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HIGHLIGHTS OF JOYFUL LEARNING

**TITANIC MUSEUMS HONOR THE 135 CHILDREN ON RMS TITANIC**

**Louise Laroche**  
2nd Class Passenger  
Age: 1 Year  
Born: July 2, 1910  
Destination: Cap Haitien, Haiti

Parlez-vous français? That's French! My papa, Joseph Laroche, will translate for us. I'm Louise Laroche — half-French, half-Haitian. I've never been outside France until now.

Papa was a brilliant Paris-educated engineer, but his skin color kept him from finding the job he deserved. When Mama told him she was expecting another baby, they decided to return to his native Haiti.

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# June 2023 Community Calendar

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### THURSDAY, JUNE 1

10:00A Torah Study/Adult Education - TBE

### FRIDAY, JUNE 2

8:29P *Candle Lighting*  
4:30P JFS Sherrill Hills - KJA  
6:30P Kabbalat Shabbat - HA  
7:00P Shabbat Service - TBE

### SATURDAY, JUNE 3

9:33P *Havdalah*  
9:15A Pirkei Avot - HA  
9:45A Shabbat Service - HA  
10:00A Shabbat Service - JCOR  
10:30A Library Minyan - HA

### SUNDAY, JUNE 4

10:00A KJDS/PJ Library Pool Party at AJCC  
7:30P Reading Hebrew w/Jonah - HA  
7:30P Beginning Hebrew - HA

### TUESDAY, JUNE 6

8:00P Minyan - HA

### WEDNESDAY, JUNE 7

12:00P Executive Mifgash Manhigim - TBE  
3:00P Modern Hebrew - HA  
6:30P Minyan & Talmud Study - HA

### THURSDAY, JUNE 8

10:00A Torah Study/Adult Education - TBE

### FRIDAY, JUNE 9

8:33P *Candle Lighting*  
6:30P Kabbalat Shabbat - HA  
7:00P Shabbat Service - TBE

### SATURDAY, JUNE 10

9:37P *Havdalah*  
9:15A Pirkei Avot - HA  
9:45A Shabbat Service - HA  
10:00A Shabbat Service - JCOR  
6:00P Farewell Dinner for Rabbi Schifan - TBE

### SUNDAY, JUNE 11

10:00A Annual Meeting - HA  
10:00A Yoga at the J - KJA  
1:00P Pickleball at the J - KJA  
7:30P Reading Hebrew w/Jonah - HA  
7:30P Beginning Hebrew - HA

### TUESDAY, JUNE 13

4:00P Pool Closes Early for Swim Meet - AJCC  
8:00P Minyan - HA

### WEDNESDAY, JUNE 14

3:00P Modern Hebrew - HA  
6:30P Minyan & Talmud Study - HA  
6:30P Board Mifgash Manhigim - TBE  
7:00P Board Meeting - Hadassah

### THURSDAY, JUNE 15

10:00A Torah Study/Adult Education - TBE

### FRIDAY, JUNE 16

8:36P *Candle Lighting*  
6:30P Kabbalat Shabbat - HA  
7:00P Shabbat Service - TBE

### SATURDAY, JUNE 17

9:40P *Havdalah*  
9:15A Pirkei Avot - HA  
9:45A Shabbat Service - HA  
10:00A Shabbat Service - JCOR  
10:30A Zach Rosenbaum Bar Mitzvah - TBE

### SUNDAY, JUNE 18

7:30P Reading Hebrew w/Jonah - HA  
7:30P Beginning Hebrew - HA

### MONDAY, JUNE 19

8:30A MLK March/Parade Lineup - KJA  
10:00A Knoxville's MLK March/Parade Begins

### TUESDAY, JUNE 20

6:00P Ways & Means Meeting - TBE  
7:30P Book Club - Hadassah  
8:00P Minyan - HA

### WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21

3:00P Modern Hebrew - HA  
6:30P Minyan & Talmud Study - HA  
6:30P Ritual & Worship Meeting - TBE  
7:00P Board Meeting - Hadassah

### THURSDAY, JUNE 22

10:00A Torah Study/Adult Education - TBE

### FRIDAY, JUNE 23

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

### SATURDAY, JUNE 24

9:42P *Havdalah*  
9:15A Pirkei Avot - HA  
9:45A Shabbat Service - HA  
10:00A Shabbat Service - JCOR 7:00P Teen Late Night Swim - BBYO

### SUNDAY, JUNE 25

10:00A Yoga at the J - KJA  
1:00P Pickleball at the J - KJA  
3:00P Annual Givers Celebration - Hadassah  
7:30P Reading Hebrew w/Jonah - HA  
7:30P Beginning Hebrew - HA

### TUESDAY, JUNE 27

4:00P Pool Closes Early for Swim Meet - AJCC  
8:00P Minyan - HA

### WEDNESDAY, JUNE 28

3:00P Modern Hebrew - HA  
6:30P Minyan & Talmud Study - HA

### THURSDAY, JUNE 29

10:00A Torah Study/Adult Education - TBE

### FRIDAY, JUNE 30

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

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# July 2023 Community Calendar

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## SATURDAY, JULY 1

9:42P *Havdalah*  
9:15A Pirkei Avot - HA  
9:45A Shabbat Service - HA  
10:30A Library Minyan - HA

## SUNDAY, JULY 2

7:30P Reading Hebrew w/Jonah - HA  
7:30P Beginning Hebrew - HA

## TUESDAY, JULY 4

Independence Day  
11:00A Rosen Aquatic Center Pool Party  
- KJA

## WEDNESDAY, JULY 5

12:00P Executive Mifgash Manhigim - TBE  
3:00P Modern Hebrew - HA  
6:30P Minyan & Talmud Study - HA

## FRIDAY, JULY 7

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

## SATURDAY, JULY 8

9:40P *Havdalah*  
9:15A Pirkei Avot - HA  
9:45A Shabbat Service - HA

## SUNDAY, JULY 9

10:00A Yoga at the J - KJA  
1:00P Pickleball at the J - KJA  
7:30P Reading Hebrew w/Jonah - HA  
7:30P Beginning Hebrew - HA

## TUESDAY, JULY 11

8:00P Minyan - HA

## WEDNESDAY, JULY 12

3:00P Modern Hebrew - HA  
6:30P Board Mifgash Manhigim - TBE  
6:30P Minyan & Talmud Study - HA  
7:00P Board Meeting - Hadassah

## THURSDAY, JULY 13

10:00A Torah Study/Adult Education - TBE

## FRIDAY, JULY 14

8:35P *Candle Lighting*  
3:00P Welcome Rabbi Raina Siroty - KJA  
6:30P Kabbalat Shabbat - HA  
7:00P Shabbat Service - TBE

## SATURDAY, JULY 15

9:37P *Havdalah*  
9:15A Pirkei Avot - HA  
9:45A Shabbat Service - HA  
12:00P Potluck Lunch at Melton Lake Park - Hadassah

## SUNDAY, JULY 16

7:30P Reading Hebrew w/Jonah - HA  
7:30P Beginning Hebrew - HA

## TUESDAY, JULY 18

7:30P Book Club - Hadassah  
8:00P Minyan - HA

## WEDNESDAY, JULY 19

3:00P Modern Hebrew - HA  
6:30P Minyan & Talmud Study - HA  
7:00P Board Meeting - Hadassah

## THURSDAY, JULY 20

10:00A Torah Study/Adult Education - TBE

## FRIDAY, JULY 21

8:31P *Candle Lighting*  
6:30P Kabbalat Shabbat - HA  
7:00P Shabbat Service - TBE

## SATURDAY, JULY 22

9:32P *Havdalah*  
9:15A Pirkei Avot - HA  
9:45A Shabbat Service - HA  
7:00P Adult Only Swim at the J - KJA

## SUNDAY, JULY 23

10:00A Yoga at the J - KJA  
1:00P Pickleball at the J - KJA  
7:30P Reading Hebrew w/Jonah - HA  
7:30P Beginning Hebrew - HA

## TUESDAY, JULY 25

4:00P Pool Closes Early for Swim Meet - AJCC  
8:00P Minyan - HA

## WEDNESDAY, JULY 26

3:00P Modern Hebrew - HA  
6:30P Minyan & Talmud Study - HA

## THURSDAY, JULY 27

10:00A Torah Study/Adult Education - TBE

## FRIDAY, JULY 28

8:26P *Candle Lighting*  
6:30P Kabbalat Shabbat - HA  
7:00P Shabbat Service - TBE

## SATURDAY, JULY 29

9:26P *Havdalah*  
9:15A Pirkei Avot - HA  
9:45A Shabbat Service - HA


## SUNDAY, JULY 30

7:30P Reading Hebrew w/Jonah - HA  
7:30P Beginning Hebrew - HA

## Welcome Rabbi Raina Siroty

July 7, TBE - Shabbat Service

July 14, KJA - Meet and Greet



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**SUNDAY JUNE 4, 2023  
10AM-12PM**

**ALLEN ROSEN AQUATIC CENTER AT THE AJCC  
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**KONA ICE TRUCK!**

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## Mazel Tov, Graduates!

**Samantha Abrams-Cohen** has been in the National Honor Society and HOSA while she pursues her dream of working with animals. Samantha started volunteering at the Humane Society when she was 12, and they hired her as soon as she turned 16. During her senior year at Hardin Valley Academy, she earned her EKG certification and has done clinical rotations at a veterinary clinic and a primary care clinic. Due to Samantha's hard work, she received a significant merit scholarship to the University of Arizona and plans to major in Animal Behavior. Samantha is the daughter of Debbie and Jeff Abrams-Cohen, sister of Gabe, and granddaughter of Arnold Cohen and Nancy & Jeff Becker.



**Zoe Feldblum** is graduating from Hardin Valley Academy. Zoe will attend Lake Forest College in Lake Forest, Illinois in August. She is graduating with Honors and an HVA Health Science Academy Endorsement after earning her Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) license. Zoe was named an Advanced Placement (AP) Scholar, received the Health Science Academy Humanitarian Award, and the IMPY Scholarship. She is a four-year letterman and State qualifier on the HVA swim team. Additionally, Zoe was voted Teammate of the Year by her Tennessee Aquatics swim teammates. Zoe will attend Lake Forest College in Lake Forest, Illinois in August. She will be a member of the Forester swim team and pursue a career in nursing.



**Elizabeth Floyd** is graduating from Bearden High School. She will be attending Pellissippi starting in the fall and pursuing their Culinary Arts program. (Elizabeth made the delicious Israeli salad for 120 people for this year's Passover Seder!) She has played percussion, especially marimba, in the Bearden band for 4 years. Bearden is an award-winning band, but it requires determination and self-discipline. And their percussion section is crazy good! Elizabeth is the daughter of Laura and Frank Floyd and the sister of David.



**Grace Rebeca Garcia Margulies** is now a graduate of Farragut High School. She will matriculate in the Honors College at the University of South Carolina in August. Grace played an active role in the local BBYO chapter, attended many state and regional BBYO functions, and served one term as President of Gert Weinstein BBG. Grace intends to study Cell Biology and to one day win the Nobel Prize in biology, which they will create in her honor.



**Rachel Garcia Margulies** is a graduate of Case-Western Reserve University in Cleveland, Ohio, earning a BA in physics. Rachel was an active member of Hillel, joined Pi Kappa Epsilon sorority, and made sandwiches for Murray's Market in Little Italy during COVID. Rachel has traveled to Israel on a Birthright trip during her time at CWRU and is planning an Onward Internship in Israel this summer. Rachel will join the real world after graduation and has accepted a job in the Midwest, using her education in Physics to collect satellite data and monitor farming throughout the world.



**Jacob Alan Smuckler** is graduating from The Blue Ridge School outside Charlottesville, Virginia. Jacob has been active on the varsity golf and basketball teams and persistently on the Headmaster's list (academic honors). Jacob is the oldest child of Jeremy and Ashley Smuckler in Huntersville, NC and the oldest grandchild of Karen and Alan Smuckler in Maryville, TN. He will attend the University of Tennessee-Knoxville in the fall hoping to major in industrial engineering.



## KNOSHVILLE a Jewish food festival

Photo Credit: Joyce York, Knoshville volunteer



# Building Community Together!



# Preschool Renovation and Expansion

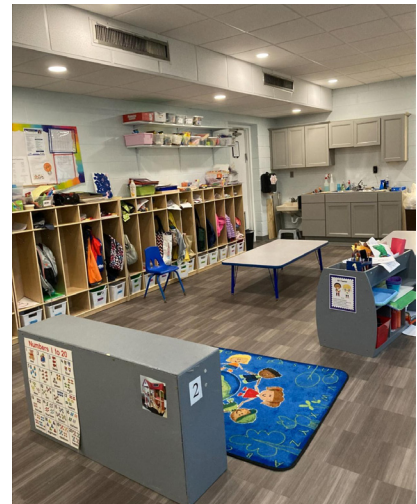
**By: Bryan Goldberg, KJA President**

It is with great excitement that I am happy to announce that our Preschool will be expanding AGAIN! Through the tireless devotion of our Preschool Director, Kristen Cannon, and her staff, the demand for more spaces in our school has outgrown our facility's capacity. Preschool at AJCC Director Kristen Cannon, VP of Children and Youth Martha Iroff, and Immediate Past President Chip Rayman have taken the challenge of leaping over whatever hurdles were placed in front of them to get this done. Just last week we presented to the Board of Zoning Appeals and were granted a variance to place a modular building on our campus. Construction will start soon to allow for power and plumbing to be run to our new building. We have a drop date in June and hope to open TWO new classes this upcoming August. Many hurdles lie ahead of our team to accomplish this expansion, but I know they are up for the challenge.

Personally, it warms my heart to share this news with our community. I know our waiting list (my son was on it) has been a frustration to many families over these past few years. But let me be clear, expanding our preschool would not have been possible without our enhanced security measures. Our secured entrance and fencing (soon to be expanded) along with the staff of Blue Lion Tactical have allowed our horizons to be expanded as to what we can safely offer to your families.

In addition to this announced expansion, through generous donations and grant capabilities, we were able to remodel two of our existing classrooms over Spring Break. Our Gimel class got new lighting, ceilings, floors, and paint as well as a brand-new HVAC system. Our Bet 1 class got a gorgeous new floor and base trim. These two classes along with Bet also got brand new cabinets! Thank you to all the folks that worked so hard in a very tight time frame to make those improvements happen!

I look forward to seeing many of you in the halls dropping your kids off and picking them up from camp this summer!



*Gimel room remodel*



*Bet room remodel*



*New carpet and paint in the downstairs hallway*

# Community Garden at AJCC

**By: Chip Rayman, KJA Immediate Past President**

The next time you are at Arnstein Jewish Community Center, you might stop by and pick a tomato! We now have a professional, beautiful Community Garden thanks to Rachael Feinbaum as her Bat Mitzvah project. The Feinbaum family arranged for the materials, equipment, and tools given by County Commissioner Larsen Jay to be delivered, designed, and established at Arnstein Jewish Community Center. Rachael and her friends and family planted the garden with topsoil into the seven garden beds and cultivated herbs, vegetables, and flowers. The Preschool at AJCC will manage the garden and use it as a teaching tool for our students. Commissioner Jay intends to conduct a class informing the students how to properly care for the garden. Sharon, of our kitchen staff, said she is looking forward to having some organically grown herbs and vegetables.

**As this is a community garden, everyone is welcome to volunteer to help the Preschool maintain this beautiful gift.** A huge thanks to Rachael and the Feinbaum family for their generous donation and support for the Knoxville Jewish Alliance.



*Rachael Feinbaum with the Community Garden, which she cultivated for her Bat Mitzvah project, at AJCC.*



*The Feinbaum family, along with friends, building beds and planting herbs, vegetables, and flowers for all to enjoy!*



*Thank you to Rachael and Commissioner Jay, along with all who shared their time and labor, to create a garden for our Jewish Knoxville community.*

**By: Renee' Hyatt, VP Campaign**

Even though it will be summer by the time you read this, I still think we should celebrate not only meeting but exceeding the \$10,000 March Match for our Annual Campaign. Let us also thank the generous anonymous donor who provided us with this wonderful challenge.

We still need to reach our goal of \$300,000 for 2023. Please give as generously as you are able in any one of the following ways:

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*We exceeded our goal at 2023 Preschool at AJCC Art Gala thanks to YOU!*



*Mazel tov to our Weinstein BBG graduates!*



*BBYO held their end of the year event at Top Golf.*



*Swing into a new year and join BBYO! Contact Paige Quartararo at [paigeq2001@yahoo.com](mailto:paigeq2001@yahoo.com).*

# Annual Campaign March Match Donations

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## President's Thoughts

**By: Markus Eisenbach, President**

As we enjoy the summer, I want to share some thoughts about Deuteronomy 11:10-18, which we traditionally read as the second paragraph after the Shema. Here we are told that following or ignoring the commandments will result in rewards and punishments, but not in a future world to come, but as a real tangible effect with a directly observable causal relationship in our physical world. This is hard for us to accept, as we can easily think of bad people prospering and good people suffering. This apparent contradiction between reality and the words of the Torah also must have been plainly visible to the rabbis who chose to include this paragraph in our prayer book. After all, scripture itself already struggles with this question by including the book of Job in our canon.

So, what shall we do with this paragraph? Just skip it when we say the Shema? Replace it with other – more accessible – passages? Various denominations over time have played with these approaches. For example, the British Reform Movement, in a recent edition of their prayer book, includes five possible substitutions in addition to the traditional text.

But even if we were to replace the traditional paragraph in the Shema prayer with something less troublesome, it only would be hidden from sight, but it would not go away. The text remains part of the Torah and we should try to understand it and fill it with meaning.

Looking at the Hebrew text provides help towards this understanding that is missing in usual English translations, as English does not make a distinction between “you” in the singular and in the plural forms. The first paragraph is in the singular. It can be seen as addressing each person individually. The paragraph that is our concern here uses the

plural form of you instead and it alternates between singular and plural for the consequences of following the law.

How does this make a difference in understanding this passage? What is demanded of us here is good collective behavior and the observance of the law as a community! Thus, it is the community as a whole that prospers or struggles as a consequence of its behavior even as single individuals appear to be unjustly rewarded or punished.

It is probably easiest for us to make a connection of the agricultural themes of this paragraph to concerns and care for the environment (I am writing this just after Earth Day.) We have to collectively respect creation and care for it, then we will prosper, otherwise the environment will deteriorate, and we all will suffer.

But the text goes further and relates all observance of the law to environmental outcomes. By doing so, we are told that the judgement of our behavior is ultimately in the hand of God, as for the ancient Israelites to whom Moses addresses his speech, it was obviously clear that the weather and its consequences are under the sole and absolute control of the divine. So, it might just be that a metaphor for divine justice that worked three thousand years ago has become nearly inaccessible due to our contemporary scientific understanding of the world. What was intended to explain the complexity of divine law to ancient Israel might have made it much harder for us to follow.

Thus, I hope that we will continue to wrestle with the meaning of our texts and that we will be able to find in the ultimate justice of God as an inspiration for human justice.

## Celebrating Sam Balloff on His 100th Birthday

We all delight in celebrating Sam Balloff's 100th birthday this summer. His daughter Eleanor Balloff Seline shares some ideas of what makes her dad so special to us all.

Sam was born in LaFollette, TN on June 26, 1923, to Esther and Louis Balloff. Louis immigrated from Ukraine in the early 1900's and became a peddler in the coal mining communities of Eastern KY and TN. While in Pineville, KY, he met Esther Sturm, who had been sent south to avoid the flu pandemic in New York. After their marriage, they settled in LaFollette, had three children - Sam, Edward and Eve, and started a family retail business - Balloff's.

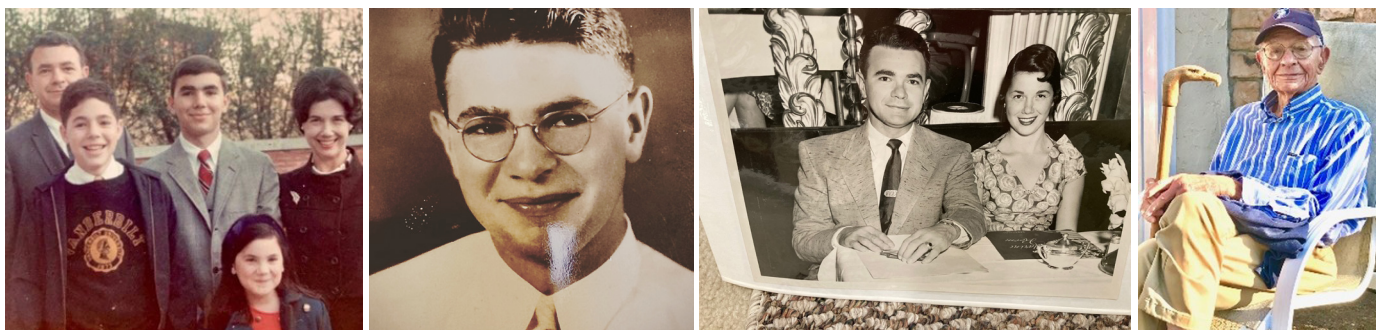
Sam began studying at Vanderbilt before being called up to military service. From 1943 to 1946 he served in Europe with the Army, including at the Battle of the Bulge. After the war, Sam graduated from Vanderbilt, married Sylvia Simon, and returned to the family business. Together, Sam and his brother Ed grew the business to 5 locations across LaFollette, Oak Ridge, and Knoxville. Sylvia (z"l) and Sam had two sons - Mark (z"l) and David (now living in Knoxville) and a daughter, Eleanor. Sam lost his second wife, Peggy, in 2000. Sam is blessed with 3 grandchildren - Scott, Jenn, and Jay - and 4 great-grandchildren.

The Balloffs have been Heska Amuna members for 3 generations beginning in the late 1920's. Sam and Ed drove their children 40 miles each way to Sunday school and Bar Mitzvah studies for over 10 years! Commuting

40 miles north of Knoxville each way was an unspoken family commitment that their children would have a strong Jewish identity even if living in a small town with few Jewish families. Cousins in Sam's generation were as close as siblings and this continues today. Sam's children grew up with Ed's children, Carol Abeles and her sister, Barbara Heilman (z"l), and happily count many Sturm and Cawn (Rattner/Merrell) cousins in our fourth generation.

Early in the 70's, Sam helped establish a health clinic for the underserved in the small coal mining community of White Oak. After Sylvia passed away, he became deeply dedicated to fundraising with the American Cancer Society. In 1982, he was honored by the National Conference of Christians and Jews. An active member of the US Army 78th Infantry Division with whom he served in Europe, Sam was chosen to represent the Army in DC with Honor Air Knoxville. Sam has also been a Special Friend at the Knoxville Jewish Day School; served on the board of the Webb School; and as a Rotarian, was a volunteer tutor for years at Pond Gap Elementary.

For anyone who knows Sam, they know he is grateful for his large circle of great friends and family. He has an outlook on his life that is filled with appreciation for what he considers good fortune. He lives by a favorite quote that sits above his desk in a frame, written in his mother's handwriting - "The world rests on three things: Torah, service of God, and deeds of love."



(Photographs from left, The Balloff Family, Thanksgiving 1967; Sam, college years; Sam and Sylvia, just married, 1949; to the right, Sam, 2021)



*It was joyful to have Seder indoors and together as a Congregation in 2023!*

## Annual Meeting of Heska Amuna Congregation

**10 am Sunday, June 11  
Come for friends, food,  
and important votes.**



## Traditions of Tisha B'Av

**By: Miriam Weinstein, MD**

Since Tisha B'Av is a fast day, there are not many food traditions associated with it! However, some people do eat an egg dipped into ashes during the meal before the fast begins.

The 9th of Av is the date when both the first temple was destroyed by the Babylonians in 586 BCE and the second temple was destroyed by the Romans in 70 CE. Also, over the centuries many calamities have happened on or about that date, such as a string of expulsions from nations in Europe. England expelled the Jews on the 9th of Av 1290 CE, France did it fifteen years later (1305 CE) on the 10th, and Spain expelled the Jews in 1492 on the 7th of Av. Worst of all, Heinrich Himmler received formal approval to implement the Final Solution on the 9th of Av in 1941.

Based on that history, tradition restricts Torah study to sad texts like Lamentations, Jeremiah, and Job and the Talmud study is about the laws of mourning.

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## President's Message

**By: Kathy Young, TBE President**

As I look back on the past few months, it has been a very exciting time for Temple Beth El. We said goodbye to Rabbi Mark Schiftan, with a gratitude of debt for bringing our congregation back to its spiritual center. We also celebrated with families of recent B'nei Mitzvot as they were welcomed in as young adults.

I'm excited because Rabbi Cantor Raina Siroty will be starting July 1 as our new Rabbi. She brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to us, and we are all anxious to get started on a new journey. Please join us on July 14 at the AJCC where you can all get a chance to hear her conduct services. I know you will appreciate her warmth, her spirituality, and especially her most gorgeous voice. Look for more information in this Ha'Kol.

## Message from Rabbi Cantor

**By: Rabbi Cantor Raina Siroty**

For those whom I haven't met yet. My name is Rabbi Cantor Raina Siroty. My family and I are so excited to be moving to Knoxville in June, and on July 1st, as I begin serving Temple Beth El as your new Rabbi.

I wanted to share a little bit about myself. I grew up in Beverly Hills, CA. I received a Bachelor of Music in Voice from the University of California Santa Barbara. I was ordained as a Cantor from the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion in New York in 2010 and ordained as a Rabbi from HUC-JIR in 2017 in Los Angeles. I have served communities in New York, New Jersey, Ohio, and California, and for the past six years, served as the Rabbi of Congregation Gemiluth Chassodim in Alexandria, Louisiana. I enjoy attending the theatre, reading and traveling and can't wait to see all the beauty that is Eastern Tennessee.

I am the mother to 6-year-old Gabriel, who loves zip lining, planes, and digging for treasures. He is excited to be attending the Milton Collins Day Camp this summer: swimming, going on field trips and meeting new friends.

My mother, Melody is also moving with us to Knoxville. She is a proud, hands on "Mimi". She loves to cook and will be an asset to our Temple dinners and events.

I had a wonderful first impression of Knoxville and Temple Beth El when I first came to interview in

January. I had put my faith in God to guide me to serve a congregation, where I could help successfully enrich a Jewish community, and plan for its future.

Thank you to the chairs of the search committee, Melissa Miller Feinbaum and Susan Baker who helped all of the "Tennessee Volunteers" organize the various functions, meals and programs to meet me. It was noticed, and greatly appreciated. Since March, I have been having zoom meetings with your Temple President, Kathy Young and your current Rabbi Mark Schiftan, so my transition will be as seamless as possible.

I was drawn to Temple Beth El because of your warm and inclusive members, the dedication of your lay leadership and staff and commitment to beautiful music. We will join in worship, along with the beautiful voices of the Shabbat choir. I am eager to start working with the religious school students and perusing the gems of Judaism through learning.

I look forward to meeting everyone in the months to come. Like the tent of our patriarch and matriarch Abraham and Sarah, my office door is always open for visitors, and I hope that you will stop by and say hello.



# Hands on, Hearts on, Minds on Learning

**By: Norma James, Temple Beth El Religious School Director**



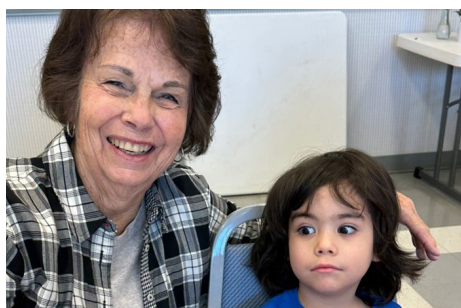
The 6th-7th graders help Rabbi Schifftan leads our model Seder.



Norma shares her 10 Plagues masks with the 4th-5th grade.



Justen plays Hebrew games with his 2nd-3rd graders.



Marilyn Burnett poses with grandson Adrian.



Can you even recognize Hazel and Maggie Wolf?

**Religious School is out for summer, but Judaism is 24/7.** What do you have planned to enrich your family's Jewish connection this summer? When you vacation, look for Jewish museums, landmarks, or historical synagogues. They are everywhere. Rabbi Raina Siroty, our new rabbi, begins at Temple Beth El July 1st. This would be a wonderful time to bring your family to a Shabbat service. We can plan a Family service, but all of Rabbi Siroty's services will have a family touch. There are always special Jewish events going on in Knoxville, make it a goal to attend at least one or two. Consider doing a family mitzvah project that you plan together. If you are enjoying nature, remember to make Jewish connections with your children and perhaps say a prayer together. Light Shabbat candles, have wine/grape juice, and challah. If you need the Shabbat prayers go to [MyJewishLearning.com](http://MyJewishLearning.com) or [URJ.org](http://URJ.org). We all get carried away with our summer activities, and our good intentions can be forgotten. Put a simple reminder on your calendar on the wall or in your phone. It can just say "Jewish" to remind you to do something Jewish that week. It is easier than you think!

Let's go to camp! Many of our children will be campers or counselors at Milton Collins Day Camp at the AJCC. There is still time for you to register your child. We are excited that many of our young people will be attending our URJ Camp Colman in Cleveland, GA. We have many students who will attend other wonderful Jewish camps in surrounding states such as Camp Blue Star, Camp Barney Medintz, and Camp Nadav. In addition, many children attend secular camps; some of which have lots of Jewish campers. There is an abundance of specialty day camps in our area. Both day camps and overnight camps provide wonderful opportunities for children to explore their interests, grow their independence, enrich their spirituality, commune with nature, develop lifelong friendships, and have fun!

Norma is available for summer Hebrew! Would you like for your child to have some individual Hebrew this summer. I have found this can make a huge difference for a child's Hebrew confidence. I offer this at no cost to parents and keep it flexible to work around both your and my summer activities. Email or text me if you are interested. If you want an in-person, small group of friends, I can work that out as well.

Religious School for 2023-2024 begins August 27. Registration will begin August 1 on our Temple Website. Go to [www.TBEKNOX.org](http://www.TBEKNOX.org) and select the Religious School registration link.

## Zachary Rosenbaum

Zachary Rosenbaum will be called to the Torah on June 17, 2023. Zach is the son of Briana and Peter Rosenbaum and the brother of Claire. Zach is finishing his seventh grade as an honors student at Bearden Middle School, where he plays flute in the band. He is an avid reader (he takes pride in reading a book a day) and likes playing video games. Every summer since 2nd grade, Zach has attended URJ Camp Coleman in Cleveland, Georgia, where he enjoys a month of parent-free bliss. For Zach's Mitzvah Project, he set a goal of sewing 50 blankets for the homeless by his Bar Mitzvah date. Thanks to generous donations from family, friends, and fabric companies, Zach is close to meeting his goal--he only has seven more to sew.



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## Classroom Highlights

**By: KJDS Teachers- Katie Lusk, K/1 Teacher; Bekka Blanchard, 2/3 Teacher; Susan Ehrenclou, 4/5 Teacher**

Everyday is filled with joyful learning and hands-on exploration at KJDS. Here are a few highlights from some of the final units of study the classrooms undertook this year:

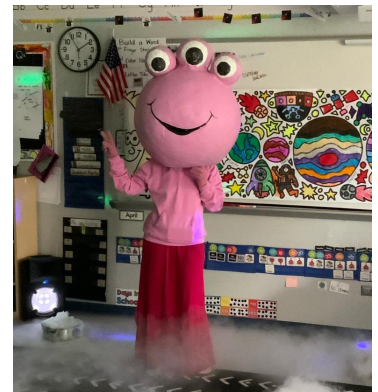
### Kindergarten and First Graders Study Space

We kicked off a space unit with a mysterious video message from an alien named Eeka! She told us she would be traveling to Earth and needs to know all about Earth's sky! Students went to work listing all we already knew about Earth's sky and space. From there, scientists charted their wonderings. Throughout the unit, students enjoyed exploring our dramatic play area and exploration table that housed space materials to access. K/1 students loved using their imaginations to make creations from boxes, such as rockets and spaceships!

Using all of our knowledge, students created a pamphlet for Eeka. Learning how to give concise information in an attractive way was a new process for these young writers. They used their creativity to explain to this visitor what they thought was important about the sky, moon and sun. Students worked together to draw and explain what our daytime and night sky looks like and give Eeka more information on how we view the moon and the origin of the moon's light. Of course, Eeka had to make an appearance in order for the students to give their information. With the help of Mrs. Blanchard and repurposing some drama materials, our students were able to meet Eeka. This "far out" alien listened to each team present their information with rapt attention. The students worked very hard to make sure the information would help Eeka during the visit. Engaging children to write and learn about our sky with the help of an alien was pure genius and the students loved every minute of it.



Noa Olinzock shows off the amazing rocketship that she and her classmates created  
Credit: Katie Lusk

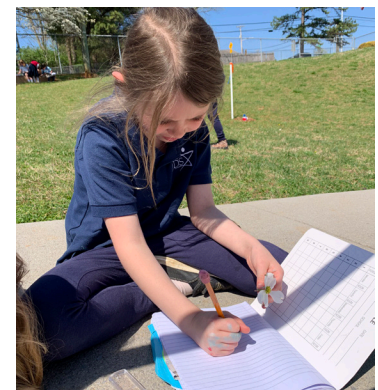


Eeka the alien visits the K/1 scientists  
Credit: Katie Lusk

### Second and Third Graders Learn about Pollinators

We love the oncoming of spring because it coincides with our study of plants and pollinators! To begin this unit, we talked about the parts of flowering plants that help with pollination. Utilizing our wonderful outdoor classroom, each child chose a flower and looked with a magnifying glass to find these important parts of the plant. They made notes and drawings in their science notebooks to help them remember and communicate their learning.

We then learned more about how pollination works and reviewed the steps in the engineering design process. They also worked in groups to read and perform a reader's theater script based on a book about butterflies, deepening their



Aoife Ullman studies the parts of a flower and records her findings  
Credit: Bekka Blanchard

understanding of pollination, and having a great time solidifying their new knowledge through active learning!

Next, we planted wildflowers to beautify our campus and let us see the process of growth and pollination close-up. We hope to help our flowers along in the next few weeks by releasing our own classroom pollinators- the caterpillars we are watching grow before our eyes! When they have gone through the process of metamorphosis, we will release them and hope to see them making themselves at home around our campus. Finally, the kids will create their own hand pollinators, so we can be part of the process of bringing beautiful new spring growth to our beautiful school!



2/3 students plant wildflower seeds  
Credit: Jessica Vase

#### Fourth and Fifth Grader Authors Publish their Work

The 4/5 students have been honing their writing all year long, and we're at the publishing stages of big projects as we near the end of the school year. It is exciting to see their comfort in diving into new projects and to realize how much growth they make with each new project they craft!

In a combined reading/writing/social studies project, students studied the narrative arc form of I Survived books about events in the late 1800s. Then they researched real events or disasters that happened in the early 1900s and wrote their own Chapter 1 (dropping their reader into the action right at the climax) and Chapter 2 (establishing a solid setting, describing their historical time to their reader, and using dialogue to imagine conversations between their characters). They designed covers to portray the action and we've been enjoying harrowing tales in our closing meetings many afternoons.

Students are also immersed in a combined research/writing/science project about threats to the Tennessee River. Through field trips and research, we've learned about our river resources, as well as what threatens them. They researched which organizations or individuals they'd like to target and wrote persuasive essays so their audience can take action. We are writing to local stores, politicians, nonprofit organizations, newspapers, and TV/radio stations, and even the President!

Overall this year, our writers have grown so much in confidence and their craft. We have a good group of invested, prolific writers who are eager to carry their stories and messages into the world!



4/5 students peer review each others writing  
Credit: Susan Ehrenclou



Avi, Michelle, and Rochel show off their completed I Survived books  
Credit: Susan Ehrenclou

## Honoring our KJDS Graduates

**By: Louise Lindsay, Innovation Coach**

The KJDS Faculty is proud of our 2023 graduates, and we wish them wonderful experiences in middle school. Michelle Ben-Ishai, Emily Guigui, Avi Finley, and Nathan Johnson will be greatly missed. They've each brought bright, positive energy and many contributions to the KJDS community.

Michelle joined KJDS directly following the pandemic, she modeled courage in starting a new school and jumping right in. We've seen that same courage as she attempts challenging math problems and sings solos on stage.

Emily has blossomed in her confidence journey at KJDS. And, while we could highlight her confidence and leadership, her perseverance is what got her there. She refused to ever give up on herself, pushing through self-doubt and always doubling down to do hard things.

As Avi moves forward, we'll miss his vision of the greater community. He not only helps younger students each morning in before-care, but he also travels the country and volunteers in Knoxville. And he brings those stories back to us. Avi's service inspires kids and teachers alike.

Finally, Nathan's compassion will be greatly missed next year. He notices others and responds with empathy and kindness. Nathan is an eager listener, helper, and he reflects with maturity beyond his age.

Each of our graduates has left their mark on our school and we're all better for seeing their examples and learning from them.



Our 2023 KJDS Graduates (from left to right): Michelle Ben-Ishai, Emily Guigui, Nathan Johnson, and Avi Finley  
Credit: Jason Messing

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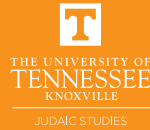


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## A Treasure Within

### An Excerpt from Chanie's Bat Mitzvah Speech

In the 32nd chapter of Tanya The Alter Rebbe discusses the demand of loving another like yourself – How can we love another like ourselves? Aren't we different? Don't we each have our own ideas and interests? How is it possible to ask for such love from a human being?

The Alter Rebbe tells us that we are all really one.

He explains that each and every one of us is comprised of two parts, one part of is our body and the other is our soul, our neshama.

Our bodies are selfish and coarse, while the soul is an actual part of G-d. It is holy, pure and selfless, it's a true treasure that radiates and shines brightly like a dazzling diamond. Within each of us there is an identical flame of G-d.

Just as gemstones are concealed beneath the earth, our soul is concealed within the body. Sometimes things get in the way of our vision from seeing the treasures in another. We need to dig deep and look beyond the body to see the beautiful soul within.

Just as every part of the body is needed for it to function so every one of us has their unique role to perform. In the big picture every one of us needs the other to accomplish our global mission.

I am fortunate to be a Shlucha, an emissary of the Lubavitcher Rebbe here in Knoxville. The Lubavitcher Rebbe was a role-model on how to look at everyone through the soul's perspective. Through his powerful love, the Rebbe encouraged everyone he met to discover their own inner treasure, allowing it to shine.

We should never think that we are insignificant. Instead, we should realize that we are a beautiful diamond, so precious and valuable. Valuable to Hashem, valuable to each other, and valuable to our community and the world.



*The dance floor was hopping all night long!*

*Chanie celebrated her Bat Mitzvah on Lag B'omer.*

## **KJCFF Fund for Jewish Food is a GO!! Lead donors make gift and matching grant. Make your Donation NOW!!!**

The board of KJCFF is proud to announce that we will have a fund for Jewish food education and experiences. A Knoxville family made a lead donation and will match up to \$5,000 of our community contributions. You can read the “recipe” below that stirred our gracious donors’ appetite for philanthropy. After you get hungry to join the feast, you can mail a check made out to KJCFF at 6800 Deane Hill Drive, 37919 or speak to Laura or Stephen about donating securities. Sorry, we will not be able to take IRA donations for this fund. Make your reservation now! KJCFF is cookin’ up something good and you will want to have a seat at the table.

If you have questions about contributing to the new Fund for Jewish Food, please contact Stephen or Laura

## **Reprint: We Need a Fund for Jewish Food (originally published June 2022)**

“I have a question for mom.” “Can I help?” “No!” This would normally be a disconcerting conversation with a daughter, but when you hear that she is consulting with your wife about making matzah ball soup for her seder, your attitude changes really fast. The secret to matzah ball soup is found in the generational transmission of best practices, not in sacred scrolls or on the back of the box. But how do you ensure this halacha for a community? Remember the ancient joke about the Texan eating at the Carnegie? “Hey feller, this fish sandwich is really good. Which part is the lox and which part is the bagel?” This seems absurdly out of date when we have multiple purveyors of fresh bagels in Knoxville including our own Marshall Goldman. But what percentage of us actually know our kishka from our kasha? You think that percentage will be higher or lower in 10 years? What if we had an endowment for Jewish culinary culture that could fund events, hire professional staff for catering and teaching, and pay for the permanent collection and distribution of cherished recipes?

## **Philanthropy and my IRA**

First of all, KJCFF does not give tax advice. Laura is an attorney and Stephen is a licensed investment professional. We know enough to act in our roles as the lead professional and volunteer for KJCFF, but we are not tax advisors. At the same time, we know who to go to and can make referrals to donors and potential donors. That said, there are opportunities for philanthropy via your IRA if you are of the age for a required minimum distribution. You definitely can NOT contribute to a KJCFF donor advised fund during your life, but there are opportunities in bequests. You can always make a qualified charitable distribution to one of our operating partners and we would be happy to join that conversation to see if we can help.

Contact either Stephen or Laura if you want to start a conversation about philanthropy and your IRA

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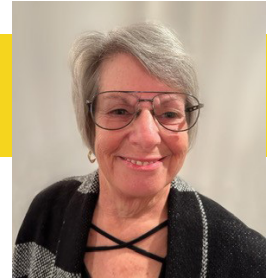
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LOOKING FORWARD to our 80th Anniversary Weekend Celebration! We hope to see several generations looking forward with vision and sharing sweet memories of our past.

## President's Thoughts



**By: Barbara Mintz, President, Hadassah Knoxville-Oak Ridge**

May is Jewish American History Month. That suggests that it is a suitable time to think about Jewish American Women. This is an excellent opportunity to share some information on the accomplishments of two less known Jewish women including one in the sciences and one working on societal changes.

Gertrude Elion was a Nobel Prize recipient in 1988 for her discovery of important principles for drug treatments as a biochemist, and a pharmacologist. She was born in New York and as a teenager she watched her maternal grandfather die of cancer. Elion decided to devote her life to fighting the disease. She studied chemistry at NYU, but, as a woman, had difficulty finding work as a chemist. During World War II, a lack of chemists arose and that led Elion to find work at a laboratory. In the mid-1940's, she moved to a research laboratory, and she remained there until her death.

Elion's research revolutionized both the development of new pharmaceuticals and the field of medicine in general. Previously, pharmaceuticals had primarily been produced from natural substances. During the 1950s, Elion, together with George Hitchings, developed a systematic method for producing drugs based on knowledge of biochemistry and diseases. One of the first drugs produced by the pair was for leukemia. Other drugs they created have been used to fight malaria, infections, and gout, as well as help with organ transplantations. She was told repeatedly that girls do not do chemistry. WOW! This woman continues to save the lives of so many people!

Gertrude Weil, born in 1879, fought tirelessly for woman's suffrage, labor reforms, civil rights, and creating parks and schools for underprivileged children. These were all very unpopular causes in her day. According to the Jewish Women's Archive, "Weil worked tirelessly to extend political, economic, and social opportunities to those long denied them."

The Jewish religion and traditions Weil learned in her childhood influenced her social activism more in her later life. Weil, influenced by her mother's beliefs, joined the Daughters of Zion in 1912. The founder of Daughters of Zion, Henrietta Szold, was a friend of Weil's mother, and Szold's involvement with social work resounded with Weil's social progressivism. The Daughters of Zion would later change their name to Hadassah: The Women's Zionist Organization of America. There are so many others of course that could have been included, but I chose these two women as they reflect the past, present, and future efforts of Hadassah, which include medical and drug research and treatment, as well as helping all diverse groups in our society in Israel, in America, and around the world. Hadassah continues to empower Jewish women to effect change. Come join us! [Barbara@bmintz.com](mailto:Barbara@bmintz.com)

## Did You Know? Hadassah Happens!

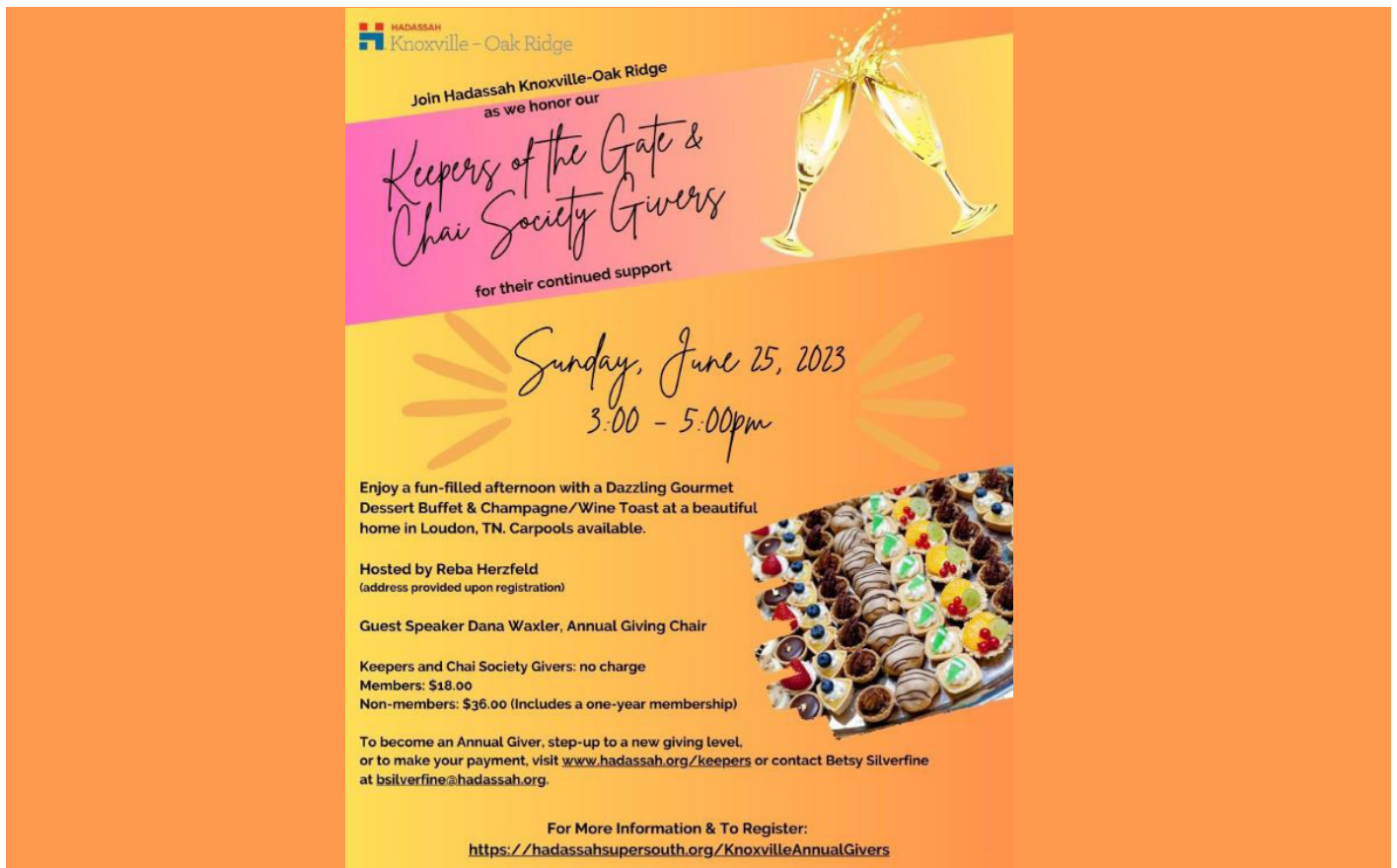
**By: Shuli Mesa**

Chances are that by now you have seen the little blue square with the #Stand Up to Jewish Hate Hashtag on television or across social media. This campaign kickstarted on March 27th during NBC's "The Voice" with a new ad showcasing the many forms of antisemitism that Jewish people face online regularly.

Hadassah is proud to have partnered with the Foundation up Combat Anti Semitism to support this new campaign. This far-reaching campaign aims at educating Americans of the rise of antisemitism and to address the growing hate and intolerance.

The blue square represents the Jewish population. You may notice how small it appears on your television screen, it actually takes up only 2.4% of the screen when it appears, calling the disparity between the Jewish population size and the scale of hate from the greater community. In 2022, more than 1 in 4 Jewish Americans, roughly 26%, were targets of antisemitic incidents, including physical attacks, remarks in person, or remarks online.

As the largest Jewish women's organization, antisemitism affects Hadassah members in so many ways. No wonder they rose to answer the call. Want to know how you can help? You can take action right now through Hadassah advocacy. Build a consistent definition of antisemitism, Hadassah supports the adoption of the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance. Tell the White House Interagency Groups to fight all forms of antisemitism, including the growing acts of antisemitism masked as anti-Zionism. Lastly, urge Congress to support bipartisan Holocaust Education and Antisemitism Lesson (HEAL) Act to conduct a national study on Holocaust education efforts in public schools across the country. And if all of this seems too big—share the square. And now you know!




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## Hadassah Havdalah: Together Again

**By: Shuli Mesa**

During Shabbat Zachor, the Shabbat before Purim, over 150 Hadassah Chapters gathered to celebrate Hadassah Shabbat. This special weekend is dedicated to Hadassah's 111th Anniversary. Hadassah Knoxville-Oak Ridge gathered at Jewish Congregation of Oak Ridge on Saturday, March 4th for our own connection through Havdalah.

I was fortunate to enlist a brilliant co-chair in Eileen Nober who hit the ground running. Being dialed into the Oak Ridge community, she knew exactly who to call and how to get the energy brewing. After President Jim Bogard gave us carte blanche to move forward, Becky Charles was at the top of that list.

Thank you to Bruce Tomkins who announced the pages and introduced the prayers during the service, he did an amazing job. And to all who participated in our service making it truly spectacular and memorable; Rebecca Badurina, Becky Charles, Andrea Cone, Sonja DuBois, Harriet Glassman, Peggy Littmann, Eryn Mesa, Barbara Mintz, Miriam Weinstein.

A huge and very special thank you to my parents; Rabbi Moshe and Penny Elbaz. Penny spoke about the unique obstacles she faced when applying for Israeli citizenship

with Nefesh B'Nefesh and how the endless process of minutia forced her to persevere. Her excitement was contagious as she spoke of the specifics of her upcoming move. While the Rabbi spoke about how over seventy-five years ago, his family moved from Morocco to Israel. He spoke of how different the country was and how his oldest brother was immediately sent off to fight in the Independence Day War. Upon arrival, the family lived in tents for over a year because the infrastructure hadn't been set up just yet. To hear the contrast of their two stories of Aliyah seventy-five years apart was not only fascinating but a testament to Israel's commitment to growing the Jewish state.

We had a specially crafted Israeli dinner that took an entire team! There are several individuals that need to be thanked. First, Kopita DONATED their famous delicious falafel! It was such a treat, and we are truly thankful! Second, Sandy Parker DONATED her carefully crafted delectable baklava. Thank you to Andrea Cone for donating the wine and to Gabriel Mesa for all the printing and schlepping. The food prep volunteers that dedicated hours of their time included: Anita Kay, Linda Bell, Becky Charles, Andrea Cone, Penny Elbaz, Mary Evars-Goan, Josh Haberman, and Terry Haberman. Thank you!



Shuli Mesa's mother



Shuli Mesa and her father

## Hadassah Knoxville-Oak Ridge Book Club News

**By: Rhonda Sternfels, Book Club Co-Chair**

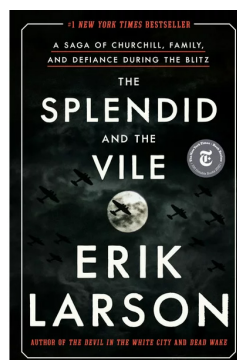
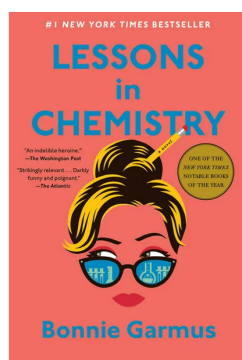
We welcome you to participate in our next two Hadassah Book Club meetings:

**June 20, 2023, we will be discussing *Lessons in Chemistry*, written by Bonnie Garmus**

**July 18, 2023, we will be discussing *The Splendid and the Vile*, written by Erik Larson**

We will be using a Zoom only format for these book club meetings and they will start at 7:30P, the third Tuesday of every month.

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



### Future Book Selections:

Aug 15  
*Pachinko*, written by Min Jin Lee

Sept 19  
*Remarkably Bright Creatures*, written by Shelby Van Pelt

## Hadassah and the Jewish National Fund in the Earlier Years: Preserving the World Together

**By: Peggy Littmann: JNF Chair**

Hadassah's Environmental roots are deep. The Bible teems with environmental references to preserve the Earth and all that is on it as well as the seas and all that is in them. "Preserve all of them" is stated often. Let us remember the word preserve and make it our mission. It is one of Hadassah's.

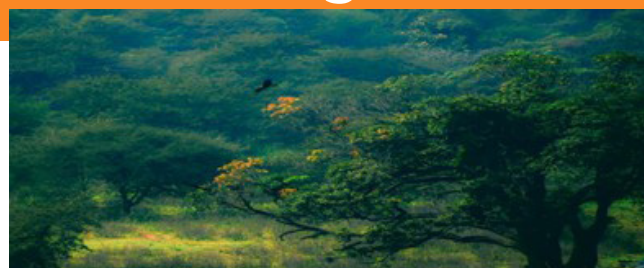
Henrietta's Szold, Hadassah's founder, wanted to preserve life, ease suffering, and give hope to the unfortunate Jews living in horrific conditions in pre-state Israel. She created Hadassah in 1912 when the land was not effectively supporting life. In 1913, two nurses were sent by Hadassah and in 1918, they sent forty-five doctors, nurses, dentists, and sanitary engineers to Palestine to establish the American Zionist Medical Unit.

Back in 1926, Hadassah formed a partnership with the Jewish National Fund, an organization established in 1901 by the Fifth World Zionist Congress to purchase and transform land in Palestine for Jewish farming, housing, roads, and recreation. The Jewish National Fund became, and has remained, a major Hadassah project in Israel. The JNF charter identifies the reclamation of land for the Jewish people as its primary purpose.

In 1903, the first parcel of land, located east of Hadera, was acquired by the Jewish National Fund. It was about fifty acres in size and was converted into an olive grove. Since 1901, JNF has planted more than 260 million trees, built over 250 dams and reservoirs, converted over 250,000 acres into farmland, created more than 2,000 parks (many handicapped inclusive), provided the infrastructure for over 1,000 communities, and connected thousands of children and young adults to Israel and their heritage. It sounds like we should be saying dayenu after each of these accomplishments.

This Hadassah/JNF partnership can be seen in projects throughout Israel. In the 1930's, Hadassah and JNF tackled the need to reclaim land in the Haifa Bay area. In the 1940s, Hadassah and JNF bought land that connected communities in the Negev with those in the Judean Lowlands.

I will report in the next HaKol edition about future decades of collaboration.





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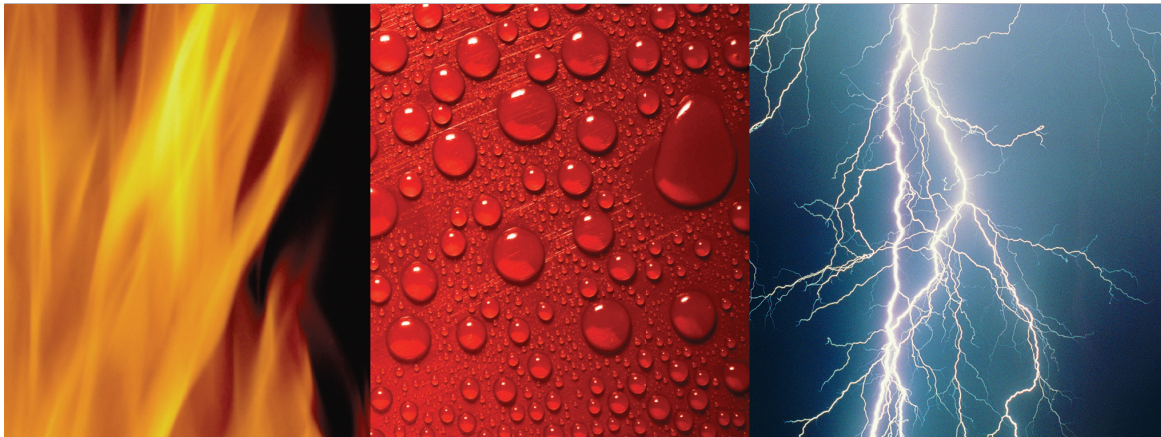
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Jennie Friedman . Carol Glasman . Sol Greenfield .  
Homer Kramer . Bernard Marvet . Rose Robinson .  
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Eli Wurm

### July 1

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Fayonsky . Moses Greenberg . Erma Levin . Belle Linke .  
Lewis Littmann . Celia Mackta . Robert Milford .  
Gerald Millen . Gussie Potter . Anna Richer .  
Edward Shoening . Joan Sitver . Marshall Stern .  
Martin Stollin . Bradley Sturm . Anne Tomlinson

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Lillian Brody . Harry Cooper . Sarah Coplan .  
William W. Cramer . Karl Finestone . Ben Goodstein .  
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### July 22

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### The Way We Were in 1963 – Sixty Years Ago

May 1963 photo of the 4th grade class at Heska Amuna Religious School



Left to right, first row: Stephen **Leeds**, Matthew **Silverman**, Marilyn **Richer** (now **Kano**), Elaine **Tobe** (now **Hines**), the late Bruce **Shipper**, Paul **Joffe**, the late Faye **Himmelstein**, teacher.

Second row: Melanie **Saroff** (now **Colley**), the late Merryl Ross **Thornton**, Randy **Robinson** (now Rabbi Geela Rayzel **Raphael**), the late Amy **Cohen**, Mary Beth **Leibowitz**, Jan **Behar**, Caren **Millen** (now **Wayburn**).

Rachel **Harris**, niece of Stephen **Leeds**, lives in Knoxville. Melanie **Colley** and retired judge Mary Beth **Leibowitz** continue to live in Knoxville. Marilyn **Kano** has several relatives in the **Richer**, **Leibowitz**, and **Saroff** families who continue to live in Knoxville. Paul **Joffe** and Merryl **Thornton**, though not themselves related, share Knoxville's Mary Linda **Schwarzbart** as a cousin. Rayzel **Raphael's** brother Pace **Robinson** lives in Knoxville.

Thanks to class members Mary Beth **Leibowitz** and Rayzel **Raphael** for their help in identifying their classmates.

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