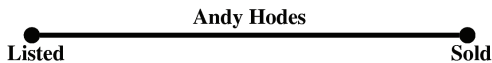


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Shanah Tova! We love kicking off the start of this new season at Aleph Bet with stories, songs, and a birthday party for the world. This year we're also having an extra special event to celebrate the new year. Aleph Bet is partnering with Wheeler's Orchard for an afternoon of farm tours and the opportunity to go apple picking! We hope everyone will join us on **October 6th** for this family fun event. Tickets may be purchased the day of the event for \$10 each, or you can purchase a family pass in advance, \$40 for five people, at aleph-bet.com. See you at the farm!

SHANA TOVAH!
 Celebrate the new year with
Aleph Bet at Wheeler's Orchard

Join us for farm tours and the opportunity to pick-your-own apples at beautiful Wheeler's Orchard!

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6
 12:00-6:00
 956 WHEELER RD
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Tour Cost: \$10 per person day of the event, or buy a family pass in advance (good for up to 5 people) for \$40!
 Advance tickets may be purchased at Aleph Bet, or aleph-bet.com

A portion of ticket purchase price will benefit Aleph Bet Children's Center. Apples and other items at the farm may be bought separately, with proceeds going to Wheeler's Orchard.



Counterclockwise, from above: *Lily Dropkin from Machanooga visits Aleph Bet; quiet play time; buddies on the playground; cool guys enjoying a cool day.*



shlichim program



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A Little More About Me

Hey Y'all!

I've completed a month in

this amazing city! I have met lots of people and I look forward to meeting many more of you very soon. Already the experience exceeds any expectations I had. The view is stunning, the people are lovely, and the community is so special! I have a lot more to learn, but community members have already helped me a lot! Thank you for that.

Let me tell you a little more about myself. I come from a small town in southern Israel called Sderot. Sderot is a city that started as a transit camp (housing for new immigrants in the 1950s) and has evolved over the years into a city in itself. Today, fewer than 30,000 residents live in the city, most of them from the communities of Morocco and the Soviet Union, which together form a small, warm community.

Sderot is recognized as a musical city that has spawned a number of artists and bands that have become a significant part of Israeli music culture. In recent years, the city has been growing and growing, mainly thanks to "Sapir College" --a small college specializing in the arts --which attracts active students from all over Israel who have established diverse businesses over the years. During the spring, the city also attracts tourists from all over Israel thanks to the "anemones" blossom: a unique red flower that colors the hills bright red. In addition, the city holds various festivals throughout the year, one of which is the Film Festival - Southern Cinema.

Unfortunately, the city also has a less glamorous reputation as the closest city to the Gaza Strip, and includes kibbutzim and other *moshavim* in the area as the "Gaza envelope" area. The city has been under rocket threat from Hamas for twenty years. During these years, the residents lived through a large number of military operations and sat through long hours in shelters, knowing their lives could change from moment to moment. Due to the security situation, the city is considered to be the "most protected city in the world." Schools, businesses, bus stations and homes are all equipped with sheltered space. I will tell you about the unorthodox reality and life in Sderot more extensively at my program on October 24th.

Sderot



RSVP

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Small city, big challenges



Thursday, October 24 @ 7pm

At 18, I joined the IDF Navy and served on a battleship as a mechanic for three years. It was a particularly challenging service where I came to know the sea and the machine. Upon release from the army, I moved to the city of Eilat - the southernmost city in Israel that lies on the Red Sea coast and borders Jordan and Egypt. In Eilat I worked in the hotel industry as a bartender at what was considered one of the best cocktail bars in Israel.

Eilat is a special city that combines desert and sea and which hosts a variety of activities such as field trips, jeep tours, scuba diving, or just sitting on the beach and enjoying the indulgent heat of the desert. I lived in Eilat for two years.

After my time in Eilat, I returned home to Sderot, continued to work as a bartender, and at the same time completed my studies for the university. In September 2018, I started studying at Ben Gurion University in Beer-Sheva. After the first semester, I realized that engineering studies were not for me and went looking for work that combines more education and community activities. This is how I found myself at the Jewish Agency that sent me to this charming city of Chattanooga!

I love to travel, and have visited quite a few countries: Greece, Spain, Germany, Hungary, Thailand, Cambodia, Vietnam, India, and more recently, Egypt and Montenegro. Of course, in Israel too, I have traveled quite a bit, and I am proud to say that I know my country mainly through my feet. Feel free to ask me about my trips and share your experiences with me!



I am available to meet up for coffee, lunch, or dinner! I'd love to get to know you! Contact me (info above)!



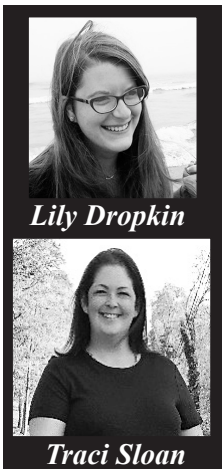
Shalom everyone!

This year is going to be our best yet! Many of our students have learned about tzedakah, and how we can make a difference in others' lives by "filling their bucket" with good feelings, nice thoughts, mitzvot, and tzedakah. We talked about where we'd like to give tzedakah this year, and what was important to each of us.

We've also started our first chugim (or elective) rotation: yoga with Alex C., and painting, with Lizi C. Students are painting and learning *B'tzelem Elohim* (being made in God's image), and exercising with the aleph bet and mindfulness. Interested in teaching a chug? Check out our calendar and contact us, we'd love to have you!

A reminder: parents, please sign children in and out of the building before and after class. If you are carpooling, just make sure that you have authorized your carpool buddy to leave with your children, and they can sign them in and out.

Please contact Traci Sloan at traci.sloan@gmail.com or Lily Dropkin at youth@mizpahcongregation.org with any questions.



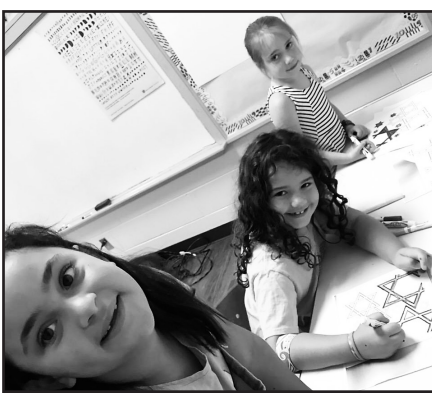
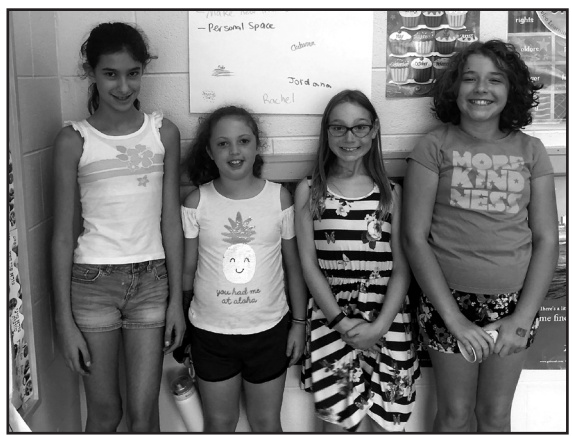
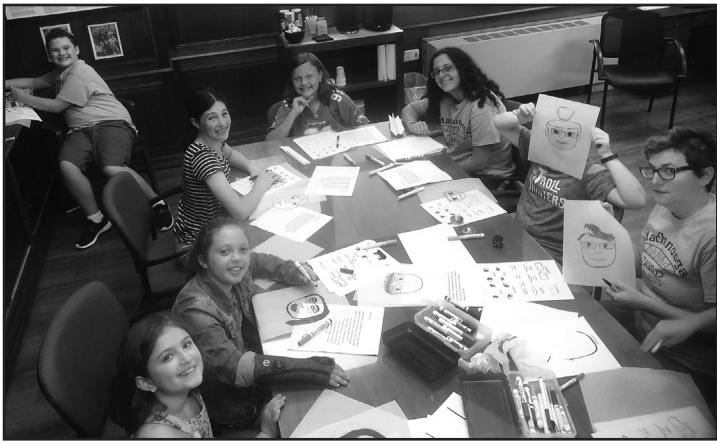
October 2019 Schedule

October 6 - NO SCHOOL - Fall Break
 October 13 - NO SCHOOL - Fall Break
 October 20
 October 27

Chug Block 2

October 20th
 October 27th
 November 3rd

Each chug consists of a 2 to 4 week block (can be non-consecutive) with classes lasting 45 minutes (11:15 to 12:00). To Sign up to teach a chug, contact Lily or Traci.





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The Mizpah Congregation **Annual Food Drive** to support the Chattanooga Food Bank is back! This annual High Holy Days drive begins with *S'lichot* and ends with *Sukkot*. Bring your items or drop off a check. Vivian Hershey, Chair Social Action



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.



Mizpah and Family Promise
Our next session begins on **October**

27th. Please consider giving your time for this very important activity. It is a wonderful opportunity to support the families who are engaged with Family Promise. Their mission: Help Families with Children Achieve and Sustain Independence Through Community Partnerships. We are part of this network of community partnerships. Four times a year, we host families in transition to give them a place to eat, sleep, and feel supported. Volunteerism is vital to making it all happen.

Sign up: <https://signup.com/go/MnUPRqP>

OCTOBER WORSHIP AND STUDY SCHEDULE

<u>Tuesdays</u>	October 8th Erev Yom Kippur (Kol Nidre)	7:30 pm
	Introduction to Judaism (Class starts Oct. 15)	6:30 pm
<u>Wednesdays:</u>	October 9th: Yom Kippur Services	
	Children's Service	9:00 am
	Morning Service	10:00 am
	Adult Discussion	1:00 pm
	Afternoon Service	2:00 pm
	<i>Yizkor</i> Memorial Service	4:00 pm
	<i>N'eilah</i> Closing Service	5:00 pm
	<i>Mussar</i> : Sacred Teachings and Ethics	7:30 am
	Hebrew School	4:30 pm
<u>Thursdays</u>	Lunch n' Learn	12:15 pm
<u>Fridays:</u>	<i>Oneg/Kabbalat Shabbat</i> Services	5:30 / 6:00 pm
October 4	First Friday Family <i>Shabbat</i> Service & dinner	6:00 6:45 pm
<u>Saturdays:</u>	Torah Study w/ breakfast	9:00 am
	Shabbat services w/ Torah/Haftarah Reading	11:00 am
	<i>Note: service held in Feinstein Chapel)</i>	
<u>Sundays:</u>	<i>Machanooga</i> : Sunday School	10:00 am

Sukkot 2019



Lots of opportunities to gather in the sukkah and to shake the lulav.

Oct 13 4:00 PM
Sukkah Decorating Party, Pizza dinner

Oct 18 6 PM *Shirei Shalom*, followed by Chardonnay *Shalom Oneg* in the Sukkah

Oct 20 5:30 PM
Mizpah "Munch Club" will prepare a meal to eat in the Sukkah.

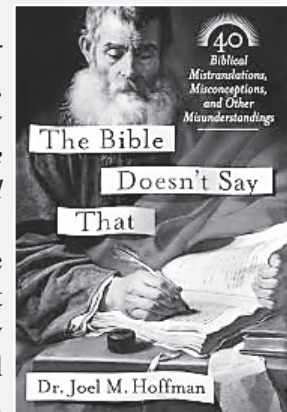
Oct 17 12:15 PM
Lunch and Learn in the *Sukkah*

Oct 19 11 AM *Simchat Torah* and Consecration Shabbat morning in the Sanctuary.

Oct 21 10 AM *Sukkot Yizkor* service in the Sanctuary.

Scholar in Residence November 1-3

Dr. Joel Hoffman is a prolific author and frequent speaker at churches, synagogues, and community groups. His latest book is *The Bible Doesn't Say That: 40 Biblical Mistranslations, Misconceptions, and Other Misunderstandings*. He has held faculty appointments at Brandeis University and at Hebrew Union College, and has lectured at universities on four continents.





Break for a Bissel/Congregational Read: Join us as we break up our Shabbat routine, with a *bissel* (bit) of food and a *bissel* of Torah on **October 5th** to speak about themes relevant to Shabbat Shuva (the Shabbat of return). While these lessons will be gleaned from *The Happiness Prayer: Ancient Jewish Wisdom for the Best Way to Live Today*, prior reading is not necessary.

Re-dedication of Our Sanctuary



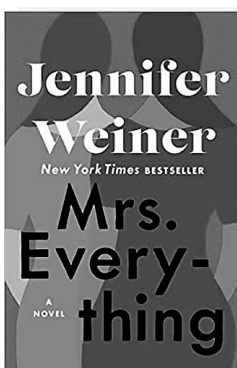
Sisterhood, re-established

The Communi-Tea

Sunday, October 13 at 3pm
at Beth Lowe's house

No charge, but please consider bringing a few food donations for the Chattanooga Area Food Bank

RSVP to Beth by Oct. 9 at silverbeth27@gmail.com or (224)623-9345



Book Club
Tuesday, October 15
at 2:30 pm in
Rabbi Tendler's
sukkah.

Join us for fun
and discussion!

New Times
on 10/6:
Kever Avot 10:45

Howard & Yetta
Gropper unveiling
11:15

Tashlich in the
Park: 12:30



B'nai Zion Men's Club Kickoff Event!
Steak and Scotch
in the Sukkah
Sun., Oct. 20
5 to 6:30 PM
\$10 per person
RSVP required

Scotch donations welcome!
RSVP to BZ Office by Oct. 11

We will be honoring the Lester Votava Award and Volunteer of the Year recipients Randi Weiss (2018) (above, left) and Howard Kaplan (2019) on Simchat Torah morning, as we name them Chattan Torah and Kallat Bereshit.

Join us to celebrate their contributions to our community! **Simchat Torah Dinner and Service, October 21** at 5:45 pm. Please join us for a favorite dinner of the year, followed by our traditional Simchat Torah Hakafot (circuits with the Torah). \$8.50/person/ Kids 5/under free.



Welcome back to Chabad Hebrew school for another great year of exploration, discovery, and fun, as we familiarize ourselves with the many Jewish holidays and traditions! The first few weeks are Rosh Hashanah-focused, with many apple and honey games and activities, and placing our new year resolutions in our honey jars.

We also were introduced to JewQ and are so proud to represent Chattanooga in this international competition. I can already tell that this is going to be a good and a sweet new year!



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Hadassah Happenings

Amit Matityau, the new Israeli shaliach, joined chapter members for coffee at Rembrandt's to help plan a Tu B'Shevat Hadassah walk and picnic next **February 16**

at the Sculpture Field.

June Collins, Millie Lander, Judy Sachsman, and Beth Thomas attended the Southern Region Fall Board meeting in Birmingham. Any Hadassah member who would like to attend a future board meeting should speak to Judy Sachsman or Dana Waxler. This meeting featured the installation of the new Southern Region President Marla Kameny as well as a discussion about planning 2019-20.

Kathy Kessler, Millie Lander, and Helen Smith formed an invaluable team to produce the 5780 Chattanooga Chapter High Holiday card, which was distributed to the community. Donations benefit the expansion of the Maternity and the Well Baby Department at Hadassah Hospital in Israel.

Sunday, October 27, the Annual Margaritas and Maj Jongg social event will take place at Mizpah from 3-6 PM. Dana Banks, Ellyn Brooks, and Paula Israel have generously offered to chair this event, and Amit has promised to tend bar. Those attending are welcome to bring pareve treats. Instruction in the game of Maj Jongg will be available and alternate games will be provided.

Hadassah invites members to a Wellness Cruise tea on Sunday, **November 17, at 2 PM** at the home of Elaine and Sanford Winer. Bev Coulter is coordinating this program on women's health with a team of Hadassah medical members. Jed Mescon has agreed to MC the event; Amy Boulware will discuss Inpatient and Outpatient Advocacy; Bev will explore

Congratulations to:

- Bev Coulter**, Keeper of the Gate Annual Giver
- Steve Coulter**, new Associate Member and Keeper of the Gate Annual Giver
- Elaine Winer**, Silver Chai Annual Giver
- **Richard Zachary**, Chai Society Annual Giver.
- Susan Wolf Schwartz**, Chai Society Annual Giver, has become a joint member of the Chattanooga Chapter and her West Palm Beach Chapter.

Annual Giving

Annual Giving starts at Chai Society of \$180 a year and includes Keepers of the Gate, which starts at \$1,000 a year. Annual giving enables Hadassah National to plan the charitable support of Hadassah Hospital in Israel as well as countless other projects.

the Isle of Endocrinology; Beth Thomas will review the Sea of Immunizations and Vaccines; Lucia Longway will examine the Health Insurance Reef; Susan Distefano will discuss Disability and Social Security benefits; and Sherry Cunningham will review End of Life Choices.

Celebrate each lifecycle event with membership in Hadassah. Contact Judy Sachsman for information about annual and life membership. (jmsachsman@gmail.com) and Dana Waxler for information about Annual Giving. (d.waxler@comcast.net)

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.

Chapter members meet with new shaliach Amit Matityau at Rembrandt's



Millie Lander, Beth Thomas, June Collins, and Judy Sachsman with new Southern Region President Marla Kameny at the Hadassah Region Board Meeting



What's Going on at the JCC

A full listing of monthly programs is also on our website, jewishchattanooga.com, where you can RSVP.

11 YJL Shabbat
See page 8 for details.

24 My Hometown: Sderot
Presented by Amit Matityau. 7p.m. See page 13 for details. RSVP.

27 Jew Crew
See page 8 for details.

29 Tuesday Cafe
Always at noon. Menus in weekly email. \$10. RSVP.

29 Iran Dinner
See page 3 for details. \$12. RSVP

The Federation will be closed the following days in October:

1, 9, 14, 15, 21, 22

There will be no Tuesday Cafe on the following days in October:

1, 15, 22

The Federation wishes the community a peaceful observance of Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur, Sukkot, and Simchat Torah.





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