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Community Chanukah Party

December 30

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FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The Power Of Our Collective Community

Since Oct. 7, 2023, Jewish communities throughout North America have become more involved and engaged Jewishly. More people are attending events in person; more people are giving financially to Jewish causes. There's something special about the Jewish community – we come together in both celebration and tragedy. We lean on each other; we want and need to be around each other. The metaphorical "hug" we give each other when we attend a Jewish event is powerful, even palpable. Our individual Jewish identity depends on it! I believe being together as a Jewish community is a core value of our Jewish culture. We're happier, more supported, more connected, and feel "more Jewish" when we're together. It's just who we are!

The power of this collective togetherness is also one of the many values of your Chattanooga Jewish Federation. We work hard to provide interesting and diverse programming that brings the community together – to sing, dance, learn – and of course, eat! We're always looking for interesting ideas that would bring our community together. Sometimes it's a more Jewish-themed event – like our Film Series, community Chanukah party or the Yom events (Yom HaShoah, Yom HaZikaron, Yom HaAtzmaut). Other times it's just to be together as a Jewish community – Motown, Broadway and our Coffee House music nights. Sometimes we gather as a full community, all ages; other times we break into more targeted groups – Young Leadership or Middle Chai, for example. No matter the reason, we are stronger when we're together.

The Federation wants to make sure we have supportive programs and services as well. How many of you know that we provide Medicare D consultations at no cost? Did you know that the Federation offers 50+ hours of transportation each week at no cost? Need to get to a doctor appointment, grocery store, exercise class, or pharmacy? We're not Uber, so you'll need to call and schedule in advance but this is another service offered by the Federation. We offer weekly kosher meals as well as health and wellness opportunities through the Federation as well (discussion groups, exercise/balance classes, and more).

Did you know the Federation just started a Friday discussion group called "Coffee and Conversation"? It's a casual conversation about current events, things happening in one's lives, and really anything the group wants to discuss! No set topics. We sit in the Federation lobby and schmooze. With 15-20 people already attending, it's a nice and casual atmosphere and a great way to end the week.

There are so many pieces to the Chattanooga "community" where the Federation adds value. I have no expectation that you will attend everything, but I do hope there are many things for you and everyone – as a participant and/or a volunteer. If there's something more the Federation can be doing please let us know by reaching out and giving us suggestions. A good idea and a couple volunteers is usually all we need to bring something to reality.

Many of the programs and services are tangible and visible. But don't forget the many things the Federation does that are not as tangible: fighting antisemitism, working with local law enforcement, building bridges with our multi-faith friends, and much more.

And just like it is our collective responsibility to attend and be part of the community, it is also our collective responsibility to financially support the happenings of the community. It is your annual donations that allow these programs and services – tangible and intangible – to be a vital part of our Jewish community. I ask that you – and everyone in our community – consider joining the hundreds of donors who have already made their commitment. It is this support that makes Chattanooga and our Jewish community so incredibly special. Thank you for being part of this unique collective responsibility as a Jewish community.

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Seek Paths Toward Reconciliation

Last month, I shared how an email from a friend in Israel sparked reflections on a book I was reading, *This is Happiness*. My friend expressed concern for my family after the recent hurricanes, while I worried about him and his loved ones amid the war. These exchanges deepened my thoughts on certain books that resonate profoundly for a Jew navigating a world that often feels increasingly hostile.

One of these books is *Safekeep* by Yael Van Der Wouden, a novel translated from Dutch. It begins in the Dutch province of Overijssel, where we meet Isabel, the sole occupant of a house her family bought from a Jewish family forced to leave because of Hitler's rise. Isabel's brother asks her to host his new girlfriend, Eva, while he's away on business. Though Isabel feels uneasy about Eva, she agrees.

As Eva settles in, Isabel's suspicions grow. Small items, like her mother's silverware and fine china, start disappearing. Eventually, when more possessions go missing, Isabel accuses Eva of theft and throws her out. During their confrontation, Eva drops her diary, and Isabel picks it up, hoping to confirm her suspicions. Instead, she discovers that the items Eva "stole" are actually keepsakes from Eva's childhood in that very house. Eva is the youngest child of the Jewish family that once owned it, and her family's departure was far from voluntary.

Years before, Isabel had once asked her mother about the previous owners, to which her mother replied, "If they wanted the house, they would've come back for it. If they cared about it, they would've come back." To Isabel's mother, the house purchase was simply a transaction, free from any moral responsibility.

This attitude is strikingly addressed in *The Holocaust: An Unfinished History* by Dan Stone. Stone's extensive research challenges the notion that the Holocaust was solely a German atrocity, revealing instead the pervasive collaboration happened across Europe. His work dismantles the illusion that bystanders like Isabel's mother were merely distant participants rather than complicit actors. Stone's book uncovers a disturbing pattern of moral disengagement, where people convinced themselves they weren't contributing to the horrors, though in truth, indifference and antisemitism fueled support

for Nazi ideology.

But Van Der Wouden's novel offers a glimmer of redemption. Instead of accepting her mother's view of the home as a mere real estate deal, Isabel comes to recognize her family's role in benefiting from the displacement of Eva's family. This realization dawns when Isabel sees Hebrew letters scrawled on the wall of the town's synagogue, followed by the notation "Isaiah 56:7." She hurries home, pulls out her Bible, and reads, "For my house will be called a house of devotion for all." With these words, Isabel understands the depth of her family's gain at another's loss.

Moved by this insight, she reaches out to Eva, inviting her to return and reclaim a connection to the house. Isabel's gesture, though small, signifies a powerful acknowledgment of the home's troubled history and her role within it. It's a reminder that even decades after the Holocaust, individuals can still choose to confront past injustices and seek paths toward reconciliation.

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We are so lucky to live in this vibrant Jewish Community and to have our amazing Federation family. Now, I know that Thanksgiving is in the rearview. However, I want to shout out a word of thanks to the staff who make our Federation what it is, the Jewish Jewel of the South! Thank you!

In a matter of weeks, we will be lighting candles, spinning dreidels, and eating lots of latkes. We will be making our winter vacation plans and committing to new "resolutions". So, think about it now. You have a little bit of time. How are you going to make a difference in 2025? Are you going to volunteer,

inspire, lead, and support? Do you want to mentor, educate, sponsor, or learn? How are you going to participate within your Jewish Community? It's truly up to you.

Whatever you decide, the Federation is here. It is what you make of it. So don't be afraid to show up, stand up, or speak up. Be counted!

Perhaps it really isn't just luck that we live in the Jewish Jewel of the South. It could possibly be Bashert, fate that we've all come together to build a stronger community.

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Learning to Punt

When I turned 10, I remember going into a fancy women's clothing store with my parents. This New York fashion store visit occurred to help me dress for success. My father's secret motive was to prepare me for a life in the Junior League by being trained at the Sears Charm School. And yes, to become the perfect hostess and corporate wife. Back to the store, I fell in love with this red fox fur trimmed coat, which was more expensive than he expected. He purchased it for me after a "please dad," and I was supposed to be on my way. (Spoiler Alert: I only wore the coat twice).

I helped my Dad as hostess at a cocktail party or two. I dressed the part, showed off my charm school and Junior League skills with expertise. On weekends we went to the YWCA. It was at the Y that I was introduced to diversity and gender politics with my mother's full approval. I realized my mother hated the role of 1960s corporate housewife, and she very subliminally started to lay the groundwork for me to move away from that life model.

A compromise with my father's vision for me came while looking for colleges. My mother had her degree in psychology and had worked in the field before marrying my father. College was always in my plan. My father agreed to college but wanted me to go to Oral Roberts University to find the right mate. One look at that college catalog and it was a definite no for me. We compromised on Bowling Green University in Ohio, which was close to both sets of grandparents, allowing them to watch over what my father was seeing as a rebellious streak. I guess the torn blue jeans and the boyfriend drummer gave me away. The year I was at BGSU, I was on the Dean's List, studied Latin (ugh!), excelled in art classes, and seriously considered dropping out to become a pilot.

With a major punt, I submitted my art portfolio to the Cleveland Institute of Art without telling my parents. I received a full scholarship. Knowing that this was not in my father's plans, I got a summer job in Ohio and worked 60 hours a week, banking almost all of it. Prior to the sophomore year's tuition

statement going to my father, I called home from my grandfather's to say I had joined the CIA (just not the one he thought) in Cleveland, and would not be returning to Bowling Green. He was thrilled until several months later after confessing to my mother the truth, being allowed to return home once a year so I wouldn't infect my sisters. We only reconciled when six years later he attended my college graduation, and I clearly earned his respect for being self-reliant.

I think all of us will be doing some punting or at least planning some changes for next year. Whether it's family, politics, employment, or you name it, we have to punt and pivot as the environment around us changes. *The Beat of Motown* in November showed us the history of how the African-American community punted through the changes of the 1960s and 1970s. Special thanks to Marilyn Goler, Helene and Steve Weinberg, and the other volunteers who made this community-wide, sold-out event a success. Thanks to Angela Rose for proposing and helping with the upcoming Family Dinner. This is a new punt for us as a way to encourage family participation in the Jewish Federation.

The Federation is here to assist you when you need to punt. Maybe it's a 5-yard punt, or maybe it's a 75-yard punt. In any case, the Federation will try to assist you.

The Chanukah Community Candle Lighting on Dec. 30 is a way to come together as a community to celebrate and light the future year. No need to punt for this event. Bring your hanukkah, and we will supply the candles.

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FROM THE SOCIAL SERVICES DIRECTOR

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Under Construction:

If you have been near the JCC, or anywhere in Chattanooga, you are familiar with this scene! I was looking out my window, trying to find inspiration for my article, and this struck me as a topic I could translate into a life analogy!

What do we associate with construction?

- Identifying a need for change
- Signs
- Detours/Inconveniences
- Messes!
- Happiness when it's over



How does this apply to us?

I will apply this to me as an example. Get ready, I'm about to be very transparent!

Identifying a need for change: I noticed a few things in my daily life that began to concern me.

Signs: I started chewing ice; I was often fatigued throughout the day...and then one day, I craved water. It's easy to rationalize things though - in all of my grief literature, I understood that grieving can be very exhausting. Eating ice was new, but I figured it was pretty harmless if I ate the fluffy "sonic" ice. But the day I craved water...I knew something was wrong -- I usually only drink water when I exercise! (I know, I know...I need to drink more water!)

Detours/Inconveniences: This prompted me to schedule an appointment and have lab work done.

I found out that I am prediabetic, and have low iron - among a few other things. I knew the choices I had been making weren't the best, but now with data in front of me, I knew I needed to make some changes. The signs made it clear that I needed to act and stop making excuses. Things I had been doing so mindlessly, I now have to pay attention to. I have to make changes that are uncomfortable, but necessary, like fueling my body with healthy options and getting out and being active, instead of retreating to the comfort of my couch.

Messes: There is a transition time; I'll make poor choices, but that doesn't mean I have to stay there with that poor choice - I can pick up and keep moving in the right direction.

Happiness when it's over: Much like the view out of my office window, this part is still in progress. But I know I can't wait to drive over the McBrien overpass or enter the interstate at a reasonable place, just as much as I can't wait to enjoy my everyday life feeling my best and knowing I am doing all I can to stay healthy.



Goodbye Dawn!

Thanks for all of
your hard work
in our community
and beyond!





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Israeli December

When the weather starts to change, the bakeries fill with sufganiyot, and Chanukah is right around the corner, this is how you know it is December in Israel. There were some important and significant moments in Israel's history during the month of December. Like in any other month in Israel, December has had its fair share of wars and terrorist attacks. Some of these occurred before the founding of the country in 1948. The riots in Jerusalem occurred in 1947 as well as the anti-Jewish riots in Aden, Yemen. The beginning of the First Intifada in 1987 and the first Gaza War in 2008 happened in December. December is also remembered as a time of peace and prosperity. In 1977, Prime Minister Begin met with the Egyptian President Saadat in Egypt, which was an important part of the peace process between the two countries. In 2010, the big fire in the Carmel Mountain forests was devastating. I still remember the day it started. The news reported on the fire all day long, following every wind, every kibbutz that had to evacuate, and every person who tried to help defeat the raging fire. Sadly, 44 people were killed in one event during the fire. This became one of the most well-known events in Israel, the burning of the prison officers' bus. Even today there are a lot of unanswered questions about that incident.

David Ben Gurion and Golda Meir, who passed away during this month.



Ada Yonai, the only Israeli Woman who won a Nobel Prize

But, the best part of December in Israel is when Chanukah occurs. It is a time of being together with your families, lighting the Chanukiah together, eating sufganiyot (filled donuts) and levivot (latkes), and playing dreidel and eating gelt. It is usually the coldest and rainiest time of the year, at least for a few days. Chanukah musicals for kids are part of Israeli childhood. The best thing of all, the Festigal, is the biggest stage show for kids in Israel that everybody wants to attend each year.



Shai Agnon, the first Israeli Nobel Prize winner

Regardless of the year, one of the most memorable things in December is the Nobel Prize ceremony. In its history, 13 Israelis won a Nobel Prize. The first winner was Shai Agnon for Literature in 1966, and the most recent one in 2021 was Joshua David Angrist for Economic Sciences. In total, Israel has won one Nobel Prize in Literature, three Nobel Peace Prizes, six Nobel Prizes in Chemistry, and three Nobel Memorial Prizes in Economic Sciences.

During the month of December, many well-known figures were born or have died, many of whom have left their cultural marks on Israel such as musicians, artists, actors, and politicians. Two of the most well regarded and historically significant people for the founding and early years of Israel are politicians,

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Please let me know (also, Richard Zachary or Bea Lurie) if you are available to participate, indicating your preference for the Main campus or Erlanger East, and, if you prefer the first or second shift (10:00-Noon, or Noon to 2:00 PM). In addition, this year we have been asked to provide Desserts for the Lunch service, something we did several years ago, but haven't done since Covid. So, whether or not you can participate on Christmas Day, we would appreciate it if you could volunteer to bake or provide some Dessert items.

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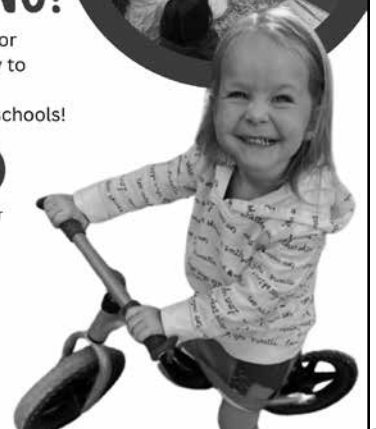
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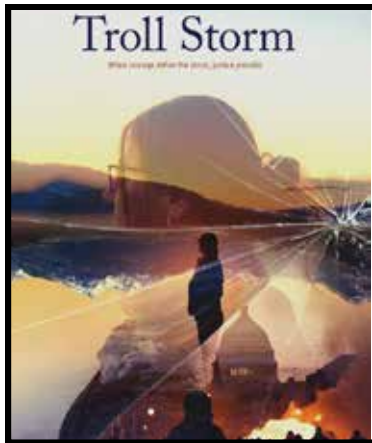
Remembering Gene Wilder

In person January 5, virtual January 5 - January 10
A special tribute honoring Gene Wilder's life and career. *English, 92 minutes*

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In person January 12, virtual January 12 - January 17
The film describes the history and achievements Israel's Institute of Technology founded in 1912.

Hebrew, Subtitles, 77 minutes



Troll Storm

In person January 19, virtual January 19 - January 24

A successful realtor and soccer mom's life is turned upside down when Neo-Nazis unleash a troll storm against her and her family. In the face of an alarming growth of American fascism, she finds solidarity with her community by standing up, fighting back and ultimately filing a landmark case for the First Amendment, setting a precedent that could shape America's future. *English, 83 minutes*

Four Winters

January 26 In person only

In commemoration of International Holocaust Day, January 27
Over 25,000 Jewish partisans fought back against the Nazis and their collaborators from deep within the forests of WWII's Eastern Europe, Ukraine and Belarus. They escaped Nazi slaughter, transforming from young innocents to courageous resistance fighters. *English, 90 minutes*



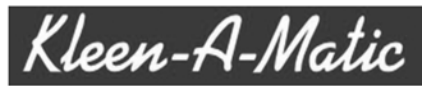
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JNF'S GLOBAL CONFERENCE FOR ISRAEL AND COLLEGE

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This past weekend, I had the privilege of attending Jewish National Funds' Global Conference for Israel and College Summit in Dallas, Texas. The event brought together high school and college students, donors, and leaders, united in support of Israel and the Jewish people. It was an incredible opportunity to connect with Jewish leaders from around the world. As the Jewish Identity Chair for Alpha Epsilon Pi at the University of Tennessee and an active member of Hillel, I returned to campus inspired and equipped with new ideas and initiatives to strengthen advocacy for Israel and combat antisemitism.

My connection with JNF began as a child, decorating a tzedakah box in Sunday School and collecting donations. Now, years later, seeing the profound impact of this organization firsthand was both inspiring and humbling.

From its longstanding commitment to building a stronger Israel to its recent efforts in supporting the country after the tragic events of Oct. 7th, JNF's work continues to amaze me.

At the conference, I had the chance to meet and connect with like-minded college students from across the globe, many were from the United States but I met a handful of students from Israel and Costa Rica. We discussed the climate on our respective campuses and how university administrators are addressing antisemitism. While I'm proud that the University of Tennessee does not tolerate antisemitism, many students shared stories of less supportive environments. Together, we collaborated on strategies to increase Israel advocacy and combat antisemitism, leaving the conference united and inspired to effect change on our campuses.

The most memorable moment of the weekend was Havdalah. Hearing hundreds of Zionists welcome the new week with such pride and passion gave me chills. Rabbi Leor Sinai's words resonated deeply when he reminded us that Am Yisrael Chai—"The people of Israel live"—is not just a phrase but a way of life. The resilience of the Jewish people, even in the face of immense challenges, serves as a powerful reminder of our strength and unity.

This conference was a transformative experience that reinforced my commitment to Israel and the Jewish people. I left feeling proud of my heritage and motivated to make a difference. It reminded me of the importance of leadership and community, and I look forward to bringing this renewed energy and purpose back to my campus and beyond. Am Yisrael Chai!"

- Jonah Hodes

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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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KID-FRIENDLY, VEGGIE & GLUTEN FREE OPTION
 PLEASE RSVP TO ATTEND
 OFFICE: 423-267-9771 OR
 OFFICE@MIZPAHCONGREGATION.ORG
 ADULT MEMBERS: \$12 ADULT NON: \$15
 AGE 13-22 \$9 AGE 13-22 NON \$11
 UNDER 12 NO CHARGE

MIZPAH TORAH STUDY

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



Wednesday Morning Mussar
Wednesdays 7:30 am via ZOOM
Contact Rabbi Lewis to enroll

Mussar is a 1,000 year old tradition of Jewish study of which the focus is practical application of our sacred teachings into the ethics by which we guide our lives. We will explore various related texts from Talmud, and other books of Jewish law, theology, and practice. Bring your coffee, a bagel or nosh if you like, and let Torah provide you extra energy sustenance for the rest of the day.

**HANUKKAH
 BAZAAR
 & BAKE SALE**

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8TH
 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM
 FEINSTEIN HALL

FORGET AMAZON OR THE MALL WHEN IT COMES TO HOLIDAY GIFTS, WHY NOT SUPPORT OUR VERY OWN MEMBERS WHO ARE HARDWORKING ARTISTS AND CULINARIANS BRINGING CREATIVITY AND INSPIRATION TO OUR LIVES. YOU CAN SHOP IN FEINSTEIN HALL AND AVOID ALL THE CROWDS. FROM HANDMADE WOODWORKING, PAINTING, AND GLASS FUSING TO JEWISH DESSERTS.

Mizpah CONGREGATION COME CELEBRATE

**HANUKKAH
 Party**

FRIDAY, 12/27/24

**BRISKET DINNER, LATKES,
 VEGGIE, SALAD BAR AND
 DESSERTS**

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

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

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

Services Start at 6:00 PM

Bring your Hanukkiah we will light
 the 3rd candle together

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Southern Schmooze at Ramah Darom

Join us in the North Georgia mountains for a fun-filled, family-friendly, all-inclusive weekend with members of our community and a chance to schmooze with others from around the Southeast.



Southern Schmooze at Ramah Darom
70 Darom Lane, Clayton, GA 30525

January 31-Feb 2, 2025

\$185/per person (ages 3 & up)
\$36/per infant (ages 2 & under)

This all-inclusive price covers your activities, programming, comfortable hotel or cabin accommodations and delicious kosher meals, snacks and drinks.



Learn more and register today!

ramahdarom.org/schmooze



Join us at Ramah Darom!

B'nai Zion Calendar

Friday Night - Kabbalat Shabbat: 6:00 pm

Shabbat Morning Services: 9:30 am

BSI: Dec. 4, 11, and 18

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

Weekly Parsha Study: Sundays, 7:00pm

December	1	Jews & Brews
	7	Shabbat Muffins
	14	Lunch & Learn
	15	Jammies & Jeans
	26	Hanukkah Party
	27	Potluck Shabbat
	28	Lunch & Learn



Blessing of the Animals 2024 was PURRfect!

BZ Hanukkah Party

Thursday, December 26
5:30pm
Social Hall

Bring your favorite hanukkah for a fun community gathering with jelly donuts, hot cider, and a latke bar!



POTLUCK KABBALAT SHABBAT

Fridays at 6:00pm
December 6 & 27
Social Hall

Celebrate Shabbat with a dairy potluck dinner!

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CHABAD HEBREW SCHOOL

Our Chabad Hebrew School's "Light House: Making My Home Hashem's Home" curriculum is off to an amazing start! Our students have dived into interactive STEM activities, crafts and meaningful lessons on Shabbat, blessings and more. The excitement is palpable! We're thrilled to see our young learners shine brighter with each passing week! Follow us on social media for a weekly recap of our Hebrew School classes!



THURSDAY, DECEMBER 26
2ND NIGHT OF CHANUKAH
 Skate to Jewish Music
Light the Giant Ice Menorah
 Bruce's Latkes and Sufganiyot

DRIVE A CAR IN THE PARADE!!!
 Limited Menorah supply
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A Pre-Chanukah Ladies' night out

MENORAHS & MARTINIS

Thursday | 12.12.24 | 6:30 PM
 Cost: \$20

- Design your own granite and stone menorah!
- Martini bar + Chanukah appetizers!
- Discover the role of women in the Chanukah story!

RSVP: JewishChatt.com/martini

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



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

Millie Lander,
 Treasurer

FOLLOW YOUR HEART TO NASHVILLE

"Follow Your Heart to Nashville" was the theme of the Supersouth TriRegion Conference with special guest Carol Ann Schwartz, Hadassah National President. The conference included Shabbat with a touch of twang, "Confronting Antisemitism in Our Communities," "Stories of Resilience from the Hadassah Youth Villages," and so much more.



National Hadassah President pins Gold Keeper on Judy Sachsman



Judy, Dana Waxler and Beverly Coulter at the Tri Region Conference.

HIGH HOLIDAY GREETING CARD

One more thank you to all the members who supported the High Holiday Greeting card. Together we surpassed last year's total by \$500! 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!"**

TRIPS TO ISRAEL

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

DONATION BOXES

From Thanksgiving through Chanukah, Hadassah will have collection boxes at the JCC for donations to the Brainerd Food Pantry and Room in the Inn, a home for women in need and their dependents (toiletries and related supplies). And thank you to Carla Morrow for chairing this project. Whenever it is convenient, stop by the JCC and drop off your non-perishable donations, starting Dec. 2.

ANNUAL CHANUKAH CELEBRATION

The Annual Chanukah Hadassah-Federation dinner and candle lighting celebration is scheduled for Dec. 30, on the sixth night. Bring your menorah and family and join in the Chattanooga community celebration!

HEALTH CRUISE

Another "Health Cruise," currently in the design mode with Bev Coulter, is planned for next spring. And save Mar. 6, early evening, for Hadassah's annual hamantaschen bake and learning; this time Hadassah will celebrate in the new kitchen at B'nai Zion!

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 Judea 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.

By connecting and empowering women to effect change, we are the women who do. Be proud of who you are, Hadassah women. Hadassah means **lifechanging**.





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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Sheldon | Lebovitz, Alison | Richelson, Alan | Winer, Elaine |
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for insuring
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- Weekly Community Email
- Federation Facebook Page
(Jewish Federation of Greater Chattanooga)
- Federation Website
(JewishChattanooga.com)

**QUESTIONS? Call us!
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Community Chanukah Celebration and Candle Lighting

Adult \$15
\$5 Children (5-14)
Under 5 FREE
Family of 4 \$30

MONDAY, DECEMBER 30 AT 5:30PM
JCC - 5461 NORTH TERRACE

*ENJOY A FESTIVE MEAL WITH FAMILY ENTERTAINMENT
(BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND - BALLOON ARTIST)
*BRING A MENORAH: WE'LL PROVIDE THE CANDLES.



Menu: Oven fried chicken, green beans, latkes, sufganiyot;
Vegetarian option available at time of reservation

Register by December 23 at www.jewishchattanooga.com

As part of Hadassah's Mitzvah Project, please bring unopened toiletries for Room in the Inn and non-perishable foods for the Brainerd Food Pantry.