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"THE DIASPORA"
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FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Help Improve The Lives Of Jewish People Around The World

Over the past 8+ months, you've probably heard a great deal about various "judicial reform" bills in the Israeli Knesset. Complicated, confusing, and challenging – just a few words to describe this issue in our Jewish homeland. Hundreds of thousands of Israelis have protested every Saturday evening across the country. I personally experienced one of these protests on my trip to Israel this past April in Tel Aviv. In July, the first of these laws was voted on and approved, although an appeal to Israel's Supreme Court has been filed. For so many of us, Israel is central to our hearts. Please allow me to take the opportunity to explain what is happening.

The new law adopted in July is specifically about Israel's Supreme Court, and its ability to deem a law "unconstitutional" or as Israel defines it, "unreasonable". This "reasonable" standard allows Israel's Supreme Court to strike down government (legislature) decisions when they are regarded to have been made unfairly and without taking into consideration all relevant factors. The Israel Democracy Institute explains how the Israeli Supreme Court works, "The court cannot revoke a government decision in cases in which the judges disagree with the government decision; but rather only in cases in which the balance between the various considerations that were made is unreasonable in the extreme."

Why has this become so contentious? Israel does not have

a constitution, but rather a set of special laws called "Basic Laws", which act as a quasi-constitution. It is generally believed that these Basic Laws (currently 13) will become part of an eventual constitution. Without a constitution however, Israel does not have checks and balances that we are accustomed to in the United States.

There are more "judicial reforms" on the current government's agenda, although they are on recess now until after the holidays in October. There are other reforms being considered including how judges are appointed to the Supreme Court, as well as allowing the Knesset to overrule a Supreme Court decision by a simple majority (*Note: there are 120 Knesset seats so a simple majority of 61 is being proposed to overrule any Supreme Court decisions. Additionally, the executive and legislative branches of government are institutionally aligned, meaning the only "check" currently on the legislature is through the courts.*)

This process, in my opinion, has been both unifying and divisive at the same time. It has connected Israelis who feel the court has too much power; it has equally connected people who feel these reforms diminish Israel's checks and balances. Israel must find an appropriate and consensus-driven compromise to create buy-in from its population; any decisions that result in "winners and losers" would be harmful and damaging to Israeli society. Each "group" feels more closely connected, but the country as a whole is becoming divided at its core. The social fabric of Israel is literally tearing apart.

While most everyone desires consensus and stability, neither of these seem to be on the near-term horizon for Israel's government. Many Israeli IDF reserve soldiers, the backbone of the Israeli military, are threatening not to show up for reserve duty and/or just retiring. The judicial reform conversations have also spilled over into the economy. 80% of recent Israeli start-up businesses are now choosing to register their business overseas rather than in Israel (used to be 20%.) Additionally, major technology companies are looking to move investment capital out of Israel. I am hopeful these are only short-term occurrences rather than a new trend.

Could a constitution be born out of these recent developments? It could, although I believe there are too many people with hardline stances; emotions are too raw right now as well. President Herzog has attempted to bring both sides together for discussion and compromise. Most polls show Israelis do want some type of reform of their judicial system, which could include a constitution with appropriate checks and balances. In my opinion, the challenge Israel is facing now is less about WHAT is under consideration and more about HOW the process is moving forward. Also, the concept that if one side is right the other must be wrong, an "Us versus Them" mentality, is detrimental to the country.

I have always felt that as Diaspora Jews (Jews not living in Israel), we have an important role to play in the Israeli conversation. Although we are not citizens nor voters in Israel, Israel's decisions

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FROM THE BOARD CHAIR

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Engage, Educate, Strengthen - UNIFY

Last month my wife Beth and I took a long weekend trip to Savannah. It was just my second visit to the historical port city. We love walking around the city, along the riverfront; viewing fancy houses with enchanting gardens that go back to the post-Civil War era or earlier; and especially through the many town squares with their elaborate fountains and beautiful trees. On this visit, we arrived on a rainy afternoon and stopped off at the Civil Rights Museum. We learned so much about the local civil rights movement; about the organized boycotts in 1960-61 that led to further the cause of integration; the creation and role of the NAACP in Savannah; and the stories of many great leaders that sacrificed much to further civil rights. It's an excellent museum if you get a chance to visit.

Another thing we enjoy while traveling is taking guided walking tours. We had an upbeat, funny tour guide, a Savannah native, who took us through several of the town squares telling stories about the key historical figures from the colonial period of the 1700s through the post-Civil War era. At this point I'm sure you're wondering what the connection of this is to Judaism or the Federation. Well, one of the stories told by the guide was of the original English founder of Savannah, James Oglethorpe, who went on to become Georgia's first governor. As the guide told it, Oglethorpe was very antisemitic and early on during the settlement had instituted a law excluding Jews from living in Savannah. However, once the existing doctor in Savannah died, there was fear that disease would wipe out the population of these early settlers. Unexpectedly, a ship carrying Dr. Samuel Nunez and 40 other Jewish settlers arrived in Savannah. As a result Oglethorpe changed the law to allow for Jewish settlers. Our guide noted that the 3rd oldest synagogue in the country was soon established, Congregation Mickve Israel (also a must-visit). The guide also happily acknowledged that his best friend since childhood was Jewish and claimed to have attended more Bar/Bat Mitzvahs than any non-Jew in Savannah.

It was interesting to learn more about the circumstances of how one of the earliest Jewish settlers and communities started in the US. This also

was a lesson and reminder of how the antisemitism ingrained in Europe had carried over during the colonial period before the founding of our country. Over the past 300 years, antisemitism has been a part of American life. During World War II, that antisemitism was evident in various elements of our government, and played a big role in the US immigration policy after it was learned about the concentration camps and planned genocide in Europe. Fast forward to the present day, and the antisemitism that has generally stayed below the surface has risen to its highest level in decades, as evidenced by the number of incidents and open hate speech within our cities, on social media, and on our college campuses.

When I think about what I can do, and we as a community can do, to help combat antisemitism is, not only to always speak out against hate speech, which is critical, but to continue to keep our Jewish community strong and lift up communities around the world. When we engage, educate, give opportunities, and build leaders, we are strengthening and unifying our communities. When we invest in the Jewish Federation, we not only bring our Chattanooga Jewish community closer together, we are supporting hundreds of partner agencies around the world, showing that we care and will lift up our global Jewish community. I believe this is such an important way we can combat those that wish to weaken or marginalize us.

I want to wish all of you and your families a very happy and healthy new year. Shana Tova!





FROM THE PROGRAM DIRECTOR

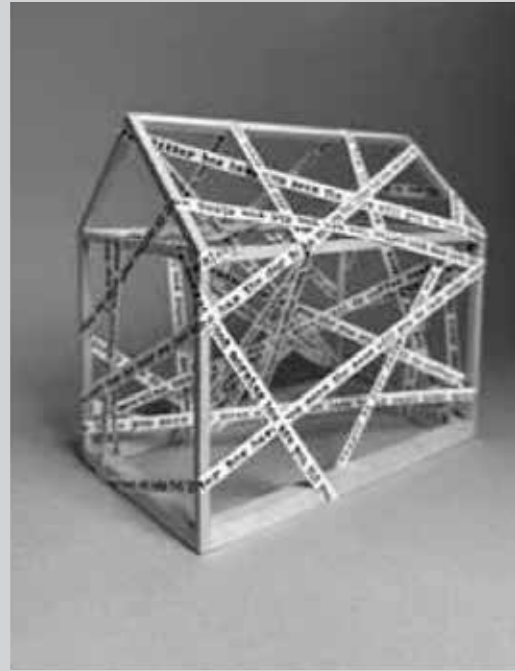
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Vocabulary is Everything

Lately, I have been listening to the history series Rap and Hip Hop found on NPR (National Public Radio) when I'm in the car. It makes me smile when they talk about kids on the street corners in New York tapping, singing, and rhyming. It wasn't about a party starting the music movement. Before DJs, kids were creating music on the street for years. It was what kids did to "be" in the neighborhood in the early 1970s. It was about communicating. It was establishing a vocabulary by youth that wasn't about Vietnam, civil rights, riots, a President dealing with Watergate, or the women's rights movement. It was about using a vocabulary to figure out what was going on. There were a lot of societal changes with many, many moving parts.

Conversation and dialogue start when two parties establish a vocabulary. In the case of the new exhibit, Vocabulary, the vocabulary can be how an artist defines themselves, what an artist wants to tell you about a particular subject, and how the artist wants to talk to you or another artist. The vocabulary can be in words, sounds, visually, or more. It can include symbols, something familiar, or something coded, a lexicon of sorts.

When selecting this exhibit, I started out thinking I would explore one type of vocabulary, perhaps just visual elements. Quickly, and while listening to the NPR series, I realized that the only way to start conversation and dialogue would be multi-dimensional. This exhibit includes very diverse vocabularies. There are five artists using poetry or text that is illustrated. There are non-traditional books. There are two artists with a series of pieces that ask you to think through what they are saying, as a societal question. There are two pieces in which artists are asking you to find the elements, or grammar, in their pieces. There is one piece in which two artists have a dialogue with each other. And so much more.



Morning Conversations by Wade Brickhouse



LIKE! Photograph by Howard Kaplan

IT'S CAKE TIME!

Rosh Hashanah begins at sundown Friday, September 15.

Order your Alice Goss Morgan cakes now!

Deadline to order: Friday, September 8th.

Pickup dates: September 13: 12:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. and September 14th : 9:00a.m. to noon.

Choose from apple (\$25), coffee (\$23) or heavenly chocolate (\$20).

To order and pre-pay, call the Federation at 493-0270 or go to jewishchattanooga.com and RSVP.



FROM THE SOCIAL SERVICES DIRECTOR

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SCAMS

You never know who you can trust these days! We are constantly inundated with stories of people who need help, business ads that want you to "click here," and even emails/texts from someone familiar who turns out to be a fake account. Case in point: Over the past month or two, I have received several Facebook messages from my father-in-law. They seemed a little suspicious because the messages didn't sound like him, so I just ignored them. After several weeks of receiving them, I reached out to my mother-in-law who shared that he had closed his Facebook account over a year ago. Someone had created a fake account under his name and was trying to scam me. I reported the account and we are waiting to see what happens next.

How do we filter through this and make sure we give our energy, time, and resources to legitimate entities? Here are a few suggestions from me, AgingCare.com and TN.Gov.

Charitable Giving: Set aside an amount every year that you feel comfortable donating. Determine the organizations you want to give to in advance and stick to those plans! (Won't fail to mention that donations to the Jewish Federation of Greater Chattanooga help so many people-- right here in your local community!). If you receive mail that you didn't request for kids with cancer - throw it away! Get a call from the foundation for wounded police officers - you can tell them you have already donated to your choice organizations for this year. Next year, you can choose to donate there, but this year, you have already decided where your money will go.

If you receive a phone call, according to TN.Gov, know that it's not rude or impolite to hang up on someone who intends to do you harm. How will you know who's who? Ask them for the business name, phone number, address, and their name. Tell them you will call them back after checking with the Better Business Bureau (our local number is 423-266-6144). At this point, they may try to bully you, or they may be very cooperative and polite - which can be disarming. Follow through. **Do not let them intimidate you or rush you.** Contact someone in authority as soon as possible, and DO NOT enter into any financial agreements before you have done your homework. Better yet, unless you are absolutely certain, **do not do any business over the telephone**

with strangers. And - beware of the stranger who, after repeated phone calls, refers to him/herself as your "friend."

The same goes for in-person soliciting. If someone comes to your door and wants to come and make your lawn look amazing, and tells you that your neighbor down the street uses them too, don't feel bad about telling them no. If you want green grass, call and find the best company. YOU get to call the shots.

If you receive an email/text/social media message from someone you know asking for something, call them directly and speak to them about it, do not reply to the request. Scammers are very sneaky in mimicking someone familiar to you.

IF YOU REALIZE YOU HAVE BEEN SCAMMED

According to Agingcare.com, **the best and most important step you can take after falling for a scam is to tell someone.** At the very least, contact law enforcement, and do so immediately. The longer you wait to inform the proper entities, the harder it will be to minimize the fallout and successfully recover. Share this with your friends and family so they will learn the importance of bringing attention to both successful and attempted scams.

Who to Contact After Being Scammed

- Law Enforcement
- Trusted Family Members and Friends
- Your Financial Institutions
- All Three Credit Bureaus
- The Social Security Administration (SSA)

INTRODUCTORY TAI CHI

With Dr. Tom Voychegovski

A class for mixed abilities. If you have limited mobility, use a walker, in a wheelchair... this class is for you!

11:00 a.m. on

Sept 12th - Sept 19th - Sept 26th



Prepayment required - \$5 per class.
Minimum of 5 participants needed.

Mazel Tov to...

Dana Shavin has won a Green Eyeshade award for excellence in journalism for her Humorous Commentary columns in the Chattanooga Times Free Press.

Municipal Court Judge Rob Cowan is being recognized for his work to improve the way courts across Georgia serve its residents. Cowan was elected vice president of the Georgia Council of Municipal Court Judges and also received a special recognition from the organization for his work as the northwest Georgia district representative to the council.

Great-Grandmother Fuz Spector, who is pleased to share her two new great-grandbabies. Barbara (David) Seigelman's son, Philip (Sydney), announce the arrival of Evan Julius Siegelman, born July 25th. Cheryl (John) Bethune's daughter, Miranda (Jeffrey) Stanmyer, announce the arrival of Reed Owen Stanmyer, born August 19th.



Mitzvah Meals Delivered

Suggested Donations **\$9 per meal**

- \$108 per month based on 3 meals/week
- \$144 per month based on 4 meals/week
- \$180 per month based on 5 meals/week
- \$216 per month based on 6 meals/week

Menus are set by the Kitchen Supervisor.

We are delivering meals on Thursdays.

Contact: Social Services (423) 893-9241

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

TRANSPORTATION UPDATE

We have had some changes in our transportation department! We've said goodbye to both Tom and Joel as they are relocating out of state (although Tom may check in periodically, as he isn't too far away!).

We have hired **THREE** new drivers, **Dwight, Jon & Amber.**

Amber will be taking over the scheduling of all rides.

The number to call to schedule a ride is: **423-321-4236**

- As a reminder, please call during our **transportation business hours**, Monday-Thursday between 9:00-4:00, to schedule a ride.
- If you call Friday-Sunday, your call will be returned on Monday.
- Please do not schedule any appointments after 3:00. This is to ensure our driver's day ends as close to 5:00 as possible.
- Please schedule your appointments as far in advance as possible. The slots fill up quickly.
- If your call isn't answered, leave a voicemail with your name, appointment date, and time-- as our drivers don't take calls while driving!
Your call will be returned to confirm availability.
- **If you are having a medical emergency, call 9-1-1.**

Jon: Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday

Dwight: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday

Amber: Monday, Wednesday, Thursday

**Jonathan: Food Pantry & Mitzvah Meal Deliveries;
As Needed**

Please call Lorri Lipski, Social Services Director, at 423-893-9241 if you have any additional questions about transportation services.

Join us for a "Lunch & Learn"

September 7th at 12:00 with Jeff Harris, Compass Advisors



**Does Medicare overwhelm you?
Are you turning 65 and
not sure what steps to take?
Do you wonder why there are
so many phone calls and TV
commercials about Medicare?
This event is for you!**

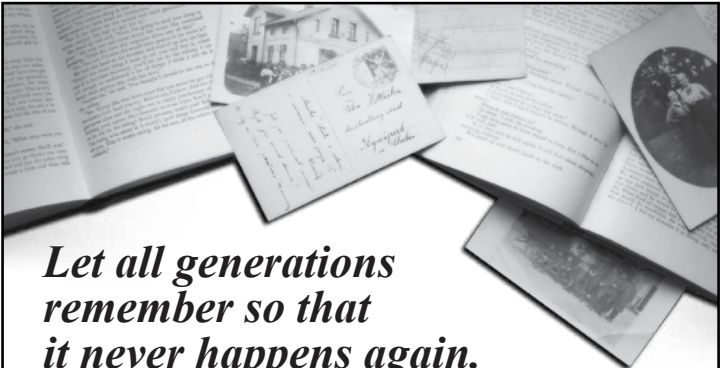
Join us as we discuss important Medicare topics that could have an impact on your current and future Medicare benefits. This will be an open forum style, and you are encouraged to come with questions about Medicare.

Alice's Menu: Cabbage Rolls, Mashed Potatoes, Fresh Green Beans & Strawberry Pretzel Pie

*Jeff is not employed by or contracted with the Federal government. He is an independent agent/broker. Jeff may not offer every plan available in your area. Currently, he represents Medicare Advantage organizations and prescription programs that offer different plan options in your area. Please contact Medicare.gov, 1-800-MEDICARE, or your local State Health Insurance Program (SHIP), to get information on all of your options.

This is a "no obligation" Educational event.

Email RSVP@jewishchattanooga.com to let us know if you will make it



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.

Tennessee Holocaust Commission Programs:

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



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Condolences We extend our sincere condolences to...

...the family and friends of Robert Berman, of Cleveland, TN, who died on June 15 at the age of 80. Robert is survived by his wife, Nancy Berman; his children, Aaron Berman and Amber (Russell) Letendre; and grandchildren, Drake Aaron Letendre and Ariella Marina Letendre.

...the family and friends of Owen Harvey Frumin of West Bloomfield, MI, who died on June 20 at the age of 83. He was preceded in death by his parents, Sylvia and Abe Frumin. Harvey is survived by his wife, Rita Frumin; sons Michael Frumin and Jonathan Frumin; brothers Fulton (Susan) Frumin and Dr. Marshall (Charlett) Frumin; and grandchild, Jordan Frumin.

...the family and friends of Dr. Steven Coulter, of Signal Mountain, TN, who died on June 29 at the age of 72. Steven was preceded in death by his parents, Albert William Coulter, III and Gwendolyn Dale Coulter. He was survived by wife, Beverly Haesloop Coulter; his children, Benjamin Joseph Coulter, Scott Michael Coulter, and Dr. Sarah Margaret (Andrew Douglas) McKenzie; his granddaughters, Savannah Drew McKenzie and Coulter "Coco" Malu McKenzie; his brother Albert William "Bill" Coulter, IV; and his many pets.

...Ricki and Sean Odineal and Rosemary Odineal, on the June 29 death of Sean's uncle Kenneth Odineal.

...the family and friends of Bruce Lebovitz, of Chattanooga, TN, who died on July 26 at the age of 80. Bruce was preceded in death by his parents, Erma Robbins Lebovitz and Louis Lebovitz. He is survived by his wife, Carol Saluk Lebovitz; three daughters, Nichole Kutil, Mireille (Michael) Evatt-Mudd, and Jihan (Jordan) Gulley; brother, Larry (Nancy) Lebovitz; five grandchildren, Cheney, Keely, Ava, Luke, and Elias; and several nieces and nephews.

...the family and friends of Betty Roistacher of Atlanta, GA, who died on July 28, 2023. She is survived by her children, Samuel (Gayle) Roistacher, Lisa (Mark) Fishman, and Louis (Ellen) Roistacher; her granddaughters, Angie Roistacher, Rachel Henderson, and Amanda Kizziah; and her great grandchildren, McKenzie Proctor, Easton Henderson, Blakley Henderson and Andrew Kizziah.

The family and friends of Phyllis Harriet Schwarz of Chattanooga, TN, who died on August 2 at the age of 87. She was preceded in death by her parents, Marian and Ralph Sussman; and her son, Lon Jacobs. Phyllis is survived by her son, Rick Jacobs; her brother, Harlan (Margit) Sussman; her nieces, Pamela (Paul) Paternoster, Marcia (Howard) Roth, and Johanna Szatmari-Goodman; great nephew, Aaron (Anna) Paternoster; great nieces, Rachel (Jamie) McKnight and Laura Roth; great great nephews, Rex Paternoster, William McKnight, and Henry McKnight; great great nieces, Juno Paternoster and Goldie Kloess-Roth.

...the family and friends of Helen Reader Smith of Chattanooga, TN, who died on August 13 at the age of 85. She was preceded in death by her parents, Joseph and Ruth Reader; and husband, Stanley Smith. Helen is survived by daughters Julie Smith- Bartoloni (Guido) Bartoloni, and Rachel (Jonathan) Beltran; and grandchildren Lorenzo Bartoloni, Tori Bartoloni, Simon Beltran and Woods Beltran.

...the family and friends of Joseph Kramer of Hixson, TN, who died on August 20 at the age of 94. He was preceded in death by his parents, Morris and Ray Kramer; his wife, Marion Slavin Kramer; brother, Gerald Kramer; and sister, Riva Lewis. He is survived by sons Stuart (Diane) Kramer and Michael (Amy) Kramer; nieces Sharna Fetman and Marlene Marks; and grandchildren Ben, Isaac, Zachary, Jacob and Tali.

Wishing you and your family Good Health, Happiness and Peace. Today and all throughout the year!

L'Shanah Tovah Tikatevu.

Your Friends at the Tennessee Holocaust Commission.

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Ken Gluck
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Welcome to our new Aleph Bet Director, Kathryn Wilhoite. We are so happy to have her with us at the school. Kathryn previously taught at the Siskin Children's Institute. She has a beautiful family and we are elated to have them join our Federation family.



THANK YOU!

Thank you to Miss Kat, who has been with us at the Federation/Aleph Bet for nearly 16 years, for stepping up and being interim director. We are so lucky to have you here and we thank you for all of your years of service and look forward to all that is still to come.



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and policies can affect us. Israelis and Diaspora Jews have a communal relationship with each other. Jewish people and organizations around the world influence their respective governments and elected leaders to be supportive of the state of Israel, provide resources, and persuade other countries to be supportive on the international stage. I support Israel as a Jewish state with its right to self-determination. Living in the United States, and as Jews, we are fortunate to have healthy discussions and disagreements with policies and/or politicians in Israel.

When I personally make a gift to the Jewish Federation, I do so proudly, knowing that my investment helps Jewish people in Israel, Chattanooga and around the world – not any government, political party or agenda. We will always remain transparent in how your Federation dollars are spent and the impact they have. We remain focused on strengthening our Jewish community, providing Jewish experiences and supporting our most vulnerable people through vital programs and services.

I know that my gift improves the lives of people. Our collective investment in the Federation uplifts Jewish people, Jewish identity, and Jewish peoplehood. We are helping the elderly Jew in Moldova, Azerbaijan, and Brazil; we are giving Aliyah opportunities to Jews in Ethiopia, Ukraine, and Russia; we are offering programming and social structures for Jews in Argentina, Germany, and Hungary; and right here in Chattanooga we are offering Jewish identity, community, and connectivity through Aleph Bet Preschool, social services, community programs, Jewish camp grants, a Shaliach, teen Jew Crew program, funding Machanooga, cultural activities such as exhibits, music, and the Jewish Film Series, and we lead the fight against antisemitism (and much more!). We provide social opportunities for the Jewish community to connect, build relationships and friendships, and proudly be Jewish. Simply put, no gift touches more lives.

Thank you in advance for supporting your Jewish Federation. Your annual gift is valued and appreciated.

Michael Dzik

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16th Annual Chattanooga Jewish Film Series
Patrons and Sponsors Only

IN PERSON ONLY - Wednesday, October 11

Reception 6 pm: Film Screening 7:00 pm



June Zero

This is the story of the 1962 trial of Adolf Eichmann told from the point of view from three characters: a Jewish Moroccan prison guard, an Israeli police investigator who is also a Holocaust survivor for the prosecution, and a 13 year old Jewish Libyan immigrant. However the film is not about Eichmann. Israel did not want to give an execution date so Eichmann could never be commemorated; hence the date, "June 0". 106 minutes, Hebrew with English subtitles

VIRTUAL ONLY

Sunday, October 8 Noon - Friday, October 13 Noon

Less Than Kosher

At 20, Viv was a promising young singer. At 30, her failing music career has forced her back into her mother's basement. But when this self-proclaimed "Bad Jew" lands ass-backwards into a job as a Cantor at her family's synagogue, she's thrown into a wild ride of illicit affairs, drug trips, tense family drama, self discovery and some serious Jewish bops. It's "Shiva Baby" meets "A Star is Born." Modern Jewish wit and Hebrew Electro-Pop. 65 minutes, English



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16th Annual Chattanooga Jewish Film Series

In person at the Jewish Cultural Center, 5461 North Terrace Road



In-person Monday, October 16, 7 p.m. Virtual noon Oct. 15 - noon Oct. 20

Farewell Mr. Haffmann Occupied Paris, 1941: all members of the Jewish community are instructed to come forward and identify themselves to authorities. Dedicated jeweler Joseph Haffmann, fearing the worst, arranges for his family to flee the city and offers his employee François Mercier the chance to take over his store until the conflict subsides. But his own attempts to escape are thwarted, and Haffmann is forced to seek his assistant's protection. 115 minutes, French with English subtitles

In-person Monday, October 23, 7 p.m. Virtual noon Oct. 22 - noon Oct. 27

Matchmaking An entertaining and good-hearted romantic comedy that gives an Ashkenazi and Sephardic Orthodox twist to "Romeo and Juliet". 96 minutes, Hebrew with English subtitles



In-person Monday, October 30, 7 p.m. Virtual noon Oct. 29 - noon Nov. 3

Love Gets A Room Is a musical drama, a play inside of a play, set in the Warsaw ghetto (1940), and is the story of a Jewish stage actress who must make the decision whether or not to follow her heart. The film is a romantic tale of love and survival in the face of harrowing circumstances. 103 minutes, English

In person Monday, November 6, 7 p.m. Virtual noon Nov. 5 - noon Nov. 10

The Future When Israel's Minister of Space and Tourism is murdered in the lead-up to the country's first mission to the moon, Yaffa, a young Arab university student from the occupied West Bank, confesses to the murder. Scientist Nurit asks for permission to interview the assassin. The two women face off, determined to give nothing away, over a potentially fraught series of encounters. 80 minutes, Arabic, Hebrew with English subtitles



In-person Monday, November 13, 7 p.m. Virtual noon Nov. 12 - noon Nov. 17

March 68 Two young students, Hania and Janek, meet and fall in love in the midst of social turmoil and Jewish discrimination in 1960's Warsaw. While the young lovers are uninterested in politics, they find themselves unable to avoid it when Hania's father and mother lose their jobs due to the anti-Semitic purge and are forced to emigrate. Hania does not want to leave Janek. The couple participates in a protest rally where they discover freedom comes at a high price. 115 minutes, Polish with English subtitles



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16TH ANNUAL CHATTANOOGA JEWISH FILM SERIES

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Patron Sponsorships are available for \$250.

This will include all of the benefits of a regular sponsorship, two (2) additional tickets for a total of four (4) to the Sponsor Reception, and special top billing on any sponsor listings.

You will have our gratitude for helping to maintain these high quality films.

Regular Sponsorships are \$140 and are good for BOTH the 16th Annual Chattanooga Jewish Film Series and the Jewish Chattanooga Documentary Series.

Sponsors will have two tickets to view each film in-person and/or virtually. Other than the Sponsor films, films will also be available virtually from Sunday noon to Friday noon.

Sponsorships come with two (2) tickets to the in-person Sponsor Reception.

The Sponsor Reception will take place on Wednesday, October 11 beginning at 6:00 p.m. with the film screening beginning at 7:00 p.m..

Special this year for Patrons and Sponsors: The screening of *June Zero* will only be available at the Sponsor Reception. A second film, *Less Than Kosher*, will only be available virtually October 8-13.

Wish to sponsor only the Chattanooga Jewish Film Series?

The Sponsor cost will be \$120 and include 2 tickets to the in-person Sponsor Reception, virtual screenings, and admission for two at all in-person screenings in the Chattanooga Jewish Film Series but **does not** include the Documentary Series.

The in-person screenings of all films will take place at the Jewish Cultural Center, 5461 North Terrace Road, Chattanooga TN 37411 at 7:00p.m..

To purchase a Patron Sponsorship or a Regular Sponsorship visit www.jewishchattanooga.com.

Want one film at a time? Each film will cost \$12 and will be available virtually or in-person.

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MIZPAH HHD SCHEDULE

Saturday, Sept. 9:

Selichot 6:30 pm

Friday Sept. 15:

Erev RH 7:30 pm

Saturday, Sept. 16:

RH Morning services 10:00 am

Children's New Year Celebration
10:00 am

Tashlich Hubert Frye Center

5:00 pm

Sunday, Sept. 17:

Kever Avot service in Cemetery

2:00 pm

Sunday, Sept. 24:

Kol Nidre Erev YK 7:30 pm

Monday, Sept 25:

Yom Kippur

Morning services 10:00 am

Children's Service 10:00 am

Adult discussion 12:30 pm

Afternoon services 2:00 pm

Yizkor 4:00 pm

Closing Services 5:00 pm

Break-the-Fast to follow.

Wednesday, Sept. 27:

Sukkah Build 9:00 am

Friday, Sept. 29:

Sushi in the Sukkah 5:00 pm

Sunday, October 8:

Simchat Torah 7:30 pm



1ST FRIDAY FAMILY SERVICE AND DINNER

Friday, Sept. 1, 2023 6:00 pm

Mizpah Garden of Life



MIZPAH BOOK CLUB:

The Jew in the Lotus: Judaism and Buddhism:

More Alike Than Different.

Sunday, Sept. 10th, at 10:30 am

Call Amy Cohen for details.

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Mizpah Garden

Wednesday, Sept. 27th

at 9:00 am



SUSHI IN THE SUKKAH

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HIGH HOLY DAYS

2023-5784

SCHEDULE



SEPT 9	SELICHOT 8:00 PM Musical Selichot & Havdalah <i>Feinstein Hall</i>	SEPT 25	YOM KIPPUR 10:00 AM Morning Service 10:15 AM Babies & Toddlers Program 11:00 AM Children's Program (6yrs+) Southern Soul Yoga (12yrs+) 4:45 PM Jonah Text Study <i>Special Reading from Moby Dick</i> 6:15 PM Mincha 7:00 PM Neilah and Maariv 7:00 PM Children's Program (6yrs+) 8:15 PM Break the Fast <i>Jewish Cultural Center</i>	OCT 3	5:30 PM Men's Club—Steak & Scotch in the Sukkan <i>RSVP Required</i>
SEPT 15	EREV ROSH HASHANAH 6:00 PM Maariv Service <i>Zoom Only</i>			OCT 4	4:30 PM BSI—Family Sukkot Celebration <i>Upstairs Classrooms & Garden</i>
SEPT 16	ROSH HASHANAH—1st DAY 9:00 AM Morning Service 9:45 AM Babies & Toddlers Program 10:30 AM Children's Program (6yrs+) <i>Jewish Cultural Center</i>			OCT 7	SHEMINI ATREZET & YIZKOR 9:45 AM Morning Service <i>Ochs Memorial Sanctuary</i>
SEPT 17	ROSH HASHANAH—2nd DAY 9:00 AM Morning Service 10:45 AM Shofar Service <i>Jewish Cultural Center</i>	SEPT 30	SUKKOT—1st DAY 9:45 AM Morning Service <i>Ochs Memorial Sanctuary</i>	OCT 8	SIMCHAT TORAH 9:45 AM Morning Service 5:00 PM Children's Simchat Torah Party 6:00 PM Community Simchat Torah Celebration <i>Feinstein Hall</i>
SEPT 24	KOL NIDRE 10:30 AM Kever Avot <i>BZ Cemetery</i> 1:00 PM Tashlich <i>TN Riverpark (4301 Amnicola)</i> 6:30 PM Kol Nidre <i>Jewish Cultural Center</i>	OCT 1	SUKKOT—2nd DAY 9:45 AM Morning Service <i>Feinstein Hall</i>		

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

2	Shabbat Muffins & Mini Muffins
8	Shabbat in the Park
9	Lunch & Learn
10	Jews & Brews
22	Homestyle Shabbat
23	Lunch & Learn
30	Lunch & Learn

See High Holy Day Schedule for HHD Events

BSI: Sept 6, 13, 20, & 27
Minyan & Foundations:
Wednesdays @ 6:00 & 6:30 pm via Zoom



THANK YOU TO OUR VOLUNTEERS!

Picture from July 27th at the Chattanooga Area Food Bank.

To get involved, contact Autumn at office@bzcongregation.com!

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Wishing everyone a sweet 5784, and thank you to all the supporters of the Hadassah Rosh Hashanah greeting card. Anyone who has not sent in a donation is encouraged to do so. This year the donations are supporting Pediatric Care at Hadassah Mount Scopus Rady Mother and Child Center in Israel. 360 degrees of Healing is more than renovating the building. It's about delivering hope for Israel's children.



360 Degrees of Healing

The reimagined Round Building was just a start - but 360 Degrees of Healing is much more than a renovated building. It's also about delivering hope for Israel's children.

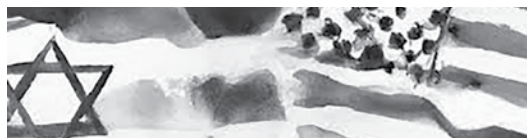


CHALLAH

Upcoming is Rosh Hashanah Challah Braiding and Baking with Randi Weiss on Sunday, September 10, in person and on Zoom. Randi will demonstrate the secrets of great challah baking. Registration is required to supply each participant with the necessary supplies.

ISRAEL WITH A TEENAGER

Jen Lewis had coffee with Hadassah members Tuesday, August 29 at Rembrandt's in the Art District. She talked about "Israel with a teenager." Jen, her son Eden, and Rabbi Lewis just returned from their Israel trip and she had lots of pictures and loads of advice.



SOUTHERN REGIONAL BOARD

The Southern Regional Board meeting is scheduled for October 14-15 in Birmingham at the Embassy Suites. Any Hadassah member who is interested in attending the Regional meeting should contact Judy Sachsman (jmsachsman@gmail.com).

Coffee with the new shaliach, Ofer Musan, is an upcoming program. Also in the planning stage, is an in person Donor brunch event after the high holidays celebrating Woman of Valor and breast cancer survivors. Anyone who wishes to be on the Donor Committee should contact Judy Sachsman.

Throughout the fall there are several tours of Israel, including the Mothers, Daughters and Friends Tour (October 24-November 3) and the Keepers of the Gate Tour (December 10-19), which Dana Waxler and Judy Sachsman will be joining.

Next year in Jerusalem. May 5784 be a joyous celebration all year long.

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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