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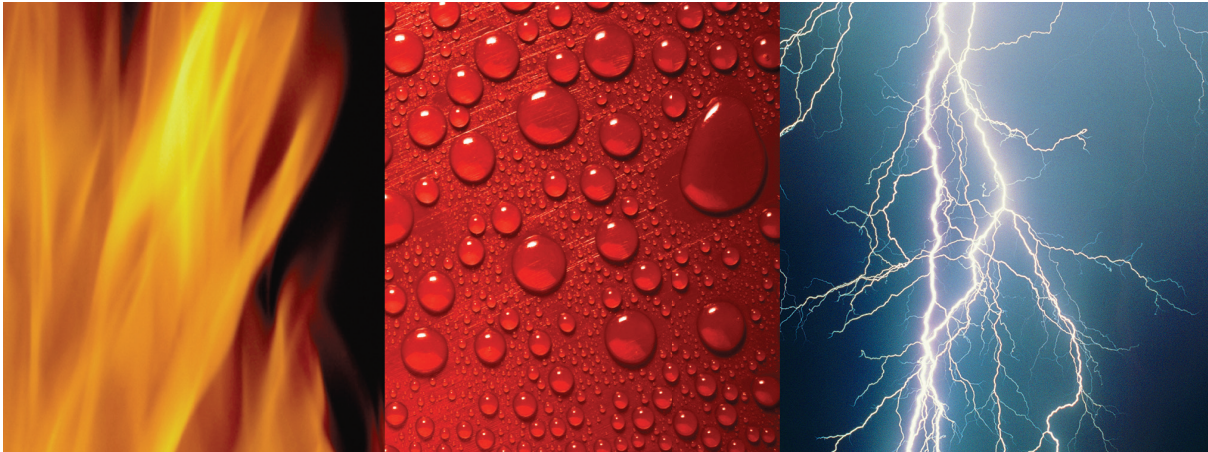
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June 2024 Community Calendar

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SATURDAY, JUNE 1

9:32P *Havdalah*
 BBYO & BBY Connect Pool Party - KJA
 9:15A Text Study - HA
 9:45A Traditional Shabbat Service - HA
 10:00A Shabbat Service - JCOR

SUNDAY, JUNE 2

11:00A Pace Robinson Court Dedication - KJA
 7:30P Prayer Book Hebrew Class - HA
 8:15P Advanced Prayer Book Hebrew Class - HA

MONDAY, JUNE 3

6:30P Adult Education w/Rabbi - HA

TUESDAY, JUNE 4

5:00P Hebrew Letters - HA
 6:30P Beginning Modern Hebrew - HA
 8:00P Minyan - HA

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 5

12:00P Executive Mifgash Manhigim - TBE
 6:30P Minyan & Talmud Study - HA

THURSDAY, JUNE 6

10:00A Torah Study - TBE
 12:30P Conversational Hebrew - JCOR
 8:15P Advanced Prayer Book Hebrew - HA

FRIDAY, JUNE 7

8:32P *Candle Lighting*
 11:30A Lunch & Learn w/Rabbi - HA
 4:30P JFS Shabbat Service - KJA
 6:30P Kabbalat Shabbat - HA
 7:00P Pride Shabbat Service - TBE

SATURDAY, JUNE 8

9:37P *Havdalah*
 9:15A Text Study - HA
 10:00A Shabbat Service - JCOR
 10:00A Contemporary Shabbat Service - HA

SUNDAY, JUNE 9

11:00A B'yachad Pre-Shavuot Pool Party - KJA
 5:00P Congregational Annual Meeting - HA
 7:30P Prayer Book Hebrew Class - HA

TUESDAY, JUNE 11

Erev Shavuot
 8:34 *Candle Lighting*
 4:30P Pool Closes for Swim Meet - KJA
 5:00P Hebrew Letters - HA
 6:30P Beginning Modern Hebrew - HA
 8:00P Shavuot Tikkun Study w/Guest Rabbi - HA

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 12

Shavuot I
 9:39P *Candle Lighting*
 9:30A Shavuot Service - HA
 6:30P Minyan & Talmud Study - HA
 6:30P Board Mifgash Manhigim - TBE

THURSDAY, JUNE 13

Shavuot II
 9:39P *Havdalah*
 9:30A Shavuot & Yizkor Service - HA
 10:00A Torah Study - TBE
 12:30P Conversational Hebrew - JCOR
 7:00P Board Meeting - HA
 8:15P Advanced Prayer Book Hebrew - HA

FRIDAY, JUNE 14

8:36P *Candle Lighting*
 11:30A Lunch & Learn w/Rabbi - HA
 6:30P Shavuot Yizkor Memorial Service - TBE
 6:30P Kabbalat Shabbat w/Rabbi - HA
 7:00P Shavuot Shabbat Service - TBE

SATURDAY, JUNE 15

9:40P *Havdalah*
 9:15A Text Study - HA
 9:45A Traditional Shabbat Service - HA
 10:00A Shabbat Service - JCOR
 10:30A Jack Shagan Bar Mitzvah - TBE

SUNDAY, JUNE 16

7:30P Prayer Book Hebrew - HA

MONDAY, JUNE 17

6:30P Adult Education w/Rabbi - HA

TUESDAY, JUNE 18

4:30P Pool Closes for Swim Meet - KJA
 5:00P Hebrew Letters - HA
 6:00P Ways & Means - TBE
 6:30P Beginning Modern Hebrew - HA
 7:30P Book Club - Hadassah
 8:00P Minyan - HA

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 19

Juneteenth
 6:30P Minyan & Talmud Study - HA
 6:30P Ritual & Worship Meeting - TBE
 7:00P Board Meeting - Hadassah
 7:00P Book Club - JCOR

THURSDAY, JUNE 20

10:00A Torah Study - TBE
 12:30P Conversational Hebrew - JCOR
 7:00P R & RS Meeting - HA
 8:15P Advanced Prayer Book Hebrew - HA

FRIDAY, JUNE 21

8:37P *Candle Lighting*
 6:30P Kabbalat Shabbat - HA
 7:00P Shabbat Service - TBE

SATURDAY, JUNE 22

9:42P *Havdalah*
 9:15A Text Study - HA
 10:00A Shabbat Service - JCOR
 10:00A Contemporary Shabbat Service - HA

SUNDAY, JUNE 23

TBD Dad & Me Field Day - KJA
 3:00P Chai Tea: Home Improvement - Hadassah
 7:30P Prayer Book Hebrew Class - HA
 8:15P Advanced Prayer Book Hebrew Class - HA - HA

TUESDAY, JUNE 25

4:30P Pool Closes for Swim Meet - KJA
 5:00P Hebrew Letters - HA
 6:30P Beginning Modern Hebrew - HA
 8:00P Minyan - HA

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 26

6:30P Minyan & Talmud Study - HA

THURSDAY, JUNE 27

10:00A Torah Study - TBE
 12:30P Conversational Hebrew - JCOR
 4:30P Pool Closes for Swim Meet - KJA
 8:15P Advanced Prayer Book Hebrew - HA

FRIDAY, JUNE 28

8:38P *Candle Lighting*
 6:30P Kabbalat Shabbat - HA
 7:00P Confirmation Shabbat Service - TBE

SATURDAY, JUNE 29

9:42P *Havdalah*
 9:15A Text Study - HA
 10:00A Shabbat Service - JCOR
 10:00A Contemporary Shabbat Service - HA

SUNDAY, JUNE 30

4:00P Israeli Cocktail Hour - KJA
 7:30P Prayer Book Hebrew Class - HA

July 2024 Community Calendar

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TUESDAY, JULY 2

5:00P Hebrew Letters - HA
6:30P Beginning Modern Hebrew - HA
8:00P Minyan - HA

WEDNESDAY, JULY 3

6:30P Minyan & Talmud Study - HA
12:00P Executive Mifgash Manhigim - TBE

THURSDAY, JULY 4

TBD 4th of July at the Pool - KJA
12:30P Conversational Hebrew - JCOR

FRIDAY, JULY 5

8:37P *Candle Lighting*
4:30P JFS Shabbat Service - KJA
6:30P Kabbalat Shabbat - HA
7:00P Shabbat Service - TBE

SATURDAY, JULY 6

9:41P *Havdalah*
9:15A Text Study - HA
9:45A Traditional Shabbat Service - HA
10:00A Shabbat Service - JCOR

MONDAY, JULY 8

11:30A JFS Committee Meeting - KJA

TUESDAY, JULY 9

5:00P Hebrew Letters - HA
6:30P Beginning Modern Hebrew - HA
8:00P Minyan - HA

WEDNESDAY, JULY 10

6:30P Minyan & Talmud Study - HA
6:30P Board Mifgash Manhigim - TBE

THURSDAY, JULY 11

10:00A Adult Education/Torah Study - TBE
12:30P Conversational Hebrew - JCOR
7:00P Board Meeting - HA
8:15P Advanced Prayer Book Hebrew - HA

FRIDAY, JULY 12

8:35P *Candle Lighting*
6:30P Kabbalat Shabbat - HA
7:00P Shabbat Service - TBE
TBD: Members-Only Pool Party - KJA

SATURDAY, JULY 13

9:38P *Havdalah*
9:15A Text Study - HA
10:00A Shabbat Service - JCOR
10:00A Contemporary Shabbat Service - HA

SUNDAY, JULY 14

12:00P Picnic at Melton Lake Park - Hadassah

TUESDAY, JULY 16

5:00P Hebrew Letters - HA
6:30P Beginning Modern Hebrew - HA
7:30P Book Club - Hadassah
8:00P Minyan - HA

WEDNESDAY, JULY 17

6:30P Minyan & Talmud Study - HA
7:00P Board Meeting - Hadassah
7:00P Book Club - JCOR

THURSDAY, JULY 18

10:00A Adult Education/Torah Study - TBE
12:30P Conversational Hebrew - JCOR
7:00P R & RS Meeting - HA
8:15P Advanced Prayer Book Hebrew - HA

FRIDAY, JULY 19

8:32P *Candle Lighting*
6:30P Kabbalat Shabbat - HA
7:00P Shabbat Service - TBE

SATURDAY, JULY 20

9:33P *Havdalah*
9:15A Text Study - HA
9:45A Traditional Shabbat Service - HA
10:00A Shabbat Service - JCOR

TUESDAY, JULY 23

5:00P Hebrew Letters - HA
6:30P Beginning Modern Hebrew - HA
8:00P Minyan - HA

WEDNESDAY, JULY 24

6:30P Minyan & Talmud Study - HA

THURSDAY, JULY 25

10:00A Adult Education/Torah Study - TBE
12:30P Conversational Hebrew - JCOR
8:15P Advanced Prayer Book Hebrew - HA

FRIDAY, JULY 26

8:27P *Candle Lighting*
6:30P Kabbalat Shabbat - HA
7:00P Shabbat Service - TBE

SATURDAY, JULY 27

9:27P *Havdalah*
9:15A Text Study - HA
10:00A Shabbat Service - JCOR
10:00A Contemporary Shabbat Service - HA

TUESDAY, JULY 30

5:00P Hebrew Letters - HA
6:30P Beginning Modern Hebrew - HA
8:00P Minyan - HA

WEDNESDAY, JULY 31

6:30P Minyan & Talmud Study - HA

For more details about events and the most updated community calendar, visit www.jewishknoxville.org.



High School Graduates

Abigail Abrams will be graduating from Bearden High School, after finishing her fourth and final season with the national championship Bearden High School Dance Team. In the fall, she will be heading to the University of Southern California to study communications in preparation for a career in public policy.



Jack Abrams will graduate from Bearden High School. In the fall, he will attend the University of Southern California to study psychology in preparation for a professional career in medicine or law.



Benjamin Cohen-Vogel, son of Danny and Lora Cohen-Vogel, grandson of Nancy/Jeff Becker and Arnold Cohen, will be attending UNC-Chapel Hill. He was an honor Student and a star of his conference-winning High School basketball team.



Alex Feldblum is graduating with Honors from Karns High School. He is an Advanced Placement (AP) Scholar and a two-year letterman for the Karns wrestling team. As a 4th Degree Level 2 Black Belt in Tae Kwon Do Alex trains, competes, and teaches at the West Knoxville Tiger Rock Martial Arts Academy. Alex will attend Trine University in Angola, Indiana in August as part of the Trine Honors Program and plans to major in Computer Science/Information Technology.



Jake Javors, son of Lauren and Jesse Javors, is graduating with honors from L&N STEM Academy. He will be attending Montclair State University in the fall and will pursue a degree in Film Studies and Music Production. Congratulations Jake, we are so proud of you! Mom, Dad and Luke.

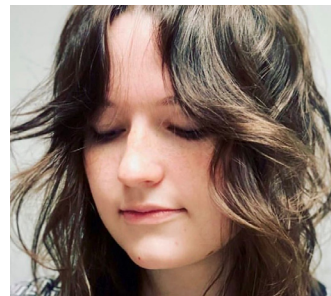


Lilly Stanley is graduating from Bearden HS. She will be spending the summer as a counselor at Camp Coleman. She has enjoyed teaching Religious School at TBE the last two years and looks forward to attending ETSU this fall.



College Graduates

Blake Chrusciel of Charlotte, NC formerly of Knoxville, will graduate from New York University, Tisch School of the Arts with a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree with majors in Drama and Politics. Blake is the daughter of Josh and Heather Chrusciel of Charlotte, NC, and granddaughter of Linda and Gary Johnson of Maryville.



Sara LeFetra, daughter of Debbie & Bruce La Fetra, is graduating with honors from UTK in Jewish Studies with a minor in Museum Studies. She was the Shabbat Chair for Hillel; works at McClung Museum; and volunteers at TN Vans. She song leads with Rabbi Shush at our contemporary services and teaches and song leads at Temple Beth El religious school. She coaches and fights with longsword, greatsword, daggers, etc. and enjoys role playing games, music, drawing, and digital art.



Arielle Rosen received a Master's degree from New York University's Shack School of Real Estate. She earned a Bachelor of Science from the University of Wisconsin in Madison. Last fall, Arielle moved to Boston where she is working for W&S Development, a real estate firm with a large presence in New England. Her proud family includes grandparents Alexandra Rosen, Lea and Allen Orwitz; parents, Kim and Stephen Rosen; brother, Nathan and sister, Tifannie.



Darby Laurel Schiek graduated with a BA in Business Management from Maryville College. Not only did she focus on her business studies the past 4 years, but also on being a student athlete as a competitive equestrian on the IHSA riding team. She had an incredible riding career at Maryville College, was captain of the team senior year and won High Point Rider in her region. Darby is the daughter of and Tim and Robin Schiek.



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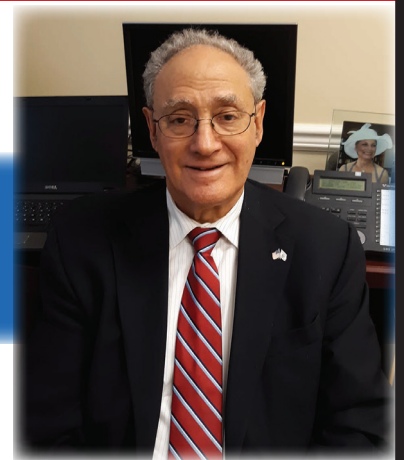
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Rabbi's Message

By: Rabbi Adam J. Rosenbaum

Every moment is an opportunity to deepen our understanding of the mysteries of life and our place in it. I feel fortunate that I've devoted my professional life to enhancing these moments for people of all ages. I wish to live up to Hillel's teaching to "not say something cannot be understood, for ultimately, it will be understood."

I'm especially grateful for the opportunity to serve Heska Amuna Synagogue. I've been given the opportunity to work for the congregation both in-person and remotely, and I look forward to working creatively to meet HAS's needs via a variety of formats.

So, here's a little bit about me: I was born in Winnipeg, Canada, and raised in Denver. After studying journalism at Northwestern University, I was ordained as a Conservative rabbi by the Jewish Theological Seminary in 2005. In ensuing years, I've served congregations in Livingston, NJ; Charleston, SC; and Williamsville, NY. Last summer, I resettled in Charleston to be closer to my three children, Sparrow (age 18), Jonathan (15 1/2), and Eliana (almost 12). When I'm not working (and, let's face it, even when I am), I enjoy baseball (Go Cubs!), sports in general, writing, and comedy.



I hope to have the chance to meet you soon, either virtually or when I'm in Knoxville!



Rabbi Rosenbaum at Havdallah

A Seder to Remember

By: Mary Ann Merrell, Heska Amuna President

I am always forward-thinking for what I write here – what is Heska Amuna going to be celebrating next, what program or holiday is around the corner. But this time, I want to ponder what has just been - because it is as much about what was and equally as much about where we are going. This is a story about energy, enthusiasm, and whopping sense of community. And the seder was in many ways, a grand beginning.

If you were not able to join us for our Community Seder, I want to assure you that you missed a fair amount of chaos, a lot of learning, an equal number of laughs (Moses stuck in the middle of Jews? Miriam stuffing her mahjong and tambourine in her carry-on? Pharaoh channeling Yul Brenner? Nachshon walking into the sea?), a rousing round of bingo, and a spectacular and memorable Seder meal.

This kind of seder doesn't happen by magic – it happened because of the amazing and heart-felt dedication of a cast of talented, thoughtful, and awesome community members who devoted themselves to celebrating Passover as a community exploring age old wisdoms against very real questions about slavery and redemption.

Sometimes one picture can almost tell it all (with appreciation to Gilya Schmidt for adding event photographer to her resume). With great thanks for an amazing and truly interactive seder - and a maggid impossible to forget, I offer the greatest gratitude to:

- Rabbi Adam Rosenbaum, Rivka Soloway, and Lev Gross-Comstock for their creative minds and hearts that envisioned our Passover journey (with a delightful cast of true characters including Neil Meshorer, Marc Forman, Laura Floyd, Kara Collins, Peggy Littmann, Gilya Schmidt, Mary Linda Schwarzbart, and Markus Eisenbach)
- Frank and Elizabeth Floyd for truly countless hours creating a most magnificent feast and Jenny Wood for leading communications and set-up (with a huge and hearty thank you to the amazing multi-tasking crew of Kara, Peggy, Sandy Parker, Catherine Eisenberg, Janet Iversen, Alice Farkas, and Marilyn Liberman). Check our website for many of the recipes.
- Sandy Parker and Steve Beber for being a seder sponsor
- Doug Weinstein, Beverly Wilcox, and Marianne Stephansen for help with all things logistical
- Jacob Messing who had the best answer ever as to how you give a prize for finding the Afikomen if you have 18 tables with an Afikomen to hide (come back next year to find out!)
- The Seder Organizing Committee of Neil, Frank, Jenny, Rivka, and Rabbi who helped me keep all the wheels spinning
- And, most importantly, everyone who joined us at our seder table this year.

Next Year in Jerusalem! May we all be free.



Heska Amuna Welcomes Our New Kitchen Manager

We are pleased to welcome Elizabeth Floyd as our new kitchen Manager. Elizabeth, the daughter of Frank and Laura Floyd, literally has been cooking for us in the synagogue kitchen for the past ten+ years, ever since she was old enough to be trusted with knives and help her dad. It's hard to recall when we had a Break-the-Fast meal that Frank did not organize. And now, we are delighted to continue the tradition of Floyds in the kitchen. We are most definitely delighted that Elizabeth is heading into a new career in the culinary industry, both in terms of her academic pursuits and as a staff member at Heska Amuna.

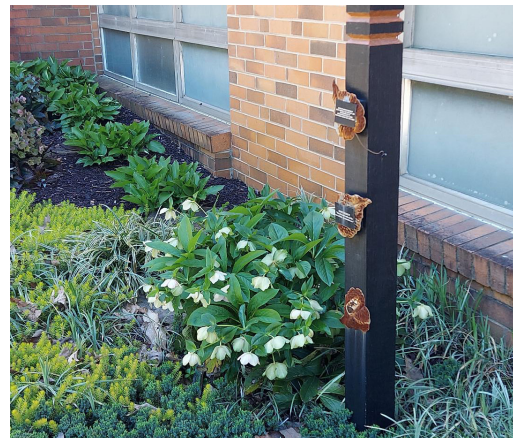
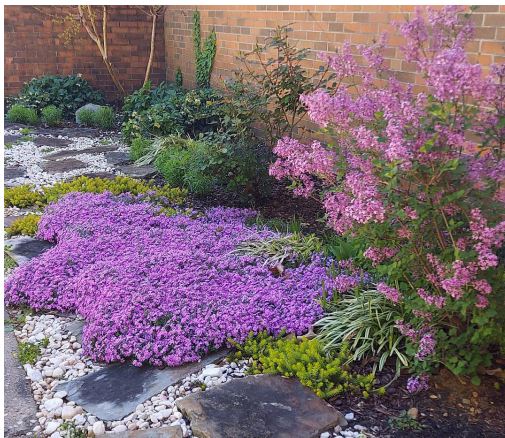
Elizabeth will provide kiddushim for us each week following our Shabbat morning services but started her time at Heska Amuna with quite an entrée. In collaboration with her father, Elizabeth and Frank planned, created, and brought forth a truly spectacular Seder meal for this year's Community Seder. Although Frank will admit he was skeptical about having a seder menu without brisket and baked chicken, Elizabeth and Frank came up with a wonderful vegetarian/pescatarian feast - complete with three enticing vegetarian courses and enough

desserts to ensure no one left hungry - and of course, with homemade matzo ball soup (even gluten free) and gefilte fish, too. If you are interested in making your own Matza Crack, Shepherd's Pie, or other dishes they prepared, go to the Passover page of our website: heskaamuna.org/passover.



In her position, Elizabeth is responsible for overseeing the kashrut of the kitchen and working with everyone who might be interested in sponsoring a kiddush or having an event at the synagogue that would include food service. So, if you have any event you would like to hold at Heska Amuna or other questions about how our kosher kitchen works, contact the office at 865-522-0701 or info@heskaamuna.org.

Thank you, Marilyn and Pat!



Even though we say it every Spring... Thank you to Marilyn Burnett and Pat Rosenberg for lovingly creating such beautiful and invigorating walkways to our building. It is impossible not to stop to appreciate all of the blooming flowers, trees, and plants that greet us this time of year - and offering us such a sweet way to remember those to whom our gardens are dedicated. Many thanks to you both.

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In appreciation of all who helped deliver Mishloach Manot-Melissa Sturm, Linda Anderson, Frank Floyd, Jenny Wood, Steve Beber, Jeffrey Hecht, Peggy Littmann, Mark Siegel, Betty Golub, Mary Linda Schwarzbart, Doug Weinstein (and apologies for leaving anyone out)

Mary Ann & Jennye Merrell

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Are You Ready for Summer?

By: Raina Siroty, Rabbi Cantor

Temple Beth El has been historically a great supporter of Jewish camping, and this summer is no different. This summer, I will be joining your children and grandchildren at Camp Coleman. I want to thank the Temple for allowing me to serve on faculty this summer, ensuring that I get to spend quality time with every child of our congregation.

You may ask, why should we continue to support Jewish camping? Not only is it a great way to engage in Jewish ritual, activities, and learning, it is also a lot of fun! Research shows camp attendance makes adults 30% more likely to donate to a Jewish charity, 37% more likely to light Shabbat candles, 45% more likely to attend synagogue monthly or more, and 55% more likely to be very emotionally attached to Israel.

Ask your campers why they want to go to camp year after year. I am sure that they will say that they miss their friends. These friendships made at camp truly last a lifetime. If you ask them why these friendships matter so much to them? I am sure they will tell you a multitude of reasons (or maybe they will just laugh and smile). What do they do at camp that is just so special in their eyes and hearts... they will tell you how much they love the place where all this happens.

Your children will join the hundreds of friends and families from Reform Jewish congregations across the great states of Tennessee, North and South Carolina, Georgia, and Florida...together they will create a summer of memories. We will sing together in the dining hall and during services, and we will share stories. We will teach each other, and we will learn from others. There will be a lot of activities, climbing on the obstacle course and swimming, Maccabiah and Israel Day. It will certainly be an awe-inspiring month of Jewish living. Sadly, this remarkable summer will end but amidst the tears and hugs goodbye- this generation of Jewish campers will have found a place for themselves in a Jewish community they can now call their own and will beg to come back to next year!

Each year, Coleman hosts a Family Camp on Labor Day weekend, this year on August 30th-September 2nd. Imagine getting to Reach new heights on a 50-foot climbing tower, enjoying a new community on Shabbat, roasting marshmallows by a campfire or relaxing with natural beauty all around! Other activities you can try: Soccer, Tennis, Music, Arts & Crafts, Nature, Canoeing, Swimming, and so much more! We have a few Beth El families that attend each year, and how wonderful it would be to make this a tradition with even more of our Temple families. Please contact me for more information as the date gets closer.

Summer 2024 is going to be a time to remember!

Happy Summer from TBE

By: Kathy Young, President

It sure has been a few busy months at Temple Beth El as you can see from all the pictures Inside this edition. We had over 100 people attend our Seder, the biggest participation I can remember.

It's hard to believe that Rabbi Siroty is almost completing her first year with us. She has brought such enthusiasm and joy to all.

I am looking forward to the quiet summer months ahead. I hope you all have wonderful, exciting plans for travel, staycations, or whatever makes you the happiest. We will all be around for services, onegs, and any special events that may occur. Please join us on June 2 when we go to the Smokies game. See you soon.

Hands on, Hearts on, Minds on Learning

By: Norma James, Temple Beth El Religious School Director

Religious School may be out for the summer, but we have some exciting summer plans:

June 9: Pre-Shavuot Pool Party

TBERS along with our friends at PJ Library and KJDS are having kickoff to summer pool party at the Allen Rosen Aquatic Center. Splash into summer with friends, pizza, ice cream, music, and games!

June 28: Confirmation

Rabbi Sirotzky is thrilled to prepare her first Temple Beth El Confirmation Class for their service this month. Sammie Friedman, Luke Javors, Asher Park, Jacob Walters, and Sophia Walters, most of whom have been a part of our school since their early years, will lead the service. The students are all shining examples of our next generation of Jewish leaders, and we hope you will join them and their families for their milestone.



Jacob Walters



Luke Javors



Sophia Walters



Asher Park



Sammie Friedman

Norma is available for summer Hebrew! Would you like for your child to have some individual Hebrew this summer? This can make a huge difference for a child's Hebrew confidence. This is a cost-free service, and I like to keep it flexible to work around summer activities. We can meet on FaceTime or Zoom, which keeps sessions even more flexible. Email or text me if you are interested.

August 1: Religious School Registration Opens for 2024-2025

We have classes for children age four through 9th grade. Confirmation is open to 9th-12th graders. Classes will begin on August 25, and registration will be completely online at tbeknox.org/learning/religious-school.

Jack Shagan Bat Mitzvah

By: Robert & Allisen Shagan

Mazel Tov to Jack Shagan on being called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah on June 15, 2024- 9 Sivan 5784. The Torah portion speaks of the prohibitions of the Nazirites. Jack will lead the services as well as chant the Haftorah.

Jack is the son of Robert Allisen Shagan. Jack is a sixth grader at Farragut Middle School. He is in the band and plays the trumpet. His interests include football, basketball, and hiking with friends and family.

For his Bar Mitzvah project, Jack has been volunteering to pick up litter along Turkey Creek greenway. It is good for the environment and wildlife by making an immediate and visible difference where we live, work, and play.



Celebrating Passover at TBERS Mock Seder



Our PreK/K class poses in the masks they created. Behind these masks, in no particular order, are Charlize Goldberg, Joey Jordan, Clara Kimmet, Adrian Burnett, Azzie Drew, and Ozzie Smyser.



Our Religious School Seder is one of the highlights of our year. Our parents provide all the items for the Seder and take care of everything! Thanks Parents!

TBE'ers Show up Big for 3rd Annual S.T.A.R. Work Day

By: Steve Lewis



Hail, hail, the gang's all here! Twenty TBE'ers and one "Angel" brought smiles and energy to STAR, helping the place "shine" for their big annual fund raiser.



It took big, strong men to do some of the work required to spruce up the place, and Alan Schwartz, Alan Smuckler, and Steve Lewis filled the bill!



No, "Renee Hyatt and the Dunns," is not the name of a hot new country band, but this team really got the job done cleaning up the you-know-what!

TBE announces the 1st Annual Golf Tournament

Date: August 12, 2024

Location: Gettysvue Golf Course

Fee: \$125/person. Lunch included.

If you are interested or want to help, please contact either Bill Padoll or Frank Cyzick at 336golf.com/tbe

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Honoring our 5th Grade Graduates

By: Miriam Esther Wilhelm, Head of School

At KJDS, we believe that education goes beyond simply teaching subjects; it's about embracing each child as a unique individual with their own dreams and potential. That's why we keep our student/teacher ratio low, ensuring every student receives the attention and support they need to flourish. In our nurturing environment, students are not only challenged to reach their academic heights but also encouraged to explore their artistic, physical, spiritual, and social dimensions. Learning is not a fixed destination but an ever-evolving journey, cherished and pursued throughout a lifetime. We spoke to our KJDS graduates to hear what they have received and what they have given to the KJDS community throughout their time here.

Arya Blanchard

Middle School: Farragut Middle School

A gift KJDS gave me was the skills to navigate relationships and a love for writing and performing. I've enriched others' experiences at KJDS by being a role model and coaching younger students.

Abe Blitt

Middle School: Bearden Middle School

A gift KJDS gave me was leadership skills and tons of friends.

I've enriched others' experiences at KJDS by helping others and encouraging others to be themselves.

Max Diamondstone

Middle School: Webb School of Knoxville

A gift KJDS gave me was kindness and friendships that I know will last.

I've enriched others' experiences at KJDS by teaching younger kids how to play sports.

Addy DiSalvo-Tinley

Middle School: Bearden Middle School

A gift KJDS gave me was the ability to ask millions of questions and be encouraged to do so.

I've enriched others' experiences at KJDS by helping others and being part of creating awesome memories.

Ilsa Naparstek

Middle School: Episcopal School of Knoxville

A gift KJDS gave me was amazing friends and I've become a more confident mathematician.

I've enriched others' experiences at KJDS by guiding, reassuring, and caring for the younger students.

Avishai Ferency

Middle School: Bearden Middle School

A gift KJDS gave me was building strong bonds with people and learning that kindness always comes back to you if you put it out there.

I've enriched others' experiences at KJDS by helping others follow along and focus during tefillah and being a good role model for others to learn from.

Collette Johnson

Middle School: South Doyle Middle School

A gift KJDS gave me was that I've become a calmer and kinder person and I've made so many friends that I've learned a lot from.

I've enriched others' experiences at KJDS by leading and showing responsibility. And I've helped younger students learn these skills as well.

Ansel Presser

Middle School: Holston Middle School

A gift KJDS gave me was friendships that will remain long after KJDS.

I've enriched others' experiences at KJDS by bringing laughter and fun to school every day and being a good role model at tefillah.

Halen Presser

Middle School: Holston Middle School

A gift KJDS gave me was confidence in myself and so many good friends.

I've enriched others' experiences at KJDS by being a good friend to all, including younger students.

Rochel Wilhelm

Middle School: Nigri Jewish Online School

A gift KJDS gave me was confidence on stage.

I've enriched others' experiences at KJDS by bringing joy to learning and games and having fun with my team even if we don't win.

Noah Weinberg

Middle School: Carpenters Middle School

A gift KJDS gave me was close friends and a Jewish community.

I've enriched others' experiences at KJDS by noticing others and bringing them into games.



*Back Row, starting from left: Virginia Kessler, Abe Blitt, Arya Blanchard, Ilsa Naparstek, Collette Johnson, Avishai Ferency, Max Diamondstone, Laura Saddlemire; Front Row, starting from left: Rochel Wilhelm, Ansel Presser, Halen Presser, Addy DiSalvo-Tinley, Noah Weinberg
CREDIT: Miriam Esther Wilhelm*

Pesach Learning at KJDS

By: Miriam Esther Wilhelm, Head of School

Learning about Pesach was an immersive and meaningful experience for all our KJDS students.

Our youngest learners in K-1 explored the traditions and meaning of all the 15 steps of the Seder. They even got to make their own shmurah matzah during a fun, interactive Matzah Factory demonstration with Mendel Wilhelm!

Our 2-3 learners did a deep dive into the Passover story and performed a Pesach Play all in Hebrew. In addition, they enjoyed Minute to Win It games connected to the seder plate items and discovered their deeper meanings.

Our 4-5 learners created timelines of the Pesach story, mapping the years from when the Jews came down to Egypt until the exodus. They pulled so many skills together to create these informative timelines.

All classes partook in an engineering design challenge led by Mr. Lev. K-1 explored density and buoyancy as they tried to create baskets for Moshe (Moses) to float in. 2-3 and 4-5 engineers considered how the Jewish slaves may have transported materials as they built pyramids for Pharaoh in Egypt with a motorized boat challenge. They explored concepts related to buoyancy, density, balance, and circuits as they created battery-powered propellers.



Aviva Lane is wowed by a Pesach magic trick
Credit: Miriam Esther Wilhelm



K-1 students, Lucas Haskins and Margot Weiss-Hilton, aid Mendel Wilhelm in making matzah
Credit: Brooke Haskins



The 2-3 class pose after an amazing performance of the Passover story, all in Hebrew!
Credit: Lev Gross-Comstock



Jacob Callen labels the items on the seder plate in Hebrew
Credit: Miriam Esther Wilhelm

Casino Night Gala

By: Becca Stein, Director of Development

The Stanford Eisenberg Knoxville Jewish Day School hosted its Night of Luck and Legacy—a Casino Night Gala on Sunday, May 5th. We are so grateful for the amazing turn out we had from our community, and the money we were able to raise to support our school!

We had an incredible time reconnecting with old friends and making new ones, hitting the blackjack and poker tables, and eating delicious food prepared by Potchke Deli while raising money for an amazing cause.

We were fortunate to have the opportunity to honor Jeff and Nancy Becker, two of our founding board members. At the event, we announced a new endowment fund—The Jeff and Nancy Becker KJDS Hebrew Education Fund. This fund will support our innovative Hebrew program for years to come!

If you weren't able to join us but would like to contribute, you can text Hebrew to 44321 to receive a link to donate or contact Becca Stein at bstein@kjds.org.

If you'd like to contribute to our tuition aid fund, please visit [KJDS.org/donate](https://kjds.org/donate).

Thank you so much to everyone who has contributed to this successful campaign so far!



The honorees of the night, Jeff and Nancy Becker Credit: Juicebeats Photography



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The casino games were enjoyed by all Credit: Lev Gross-Comstock

President's Message

By: Judith Rosenberg, KJA President

By the time you're reading this, Milton Collins Day Camp and summer at the AJCC will be in full swing. As we say, it's "The Most Fun Under the Sun!" For decades, we've welcomed campers of all faiths to our building and to the Allen Rosen Aquatic Center for one of the most consistently well-managed and well-run day camp experiences our city has to offer. Sports, music, drama, STEM activities, art... and more!... all supervised by our dedicated staff and some of the lowest staff to camper ratios around. It makes me nostalgic for my own summer days spent at MCDC, poolside and at swim meets, watching (and being watched over) by the mah-jongg ladies, on the tennis courts, hanging out with friends, and having tons of fun.

What I didn't realize in those days is how much time, effort, and money it takes to keep facilities like ours up and running, and also safe and secure. I am deeply appreciative to our program and administrative staff, seasonal summer staff, Board of Directors,

and our volunteers for helping us maintain our physical presence and providing a simply awesome and wonderful summer for so many kids in our community. I also thank everyone who is an AJCC member, and/or participates as a donor in our annual campaign. Your support truly makes a difference, and you are helping our next generation build their own fond memories of the greater Knoxville Jewish community and the Arnstein Jewish Community Center on Deane Hill Drive.

It's not too late to join the AJCC and experience everything summer has to offer with us. And your membership now carries other year-round benefits, too! Hope to see you at the pool.



PJ Library International Conference Celebrates Jewish Joy

By: Martha Iroff, KJA Vice-President for Children & Youth

PJ Library, a program of the Harold Grinspoon Foundation, held its annual International Conference in April in Springfield, MA, with representatives from over 100 PJ communities and 40 countries. Anna Iroff-Bailey, KJA Director of Jewish Life, attended the conference to represent our community.

PJ Library sends free high-quality Jewish children's books to families every month – but it is also so much more than books. This year, PJ Library celebrates 18 years of inspiring families to explore and celebrate what they love about Jewish life, and PJ Professionals had the opportunity to celebrate at the conference too. Attendees networked, created art, and immersed themselves in deep learning to explore a variety of ways to strengthen our Jewish community and help families forge meaningful connections.

The conference theme was *simcha/joy*, highlighting how stories and community can help us empower families to create and experience Jewish joy, even

in challenging times. For Anna, "The conference highlighted the joy children and families find in connecting with other families who 'get it' – the joy and the struggle of raising Jewish children in small town South these days – and how critical PJ Library is in supporting parents, educating families, and bringing Jewish joy to children."

Additionally, Anna was invited to share about our collaborative programming with Temple Beth El Religious School and Knoxville Jewish Day School, as part of a panel on Connecting Families with Jewish Organizations and Community Building. Thank you, Anna, for your impactful work with families and partner organizations in the Knoxville area. We are proud to serve as an example for other communities.

For more information about PJ Library in Knoxville, visit www.jewishknoxville.org/pjlibrary or email pj@jewishknoxville.org.

KJA ARCHIVES THE WAY WE WERE and THE WAY WE ARE

In 1983, Knoxville native **Barbara Winick Bernstein** put out a call to the Jewish community for the formation of a local archive to preserve Knoxville’s Jewish history. A group of volunteers answered by providing photographs, family histories, and other memorabilia, and also helped Barbara conduct audio interviews of long-time Knoxville residents active in the Jewish community. For many years, the Robinson family provided storage at Modern Supply for the materials Barbara and her group collected. When Wendy Lowe Besmann became interested in writing a history of Jewish Knoxville, she researched these materials for her book *A Separate Circle* and revitalized the notion of a formal Archives. Nora Messing put the vision into motion preserving the materials at Modern Supply into archival-quality storage, and then overseeing moving them to the AJCC Board Room in 2004. Shelving, protective curtains, and other resources needed to house this new archival collection were provided through the generosity of the Bernsteins. The Archives was dedicated in 2005 and named The Barbara Winick Bernstein Knoxville Jewish Community Archives at the urging of Barbara’s husband Bernie. It has been colloquially known as the “Knoxville Jewish Archives.”

Barbara served as the Archives first Committee Chair. Wendy Besmann became the first archivist of the Archives followed by Nicki Russler in 2006. In 2013 Barbara became Chair Emerita and Michael Burnett and Mary Ann Merrell become co-chairs of the Archives Committee.

Barbara’s focus on capturing histories – originally accomplished on her hand-held cassette recorder – is now achieved by capturing video interviews of community members. The Archives preserves our history in many other ways - sharing our history with the regular feature in KJA newsletters of a photograph highlighting “The Way We Were,” providing materials for genealogical research, accepting new materials to add to the collection, and now has begun a preservation project to digitize historically significant paper documents. Over the years, the Archives has participated in community-wide programs to share our history including creating content for the East Tennessee History Society’s Bagels and Barbecue exhibit, producing KJA exhibits such as the salute to Milton Collins, and recently putting on the first of hopefully many walks remembering Jewish businesses in downtown Knoxville.

And how was all of this possible? The answer is reflected in the name of the Archives itself. Barbara’s steadfast commitment to preserving our history was – and is – foundational, a commitment which was equally matched by her husband, **Bernie Bernstein**. Sadly, in May, 2023, Bernie left us. The Board of the KJA is proud to share that hereafter, to honor his years of support to the Archives and the KJA, the Archives will be named the **Bernard and Barbara Winick Bernstein Archives of the Jewish Community of Knoxville and East Tennessee** in recognition of them both. The Archives is honored to bear this name.









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Your Campaign Dollars at Work.....

By: Renee' Hyatt, VP Campaign

In previous articles, you have read about how your Campaign dollars impact individuals in our community – an attendee at Jewish Family Services monthly Shabbat service, delighted parents whose children receive monthly mailings from PJ Library, and a University of Tennessee student whose involvement with Hillel has strengthened her Jewish identity. These examples are readily tangible benefits our Campaign provides.

I also want you to focus on a perhaps less appreciated yet highly important benefit of supporting our KJA Campaign: the Tennessee House of Representatives approved next year's budget which includes \$750,000 in security grants to houses of worship. This is a result of your KJA joining the Jewish Federations of Chattanooga, Memphis, and Nashville in hiring a lobbying firm which convinced our legislators to continue this funding for a third year.

Whether your child or grandchildren attend Preschool at the AJCC, Milton Collins Day Camp, or KJDS, or if you are a member of Heska Amuna, JCOR, or Temple Beth El, or if you have attended a KJA program either at the AJCC or off-site, you have benefitted from this grant from the peace of mind and body of having your safety assured. This is how our KJA Campaign sustains Jewish life both in the present and as we move into the future.

If you have yet to make your pledge, please do so today by:

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Knoxville Needs to Re-Endow the Dewey Reich Fund for Indigent Burial**By Stephen Rosen**

KJCFF and KJA have for several years partnered with Heska Amuna and Temple Beth El to provide for Jewish burial rites for those that cannot cover the expenses. In 2013, the partners funded the Dewey Reich Chesed Shel Emet Fund of the KJCFF. The fund document states “the purpose of this fund is to provide support for the mitzvah of chesed shel emet, caring for the interment of those who cannot afford it, and who will never be able to return the kindness.” As a result of its most recent grant, the fund is down to \$15,000, barely enough to cover two additional burials. Ask any historian, and they will tell you that Jewish communities are birthed in death. Most shtetls in the south had their first communal efforts in creating burial societies. Our story in Knoxville is no different. If you have interest in following in the giant leadership shoes of Dewey Reich and funding a mitzvah for which you can't be thanked, please discuss it with Stephen or Laura

KJCFF ALERT – Fund for Hillel at UT Knoxville is NOW IMMINENT**By Karen Ferency**

We re-run this article as we are in PROCESS to LAUNCH THIS FUND. If you have interest in this project, please contact Stephen or Laura NOW!!!.

Recently I took on the role of KJA's VP of Jewish Community Services which includes Hillel at the University of Tennessee. The very first thing I did in the position was meet with Tara Bain, the compassionate and dedicated Hillel Director, to learn more. Throughout our conversation I kept circling back to one question: Why does Hillel at UTK not have a fund through Knoxville Jewish Community Family of Funds? Solely operated by the Knoxville Jewish Alliance, Hillel at UTK is majority funded through KJA's annual campaign with programming support from the Jewish Foundation of Nashville and grants and fundraising efforts through Hillel International. And while Tara's and KJA's relationships with UTK are strong, the University does not provide financial support to UTK Hillel. With the expansion and reputation growth of the University of Tennessee and the present necessity of supporting our local Jewish institutions, now is the time to plan for the future. We need an endowment to ensure a vibrant Jewish presence at Rocky Top. Hillel at UTK provides support, organization, engagement, and community to all Jewish Vols. At Hillel, students explore and embrace Jewish life, develop identities that encompass Jewish learning and values, and gain valuable leadership experiences. Let's secure this greatness for the forthcoming generations of Jewish Vols.

If you have question about how KJA serves our local Jewish university students, please contact Karen at jcsvp@jewishknoxville.org. If you would like to be a Vol for Life and start a fund in Big Orange Country, contact Stephen.

BREAKING NEWS.... KJCFF now accepts online donations for all of our funds!

You can find our link at www.jewishknoxville.org/kjcff, or at the KJA website under the header “Jewish Knoxville”

Woman of the Year Awarded

By: Barbara Mintz, President

Hadassah's Southern Region held its Mid-Winter meeting in Birmingham, Alabama in late February and six Knoxville-Oak Ridge members attended. They learned about Hadassah's activities during the war effort, including the current End the Silence Campaign. Presentations were given by national leaders on our centralized banking system, annual giving, leadership skills and more. Our Chapter was praised by other chapters who have modeled programs after ours.

We were honored to recognize Kim Preston as our Knoxville-Oak Ridge Chapter Woman of the Year recipient and she received a pin and regional recognition. She currently serves on our Board as our HaKol Coordinator ensuring that our four pages of magazine content are reviewed, adapted, organized, and packaged for submission to KJA. As important as those specific duties are, Kim was also recognized for being a constant volunteer in every way she can. She assists with programs, fundraising, writing articles, providing refreshments, registering attendees, and the list goes on and on. It should be added that Kim has only been a member of this Chapter for just over a year. Kim is the epitome of a team player who wholeheartedly supports Hadassah at every level.



Bonnie Boring, Jill Weinstein, Mary Evars-Goan, Barbara Mintz, Kim Preston, and Laura Floyd at the conference.



Kim Preston receiving Woman of the Year Pin

Hadassah Shabbat an International Success

By: Shuli Mesa

Hadassah Knoxville-Oak Ridge joined with over 150 chapters worldwide to celebrate Hadassah's Shabbat Zachor, the 112th anniversary of Hadassah, on March 23rd. The Jewish Congregation of Oak Ridge was kind enough to host us again and let Hadassah leave her mark. Believe me, a mark was made.

There are no pictures, being on Shabbat, yet there are many people to thank who helped bring this Shabbat to life. I want to thank Eileen Nober for being my co-chair and Becky Charles for assisting with menu planning and arrangements as well as Andrea Cone for making calls and Barbara Mintz for helping in a variety of capacities. At JCOR, I would especially like to thank Rabbi Loewenthal for her tremendous assistance crafting the service and also assisting me and others in their roles. Bruce Tomkins helped me fill in parts and Hebrew names and the JCOR tech team enabled us to zoom a haftarah reading from Israel. A special thank you to our service leaders: Levi Laxton, Jim Bogard, Rabbi, and Eryn Mesa. Thank you to my mom, Penny Elbaz, who chanted the haftarah from Israel. And thanks to all of the many amazing service participants: Zane and Linda Bell, Ronnie Bogard, Becky Charles, Mary Evars-Goan, Laura Floyd, Marc Forman, Tina Holland, Anita Kay, Peggy Littmann, Penny Lukin, Barbara and Seth Mintz, Eileen Nober, Kim Preston, Dale Rosenberg, Rhonda Sternfels, Bruce Tomkins, and Jill Weinstein.

Thank you to Janet Iverson, Becky, Eileen, and Barbara for cooking and setting-up on Friday. A super charged thanks to everyone that brought in food: Becky Charles, Andrea Cone, Laura Floyd, Revital Ganzi, Mary Evars-Goan, Tina Holland, Anita Kay, Peggy Littmann, Barbara Mintz, Kim Preston, Debbie Rubinsky, Rhonda Sternfels, and Jill Weinstein.

We feasted on international fare. The menu was vast with dishes from Morocco, Turkey, Greece, Eastern Europe, and American desserts. It was a wonderfully tasty affair.

It was heartwarming to celebrate with all who attended. As the Education Vice President, I could not be prouder to watch the WOMEN WHO DO...DO!

Knoshville a Huge Success for Hadassah

By: Barbara Mintz, Chair

Hadassah women again supported their local Jewish community through our participation in Knoshville and we supported Hadassah and Israel by raising over \$2000.00 that will all directly go to Hadassah's medical centers.

This event requires the participation of so many. We had 50 Bundt cakes and dozens of mini-size cakes baked for this event. Here is a list of all of the bakers that baked for so many of you.

Judy Abrams
Nancy Becker
Nancy Britcher
Andrea Cone
Mary Evars-Goan
Alice Farcas
Allison Fay

Elizabeth Floyd
Frank Floyd
Reba Herzfeld
Phyllis Hirsh
Carol Ickowitz
Nora Messing
Linda Mongeon

Shuli Mesa
Barbara Mintz
Rosalie Nagle
Mary Linda Schwarzbart
Melissa Sturm
Jill Weinstein
Marilyn Wohl

A few women could not bake this year and made monetary contributions instead. We thank:
Harriet Cooper Shelly Hecht Joni Hirschhaut Dina Kramer

It is critical to note that this year every dollar earned will go to Hadassah as Robin Brown generously covered our registration fee in memory of her brother.

There was also a core of women who enthusiastically collected and sold our cakes. We thank:

Linda Anderson
Mary Evars-Goan

Alice Farcas
Carol Ickowitz

Anita Kay
Peggy Littmann

Nancy Scherr
Jill Weinstein

Last but not least, there were a few special helpers including Nora Messing who shared information from prior years to assist with planning and loaned us her canopy. Laura Floyd collected money throughout the entire event. Marc Forman, Seth Mintz, and Frank Floyd assisted us with set-up and break-down.

We sincerely thank all of the men and women who purchased our cakes in support of Hadassah, and we hope you enjoyed every bite!





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Hadassah Knoxville-Oak Ridge Book Club News

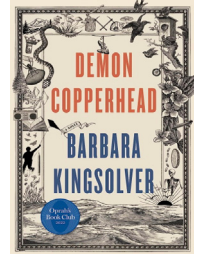
By: Rhonda Sternfels

The books and discussions we have are always informative, fun, and exciting. We welcome you to participate in our Hadassah Book Club meetings, at 7:30p.m, the third Tuesday of every month, Zoom only format, even if you do not read the book.

June 18- Demon Copperhead by Barbara Kingsolver

Host- Shelley Manigold

Set in the southern Appalachian mountains, this is the story of a boy born to a teenaged single mother living in a trailer, who braves foster care, child labor, derelict schools, addiction, love, and loss as he journeys to maturity.



July 16- The Paris Daughter by Kristen Harmel

Host: Harriet Cooper

Historical novel set in 1939 Paris and later. When one mother becomes a German target, she entrusts her young daughter to her friend, a librarian. When the war ends, the mother returns to her friend's neighborhood to find it destroyed and the people gone. Her search for her daughter leads her to New York, and a heartbreaking encounter with her old friend from Paris.



Please contact Rhonda Sternfels at resternfels@comcast.net or call: 865-607-8863 if you have any questions, feedback, or want your name and email added to our list of book club members.



SAVE THE DATE

HADASSAH
Knoxville - Oak Ridge
Second Annual Hadassah Picnic
Melton Lake, Oak Ridge
Sunday, July 14, 2024



RSVP: Eileen Nober (enober1@gmail.com)
Shuli Mesa (shulime@gmail.com)

Pot Luck: include what you are bringing
(snacks, salads main dish, desserts, drinks)
dairy/parve

Those not bringing food can leave a cash contribution in our picnic basket

JCOR Honors Our Spring Holidays



Passover 2024



Yom HaShoah 2024



Model Seder 2024



Purim 2024



Pre-Purim Family Fun

A Groovy Purim

Chabad's Purim in the 60's drew a crowd of over 170! Enjoy these pics to get an idea of what went down at the Grooviest party in town.



Celebrating Pesach

Pesach in the numbers

3 choices of wine to drink at the comm Barkan Classic Cabernet, Jeunesse Semi-Sweet, Tapperberg Shiraz

12 Afikomans were hidden and found to the delight of the children

98 participants enjoyed a warm and uplifting Seder

115 eggs were cooked and peeled for the Pesach Seder

300 Shmura Matzos were distributed to families in Knoxville

25 lbs of apples, **15** lbs of pears, **3** lbs of nuts and **1** gallon of Grape Juice were used for the Community Seder Charoset (in truth no one really measured the weight!)

It was truly wonderful to be back at the Lighthouse celebrating Pesach together at Chabad's Community Seder. The food was delicious, the company fabulous and we all learned something new as Rabbi Yossi led the Seder. A definite highlight was the kids' involvement, they did magic tricks that taught about the Pesach story, searched for the afikoman, sand the Mah Nishtana so proudly and led us in Yishtabach during the Halel Step.



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Grace Goldberger • Dorothee Heller • Nathan Marks •
Harold Raymon • Dewey Reich • John Speed •
Richard Wayburn • Anna Wender • Ron Young •
Mose Zavels • Stanley Zinn

June 14

Albert Eisenstadt • William Freedman • George Gluck •
Virginia Gluck • Harold Herbst • Jeanette Hyatt •
Ethel Kaplan • Ian Kinney • Ann Klein • Rose Klugman •
Joseph Konigsberg • Esther Margolina • Julius Orovan •
Moshe Ribak • Ruth Rockower • Max Rosenstein • Leo Shey •
Edith Smith

June 21

Max Arnstein • Margrit Baerman • Morris Bart • Henry Bloom •
Sylvia Brenner • Allan Gerson • Morris Gluck •
William Goldberger • Sam Good • Stephen Kelleher •
Estelle Kreisberg • Max Licht • Julien Meyer •
Judy Padoll Orland Porter, Jr • Edward Reich • Samuel Spiro •
Paula Zatlin • Jennie Zuckerman

June 28

Charlotte Bain • Ben Brown • Margot Brown • Elayne Butler •
Shirley Cohen • Sally Deitch • Elizabeth Handler •
Harry Marx • F. Joseph Miller • Margaret Moss •
Lowell Nisely • Lillian Pomerantz • Faye Rule • Sylvia Silver •
Dora Silverstein • Brian Tusberg

July 5

Morton Banov • Miriam Blumberg • Rosita Borenstein •
Sara Brody • Harry Cooper • Rose Gassel •
Richard Hecht • Richard Marchand • Shirley Pline •
David Sauers • Dora Schramm • Jerome Smith •
Gertrude Spero • Linda Zaretski • Harold Zimmerman •
Patricia Zivi

July 12

Joel Caller • Matilda Corkland • Morris Deitch •
KC Derrington • Issac Diamond • Samuel Feinberg •
Harriet Glassman • Harry Gluck • Irving Kovitch •
Ralph Kramer • Ethel Danneman Krinsky • Rose Mark •
Sam Mislow • Sol Moiger • Mimi Pais • David Salus •
Max Sonn • Evan Sturm • Phillip Taylor

July 19

Jessie Black • Malcolm Bloom • Raymond Brody •
David Brown • Christine Cramer • Pearl Davis •
Mayme Dortch • Jeffrey Dzimitrowicz • Joseph Fishler •
Goldie Garber • Joseph Greenberg • Minnie Katz •
John Kelleher • David Licht • Margaret Locklar •
Sylvia Miller • Elizabeth Pardee • Judy Rattner •
Sam Rosenbloom • Leo Silver

July 26

Jeffrey Allen • William Cramer • Tinnie Diamond •
Sofia Gutman • David Hyman • Lillian Kern •
Nathan Lieberman • Shlema Livshits • Julius Rosenstein •
Dorothy Tessler

Heska Amuna Synagogue

Yahrzeits



June 1

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June 8

Sylvia Bellin · Bernard Bernstein · Sidney Burnett · Philip Chazen · Julia Eichwald · Jacob Ellin · Anne Fuson · David Garber · Brayne Geller · Samuel Grusin · Bernard Iroff · William Jaffe · Ruth Kahan · Samuel Lavine · Sam Nius · Isaac Resnick · Bernard Schanowitz · Sarah Weinstein · Melba Werfel · Reva Zussman

June 15

Edward Balloff · Lester Berry · Ida Brown · Sylvia Golub · Abraham Jacobs · Sol Leeds · Leon Leibowitz · Lucy Lobertini · Nathan Robinson · Ethel Rosenberg · Sarah Sachs · Hyman Strauss · Amelia Strauss · Benjamin Tegal · Harriett Zalkin · Parril Zeff

June 22

Murray Beber · David Bendriem · Sarah Euster · Rebecca Forstein · Saul Garber · George Gourse · Hyman Kisilinsky · Alice Landis · Lillian Millner · Rachel Resnick · Morris Rosenblatt · Samuel Schwartz · Nettie Secaul · Claire Shulman · Louis Tobe · Morris Werner

June 29

George Adlin · Pablo Piedrahita-Aduen · Irene Baskin · Adele Bernard · Albert Eisenstadt · Sylvia Forman · Sarah Gershek · Isaac Green · Victor Hanan · Lynn Hecht · Esther Kay · Harry Lipshin · Samuel Love · Ben Mazur · George Messing · Thekla Naumann · Jennie Rosenblatt · Frances Sabler · Claude Schulhof · Herbert Smullian

July 6

Beatrice Beber · Sol Berry · Shirley Cohen · Abraham Collins · Selma Corkland · Harold Diftler · Louis Edelman · George Fayerman · Santa Floyd · Sol Greenfield · Jacob Klein · Mary Kutsubos · Thomas Owens · Fannie Russler · Robert Sabler · Marian Schwartz · Zelda Siegel · Esther Spiegelman · Doris Weinstein

July 13

Ann Stover Bell · Dorothy Blue · Israel Dyller · Rebecca Fayonsky · Jennie Friedman · Carol Glasman · Paul Iversen · Homer Kramer · Erma Levin · Bernard Marvet · Gerald Millen · Rose Robinson · Bradley Sturm · Joseph Weinbren

July 20

Greta Besmann · Emma Burnett · Samuel Denham · Clara Goodstein · Ben Goodstein · Moses Greenberg · Minnie Katz · Belle Linke · Lewis Littmann · Celia Mackta · Robert Milford · Aleja Piedrahita-Angulo · Gussie Potter · Anna Richer · Anna Sanders · Edward Shoenig · Joan Sitver · Marshall Stern · Martin Stollin · Anne Tomlinson · Hirsh Zussman

July 27

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The Archives needs your photographs! Send your photos (with identifications of who, what, when, where) of "The Way We Were" to archives@jewishknoxville.org or contact the archivist at (865) 690-6343.



*This photo of Bernard (z'l) and Barbara **Bernstein** was taken in the 1980's.*



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