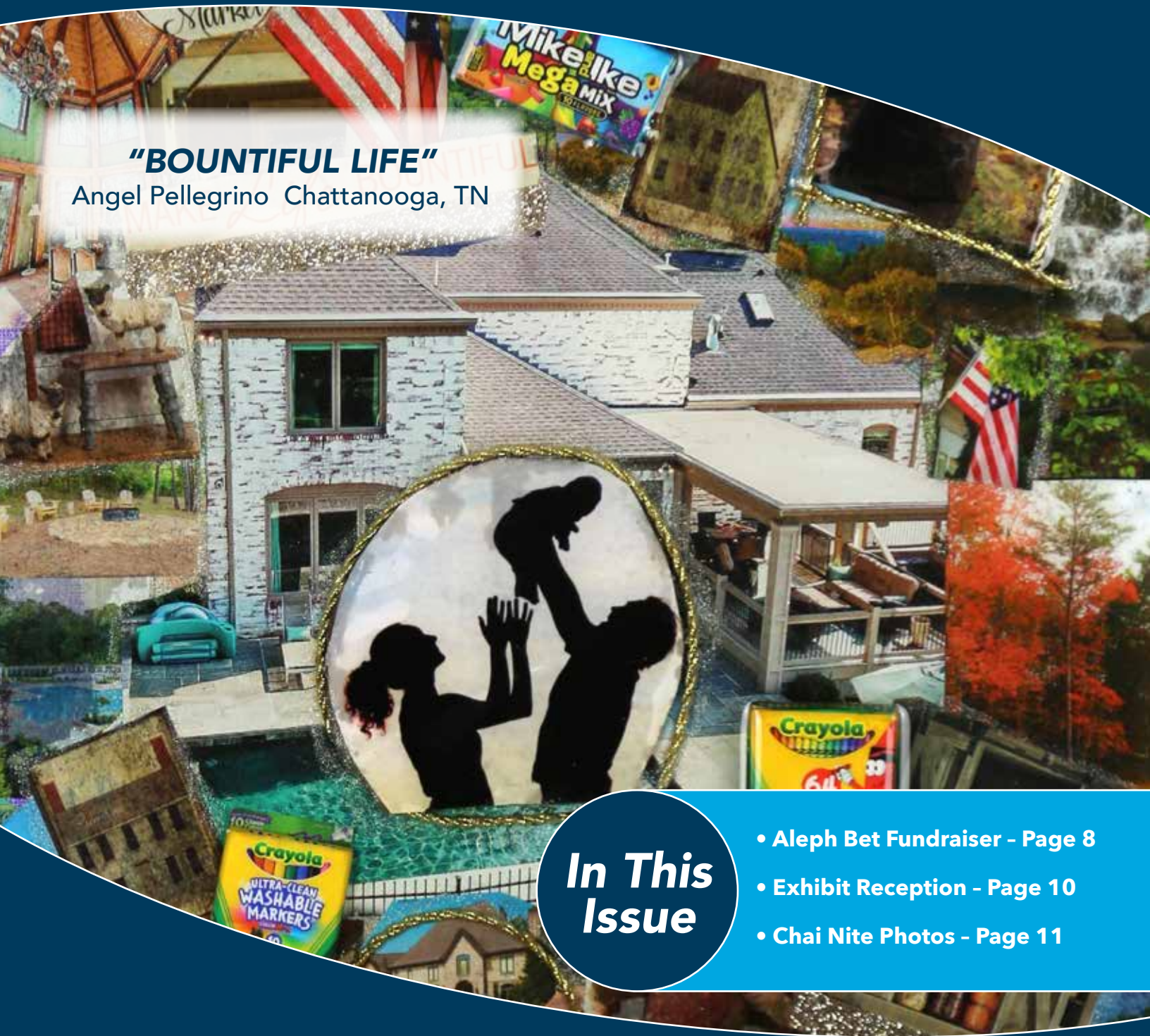




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## "BOUNTIFUL LIFE"

Angel Pellegrino Chattanooga, TN



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# FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

## *Reflect on the Uncomfortableness*

It is said that one of the best ways to learn is through being uncomfortable. When I speak about antisemitism and encourage people to “call it out,” I always tell them that they will feel uncomfortable in the moment. Of course it’s normal to feel uncomfortable when confronting another person, even in simple dialogue. This discomfort we experience happens all the time – at school, at work, and in social situations. This is how we grow to become better people. In partnership with the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga (UTC) and Chabad, the Federation brought Bassem Eid, Palestinian journalist and human rights expert, as a speaker. We purposefully chose UTC as the setting, as an academic setting for free expression and challenging thoughts as well as being most open to the general community and hopefully attracting students.

I had already researched Mr. Eid on the internet and knew that he is someone who is trying desperately to point out the shortcomings of Palestinian leadership. I knew that he was a minority opinion within the Palestinian community. He grew up in what he described is a refugee camp in the West Bank and now lives in Jericho. He recounted a 25-hour period where he was jailed by Yasser Arafat in the 90’s. And it seemed that his perspective, maybe even his ideology, shifted in 1996 when he began to focus on the injustices that the Palestinian Authority (PA) was inflicting on its own people, the Palestinians.

Rather than explain in detail Mr. Eid’s remarks, I want to share what I believe are the important take-aways from that evening. First, my compliments to UTC for encouraging such conversations on campus. We learned the university is holding more events about the Middle East over the next few months as well. I’m sure there will be positions and opinions that I might disagree with, but I equally recognize that it is important to listen (and feel discomfort!) to better understand issues and people. I can’t learn how other people think and feel without listening to them.

Another piece of the evening that was powerful for me was witnessing the several protesters who showed up. There were about four or five students who were handing out “cease fire now” fliers to the audience. They were quiet and peaceful. But I also noticed that they left the auditorium before the speaker began. I walked out to the lobby and found these individuals and politely but bluntly asked them, “You’re already here and obviously passionate about this issue. Why don’t you stay and listen to the speaker?” Unsurprisingly, I was ignored by these people and they did not stay for the event. I find this another example of when people are entrenched in their views (ideology) and refuse to hear anything that doesn’t validate their existing opinions.

In hearing Mr. Eid I also remembered that nothing is absolute. Did I believe everything that he said? Of course not. But no doubt there were many truths and facts to his comments. Hearing an educated Palestinian describe how Hamas is holding its own people

hostage and keeping them in poverty is reassuring that there are people who recognize this obvious truth that many in the world will not accept. I appreciated his analysis of the United Nations’ approach to the Palestinians – teaching hate, violence, and jihad in their schools – is a long-term detriment to eventual peace. You cannot teach hate and then down the road expect the population to be peaceful towards its neighbor. Mr. Eid also talked in depth about Hamas and how they are the cause of this tragic war; they are the cause of much of the pain being felt in Gaza; they are the cause of why most Palestinians in Gaza are in abject poverty. Sure, it validated my already existing opinion, but he was also using data to confirm his points. He was just expressing the facts on the ground, much of which we already know.

My final take-away was the reaction of a few attendees in the audience. One woman sitting several rows behind me was constantly interjecting comments. She was mumbling and being vocal of her disdain for the speaker. During the question and answer part of the program, she confronted an audience member, who identified himself as Israeli and a former officer in the Israel Defense Forces. Although she stayed in her seat, she interrupted him often and called him a “killer of Palestinians.” The questioner stayed very calm, even telling the woman how terrible he feels for the innocent Palestinians being killed. He was empathetic while making his point that there are still hostages being held in Gaza. What is Israel to do?

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## FROM THE BOARD CHAIR

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### What We Do

At the annual meeting in January, I emphasized how when the call was made, you responded. The call was made to address antisemitism, the call was made to renovate our building, the call was made to support Israel after Oct. 7, and the call was made to support the annual campaign. Looking back at the calls made me think about two things: the great call speech in the Game of Thrones and what we do. Now, I am not suggesting that I am the King in the North but as Board Chair it is important for me to understand what we do.

To understand what we do, I have been attending meetings. Many meetings.

One important thing I learned from attending committee meetings over the last six weeks is that our staff does more to support what we do than I ever knew or even imagined. Our staff supports not only our four pillars and all the committees, but they support events and projects that they have ownership over. And events and projects that community members have ownership over. We all have attended an event that our program director and social services director have organized, and of course we all have eaten from Alice's kitchen at those events and programs. And there is the set-up and tear down of meeting rooms that most of us never see. And staff drivers that transport community members to the medical appointments and deliver meals. And the teaching of our children in Aleph Bet by the preschool Director and our wonderful teachers. And, of course, our Executive Director is busy working with the Board, its planning, allocations, campaign, finance, investment and executive committees and numerous other tasks including outreach to the Jewish community and the greater Chattanooga community and beyond.

What can you do if you want to help us do what we do? As you know we reorganized our committees last year to make them more focused and efficient. We also used the reorganization process to better align staff and board committee participation according to the abilities and interests of all stakeholders. We have four pillars that you can join to help do what we do. These pillars and committees include:

1. Finance Resource Development:

Campaign, Endowment, Investment, and Communications

2. Kehila (community): recruit members to committees and engages newcomers
3. Programming: General Programs, Social Services, Community Relations, Aleph Bet, Israel, Jew Crew, and Young Leadership
4. Administration: Personnel/HR, Finance, and Facilities

**If you want more information about our committees or if you want to join a committee, please contact Michael Dzik ([mdzik@jewishchattanooga.com](mailto:mdzik@jewishchattanooga.com)), Ann Treadwell ([atreadwell@jewishchattanooga.com](mailto:atreadwell@jewishchattanooga.com)) or me ([kenneth.goldsmith@gmail.com](mailto:kenneth.goldsmith@gmail.com)).**



Yossi Bloch (Co-director of SUPERNOVA) with Alison Lebovitz



Caribbean Holiday in the Winter with the Southern Adventist University Steel Band



## FROM THE PROGRAM DIRECTOR

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### **Mishpachah/Family**

As we roll into spring, I often think about my childhood family. All but one of us have spring birthdays. Most of the events of my childhood happened in the spring. My parents would celebrate spring by sending us outdoors to discover the neighborhood, telling us not to come home until dinner. My middle sister and I rode our bikes all over. We would walk to our elementary school, several New York blocks away, and play with friends at the playground. And in that playground I began to learn that family was more than blood-related.

My playground family came from all sorts of circumstances. George was from a family of Cuban refugees who fled the Castro regime. Eddie joined our school that year as a result of public-school desegregation. He was also the person who walked me home to safety during the New York race riots. Kathy, supposedly one of my closest friends, pestered me more than my sisters and was the first person I told to f\*\*\* off when I was 10. I was guilt-ridden for weeks, and couldn't look at her. There was Leanne, whose mother swore I would grow up to be a prostitute because I had matured so quickly. When my mother became so sick, it was Ricky Herman's family who "adopted me" and made sure I was safe.

Taking the creation of extended family to a different level, I continue to add to the people in my family circle. I live very far from "blood" relatives, over 24 hours by car. It is the people from different aspects of my life who have taken on "Frie-mily" status. And yes, the fur babies at our house have joined that circle.

The Jewish Federation is fortunate to be part of the P2G (Partnership 2Gether) consortium family with Hadera, the Pardes-Hanna Karkur region in Israel, nine Southeastern cities, and Prague. From March 10 – March 13 professional and lay leadership from the consortium will be in Chattanooga for the Annual Joint Steering Committee meeting. At the meeting we will strengthen our relationships with each other, family-style. And, we will set the vision and budget for the following year.

As part of their stay on Monday, March 11 from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m., we will celebrate the new exhibit with a

reception. The exhibit Mishpachah/Family includes work from 22 Israelis that live in our P2G region, several artists from other consortium areas, and Chattanooga artists. It was difficult to select the art from well over 100 entries. I should note that I'm not the only one who considers their fur babies to be family... come see for yourselves. We are encouraging anyone who has participated with or visited the P2G region in Israel to join us that evening. Come share what extended family is all about, especially now.



**Inbal Bank**, Hadera Israel



**Sharon Lapidot** from Pardes-Hanna Karkur, Israel



## FROM THE SOCIAL SERVICES DIRECTOR

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### *The Season of New Beginnings*

No, it's not the title of my self-help best-seller (though it could be). Instead, it is the idea that this article is drawn from.

On Feb. 2, Punxsutawney Phil was jostled out of bed and thrust into the public spotlight, as it's his lot in life every year. Phil, being the team player he is, took a good hard look and did not see his shadow. For those who choose to trust that the ability of a tubby rodent to see or not see its shadow is a more reliable predictor of the weather than scientific models, this means that spring is right around the corner.

Spring is one of my favorite seasons of the year. After months of frigid slumber, the plants and trees begin to stretch their figurative arms, now adorned with buds and flowers in anticipation of warmer days to come. The hills, covered with bare trees, begin to grow as the buds turn into leaves. The multitude of greens inspire any painter searching for this year's must-have shade of green paint.

Around the house, projects that have been piling up through the winter begin to demand our attention. "Spring Cleaning" (as if I haven't been cleaning my house all winter) feels like it takes up a month's worth of weekends as we prepare our homes to receive the

warm, sunny days we have longed for. Winter clothes get boxed up, and our spring wardrobe takes their place in the closet. The lawnmower gets taken out of storage, receiving a new spark plug, fresh oil, and a nice blade-sharpening. Garden plans, pages of ideas scribbled down on various scraps of paper through the winter months, become reality as seeds are started and we begin the process of preparing flower beds and backyard gardens. My husband seems to really enjoy this part of spring, starting far more plants than we can possibly plant in our tiny garden (it doesn't stop him, though). No more excuses of frigid, dark mornings that "prohibit" morning walks. We can put away the heavy meals, like hearty stews that keep us warm and trade them out for light, fresh plates that make us feel healthy and refreshed.

Spring can be a time of reflection. Many of us enjoy creating New Years resolutions in January, but I find that spending some time on the patio on a crisp spring morning with a cup of coffee in my hand is a great time to think about what was harvested in our lives the previous year and what the seeds we sow for the coming year will bloom and grow into.

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### THE DAFFODIL PROJECT



The Daffodil Project from a previous Good Deeds Day, planted by former Shlich, Inbal Lev and volunteers.



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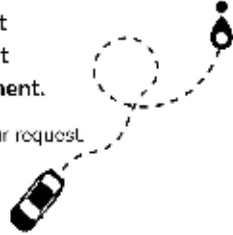
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Ethel Berger

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The second individual was a Palestinian man that I know. He asked the first question – which became a full rebuttal of the speaker. There was no question, only anger, visible and emotional rage. “You are not Palestinian and everything you say is lies,” he stated. I’m sure it was difficult for him to hear the speaker – although I applaud his appearance at the event. What struck me most, again, is that this member of the community didn’t want to hear a different perspective or even challenge some of the speaker’s remarks. It was implied that everything the speaker said was untrue and/or conspiracy theories. After the program, many gathered at the front of the room for a conversation; quite heated I might add. While I believe we as Jews (and many others) recognize that Israel is not perfect and Israel has made mistakes over the past months – the supporters of the Palestinians see things as absolute, that Israel is 100% to blame and responsible. Oct. 7 nor any history seems to be considered from the Palestinian supporters. And I never hear anything about the 134 hostages that are still being held in Gaza.

As I process and reflect from this evening, I continue to feel the uncomfortableness. I don’t understand the “lies” people believe when the truth is in plain sight, even obvious. Is this situation complicated? Absolutely. But the conclusions people have come to and the complete lack of understanding and purposeful ignorance continues to baffle me. I’m glad we held this program so that the community could hear a unique and growing Palestinian perspective on an issue we all feel is so dear to our hearts.

*Michael Dzik*

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**A DAY ON THE HILL - NASHVILLE**  
**Governors Faith-Based and Community Initiative**



TN Federations spent a day on the hill in Nashville on Feb. 21. Our lobbying efforts are to continue the state-wide security grant program for houses of worship.



Michael Dzik and Austin Center meeting with Chattanooga State Senator, Bo Watson.



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The weather outside has been a little gloomy of late, but we have been happy and bright here at Aleph Bet! Students have created so many cheerful creations to decorate our hallways and classrooms. We have started preparing for our spring garden, sprouting seeds and pulling weeds. We are ready for Spring to bring warmer days and more time exploring this beautiful world around us!



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## We Will Party Again

March is usually my favorite time of year, but I expect this year will be different. My birthday, and my second favorite holiday, Purim, happen in March. Throughout many of my school years, I had my birthday with a classmate, Ilay Baram. He was born a day before me, and mentioned that to me every time that we saw each other. He used to say that I can learn from his "older person's" wisdom. But this year will be different. Ilay was at the party at Kibbutz Re'im in October. During the first 24 hours nobody knew where he was, and we hoped he was still hiding, trying to get to a safe place. But sadly, after those 24 hours, he was declared dead. This will be the first time since I was seven years old that we will no longer have our birthday parties a day after each other.

It will be hard to celebrate my birthday so far from home. There has never been a birthday where I did not see my parents or sister or friends. Even during my Israel Defense Forces (IDF) service, my family came all the way to my base to bring me a birthday cake.

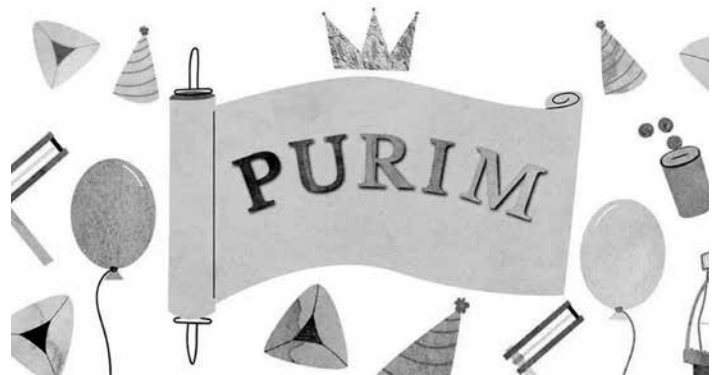
The other special March event is Purim. Some say it is the happiest holiday on the Jewish calendar, and I

agree. This year will also be different. How can you celebrate and be happy, with everything that's going on? How can you have fun when there are still soldiers in Gaza? When there are still over 100 hostages? These are hard times. We can never know what might happen tomorrow. But I learned about hope.

A Holocaust survivor once gave a lecture at my high school. There was one sentence he repeated throughout his story. "You can never know what the darkest time is until you see the sun rising again." This sentence always cheers me up because it gives me hope.

To celebrate a birthday or a happy holiday during this time might sound crazy or the wrong time to do it. We will party again. We will celebrate our holidays again. We will laugh, have fun, and even enjoy ourselves. It might take a while, but like Ilay's mother posted a few days ago on her social media "We will dance again, like at that party. Not only for ourselves, but for anyone who can not any longer. This is who we are."

*Oh, and happy Purim for everybody!*



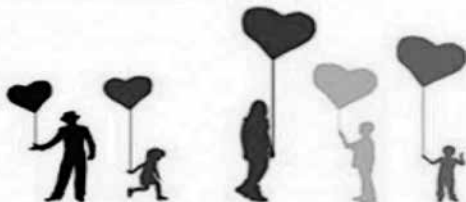
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## Condolences

*We extend our sincere condolences to...*

... the friends and family of Louise "Fuz" Spector, who died on Jan. 29, 2024 at the age of 92. She was preceded in death by her husband of almost fifty years, Julius Spector; partner, Mel Sturm; sisters Joy Effron Abelson Adams, Elizabeth Raisin, and Jo Ann Richelson; and granddaughter Beth Harker. She is survived by her daughters Cheryl Spector (John Bethune), Barbara Spector Siegelman (David Siegelman), and Susan Spector Harker (Tom Harker) as well as four grandchildren and two great-grandsons: Philip Siegelman (Sydney Sevdalis Siegelman and son Evan Julius Siegelman); Rebecca Siegelman; Jessica Lucille Bethune (Greg Brown); and Miranda Carolyn Bethune (Jeff Stanmyer and son Reed Owen Stanmyer).

... the friends and family of Joel David Susman, who died on Feb. 3, 2024. He was preceded in death by parents, Gussie and Ben Susman; brother Jay Susman; and his second parents Bertha and Abe Phillips. He is survived by wife Gail Susman; "sister" Sherry Isaacman; children Jennifer Waxenberg (Danny), Jonathan Susman (Lindsay), Michael Dzik (Paula), and Joshua Dzik; and grandchildren Rachel Cummings (Joseph), Rebecca Dzik, Isaac Waxenberg, Eva Waxenberg, Noah Dzik, and Miles Dzik.

... the friends and family of Aaron Leon Russell Jr, son of Jewish Federation staff member Aaron Russell, who died on Feb. 5, 2024 at the age of 28.

... the friends and family of Alice Weiss, mother of Josh (Eden) Weiss and Leah Weiss, grandmother of Elliana and Jackson Weiss. She is also survived by her mother Marilyn Weinstein, brother Phillip Weinstein, and brother Steve Weinstein.

## *Mazal Tov to...*

...**Susan Caminez** who just became the Executive Director of the Chattanooga Symphony & Opera (CSO).

...**Stuart Bush** for the birth of his new granddaughter, Elowen Maeve Armstrong, daughter of Ryan and Brandon Armstrong.

...**Jeffrey Gelter, MD** for being recognized as a leader in healthcare and "Distinguished Physician" at Erlanger's 20th annual Dinner of Distinction.

...**Lynn Howard** and **Alan Richelson** and **Uliana Mazza** for the birth of their new granddaughter, Journey Richelson, daughter of Natalia Volodina and Valdis Richelson

## WE CAN ALL USE A BIT OF LOVE

**We found these lines from Jewish writings. Enjoy.**

"I had jumped off the edge, and then, at the very last moment, something reached out and caught me in midair. That something is what I define as love. It is the one thing that can stop a man from falling, powerful enough to negate the laws of gravity."  
- Paul Auster, "Moon Palace"

"No, what I crave is the simplicity of routine. An evening walk, arm in arm, in fine weather. A game of cards. Time for idle talk. Preparing a meal together."  
- Anita Brookner, "Hotel du Lac"

"When I am dead, even then, I will still love you, I will wait in these poems, When I am dead, even then. I am still listening to you."  
- Muriel Rukeyser, "Then"

"I shall have poetry in my life. And adventure. And love, love, love, above all. Love as there has never been in a play. Unbiddable, ungovernable, like a riot in the heart and nothing to be done, come ruin or rapture."  
- Tom Stoppard with Marc Norman, "Shakespeare in Love"

"I was practically blind. You, appearing, then hiding, gave me my sight and heightened it. Thus some leave behind a trace. Thus they make worlds. Thus, having done so, at random wastefully they abandon their work to its whirls."  
- Joseph Brodsky, "Seven Strophes"

"The only obsession everyone wants: 'love.' People think that in falling in love they make themselves whole? The Platonic union of souls? I think otherwise. I think you're whole before you begin. And the love fractures you. You're whole, and then you're cracked open."  
- Philip Roth, "The Dying Animal"

"A person whom one has loved seems altogether too significant a thing to simply vanish altogether from the world. A person whom one loves is a world, just as one knows oneself to be a world."  
- Rebecca Goldstein, "Betraying Spinoza"

"You don't know the meaning of true love if you think it can be deliberately selected. You just love, that's all. A natural force, irresistible."  
- Saul Bellow, "Henderson the Rain King"

Excerpted from *14 Romantic Lines in Jewish Literature*  
by Talya Zax, *Forward* 2016

# JEWISH FEDERATION ANNUAL MEETING – Sunday, January 28



Tal Cohen and Randi Weiss talking about the Israel Solidarity Trip in January they participated in.

## 2023 Volunteers of the Year

(Left to Right)

Hadassah – Beth Thomas  
 Chabad of Chattanooga – David Navas,  
 Mizpah Congregation – Paula Israel,  
 Jewish Federation of Greater  
 Chattanooga – Adam Gerson, Aleph Bet  
 Children’s Center and  
 B’nai Zion Congregation – Randi Weiss



Volunteers donating blood in memory of Jacob Lipski, son of Social Services Director Lorri Lipski, during the Annual Meeting.



Lipski family donating together.

## YOUNG JEWISH LEADERSHIP SHABBAT – January 26

This past YJL Shabbat was one of the best! We had new faces, old faces, baby faces! Good times, lots of laughs and great food made in the Federation kitchen.



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March 1st, 2024

Services @ 6:00PM  
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Lasagna (Cheese and Spinach), Green Beans, Garlic Bread, Salad Bar

Chicken Tenders for Kids  
 Veggie & gluten-free option

Adult Members: \$10  
 Age 13-22: \$7  
 Under 12: No Charge

Adult Non-Members: \$13  
 Age 13-22 Non-Members: \$9  
 Under 12: No Charge

Please RSVP to the office at 423-267-9771  
 or email: office@mizpahcongregation.org

### MIZPAH TORAH STUDY

9:15 am Shabbat  
 Bagels and lox prior  
 Mizpah Feinstein Hall



## Torah Study

### SHIREI SHALOM

March 15th  
 Music and song led by  
 Amy Cohen  
 Mizpah Feinstein Hall /Chapel  
 Chardonnay Shabbat Oneg  
 to follow



### RECENT HAPPENINGS

Paula Israel  
 is our  
 Mizpah  
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 Volunteer of  
 the Year.



Josh and Edie Weiss family from our recent 1st Friday Dinner



Intriguing Conversation with Brendan Murphy: Origins of Antisemitism

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**PURIM  
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TRIVIA NIGHT**

SUNDAY, MARCH 24  
 FEINSTEIN HALL  
 4:00PM - MEGILLAH READING  
 5:00PM - TRIVIA WITH NERDY TALK

# BZ Passover Seder

SAVE THE DATE!

**April 23, 2024**

6:00 pm  
 Jewish Federation



Thanks for a great Super Bowl!



Southern Schmooze Cohort 2024

## B'nai Zion Calendar

Morning Shabbat Services:  
 9:45 am at Ochs Memorial Temple & via Zoom

Kabbalat Shabbat Friday services:  
 6:00 pm in person & via Zoom

<b>March</b>	<b>2</b>	Shabbat Muffins
	<b>3</b>	Jews & Brews
	<b>9</b>	Lunch & Learn
	<b>15</b>	Jammies & Jeans
	<b>22</b>	Homestyle Shabbat
	<b>23</b>	Lunch & Learn
	<b>24</b>	Purim & Trivia Night

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



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**Chabad Chattanooga**

**Purim IN PARIS**

**Sunday, March 24 - 12:30 PM**  
 At Works A Gallery (Fillmore Manor)  
 1100 E 16th St. Chattanooga

- Multimedia Megillah reading
- Gourmet French cuisine
- Bordeaux's and L'chaim
- Hamantash Cafe'
- 360 Photo Booth
- Art quarter

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 RSVP [www.JewishChatt.com/Paris](http://www.JewishChatt.com/Paris)

**ROCKIN' SHABBAT**  
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 Morah Janet Franco

**THURSDAY, MARCH 7TH**  
**10:30-11:30 AM**

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Coffee and Snacks will be provided to Fuel the Fun

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

**Millie Lander,**  
Treasurer

### COFFEE WITH OFER

At coffee with the new shaliach, Ofer Musan, we celebrated Tu B'Shevat at the Parkway Pourhouse on "Taco Tuesday." Hadassah members welcomed Ofer to Chattanooga and donated to the Jewish National Fund by planting trees in Israel and receiving a seed packet.



*Hadassah members get details about what's happening in Israel fight against Hamas via Federation Shaliach, Ofer Musan*



*Ofer's first taco*

### WOMEN OF PURIM

Hadassah hamantaschen bakers will meet on Mar. 17 at Mizpah from 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. with their cold prepared dough, aprons, and sous chef, if available. Members will bake together and share Purim recipes. Rabbi Keilah Lebell will lead learning about the women of Purim.

### SUPER SOUTH

The Supersouth has announced the TriRegion Conference will be held in Nashville Nov. 8-10, 2024. Save this date for an amazing experience that is so accessible to Chattanoogaans. More. Information will be available after the Region Board meeting in February.

### PLANNING FOR DONOR EVENT

The Donor committee, celebrating Myrtle recognition and cancer survivors at a Sunday brunch. has been meeting and planning. The planning committee consists of Ronni Charyn, Leta Berger, Kathy Kessler, Rachel Weir, Dana Waxler, Millie Lander, Judy Sachsman, Vivienne Hershey, Marilyn Goler, and Bev Coulter! This will be Hadassah's first in-person Donor since 2018.



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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**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 [dwxler@hadassah.org](mailto:dwxler@hadassah.org).

### ISRAELI SOLIDARITY TRIP

On February 29 Austin Center and Randi Weiss will offer a briefing on their recent Israeli Solidarity trip in response to the Oct. 7 attack. Austin will describe his stay at the Hadassah Youth Aliyah village while working with his ORT art students, and Randi will share her reactions to what she encountered during the trip. Both Austin and Randi consider it their responsibility to share their experience. (Pictures will follow for the next Shofar issue.)

### TOURS OF ISRAEL

Some Tours of Israel, sponsored by Hadassah, have started for groups like adult Young Judaea workers. When Israel opens for tourists, be ready; it will need us visitors! May we spend next year in Jerusalem in 5784.

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## JOIN THE JEWISH FEDERATION LEGACY SOCIETY

The Legacy Society is made up of individuals who, in the tradition of our Jewish faith, wish to share their blessings with others by providing for the future needs of the Jewish community. There are a number of ways to contribute to the Jewish Federation's Endowment through estate planning: a bequest in a will, contribution of the remainder of an IRA or other retirement plan, a life insurance policy, charitable remainder trust, donor advised fund, charitable gift annuity, piece of real estate, securities or other property, or the donation of other assets. However they choose to contribute, Legacy Society members can be sure that their planned gift will turn their dreams or a strong future Jewish community into a reality. Join today.

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## "MISHPACHA" EXHIBIT AT JCC

March 11 – April 26



Artist: Debbie Teicholz Guedalia, DeMarest, New Jersey