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Pieces of Parsha

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FROM THE PRESIDENT AND CEO

Looking Out For One Another

In late March, we had a security scare at the Jewish Cultural Center. And while it turned out to be a false alarm, it was also very eye opening and “real”. For about three hours we were unsure if we were a potential target. To make a very long story short, it was a random person who chose to park in the “Jewish facility parking lot”; any other building/staff/community would probably have never noticed.

A huge thank you to our entire local law enforcement community – Chattanooga Police, TBI, FBI, Homeland Security, and County Sheriff. Personnel were onsite immediately and took the potential incident seriously. Thank you to our preschool parents who trusted their instincts and “called in” a suspicious person in our parking lot. We talk often – “if you see something unusual, say something”. Being aware of your surroundings is a key piece to any security plan. A special thank you to the Federation and Aleph Bet staff who remained calm and focused in that instant. And thank you to the Federation and congregational leadership whom I connected with in the moment to keep our community informed as the event unfolded and information became more available.

The community has every right to expect the Federation to be fully prepared. This false alarm made it clear we need to do more and move more quickly. The Federation has worked for decades to update and upgrade the many pieces of our security puzzle at the JCC. We also have assisted our congregations with security guidance, dollars, and trainings. We work with Secure Community Network (SCN), the premier Jewish security organization; SCN does a full building and policy assessment every three years, a common practice in the Jewish community world. This event also helped us see several holes that exist at the JCC as well. This is not to suggest we are unprepared or have a false sense of security – we have armed security at events, cameras, lighting, a closed lobby, intercom systems, emergency notification systems, lockdown areas, secured entrances and exits, and so much more.

As we speak, our Federation board and leadership are looking at what and how we can put additional

security measures in place. Some is hardening – looking at non-traditional entrance points (like windows). We are looking at our current policies that the Federation staff follows and how we need to better educate everyone who attends a program at the JCC (awareness!). Security is a community effort, a team effort, and we’re all on that team together. Essentially, the Federation is taking a careful look at what additional pieces we can put in place.


My commitment to all of you is to create an environment that is welcoming and secure, where you feel safe and where you feel confident in showing up to a meeting, event, or just to say hello. We are strengthening our systems and our readiness so that we are fully prepared moving forward.

Thank you for your trust, your partnership, and for looking out for one another. That care for each other is what makes this community so strong.


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THE 19TH ANNUAL JEWISH FILM SERIES IS NOW COMBINED



FEATURE AND DOCUMENTARY FILMS WILL NOW BE SHOWN THROUGHOUT THE SUMMER
(NO SEPARATE DOC SERIES IN JANUARY)

AND – THE JUNE 17TH SANFORD WINER TRIBUTE RECEPTION AND FILM ARE OPEN TO THE ENTIRE COMMUNITY AT NO CHARGE

SEE PAGES 11 AND 12 FOR DETAILS AND REGISTRATION





BOARD CO-CHAIRS Gene and Amy Boulware

Believe in the Young

Several years ago, I attended a workshop where one of the exercises was to create a personal statement of inspiration. We were given ten minutes to “find our inspiration.”

It may sound strange, but I don’t remember much else about that workshop. What I do remember clearly, however, is my statement:

“Believe in the young, for they are the curators of our future.”

Community is a word that carries different meanings for different people. The dictionary defines community as “a group of people living in the same place or having a particular characteristic in common.” While accurate, this broad definition fails to capture the depth and richness of what community truly represents.

When I decided to write about community this month, I thought it would be meaningful to ask people in my office what the word meant to them. I posed the question to a group of colleagues between the ages of 25 and 35. Their responses varied widely. For some, community was a collection of values or ideas. For others, it was more of a personal or philosophical journey.

Almost everyone paused before answering—many began with “oh wow” or “oh man” — clearly caught off guard by the question. Being asked, on the spot, to define what “community” means is no small task.

Here are a few of their responses:

- **Laura:** “Support, knowledge, and teamwork.”
- **Ryan:** “Togetherness.”
- **Riley:** “A group of people where you feel safe to be yourself.”
- **Cody:** “People who accept you for who you are, even when your thoughts differ from theirs.”
- **Danny:** “My hometown.”

Their insights give me hope. They inspire me—and they should inspire all of us. They reaffirm the belief that has stayed with me since that workshop: **believe**

in the young, for they are the curators of our future.

At its core, community is deeply personal. What I feel and value about my Jewish community is unique to me. Only I can shape my role within it, just as only you can shape yours.

I’ll close by asking you to reflect: What does Jewish community mean to you? And are you taking full advantage of it?

CONDOLENCES

We extend our sincere condolences to...

...the family and friends of Ben Tabakin, who died on March 9, 2026. Ben is survived by his wife, Sandy.

... the family and friends of Alexander Sheldon Gelburd, who died on March 24, 2026. Sheldon is preceded in death by his parents, Mildred and Barney Gelburd. He is survived by his beloved life partner, Barbara Oxenhandler; stepdaughters, Stacy Oxenhandler and Debbie (Jerred) Malever; grandchildren, Julia and Jake Malever; Barbara’s siblings, Valerie and Benita Beilenson and Nortie Beilenson; many nieces and nephews; sister, Selma Gelburd-Zinker; and brother, Michael Gelburd.

... the family and friends of Donald Mackler, who died on April 21, 2026. He is survived by his wife, Judy; children, James (Shana) Mackler, Jason (Angela), Josh, and Jake; grandchildren, Hannah, Sylvie, Emma, Elliot, and Reed.

FOREIGN POLICY SUPPER CLUB

Monday, May 11 at 6PM - \$15 per person

US China Relations

Relations with China remain tense, with tariffs, military modernization, and pressure on Taiwan.

Does Trump have a coherent China policy, and will his tariffs on Rare Earth minerals be effective?

What are America’s strategic options?

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FROM THE CHIEF IMPACT OFFICER

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Lights Camera Action – All Coming for You!

We heard you and we are trying some new things at this year's 19th Annual Chattanooga Jewish Film Series.

First, there will be only be one series which includes both documentaries and narratives, instead of two separate series as in the past. We will screen eight films, one per week during the summer beginning Wednesday, June 17, and continuing on Sundays.

The in-person films will be scheduled at a time so that participants will be able to drive in daylight hours, and perhaps have dinner with friends afterwards if they choose. There will be one Holocaust themed film. However, as with most Jewish films there is an undertone of the Holocaust in several films. Every film we are showing has received awards at other film festivals, many non-Jewish as well as Jewish.

As a commemoration to the Series' founder, the Sanford Winer Tribute Reception and Film event is open to the community at no cost. Mark your calendar for Wednesday, June 17 at 6:00 p.m. Make sure to register on-line at www.jewishchattanooga.org.

Let me share a few of the films and why you should see them.

For the Love of A Woman is about a Jewish American woman, estranged from her mother, who is in her forties. She receives a mysterious letter from her mother following her mother's death. The letter begins an unexpected search in the Palestine of her mother's young adult life to modern day Israel. The time travel and relationships kept me interested and the ending is totally unexpected.

The Last Spy is a documentary about the life of 100 year-old CIA spymaster, Peter Sichel. From escaping Nazi Germany as a refugee to becoming a key player in Cold War espionage, you will be amazed at what he accomplished. If you are a history buff or a spy novel lover this film is for you.

The Sea Wow! Take a deep breathe, this film may be hard for some people. A 12-year old Palestinian boy gets a chance to see the sea for the first time on a school trip. But, his permit is invalid at a military checkpoint so he doesn't get to travel with his

classmates. He sets out to travel on his own. His undocumented father learns his son is missing, so he risks arrest and job loss to find him. This is a great father-son story about a part of Israeli society we don't often see.

Malachi This documentary is about responsibility and redemption. Young parents abandoned their newborn son due to a medical syndrome. A devoted midwife and her family foster him and bring his biological parents back into his life. All sides of this powerful story are combined with first person interviews and animation as Malachi works to find himself as a young adult.

Thank you to the hard-working committee members who reviewed over 40 films to pick this year's films for the Series. They are Frank Miller (Chair), Beth Lowe, Michael Hanan, Arona DeSure, Stephen Black, Richard Zachary, Shelia St. Aubin and John Reis.

Thank you to our corporate sponsors for their significant support. They include Chattanooga Allergy Clinic, Chambliss, Bahner & Stopel, Kleen-a-Matic, Smith+Howard, Patton, Albertson & Miller, First Horizon Bank, Apogee Wealth Partners, Heritage Funeral Home and Wells Fargo Advisors.

And now, it's your turn. You can support the Series by becoming a sponsor at any of three levels. Can't be a sponsor right now? No problem. Buy a ticket to a film that interests you and come and see it on the big screen at the Jewish Cultural Center. Have popcorn and drink or a tasty treat, mingle, meet new people, and talk about the film afterwards. Too much going on to come to the building? No, problem. The films are virtually available during the listed times and can be seen on your phone, computer, or your home media screen. Better yet have a viewing party at your house by inviting a couple of friends and watch it together. Your support is key to keeping the Series vibrant and accessible.

Mazal Tov

... to Jake and Liat Fishman on the birth of their first child, Isidor Boaz Fishman on March 26, 2026.



JEWISH FEDERATION NURSE

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I knew I forgot something!

We have all done it. Whether it was a routine check up, follow-up, or even a sick visit, we have all gotten to the car and thought "Oh! I meant to tell them about.....(fill in the blank here!!!)" Medical appointments can go by very quickly, and many times it is hard to remember all of the things that need to be addressed or shown to the provider. No matter what age or stage of life we are in, these visits are important. It can take months to even get the appointment, making them valuable. It is important to maximize your time with your provider so you walk out feeling informed and heard, and they have all the information they need to give you the best care possible! Here are a few tips to make each visit a successful one!

1) Try to stick to no more than three most important concerns. It is not unusual to have a long list in mind of things that you would like to bring up.

2) Be brief while on those topics. It is best to make notes of the symptoms, when they started, what exacerbates or helps them, and other pertinent information. Staying to the point will help use the time better and will help your provider have time to address your concerns.

3) Be honest with them. Withholding information, or exaggerating or minimizing

something, does not help the provider give you the best care. It's not unusual to think "Oh they don't need to know that", or "That's too embarrassing.." but not sharing things that are important can cause misdiagnosis and confusion. They are there to help you!

4) A very important tip is to ALWAYS bring a list of medications and who prescribes them. I find it best to have a typed and dated list you can hand them. Also don't forget to update that list prior to appointments and when you are started on a new medication or stopped a medication.

Please do not hesitate to reach out if you have any questions about upcoming appointments or need assistance. I am in the office Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Stay well!

Grief Gathering

For those who have experienced the loss of significant loved ones
Facilitated by Marki Kaim, LMSW, QMHP

Friday, April 24th
Friday, May 29th
12:00 pm


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MAR 31 // MIKE'S TAVERN (HIXSON)
APR 28 // OX2 BUNS & NOODLES (GUNBARREL)
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JUN 30 // HAN MI (ST. ELMO)

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Please RSVP 3 days before each event


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Israel Through the Lens: Experiencing Israel in Four Landscapes

What does it mean to truly see a place?

For me, Israel has never been just one thing. It is a collection of moments, emotions, textures, and contrasts that shift depending on where you stand and how you choose to look. When I first moved here to serve as a Shlichah, I was told that one of my programs would be to create an exhibit to be displayed by April. I remember being excited but also thoughtful. I didn't want to create something that simply showed Israel. I wanted to create something that felt like Israel. Something I was genuinely connected to. Something with meaning.

Very quickly, I realized that the answer was already part of me: photography.

Photography has been a part of my life since middle school, when I first picked up a camera and discovered how powerful it could be to capture a moment and turn it into a story. That curiosity grew into a passion, and in high school I chose to major in photography. It was there that I didn't just learn technique- I learned how to see. How to notice light, movement, and detail. How to find meaning in ordinary moments. How to tell a story without words.

So when I thought about creating an exhibit about Israel, it felt only natural to tell that story through the lens- my lens.

This exhibit, *Israel Through the Lens*, is built around four categories: the sea, the city, the valley, and the desert. These are not just geographic locations; they are emotional landscapes.

The sea represents movement, openness, and possibility - the way the horizon invites you to look beyond.

The city reflects contrast and energy - where old meets new, where every corner holds a different story.

The valley offers calm and grounding - a quiet connection to nature and simplicity.

And the desert holds stillness and depth - vast, powerful, and full of space to reflect.

Together, these four landscapes create a layered and personal portrait of Israel- not as a single narrative, but as a collection of experiences.

Another meaningful layer of this exhibit is the use of both film and digital photography. Film requires patience and intention; you don't immediately see the result, and there is something powerful in trusting the moment you chose to capture. It embraces imperfection and invites a slower, more thoughtful process. Digital photography, on the other hand, allows for spontaneity- capturing moments as they unfold, quickly and intuitively. Combining both mediums reflects not only the diversity of the landscapes, but also my own journey as a photographer- balancing intention with instinct.

This exhibit is not meant to define Israel. It is not a complete picture, and it doesn't try to be. Instead, it is an invitation- to see Israel through my perspective. Through moments that made me pause. Through details that caught my attention. Through feelings that stayed with me long after the photo was taken.

More than anything, this project became a way for me to connect- both to Israel and to the community I am sharing it with. It allowed me to take something deeply personal and open it up for others to experience in their own way.

I invite you to walk through these images slowly. To notice the small details. To feel the shifts between movement and stillness, between noise and quiet, between vastness and intimacy. And maybe, to see something familiar in a completely new way.

Because sometimes, all it takes is a different perspective to truly see.

And for me, that perspective begins through the lens.



BAR MITZVAH SATURDAY - JUNE 6TH - MIZPAH CONGREGATION



Matthew Reising is a seventh grader at East Hamilton Middle School. He plays clarinet in the concert band and runs the mile for the school track team. In honor of becoming a Bar Mitzvah, Matthew has chosen to spend time around Chattanooga volunteering with multiple organizations to learn how he can be of service to our community. He has enjoyed volunteering at the food bank, an animal shelter, an assisted living home, and a community vegetable garden. His hobbies include reading, doing origami, and playing Pokemon Go. Proud parents are Laura and Don and sisters Caitlyn and Julia.

THANK YOU GOOD DEEDS DAY VOLUNTEERS - APRIL 19, JCC



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CHATTANOOGA JEWISH ARCHIVES

The Tennessee Holocaust Commission recently requested information about our Jewish community from 1900-1945 for a project they are doing. The Shofar is reprinting excerpts from the document sent by your Archives committee in this and previous issues. My thanks go to Wes Hasden and Dr. Max Brener for their contributions to this brief history. Karen Diamond, chair, Chattanooga Jewish Archives

SYNAGOGUES, ORGANIZATIONS AND RETAIL BUSINESSES: As with many communities throughout the United States, Chattanooga saw an influx of Jews from Eastern Europe from the 1880s through the 1920s. They lived mostly together and had a thriving community in a downtown Chattanooga neighborhood called the West Side. They started two Orthodox synagogues. The first synagogue, which later became B'nai Zion, began as the Brethren from B'nai Chein in 1888. In 1924, the synagogue formally adopted B'nai Zion as its name. It remained Orthodox until 1961, when it became Conservative. Its more traditional members then left and formed a small Orthodox synagogue called Beth Sholom (In 2012, Beth Sholom was dissolved and became Chabad of Chattanooga.) A second Orthodox synagogue was Shaari Zion, started in 1904, which was eventually absorbed into B'nai Zion. Mizpah Congregation, the City's Reform Jewish Temple, was founded in 1866. It's story was written about in last month's Shofar.



Many arriving Jewish immigrant men became peddlers, travelling into rural areas in middle and southeast Tennessee, northeast Alabama, and northwest Georgia. They went first with their packs, then with horses or mules, and eventually opened brick and mortar retail stores in Chattanooga and North Georgia. One of the earliest was Gottschalk's, remembered as a downtown gathering place for all Chattanoogaans because of its lovely public gardens. Some of the other retail families from the region were: Brody, Effron, Blumberg, Winer, Miller, Harris, Goldstein, Abelson, Rubenstein, Cohn, Silverstein, and Brener. One of the main department stores was Loveman's, although the Loveman family lost their store in the depression; it then continued under non-Jewish ownership.

In 1903, a group called the Hebrew Ladies Aid Society was formed. It later became the B'nai Zion Sisterhood. A group of men formed the Chattanooga Free Hebrew School in 1909. Several generations of Conservative children attended Hebrew School after their secular school days. Mizpah Congregation also had an active Sisterhood. The Chattanooga of the first half of the 19th century had active chapters of Jewish Boy Scouts, Hadassah, B'nai Brith, Young Judea, Farband and Workman's Circle.

The Dixie Saving Stores was a very successful grocery co-op. It was founded in the 1930s by a group of small Jewish corner grocers and grew into the region's largest grocery distributorship by the 1950s. It was said that on one intersection in the West Side, there was a grocer on each of the four corners. The co-op later included grocers of all faiths and many larger grocery stores in addition to the neighborhood operations. The professional manager of the co-op was George Berke, who was succeeded by Herbert St. Goar and later, by his son Edward St. Goar. The Dixie went out of business several decades ago after both local and national grocery chains grew in size and buying power here.

The number of Jews in Chattanooga reached its peak of 3,800 in the 1930s. The City sent quite a few Jewish men to military service in World War I and World War II and lost a disproportionate number. After World War II, the City's Jewish population leveled off at approximately 1400 families. Through the ups and downs of succeeding decades, the Jewish population of Chattanooga has remained approximately the same.

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Wednesdays at 10:30

- April 15: Enterprise South Park (near Volkswagen)
- April 22: Greenway Farm Park (Hixson)
- April 29: Stringers Ridge (Northshore)
- May 6: Urban Hike: Market Street (Downtown)
- May 13: Guild-Hardy Trailhead (Lookout/St. Elmo)
- May 20: Wolftever Creek Greenway (Collegedale)
- May 27: Sterchi Farm Trailhead (Near HES/Dam)

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Chattanooga Jewish Film Series
 In-person Sundays at 4:00 p.m. starting
 June 21* Virtual available

Sneak Peek Picks

Complete details, including the schedule and all **eight (8)** films, will be in the June Shofar and on www.jewishchattanooga.org as they become available.



The Ring: Sanford Winer Tribute Film

Wednesday, June 17: Open To The Community

The Last Spy
 He wasn't James Bond, but still amazing!
 Documentary



The Soundman

A musical-ish, history-ish film including radio theater and more.



The Road Between Us A former Israeli general, rescues his family and others from Hamas during the October 7 attacks. Documentary

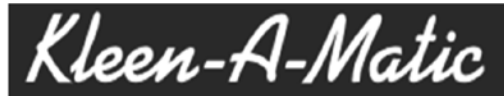


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Sanford Winer Tribute

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Traci Sloan, Director
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MEMORIES MADE THROUGH THE YEARS

From early Sunday mornings at CJCRS and then Machanooga, this is a tribute to every laugh, every song, and every memory we made along the way.



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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.

FIRST FRIDAY FAMILY SHABBAT 

MAY 1, 2026
SERVICES @ 6:00PM
DINNER @ 7:00PM

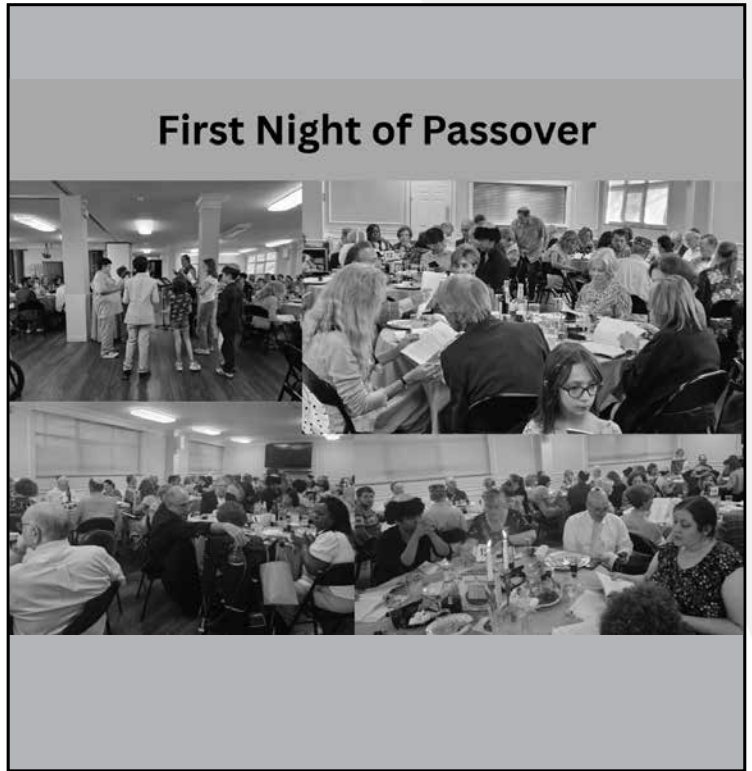
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**Mizpah Social Action:
 Community Spotlight Series
 Shabbat with Purpose**

Mizpah Social Action is shining a spotlight on local grassroots efforts that address critical issues impacting our communities. Join us for a series designed to raise awareness, foster meaningful discussions, and inspire action. Together, we can engage in the essential work of Tikkun Olam—repairing the world—by learning from local efforts to explore ways to create lasting change.


Date: May 8, 2026 - 6:00 PM

Speaker: Leslie McClain
Title: From Survival to Advocacy: Lived Experience in Foster Care and the Call to Protect Our Children

Leslie McClain will share her personal journey through the child welfare and foster care system and how those experiences shaped her into the advocate she is today. Through honest storytelling, she will talk about what it feels like to be a child in care, the importance of safe and loving adults, and the role community plays in helping children heal and thrive.


This conversation will invite reflection on how we can better support vulnerable children and families, and how lived experience can guide the way toward more compassionate, informed care.

We invite you to be part of these critical conversations as we work together to support community resilience as part of our Shabbat worship.




MIZPAH TORAH STUDY

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

Tot SHABBAT 

3RD SHABBAT EACH MONTH:
 TOT SHABBAT 5:15 pm
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Sabbath of Song and Meditation

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 Every 3rd Friday

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Shabbat Services:	Fridays 6:00 PM Saturdays 11:00 AM
Torah Study	Saturdays 9:00 AM
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Mussar: Ethics of Judaism	Wednesdays 7:30 AM
Mizpah Choir Practice	Thursdays 5:00 PM

For exact schedule, contact **Marianna Allen - 423-432-0980**

Celebrate and Enrich Jewish Life

B'nai Zion's vision is to inspire a vibrant, uplifting, and inclusive community connected to the dynamic traditions of Conservative Judaism.



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Shabbat
YELADIM

SATURDAY, MAY 16
9:30AM

Shabbat morning services
co-led by our kids.

KUGEL COOKOFF

Thursday, May 21 - 6:30pm
Social Hall

Prizes for the best savory & sweet kugels!

Join us for a Kugel Cookoff to kickoff our Tikkun Leil Shavuot!
Scan the QR code or see website to enter a kugel in the cookoff!

B'nai Zion Calendar

Friday Night - Kabbalat Shabbat: 6:00 pm
Shabbat Morning Services: 9:30 am
BSI: May 6 and 13
Minyan/Foundations: Tues., 6:00/6:30 pm via Zoom
Weekly Parsha Study: Sundays, 7:00pm
Weekly Talmud Study: Thursdays, 10:00am

May	2	Shabbat Muffins
	9	Lunch & Learn
	10	Kadima
	15	Shira v'Shulchan
	16	Shabbat Yeladim
	21	Tikkun Leil Shavuot & Kugel Cookoff
	22	Shavuot Morning Services
	30	Lunch & Learn
	31	BZ Annual Congregational Meeting

BZ Annual Congregational Meeting

6210 Airpark Drive

Sunday
May 31
9:30am

Members, join us on Sunday, May 31 and grab a coffee on us from Spill the Beans Coffee Truck! Breakfast served at 9:30am, meeting will begin at 10:00am.

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Chabad is a philosophy, a movement, and an organization.

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.

Torah & Tea

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MONDAY MORNING
 MAY 18 ~ 10:00 AM
 AT CHABAD - 950 VINE ST.

UPCOMING DATES
 TUESDAY, JUNE 16

Chabad Chattanooga

Lag B'omer Celebration
 Community day on the farm

TUESDAY
 MAY 5 | 5:30 PM

SMOKED BRISKET AND BBQ
 ZIP LINE | MUSIC | BONFIRE
 CANOE | FISHING

At Powder Springs Farm

984 Brymer Creek RD
 Couvert \$10 | Sponsorships available
 RSVP www.JewishChatt.com/Reserve

SHAVUOT
 ICE CREAM PARTY

MAY 22ND
 5:00 PM

RIDS PROGRAM

DAIRY DINNER BUFFET

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

Hadassah

Lifechanging™

SHAVUOT

The first step to empowering women is to span the generations with a celebration of Shavuot. Hadassah parents, grandparents, and aunties, share a special tea party on Sunday, May 17, from 11 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. to celebrate the little ones making flower crowns and sharing treats. More information will be available soon.

CRUISE

Coming next October: Health Cruise II, organized by Bev Coulter and Beth Thomas. Guaranteed to discuss some of those sensitive health questions you want answered.

DAY OF IMPACT

Judy Sachsman and Dana Waxler participated in "Hadassah on the Hill: Day of Impact" as Hadassah members visited Washington DC to meet with legislators and attend a session on antisemitism.



When Israel opens for tourists, be ready; it will need us visitors! May we spend next year in Jerusalem in 5787. And put a trip to Israel on your 2026 calendar for the Hadassah National Conference October 26-30.

REGION BOARD MEETING



Hadassah members Alexis Street, Vicki Lewis, Judy Sachsman and Dana Waxler attended the in-person Region Board meeting in Birmingham. A special Evolve session was presented, so that Alexis can bring that spirit of Young Women to Chattanooga along with Rachael Ruiz and Edie Weiss.

Hadassah is the One You've Been Searching For!

Chattanooga was the first Hadassah chapter in the Southern Region. Think membership in Hadassah when you need a gift that fits every occasion.

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JOIN THE JEWISH FEDERATION LEGACY SOCIETY

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

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| Allen, Owen | Cohen, Tal | Hill, J.R. | Lewis, Vicki | Siskin, Pris |
| Alper, Maxine* | Cohn, Herb* | Hochman, Colman* | Lowe, Beth | Sivils, Janet |
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| Brooks, John* | Hanan, Jan | Lebovitz, Charles | Rosenfeld, Jackie | |
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www.JewishChattanooga.org, where you can RSVP

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.org)

**QUESTIONS? Call us!
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May

2026

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					COFFEE & CONVERSATION 11AM 1	2
Ronald McDonald Volunteer Opportunity 3	Chair Wellness 1PM 4	"Mishpacha Meetup" 12PM 5	SNACK PACK VOLUNTEERING 6PM 6		COFFEE & CONVERSATION 11AM 8	9
	Chair Wellness 1PM FOREIGN POLICY SUPPER CLUB 6PM 10	"Mishpacha Meetup" 12PM SAGE CUMBERLAND COUNTY PLAYHOUSE 12	Chattanooga 10:30 AM 13		COFFEE & CONVERSATION 11AM 15	16
	Chair Wellness 1PM 17	"Mishpacha Meetup" 12PM 19	Chattanooga 10:30 AM 20	Aleph Bet End of Year Program 21	CLOSED 22	23
	CLOSED 25	Lunch OUT 11:30AM 26	Chattanooga 10:30 AM 27		COFFEE & CONVERSATION 11AM Community Potluck Shabbat 6PM 29	30