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## YOM HASHOAH

Candle Lighting & Commemoration  
Speaker: Alison Vick / Short Musical Film  
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## FROM THE PRESIDENT AND CEO

### *Still Changing (and Growing) After All These Years*

For those who know me, I'm a HUGE Simon and Garfunkel fan. I know the lyrics to all the classics as well as the not-so-classics. I saw them in concert in the early 2000's during one of their reunion tours. I've watched the legendary 1981 Central Park concert dozens of times. Somewhere in a box I have a VCR tape of that concert. More recently there is now a touring show called "The Simon and Garfunkel Story" – but I've only seen it three times! You get the point.

Aleph Bet, THE Jewish Preschool in Chattanooga, is changing. In fact, after 23 years, Aleph Bet is getting younger! The headline – **"Aleph Bet will begin accepting children as young as 12 months this summer!"** Aleph Bet will now serve children 12 months through pre-K. When Aleph Bet opened in 2002, parents were seeking quality educational opportunities when their children were around two years old. With more remote workers as well as the need and want for two income households, childcare at a younger age became a necessity. For its first 23 years, Aleph Bet served children ages two through pre-K, but the last couple years this model was not fully meeting the needs of the community. Parents who needed childcare at a younger age were choosing other options in town, and as they were happy with their school, they were not willing to move to Aleph Bet at age two. We recognized this trend, and needing to make a change, are adapting to the needs and realities of 2025.

Aleph Bet will still have three classrooms – Red, Yellow and Blue. Students will continue to start in Red, move to Yellow, and then finish in Blue, but the "moving up" timing will be determined by the needs of the students. In order to accommodate these younger learners, we will make a few adjustments to our routines. Currently, children progress from room to room on a schedule set by the school calendar, June or August. Our new approach will include a larger age-banded range: students in the Red Room will range in ages from 12 to 29 months; Yellow Room students will range in ages from 30 to 44 months; Blue Room will still be for our Pre-K students, ages 44 to 60+ months (until students begin kindergarten). These

new age-banded ranges will also be flexible with "moving up" timing determined by families and teachers together, when both feel the time is right. And, by keeping our teacher/student ratios low, we will continue to provide individual and small group learning opportunities that are developmentally appropriate.

We are always changing, growing, and adapting at the Federation. One of the many perks of a smaller Jewish community is the ability to pivot and to be flexible, when the "times are a changin'" (Dylan song but also sung by Simon & Garfunkel). The post-covid realities of childcare centers and preschools have changed dramatically; we are still able to meet the needs of our community's youngest members.

Thank you to the Federation's board of directors and the many Aleph Bet volunteers who helped guide this process. And for the community? We hope you'll start sharing this "change" with your friends and throughout social media. We'll be officially kicking this off soon and we'll need your help to spread the word. Stay tuned!

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## FROM THE BOARD CHAIR

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### *Don't Shy Away From Difficulties*

My birthday is March 16. When I was 12 years old, my father took me to meet the Rabbi at our conservative temple. At the time, I was studying (unsuccessfully) for my Bar Mitzvah, and the first words the Rabbi said to me were, "Beware the Ides of March." I had no idea what he meant. I wasn't particularly interested in Shakespeare, and I was already struggling with Hebrew, so cryptic historical warnings were the last thing I needed. But his words stuck with me. Over time, I learned that the phrase refers to the day Julius Caesar was assassinated—March 15, the Ides of March—a reminder of betrayal, upheaval, and the unpredictability of leadership.

Decades later, I find myself reflecting on those words in a very different context—as Board Chair of the Jewish Federation of Chattanooga. Leadership, particularly in the Jewish community, is full of challenges. It's about more than just guiding an organization; it's about balancing tradition and change, addressing needs, and ensuring the continued strength of our community.

The lesson I took from that encounter with the Rabbi is that leadership is never easy. When I was 12, I thought being a Jewish leader meant mastering my Torah portion (which, for the record, I barely did). But as I grew older, I came to understand that leadership is about responsibility—about stepping up even when the path is uncertain. It's about making decisions that will impact not only those who are here now but also future generations.

Jewish history is filled with leaders who faced their own 'Ides of March' moments. Moses stood before Pharaoh, knowing the risks of defying power. Queen Esther, whose courage we celebrate during Purim, risked her own life to save her people. And in more recent history, Jewish leaders around the world have had to navigate the complexities of preserving Jewish life in the face of adversity. Leadership in our tradition is not about seeking power—it's about serving with purpose, even when the road ahead is uncertain.

At the Jewish Federation of Chattanooga, our mission is to support and strengthen Jewish life, provide resources for those in need, and foster

connections within our community and beyond. But the role of a Jewish Federation is not just administrative—it's deeply personal. It means being there for families facing hardship, providing Jewish education, standing up against antisemitism, and ensuring that Jewish traditions are passed on to the next generation.

Looking back, I now appreciate what my Rabbi might have been trying to tell me all those years ago. The 'Ides of March' was less about an ominous warning and more about an acknowledgment that leadership comes with challenges. Betrayals, disappointments, and hardships will always exist, but our response to them defines who we are. In Jewish life, we don't shy away from difficulties; we meet them with resilience, community, and an unwavering sense of purpose.

As we move forward, I hope to continue strengthening our Federation, deepening our communal bonds, and ensuring that we remain a beacon of Jewish life for generations to come. And the next time I hear someone say, "Beware the Ides of March," I'll smile—because if Jewish history has taught us anything, it's that we have always persevered, and we always will.

### *Mazal Tov*

to Ofer Musan – on becoming Assistant Director at Camp Ilanot, a 92nd Street Y summer camp in New York.

He will begin his new position in June 2025.

### **CONDOLENCES**

*We extend our sincere condolences to...*

... the friends and family of Elaine Kaset, who died on Feb. 21, 2025. She was preceded in death by her brother, Jacob Kaset, and sister, Marcia Kaset. Elaine is survived by her twin brother, Lenny Kaset; nieces, Amber and Jasmin Kaset; nephews, Jason Kaset and Louis Schneidman; great-nieces, Hannah Schneidman, Simone, Julia, and Jordan Kaset; and dear friend, Randy Shipley.



## FROM THE CHIEF IMPACT OFFICER

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### **Human Rights**

I am feeling very sensitive to domestic and world human rights.

Perhaps it's because I grew up during the domestic turmoil of the 1960s and early 1970s. Perhaps it's because I remember the stories my grandparents told of leaving their home countries for the United States. Perhaps it's just because I see many things that concern me here and around the world. In April, we are going to look at human rights past and present.

On April 12 for the First Amendment Dinner, our speaker will be Nadine Strossen, former President of the ACLU (American Civil Liberties Union) from 1991-2008. The ACLU was formed in response to the Palmer Raids in 1919-1920, which deported radicals without due process. Other notable human rights cases include the 1925 Scopes Trial, the 1941 Defense of Japanese Americans, 1954 Brown vs. The Board of Education, 1969 free speech protesting the Vietnam War, and 1973 Roe vs. Wade. This program is dedicated to U.S. military veterans who fought to protect our human rights here and abroad.

On April 23 we hold Yom HaShoah, commemorating all those who perished during the Holocaust. This year we have invited Alison Vick to discuss the use of Artificial Intelligence (AI) technology in Holocaust history. The proliferation of AI technology presents significant challenges to Holocaust history. AI is used to deny, distort, and trivialize the Holocaust across the internet and social media platforms. But can it also be used to foster deeper understanding of the Holocaust among students? Alison Vick is the Historian and Program Coordinator for the Tennessee Holocaust Commission and a history professor at Pellissippi State Community College. Currently, she is spearheading the Commission's interfaith clergy program which focuses on partnerships and interreligious dialogue to counter contemporary antisemitism in communities across Tennessee. She serves as the Commission's oral historian, and is a consultant for an upcoming exhibit at the East Tennessee Historical Society about local survivors and liberators. She is also deeply involved with educational and community programming, and Holocaust curriculum development.

Also, at the Yom HaShoah event, we will host the Tennessee premier of Malka. Malka is a 17 minute movie musical inspired by Seth Bisen-Hersh's grandmother's Holocaust experience starring six time Emmy/Tony nominee Tovah Feldshuh (currently co starring on Netflix's "Nobody Wants This"). Malka starts to see visions of her life at the camps during a present-day family Seder. As time progresses, Malka looks for the hope in the present that she embraced in the past in order to survive. There will be a post-film discussion with Seth Bisen-Hersh, the film's producer/ composer/lyricist, co-star, grandson of Malka, and nephew of Dana & Sam Banks.

In our JCC gallery, we will continue to view Jen Lewis' Stars of David Project. Recently someone asked me why the panels depicting those who perished during the Holocaust were so beautiful. My only response was that the souls who were lost were beautiful and that it isn't a depiction of evil. Jen's pieces are in contrast to the Holocaust artifacts from The Gilbert Tabby Collection recently donated to The Children's Holocaust Memorial in Whitwell, TN. These artifacts are a reminder of when human rights are abandoned and abused.

### **A FACTOID FROM THE JEWISH ARCHIVES OF CHATTANOOGA:**

Rabbi Abraham Feinstein was one of the leaders in the African American fight for Civil Rights in the 1960s. Rabbi Feinstein from Mizpah Congregation and Reverend Arnold Slater from Pilgrim Congregational Church were on the front lines of the first march in Chattanooga. Rabbi Feinstein never sought recognition for his forward-thinking stance. He just did what he knew was right. Feinstein Hall, Mizpah's social hall, is named in his honor.

### **FOREIGN POLICY SUPPER CLUB**

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### April

I hope that you are enjoying spring! April is one of my favorite months, as everything returns to shades of green, with dollops of color from new blooms. April is also a fun month. Passover is in April this year- Happy Passover! This month has some other pretty interesting dates:

**April 1st** of course, is April Fool's Day!

**April 5th** is National Sourdough Day...a trip to Niedlov's may be on the horizon!

**April 22nd** is Earth Day! Have you joined us for a trash pickup yet? We will be doing one on the afternoon of April 22nd! Reach out to me if you want to join us!

But, there is one big thing at the Federation coming up I want to write more about:

**April 28th** is "Before I go..." Dinner and Dialogue This is at 5:30 p.m. at the JCC. I won't share too much, because I'll divulge the content at the actual event, but what I want to convey to each of you is..

### *I want you to come to this.*

I want you to come to think about things you haven't thought of before. As you break bread together, I want you to share with the people to your left and to your right things that may not have been considered. I want you to come so you can create a tangible plan for your last breath. We know this may not be the most enjoyable topic, but if we all come together it may feel less intimidating, perhaps even comforting! Hopefully, your plans won't be needed any time soon, but your preferences will be known when that time comes.

Jennifer and I have been working hard to bring together a collection of relevant speakers and practical information to get you and your loved ones started. This is for the Young Jewish Leadership folks, Middle Chai folks...and everyone else. 18-year-olds to centenarians; Jewish and Non-Jewish; bring your neighbors and friends.

Don't second guess this. Don't wait to RSVP. And please, don't be late - we have a packed agenda for the night.

#### Grief Gathering: April 11th and 25th

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## April in Israel

The month of April holds a few events that shaped the State of Israel as we know it today. One of the more important events that became part of our lives took place on April 1, 1890. Nathen Birnboim came up with the term "Zionismos" to describe the members of the "Chovevay T'zion" movement. This term became Zionism a few years later.

Another well remembered event in Israel was an April Fools Day prank on Israeli radio in 1959, when the only radio station at the time started broadcasting special phrases that called for a major recruitment of reserves forces. This broadcast became known as "The night of the ducks," as one of the phrases was "The ducks are in the water." But, most of the events in the month of April in Israel are part of the second Intifada, and especially part of the "Defensive Wall" operation that started at the end of March 2002.



*Yizhar Cohen*

Five years later, Yizhar Cohen shook the world, and Israel too, by winning the competition.

During the month of April throughout Europe there are a lot of competitions in their final stages. In April 1973 the Eurovision's final took place, and although it was the first time Israel took part in the competition, the Israeli singer, Ilanit, reached the fourth place.

Other competitions coming to conclusion are sporting events. Israel has had a few successful teams that participated and won tournaments. They include Hapoel Yerushaleem, who won the secondary tournament in Europe, The Eurocup in April 2004. They were followed by Maccabi Tel Aviv who won the primary tournament, The Euroleague, in May of the same year.



*Hapoel Yerushaleem*

But, the biggest win, the one who won against all odds, was Maccabi's victory of the Euroleague on April 7, 1977. Maccabi was just a small team from Israel, which had mostly

local players. That year they beat all three major teams in Europe at the time: Varese from Italy, CSKA from Russia, and Real from Spain to win the cup. The tournament final was so big, it had almost 100 percent television ratings. A new tradition was created, jumping into the water fountain at "King's of Israel Square" in Tel-Aviv. The jumping happens when there is a major win in a worldwide tournament. At that time there were so many news camera crews and reporters at the square, that no one was able to broadcast the special announcement of Prime Minister, Yitzchak Rabin, who wanted to announce that he was resigning.

Although the month of April has huge victories, it also is a month of huge disasters. Two of the memorable events are more recent ones. The first was April 2018, when a group of 18 year olds, as part of a gap year organization, went on a field trip in the desert by the stream of the T'safit River. It was a rainy day and despite the pleading of some of the parents that they not go, the organization decided to keep the schedule and go to the stream. Because of the rain, the area quickly flooded, and these teenagers were carried by the stream. Ten teenagers in the group were killed, and five others were injured. Another ten teens were able to rescue themselves through the raging waters. Six years later, in 2024, the heads of the organization were convicted of manslaughter.

The other major disaster, the biggest non-military disaster in Israel's history, happened at Mount Miron during Lag Ba'Omer of 2021. Forty-five people died due to pressure after a part of a stairwell became a death trap. Over 100 people were injured in the event, including children. This event happens annually as part of the Lag Ba'Omer celebration, and unfortunately it is known that the event does not take the safety precautions it should. Following the disaster people said "we knew it was going to happen, it was a question of when, not if."

During the month of April many people who shaped the State of Israel were born and passed away. Some of these are Yitzchak Navon, the fifth President of the State of Israel, and Charlie Biton, the head of the "Black Panthers" organization in Israel.

Fun Fact: The city of Tel-Aviv official foundation date is April 11th 1909.

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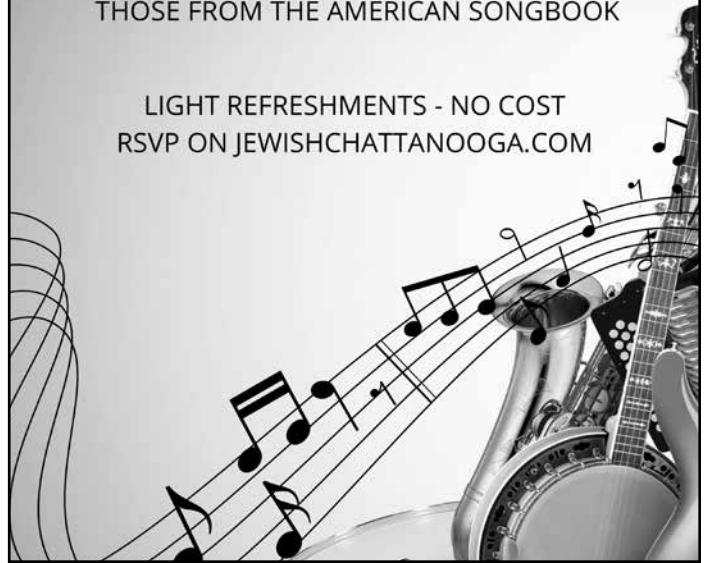
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25 Nisan 5785

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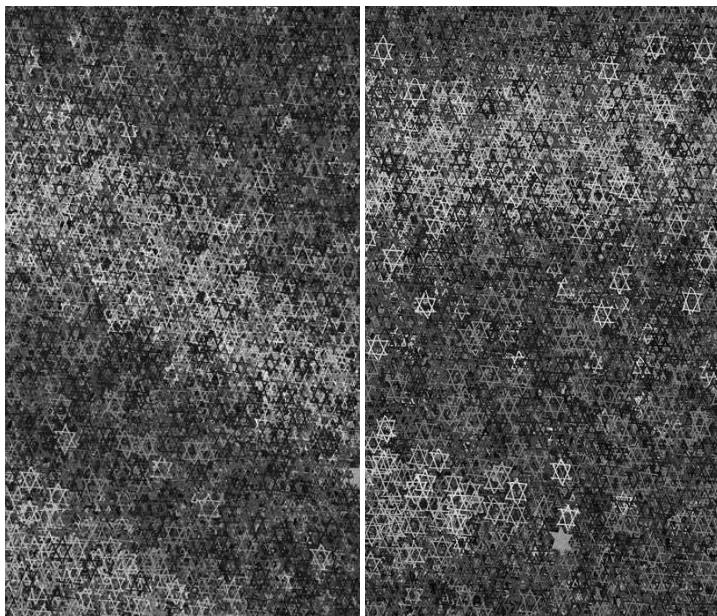
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## BAT MITZVAH

Bexley Wiegand - April 5, 2025

Bexley Wiegand will become a Bat Mitzvah at Mizpah Congregation on Apr. 5, 2025. She is in 7th grade at Baylor School, where her favorite subjects are science, math, history, and art. Bexley enjoys lacrosse, diving, sleeping, and reading. Her siblings Abella (9) and Cressida (8) attend St. Peter's Episcopal School. Bexley thinks that being a Bat Mitzvah means to grow up and be a part of a community larger than yourself, and it also means to put a lot of time and work into something and get to see all of it pay off.



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 Mizpah Congregation  
 Saturday, April 12, 2025 6:00 pm  
 RSVP Deadline is April 4th at 3:00pm

**Members \$50**  
 (18 and under for members is free)

**Non-members \$65**  
 (12 - 18 for non-member kids \$25  
 11 and under is free)

All Jewish college students and Military are also free

"Guaranteed the Chicken Soup will remind you of your grandmother's!"

If you would like to volunteer -  
 Please call Paige Simunek at 770-713-0299

Pay by check in the office, by phone or on our website under the donate now tab: [www.mizpahcongregation.org](http://www.mizpahcongregation.org)

 Your Payment is the confirmation of your RSVP! 

**MIZPAH TORAH STUDY**

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



**MIZPAH WORSHIP AND LEARNING**

Shabbat worship: Fridays 6:00 pm Saturdays 11:00 am  
Torah Study: Saturdays 9:15 am  
Newish to Jewish: (contact Rabbi Lewis) Tuesdays 6 pm  
Mussar: Ethics of Judaism Wednesdays 7:30am (zoom)  
Adult Beginning Hebrew: Wednesdays 12:00 pm  
Mizpah Hebrew School (youth):  
 Wednesdays 5:30 pm  
Mizpah Shabbat choir:  
 contact Marianna Allen  
 (423-432-0980)



**Adult beginning Hebrew, Using Aleph Isn't Tough**  
 with Rabbi Lewis

Wednesdays  
 12:00-1:00 PM

Class Dates:  
 Jan 15, 22, 29,  
 Feb 5, 12, 26  
 Mar 5, 12, 19, 26,  
 Apr 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

Cost will be \$30 dollars for materials



 Mizpah Madness 

**NCAA BASKETBALL WATCH PARTY**

NO Basketball Knowledge Required

**WOMEN'S FINAL**

**SUNDAY APRIL 6th 2025**

Pizza Watch Party!  
 3:00 pm - Feinstein Hall

Square lottery - win a square & a chance to win big on 4/7!

\$10 per person - FREE with Square purchase!!  
 Kids eat FREE. **By April 1, 2025**

RSVP [office@mizpahcongregation.org](mailto:office@mizpahcongregation.org)

**Tot SHABBAT**



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

Join us for  
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 Every 3rd Friday



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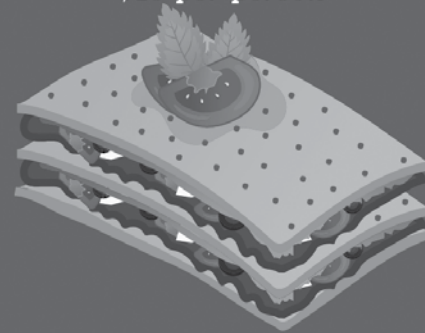
Sunday  
May 18  
11:00am

6210  
Airpark  
Drive

Join us on Sunday, May 18, following our Annual Board Meeting, to grab a coffee on us from Spill the Beans Coffee Truck!

## Matza LASAGNA Shabbat

Friday, April 18 - 6:00pm  
Social Hall  
\$10 per person



Scan QR  
Code to  
RSVP or  
contact  
office.

In place of Potluck Kabbalat Shabbat, join us for a musical Friday night service followed by a kosher for passover matza lasagna dinner!

## B'nai Zion Passover Services

Morning Passover Services:  
9:30 am Sanctuary & via Zoom  
April 13, 14, 19 and 20

Yizkor Service: 10:45am, Monday, April 20

## B'nai Zion Calendar

Friday Night - Kabbalat Shabbat: 6:00 pm

Shabbat Morning Services: 9:30 am

BSI: April 2, 9, 16, 23, and 30

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

Weekly Parsha Study: Sundays, 7:00pm

Weekly Talmud Study: Thursdays, 10:00am

April	5	Shabbat Muffins / Lunch & Learn
	6	Jews & Brews / Kadima
	13	Passover Seder
	18	Matza Lasagna Shabbat
	25	Shabbat in the Park
	26	Lunch & Learn



Keep an eye out for the Shabbat Muffin hiding out in our Shofar page each month! Our next Shabbat Muffins kids' program, grades K-5th, is **Shabbat morning on April 5!**

## BZ PASSOVER SEDER

When: Sunday, April 13 @ 6:00pm  
Where: 6210 Airpark Drive

Join us for an interactive, musical, and meaningful Passover seder, and a delicious Kosher for Passover meal!

Cost: Adults \$50 for members / \$60 for guests  
Kids under 13: \$20 for members / \$22 for guests  
If cost is prohibitive, reach out to the office.  
We want all who need a place for Seder to join!

Moses & Aaron sponsorship: \$200  
To help underwrite our community seder

Scan the QR code or call the office to RSVP

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Chabad is an educational organization dedicated to helping every Jew, regardless of background, affiliation, or personal level of observance, to increase their level of Jewish knowledge, enthusiasm, and commitment.

**PURIM 2025**

Reading the Book of Esther ✓, exchanging food gifts ✓, giving to charity ✓, and feasting ✓. This year's theme was the Shuk Market in Jerusalem. We enjoyed Shwarma, falafels, Israeli candy, Pantry Packers and Lchaims. One person was overheard saying: "This was amazing, I wonder where we will celebrate Purim next year?"



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# Grand Passover Seder

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

### CONGRATULATIONS

Mazel tov to Randi Weiss who was recognized as the Chattanooga Chapter's Woman of the Year at the Southern Region Board meeting in Knoxville. Luz Faracco, Susan Leininger, Judy Sachsman, Beth Thomas, Ruth Votava, and Dana Waxler joined her for this honor. Randi has been invaluable in guiding Hadassah members through several Purim and Challah baking programs as well as speaking to members about her Israel trip shortly after Oct. 7. Judy Sachsman was reappointed as Region Secretary.



Randi Weiss receives her Woman of the Year for Chattanooga. Judy Sachsman is reappointed Region Secretary. And group picture of Chattanoogaans traveling to Knoxville for occasion.



### ANNUAL HAMANTASCHEN BAKE AND LEARNING

Hadassah's annual hamantaschen bake and learning program took place in the new kitchen at B'nai Zion. Rabbi Keilah Lebell led the learning about the women of Purim, the holiday celebrating Esther, also known as Hadassah. Rabbi Lebell was recognized for her role as Jewish Education Chair with Life Membership in Hadassah for bringing Jewish programming to Hadassah members. And thank you to Randi Weiss for coordinating the baking portion of this program.



### "THE LAST GENERATION"

John Pregulman, President and Co-founder of KAVOD, will address a Hadassah program on Sunday, April 20 at 4 PM. Please register online as soon as the flyer is available. The January/February Hadassah Magazine ran a cover story about Holocaust survivors "The Last Generation." John Pregulman, who grew up in Chattanooga, took many of the magazine's Holocaust survivor photographs as part of KAVOD, a nonprofit organization that ensures dignity for Holocaust survivors. John Pregulman has taken over 1200 photos of these survivors around the globe as part of the mission to remember these individuals.

When Israel opens for tourists, be ready; it will need us visitors! May we spend next year in Jerusalem in 5785. And put a trip to Israel on your 2026 for the Hadassah National Conference October 26-30.

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:***

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- Silver Chai members (\$360/year)**
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- 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 [dwxaler@hadassah.org](mailto:dwxaler@hadassah.org).

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| Allen, Amelia*  | Center, Marilyn    | Hanan, Victor*    | Lewis, Art           | Schwartz, Skip          |
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| Balser, Robin   | Cowan, Rob         | Hodes, Alvin*     | Lowy, Pamela         | Spector, Mark*          |
| Barukh, Rebecca | Diamond, Karen     | Hodes, Andy       | Lowy, Sam            | Spector, Mike           |
| Bean, David*    | DiStefano, David   | Hodes, Melody     | Malsh, Rebecca*      | Susman, Gail            |
| Bean, Margaret  | DiStefano, Susan   | Howard, Lynn      | Nash, Ike*           | Susman, Joel*           |
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| Black, Stephen  | Dzik, Paula        | Jaffe, Sam*       | Pregulman, Helen     | Winer, Elaine           |
| Bogo, Jerry     | Fairchild, David   | Lakow, Harry*     | Richelson, Alan      | Winer, Finette          |
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| Brouner, Betsy  | Hanan, Jan         | Lebovitz, Lauren  | Rosenfeld, Roy       |                         |
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**\* Deceased**

**See how easy it is to join the Legacy Society!  
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Find up-to-date information about online programs,  
cancellations and changes in our:

- Weekly Community Email
- Federation Facebook Page  
(Jewish Federation of Greater Chattanooga)
- Federation Website  
(JewishChattanooga.com)

**QUESTIONS? Call us!  
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# Before I go... Dinner and Dialogue

An interactive evening with a panel of experts  
to consider the loved ones you will leave behind

**Monday, April 28 - 5:30 pm**

**\$12 (Includes dinner)**

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