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SHLICHIM PROGRAM



When Voting is Not Enough

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On March 28th, two weeks before the general elections in Israel, I had the opportunity to join thousands of shlichim all over the world in casting my vote. I drove all the way from Chattanooga to the Consul General's offices in Atlanta to pick one ballot and put it in a box. It took five minutes.

Was it worth it?

I am writing these lines when it is still the night after Election Day in Israel, and the results are not yet clear. The polls predicted a slight advantage to the "Kahol Lavan" party (Blue and White) but as the night goes on, it seems like our current prime minister, Benjamin Netanyahu and the "Likud" party, are going to form our next government.

To be completely honest, and this is MY opinion only, I am not happy right now. But more than that, I am confused and torn. I have been in Chattanooga almost two years (already?!), representing MY Israel and MY people. But today, as a celebration of democracy occurs in Israel, I once again am reminded that I am actually a minority in Israeli political life.

I am asking myself this evening: How can I represent MY people if the majority of MY people want to be represented by a politician I cannot agree with? I can only hope that Israelis don't want to be solely represented by how they vote, but also by how we walk and talk, love and hate, what makes us happy and sad. I think I brought to Chattanooga at least a sense of that.

One lesson I have learned in these elections is that while voting is highly important, it is not enough for me. Democracy is not only about putting one ballot in a box every four years. It is about being actively involved in every aspect of life. With this in mind, next year I'll be starting school at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem with three degree majors: philosophy, economy, and politics. In the next elections, I might be able to do more and be some kind of a change-maker in Israel.

Good Deeds Day April 7th



Yom HaZikaron and Yom Ha'aztmaut at the JCC

Israel Yoms are Israel's National days: **Memorial Day for the Fallen Soldiers and Victims of Terrorism** and **Israeli Independence Day**. Every year those days are mentioned one after another to emphasize the principle that life in Israel would not be possible without the sacrifice of our own soldiers. We will honor the fallen soldiers of war and the civilian victims of terror attacks at our Yom HaZikaron service Wednesday, May 8th at 7pm. Please wear white.

On Thursday, May 9th we will celebrate Israeli Independence Day (Yom Ha'atzmaut) beginning at 6pm with an Israeli dinner, spoken word artist, and music. Cost for dinner is \$12; please RSVP to rsvp@jewishchattanooga.com, or for more information about these events call (423) 493-0270.

Andrew Lustig, Spoken Word Artist at Yom HaZikaron and Yom Ha'atzmaut May 8 and 9



Andrew Lustig is a writer, a 'Jewish Slam Poet,' and a creative writing teacher. His Jewish poetry videos have reached millions in live performances and in viral videos. Andrew is a Dorot Fellow and a Pardes Institute of Jewish Studies alum. Andrew also spends his summers as an artist-in-residence at the Brandeis Collegiate Institute in L.A. Andrew has delivered keynote addresses at national conferences for the USCJ, the URJ the UJIA in London, the JNF, BBYO, Hillel and the WUJS.

Special Guest Eleanor Tallie Steinberg Performing at Yom Ha'atzmaut May 9



Born and raised in Israel, Eleanor Tallie Steinberg is songwriter, performer, recording artist, and multi-instrumentalist. Eleanor has been active both as an artist in the Jewish community, as well as a Neo-Soul artist who writes her original music. In the last five years, Eleanor has toured Europe and the US with over 300 shows to date in 35 states. Eleanor showcases her dynamic musical abilities while fusing the two sides of her global Jewish identity (Ashkenazi and Sephardic) into one unforgettable experience.

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MACHANOOGA

The End is in Sight

It is hard to believe that our Machanooga school year is coming to an end. As the saying goes, "It takes a village," and Machanooga truly is the entire Jewish community's effort to ensure a successful Jewish education for all of our children.

Our Judaic curriculum, Shalom Learning, is a valuable tool for our children to learn about Jewish values and how to implement them. Values that Abraham and Sarah lived by are as relevant today as they were in the past. The success of this curriculum is due to our teachers, Alex Chenkus, Nicole Taege, Traci Sloan and Rabbi Lewis. A thank you to Rabbi Tendler for all of her help and support this year.

Our chugim (electives) offered our children an opportunity to learn a new skill or enhance a skill. Thank you to all of our Chugim leaders who shared their expertise!

Machanooga has been extremely fortunate to have Chen Dahan, our shlichah from Israel, working with our students. Once a month she came and shared her love of Israel. Thank you Chen!

We would all be lost without our madrachim. Thank you for giving up sleeping in on Sunday mornings. You all are the Jewish leaders of tomorrow.

Now on to planning for a successful 2019-2020 Machanooga school year!



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Have a great summer!
B'Shalom,
Lily Dropkin
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Good Deeds Day Doers

Grades Pre K to 2nd did Good Deeds at Mizpah, including packing lunches for the homeless, and making dog toys and Passover cards. Grades 3-5 volunteered at the Pet Placement Center, while grades 6 and up went to the Creative Discovery Museum and volunteered.



B'NAI ZION CONGREGATION

Purim at B'nai Zion



Shabbat at Ashwood Square



Join your BZ Family as we make a minyan at Ashwood Square Retirement Community to help everyone fulfill the mitzvah of Shabbat! We meet the **1st Friday of every month at 6:00** for the Evening Services at **7683 Shallowford Rd.**

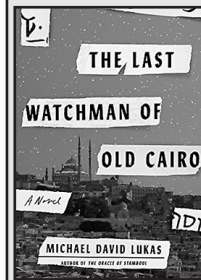
Speaker Series Continues May 4 with Sanford Winer



Sanford will speak **Saturday, May 4** about *Parashat Acharei Mot*, which contains all of the drama of the top award winning film. Sanford Winer began the Chattanooga Jewish Film Series in 2008 and it continues to grow in size and quality.

B'nai Zion Book Club

Tuesday, May 14 (this is a new date) at **2:30 Barnes & Noble Cafe at Hamilton Place**



The Last Watchman of Old Cairo by Michael David Lucas follows a young man's journey from California to Cairo to unravel centuries-old family secrets. **June 11: *Enemies, A Love Story*** by Isaac Bashevis Singer, in partnership with the Federation's Film Series (June 12).

Youth Shabbat and Graduation is May 11 BSI/Youth Shabbat and closing ceremonies! Join us as we honor our graduates, induct our new members of Ashrei Academy, thank teachers, and celebrate all of our youth with a special kiddish! All of our students will participate in the Shabbat morning service.

Hike With B'nai Zion

Craven House to Sunset Rock offers an iconic view of Lookout Mountain, the Tennessee River snaking its way around Moccasin Bend, the meadows of Reflection Riding and more! May 19, leaving Craven House upper parking lot at 10:30 am. 3 mile round trip - mostly flat with gradual uphill, manageable for most.



Shabbat in the Park

Coolidge Park - Young family Shabbat story time communal candle lighting, kiddish and motzi bring your own family picnic 5:30 until bedtime...



3rd shabbat of the month
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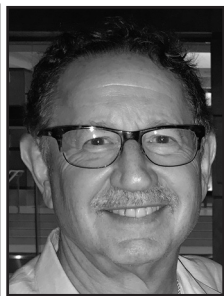


B'nai Zion Annual Meeting
Thursday June 6, 2019 at 5:30 PM
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First Friday Shabbat Dinner May 5



Please join us for our *Cinco de Mizpah Celebration* as we honor our new members. Our home-cooked meal is lovingly prepared by Paula and David Israel and their loyal crew. Vegetarian and child-friendly options always available. Call to RSVP: 267-9771.

MAY WORSHIP AND STUDY SCHEDULE

<u>Wednesdays:</u> Mussar: Sacred Teachings and Ethics	7:30 am
Hebrew School	4:30 pm
<u>Thursdays:</u> Lunch 'n Learn: Seasonal / current events	12:15 pm
<u>Fridays:</u> Oneg/Kabbalat Shabbat Services	5:30 / 6:00 pm
May 3 First Friday Family Shabbat Service/dinner	6:00 / 6:45 pm
Scholar in Residence: Jamie Downing, PhD	
May 17 Shabbabat Kids Program and Meal	5:30 pm
May 17 Shirei Shabbat:	
Service of Meditation and Song	6:00 pm
<u>Saturdays:</u> Torah Study w/ breakfast	9:00 am
Shabbat services w/ Torah/Haftarah Reading	11:00 am
<u>Sundays:</u> Machanooga: Sunday School	10:00 am
(School ends May 12 th)	

Please Note: Due to normal security concerns, Mizpah doors - front and back - are locked at all times. Use the code or ring the bell. Thanks.

Shirei Shabbat: Sabbath of Song and Meditation



Every 3rd Shabbat of the month in Feinstein Chapel.

May 17: Amy Cohen, song leader.



Purim at Mizpah



Rabbi Lewis Speaks at Interfaith Dialogue at Brainerd Baptist Church April 7



Left-r: Pastor Micah Fries, Brainerd Baptist; Rabbi Lewis; Imam Ossama Bahloul, Nashville Islamic Center.

Lunch and Learn

Thursdays from 12:15-1:15

Bring your own lunch as Rabbi Lewis presents teachings on seasonal topics: upcoming holidays, world events, or as guided by the interest of participants. These sessions will be a pleasant way to see Temple friends during the week and to explore deeper understandings of Judaism together.



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.

Scholar in Residence at Mizpah



Join us for an exciting weekend **May 3-5th** for our Scholar-in-Residence program. Jamie Downing, PhD, Assistant Professor of Rhetoric at Georgia College and State University, present "American Judaism: A Process of Becoming." Dr. Downing is a wonderful scholar and a magnificent teacher. You will not want to miss these sessions. She will offer the sermon on Friday night, lead a special session of Torah Study on Shabbat, and join us Shabbat afternoon at 6:30 pm for Havdalah, dinner and learning. Mark your calendars!

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Lag BaOmer: What to Know

Lag BaOmer is May 22 and May 23

Lag BaOmer, is a festive day on the Jewish calendar. It is the Yahrzeit of the famed Rabbi Shimon bar Yochai, who instructed his disciples to mark the date as “the day of my joy.”

Lag BaOmer also commemorates another joyous event. The Talmud relates that in the weeks between the Jewish holidays of Passover and Shavuot, a plague raged amongst the disciples of the great sage Rabbi Akiva, “because they did not act respectfully towards each other.” These weeks are therefore observed as a period of mourning, with various joyous activities proscribed by law and custom. On Lag BaOmer the deaths ceased. Thus, Lag BaOmer also carries the theme of the imperative to love and respect one’s fellow (ahavat yisrael).

What do we do on Lag BaOmer?

It is traditional to light bonfires! These commemorate the immense light that Rabbi Shimon bar Yochai introduced into the world via his mystical teachings. This was especially true on the day of his passing, Lag BaOmer, when he revealed to his disciples secrets of the Torah whose profundity and intensity the world had yet to experience.

By far, the largest Lag BaOmer celebration takes place in and around Rabbi Shimon’s tomb, located in the northern Israeli village of Meron. Hundreds of thousands from all walks of Israeli culture attend the festivities, and the round-the-clock celebration, singing and dancing are unparalleled.


--Children customarily go out into the fields and play with imitation bows and arrows. This commemorates the tradition that no rainbow was seen during Rabbi Shimon’s lifetime. Rainbows first appeared after Noah’s flood, when

--G-d promised to never again devastate the world. When the world is deserving of punishment, G-d sends a rainbow instead. Rabbi Shimon’s merit protected the world, rendering the rainbow superfluous.

--The Chabad Rebbe encouraged the practice of arranging children’s parades on Lag BaOmer in celebration of Jewish unity a major Lag BaOmer theme.


--The Chattanooga Lag B’Omer event will take place at the magnificent McDonald, farm called Powder Springs Farm. We will celebrate with a massive bonfire, day at the lake zip lining and an extravagant barbecue including smoked brisket and corn beef.

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Happy Lag BaOmer!

HADASSAH NEWS



Hadassah Happenings

by Judy Sachsman
Chapter Reporter



Hadassah members appreciate the B'nai Zion "Purim Traditions, Old and New," coordinated by Rabbi Susan Tendler, which included baking, noshing and learning. Randi Weiss, Ruth Votava and Millie Lander also helped with the baking and programming for this event.

A special thank you to Bev Coulter for arranging a "hands on" CPR/AED training session for Hadassah members at the JCC. Bev was able to apply a grant that underwrites the training so there was no charge for participants. This was the second time Bev has organized this important health safety event for Hadassah.

At a May 5th tea, Deborah Levine will discuss her award-winning memoir, *The Magic Marble Tree*, which focuses on women, healing and Judaism, at the home of Dana Banks. This should be an international celebration of Deborah growing up in the Bahamas. It falls on Cinco de Mayo, and we will have some Greek treats. RSVP to jmsachsman@gmail.com or dbbanks1@aol.com

Beverly Coulter, Vicki Lewis, Judy Sachsman, and Dana Waxler travelled to Birmingham April 13th for the Southern Region Spring Board meeting. Any Hadassah member who would like to attend a future board meeting should speak to Judy Sachsman or Dana Waxler. The Southern Region Fall Board meeting is scheduled for September 14-15, again in Birmingham. The National Hadassah Convention will be in New York City, July 15-17. Any member who would like to experience that exciting event should contact Dana Waxler (706 820 4013).

It's not too late to participate in Hadassah's "no show" fundraising event in support of Hadassah's 360 (Full Circle) Campaign for the renovation and expansion of the original Round Building at Hadassah Medical Center in Ein Kerem, Israel. Hadassah is adding seventeen operating rooms and over 200 patient beds to the original design. Donations can still be sent to Millie Lander (4118 Cherryton Dr, Chattanooga, TN 37411)

Celebrate each lifecycle event with membership in Hadassah. Contact Judy Sachsman for information about annual and life membership. (jmsachsman@gmail.com)

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.

Remember, we don't just stand for the Power of Women Who Do, we have "The power of women to change the status quo."

Want to raise some more awareness? Like Hadassah on Facebook, follow us on Twitter and find us on Pinterest.

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.

Southern Region Spring Board Meeting was April 13 in Birmingham



Judy Sachsman, Vicki Lewis, Dana Waxler, and Beverly Coulter at the Southern Region Spring Board meeting



Marla Kameny, Southern Region President, fastens the Chattanooga Southern Region Woman of the Year pin on Beverly Coulter



Bettye Berlin, former President of the Southern Region, Beverly Coulter, and Marla Kameny

Hadassah CPR and Automated External Defibrillator Training



Emily McKinney, We R CPR trainer, demonstrating proper defibrillator application on an infant manikin

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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.

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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) before scheduling your event and/or to add your date to the calendar. View the online calendar by visiting 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.

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Please contact Dana Shavin (or 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

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Community Directory Updates

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

May 2019 Nisan/Iyar 5779

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	29	30 Tuesday Cafe Noon, JCC	1 Yom HaShoah 7pm, JCC	2	3 Candle Lighting 8:10	4 Candle Lighting 9:10
5 Machanooga at MZP	6	7 Tuesday Cafe Noon, JCC CUFI Event 7pm, Cleveland, TN	8 Yom HaZikaron 7pm, JCC	9 Yom Ha'atzmaut 6pm, JCC	10 Candle Lighting 8:16	11 Candle Lighting 9:16
12	13	14 Tuesday Cafe Noon, JCC	15 Jewish Film Series Sponsor Event 6pm, JCC	16	17 Candle Lighting 8:21	18 Candle Lighting 9:22
19	20 Foreign Policy Supper Club JCC, 6pm	21 Tuesday Cafe Noon, JCC	22 Jewish Film Series Screening of The Tobacconist 7:15pm, JCC	23 AB End of Year Program 4:00pm, JCC	24 YJL Shabbat Dinner Home TBD Candle Lighting 8:26	25 Candle Lighting 9:28
26	27 FEDERATION AND AB CLOSED FOR MEMORIAL DAY	28 Tuesday Cafe Noon, JCC	29 Jewish Film Series Screening of Redemption 7:15pm, JCC	30	31 Candle Lighting 8:31	1 Candle Lighting 9:34

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. The Shofar calendar lists only Jewish Federation and Federation-sponsored events.

Key May Federation Dates

Tuesday Cafe
Tuesdays, May 7, 14, 21, 28

Yom HaShoah
Wednesday, May 1

Yom HaZikaron
Wednesday, May 8

Yom Ha'atzmaut
Thursday, May 9

Jewish Film Series Sponsor Event
Wednesday, May 15

Foreign Policy Supper Club
Monday, May 20

Jewish Film Series
Wednesday, May 22

AB End of Year Program
Thursday, May 23

Jewish Film Series
Wednesday, May 29

Calendar Abbreviation Key

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

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