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**"EMILY NELSON RODGERS QUARTET"**

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**SUNDAY NOVEMBER 5, 2023 | 3:00 PM**

**Ochs Sanctuary**

**923 McCallie Avenue (entrance on Oak)**  
**[www.mizpahcongregation.org](http://www.mizpahcongregation.org) or 423-267.2771**

**General Admission: \$25**

*All Concert proceeds go to Mizpah Fundraising goal.*

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**FAMILY SHABBAT**

**SERVICES AT 6:00PM**  
**DINNER AT 7:00PM**

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**"MENU TO BE  
DETERMINED"**

**Chicken Tenders for Kids**  
**Veggie & gluten-free option**

**Adult Members: \$10**      **Adult Non-Members: \$13**  
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**email: [office@mizpahcongregation.org](mailto:office@mizpahcongregation.org)**



**Sunday, October 8, 2023**  
**Celebrate the Torah!**

**Live Music and Song**  
**Mizpah and B'nai Zion**  
**5:00 Families with Children**  
**6:00 Community Celebration**

## BIRTHDAYS

### October 1

Stephen Black

### October 2

Michael Monen

### October 4

Marianna Allen

### October 6

Herbert Cohn

Lois W. Kiselik

Peggy Moore

### October 9

Alexander Val

### October 10

Lydia Newman

Marc Shkolnick

### October 11

Adam Riggs

Cynthia Wolchuk

### October 12

Caroline Kaplan

Cheri Spitalny

### October 13

Melinda Rosenthal

### October 14

Zach Beker

### October 15

Rose Opengart

### October 17

Jane Berz

Mollie Gabelman

### October 19

Melody Hodes

### October 21

David Long

### October 22

Juliana Roslin

### October 23

Allyson Fuhrman

### October 25

Thom Lyons

### October 26

Theodore Jaenicke

James Carey

Lynn Howard–

Richelson

### October 27

Patricia Ralston

### October 28

Micah Edyn

### October 30

Judy Sachsman

### October 31

Tracie Gabelman

Marjorie Goldberg

## ANNIVERSARIES

### October 3

Ron and Pam Wiley

### October 8

Earl Berkun and Deborah Levine

### October 10

Jason Brown and Marianna Allen

### October 11

Ben and Sandy Tabakin

### October 13

Skip and Holly Schwartz

David and Susan DiStefano

David and Mary Laband

### October 15

David and Bea Long

### October 18

Alan Richelson and Lynn Howard

### October 20

Sean Odineal and Riki Jordan-Odineal

### October 21

Richard Zachary and Ruth Longway

### October 26

James Carey and Jackie Nodell

### October 30

Joe Bray and Jackie Fane

### October 31

Val and Stefanie deOlloqui

## A MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRESIDENT...

1 Tishrei, 5784

September 15, 2023

Good evening! Shana Tovah! I can't believe it has been a year since I last spoke to all of you. And what a year it has been! I am excited to let you know we presently have 219 members. If you have joined Mizpah since last Rosh Hashanah, please stand up! Everyone look around, and if you see someone you do not know, please reach out to them at this evening's board sponsored reception after services.



Vicki Lewis

Our Board is functioning and strong. We now have a children's service in which children can attend without parents. This has been a challenge in the past, but has been corrected with the help of **Edie Weiss** and **Susan Caminez**. Classes are continuing and for the first time in many years, Rabbi Lewis will be offering a confirmation class, and more lunch and learns. **Marissa Street** has organized the youth group, and they have a board in which to make decisions. **Jen Lewis** has taken on the sole role of being the Rosh for Machanooga, and most of the teachers are from Mizpah, which I think reflects the Judaism we strive to practice.

I have had conversations with some of our long time congregants who feel connected to our Mizpah community although rarely attend events. I wonder about these congregants' reasons for belonging. Perhaps it is because being a member of the Mizpah community gives you an immediate family. An opportunity to see long known friends. An opportunity to feel our Judaism in whatever way we choose. I love the comfort I receive when I know we have so much in common, yet so many very different interests. I believe we do show up for the activities our membership does offer.

We have two very different events coming up. On September 30, **Bob Marlowe and Marcia Noe** have invited us to their home for a discussion of the movie, **Oppenheimer**. Looking at the ethics involved should intrigue all of us. Six weeks later we have our fantastic Emily Nelson Rodgers concert on November 5th organized by **Herb Cohn**, and sponsored by the Cohn/Cohen Families.

**Unfortunately, today's world is not as gentle as we would like, and anti-semitism is on the rise.** Through the diligent work of **Richard Waxler** and **Frank Miller**, we have received a federal grant of \$150,000 towards further securing our building. We also have received a \$16,000 grant from the state of Tennessee to specifically pay for security personnel. In addition, we have congregants watching the cameras and assisting with observation outside during our services tonight, tomorrow, Kol Nidre, and all during the day of Yom Kippur. Thank you for being a member of our Mizpah Community!

This has been a great opportunity for me, and I hope you feel the same way. This is the abridged version of what I wanted to say since we are nearing the end of the service. You can read more in my article this month.

We have so many members participating in various activities and a few who participate in most. **Mahjong** on Mondays, **Mussar** on Wednesdays as well as **Machanooga** meet-ups.

Our **Birgental Kindertransport Chapel** was dedicated this past year, through the help of **Austin Center** and **Mike Birgental**, whose grandmother was on one of the survivors on the kindertransport train. Mike's father spoke powerfully at the dedication.

**Bev Coulter** has done an unbelievable job getting our rolls up to date and encouraging all of us to pledge what we can. So far we have more pledges than this time last year. She has worked diligently for our temple for years, while simultaneously caring for her dear late husband, Steve.

**Jed Mescon** has continued to bring in unusual speakers and programs, highlighting not only Mizpah members, but others in our community. If you missed the intriguing conversations with **Juniper Russo**, **Ernest Crow**, or **Deborah Levine**, you missed a treat.

Mizpah is where you can experience your Judaism as you participate in those functions which most interest you. Do you like the rituals of religious service? **Rabbi Lewis** has worked diligently to create services that are meaningful with thoughtful lessons and prayer. Perhaps, you like to cook or bake. **David Israel**, in addition to having helped update communications as well as being my right hand man as vp of administration has been preparing First Friday meals because he likes to cook. **Linda Spector**, **Lynn Howard**, **Paula Israel**, and **Leta Berger** usually bring in a heavenly dessert. **Ivan Dominguez** made a Cuban meal one night and it was delicious. **Ruth Longway** prepared Ukrainian one night, and it was delicious. She also is organizing the reception after our November concert, and if you have not yet bought a sponsorship or individual ticket, I encourage you to come for the outstanding music and reception after.

This is **Herb Cohn's** last year to be Mizpah's fundraising chair. **Holly and Skip Schwartz** and **Lee and Iris Abelson**, and **Aaron and Jen Lincove** have agreed to work together for the 2024/2025 Fiscal year on tackling this challenge to our budget. If you have any ideas, or suggestions, please contact one of them.

Perhaps you like to organize. We had **Judy Sachsman**, **Alexis Street**, **John and Vicki Steinberg**, and **Andy Hodes** volunteer to coordinate our congregational Break-the-Fast after closing services Yom Kippur Day.

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*President's message, from p. 2...*

## A MESSAGE FROM YOUR RABBI...

I am going to do a bit of Rosh Hashanah redux. First of all, the Erev service started with a story/joke that did not seem to land. Of my own admission, it was not the funniest Jewish story I have encountered, not even top ten. I, however, like Chelm stories and thought the theme was a good lead-in to the service. Yet, it seems some did not understand the implied context of the Chelm legends with its “wise” men, and the punch line was too subtle, so subtle that punch was barely a tickle. I am about to break a cardinal rule of humor. E.B. White compared explaining a joke to dissecting a frog. “You understand it better, but the frog dies in the process.” Alas, here we go. I first confess: I may have just told it wrong. So even if you got the point, but didn’t laugh, or if you neither laughed nor got the point, I want to explain because I did find in the story a strong theme.



Rabbi Craig Lewis

A man in Chelm comes up with an unsolvable riddle. “What is purple, hangs on a wall, and whistles?” Obviously, no one can answer, so he tells them, it was a whitefish. Conveniently, he reveals that he took a whitefish, painted it purple and hung it on his wall. A trickster, he has stacked the odds entirely in his favor by defying the rules of riddles, basing it on knowledge that only he would have. That’s the core of the story. A “wise” man of Chelm demonstrates “wisdom” in a peculiar way that no one would really call wisdom. That is the story trope of Chelm legends. Then, when the trickster is pressed about the whistling, he concedes, “alright, so it doesn’t whistle.” Again, “wise,” but also very much in the acquiescent mold of Jewish humor, “Nu, so you can’t have everything.” Or in the words of the late rock star Meatloaf, “Two out of three ain’t bad.” Again, I knew it wasn’t THAT funny. But it does have a place in the catalog of Jewish jokes. And here’s the rub: it’s about expectations that do not get fulfilled. The people expected something purple on a wall that whistles. And I asked, and ask again, what in the previous year did we anticipate, what promise did we see in 5783 that was not realized, and how can we find in ourselves what it takes to make it happen in 5784? We want the new year to whistle with opportunity and success, as always, making each year better than the one before.

I hope that helps, retroactively. Fortunately, the service picked up from that point. Here are a couple more nuggets from the services I hope we can carry with us for the year:

“To reload, reboot and recharge the Jewish New Year, let me share something I learned in Israel. It’s a Hebrew word, *‘Titchadeish.’*... It means, “may you be renewed (by the newness of this experience).” The origins for the term go back to the 16th century. The Shulchan Aruch gives instructions for blessing a new purchase. You know the old joke about asking the rabbi to bless a Ferrari? It’s like that, but different. If one has a new piece of clothing, you say, *‘T’valah ve-titchadeish,’* ‘May you wear it and be renewed.’ The phrase has been shortened to one word and applies to all sorts of new items. The closest we have in English is, ‘use it in good health,’ but I find the Hebrew wish to be stronger, not just ‘be healthy,’ but, ‘may you feel renewed vitality.’ We find echoes of this in the *Avinu Malkeinu*, when we say, *‘Chadesh aleinu shana tovah.’* ‘Renew for us a good year.’ And in the Sephardic tradition, these words are the prayer for eating apples and honey. Honey, being made up of simple sugars, is the original energy food. So, apples and honey in the new year, is about more than the sweetness of the calendar change. It enables us to burst into the new, feeling revived and confident. I like the idea that, instead of *‘L’Shana Tovah,’* ‘have a good year,’ we might say instead, *‘Titchadeish!’* May this new year bring us all renewed energy, opportunity, health, and success. It would be a little change, and you know what, maybe just one little change is all it would take to begin the new year with new energy.”

Here is a bit from the morning service:

“The modern Hebrew poet, Hayim Nacham Bialik, imagined that the more Jews turned away from Judaism, we caused one of *Shechinah’s* wings to wither and break. I share this with you today, not because we should see ourselves as guilty, but rather, so we might find hope, if not inspiration. If neglect has broken the wing, then Bialik’s words suggest, we have power to heal it. We usually think of God as distant, unknowable. But, if we were to imagine God being close to us, needing us, seeking our love and care, it would both empowering and humbling. We, Reform Jews, have a unique approach to repairing the *Shechinah’s* wing. We explore a middle path between science and Torah, between modernity and Jewish life, seeking to weave them together, like the braid of a Havdalah candle. The Havdalah candle helps us to separate the sacred from the ordinary, and it has to be woven carefully. Reform Judaism has wicks of knowledge and tradition tightly wrapped around the center wick of choice. Sometimes we lean too heavily on “choice,” often making choices at the expense of the other two wicks of our candle. Thus, we miss out on knowledge, traditions and experiences that could prove to be meaningful. We might do well to lean a little more toward obligation, to focus less on the “I,” and more on the “We,” to be open to the undiscovered “Us.” So let us all in 5784 say “Yes” to Judaism, to raising it up, and to making it soar on the wings *Shechinah*.

I again wish you all a happy, healthy 5784. And look forward to seeing you at October events and beyond.



## MIZPAH CONGREGATION YAHRZEITS - October 1-November 4

### October 1-7

Lillian Jackson  
Irving Jackson  
Lena A. Levy  
Henry M. Silverstein  
Martin L. Diamond  
Esther Levine  
Mary Richelson  
Spector  
Steven Michael Baras  
Aaron Goldfarb  
Sigmund Litoff  
Charles Lob  
Rosenhein  
Noah Knox Saul  
Evelyn Feldman  
Sergent  
Jean Simon  
Rose Waxenberg  
Fred Graf  
David Sachsman  
Samuel Bittner  
Jon Chew  
Adelle Mihalovits  
Clarence Pollock  
Fannie Stoloff  
Sarah Cohen  
Minnie Sherman  
Nathan Stoloff  
Ike Benkovitz  
Dora Clein Moore  
Abel Lopez

### October 8-14

Sidney David Leo  
Fannie Edelstein  
Leventhal  
Sylvia Blanck  
Jack Zachary  
Anne R. Zachary  
Catherin Fisher  
Lillian Lehr  
Ruth Nash  
Mary Susanne Parker  
Milton Ratner  
Helen Saul  
Abe N. Shyer  
Emanuel Feintuch  
Nat Kross  
Leba Lebovitz  
Samuel Niman  
Beatrice (Bea-Buck)  
Berman  
Paul Paper  
Karen F. Simon  
Sherrie Waldman  
Martha Cohn Williams  
Ben Goldman

### October 15-21

Rose Eisenberg  
William Fagenbaum  
Melanie Hansen  
Joseph Lee Heymann  
Leonard Lewis  
Micah Schklar  
Isadore Solovey  
Sam Weber  
Bernice Cooper  
Blanche Dropkin  
Abe Edelstein  
Exa Hoher  
Mary Lesser  
Mitchell Nodell  
Maurice Gordon  
Elizabeth (Liz) Hodes  
Zalman Leiberman  
Bernard Leibowitz  
Dorothy Wiener  
Linda L. Edwards  
Sadie Helen Cohen  
Lips  
Arvin Reingold  
Harry Saul  
Kitty Allen  
Muriel Pleat  
Ruth Young  
Sidney Amsterdam  
Irving Brukner

### October 22-28

Estelle Levin  
Israel Long  
Wendy Marlowe  
Harris Isaacson  
Edith Prebul  
Bernard Cohen  
Adeline Finkle  
Leonard Lewis  
Israel Jacob  
Rechtweg  
Robert Richelson  
Helen Evans  
Misenheimer  
Sandy Randall  
Freiberg  
Harry Aaron Salwin

### Oct. 29-Nov. 4

Marvin Siskin  
Sadye Rosenblum  
Angel Eisenberg  
Jacob L. Levine  
Joseph Moore  
Brent Matthew Sirota  
Reba Spiegel  
Tyler Hastings  
Betty Solovey  
Sarah Gordon  
Rebecca Gabelman  
Mollie Siskin  
Melvin Young  
Martin Paul Cohen  
Walter Melnyk  
Ida Russ Leventhal  
Kenneth Bryant Snell  
Ollen Huff  
Erma Lebovitz  
Alfred Opengart  
Marie S. Weber

Mizpah members will recall our beloved custodian and all-around good guy, **Hillard White**, who passed away September 1, 2023 at age 83. Hillard was "the man" at Mizpah for over 27 years! His infectious smile and laugh were a comfort and treat to one and all. **Karen Diamond** recalls his green and white Oldsmobile convertible, and **Max Brenner** recalls his gospel choir once "rocked" our Friday night services. **Rabbi Ken Kanter** made that happen! May His Memory be for a Blessing.

## SOCIAL ACTION UPDATE...by Debra Dubow, Transitioning Social Action Chair

**On Sunday, October 8<sup>th</sup>**, Mizpah is actively participating in **Pride Chattanooga**. This year we have our own booth; many of you have volunteered to take shifts – Thank You! - at the **Pride Vendor Market**, which will be held from 1-6 pm following the parade at the Convention Center. The parade will be held from 11:30 to 1 pm, ending at the Convention Center. More details regarding the parade route will be forthcoming. Thank you to **Marissa Street, Ellen Hays, Hope Flammer, Olivia Center, Jen & Eden Lewis, & Maddie Gabelman** for volunteering at our booth. Please join us for the parade or visit our booth. We will also be proudly displaying our new Mizpah Social Justice Banner!



For November, **Amy Cohen** is working with **David Israel** to organize an event with the Chattanooga Food Bank to include our Mizpah Hebrew School students. We strongly encourage and invite our congregation members to participate. Details to follow.

Finally, **Ellen Hays** has initiated a Mizpah Team for the Grateful Gobbler on Thanksgiving Morning. sign-up [HERE](https://www.gratefulgobblerwalk.org/) (https://www.gratefulgobblerwalk.org/) and designate the Mizpah Congregation Team for a fun 5K Walk for a great cause to benefit the **Maclellan Shelter for Families**.



## A MESSAGE FROM YOUR EDUCATION COORDINATOR...Susan Caminez



Dear Mizpah Families,

We have had an incredible start to the New Year, whether we made 30-day *Elul* Challenge smash Books, to help us be mindful about the approaching New Year; read how we can make good choices in the New Year and made pinch pots with our littlest learners at *Techilah*; had a meetup at Renaissance Park for Mizpah Hebrew School; joined together for Rosh Hashanah or Yom Kippur services together; or decorated our Sukkah together. We have so much more to come in the New Year and I hope you'll join me.

My friend, **Ms. Ladybug** will be in the **Garden of Life** at the end of this month. Please let us know you're coming so she will have enough supplies for everyone! You don't want to miss this special opportunity to see her perform her story, *Storm Bugs*. Also, save the date and roll up your sleeves for the very beginning of November. when we'll braid our own challah that we'll bake during Family Shabbat. That Shabbat we'll also have Consecration! Looking forward to a New Year full of new adventures together! - **Susan**

Below: Making apple pinch pots with *Techilah*.  
Making pomegranates for the sweet New Year.



## Upcoming OCTOBER Mizpah Family Events



**Family Shabbat &  
First Friday Dinner**  
Fri, Oct 6 at 6 PM

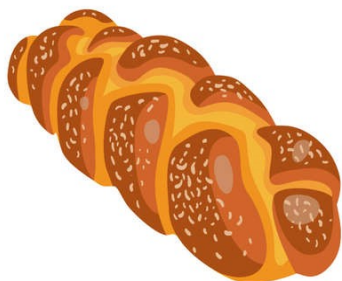


**Simchat Torah**  
Sunday, Oct 8 at 5 PM  
Dance with the Torahs  
Live band!



**Ms. Ladybug LIVE in The Garden of Life**  
Followed by Havdallah  
Saturday, Oct 28 from 3-5 PM

## Save the Date!



## Challah Making before Family Shabbat

**Friday Nov. 3 from 5:00-6:00 PM**

Meet me in the library before Family Shabbat in November to braid your own challah! It will bake during Family Shabbat and we'll be able to enjoy it after! See you then!

## MIZPAH FUNDS: YOUR DONATIONS ARE GREATLY APPRECIATED!

### Donations received by the 15th of prior month \$18 - "chai" - minimum donation

Archives  
Building  
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Cemetery  
Educator  
Endowment  
Flower  
Garden of Life  
Goldman/Moses  
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Leadership Development  
Library  
Miller/Lefkoff  
Marks Memorial  
Mazon (Feed the Hungry)  
Miller/Schwartz  
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NFTY (Youth Group)  
Operating  
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Prayer Book

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Rabbi's Discretionary Fund  
Rabbinic Endowment  
Rita Russ Speer  
Religious School  
Social Action  
Staff Support  
Kindertransport Chapel

#### Operating

##### ***In Memory of Helen Smith***

Sam and Dana Banks  
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Chambliss, Bahner & Stophel, P.C.  
Chaim and Ronni Charyn  
Louise Spector  
Olan and Norman Mills  
John Miles  
Beth Roberts  
Lorraine Sparrow

##### ***In Memory of Lucille Effron***

Fuz Spector

##### ***In Memory of Steve Coulter***

John Miles

##### ***In Memory of Bruce Lebovitz***

John Miles

##### ***In Memory of Morris Levine***

Anita Levine

##### ***In Memory of David Brodsky***

Jenny Brodsky and Family

##### ***Mazon***

##### ***In Memory of Helen Smith***

Teddi Shalett Mendel

##### ***Social Action***

##### ***In Memory of Helen Smith***

Rosie Newton

Jenny Brodsky and Family

##### ***Endowment***

##### ***In Memory of Helen Smith***

Herb Cohn

Jon and Amy Cohen

#### Rabbi's Discretionary

##### ***In Memory of Helen Smith***

FiFi Ginsberg

Larry and Donnajeanne Ettkin

##### ***In Memory of Roza K. Adamczyk***

Luba Aeronson Zarburski

##### ***For a Speedy Recovery of Dana Waxler***

Rosie Newton

##### ***In Memory of Dr. Todd Estroff***

FiFi Ginsberg

##### ***In Honor of Judy Samuels 90th Birthday***

FiFi Ginsberg

##### ***In Memory of Steve Coulter***

FiFi Ginsberg

#### Leadership Development

##### ***In Memory of Helen Smith***

George and Janet Sivils

##### ***For Appreciation of Mizpah Congregation***

##### ***Support after George's Surgery***

George and Janet Sivils

##### ***For Appreciation of Rabbi Craig Lewis Support after George's Surgery***

George and Janet Sivils

##### ***In Memory of Steve Coulter***

George and Janet Sivils

##### ***For Appreciation of Vicki Lewis serving as President at Mizpah***

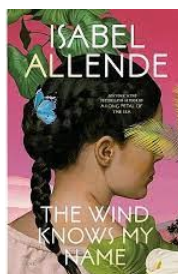
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##### ***In Memory of Phyllis Schwarz***

George and Janet Sivils

#### BOOK CLUB

Come read with us! Your Mizpah Book club is reading Isabel Allende's *The Wind Knows My Name*. We will meet at the home of **Vicki and Art Lewis** on Sunday, November 12th at 10:30am. Contact Amy at [amyjcohen@gmail.com](mailto:amyjcohen@gmail.com) for info!



#### MIZPAH FALL CONCERT

Our major Fundraiser is set for Sunday, November 5, 2023 at 3:00 pm: **The Emily Nelson Rodgers Quartet**, with classical, semi-classical and pop music. Something for everyone!! Deluxe Reception to follow.

**GENERAL ADMISSION \$25**

**Proceeds to Mizpah; concert underwritten**





**Are you a musician?** We have a number of congregants in the choir, but there is always room for another voice. Rabbi is trying to organize a band with at least percussion, keyboard, and guitar. I know a few of you are musicians and perhaps some of our newer members are as well. What secret talents are you keeping from us? **Are you a writer?** **Richard Zachary** (one of our strongest volunteers) has been editing and publishing the monthly Newsletter and Shofar article for years in addition to volunteering as religious activities chair. Are you adept at publisher or other writing apps? I know he would appreciate some help. Mizpah wants you to take advantage of your membership. And so do I.

*L'dor va dor.*

From generation to generation.

**Vicki Lewis**

### SECURITY AT MIZPAH

In light of ongoing issues with security, for High Holy Days we only offer password-protected ZOOM. No LiveStream, which comes thru our Mizpah website, and can be accessed and lead to security issues such as SWATting. We are following best practices for Temple security. Additionally, we have assigned Mizpah member volunteers to work with our Security Officer, **Sgt. Ernest Crow**, to be outside during HHD services to observe and respond. Again, these are best practices as recommended by the national Jewish Secure Community Network (SCN). Thanks to **Frank Miller** taking the lead, and **Ivan Dominguez, Pam Miller, Michael Seeber, Art Lewis, Austin Center, Rachael Ruiz, Warren Dropkin, Vicki Lewis, David Solovey, Gil Travis, Jeff Geffer** and **Tom Bledsoe** for covering the services.

### UPCOMING EVENTS AT MIZPAH

#### MAKES PLANS TO ATTEND



**Noah Moss Bar Mitzvah Saturday October 21st.** Noah, the son of **Charlie and Vanessa Moss** is 13 and an eighth grader at the Chattanooga Center for Creative Arts, where his focus is on visual arts. Noah has a younger brother **Emmett** and enjoys video games, Spider-Man comics, and cooking. Noah just completed his third year at Camp Coleman and is looking forward to attending again next summer. Most recently, he's very proud of sending a handwritten letter to the J.M. Smucker's Company, asking for a free jar of JIF peanut butter, to which they sent him a personal letter, a coupon for that free peanut butter he asked for, and some JIF stickers. If he wants something bad enough, Noah will make it happen. *Editor's note: Bar and Bat Mitzvot are TEMPLE events and should be celebrated by all members. Everyone is invited!*

### SHIREI SHALOM AND CHARDONEY! Celebrate Shabbat with song!

This is a very popular service held the 3rd Shabbat of the month, led by **Amy Cohen** and features songs "in the round". This service is held in our Feinstein Chapel. We design services to appeal to different worship styles. Enjoy Shabbat, chardonnay and treats at our Oneg. October 20th at 6:00 pm



### WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 27TH AT 9:00 AM

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Enthusiasm required No tools needed

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#### TEMPLE OFFICERS AND BOARD

**July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024**

Craig Lewis, Rabbi  
Susan Caminez, Education Coordinator  
Angela Rickert, Temple Administrator

#### OFFICERS:

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#### INTRODUCING NEW MEMBERS....by Paula Israel, Membership Chair

**Anna and Brett Melnikoff** and family recently moved to Chattanooga from Birmingham, AL. Brett is originally from northern Virginia and Anna is originally from northwest Georgia. They met in medical school at Virginia Tech Carilion School of Medicine in Roanoke, VA. They then moved to Birmingham, AL to complete their medical training, where they had both their daughters. Ellie is now 4.5 years old and CeCe is 6 months old. Brett works as an adult cardiothoracic surgeon at CHI-Memorial Hospital, and Anna is an OB/Gyn with Galen. They are excited to join the Mizpah family and look forward to making their home in Chattanooga!

