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**Happy 2019!**

The first half of our school year has absolutely flown by. We've made new friends, welcomed special guests, rejoiced in daily triumphs, and picked ourselves back up after disappointments. Thank you to everyone who made donations of time, supplies, and funds to our program during 2018. Aleph Bet can only be as strong as the community behind us; I'm thrilled to say we are thriving!

As we enter 2019, it's time to begin planning for the summer and the next school year. If you know anyone who may be interested in enrolling their child for the 2019-2020 school year, please have them contact me! Registration for new families will begin in March.

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*A book break*



*Chanukah party crafting*



*Some of the Yellow Class, bundled up for a picture outside*



*Shabbat story time*



*Dreidel master at work*



*Future basketball stars prepping for a drill*



*Reading to friends*

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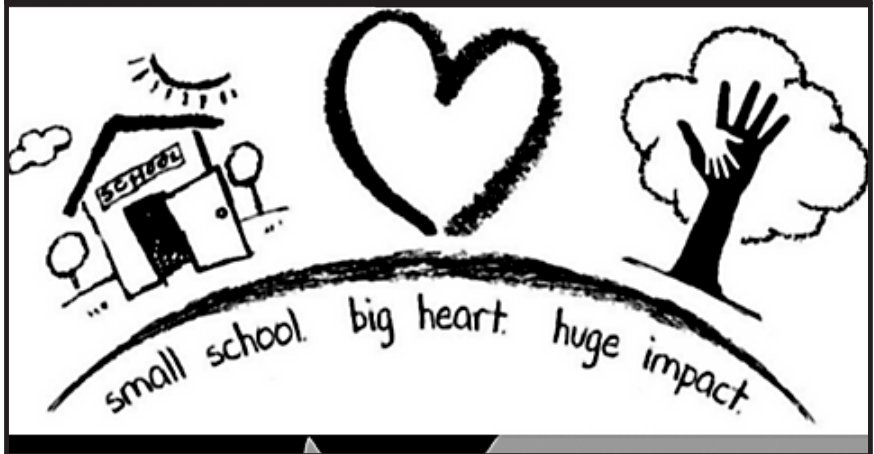
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# MACHANOOGA



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## Happy Birthday to Trees

Once long, long ago there was a man walking in the desert who became very tired, hungry and thirsty. He came upon a tree that had sweet fruit growing on it, and its thick branches spread out creating the most wonderful patch of shade. There was even a stream of water flowing by it. The man was delighted; he ate some of the fruit, drank water from the stream and relaxed in the shade.

When he was well rested and ready to continue his journey, he said "Tree oh Tree, how can I bless you? If I was to bless you that your fruits should be sweet, they are already sweet. If I should bless you with plenty of shade, you already have shade. A stream already flows by you, so I can't bless you with water either. I can only bless you that all the trees planted from your seeds should be just like you." Talmud (Ta'anit 5b)

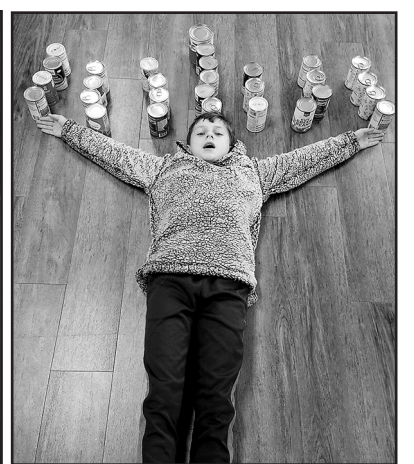
Tu B'Shevat is the New Year of the Trees. We are actually wishing the trees a Yom Huledet Sameach. It seems rather silly that we are wishing trees a happy birthday. However, according to Jewish law, any fruit trees planted in Eretz Yisrael, the land of Israel, could not be eaten for three years. All of the trees' birthdays were calculated on Tu B'Shevat, which is the 15<sup>th</sup> day of the month of Shevat.

The blessings that trees give us are numerous.

- In the summer they give us shade
  - A large tree can provide a day's oxygen for 4 people
  - Trees give us not only wood, paper, fruit, nuts but a buffer against noise
  - Trees contribute to our lives not only physically, but aesthetically and spiritually
- So, we too can bless the trees by being partners with God and helping to protect the environment. We can:
- Use cloth bags instead of paper
  - Turn off lights when we leave a room
  - Recycle, recycle, recycle
  - Planting trees in Israel by supporting JNF
  - Get involved in environmental protection within our community

## Can-ukkah Can Drive

Machanooga students participated in a "Can-ukkah" Can Drive, raising over 200 cans for the Chattanooga Area Food Bank. Before they were donated, each class got the opportunity to have a little bit of fun by building Chanukah-themed sculptures out of them!



## Machanooga Chug Blocks for the 2018-2019 Year

Everyone has a passion, interest, or skill. Whether your strengths be math, art, music, science, cooking, drama, dancing, gardening, sports, history, photography, technology, yoga, meditation. The possibilities are endless, but we need your help to ensure that Machnooga thrives as a community-wide endeavor and opportunity.

Our new Sunday educational initiative is excited to offer at least 2 parallel chugim (elective group activities) for our kids' learning and enjoyment. We are looking for volunteers from the community to consider what you do professionally or what you are passionate about and offer your time for 45 minutes in 2 to 4 week blocks. We truly believe that the best way to learn is to teach which, with the help of you as a volunteer, translates into Machanooga being an incredible opportunity for our young in age to our young at heart.

Each chug will consist of a 2 to 4 week block (can be non-consecutive) with classes lasting 45 minutes (11:15 to 12:00).

### Spring Semester

January 13- Class Resumes  
January 20 - Tu B'Shevat Program  
January 27  
February 3  
February 10  
February 17  
February 24  
March 3  
March 10  
March 17 - NO SCHOOL - Spring Break  
March 24 - NO SCHOOL -Spring Break  
March 31  
April 7  
April 14  
April 21 - NO SCHOOL- Pesach  
April 28  
May 5- Last Day

**PLEASE NOTE:**  
Machanooga will  
be held at MIZPAH  
for  
remainder of  
school year



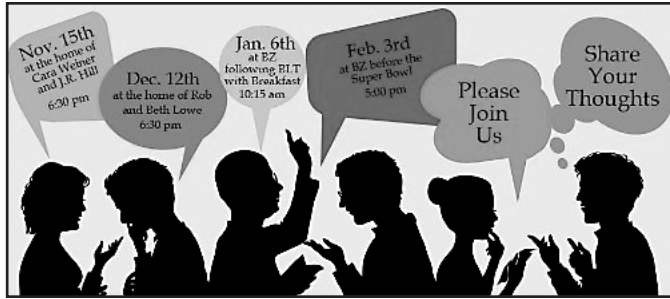


# B'NAI ZION CONGREGATION



**BLT: Bagels, Lox, and Tefillin**  
**Sunday, January 6th at 9:00 am**  
 BLT is B'nai Zion's monthly minyan sponsored by the Men's Club. The age-old tradition of wrapping *Tefillin* binds us to our past, and timely, pertinent discussion topics keep us up-to-date on the present day and future. Our own take on *l'dor v'dor*, from generation to generation. Come for the *davening*, stay for the *schmoozing* and *schmear*. See you there!

## Kehilla (Community) Conversation January 6th at 10:30 am



Last year the General Assembly of Conservative Synagogues overwhelmingly voted to change the standard of membership for United Synagogue. Whereas formerly only Jewish individuals could be members in conservative

synagogues, this governing body, in hopes of fulfilling the vision of the prophet Isaiah ("My House will be called a house of prayer for all people"), is opening the doors to the tent, celebrating and welcoming diversity in our sacred spaces.

These town hall *Kehilla* (community) Conversations have been a huge success with nice turnout, and honest and respectful conversation. We hope that all of our members will choose one of the remaining Town Hall meetings to offer your input on defining membership in B'nai Zion. After BLT, the third installment of the *Kehilla* Conversations will take place at B'nai Zion at 10:30 am.



## Lunch-n-Learn Wednesday, January 9th at noon

After celebrating Max Cowan's Bar Mitzvah at the egalitarian prayer space of

the Kotel and the Western Wall and Rosh Chodesh on Monday the 7th, this Lunch-n-Learn will focus on the history of the Women at the Wall Movement and other controversies surrounding the Kotel, the plaza, and the developments of the past year. Bring your own dairy or pareve lunch as we meet in the B'nai Zion library to feed our minds, souls, and bellies.

Judaism in Depth: taught in conjunction with the American Jewish University



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## Wish being Jewish came with instructions?

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## Judaism in Depth

Beginning on Wednesday evenings in January, this course will serve as the foundational course for the adult bar/bat mitzvah track, conversion, or for those who simply want to know more. Skill-based classes will soon be added, to take in conjunction based on interest and knowledge (i.e. Hebrew reading, Torah reading, service leading, ritual 101...). To express interest or gain further clarity, contact the office or Rabbi Tendler directly.



## This Was No Fry-By-Night

Kudos to the Men's Club whose members made enough latkes to feed a large crowd for our Chanukah dinner on December 7th. We appreciate your work and dedication!



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First Church of the Nazarene will be hosting families from Family Promise the weeks of December 30, 2018 to January 5, 2019 and January 6, 2019 to January 12, 2019. B'nai Zion Congregation covers Monday and Tuesday for both weeks. Please contact Ruth Votava if you are available to be either of greeter, dinner host or overnight host.

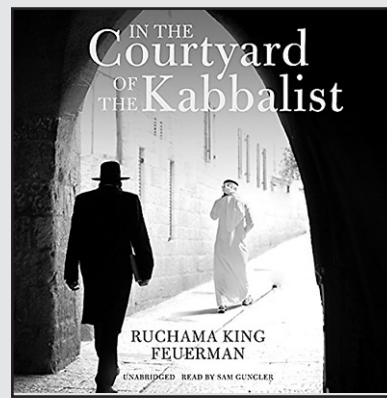


**BZ Speaker Series** – Each month, a congregant will share his/her insights on the Torah portion through their professional/experiential lens. This month we are blessed and honored to have Marilyn Goler speak on January 19th. On this musical Shabbat which contains three different songs in our liturgy, Marilyn will offer her thoughts from the midst of planning her third Jewish musical program in Chattanooga. Coming next month on February 24th Howard Gropper will be our guest speaker.



**Sisterhood Shabbat, January 19th at 9:45 am - Parashat Beshallah** highlights the music of Miriam and Devorah's song. In celebration, our women pick up these notes to create beautiful melodies for Shabbat Shirah - the Sabbath of Song. *Tu B'shevat* (New Year of Trees) themed

kiddush to follow.



Please join us for our next B'nai Zion Book Club at Barnes and Noble at Hamilton Place on Tuesday, January 29th from 12:30 to 1:30 pm.

We will be discussing *In the Courtyard of the Kabbalist* by Ruchama King Feuerman.



## BSI Dates for January 2019 - 4:30 pm

January 9th - Classes Resume

January 12 - Family Shabbat

Youth Shabbat, January 12th at 9:45 am

Join us as our B'nai Zion youth lead the way proving that indeed our future is bright. While the older students lead the majority of services, age appropriate service programming will be available for our youngest members.

**ChooUSY and Kadima are going bowling!** Relax on the last weekend before going back to school with your best USY friends. We'll meet at Spare Time on Brainerd Rd. at noon and bowl for an hour or two! Let Abe, Sadie, or Eytan know if you can make it!



Our gift wrapping / book fair event at **Barnes & Noble on November 28** was a great success. Many thanks to our volunteers: Jackie Rosenfeld, Lynn Hochman, Donna Butler, Leta Berger, Jen Lincove, Traci Sloan, Julie Cowan, Meryl Stark and Barb Oxenhandler. As you can see from the photographs, the children had a blast.





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### JANUARY WORSHIP AND STUDY SCHEDULE

<b>Tuesdays:</b> Introduction to Judaism	6:30-8:45 pm
Note: NO class on January 1 <sup>st</sup> or 22 <sup>nd</sup> )	
<b>Wednesdays:</b> Mussar: Sacred Teachings and Ethics	7:30 am
Mizpah Children's Hebrew School	4:30 pm
<b>Thursdays:</b> Lunch 'n Learn: Seasonal / current events	12:15-1:15 pm
Adult Beginning Hebrew Class	6:00 pm
Note: NO class on January 3 <sup>rd</sup> or 10 <sup>th</sup>	
<b>Fridays:</b> Oneg/Kabbalat Shabbat Services	5:30 / 6:00 pm
January 4th: First Friday Family Shabbat Service & dinner	6:00 / 6:45 pm
January 18th:	
Shabbababat: Children's Service	5:30 pm
 Shirei Shabbat- Sabbath of Song	6:00 pm
(Note: this service held in Feinstein Chapel)	
<b>Saturdays:</b> Torah Study w/ breakfast	9:00 am
Shabbat Worship services w/ Torah Reading	11:00 am
(Note: this service held in Feinstein Chapel)	
No Torah Study January 19 <sup>th</sup> : Bat Mitzvah of Aliya Opengart	10:30 am



#### Introduction to Judaism

Meets Tuesdays at 6:30 pm in Feinstein Hall. Taught by Rabbi Craig Lewis. \$50 fee for materials. Note: NO class on January 1<sup>st</sup> or 22<sup>nd</sup>)

#### Wednesday Morning Mussar

Wednesdays at 7:30 a.m.



Mussar is a 1,000-year-old tradition of Jewish study in which the focus is practical application of our sacred teachings into the ethics by which we guide our lives. We use teachings from Alan Morinis' book, *Every Day, Holy Day*, as launching off points to discuss Jewish values and to explore 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 for the rest of the day.



#### First Friday Shabbat Dinner Friday, January 4th at 6pm

The First Friday dinner in January will be: Chicken in the Pot, veggies, salads, vegetarian and child-friendly options.

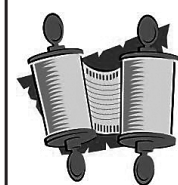
#### Aliya Opengart Bat Mitzvah

Saturday, January 19



Aliya Opengart, daughter of Ken and Rose Opengart, sister to Juliana and Zachary, and granddaughter to Miriam Edelstein of Nanuet NY, Richard and Pat Edelstein of Monterey, Mass. and Arlene Opengart of Richmond VA, will be called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah at Mizpah Congregation on January 19.

Aliya attends Signal Mountain Middle School, where she is in the gifted program and plays varsity tennis and plans to play lacrosse in the Spring. The community is invited to attend the service.



#### Shabbat Morning Torah Study:

Every Shabbat morning at 9:15 am  
 Led by Rabbi Craig Lewis  
 Preceded by lox, bagels and coffee

#### Shirei Shabbat

3rd Shabbat each month at 6pm (preceded by Shabbababat at 5:30 pm)

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## Man is Compared to the Tree of the Field

Tu B'shevat--the "birthday of the trees"--is a holiday that many of us remember fondly. Below are a few of my thoughts on the holiday and on what we can learn from it.

### 1. Keep on growing...

A tree never stops growing. No matter how large the tree is, every year it adds height and thickness. Additionally, the tree isn't satisfied with the fruit it produced last season; every year it continues to offer the world new, fresh produce. We too must always continue to grow, in our knowledge of Torah, in service of G-d, and relationship with our fellow man. And the mitzvos we produced yesterday--the charity we gave, the good deeds we've done--don't exempt us from doing the same today.

### 2. Always remember your foundation.

Although a tree must produce new fruit, it cannot survive, much less produce a quality crop, unless it has strong and viable roots. Similarly, in order for us to be of service, we must ground ourselves in a strong foundation of faith in G-d, based on his Torah and our commitment to fulfilling His will.

### 3. Care for the seedling

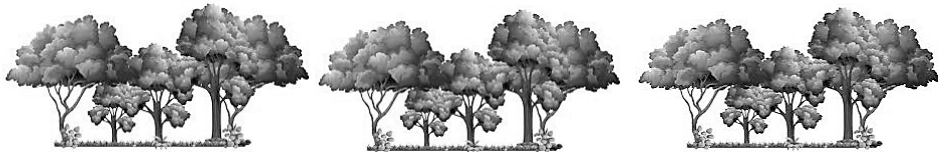
Even a slight damage or nick to the seed or tender sapling will cause a gross malformation in the grown tree. However, once the tree is full-grown, it fends for itself and can withstand even large scrapes and bruises. A young child's mind and heart are similarly delicate. It is so important to make sure children receive proper Jewish care and education, and are not exposed to damaging nicks and bruises. Never say that your child's Jewish education can wait until he or she matures. By then it is often too late.

### 4. The Talmud relates:

Once a man walking in the desert was tired, hungry and thirsty. He found a tree with sweet fruits, bountiful shade, and a stream of water flowing by it. The man ate the tree's fruit, drank from its stream and relaxed in its shade. When he was refreshed and ready to leave, he said, "Tree, tree, how can I bless you? If I were to bless you that your fruits should be sweet, they are already sweet. If I should bless you with plenty of shade, you already have shade. A stream already flows by you, so I can't bless you with water either. I can only bless you that all the trees planted from your seeds should be just like you."

### 5. Life Lesson

Some people grow like wheat of the field, bursting forth and ripening in a single season. But their produce must be shelled and ground and refined and kneaded and baked before providing good to the world--and much must be cast aside. Others grow like the date palm, which may weather seventy years before its first fruit arrives. But it is fruit that is sweet and satisfying to the hand that picks it, and every part of the palm and its fruit have something of value to provide.



## The Final Night of Chanukah

The last night of Chanukah we had a warm dinner including Bruce Weiss's amazing latkes (below) and a traditional Chanukah dairy dinner. Guest speaker IDF Colonel Arik Ben-Kish (left) served in tank units during the Yom Kippur and Lebanon wars. The 10th generation of his family to be born in Jerusalem, Arik retired from the IDF as a colonel and became the Vice President of an Israeli company. His story was enjoyed by all. May the light warmth & joy of Chanukah shine through the entire year!!!



## Chanukah Car Parade and Ice Menorah Lighting Brought Warmth and Joy



No one really minded the cold. It didn't seem to affect the kids at all, who before the start of the annual car-menorah parade were running back and forth next to the growing lineup that included tiny sports cars, luxurious convertibles, Jeeps, and family cars.

The motorcade of 25 cars began inching down Market Street and blasted Chanukah music along the way. Folks on the sidewalks waved and clapped as the Chabad-sponsored car line snaked its way eastward, past the aquarium, past five-star hotels, past shops, and City Hall.

After parking their cars people filed to the site of the ice skating rink at the Choo Choo. Jelly doughnuts and hot latkes were doled out to the crowd as they listened to Chanukah music, watched Chattanooga Mayor Andy Berke and Congressman Chuck Fleischman light the ice menorah. Thank you to our sponsors for lighting up Chattanooga this Chanukah and every day.



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# HADASSAH NEWS



## Hadassah Happenings

by Judy Sachsman  
Chapter Reporter



A special thank you to Carla Morrow for helping everyone celebrate Chanukah at a joint Hadassah-Federation luncheon. Carla arranged for a fabulous Klezmer music program with Ed Bergin on accordion and Gordon Iman on clarinet. And thank you to Ann Treadwell and Michael Dzik for their help with this event. All those donations to the Chattanooga Food Bank and toiletries for Room in the Inn have been greatly appreciated.

Hadassah will honor its chapter Volunteer of the Year Vicki Lewis at the January 6th Federation Annual Meeting. Vicki has been coordinating the Room in the Inn event for the last two years and will host "Cooking with Chen" at her home in February.

The Southern Region of Hadassah will honor Chattanooga's Woman of the Year Beverly Coulter at the January Region Board Meeting in Baton Rouge. Beverly has been coordinating the Nurses and Medical-Related field members over the last two years, arranging several meetings and hosting the most recent Barbie Potts program at her home.

Hadassah will host dinner at Room in the Inn, a home for women and their dependents on Monday, January 14th. Please let Vicki Lewis know what food items or monetary gifts members will be contributing so she can coordinate the meal. Usually there are about 20-25 residents at any given time. Donors can drop off clearly-labeled food items on January 14th by 5 p.m. at 230 Highland Park Ave. If anyone would prefer to bring items directly to Vicki or to leave them at Mizpah, please contact Vicki at (205)502-3749 or email lewisvicki75@gmail.com. Room in the Inn empowers homeless women and their children to become financially independent.

Join Chen Dahan, Federation shlichah, for a cooking demonstration and brunch in honor of Israeli Mother's Day on Sunday, February 10, at 1 p.m. at Vicki Lewis' home. RSVP to Chen at the Federation: israel@jewishchattanooga.com, or to Vicki, so enough food will be available. The fee will be \$10 a person. Come for the food and the camaraderie!

During Purim, Hadassah will hold its annual Hadassah Shabbat this year at B'nai Zion, arranged with the help of Rabbi Tendler and Ruth Votava.

At a May 5th tea, Deborah Levine will discuss her award-winning memoir (see right), *The Magic Marble Tree*, which focuses on women, healing, and Judaism, at the home of Dana Banks.

Remember each lifecycle event with membership in Hadassah. Contact Judy Sachsman for information about membership.

**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.**

## Federation/Hadassah Chanukah Luncheon December 4





As always, we have great gift ideas for Life Cycle events or "Just For Instance" that are perfect to support Hadassah and Young Judaea as well. Jewelry and Certificates can be just the right thing.

Still new on the scene is the Endless Beginnings pendant that supports medical research at Hadassah Medical Center. These beautiful pendants can be purchased for \$150. Bangle charm bracelets support our Young Judeans and Camp Judaea facilities. Charms include the Young Judaea lion, hamsa and Star of David. (Visit Hadassah.org to see these.) Purchase one for \$25, two for \$48 or three for \$70.

You can also always buy Hadassah Certificates for \$18, \$25, \$36 or \$50. For all jewelry and certificates, contact Millie Lander. To purchase cards for any occasion, contact Paula Israel.


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## **Jewish Federation Mission Statement**

The Jewish Federation of Greater Chattanooga builds and fosters a strong unified Jewish community and strives to ensure its well-being and continuity locally, in Israel, and throughout the world.

## **Jewish Cultural Center Statement of Purpose**

The Jewish Cultural Center, funded by the Jewish Federation of Greater Chattanooga, is a venue for programs, classes, and exhibits; social services; and a preschool—all rooted in Jewish values. The facility enables the Jewish community to raise its visibility, foster relationships, and strengthen its identity in the Chattanooga area.

## **Shofar Policies and Procedures**

### **Article/Advertising Deadline**

The deadline for *Shofar* articles, announcements, photos and advertising is the 8th of the preceding month. Submit articles via email to *Shofar* editor Dana Shavin at [dshavin@jewishchattanooga.com](mailto:dshavin@jewishchattanooga.com). Photos should be e-mailed as high resolution (300 dpi) jpeg files. Hard copies of photos will be returned once they are scanned and the issue has gone to press.

### **The Shofar calendar**

The Federation maintains an online calendar for the community that includes congregational events, social activities, special services and celebrations. Contact Jake Balsler at the Federation (493-0270, ext. 10; [federation@jewishchattanooga.com](mailto:federation@jewishchattanooga.com)) before scheduling your event and/or to add your date to the calendar. View the online calendar by visiting [www.jewishchattanooga.com](http://www.jewishchattanooga.com) and clicking the calendar tab.

Only Jewish Federation and Federation-sponsored events are listed on the *Shofar* calendar, which appears on the inside back page of each issue.

### **Letters to the Editor**

It is the policy of *The Shofar* to encourage letters to the editor. For a letter to be published, it must be signed. The writer's name will be printed. Letters may be edited for length and are selected for publication at the discretion of the editor. Letters should be no more than 200 words.

### **Mazel Tovs and Condolences**

Please contact Dana Shavin (or [dshavin@jewishchattanooga.com](mailto:dshavin@jewishchattanooga.com) or 493-0270, ext. 12) with information regarding mazel tovs and condolences. Whenever possible, dates of death will be printed. These announcements are accepted until the 20th of the month.

Articles about upcoming Bar/Bat Mitzvahs, weddings and other special events are featured on the Community Lifecycles page. Text and photo must be provided in accordance with *Shofar* deadline on the 8th of the month preceding the issue.

### **Corrections**

Please contact *Shofar* editor Dana Shavin if you find an error in *The Shofar*. We aim for accuracy.

### **Community Directory Updates**

If you have updates/corrections to the community directory, please contact the Federation at [federation@jewishchattanooga.com](mailto:federation@jewishchattanooga.com) or 493-0270, ext. 10. You can also make corrections at our website, [jewishchattanooga.com](http://jewishchattanooga.com).



# January 2019 Tevet/Shevat 5779

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29	30	1 <b>NEW YEARS DAY</b> AB and <b>FEDERATION</b> CLOSED	2	3  <b>YJL Thirsty</b> <b>Thursday</b> 5:30 pm, Location TBD	4  Candle Lighting 5:25	5  Candle Lighting 6:25
6 <b>Soups and Sweets: Fed. Annual Meeting</b> 4:00, JCC <b>Machanooga at MZP</b>	7	8 <b>Tuesday Cafe</b> Noon, JCC <hr/> <b>Hebrew Class</b> 5:30, JCC	9 <b>Jewish Doc. Film Series: "Jewish Soldiers in Blue and Gray"</b> 7:15, JCC	10	11  <b>YJL Shabbat</b> Place TBD  Candle Lighting 5:31	12  Candle Lighting 6:31
13  <b>Machanooga at MZP</b>	14 <b>Israeli Dance Classes</b> 5:30, JCC	15 <b>Tuesday Cafe</b> Noon, JCC	16 <b>Jewish Doc. Film Series: "Land of Milk and Funny"</b> 7:15, JCC	17	18  Candle Lighting 5:38	19  Candle Lighting 6:37
20  <b>Machanooga at MZP</b>	21	22 <b>Tuesday Cafe</b> Noon, JCC	23 <b>Jewish Doc. Film Series: "Inside the Mossad"</b> 7:15, JCC	24	25  Candle Lighting 5:45	26  Candle Lighting 6:44
27 <b>Machanooga at MZP</b> <b>Jew Crew</b> 12:15 <b>International Holocaust Day</b> <b>Doc. Film "Who Will Write Our History"</b> 3pm, JCC	28 <b>School Screening of Who Will Write Our History</b> Time TBD, JCC <hr/> <b>Israeli Dance Classes</b> 5:30, JCC	29 <b>Tuesday Cafe</b> Noon, JCC	30	31	1  Candle Lighting 5:52	2  Candle Lighting 6:50

For an up-to-the-minute version of a calendar that displays events for all Jewish community organizations, click the **Community Calendar** tab on the homepage of [www.jewishchattanooga.com](http://www.jewishchattanooga.com). The **Shofar** calendar lists only Jewish Federation and Federation-sponsored events.

## Key January Federation Dates

### Federation Annual Meeting

Sunday, January 6

### Tuesday Cafe

Tuesdays, January 8, 15, 22, 29

### Jewish Documentary Film Series

Wednesdays, January 9, 16, 23

### International Holocaust Day Film Screening

Sunday, January 27

## Calendar Abbreviation Key

<b>AB</b>	Aleph Bet Children's Center
<b>JCC</b>	Jewish Cultural Center
<b>MZP</b>	Mizpah Congregation
<b>P2G</b>	Partnership 2Gether
<b>YJL</b>	Young Jewish Leadership

You can now update your contact information for the Directory by going to the website! Simply go to <https://www.jewishchattanooga.com/directory>. It's that easy!

Please see page 18 for Shofar policies and procedures.

The Shofar is online at the Federation website.  
Go to [Jewishchattanooga.com/Shofar](http://Jewishchattanooga.com/Shofar)  
The online Community Calendar is current.

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