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*Chattanooga Jewish Community  
Members at the Washington DC  
March For Israel*



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# FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

## Jewish Moments in Time

There are always certain moments in our lifetimes that simply stand out: Birth of a child, wedding, bar/bat mitzvah, a 50th birthday party. Most recently for me was the wedding of my daughter, Rachel, just this past week! I think we'd all agree that these are powerful and "easy" moments to remember. These are no doubt transformational moments in our personal lives.



*Jewish rally in Washington DC in support of Soviet Jewry – Dec. 6 1987*

I look back on other experiences in my life that lead me down the path I'm living right now. In high school, BBYO (Ochs AZA #252 to be specific) was my life. I went to a local high school where I was the only Jewish student. Many of my longest and closest friends were my Jewish friends through BBYO. Through our local AZA chapter, Cary Corenblum and Derek Wiston remain two of my closest friends. Another former Chattanooga in BBYO is Leslie Frank Levine, who is equally dear to me; she introduced me to my wife Paula! I also see some of my friends from other regional BBYO chapters who are also working in the Jewish world – Brian Shankman (Memphis) who works with AIPAC; Stuart Frisch (Memphis) who works with Secure Community Network. And two of my biggest high school moments were through BBYO – First when I was recognized as BBYO'er for the year in our region in 1988. The

following December 1989 our local Ochs AZA chapter was awarded Chapter of the Year. Both were "in the moment, moments". As I look back I see them as defining moments for me both personally and professionally.

But sometimes we experience these moments and are not quite aware that they are special moments at the time. For me that date was December 6, 1987. This was the date of a huge Jewish rally in Washington DC in support of Soviet Jewry. Natan (Anatoly) Sharansky had been the face of Soviet Jewry for a decade; he spoke at this rally. I remember Peter, Paul and Mary singing. I remember marching down the street to the National Mall, holding Chattanooga signs and chanting "Let Our People Go". There were about 20 Chattanoogaans who flew up to DC for the day (see photo). I was one of four high schoolers selected to travel and experience this moment in Jewish history. At the time it was a day to travel and go to Washington DC, right? But reflecting back years later, I realize I was part of Jewish history. I marched. I was there. I was offered the opportunity to be part of something much larger than the Chattanooga Jewish community. That day I experienced the power of the global Jewish community. It



was not long after this march that the Soviet Union allowed Jews to leave and make Aliyah to Israel (1 million Jews). I've always felt I helped make a difference.

The "March for Israel" event on November 14 opened my eyes – again – that there are moments in one's life that are transformative; that are special moments in Jewish history. There is no doubt this was another one of those moments. Participating this time as an adult, one could feel the energy – in the airport, on the subway and throughout the National Mall. There was a sense of comfort seeing Israeli flags and people dressed in blue. It was uplifting. I saw signs representing cities around the United States. One of my favorites was "Idaho Stands with Israel". A small, hand-made sign. Idaho! There were plenty of printed signs as well: "We Stand with Israel", "Free Gaza from Hamas", and "Let the Hostages go". Once again, the Jewish



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## FROM THE BOARD CHAIR

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### **“Never Again”**

There have been many times during these past two months I have felt fear, anxiety, anger, and sadness I have not experienced before in my 53 years. Watching angry mobs surround an inbound plane from Israel to Russia; Jewish students being intimidated and threatened; physical confrontations on college campuses across the country; and a man in Los Angeles killed by a pro-Palentinian protester out of nothing more than hatred. Headlines downplay that anti-semitism played any role, however we see young people displaying their inhumanity towards innocent Jewish victims by ripping down posters meant to raise awareness of the 240 hostages (babies, children, elderly, Americans) held captive in Gaza; hundreds of thousands of people, marching in cities across the world from New York to Paris to Sydney, chanting Free Palestine, Stop the Genocide, Globalize the Infidata; and From the River to the Sea, Palestine will be Free. These slogans are calls for the slaughter of Jews and the elimination of the only Jewish state. Leaders in academia, university students, and millions of others justifying, even expressing exhilaration about the massacre and kidnapping of innocent civilians; or suggesting that Israel itself was to blame; or that the brutal slaughter of families didn't actually occur. It's truly terrifying and harks back to the dark period prior to WWII of pogroms and persecution of Jews.

The liberation of Jews from the concentration camps, marking the end of the Holocaust, ended 25 years before I was born. My entire life I have heard from my grandparents and parents, from Rabbis and Hebrew school teachers, and from Holocaust survivors, we have heard the mantra over and over, “Never Again.” Every year on Yom Hashoah, Holocaust Remembrance Day, we mourn and remember the 6 million murdered in the Holocaust. And we say, “Never Again.” It was just this past February when the Jewish Federation sponsored the ‘Americans and Holocaust’ exhibit here in Chattanooga, an incredible exhibit that taught us that unimaginable atrocities can happen when anti-semitism goes unchecked.

Never in my life, and I imagine we are all feeling the same, even the survivors themselves of the atrocities from 80 years ago, even as anti-semetic speech and crimes have escalated in recent years, did I believe we would be seeing the levels of outward Jew hatred we

are seeing in the United States and across the world since the brutal terrorist attack by Hamas against Israel on October 7. Sometimes it feels very hard to process where we are today as society becomes increasingly divided.



*Rob Lowe and singer Matisyahu*

Over the past decade, my connection with and understanding of the importance of the state of Israel to all Jewish people has grown. It has strengthened through the relationships I have built with our community's amazing Shlichim, the two Federation-sponsored trips I've taken to Israel, continuous learning about the history and culture of Israel, and seeing what can happen when Israel is threatened. The existence of the state of Israel is essential to the well-being of the Jewish people around the world. Anti-Zionism is anti-semitism.

On Nov. 14, with support from the Jewish Federation, I had the opportunity to travel to Washington D.C. with Federation Director Michael Dzik, Rabbis Lewis and Rotenberg, and several other leaders in our Jewish community, to attend the March for Israel rally at the National Mall. There really is strength in numbers! An estimated 300,000 Jews were in attendance. It was so inspiring to see people from cities across North America coming together in support of Israel and to demand the immediate return of the hostages. While the world seems to be heading into darkness, this was a day of tremendous light, hope, pride, and strength for the Jewish people. There were many inspirational speeches from United States political leaders and ambassadors, Israeli President Isaac Herzog, Jewish celebrity activists, non-Jewish pro-Israel activists, leaders from national Jewish youth organizations, and human rights activist Natan Sharansky. There were several musicians who lifted the spirits of the crowd, including Israeli singer Omer Adam and American rapper Matisyahu, who sang his iconic ‘One Day’, a prayer for peace. The massive crowd raised

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## FROM THE PROGRAM DIRECTOR

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### **Guilt**

In the early 1970s, my cousin returned from the Vietnam War. He was a demolition expert and came home without both of his legs. He was very angry when he found out that I had been protesting the war, and he thought I was a sell-out by being a high school page in Washington. His anger made me feel very guilty about my actions, even though I was sure I had just cause.

In 1985 I received a telephone call from my middle sister. My father, who had not been well, lived a block away from her so I anticipated the news wouldn't be good. Instead, she told me I wouldn't believe what she read in the Saranac News, their local paper. Apparently on the 40th anniversary of the bombing of Nagasaki during World War II, my father told a reporter about his involvement as a medic on the first minesweeper into the port of Nagasaki shortly after the bomb dropped. I felt very guilty not knowing the story before it was made public. And, I also felt guilty as I was not always sympathetic to many of my father's behaviors which were likely a direct result of his experiences.

I hear regularly from the past shlichim. Adva has now been called back into the IDF, outside of the combat areas. Amit continues his service in the Navy. Inbal's university classes have been delayed from starting. She waits to hear about her brother and friends, and attends funerals and shivas. Chen waits to hear about her brothers and father. Shiran, Hadas, Einav, and Raoul are all navigating life with their families and extended families. Nothing in Israel is the usual "normal" under missile fire and displays of aggression. I feel guilty that I can't just fly there and make it all better for each of them and their families.

The third week in October I went on vacation to the beach, which was a long-awaited visit with my sister. I left feeling so heavy hearted with everything going on in Israel. My concern for the past shlichim and their families kept a knot in my stomach. Even when I was eating my favorite seafood, walking the beautiful, empty beach, and sharing stories and family updates with my sister, I still felt guilty.

I'm not sure whether any of this is survivor's guilt. After all, we are fortunate. A physical war is not happening here in the United States. We have the

right to disagree and argue with our government and its leaders. We don't have to share the in-person experiences of those people involved directly in combat or as refugees. Maybe I'm not feeling guilt. Maybe it's a sense of hopelessness and helplessness in making change.

What is the best inoculation against hopelessness? Being together with our immediate family or our community family. In December, the Federation is hosting the Community Candle Lighting and Chanukah Party on Dec. 7 at 5:30 p.m. Come, smile, light your hanukkah, have a balloon sculpture made for you, and of course enjoy latkes and seasonal foods. Let's hope that in those few hours of togetherness we can regain some hope for what the future can bring.

And, what is the best inoculation against helplessness? Consider supporting the Federation's Annual Campaign or its Emergency Israel Campaign. The next best thing to us being in Israel to help is to provide the funding and assistance to those in Israel.

### **Rob Lowe ("Never Again")**

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their voices proudly together in singing the national anthems of both the United States and Israel.

The speeches I was most affected by were given by the mothers and other family members of the hostages. "Why are they being left underground in the dirt? A three year old girl watched her parents get murdered in front of her and then was kidnapped and taken to Gaza. And she would like me to ask the world, why are you letting her stay in the dark, in her trauma, buried in the earth's crust?"

May all the hostages be brought home quickly and safely. Am Yisrael Chai!

### **FOREIGN POLICY SUPPER CLUB**

Iran at a Crossroads  
Monday, December 11  
at 6pm  
\$12 for dinner



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## JEWISH FEDERATION NURSE

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### *The Power of Music*

I love music, do you? I love listening, singing, humming, tapping my foot, clapping my hands, snapping my fingers, bobbing my head, and dancing to slow tunes, fast rhythm songs, and everything in between. Music is an important part of my daily life. Listening to music and singing in my car is very therapeutic for me. I love to play the piano, and I believe songs are a form of worshiping God. I enjoy many styles of music, and there are so many genres from which to choose. Did you know that music has been scientifically proven to improve health?

Southwestern Music Therapy LLC released an article stating "Scientists Find 15 Amazing Benefits of Listening to Music." It says that "music makes us happier, enhances running performance, decreases stress, and improves health. It helps people sleep better and decreases depression. It helps you eat less, and increases your mood while driving. Music strengthens learning and memory, relaxes patients before and after surgery, and decreases pain. Alzheimer's patients are helped by music, and it improves recovery in stroke patients. It increases verbal intelligence, raises IQ and academic performance, and keeps your brain healthy in old age." Wow! Sounds like we should all be getting our dose of music on a daily basis along with our sleep and nutrition.

Music is definitely needed by us during such tumultuous times in our world. Many of us have been consumed with watching the world news and worrying about friends, family, and loved ones in Israel. It is an extremely stressful time. Although listening to music is not the solution to all of our worries, it can be a very tangible way of relieving some of the tension. Put on your favorite tunes and/or some classical music from the Great Composers for listening in your car or at home or while doing activities. Classical music has also been found to help people relax and prepare for sleep if listened to a few minutes before going to bed.

Lastly, during the holiday season I hope you will enjoy many of the holiday songs written by Jewish composers such as "Winter Wonderland" by Bernard and Smith, "Silver Bells" by Evans and Livingston, "It's The Most Wonderful Time of the Year" by Wyle and Pola, and "Silver and Gold" by Johnny Marks. These are just a few of the many popular holiday songs written by Jewish composers that have been and will continue to be cherished by many for years. I challenge you to research some of the songwriters and their stories. I hope you can find some time to give music a place in your daily life for your personal enjoyment and to improve your health.

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Dec 19th  
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Email  
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### Friendsgiving Brunch at the JCC

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## Send Letters of Support to Israeli Families

In light of the recent events in Israel, many families from the southern region are being hosted in the Hadera-Eiron area.

We believe that showing our support and solidarity is crucial during this difficult time.

We invite individuals, families, schools, and organizations to:

**WRITE A LETTER  
CREATE A DRAWING**

Please send your letter/drawing to your local Federation staff.

We will collect these messages and prepare packages for Israeli families in need.

Contact Ann Treadwell  
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## Mitzvah Meals Delivered

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Contact: Social Services (423) 893-9241

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

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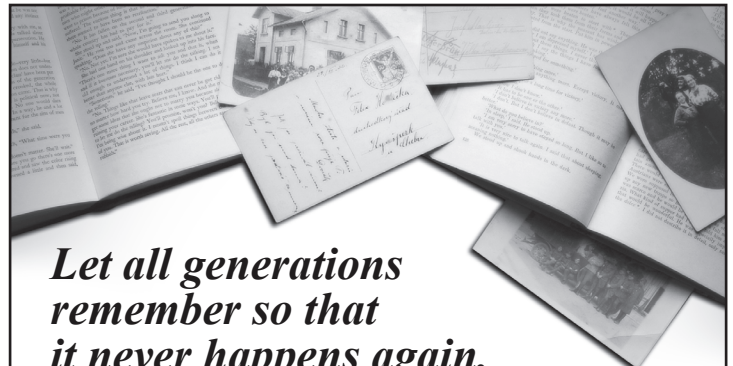


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Jonathan: Food Pantry & Mitzvah Meal Deliveries;  
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Please call Lorri Lipski, Social Services Director, at 423-893-9241 if you have any additional questions about transportation services.

# the JEW CREW

November 12 Event



*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:

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- Yom Hashoah



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community rallied "Let Our People Go". It was a chilling realization. Although I could give you a play by play – we heard from senators, congressmen/women, ambassadors, musicians, parents and family of hostages, even the President of Israel. It was all moving and meaningful. But there was one specific moment that truly stuck with me from the march - Actress Debra Messing was speaking about the hostages, and towards the end of her remarks she asked the attendees for a moment of silence. The crowd became silent. It was quiet enough to where I could hear the people around me breathing. Remember the many printed signs I mentioned earlier? There were thousands of printed signs that had photos of the hostages, and at that moment, these signs were being raised into the air (see photo). In that moment it became

very real; we were fighting to secure the freedom of 240 kidnapped human beings. We were praying for their safety. We were demanding to "Let them go".

I shouted "Let my people go" – for Soviet Jews in 1987 and again for the release of hostages in 2023 – both on the National Mall, 36 years apart. Thank you for the opportunity to be an active witness to Jewish history.

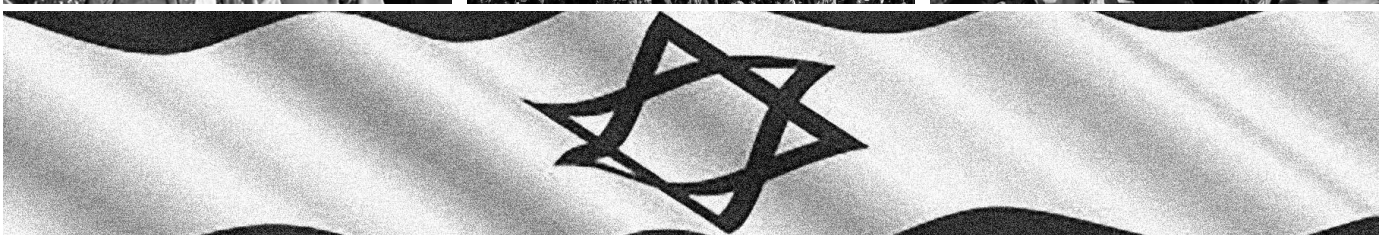
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## MARCH FOR ISRAEL

Chattanooga Federation leads local delegation to Washington DC for the March for Israel rally on November 14.





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We got to share good food and great times at our annual Fall Luncheon on Nov. 3. Families enjoyed delicious food prepared by Ms. Alice, and saw our children sing and dance. It was a wonderful afternoon!







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## My Chanukah

I am still learning and getting used to everything here. The last month was hard because of what is going on in Israel, and I started getting homesick. I miss my family and friends. On the other hand, I love being here. The community is great. I'm getting to know a lot of different people and to learn about American customs and traditions that I was unaware of.

Talking about customs, I want to tell you a little about my Chanukah growing up in Israel. It is that time of year when the rain starts falling, the temperature starts to cool down, and everyone is covered in layers of clothes. It is the time of year Israelis celebrate the days of Chanukah. During those eight days, everything slows down for a while. We all come together for some candle lighting and dreidel games. Every house is filled with powdered sugar for sufganiyot and latkes. In Israel there is one more thing every kid is waiting for during Chanukah, the shows.

Starting in the 1970's, these Chanukah time shows for kids became one of the most popular things in Israel. Some of them have even become milestones in Israeli culture. It all started at the kids music festival, and some of the songs from these shows are still being sung today in every Israeli kindergarten and school. Today there are also musicals. Growing up, we couldn't wait until next year's show.

The best and biggest Chanukah show of all is the Festigal. The Festigal shows, starting in 1981 in the Port of Haifa, are where every Israeli kid (and most adults) want to see in person during Chanukah. This is the show of all shows. All the big stars are showcased. But the shows are not only the Festigal. In 1994 the *Wizard of Oz* musical became the first kids musical of Chanukah, and since then every story you could think of became a Chanukah musical. Everyone loves them. I can still remember growing up watching all the VHS tapes and DVDs of all the musicals. and I still know most of the songs by heart.

Chanukah is not only about the shows. First of all, it is about family. I cannot forget those days during my youth. My sister and I played dreidels in the living room

while my mother set up the Chanukiah. My father went to my parent's room to bring us the candy he was hiding. Then we all gathered to light the candles, sing the songs, and usually sit all together in the living room watching a show or a sports game.

I cannot wait to have Chanukah here and see your customs and traditions. I would love to come and light the Chanukiah with you and your family! May I join you? If so, please give me a call (423-385-0098) or e-mail me (israel@jewishchattanooga.com). I would love to see how you are celebrating this unique holiday.



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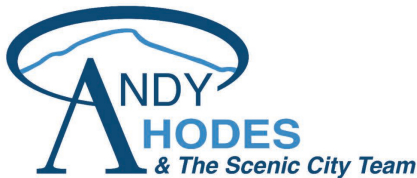
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## **Generation 1.5** In person January 7 / Virtual January 7-12

The massive Aliyah from the former USSR in the 1990s left an indelible mark on Israeli society. The film documents those who were born in the USSR and immigrated to Israel as children or teenagers. Now adults, they grapple with their identity and sense of belonging in their adopted homeland.  
80 minutes, Russian, Hebrew, English subtitles



## **Broken Dolls** In person January 14/ Virtual January 14-19

1939: a 7 year old girl flees Nazi Germany on a ship bound for Shanghai. Eighty years later in America, her daughter fights to reinstate her mother's lost German citizenship, and plans a trip to the country that tried to eliminate her. One last journey revealing not only resilience and strength- but deeply buried family secrets. 81 minutes, English



## **Spinoza, Six Reasons for the Excommunication of the Philosopher** In person January 21/ Virtual January 21 - 26

The excommunication of Baruch Spinoza, the Dutch Jewish philosopher who revolutionized modern thought, is a formative, mysterious event in the understanding of his work. Director David Ofek takes us on an intercontinental journey tracing six reasons for Spinoza's excommunication. He makes some surprising discoveries. 55 minutes, Hebrew, English, subtitles



## **J'Accuse!** In person January 28/ Virtual January 28 - February 2

The Lithuanian Jewish community was decimated in the Holocaust: over 220,000 Jews, more than 95% of the population, were murdered. Grant Gochin, whose family was murdered and Silvia Foti, a Lithuanian woman fighting for those who died, push against Lithuania's systemic Holocaust denial. 87 minutes, English



**Viewing *J'Accuse!* is a good way to commemorate International Holocaust Day**

All films will screen in person on the day listed and virtually beginning at noon the day listed and ending at noon the day listed. Popcorn and a drink will be available at each in-person screening. Virtual screenings must be pre-paid in advance by visiting [www.jewishchattanooga.com](http://www.jewishchattanooga.com); you will receive the login code the morning of the listed screening.

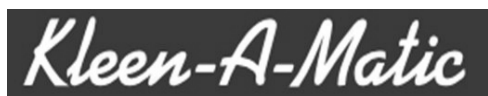
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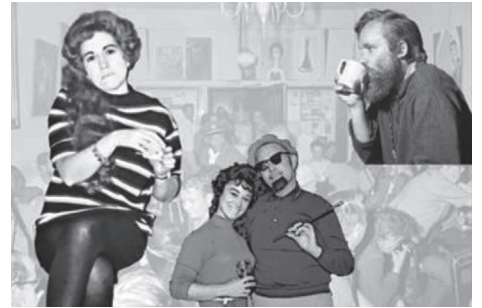
## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

We would like to invite the community to a coffee house at the Jewish Federation the evening of Saturday, Jan. 13th. Back in the 60s and 70s, coffee houses were places where people came to share culture - music, poetry, face-to-face conversations, and a cup of Joe. Allen Ginsberg, Bob Dylan and Shel Silverstein were among the artists who got their start in coffee houses. Coffee houses during this time were important places to create community during times of great change.

In an effort to renew this community feeling, we are recreating a coffee house at the Jewish Federation. We will be providing light refreshments and some terrific entertainment, such as live music from Rabbi Sam Rotenberg, comedic musings from Rabbi Craig Lewis, and funky folk music.

There is room for a few more acts. If you want to participate in this event, either as a performer or helping to set the ambience, please send an email to [mgoler5@gmail.com](mailto:mgoler5@gmail.com) and let us know how you would like to participate. We hope you will join us for a blast from the past!

*Marilyn Goler and Warren Posternack*  
Event Chairs



### Coffee House at the Jewish Cultural Center

Coffee, beer, wine, appetizers and sweets

[RSVP@Jewishchattanooga.com](mailto:RSVP@Jewishchattanooga.com)

Transportation available by request before Wednesday, January 10

## Condolences

*We extend our sincere condolences to...*

...the family and friends of Esther Greenwald, who died on Oct. 21.

...the family and friends of Nathan Miller, brother of Frank (Pam) Miller, who died on Oct. 26 at the age of 69..

...the family and friends of Joan Cohen, who died on Nov.

10. She is the Mother/Mother-in-law of Dr. Jon and Amy Cohen and Mother of Debbie and Andy; and Grandmother of Geoffrey, Ethan and Aliza Cohen.

## Mazel Tov to...

...Rachel Dzik and Joseph Cummings on their marriage on November 11, 2023 in Chattanooga. Rachel is the daughter and step-daughter of Michael and Paula Dzik. Local grandparents are Fran and Joe Dzik and Gail and Joel Susman. The newlyweds will be moving "home" to Chattanooga at the end of 2023 and are looking forward to being involved in the community.



### Young Jewish Leadership Shabbat Dinner.

Filled with Shlichim from other states brought in by former Chattanooga Shlichah, Noa Hadad.



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



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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.

### HANUKKAH EVENT

Mizpah welcomes members and Ft. Wood neighbors to our 7th Night Hanukkah celebration

## Community Candle Lighting

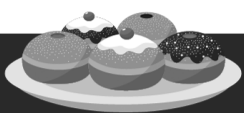
Mizpah invites our Fort Wood Community to join us as we Celebrate Hanukkah!

We will light our menorah for the 7th Night

**Wednesday, 12/13/23 6:00 PM**

In the Mizpah Parking Lot  
 923 McCallie Avenue - Enter off Oak Street

Donuts and Hot Chocolate being served



### MIZPAH TORAH STUDY



Torah Study

Shabbat morning  
 9:15 a.m.

Bagels and lox prior  
 Mizpah Feinstein Hall

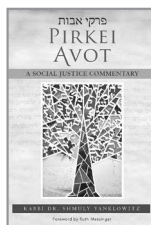
### SHIREI SHALOM

3rd Friday every month:  
 Music and song led by  
 Amy Cohen, Mizpah  
 Feinstein Hall / chapel  
 Chardonnay Shabbat  
 Oneg to follow



### LUNCH 'N LEARN SERIES

with Rabbi Lewis:  
 Pirke Avot Favorites  
 12:15 pm Wednesdays  
 Dec. 6, 13 and 20



### 1ST FRIDAY FAMILY SERVICE AND DINNER

Dec. 1, 2023

Family Service: 6:00 pm

Susan Caminez: Dinner 7 pm

COME CELEBRATE WITH US



## HANUKKAH

*Party*



FRIDAY, 12/08/23

BRISKET DINNER, LATKES,  
 VEGGIE, SALAD BAR AND  
 DESSERTS

CHICKEN NUGGETS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR CHILDREN  
 VEGGIE & GLUTEN FREE OPTION

Please RSVP to the office at 423-267-9771 or  
 email: [office@mizpahcongregation.org](mailto:office@mizpahcongregation.org)

Adult Members: \$10

Adult Non-Members: \$13

Age 13-22: \$7

Age 13-22 Non-Members: \$9

Under 12: No Charge

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**Services Start at 6:00 PM**

Bring your Hanukiah we will light  
 the 2nd candle together

Partially sponsored by June and Bob Collins  
 in celebration of their 50th Wedding Anniversary

### WORD OF APPRECIATION

Herb Cohn wishes to thank all who attended the November 5th Music at Mizpah Concert Fundraiser, featuring the Emily Nelson Rodgers Quartet.

Ruth Longway, chair of the Reception, wishes to thank the many Mizpah members who contributed their time and talents.



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# JEW AND BREWS



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17  
2:30 PM

AT ODDSTORY  
1604 CENTRAL AVENUE

## Down Home Hanukkah

Sunday, December 10, 2023  
at a Private Residence

Join your BZ family for a relaxing and uplifting Hanukkah celebration. We'll have live background music from bluegrass trio, Chattanooga Dogs, latkes, donuts, s'mores and cider!



RSVP Appreciated  
Call the Office to RSVP



## Shabbat Muffins

Shabbat Morning Kids' Programs  
with Rabbi Keilah Lebell  
Saturday, December 2

9:45am - Mini Muffins! Baby & Me Shabbat  
10:30am - Shabbat Muffins (K-4)  
2nd Floor Playroom





# Home-style Kabbalat Shabbat

Friday at 6:00pm  
December 22  
Feinstein Hall

*Celebrate Shabbat  
with a dairy potluck dinner!*

## 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

December	2	Mini Muffins & Shabbat Muffins
	9	Lunch & Learn
	10	Down Home Hanukkah
	16	Lunch & Learn
	17	Jews & Brews
	22	Homestyle Shabbat
25	Christmas Volunteering at Erlanger	

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



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**CHANUKAH ON ICE  
 MENORAH PARADE**

Sundays, December 10  
 5:00 PM Parade begins from  
 Chattanooga Theatre Center  
 400 River St.

5:30 PM Chanukah on Ice at  
 the Pavilion - 1826 Reggie White Blvd.

Skate to Jewish Music  
 Lighting of the Giant Ice Menorah  
 with Dignitaries  
 Bruce's Latkes and Sufganiyot

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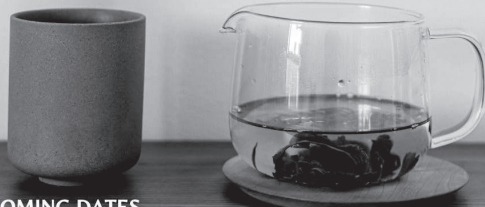
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 who are pillars of light standing strong  
 against the darkness!**

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 EVENING MAHJONG**  
 6:00 - 8:00 PM

An evening of camaraderie, friendship and fun. Learn and join the Mahjong circle or bring the game you like. You are sure to find a friend to join!



Hadassah enhances the health and lives of people in Israel, the United States and worldwide. By connecting and empowering Jewish women to effect change, we are the women who do. Now, and always, we are Hadassah. Be proud of who you are, Hadassah women.



**Judy Sachsman,**  
President of Chattanooga  
Chapter of Hadassah

**Millie Lander,**  
Treasurer

### ROOM IN THE INN TOUR

Hadassah members enjoyed a tour of Room in the Inn's renovated building, which was conducted by Executive Director Taylor Hixson. Room in the Inn provides a safe and supportive place for women and children to live, along with resources to move forward. Hadassah donated a number of winter coats and jackets while they were on the tour.



### FIRST NIGHT OF CHANUKAH

On the first night of Chanukah, Dec. 7, the Annual Hadassah-Jewish Federation dinner will be at the Jewish Community Center as we will celebrate and light the first candle. Please support Brainerd Food Pantry and Room in the Inn by bringing food and toiletries to the Jewish Federation between Thanksgiving and Chanukah (11/27-12/14). Aleph Bet students will be decorating the donation boxes.



### FILM SERIES SOCIAL EVENT

Next, Hadassah members enjoyed dinner at Sweet Basil before the Federation movie "March '68." This fun social event continued with the story about falling in love in March '68 in Warsaw where the couple discovers freedom comes at a high price! What a wonderful conclusion to another successful Chattanooga Jewish Film Series.



### TOURS OF ISRAEL

Tours of Israel, sponsored by Hadassah, have been put on hold for the time being. When Israel reopens for tourism, it will need us visitors! May we spend next year in Jerusalem in 5784.

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:

- Chai Society members (\$180/year)**
- Silver Chai members (\$360/year)**
- Traditional Keepers (\$1,000/year)**
- Chai Keepers (\$1,800/year)**
- New Silver Keepers (\$2,500/year)**
- Golden Keepers (\$5,000/year)**

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

### COFFEE WITH OFER

Coffee with the new shaliach, Ofer Musan, is scheduled on Jan. 23 when participants can hear about how his family celebrates Tu B'Shevat and other holidays in Israel. This is a drop-in event at Parkway Pourhouse (801 Riverside Dr) at 4:00 p.m., in time for "taco Tuesday." This will be an opportunity for Hadassah members to welcome Ofer to Chattanooga in an informal setting.

### WOMAN OF VALOR DONOR EVENT

In the planning stage is an in-person Donor event celebrating Woman of Valor and breast cancer survivors at a Sunday brunch. Anyone who wishes to be on the Donor Committee should contact Judy Sachsman.

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- Weekly Community Email
- Federation Facebook Page  
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- Federation Website  
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**CELEBRATE THE FIRST NIGHT OF CHANUKAH WITH FRIENDS AND FAMILY**

**Thursday, December 7 at 5:30PM**

**JCC - 5461 NORTH TERRACE**

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\*BRING A MENORAH: WE'LL PROVIDE THE CANDLES.

Cost: adult \$15, \$5 children (5-14),  
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Menu: Oven fried chicken, green beans, latkes, sufganiyot  
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