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FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Re-Introducing you to our family – P2G

We throw the term "P2G" out all the time, but what is it? P2G = Partnership2Gether. Our Federation is part of a consortium of Jewish Federations throughout the Southeast United States - Charlotte, Greensboro, Charleston, Jacksonville, Pinnellas, Ft. Myers, Nashville, and Richmond. We have a unique "triangle" that also includes Prague and the Hadera-Eron region in Israel (Hadera, Pardes-Hanna, Karkur, Menashe, and Alona). P2G fosters relationships and promotes connections among individuals and groups from various professional and social backgrounds through people2people encounters. The P2G is funded by each Federation contributing an amount of money as it is able, under the model of a "Kibbutz." We maximize the impact on individuals within our communities through the power of collective dollars.

But what really is P2G and why do I call it family? Simply put, our consortium finds opportunities to do programs together. Most of the time we're looking at ways to bring people together in person. Over the years we looked at affinity groups: teens, educators, doctors, runners, fire fighters, young adults, and many more. During Covid several of our connecting programs have occurred on Zoom – like our one2one program. In this program Israeli teens zoom with an American adult to become more proficient and confident in their English speaking skills. Some Americans are formal educators although most are not. There are opportunities to meet like-minded people from Israel, and

hopefully become friends. There are opportunities to hear opposing viewpoints on a topic. What makes P2G, and especially our partnership so special, is that we've been able to connect Jewish Chattanoogaans with Jews in Israel AND Jews throughout the Southeast. Peers, partners, mentors, friends – family.

Every year our consortium gets together for an annual meeting to discuss programs, impact, depth/breadth of engagement, and look at new opportunities. This year Chattanooga was the host community with about 25 staff and volunteer representatives from throughout the consortium. Each host community handles these meetings differently. Hosting the meetings is one thing but we in Chattanooga really wanted to engage our Jewish community more deeply with those we already know or have participated in P2G and those who have not (yet!) Ken Goldsmith, Federation Board Chair, attended the entire three days of meetings. Many on the Federation's Board of Directors attended a dinner with the consortium. On Monday evening, the Federation held an opening reception of our new exhibit (called "Mispacha/Family") that includes artwork from 22 Hadera-Eron artists and 22 Chattanooga artists. Yes – this is a P2G project! Many attendees at the reception had previous interactions with P2G – either hosted an Israeli in their home or participated in an exchange program with Israelis. For many it was a first-time experience to engage with the P2G family.

On Tuesday evening, we divided up our 25 consortium attendees into five smaller groups. Five

Chattanooga families "hosted" these more intimate groups for dinners: Vicki & Art Lewis, Jackie & Roy Rosenfeld, Arona Desure & Adam Gerson, Amy & Jon Cohen, and Austin Center. In 20+ years of this annual meeting, this was the FIRST time that the group was divided up to engage more deeply with a host community (except in Israel). The feedback was incredibly positive. The hosts loved getting to know more about P2G, what it's doing, and how to get more involved. And of course the P2G members loved meeting new people, finding shared interests, and getting out into the community. When I arrived home after the dinner I attended, my P2G group text had photos from ALL the dinners waiting for me.

I don't toss around the word "family" lightly. Many leaders in P2G (staff and volunteers) I've known now for 15-20 years. The interactions, programs, and opportunities we create through P2G are purposefully personal. We KNOW about each other. We CARE about each other. We SUPPORT each other. We CHECK-IN on each other. We've stayed at their homes; they've stayed at ours. We've only become closer since Oct. 7. We are truly family.

Randi Weiss and David Fairchild have already agreed to serve on a local "Israel Committee" that will focus on P2G and other Israel related programs (like the Shaliach,) AND – we're looking for more volunteers to help give Chattanooga ideas and guidance on these programs. Additionally, we have some very unique programs we hope you'll consider participating in: One2One English

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FROM THE BOARD CHAIR

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Back to Normal

Two Fridays ago, my wife and I went to State of Confusion for happy hour. This is something we have done often in the past, but not so much over the last couple of years. This past Saturday we went to dinner at Sidetracks to celebrate our 10th wedding anniversary. This made me think, are we back to normal?

Well, normal is a relative term. When I asked myself if we were back to normal, I was thinking about doing things around bunches of people and not thinking about COVID-19. Back in March 2020 when COVID-19 was declared a pandemic, I was in London on a study abroad trip with a group of paralegal students. By the time we deplaned back in the United States, I was interviewed by CDC personnel in hazard suits. So, normal is a relative term.

As Jews, we are never "back to normal." For Jews, the normal does not change, it is antisemitism. From

Nazis to white nationalists to Hamas, the normal is that we are targets for political gain. And after every antisemitic event, we ask ourselves the same question

How do we respond?

I think our next steps to respond to antisemitism must be a blend of individual and community action. Individually, we must examine our values, our commitment to our community, and our resolve to stand against prejudice. As a community, we must come together, not just in this time of current crisis but as a proactive force. This means building strong ties throughout our community and strengthening alliances outside of it. It requires showing up at community events and gatherings and being present and vocal in societal dialogues. This means that "back to normal" is in our hands – let us work together to ultimately shape what "back to normal" means in Chattanooga.

CONDOLENCES

We extend our sincere condolences to...

...the friends and family of Erika Brouner, who died on April 6, 2024 at the age of 89. She was preceded in death by her husband, Michael Brouner. She is survived by her children Robin (Michael) Silver, Barry (Leslie) Brouner, and Lee (Betsy) Brouner; her grandchildren, Mark (Natasha) Silver, Mitch (Erinn) Silver, Michelle (Yuval) Sharon, Amy (Cass) Alvarado, Jennifer (Phil Derryberry) Brouner and Bobby (Michaele) Brouner; and her nine great-grandchildren.

...the friends and family of Freda Banks, who died on March 28, 2024 in Atlanta, GA at the age of 103. Freda was preceded in death by her husband, Irving Banks. She is survived by her children Dr. Sam Banks (Dana), Roy Banks (Raye Lynn), Arthur Banks (Lott), and Barbara Schwartz (Sam); and grandchildren Dr. Sandra Banks, Lori Ruderman (Joel), Melanie Metzger (Kevin), Mathew Schwartz, Ricky Schwartz, and Emily Banks.

Mazal Tov to...

...to Noa Hadad (former Chattanooga Shlichah) and Nati Hortig on the birth of their daughter Ella Rose.

...to Sadie Cowan for being awarded a Fulbright Scholarship to pursue international research and studies to foster relationships with other countries while working in the public health field. Sadie will be graduating from Boston University with a Masters in Public Health this Spring and will begin her Fulbright work in August.

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FROM THE PROGRAM DIRECTOR

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In Memory

My father would have been 100 years old this month. His life was filled with dualities. I was told that as a young man he was a trickster, loved life to its fullest, and no one was ever gloomy in his presence...until World War II. He was a Marine medic on the first minesweeper into the Port of Nagasaki, Japan, and the experience changed him forever. My father could not be in the presence of anyone of Asian descent, although his best friend was a native Hawaiian. My father was hesitant around Latinx people, from experiences with potential bombing of his workplace by Puerto Rican activists. Yet, my closest friend, whom he adored, was from the island. The father I knew had glimmers of fun, closely guarded secrets, and grieved internally, but he was a warrior when it came to protecting my mother as well as my sisters and me.

Our family was everything to my father. When my mother became seriously ill in the 1960s, he made sure she had the best care possible. He fought off the good intentions of my grandparents, aunts, and uncles to care for my siblings and myself when they wanted to split us up. Instead, as a Vice President of a huge corporation, he insisted on working part time for more than a year in the 1960s. Of course, that killed his once promising career. He thought he was protecting me when he tried to insist I go to Oral Roberts University for college, because men and women could not even hold hands on campus and women had to wear dresses in the 1970s. I agreed to go to Bowling Green State University in Ohio, about 45 minutes from my grandparents, as a short-lived compromise. In the end, after years of battling, my father was there for me. Well, after I proved to him that I was a warrior in my own way and could be self-sufficient.

In May there are two events that give us the opportunity to commemorate past loved ones, even if those people are not blood relatives. Yom HaZikaron will be a two-part event. Ofer Musan, Shaliach and Austin Center have come together to design a table to recognize friends, hostages, and people from our P2G region who died in war and terror events, loosely based on the one created to acknowledge the hostages in Israel. They invited

members of the community to help create the table. The second part of the Yom HaZikaron will be a presentation by Ofer on May 9 at 7:00 p.m. Yom HaShoah will be held on Monday, May 15 at 7:00 p.m. This year we have a survivor coming to tell his story. Herschel Greenblat will have just come back from Poland with a group of teens participating in March of the Living. He is a special person. The duality of May is that we will be celebrating Yom Ha'azmaut with an Israeli Trivia Happy Hour on May 15 from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. Marissa Street and Ofer have been preparing lots of fun questions about Israel. The men in the community will dine with Mayor Kelly for Men's Night on May 20. And, Aleph Bet Children's Center will have their graduation on May 23.

Memory comes with dualities, loss and joy. Join us in May for both.



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FROM THE SOCIAL SERVICES DIRECTOR

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Aging In Place

What does "aging in place" mean? Simply put, it means remaining in your own home as you get older. Our home is our nest, our sanctuary. It is a place of comfort, memories, and refuge. However, as we age, we need to make sure that our home evolves with our needs. As young families, we look for things in a home to support a growing family, like adequate space for each family member, enough bathrooms to prevent sibling rivalries, a fenced yard for the children and dog. This need changes when the children move out. Sometimes you downsize or maybe modify the use of space. Here, it is also important to evaluate your home as you continue to age.

When we were searching for a home here in Chattanooga, my husband insisted that we only look at homes with a master bedroom on the main floor, so that with our mid-life ailments, we would not have to go up and down the stairs every day. He was forward thinking, because he wanted a home where we could grow old, or age in place, as long as we are able to.

Sometimes the challenges are physical, and sometimes the challenges are cognitive. My grandmother was able to get around her house with ease, but she would forget to turn the oven off. For a period of time, we took turns cooking meals for my grandparents so the oven was no longer an issue.

What are some ways we can assess the safety and security of our living arrangement?

- Mobility in the home: Am I able to pick up and keep floor space clear of trip hazards? If I require a wheelchair, can I safely move from room to room?
- Bathing/Toileting: Am I able to access and utilize the bathroom safely?
- Ability to prepare food: Am I able to prepare nutritious meals for myself?
- Manage medications: Am I able to take my medication as prescribed consistently?
- Maintaining the home: Am I able to perform routine cleaning and maintenance, like

cleaning the tub or mopping, changing A/C filters, yard maintenance, changing light bulbs, keeping smoke alarms operational...?

- Finances: Am I able to pay all my bills on time and adhere to a budget?
- Transportation: Are you able to drive or have the time to seek alternatives ways in getting to doctor's appointments and grocery stores?

If you identified any of these as challenges, it may be time to start thinking about what kind of support you may need in the future. Maybe you need a housekeeper or lawn service once a week. Perhaps having someone help you shower a few times a week would make you feel safer. It is also important to consider how you can pay for this. Does your insurance/long term care plan cover this? Maybe you qualify for state assistance. Perhaps you can afford to pay out of pocket. Whether you have family nearby or need resources for this support, please reach out to us here in the Social Service department. We will happily meet with you (or a loved one) to go over options that may help you during life transitions as you age in place. Having these conversations sooner, rather than later, is crucial.

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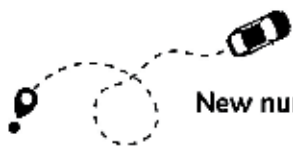
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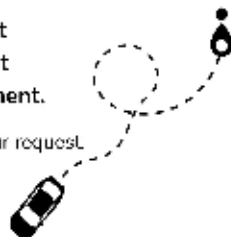
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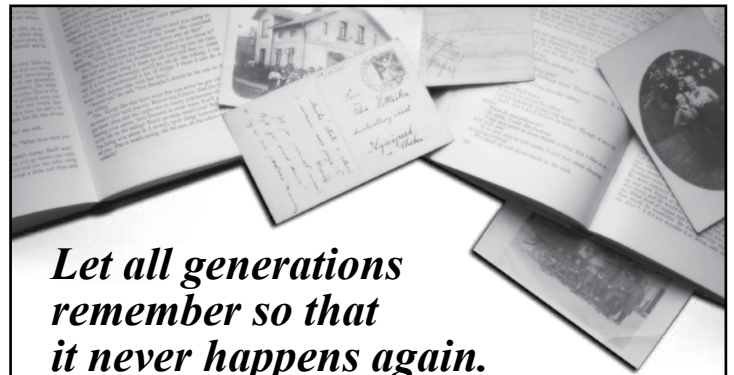
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(working with Israeli teens), and a new Israel trip opportunity for a “Deep Dive” into Israeli culture and history (very affordable and time-friendly). We’ll also be bringing in Israeli speakers on various topics – culture, politics, medicine, wine, or even a unique hobby – all volunteers from our Hadera-Eron region. Tell us what you’re interested in and we’ll try to find an Israeli family member who’ll come to visit and speak.

A portion of our annual campaign dollars go to “overseas”. Sometimes we can’t see, or even experience, the good work we’re doing. In the case of P2G, we experience ALL our senses. And we build life-long friendships at the same time. I hope you’ll consider learning more about how you can be involved in P2G. I promise you won’t regret it!



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Partnership2Gether

A joint program between your Chattanooga Jewish Federation
and the Jewish Agency for Israel

Carla Nixon and Phil Potts were privileged to be part of the Jewish Federation of Greater Chattanooga Partnership2Gether Hadera Eiron Volunteer Mission from April 1-4, 2024.

Partnership2Gether participants worked at the Aloney Yitzhak Youth Village building wooden furniture and caring for farm animals. They also made almond cakes that were taken to soldiers at the Golani Brigade base.

We had the opportunity to meet Itai Kentor, the director of the Edut 710 project, which is collecting testimonials from victims of the Oct. 7 attacks.

While working at the Beit HaRishonim Community Center in Hadera, Phil painted an etz chaim mural in the community center foyer. Carla packed 45 Passover food boxes, while others beautified the courtyard with plants they had potted. An appreciation plaque was hung in the entry hallway of the center.

We helped a local farmer who did not have his Taiwanese laborers because Hamas had taken them as hostages. The group worked the land by picking cucumbers and cherry tomatoes.

An amazing part of the trip was meeting a 17 year-old girl who started a nonprofit in Pardes Hanna-Karkur. Her food boxing project was sustained by teenagers who earned school credit by donating their time.

At the end of the trip, we took a two hour bus ride to Ofakim in the south of Israel. Homes of Ofakim were riddled with gunshot holes. On most street corners there were small memorials to the victims of the Oct. 7 attacks. We met Yahaloma, who is diligently working to get social services for this low socioeconomic community. Three residents shared their traumatic experiences on Oct. 7. We met the Chabad Rabbi of Ofakim who told us the need for food boxes has tripled since Oct. 7. Partnership2Gether packed 100 Passover food boxes.

It was a wonderful trip. We didn’t want to leave.





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SPRING IS IN THE AIR!

Spring is in the air, and we are so glad to be outside!! The weather has been beautiful, and it has been great to be out enjoying it! We have started our garden, and cannot wait to start harvesting lettuce soon! Also, our students have been observing caterpillars as they begin to make cocoons, and next month we will get to release painted lady butterflies!



We were so happy to celebrate Shabbat at our Spring Fling with our students and community earlier this month. Students led our families and guests in songs and prayers, and then we all enjoyed a delicious meal prepared by Alice! We had a live auction of adorable pottery decorated by the children, played games, and had a wonderful time. A big thanks to everyone who came out and supported Aleph Bet or supported us through donations, it was a great evening!





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This Year Will Be Different

In Israel, May Means that the National Holidays are Coming.

Memorial Day and Independence Day are both in May. Since the first grade, I remember that we discussed why Memorial Day (Yom HaZikaron) was chosen before our Independence Day (Yom Ha'atZmaut) in school. Every time the teacher summed up the conversation with the same words, "It is because on one hand we will remember our hard times, and on the other hand we will celebrate the independence that those fallen heroes died for so we can keep it." This year will be Israel's 76th anniversary.

In any other year this time will be both sad and happy, but this year is not like any other year. Things will be different this year since the war in Israel is still going on. Memorial Day will be a hard, sad day. The ceremonies will be different, because we are not talking about events that happened a long time ago, but events that are happening now.

Usually on Israeli Independence Day, we celebrate immediately following Memorial Day at the stroke of midnight. It all starts with a ceremony at Mount Herzl in Jerusalem. Parties are held all through the country and end late at night the next day. This year is going to be different. We are grieving.

How can we celebrate our independence when there are over 130 hostages still being held in Gaza? Well, we celebrate differently. This year, for the second time (the first time was in 2020 due to the Covid pandemic,) the general ceremony at Mount Herzl will not have a crowd in the stands. Most of you might think that it means nothing, but for an Israeli having that ceremony with no crowd makes it feel different. Part of the celebration during the ceremony is watching the crowd's reaction. This might be the saddest Independence Day in the short history of Israel. Yet, I know my country, people will celebrate with quieter music and less BBQ's because Israel is slowly getting back on it's feet. That may be the only good news.

This year in Chattanooga things will also be different. I could not ignore what happened. In any other year I would have created a traditional Memorial Day event, but I decided this year it needed to be more personal and last longer. This year there will be an installation at the Jewish Federation and a program on May 9th. We will also celebrate Israeli Independence Day differently. Instead of a party or a big celebration we will have a trivia happy hour on May 15th. I hope to see you at both events.

Make sure you save the information for both events and the Passover table so you can participate.

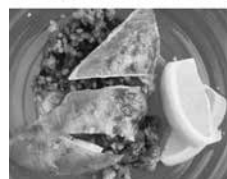
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Eli Binder

Eli will graduate from The McCallie School on May 19. While at McCallie, Eli participated in sports, theatre, journalism, and travelled to Costa Rica and Guatemala on summer service trips. He currently is on the dive team where he was ranked 12th in the State at the Tennessee State Meet last month. He has been on the honor roll his entire high school career and was also named to the Faculty Recognition List for his outstanding attitude, effort, and achievement. This fall he will attend High Point University in North Carolina where he has been named a Presidential Scholar and a Business Fellow. He plans to major in Finance and to continue participating in theatre productions. Parents are David Binder and Brenda Hodges-Binder.

Max Cowan

Max is graduating from Dalton High. Max is an AP honor graduate, a member of National Honor Society, drama club and a Thespian. Max is a scholar athlete and a four year varsity tennis player, 12 year Boy Scout who has earned his Eagle Scout rank. As a camp Ramah Darom camper for the last eight years, Max was the recipient of the Hannah Weiss Tikun Alum Award for his Geshet year when he also served as Yom Sport team captain. Max has also been very active in his USY chapter, serving on the Choosy board for four years, then elected as president for the Hanegyv Region his senior year! He is a community volunteer and has volunteered on several political campaigns. Max is excited to be attending the Grady School of Journalism at the University of Georgia in the fall! Go Dawgs! Parents are Julie Locke and Rob Cowan.



Talia Joels

Talia will be graduating from Baylor School. She was captain of the varsity cheer team, a member of the Harris Stanford Honor Program, President of the Religious Roundtable, and Spirit club president. She participated in community service that helped underserved elementary students with reading and writing skills. She was a member of the Red Circle at Baylor that helped with student tours, admission activities, and alumni events. She has a love of theatre and in her junior year played Elle, in Baylor's production of the musical "Legally Blonde." She was also voted most school spirit by her senior class. Talia will attend Auburn University in the fall to study musical theatre and marketing. Parents are Charles and Krissy Joels.

Aliyah Opengart

Aliyah is graduating from Signal Mountain High School in the top 10% of her class. Aliyah played varsity lacrosse for her entire high school career. She will be attending William & Mary in Williamsburg, VA. She is interested in public health and epidemiology. Parents are Ken and Rose Opengart.



Skylar Schwartz

Skylar will Graduate from Baylor School in May 2024. She is a Harris-Stanford scholar, and was selected for the David M. Abshire Civic Leadership Trip in 2023, and she completed the requisites for the Global and Civics Scholar programs. She was a 3-year starter on Baylor girls soccer team (which won the state championship in 2023) and member of the two-time state champions Chattanooga Red Wolves girls team. She is also a member of the honorary literary society Round Table and in the National Honor Society. Skylar enjoyed Jew Crew the past 3 years as well. Skylar has not yet finalized her college decision, but plans to pursue a degree in international business or medicine. Parents are Skip and Holly Schwartz.

Caden Walling

Caden will be graduating from Heritage High School on May 23. He has spent his high school years playing football, where he was named to the All-Region Teams his junior and senior years. He is also a member of the track team where he competed in discus and shot put. He was on honor roll during high school. This fall, Caden will attend The University of Tennessee at Chattanooga. He plans to major in Mechanical Engineering. Parents are Johnny Walling and Beth Susman Walling.



Isabella Young Watson

Isabella Young Watson is graduating with honors from Collegiate High/Chattanooga State with a high school diploma and an Associates degree in Political Science. She played volleyball for Red Bank High School and travelled club ball all four years. Isabella plans to attend University of Tennessee in Chattanooga in the fall. Parents are James and Leigh Watson.

Yom HaShoah Commemoration

Monday, May 13, 2024
7:00 p.m.
Jewish Cultural Center



Special Guest Speaker Hershel Greenblat Survivor



Born in the caves of Ukraine, Hershel Greenblat survived the Holocaust because of the resourcefulness and determination of his parents in evading the Nazis. As he states, "It is because of my parents' unwavering will that we were able to survive the horrors of the Holocaust."

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Sponsor Event

Wednesday, June 5
6:00 Reception 7:00 p.m.

Film Screening

In person screenings:

Monday, June 10 7:00 p.m.
Sunday, June 16 3:00 p.m.
Sunday, June 23 3:00 p.m.
Sunday, June 30 3:00 p.m.
Sunday, July 7 3:00 p.m.

Virtual screenings
will also be available



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.

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

Regular Sponsorships are \$140 and are good for BOTH the 17th 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, June 5 beginning at 6:00 p.m. with the film screening beginning at 7:00 p.m..

Wish to sponsor only the Chattanooga Jewish Film Series June/July 2024?

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.**

Want to be a subscriber for only the Jewish Chattanooga Documentary Film Series/January 2025?

The cost will be \$36 and will only include a link to virtual screenings and two admissions to each in-person film in the *Chattanooga Jewish Documentary Series*.

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

*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..*



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**FIRST FRIDAY
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First Friday April 5th



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Tuesdays 6 PM to 7 PM on Zoom
 Beginning March 19

Whether you are a Jew by choice, or are on the path toward conversion, or even if you were born Jewish and are choosing to become more involved, wherever you are on the Jewish journey, this class is for you. We will build an environment of trust and open curiosity where we will share questions and experiences supporting one another in our respective discovery.

RSVP office@mizpahcongregation.org
 Zoom link will be provided to those who register in advance.

Purim Fun
 with Rabbis
 and Ofer



MIZPAH MARKET!

Dear Mizpah Members:



It's time for you to unleash your creativity and be part of Mizpah's first ever *Mizpah Market*. As program chairperson, I want to bring together an exhilarating display of what are members can do with their hands. I want to truly illuminate the depth of talent that our members bring.

On Sunday, May 5th from 2-6 PM, the *Mizpah Market* will feature the creative works of our members. If you have a craft that you would like to sell we want you. Artists, photographers, jewelers, bakers, chocolatiers, fabric designers, woodworkers and the list goes on and on.

Each person will get their own table to decorate "as they please." The tables will be set up in Feinstein Hall, and into the Garden and parking lot if needed. Shoppers can pay with cash, check or credit card. Whatever your payment method. We are asking each artist to please make a small donation to Mizpah's Choir and Music Fund.

If you would like to show off your wares, I need to hear from you. Just email me at jed.mescon@cumulus.com.

All entries must be received by April 15.



By popular demand, we are going to study the books that come after Deuteronomy, starting with Joshua. Using the JPS Translation, we will start with Chapter 1 and see where our study take us.

Thursdays at 6 PM in April and May

MIZPAH TORAH STUDY

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

SHIREI SHALOM

May 17th

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



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Shabbat in the Park

Meet Here

Bring a blanket and a picnic dinner and join us for a fun, family friendly Kabbalat Shabbat at Coolidge Park!

Friday, May 17 at 5:30pm

JEW AND BREWS

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SUNDAY, JUNE 2
2:30 PM

AT ODDSTORY
1604 CENTRAL AVENUE

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Monday, June 3
6:00pm
Feinstein Hall

Heavy appetizers and babysitting available!

Shabbat Muffins

Shabbat Morning Kids' Program
with Rachel Cummings and Rabbi Keilah Lebell

Saturday, June 1
10:30am - Shabbat Muffins (K-4)
2nd Floor Playroom

*Last muffins until September!
Special summer camp send off, blessings, and gifts for the kids!*

B'nai Zion Calendar

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

Kabbalat Shabbat Friday services:
6:00 pm via Zoom

May	4	Shabbat Muffins
	5	Jews & Brews
	11	Lunch & Learn
	17	Shabbat in the Park
	24	Homestyle Shabbat
	25	Lunch & Learn
	26	Lag Baomer Community BBQ

BSI: May 1

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

Scan the QR Code to visit our web page for more events and information!



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Purim Et Paris was Magnifique

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 I wonder where we'll be going next year?

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Judy Sachsman,
President of Chattanooga
Chapter of Hadassah

Millie Lander,
Treasurer

MIZPAH GATHERING

Hadassah hamantaschen makers gathered at Mizpah to bake together and listen to Rabbi Keilah Lebell lead a program about the women of Purim. Esther, Queen of Purim, is called Hadassah. Thus, Hadassah is a very important holiday to Hadassah members!



END THE SILENCE

If you spot anyone with ONE fingernail painted yellow, ask about the nail. As part of the End the Silence on this Sexual Violence campaign, Hadassah is reminding everyone about the hostages, who have just spent half a year in captivity. Women have been brutalized by their Hamas captors according to the reports of freed hostages.

SUPER SOUTH

The Supersouth has announced the Retreat at TriRegion Conference will be held in Nashville, November 8-10, 2024. Save this date for an amazing experience that is so accessible to Chattanoogaans. More information will be available soon.

SAVE THE DATE: WREATH AWARD DONOR BRUNCH

Save the date: June 2nd, 11 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. at the Jewish Cultural Center celebrating Myrtle Wreath recognition of Richard and Dana Waxler and breast cancer survivors at a Sunday brunch. The Committee of Ronni Charyn, Dana Banks, Wendy Beker, Leta Berger, Ellyn Brooks, Bev Coulter, Marilyn Goler, Vivian Hershey, Kathy Kessler, Rachel Weir, Dana Waxler, Millie Lander, and Judy Sachsman has been growing. This will be Hadassah's first in-person Donor since 2018. An Annual Givers reception will be the night before to meet guest speaker Dr Rachel Schonberger, past National Hadassah Vice President and member of the HMO board of Hadassah.



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.

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.

By connecting and empowering women to effect change, we are the women who do. Be proud of who you are, Hadassah women. Barbie's Jewish mother started with Hadassah!





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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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Donna |
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- Federation Facebook Page
(Jewish Federation of Greater Chattanooga)
- Federation Website
(JewishChattanooga.com)

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YOM HAATZMAUT

ISRAELI TRIVIA HAPPY HOUR WITH FOOD AND DRINKS
WEDNESDAY - MAY 15, 2024 - 6 PM - JCC

Join us for a Yom HaAtzmaut celebration!

Here are 2 hints about questions we might ask:

- 1. Israeli actor who won a Golden Globe for his performance in Fiddler on the Roof**
- 2. Director of Pulp Fiction who lives in Tel Aviv**

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