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## The Beat of Motown

Saturday, November 16  
7PM Jewish Cultural Center



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# FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

## *The Power of Collective Means "Showing Up"*

We've probably all heard the phrase "showing up is half the battle," which is attributed to Stephen Hawking. Going to work each day isn't so hard; your exercise routine isn't so hard. It's getting out of bed that can sometimes be challenging! But once we get going, the challenges for the day we thought we were facing tend to turn out just fine.

I hear from people all the time – "I'm new to the area and would love to make some new friends." Other times it's something like "I've lived in Chattanooga for several years but really haven't met anyone from the Jewish community (or knew there was a Jewish community.)" It's usually an easy fix – show up to a Federation program; attend a service at a congregation; put yourself out there and you're bound to meet people and make friends. Showing up, in my opinion, doesn't happen so much on social media though. It's very easy to "like" or "follow" events or people on Facebook, Instagram, or TikTok, but it's not the same. Social media is passive. You can show interest in attending an event on Facebook but you still have to show up! Showing up has to be active. It's such an easy concept yet we don't always follow this instinctive requirement of "showing up".

The Federation has had several events where "showing up" was so important. Nearly 200 came to Jewish Night at the Lookouts; 1,000 people – mostly from the non-Jewish community – came to Nosh-a-Nooga; and 250 people "showed up" for the Oct. 7 memorial at Miller Park. Showing up matters. And it not only matters that YOU show up, it matters that you encourage others to "show up" with you. Nothing beats a personal call, email, or text to encourage someone to join you and show up, but this is where social media can also be tremendously helpful. Again, the passive social media post needs to turn into active attendance.

Since Oct. 7, I've been very impressed with how the Jewish community has shown up. I've noticed an even deeper sense of community – the importance of being together. We have our own built-in support system which is with each other! This is one of the many goals of the Jewish Federation: to build a stronger and more connected Jewish community. As a Jewish community we should also feel comfort that

so many from the non-Jewish community are also showing up with us. It's both refreshing and needed. It's the proverbial "hug" that I talk about so often.

As I said earlier, showing up is active, not passive. As we're deep into our annual fundraising campaign, I am asking you to show up financially as well. By making a financial commitment, you are showing up and making an investment in the Jewish community. As of the time of this article, 250 families have "shown up" by making their pledges and gifts to the Federation. And I love that more and more community members are utilizing our monthly giving opportunities. It's a monthly reminder to you (and us) that you are showing up, that the Federation and Jewish community are an important part of your life. Making a one-time gift or a monthly one, showing up at any giving level – is an essential investment in Chattanooga's Jewish community.

As we start the new year of 5785, let's all make sure we all continue to "show up" in the many diverse ways we can. I look forward to seeing and hearing from you soon.

*Michael Dzik*

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## FROM THE BOARD CHAIR

**Kenneth Goldsmith** kenneth.goldsmith@gmail.com

### ***This is Happiness***

Last week an old friend who relocated his family to Israel almost a decade ago emailed me and asked if I was okay (he had heard about Hurricane Helene). My response was yes, we are fine, but I should be asking you how you and your family are doing. His response made me realize that those who live in Israel have a different perspective on the current conflict and life in general. He wasn't afraid, he wasn't apologetic, and he wasn't a victim – he simply said, "we hope the current military actions give us peace for a generation".

His response made me realize that I have no idea what it means to live in a part of the world where your neighbors want to kill you. Peace for a generation seemed too small to me, too small to go on with my daily life without always looking over my shoulder. Yet, the more I thought about his statement I was

reminded of a wonderful book I read earlier this year: *This Is Happiness* by Niall Williams. In the book, about two-thirds in, the older protagonist is explaining to the younger protagonist what life is about and spreads his arms up to the sky and says, "this is happiness". The younger protagonist does not understand and asks "what is happiness"? "This" he replies and spreads his hands up to the sky again; every day we can look around and proclaim "this is happiness" is a day we are alive.

Considered in the light of happiness, my friend hoping for a generation of peace is an extraordinary statement of the power of being. I wish him well and hope his grandchildren one day will ask him, grandfather, what is happiness? And maybe, like Noe in *This is Happiness*, he will spread his hands up to the sky, and say, "This, right here, is happiness."



## CAMPAIGN CO-CHAIR

**Amy Boulware**

### ***Invested In Each Other***

I had a call the other day with our daughter Amanda that warmed a Jewish mom's heart. She said that she was inviting Nashville's shlichah to join her on an outing to a local fall festival. Amanda continued by telling me that Noa (FYI, Noa is one of Chattanooga's former Shlichim) had given her a call and told her that Ziv was having a hard time connecting with people in Nashville and wondered if Amanda would reach out. Without hesitation, Amanda immediately said she would call her, introduce Ziv to her group of friends, and make sure she felt welcome and included. In fact, Amanda apologized to Noa for not calling her sooner. Amanda has been friends with all of the Nashville shlichim but had been traveling when she had arrived and just hadn't called her yet. When hearing this story, I thought to myself that of course Noa wouldn't think twice about calling Amanda, and of course Amanda would reach out. Amanda remembers what it was like moving to Israel and being all alone trying to get her footing in a new country. The first people to make sure Amanda had connections were Hadas and her family, and then Noa's parents took her under

their wing as well. Amanda had not even met Noa yet, because they were in each other's country at the same time. Earlier this year when Noa's folks went to Nashville, Amanda met up with them for dinner in her town! Our families are forever intertwined, and not just because we are all Jewish, but because we are invested in each other as family (friends that become family). We are connected because of the Jewish Federation and the financial support of our community. Amanda spent a year in Israel on a MASA program that was funded by the Federation. Our shlichim program is funded by your Federation dollars. This is Jewish geography at its best! I am proud to say that our campaign is going great. The increases from last year to this year are overall UP by \$33,000. Keep up the good work and don't ever underestimate the power of our community!



## FROM THE SOCIAL SERVICES DIRECTOR

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### Being Vulnerable!

It was at the Oct. 7 Memorial Vigil for Israel, held downtown at Miller Park. It was a moving commemoration of the tragedies that continue to be at the forefront of our hearts; the program had ended and I grabbed a box to collect the candles. I misjudged the steps on the platform which caused my foot to land awkwardly and in turn, caused me to fall. Several people came to my aid, but the pain was significant, so I listened to my body and decided to sit down. From there, I passed out and awoke to an unknown bizarre song playing, while staring up at the darkening sky and the roofline of the pavilion, peppered with muffled voices and faces that were not immediately familiar to me. Witnesses report that I was only out for 30 seconds, but it felt like a nice, long nap. Medics were called and I checked out fine. It was suggested I not drive, so Rabbi Keilah and Rabbi Sam were kind enough to shuttle me to my daughter who then took me home. Once home, we assessed and observed that my foot was swelling and turning purple. The next morning, I went to urgent care and received treatment to stabilize my injury. The community came together for me in my time of need, and I appreciate all of those who supported me in the moment, as well as the follow-up calls and emails to check in with me. Thank you!

Here are some observations I made during this event:

- **Being vulnerable stinks:** For someone whose job is helping others, I found it difficult to receive help. Embarrassment is also a factor. I deal with this by making a joke

of it, but not everyone has that approach and that is okay! We are all human and we all have misfortunes.

- **You need help; Let people help!** In the immediate aftermath, I wasn't thinking about the long-term effects of hurting my foot, how just getting up steps to my house would be a challenge, or putting on pants would require me to sit down! My family anticipated these challenges and helped make accommodations for me. They wanted to make things as easy as possible.
- **Being vulnerable develops empathy for others:** I now have a better understanding of the challenges of limited mobility. My knowledge is deeper now; I can better anticipate what someone else may need.
- **Things will improve, but they may or may not return to their original function level:** I am optimistic that with the proper treatment, I will recover, but I understand that there could be long-term issues, major or minor, from this incident. I am prepared either way and will focus on what I CAN do.

I hope none of you fall in a public place, but if you do, I hope you have wonderful caring people nearby to get you the assistance you need. If you need additional support as you recover, please give us a call - we are here to help!

**Friendsgiving**  
Let's get friendly at the JCC  
Tuesday, November 5th  
at 11:00am

**Menu:**  
Autumn Chicken  
Escabeche with roasted apples and grapes  
Sweet Potato Hash  
Harvest Tossed Salad  
Cranberry Bliss Bar  
Apple Mimosa  
\$12 per guest

Please RSVP by Nov 1st at [jewishchattanooga.com](http://jewishchattanooga.com)

### NEW COMMUNITY NURSE ADVOCATE

#### Jennifer Waxenberg, RN

Jennifer comes to the Federation with decades of nursing experience. Jennifer graduated from the University of TN Chattanooga school of nursing as a RN, BSN in 2000. She has worked in various capacities at CHI Memorial Hospital including as a charge nurse in telemetry and the ICU, a house administrator nurse and within the float pool. During the Covid pandemic, Jennifer worked with the Hamilton County Department of Health to administer vaccines. Jennifer began at the federation in late October and will be overlapping and onboarding with Dawn for several weeks. Join us in welcoming Jennifer to the federation and social services team!



### GRIEF GATHERING

Friday, Nov 15 at 12:00  
(following Coffee & Conversation)



## FROM THE PROGRAM DIRECTOR

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### Collective Power

My husband is a huge history buff. Often in order to spend time with him I find myself watching history documentaries, mostly biographies. With this year's election he has been particularly fascinated by powerful people and how that power is used. His interest is in the difference between people acting alone or the power of people acting collectively, and their outcomes.

In addition to my husband, the world seems obsessed with the single person power play. This reminds me too much of history that scares me. Whether it was Stalin, Napoleon, Franco, or Mussolini, it all gives me the chills. And yes, Hitler and particularly his playbook seems to be used by too many current leaders. Leaders like Putin, Kim Jong Un, Erdogan, Maduro, and Modi have been using the playbook by making "the other or not approved by me" a hated quantity. The hate is palatable and not exclusive to the Jewish world.

Historically in the United States, leaders that we acknowledge above others, such as Washington, Lincoln, Grant, Eisenhower, and Martin Luther King Jr. to name a few, tend to be the ones that primarily work to bring us together for a common good. The people who have led movements that tear us apart as a people like Andrew Jackson, Joseph McCarthy, Harry Truman and others, their damage seems to be minimized or forgotten.

I would like to think that at the Jewish Federation we work hard to showcase positive leaders and support collective power. In November, the Israeli Consul General to the Southeast, Anat Sultan-Dadon, will come and give us an update on Israel. As a leader she is also meeting with Chattanooga community leaders to build collective support for Israeli businesses. Also, Dr. John Steinberg continues to pull together a collective of people to make us aware of the history of Jewish hate.

Marilyn Goler has pulled together a collective of people to help us counter the weight of the world issues with song and to celebrate being with each other. Helene Weinberg and Steve Weinberg are transforming the Federation's space. *The Beat of Motown*, under the creative power of Michael Dexter and Louis Marin-Howard will remind us of the times in which some of our favorite Motown hits were created. It was a time when small groups of positive collective power survived great change.

It is the positive power of the collective that we harness as we move through November.

### 2025 TRIP TO POLAND

On Sunday , November 10, meet at the Federation at 4 pm, immediately following the last **History of Jewish Hate** to discuss the 2025 trip to Poland with Dr. John Steinberg.



If you are interested, or plan to attend please contact atreadwell@jewishchattanooga.com

### Jewish Federation of Greater Chattanooga symposium on

### "The History of Jewish Hate"

*In honor of Herb Cohn who always encourages intriguing conversations.*

**November 3, 2024 - 2-4pm at the JCC**

**Panel Title: The Age of Mass Destruction**

Participants:

Dr. John Swanson: **The Holocaust**  
University of Tennessee at Chattanooga

Dr. John W. Steinberg: **Prosecuting the Perpetrators**  
Austin Peay State University

Dr. Alison Vicks: **Distortion and Denial**  
Pellissippi State Community College

**November 10, 2024 - 2-4pm at the JCC**

**Panel Title: Whose History is it? Memorialization, Memory, and non-Memory of the Holocaust**

Participants:

Dr. John W. Steinberg: **Memorialization Sites in Poland**  
Austin Peay State University

Mr. Ken Gluck  
Tennessee Holocaust Commission

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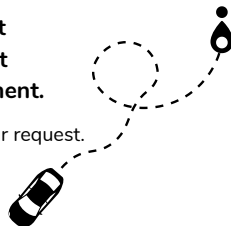
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## November in Israel

In November there are some significant moments in the history of Israel, even before it was founded as a state. The two most important ones are the Balfour Declaration, when the British Foreign Secretary recognized the need to build a national home for the Jewish people. It was the first time the British government, who held the mandate over the land, recognized this significant need. The second, and even more important one was on November 29, 1947, when the United Nations voted for the Partition Plan of the land, which led to Israel's Declaration of Independence in May 1948

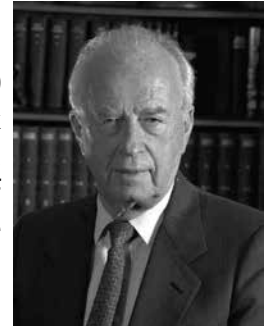
Novembers after the establishment of the State of Israel were happy and were sad. One that I will never forget happened on November 2, 2003, when "Eretz Nehederet" started broadcasting. This show, somewhat like the Israeli Saturday Night Live, is still going, and just finished its 21st season. In Israel this show influenced everyday life, even though some people didn't recognize it. Catch phrases from the show became part of daily Hebrew, songs that came out as part of the show became big hits. In 2016, a song from the show was the most popular song of the year, winning on all the top 10 songs of the year lists. When it comes to celebrities and politicians in Israel, they say that if a character based on them is not part of the show, no one knows who you are.



Eretz Nehederet

November's well known terrorist attacks include the Night of the Gliders, when two terrorist members of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine – General Command flew gliders into Israel from Lebanon, and attacked a military base and killed six soldiers. One of the saddest days in Israel's history, was a day that scared the Israeli population

forever. People are still trying to avoid repeating that event. On November 4, 1995, around 11:30 p.m, Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin finished his speech at a rally held in Tel Aviv in support of the Israeli government's peace deal with the Palestine Liberation Organization. After he walked down the steps, Yigal Amir shot him in the back five times from a short distance, killing him and injuring one of his security guards. To this day, people are talking about how that moment changed Israel's history and its people. "We thought we were different.", said one of the news anchors who was broadcasting the news that day in an interview 20 years later. "But turns out we are just like every other nation". People, just like with the assassination of John F. Kennedy in the United States, talk about "where I was when I heard the news."



Yitzhak Rabin

Many famous and important people, who were born in the month of November, have influenced Israel's history. Musicians, actors, military generals and politicians are among them. Fun fact, the first three presidents of the State of Israel were born in November. Two of them, the second and third presidents, were born on the same date, five years apart, just like the term of Israeli presidents.

I hope to see you all soon at one of the Federation's events. I would also like to invite you to join my Walking Club, every Sunday at 5:30 p.m, or perhaps attend my Hebrew class, every Tuesday at 5:30 pm. And don't forget to RSVP for my program on November 20 at 5:30 p.m. For more information or questions, please call me (423)385-0098 or email me at israel@jewishchattanooga.com. Better yet, let's get to know each other and have hot chocolate, a meal, or spend some time together.

**Did you know?** Before the Declaration of Independence, on November 1, 1927, the Israeli Lira became the official currency of the land. It was the first time since the time of the second temple that the Jewish population printed and had their own money.



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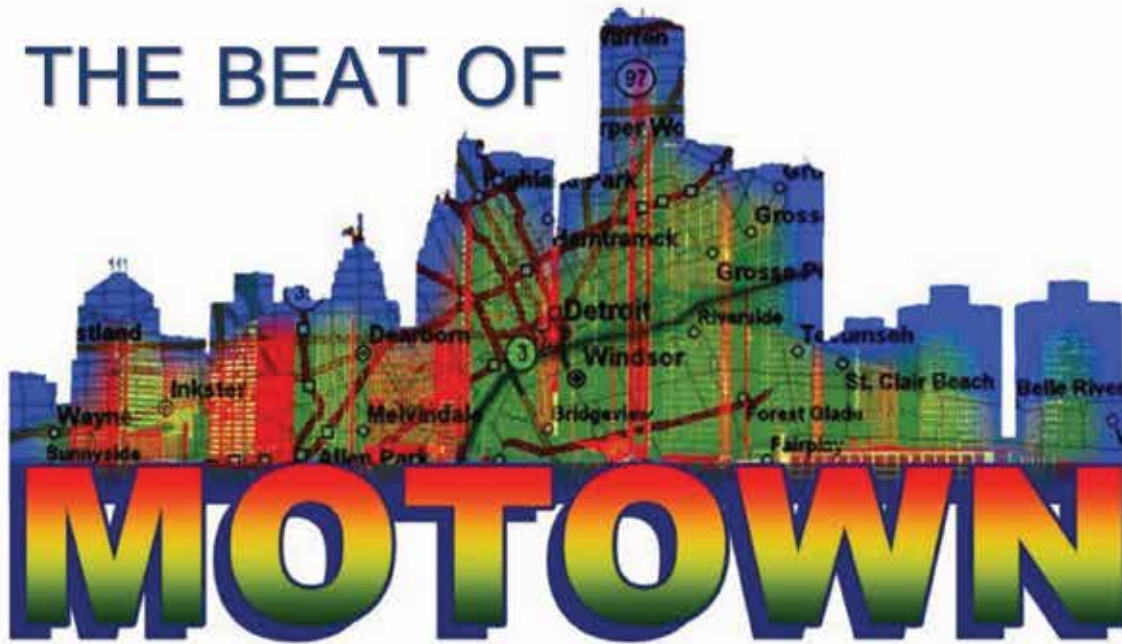
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**5461 North Terrace Road \$36 per person**

**Tickets on-line: [jewishchattanooga.com](http://jewishchattanooga.com)**

**Jewish Federation of Greater Chattanooga**

## Spectacular Chattanooga Entertainers Coming to the Jewish Cultural Center on Saturday, November 16 for **The Beat of Motown**

*On Saturday, November 16th, the Federation will host The Beat of Motown. With the masterful staging by Michael Dexter and smooth choreography developed by Louie Marin Howard, you will be transported to the 1960s. They will be joined by five extremely talented performers who will enthrall you with their voices, their movements and their mastery. The evening will be further enhanced with an appetizer buffet and drinks. They will be presenting music from The Temptations, The Supremes, 4 Tops and many other artists whose music changed the world.*

Don't miss this opportunity to experience the authentic sound of Motown music  
Save the date.

Marilyn Goler, Event Instigator

**Michael Dexter** Creator of The Beat of Motown. Michael holds a Bachelor of Music in Musical Theater from the University of Miami; Bachelor of Music in Vocal Music Education; and Master's in Education: Principal Licensure from the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga; RELAY GSE National Principal Academy Fellowship. Michael is an Advanced Composer in the NYC Lehman Engle BMI Musical Theater Workshop, and is a proud member of the Dramatist Guild. Michael was also a finalist in 2022 and 2023 for the American Theatre Wing Jonathan Larson Grant. Michael launched onto the stage in Finding Nemo, The Musical (Original cast: Disney's Animal Kingdom), earning his place in the Actors Equity Association. He originated the role of Ethan in the off-Broadway smash, Wanda's World. He appeared in The Beth Falcone Songbook (Lincoln Center), Dreamgirls (Little Albert: Benefit Concert for ReVision Theatre), and Smokey Joe's Café (Victor: Europe & Middle East Tours). Michael performed in Chattanooga Theatre Centre's production of Les Miserables (Jean ValJean), and Eve Apart (Serpent). Michael's Music Directing credits include: Working, a Musical (CTC), Finding Nemo Jr., the Musical (CTC), and upcoming Spongebob, the Musical (CTC). Michael leads The Auralcles, a singing ensemble who comes together to entertain through telling stories through music. The Auralcles credits include: Until the Sun Rises (The Pop-up Project).

**Louie Marin-Howard**, Choreographer for The Beat of Motown. Louie attended the University of Florida New World School of the Arts, under Daniel Lewis. A scholarship student of the Martha Graham Center of Contemporary Dance, and Jennifer Muller/The Works School, he performed with Dance NOW Miami, Freddick Bratcher and Co., Sasha Soreff Dance Theater, Amanda Selwyn Dance Theater, Paskal Rekoert/Flexicurve, Graham II, and Carolyn Dorfman Dance, for whom he continues to coach and teach. Louie is a certified instructor for Pilates Apparatus and Mat from The Lab. Louie spent the last 14 years balancing his dance career and Pilates practice, teaching at Brandeis Institute of Music and Arts, and as resident Pilates Director for NJ SummerDance at Kean University. Louie is Executive and Program Director of The Pop-up Project. Locally, Louie has created and set work at Chattanooga Dance Theater, Baylor School, Chattanooga Theatre Centre, and The Pop-up Project.

**DeMarrio Wanya Clark, known as Wanyä** is gaining a growing reputation as a singer/songwriter. At age 17 Wanyä released his first project title Caution: 7TEEN with popular tracks Black Hearts and Games We Play. He performed in homage for Usher when Usher received the keys to the city. Wanyä is actively performing at venues, festivals, and events in the United States. Alexis Daniels is a member of the Auralcles. She has participated in the production of The Pop-up Project's, Until the Sun Rises.

**Tim Harris** was on Season 7 of American Idol, played Harpo in Chattanooga Theatre Centre's The Color Purple, and is a member of the African Kings/Queens of Classical Soul. He performed in Ain't Misbehavin at the Chattanooga Theatre Centre.

**Brandi Jordan** performed at the Chattanooga Theatre Center in Working (Outstanding Debut Actor), followed by The Color Purple, and Ain't Misbehavin. She was honored to provide a selection "Wade in the Water" for the opening night of Chattanooga Theatre Centre's Gem of The Ocean. Brandi has been awarded the Best in Performing Arts (BEC Awards) and recently awarded Audience Favorite Actress in Musical Ain't Misbehavin. Brandi is a member of The African Kings and Queens of Classical Soul

**Kimie J Soul** Her musical journey includes collaborations with groups like the Nashville Soul Choir and Jah-way, as well as providing backup vocals for renowned artists such as Kirk Franklin, Mandisa, Melinda Doolittle, and Tobi Mac. Her leading roles in musicals include Caroline or Change and Sister Act. She performed at Nightfall in 2020 and 2021, as well as the BEC awards in 2022 and 2024. Kimie J Soul is creator of the African Kings and Queens of Classical Soul. She was honored as (Taytu Betul) Princess of Ethiopia for the "Princess Project/Chattanooga Festival of Black Arts and Ideas". She performed in the sold out Ain't Misbehavin at the Chattanooga Theatre Centre.

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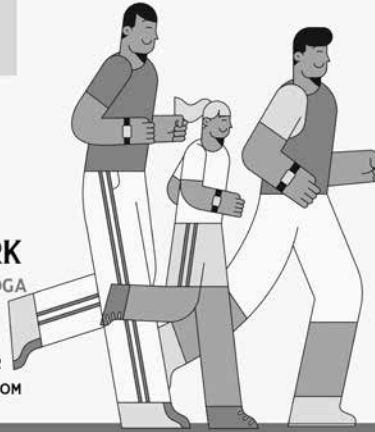
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## CONDOLENCES

*We extend our sincere condolences to...*

...the family and friends of Geri Dubrow, who died on September 29, 2024. She is survived by her son David Israel (Paula Israel).

...the family and friends of Sylvia Zuckerman, who died on October 16, 2024. She is predeceased by her husband, Dr. Joseph Zuckerman. She is survived by her daughter and son-in-law, Janet and Rich Wile, and son and daughter-in-law, Larry and Sandy Zuckerman; grandchildren, Katy Wile and Clay Cowan, Tim and Andrea Wile, and Jay Zuckerman; niece and nephew, Leslie Swickow and Andy Hodes.

## BAR MITZVAH

Aaron will be called to the torah at B'nai Zion Congregation on Saturday, November 23. He attends Normal Park Upper School. Aaron loves playing on the Normal Park basketball team as well as Club Teams, fitness and nutrition, family and friends! Aaron thinks that becoming a bar mitzvah means taking responsibility for your relationships with the community and G-d. Aaron is an incredibly self-driven person, hard worker, and great brother to his older sister Lilah!



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



Jen Lewis  
Co-Director  
roshnooga@gmail.com



Traci Sloan  
Co-Director

# Machanooga Happenings

Machanooga students were busy getting ready for the holidays. We enjoyed creative art and engaging conversations in class. We've had a great start to our year!

L'shanah Tovah!

Machanooga 24/25	
SESSION 1	SESSION II
August 18	January 12
August 25	January 26
September 15	February 2
September 22	February 9
October 6	February 23
October 27	March 2
November 3	March 9 - PURIM
November 10	March 30
November 17	April 6
December 1	April 27
December 8	May 4
December 15	



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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.



**3RD SHABBAT EACH MONTH:**  
 TOT SHABBAT 5:15 pm  
 SHIREI SHALOM 6:00 pm  
*Sabbath of Song and Meditation*



**FIRST FRIDAY FAMILY SHABBAT**  
**NOVEMBER 1, 2024**  
 Services @ 6:00PM  
 Dinner @ 7:00PM

**Mizpah CONGREGATION**

Adult Members: \$12*	Adult Non-Members: \$15*
Age 13-22: \$9*	Age 13-22 Non-Members: \$11*
Under 12: No Charge	Under 12: No Charge

\*Please note PRICE CHANGE

**Chinese Chicken Fried Rice and salad bar**

Chicken Tenders for Kids  
 Veggie & gluten-free option

Please RSVP to the office at  
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**MIZPAH TORAH STUDY**  
 9:15 am Shabbat  
 Bagels and lox prior -  
 Mizpah Feinstein Hall



**Torah Study**

**Music at Mizpah**

**PRESENTS**

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<b>String - \$200+</b>	2 Concert Tickets

\* Reception & acknowledgement in the program for the Patron Levels above.

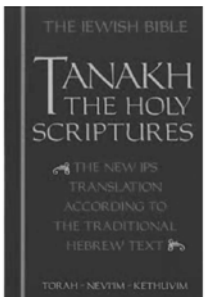
**Woodwinds - \$75** Single Concert Ticket & Reception  
**Single Admission - \$25**

All proceeds from sponsorship, donations & ticket sales go directly to Mizpah Congregation. Special Thanks to Herb Cohn for his years of dedication to Mizpah and his contributions to FUNdraising and the creation of the Music at Mizpah program.

**Mizpah CONGREGATION**

**BEYOND TORAH**

**The Prophets**



By popular demand, we are going to study the books that come after Deuteronomy. Using the JPS Translation, we will see where our study takes us—Beyond Torah!  
 Thursdays at 6:00 pm Feinstein Hall

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### B'nai Zion Calendar

Friday Night - Kabbalat Shabbat: 6:00 pm

Shabbat Morning Services: 9:30 am

BSI: Nov. 6, 13, and 20

Minyan & Foundations: Tuesdays, beginning at 6:00 pm via Zoom

Weekly Parsha Study: Sundays, 7:00pm

November

2	Shabbat Muffins
3	Jews & Brews
9	Lunch & Learn
15	Jammies & Jeans
22	Potluck Shabbat
30	Lunch & Learn



### Shabbat Muffins

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

Saturday, November 2  
10:30am - Shabbat Muffins (K-4)  
Classroom

### Jammies and Jeans



Friday, November 15  
5:30 pm

During the winter months, our family Shabbat services move indoors! Join us for a musical & fun family Shabbat experience and dairy potluck oneq. All ages welcome, and kids are invited to wear their pajamas!

### Lunch and a Picture!

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17 @ 1:00PM  
SOCIAL HALL

JOIN US FOR A BITE TO EAT AND BE PART OF OUR ANNUAL CONGREGATION PHOTO!

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**WHAT A MONTH!**

We've shared fun Hebrew School days, heartwarming Challah bakes, and joyful Holiday parties, culminating in the grand finale - Simchas Torah! *Thank you, dear friends, for celebrating with us!*



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**Judy Sachsman & Beth Thomas**  
Co-Presidents of Chattanooga Chapter of Hadassah

**Millie Lander,**  
Treasurer

### CELEBRATING DANA WAXLER

Chattanooga Hadassah celebrated Dana Waxler being elected a National Hadassah Vice President with an afternoon of Mah Jong and Margaritas, as well as other games, snacks, and socializing.



### HIGH HOLIDAY GREETING CARD

One more thank you to all the members who supported the High Holiday Greeting card. Donations will support the new Gandel Rehabilitation Center at Hadassah Hospital on Mount Scopus. This is the only rehabilitation center in the Jerusalem area, and it provides mental and physical care to a wide demographic including IDF members, civilian casualties of terrorist attacks, the elderly, and those recovering from various medical conditions. **"Together we can heal!"**

### FOLLOW YOUR HEART TO NASHVILLE

"Follow Your Heart to Nashville" is the theme of the Supersouth TriRegion Conference November 8-10, with special guest Carol Ann Schwartz, Hadassah National President.

### TRIPS TO ISRAEL

When Israel opens for tourists, be ready; it will need us visitors! May we spend next year in Jerusalem in 5785.

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

### DAY TRIPS TO NASHVILLE

Registration information is now available for day trips to Nashville. Saturday will include Shabbat with a touch of twang, "Confronting Antisemitism in Our Communities," "Stories of Resilience from the Hadassah Youth Villages," June Hersh recipes, stories from Holocaust survivors, and so much more.

### ANNUAL CHANUKAH CELEBRATION

The Annual Chanukah Hadassah-Federation dinner and candle lighting celebration is scheduled for December 30, on the sixth night. Another "Health Cruise", currently in the design mode with Bev Coulter, is planned for next spring. And March 6 is Hadassah's annual hamantaschen bake and learning.

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## JOIN THE JEWISH FEDERATION LEGACY SOCIETY

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