all the time that people LOVE our Shlichim program. Want to help in onboarding new Shlichim? Maybe be a host family? Help with a soft landing in Chattanooga? We need you!
- Did you notice that our weekly emails have been rebranded? And, a couple years ago we changed our Shofar from a newspaper to a magazine? How can our website be more user friendly? We're evaluating a new RSVP and reminder system that uses text messaging. Could this be a useful communication tool? All of our communication vehicles – social media, postcards, emails, shofar, website – require ongoing guidance. We need you!
- When we meet Chattanooga newcomers, what's the best way to reach out? How do we "find" new community members or how do they "find" us? And, who are the people in the community that we should reach out to engage more deeply? Are there people waiting to be asked? Are there people not on the Federation's radar for participation? We need you!
- Do you have a knack for financial matters? Maybe you are ready to assist the Federation in annual fundraising? Have you done estate planning that includes the Federation and you're ready to ask others to join you? We need you!
- Have you ever participated

in any of the Federation's Israel exchange programs? Maybe you're attracted to the arts (film, music, etc). Do you want to be more involved with combating antisemitism? Or maybe you'd like to help bring the Jewish community closer to other communities in Chattanooga? Are you under age 45 and want to connect with others around your age? Do you have an interest in ensuring that the needs of our senior population are met? We need you!

Okay – you get the point. There's a list of things you can do; and please know there's an unwritten list of things you can do too. We just need your input and involvement to make it happen. And you'll have a team of Federation staff to work with you as well. Each staff member will be involved in the various pillars: Annette (facility and finance), Alice (kitchen), Ann (programs), Lorri and Dawn (social services), Jake (communications and young leadership), Rebecca (preschool). Yes, I'll have my hands in all of the pillars too!

Ready to jump in? Maybe dip your toes in? The Federation Board and staff are ready to welcome you, train you, guide you – whatever is necessary. Together we'll build on an already amazing Federation and Jewish community. YOU are the only piece that's missing! Give us a call or send a quick email. I'd love to have coffee or lunch and talk to you about your interests.

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FROM THE BOARD CHAIR

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New Structure For The Federation

The success of our Jewish Federation in meeting its mission to build and foster a strong, unified Jewish community has always been dependent on the tremendous efforts of both our staff and volunteers teaming together to support our social services, to generate fun and informative programs, to raise awareness and fight antisemitism, and to engage members of the community.

Recently, the Jewish Federation staff welcomed Debbie Stein, Director of Impact & Growth at JFNA, for a multi-day workshop. Debbie focuses her time supporting the small and mid-size Federations across North America. While in Chattanooga, Debbie facilitated a series of sessions geared towards learning about the Federation's work globally and ways in which our Federation can more effectively support its mission locally. Our board members also had an opportunity to separately meet with Debbie. During this session, we reset our understanding of the board's responsibilities, for both new and existing members; and discussed ways to improve how our committees could be organized. During their workshop, the staff took this input from the board as a jumping off point to develop the following new structure.

This new structure is intended to build engagement and promote volunteer opportunities for members of the community. This structure will also further integration among Federation staff, its board members, and community volunteers.

The committees or advisory groups will be arranged into five pillars:

- 1. Financial Resource Development (FRD)** -- activities involved with fundraising and grants, including the annual campaign, endowments, and investment oversight;
- 2. Communications** -- activities involving messaging, branding; including the Shofar, social media, press, and marketing;
- 3. Kehila (or Community)** -- building leadership throughout the organization; identifying and bringing on volunteers into the Federation, including projects, events, board and committee nominations, and welcoming new community members;

4. Administration -- day-to-day activities and overall governance, including finance, facilities, personnel;

5. Programming -- includes Social Services, Aleph Bet, Young Leadership, Jew Crew, Israel, Community Relations, Archives, and General Programs

I wanted to share this background and direction with you for a couple reasons. First is to provide more transparency on how our Federation is transitioning to operate more effectively and best utilize the professional staff and our community resources. Second and most importantly, we need you!! If there's a particular pillar or committee you would like to serve on, or you'd like to be more involved but not sure where to start, please reach out to me, Michael Dzik, or anyone on the staff or board to express your interest. We will also be reaching out in the next month through email and social media to solicit for volunteer opportunities. As I mentioned at the top, the success of our Federation to build and maintain a strong, vibrant Jewish community in Chattanooga can only happen with the involvement and dedication of our community members.



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FROM THE PROGRAM DIRECTOR

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Happy 75th Birthday Israel

I was going to write about hot topics in Israel. I read the news, listened to friends and acquaintances there, and then I stopped. It's not the same old, same old, but it is. The same core governing concepts such as philosophy, politics, and religion are at play. I started to write about what's going on in the United States, and I found much the same thing. There is drama in the court structure, political wrangling, and the struggle towards each other for philosophical, political, or religious reasons.

I decided to do a little homework. Where was the United States democracy at 75 years old? The Compromise of 1850 attempted to diffuse tensions between free and slave states. The Fugitive Slave Act was passed by Congress just as Harriet Tubman became an official conductor of the Underground Railroad. Communication between people was greatly enhanced when the Pony Express began its first run. On the international front, The Republic of Texas declared independence from Mexico. The first Japanese ambassadors arrived in San Francisco. Working people declared their rights as part of the New England Shoemakers strike which involved over 20,000 workers. The Battle of the Pease River, Paiute War, and the Wiyot Massacre all had the dominant cultures fighting with indigenous people over land. The Battle of Fort Utah allowed a state authorized militia to kill indigenous people on the orders of religious leader Brigham Young. Religion during this time was dominated by the Second Great Awakening. This movement gave people power to change their lives to assure their own salvation. It included a sense of self-control, including the support of capitalism. Sobriety, work ethic, thrift, and delayed gratification were all defined as virtue.

While I was thinking about U.S. history, I pondered how did the United States at 75 years old compare to Israel at 75 years old? Israel has judicial drama, figuring out governmental structure, political drama, internal dealings with religion, and issues with land ownership, just as the U.S. did. But at 75, Israel has to deal with something we didn't have to deal with. On all but one side of the country, Israel has large, forceful countries that are enemies. These enemies have much larger land areas, economies, and older governing authorities surrounding them than the

U.S. had at the same time in our history. And, the countries surrounding Israel don't acknowledge Israel's existence. This is much different than our circumstances.

Watching the judicial protests in Israel, the struggle between the rights of different groups, who has power, the changes in religious priorities and how that affects the economy, women's rights, civil rights, and a peace movement, I was heartened that people were peacefully (mostly) taking to the streets in large crowds. The protesters were of all ages and backgrounds. All in the name of stretching the country's democratic wings.

Democracy is a little bit like a tornado, spinning yet moving forward, and causing some danger along the way. As a democracy ages are we doomed to always revisit the same topics with just a slightly different spin? Where will we be 25 years from now? Where will Israel be 25 years from now? I don't think we would want to live without it, nor do I think Israelis want to live without it.

Democracy takes work and is also a gift. Happy birthday Israel! We are happy that you are here to stay and amazed at all your accomplishments in your first 75 years.



Many Chattanoogaans are visiting Israel in May. Here are some photos Board Chair Rob Lowe took with past Federation Shlichim.



Information from Jennifer Van Kirk-Hillner, SE TN District Long-Term Care Ombudsman

As District Long Term Care Ombudsman for southeast Tennessee, my role is to advocate for residents in long-term care facilities and make the rights of residents clear. I am part of a group of trained professionals and volunteers working throughout the state to advocate for excellence in long-term care facilities. When problems arise between residents and providers of long-term care facilities, I may be called upon to help. I cover district three which comprises the following ten counties: Hamilton, Meigs, McMinn, Bradley, Rhea, Polk, Bledsoe, Grundy, Sequatchie, and Grundy.

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Israeli Declaration of Independence



David Ben-Gurion signs Declaration of Independence during a ceremony at the Tel Aviv Museum. Sitting beside him: Rabbi Yehuda Leib Maimon, May 14, 1948.

Photo: Hans Pinn, GPO



Golda Meir and David Ben-Gurion during the signing of the Declaration of Independence at the Tel Aviv Museum, May 14, 1948.

Photo: Frank Scherschel, GPO

Condolences

*We extend our
sincere condolences to...*

...family and friends of Marion Shuman, who passed on March 24. She is survived by her children, Jason Shuman, Michael (Carey) Shuman, Grandchildren Nate, Justin, and Kate, Sister Diane (Howard) Slaughter.

...Peggy Hofferma on the passing of her husband, Norman Hofferma, on March 29. Norman is survived by his step children, Randy Gray and Greg Gray; granddaughter, Emily Gray; nephews, Ethan Kind, Alan (Griselda) Stein, Stuart Stein, Ira (Leslie) Stein; great nieces, Hannah Stein, Talia Stein, Leah (Todd) Brumley, Celia Stein; and great nephew, Noah (Ashley) Stein.

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Memories of Yom Ha'atzmaut

May is an amazing and important month in Israel. This year is extra special because it is Israel's 75th birthday!

Below are some memories I have of one of my favorite days, Yom Ha'atzmaut (Israel Independence Day), when we celebrate our freedom, and Yom HaZikaron (Israel Memorial Day), when we commemorate fallen soldiers and citizens who died from terror attacks.

Growing up, my day started on these holidays with a big ceremony at school. It was a very serious day, and we wore white t-shirts and jeans. This is always an emotional day for me. During high school, although it was difficult, I used to sing and take part in ceremonies and programs.

When the ceremony is over we all go home. I remember there were only news shows and sad shows, nothing funny, because it is such a sad and serious day people want to mourn and respect it. Then in the evening the big party begins and people meet at the center of the city. There are fireworks, singers, and clubbing.

The next day everyone barbeques; I remember I used to smell it everywhere. My parents always hosted Yom Ha'atzmaut, as they loved a house full of family getting together to listen to music, eat, drink and hang out.

It was never easy for me to switch that quickly from being very sad to very happy. I understand the idea, I really do, and I think it's great we can celebrate our independence and respect the people who died for our country.

I want to add that I've always liked these two days, and I think they bring the whole country together. The situation in Israel right now is not good, as it's chaotic because of a lot of disagreements. I really hope that this last Yom HaZikaron and Yom Ha'atzmaut will bring the Israelis closer together.

EXHIBIT



Israel is a Kibbutz Aluiot, which means that there are a lot of people from a lot of different places. I wanted to bring some Israeli stories from people I met during my army service and from my family and friends to the Chattanooga community

I tried to think about what I would want to know about Israel if I was not living there. Each person has a life story, and it was not easy to try to summarize it all in one page.

This exhibit was so interesting for me. I learned a lot, and I feel like I got to see a different side of all of the people I interviewed.

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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 Year Comes to an End

Another great year of Machanooga has come to an end. What an incredible year! We made High Holy Day magnets, danced with the Torahs at Simchat Torah, went to the Chattanooga Zoo to meet Noah's animals, made kits for the sick, and planted parsley for Tu B'Shevat. It was also great to have a few special guests this year - David Israel and Trent Center! Every week students experienced the Torah through crafts and culture, whether making amazing crafts like hamsas from clay, kaleidoscopes to remind us how we're all a part of something beautiful, or our own seder plates. It was a memorable and meaningful time together. We ended the year how we begin it, with a special visit from the Kona Ice Truck! Always a great time!



We had a wonderful time getting to know Adva this year! We loved getting to know her unique perspective on Israel. She always had fun activities for us to do and learn.



Machanooga isn't possible without the support of Federation, B'nai Zion and Mizpah, without the thoughtful supervision of Rabbi Lewis and Rabbi Rotenberg, without the dedication of our teachers Alex, Carolyn, Marissa, & Adva and our special helper Hannah, or without our beloved Madrichim: Eden, Eren, Maddie, Melanie, Mia, Mollie, & Noah who are always willing to lend a helping hand. Thank you to the parents and supporters of Machanooga!

Though Machanooga has come to an end for this school year, now is a great time to start registering for next school year (2023-2024). Registration forms will be available on each congregation's website and Federation's website. Join us for what will be another great year. Machanooga meets Sunday mornings from 9:30-12:00 PM. It is available to students from (potty-trained) preschoolers to 8th graders. If you want to learn more, please email us at roshnooga@gmail.com.



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We are a welcoming and inclusive congregation, offering worship, learning, social action, and social programming that enhances the lives of our members, helping us as we make choices of our lives that we might better ourselves and our world by our actions.

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**FRIDAY
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BRENDAN MURPHY



Join us for Services on Friday, May 12th 6:00pm

We welcome a special guest, Brendan Murphy, from Atlanta who will talk with us about "History and the Holocaust". One of the most popular electives at the Marist School in Brookhaven a class he's been teaching for almost 30 years.



Rabbi Lewis and
 Tillie Birghenthal
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 post-services
 Kiddush.



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Families of all ages are welcome to join us for Family Havdallah. Pizza dinner will be provided. Lots of time to explore the museum and then close the evening with

Havdallah together. RSVP Required.

Please RSVP ASAP or by May 5 at
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WELCOME NEW MIZPAH MEMBERS



Karen Bloch was a lifelong resident of Rochester, NY, and relocated to Chattanooga to be closer to her daughter. Karen is an experienced piano teacher (Karen Bloch Piano Studio) who enjoys mahjongg, painting, biking, swimming, scrabble and decorating. Welcome Karen!

Chris, Angela and daughter Cora Conn, joined in March of 2022. Chris is a professional carpenter and enjoys rebuilding old homes. Angela is a busy homemaker and baker. The Conns love outdoor activities, especially hiking and swimming. Welcome Chris, Angela and Cora!



SHAVUOT MYSTICS, MAGIC AND ARTS!

May 20, 2023 6:30 pm Mizpah Feinstein Hall
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B'nai Zion Calendar

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| 13 | Shabbat Muffins & Mini Muffins |
| 13 | Lunch and Learn |
| 14 | Jews and Brews |
| 19 | Shabbat in the Park |
| 20 | Lunch and Learn |
| 26 | Shavuot Morning Service |
| 26 | Shavuot Family Parfait Party |
| 26 | Shavuot Home-style Shabbat |

BSI: Siyum, May 3
Minyan & Foundations:
Wednesdays @ 6:00 & 6:30 pm via Zoom

Mini Muffins!
Baby and Me Shabbat Morning

2nd Floor Playroom
923 McCallie Ave
May 13 9:45 am - 10:30 am

Bring your 0-2 year old to play, sing, and celebrate Shabbat with Rabbi Keilah Lebell

Muffins + Shabbat =

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SHABBAT MUFFINS

Shabbat Morning Kids Program
with Rabbi Keilah Lebell
Saturday, May 13
10:30 am | 2nd Floor Playroom

A B'nai Zion Congregation

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SUNDAY, MAY 14
2:30 PM

AT ODDSTORY
1604 CENTRAL AVENUE

SHAVUOT SPECIAL!

Home-style Kabbalat Shabbat

Friday, May 26, 6:00pm
Feinstein Hall

Celebrate Shabbat and Shavuot with an extra dairy potluck dinner!

Special late-night Shavuot learning session after dinner at approx. 8:00pm

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Incredible Seder

The joy and (comm)unity of over 175 people gathered at the Seder was just beautiful!! Starting with the violinist and cocktail hour and continuing with an incredible Seder, (deliciously under Bruce's supervision), the evening was filled with amazing friendship, food and inspiration!

Thank you to all who joined in making this Passover as a community so special.



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	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
WEEK ONE!	June 19 Welcome to CGI Bubble Foam Pit	June 20 Tropical Tuesday	June 21 A Day on the Camp Grounds Meeting, Learning, Making, Sports	June 22 Tropical Thursday	June 23 Specialized Side Care paraglider GLow 2 DARK Shabbat Party
WEEK TWO!	June 26 CARNIVAL DAY BIG IZZY'S TALENT	June 27 USA DAY	June 28 A Day on the Camp Grounds Meeting, Learning, Making, Sports	June 29 A Day on the Camp Grounds Meeting, Learning, Making, Sports	June 30 Magic Shabbat Party
WEEK THREE!	June 3 A Day on the Camp Grounds Meeting, Learning, Making, Sports	June 4 USA DAY	June 5 A Day on the Camp Grounds Meeting, Learning, Making, Sports	June 6 world Coca-Cola	June 7 GRAND GOODBYE SHABBAT
WEEK FOUR!	June 19 KIDSGO POOL AND SLIDES BUBBLE FUN	June 20 KIDSGO POOL AND SLIDES LITTLE CHIEFS	June 21 KIDSGO POOL AND SLIDES GYMNASTICS	June 22 KIDSGO POOL AND SLIDES METZVAH CARNEVAL ART	June 23 KIDSGO POOL AND SLIDES CHALLAH BAKE Shabbat Party

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Judy Sachsman,
President of Chattanooga
Chapter of Hadassah

Millie Lander,
Treasurer

On Israel's 75th birthday, Hadassah is proud to support ongoing projects of medical care and research through Hadassah Hospital and the youth care villages in Israel. Tzedakah makes up the core of the Jewish people so please take advantage of one of Hadassah's Israel tours in this 75th year. Dana Waxler will be assisting with the Keeper's Tour in December.

Experience Israel this Hanukkah with Keepers of the Gate

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DECEMBER 10-19, 2023

As Israel marks 75 years of statehood, celebrate Hadassah & Israel – Together at 75 on this memorable journey to the Jewish state and experience in person the importance of your Annual Gifts!



REGION MEETING

Dana Waxler and Judy Sachsman have just returned from the Southern Region meeting in Birmingham. Details about centralized banking were presented as well as a new Tri-Region Fundraiser "Traveling Henrietta," based on the Flat Stanley concept. Dana announced that the December Keeper's Mission to Israel will highlight many of Hadassah's projects in Israel: Hadassah will visit both Hadassah Hospital campuses, Hadassah's Meir Shfeyah Youth Aliyah Village, the Western Wall Tunnel in Jerusalem, world renowned museums such as the Agam and Tel Aviv Museum, and sites for Israeli chocolate, wine and sufganiyot.

At the Southern Regional Board Meeting, Dana Waxler pins on Judy Sachsman's new Keeper of the Gate broach as she joins the Keeper Annual Giving level of Hadassah.



MAH JONGG

And thank you to all who participated in Chattanooga's "360 degrees of Mah Jongg," a tribute to the memory of Roz Vogel, who taught so many loyal members how to have fun playing Mah Jongg and other games. 360 Degrees was also a program supporting Hadassah Hospital's round building expansion and renovation. A special thanks to Paula Israel for helping to coordinate this event at Mizpah and Richard Waxler for his enthusiasm and assistance.



Photos of Roz Vogel displayed on Mah Jongg with Paula Israel and Melanie Hodes.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

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 on May 11. The Jewish Federation of Greater Chattanooga is coordinating the Carolyn Dorfman 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 encouraged to gather the following week on May 16 at 11 a.m. at Rembrandts to discuss their experiences as volunteers.

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

Annual Givers start with:

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Those who are already Annual Givers should consider increasing donations or stepping up to the next level. Contact Dana Waxler at dwaxler@hadassah.org.

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