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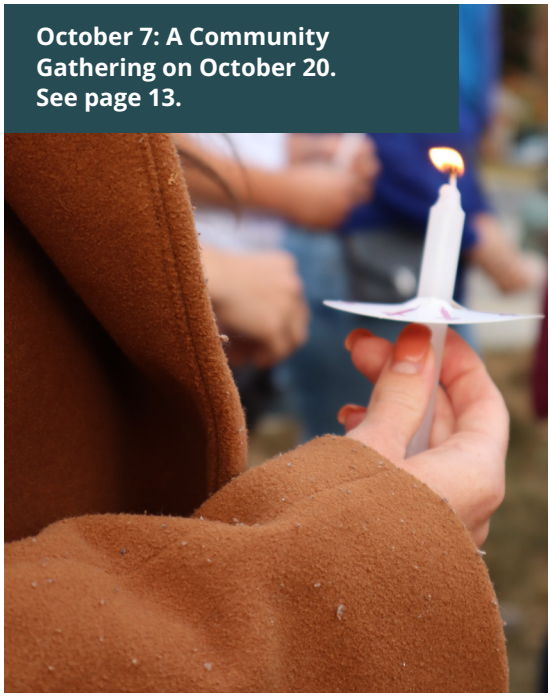

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www.hadassah.org/chapter/knoxville

Heska Amuna Synagogue (Conservative)
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www.kjds.org

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KEY: HA = Heska Amuna, JCOR = Jewish Congregation of Oak Ridge, KJA = Knoxville Jewish Alliance, KJDS = Stanford Eisenberg Knoxville Jewish Day School, JFS = Jewish Family Services, TBE = Temple Beth El

October 2024 Community Calendar

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 2
Erev Rosh Hashanah
6:59P Candle Lighting

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 3
Rosh Hashanah I
7:54P Candle Lighting

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 4
Rosh Hashanah II
6:56P Candle Lighting

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5
7:51P Havdalah

MONDAY, OCTOBER 7
Remembrance Day (Solar calendar date)

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 11
Kol Nidre
6:46P Candle Lighting

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12
Yom Kippur
7:42P Havdalah

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13
1:00P Sukkah Building – JCOR

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 15
7:30P Zoom Book Club - HAD

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 16
Erev Sukkot
6:40P Candle Lighting
4:30P Decorating the Sukkah – TBE
7:00P Zoom Book Club - JCOR

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 17
Sukkot I
7:35P Candle Lighting

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 18
Sukkot II
6:37P Candle Lighting
6:00P Sukkot Havarah with Families - HAD

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19
Sukkot III
7:33P Havdalah
12:15P Lunch & Learn – JCOR
Family Ed in the Sukkah – JCOR & PJ Library

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20
Sukkot IV
12:30P Sukkot Lunch & Fun – HAS
4:00P October 7th: Marking One Year - Community Partners

MONDAY, OCTOBER 21
Sukkot V

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 22
Sukkot VI

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 23
Sukkot VII
6:31P Candle Lighting
Sundown in the Sukkah - KJA

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 24
Shemini Atzeret
7:27P Candle Lighting
7:00P Nathan Johnson's Bar Mitzvah – HAS

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25
Simchat Torah
6:29P Candle Lighting

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26
7:25P Havdalah

November 2024 Community Calendar

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 1
6:21P Candle Lighting

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2
7:18P Havdalah

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3
12:30P Zoom with Lilly Maier – HAS

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 8
5:15P Candle Lighting
KJA Gives Thanks – KJA

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9
6:12P Havdalah

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10
Family Ed: Shabbat - JCOR & PJ Library

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 11
Veteran's Day

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 15
5:10P Candle Lighting
Scholar in Residence, Rabbi Cookie Olshein - TBE

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 16
6:08P Havdalah
Scholar in Residence, Rabbi Cookie Olshein - TBE

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17
11:00A HMO Luncheon, Woman's Pain - HAD

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 19
7:30P Zoom Book Club - HAD

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 20
7:00P Zoom Book Club - JCOR

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 22
5:06P Candle Lighting
KJA Gives Thanks - KJA

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 23
6:05P Havdalah

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 28
Thanksgiving

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 29
5:04P Candle Lighting

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 30
6:03P Havdalah

Calendar Highlights

Jewish Community Partners

www.jewishknoxville.org

Remembering October 7

October 20, 4:00-6:00P at Arnstein Jewish Community Center

Join the Greater Knoxville Jewish Community as we come together in remembrance to honor those lost on October 7. The afternoon will feature programming for adults, teens, and young children. We will collectively gather at the end of our time to strengthen our community in the spirit of "we will dance again." Please visit www.jewishknoxville.org for more details.

Contact Anna Iroff-Bailey, airoffbailey@jewishknoxville.org

Knoxville Jewish Day School

www.kjds.org

Kinder & Kin playgroup

November 1, 8, 15, 22 - 9:30-11:00A at KJDS

Kinder & Kin is a fun and free playgroup for Jewish tots, from babies up to 5-year-olds, and their awesome adult sidekicks! We will have open playtime with various toys and crafts; circle time with songs, parachute play, and bubbles; and snacks for the littles and coffee and tea for the grownups.

Contact Anna McDonald, Director of Admissions ; amcdonald@kjds.org 865-560-9922

Heska Amuna Synagogue

www.HeskaAmuna.org

Dr. Lilly Maier

Sunday, November 3, 12:30-1:30 pm. Zoom (link on our website)

Join us on Zoom to hear from the author of Arthur and Lilly about this exciting true Holocaust story that changed 2 lives forever.

Contact Marc Forman ; 865-705-7075

Jewish Community of Oak Ridge

www.jcortn.org

Family Ed Programming - Shabbat

November 10 x:00 pm – 4xx pm at Jewish Congregation of Oak Ridge

A two hour session will begin with 30 minutes of all-ages joint activity, followed by 45 minute parallel separate sessions. Kids will enjoy thematic stories, crafts, singing, movement, and skits. Adults and teens will immerse in text study and discussion, and consider easy ways to enrich Jewish culture with Shabbat at home .Finally, we'll come back together as a whole group to share what we learned, followed by Havdalah and a little Israeli dancing.

Contact Rabbi Ahuvah, jcor.rabbi@gmail.com

Knoxville Jewish Community Family of Funds

www.jewishknoxville.org/kjcff

Chanukkah Music Festival: Celebrating Our 25th Anniversary

December 8 - 4:00P at AJCC

Join the Amadeus Chamber Ensemble and Maestro Brian Salesky as he performs with Maria Brea, soprano, Diana Salesky, alto, John Overholt, tenor, and Joel Brown, baritone. It will be a performance you won't want to miss!

Contact KJCFF office kjcff@jewishknoxville.org

For the most updated community calendar, including services, ongoing classes, and programs, please visit www.jewishknoxville.org/calendar or scan the QR code.

Community Holiday Wishes

Best wishes for a sweet new year filled with health, happiness, & peace.
Shana Tova!
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from
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L'Shanah Tovah - May this New Year be Sweet, Healthy, & Happy
The Liberman Family

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Mary Linda Schwarzbart

Shannah Tovah
from
Kim, Stephen, Nathan, Arielle and Tifannie Rosen

L'Shanah Tovah U'Metukah
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Shana Tova

Bernie Rosenblatt
Family

To the speedy and safe return of our hostages.

And to a peaceful, healthy, and sweet new year.

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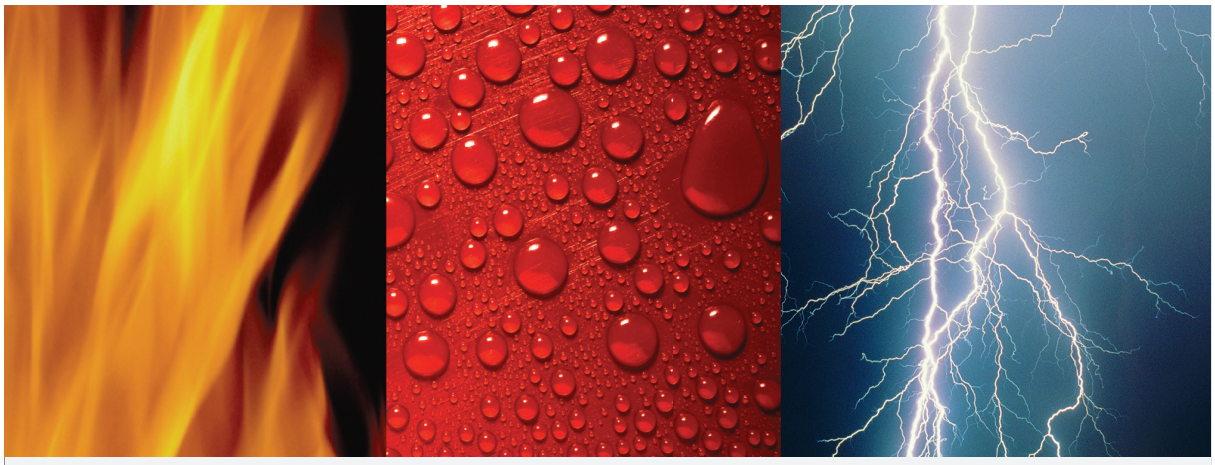

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Please see page 16 for our HHD schedule.

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Please see Page 20 for our HHD schedule.

Jewish Congregation of Oak Ridge

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Please see Page 30 for our HHD Schedule.

President's Message

By: Judith Rosenberg, KJA President

Dear Community Members,

The very first line on our website's homepage reads:

A Place We All Belong
The Knoxville Jewish Alliance serves to promote a better world, the Jewish value of tikkun olam.

As I write this, we are currently preparing for the high holidays, and by the time you read this we will have officially started the Hebrew year of 5785. One of the things I personally enjoy most about Judaism is the deeper sense of spirituality and renewal I feel this time of year – a chance to reflect and look for ways to make the next year better in all the places of my life whether that is at work, with family and friendships, or in my volunteer activities. Without a doubt, the months since taking the KJA presidency have been busy and hectic, but also incredibly rewarding. I am grateful for the opportunity to serve in this capacity and facilitate KJA's role in both tzedakah and tikkun olam.

As we begin this new year, I extend my deepest and most sincere thanks to our staff and volunteers. We make an absolutely incredible number of things happen for a community of our size, and it is a true honor to be part of all of it.

If you have not made a gift yet to our annual campaign, please do so today! Your tzedakah goes far in supporting our work locally, nationally, and globally. If you would like to get involved on a committee or with our leadership, reach out! Building a better world does not happen without people who are willing to work hard for one. As our sign says on Deane Hill Drive, "We Are Open to Everyone." That includes you, and your family.

Shana tova! I hope this is a year of peace, health, happiness and good things for you and those dear to you.

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every day
every where

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Make your donation to the Knoxville Jewish Alliance today to continue to strengthen our Jewish life.

Pre-Rosh Hashanah Fall Bash Fun

By: Anna Iroff-Bailey, KJA Director of Jewish Life

We welcomed the season of fall holidays with our 3rd annual Pre-Rosh Hashanah Fall Bash at Deep Well Farm on September 8. This program was made possible through an engagement grant from PJ Library, a program of the Harold Grinspoon Foundation and brought together approximately 70 families from PJ Library, Knoxville Jewish Day School, Temple Beth El, Heska Amuna Synagogue, and Jewish Congregation of Oak Ridge. We sang with Rabbi Loewenthal and Rabbi Siroty, heard the shofar, took hayrides, made apple pops, played with farm animals, went down the mega-slide, and had a TON of fall fun. It was such a wonderful day of community building and celebration to get us in the mood for Rosh Hashanah and the new year 5785!

Thanks for joining us for Summer 2024 at the J!

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A Message from Rabbi Rosenbaum

By: Rabbi Adam J. Rosenbaum

Sometimes, it's difficult to tell the difference between real and imagined beauty. We periodically admire the mask instead of peaking at the face inside. There is obviously much beauty in this world, but real beauty is that which lasts.

This time of year provides us with a unique perspective as to what constitutes real beauty. When we observe Yom Kippur, for instance, we are obsessed with the non-physical. We deny ourselves many things that satisfy our physical needs, most notably eating and drinking. We are asked to be unconcerned with outward beauty and to instead focus on internal matters. By standing in judgment, we shed ourselves of the layers that obscure what can make us beautiful on the inside.

The next holiday, Sukkot, meanwhile, is concerned with physical beauty. This is intentional; the etrog, the citrus fruit we use for ritual purposes during the holiday, must be "pri etz hadar," the fruit of a beautiful tree. Why the sudden shift from the non-physical to the physical? Is it our tradition's way of compensating for Yom Kippur's intensity? Is Sukkot a reward for repressing our need for physical beauty on Yom Kippur?

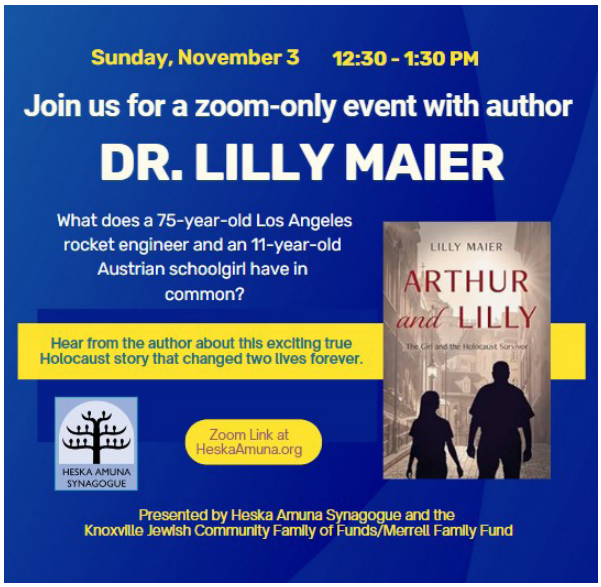
A commentary from our rabbis about what we wave on Sukkot, otherwise known as the Four Species, illuminates that our tradition values real beauty above all. Three of these species are the lulav, the palm branch; the hadasim, the myrtle leaves; and arovot, the willow leaves. The book of Leviticus commands, "ulkachtem lachem," we must hold them together.

The Mishnah discusses how exactly to bind these species together so that we fulfill the Torah's command. One opinion is that they can only be held together by its own species, meaning that the binding must be made of palm, myrtle or willow. Another opinion states that you are allowed to use a cord made of a different material. Regardless, the Mishnah indicates that the binding for these plants must be simple.

But the Mishnah then mentions an anecdote in which Jerusalem residents used to bind these species with a band of gold. How was this allowed? Isn't gold completely different than these plants? The Mishnah responds that this was permitted because even though there was a visible gold binding on the outside, there was also an inside binding holding the species together. The inside binding was made of palm, myrtle or willow.

This offers a useful insight about beauty. The Jerusalem residents were allowed to bind their lulavim with a thin façade, but their four species could not stay together without the real thing. The holiday of Sukkot can be looked at the same way. Sukkot embraces physical beauty in a way that Yom Kippur rejects. But Sukkot is concerned with beauty that is real, that which is natural.

So, when we wave the lulavim and etrogim on Sukkot, and when we sit in the sukkah, may we remember that we are permitted to enjoy beauty, but we will appreciate it best when it reflects that which is true.



A New Year and New Beginnings at Heska Amuna

By: Mark Siegel, Chair

As the High Holy Days approach, I am so grateful to the Heska Amuna community and the Knoxville Jewish community for the last year.

I am grateful for every member of Heska Amuna. You all have continued to contribute your time, your energies, and your treasure to sustain our Congregation. We continue to celebrate Judaism, our calendar, our holidays, and each other. We care for our sick; we bury our dead. We share our joy; we suffer together.

We are now well on our way to returning to our sanctuary; our Beautification Committee continues to work wonders inside our building and out.
Even over the summer, we have seen an uptick in attendance at services; our Rabbi and Religious Services Committee has introduced new services for children, and learners' services to inspire greater involvement. The Rivka Soloway drama troupe has been a fantastic addition to our communal life. Our new kitchen supervisor has taken the burden of kiddushim from our volunteers, while bringing tasty new treats weekly. Our Women's League is providing great programming for today, while remembering and saluting the Sisterhoods of our past and their leaders. Our new Program Vice Chair is raring to go; you'll see what he is planning. Our staff continues to serve us in ways that we see, and ways that we don't.

Rabbi Rosenbaum has only been with us for half a year, but he has fit seamlessly into our community. We have of course enjoyed his services and wisdom, but that has really only been the beginning. He has provided us with pastoral care; he has enriched our children at Camp Ramah Darom. He teaches us at Lunch and Learn and Adult Education. He is available to us all for office hours and meetings at other times. His brief weekly videos are really extraordinary.
I am proud of how the entire Jewish community has worked together in support of Israel, and to respond to common threats. I am proud of the relationship Heska Amuna has had with Rabbi Ahuvah and Dale from the Jewish Congregation of Oak Ridge, and how that has brought us closer together. I am proud of the fact that our Cemetery Committee has begun again to work with the Temple's Cemetery Committee, as we should.

As 5784 ends, I sense the foundations have been laid at Heska Amuna for new beginnings in 5785. The High Holy Days bring the opportunity of a fresh start for all of us: a new year, a chance to reset our personal relationships, a chance to reset our spiritual relationship with G-d and a chance to reassess our satisfaction with ourselves, and our goals for ourselves.

The High Holy Days also provide an opportunity to reassess our relationships with our Synagogue. What has Heska Amuna meant in your life? Are there ways in which you feel Heska Amuna could have served you better? How can Heska Amuna make your life more meaningful? Are there ways you would like to become more involved in Heska Amuna? Are there new roles that you would like to see us fulfill in the community? Please let me know your thoughts!

A few years ago, I decided that I would try to increase my involvement at Heska Amuna by attending services to say Kaddish when I had a Yahrzeit. Look where that led! I have found my position as Chair of Heska Amuna far more fulfilling than I ever would have thought. For that, I am so grateful to you all.

Bar Mitzvah: Nathan Johnson

Nathan Maxwell Johnson, son of Helene Sinnreich and Wesley Johnson Jr., and brother to Noah Alexander Johnson will celebrate his bar mitzvah on the evening of Simchat Torah on Thursday, October 24, at Heska Amuna Synagogue. Nathan will be leading Ma'ariv services and reading the Torah portion Ve'zot HaTorah. He looks forward to dancing with the Torah with friends, family and the local Jewish community.

Photo Credit: Lev Comstock

Nathan's Bar Mitzvah project is to provide hygiene packages and products to members of the local Knoxville unhomed community. He has distributed hygiene packages locally and donated items to a local shelter. He will be collecting additional items and funds for donations.

Nathan is a seventh grader at The Webb School of Knoxville. Nathan previously attended the Knoxville Jewish Day School. He has been active in the KJDS theater program where he had several prominent roles, he has been involved with Bnai Brith Youth Organization, and he enjoys playing basketball, guitar, and video games.

High Holy Day and Fall Holiday Services

Please join us as Rabbi Adam Rosenbaum and Rachel Brown, Shaliach Tzibbur, lead us into 5785. ALL HESKA AMUNA SERVICES & PROGRAMS ARE OPEN TO EVERYONE; NO TICKETS REQUIRED. GUESTS: Please let us know you wish to attend – RRS@Heskaamuna.Org or (865)522-0701	
Joint Selichot Service at Temple Beth El	Sept. 28 (Sat) 8 p
Cemetery Service with Temple Beth-El (at the New Jewish Cemetery)	Oct 6 (Sun) 11 a
Erev Rosh Hashanah	Oct 2 (Wed) 6 p
1st Day of Rosh Hashanah with Youth & Family Services and Childcare*	Oct 3 (Thurs) 9:30 a
Tashlich followed by *Mincha on the River* (Cherokee Boulevard)	5 p
2nd Day of Rosh Hashanah with Youth & Family Services and Childcare*	Oct 4 (Fri) 9:30 a
Lunch *sponsored by Barbara Bernstein in memory of Bernie Bernstein and Muriel Marvet*	
Tashlich rain date - Cherokee Boulevard (following lunch)	3 p
Kol Nidre with musical prelude by Michael Soloway; Childcare (all hours)	Oct 11 (Fri) 6 p
Yom Kippur Morning Services with Youth & Family Services and Childcare*	Oct 12 (Sat) 9:30 a
Yom Kippur afternoon study session following morning services	
Yom Kippur afternoon meditative walk following the study session	
Yom Kippur Mincha; Childcare*	5 p
Neilah *(estimated time)*	@6 p
Havdalah and Break-the-Fast *(estimated time)*	@7:45 p
1st Day of Sukkot	Oct 17 (Thurs) 9:30 a
2nd Day of Sukkot	Oct 18 (Fri) 9:30 a
Family Friendly, Traditional Shabbat with kiddush lunch in the Sukkah	Oct 19 (Sat) 9:45 a
Sukkot Mitzvot Lunch & Learn (Shake a Lulav, Greet a Guest, Enjoy a Meal)	Oct 20 (Sun) 12:30–2p

Something New for Tashlich

We will gather by the river…on Thursday, October 3, 5 pm. (Rain date: Friday, October 4 at 3 pm).

This year, we invite you to experience something new - a "reverse Tashlich." Instead of using bread or other items that might unintentionally harm the river or its inhabitants, we will offer environmentally friendly materials that will not degrade the river but will still offer us the opportunity to symbolically cast away our sins.

As is true for all services, if you need a ride, always reach out to us by calling the office.

Celebrating the Many Joys of Sukkot and Simchat Torah

Family Friendly, Traditional Shabbat with kiddush in the Sukkah Saturday, October 19, 9:45 am
Community-wide Sukkot Mitzvot Lunch & Learn (Shake a Lulav, Greet a Guest, Enjoy a Meal), Sunday, October 20, 12:30-2 pm

Our Youth Education Committee has a wonderful program in store for children of all ages to share in the joy of learning in our Sukkah. Children's activities will be held concurrently with services and will begin at 10:30 am. **And join us on Sunday for a special learning program led by Rivka Soloway, Marc Forman, Moses, and…**

Are you tall or creative or just love to put things together and take them apart? Help build our Sukkah. All ages, abilities, and heights welcome. For date and time, text Sukkah-builder organizer **Mike Glasman** at 865-805-2370.

Simchat Torah

Simchat Torah evening service, Thursday, October 24, 7 pm. Come honor and dance with a torah to the audacious klezmer music of Dor L' Dor as we celebrate this holiday that offers both endings and beginnings. Bar mitzvah Nathan Johnson will chant from the Torah tying these ritual readings together for us. Our celebration will continue with our **Simchat Torah morning service October 25, 9:30 am** where we will celebrate our **Hatnei Torah, Mark Siegel and Doug Weinstein** and our **Kallat Torah, Rivka Soloway.**

We are delighted to honor **Mark and Doug** for the many years they have kept our services streaming online so magnificently. You will find one of them (or both) in the control room every Shabbat and holiday ensuring our services online are well orchestrated. And what can we say about Rivka? To know her is to love her. We celebrate **Rivka** for her enriching and lively teachings and her infectious (in the best sense of the word) and endless energy she continually brings to us on Shabbat and holidays. And thank you to Helene Sinnreich and Wesley Johnson Jr. for sponsoring our festive kiddush following morning services to honor our Hatnei Torah, Kallat Torah, and Nathan, too, of course. **Yasher kochachem and Todah rabah to all.**

Our Contributions by Caring People will be included in the December/January issue of HaKol.

Tikkun Olam In Judaism

By: Raina Siroty, Rabbi Cantor

Tikkun olam literally means fixing the world, but today most would translate this phrase as the act of Jewish social justice. When did people decide it was broken? And what would healing the world actually look like in practice?

One would think that because the act of *tikkun olam* is so important in Judaism, that it was a tenet during the times of our matriarchs and patriarchs, however, this concept is not mentioned anywhere in Tanach.

Instead, it makes its first appearance in our early rabbinic literature. Tikkun olam first appeared in the Mishnah (2nd century CE) and meant "guarding the established order." Around the year 300 CE, the term tikkun olam appeared for the first time in the Rosh Hashana service. Within the Aleinu prayer we read "to fix the world (letakein olam) under God's authority."

Maimonides later spoke of *Tikkun Olam* in his commentary on the Mishnah. "When you gain wisdom by studying Torah, develop character by doing acts of kindness, and when you observe the *mitzvot* (commandments) you bring *tikkun olam*."

In the 1960's, when the Civil Rights movement took center stage in the United States, it was the Reform movement of Judaism that took the phrase *tikkun olam* and turned it into "Jewish social action." Reform Judaism focused on the key Jewish ideas of charitable works, acts of loving-kindness, and justice.

There are many ways to practice *tikkun olam*." Learn to do good. Devote yourselves to justice; Aid the wronged. Uphold the rights of the orphan; Defend the cause of the widow."

Although the prophet Isaiah did not give these actions a name, following his advice will help you on your journey to practice tikkun olam in your life.

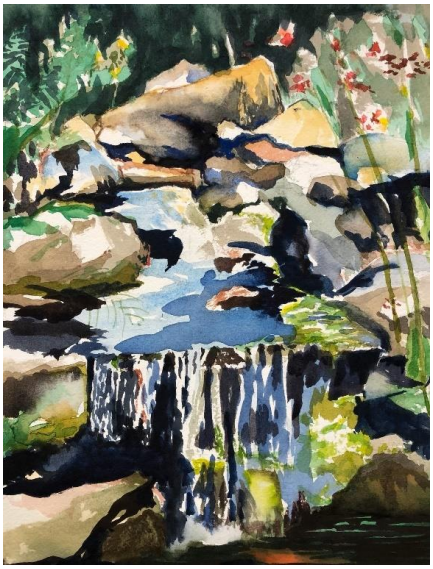
When Jewish people work hard to fix a very broken world we call it simply: *Tikkun Olam*. It is for this reason that tikkun olam is, for many today, a fundamental, essential, and perhaps the most important element of Judaism.

Tikkun Olam

By: Dan McLaughlin, President

As I am writing this in September, I would like to take the time to point out this is Suicide Prevention month. A topic that unfortunately is very close to me. This is not for the people who are suffering from depression and suicidal thoughts. Those people already know what the battle with that demon is like. They live it every day. This is for everyone else, and I pray you listen.

In a Passover greeting, President Obama wrote "together, we can continue the hard but awesome work of tikkun olam, and do our part to repair the world". To someone dealing with depression and suicidal thoughts, your acts of caring can be the first step in healing THEIR world. Letting them know you will listen. Letting them know you will hold their hand. Giving them a shoulder to cry on. These simple steps can not only heal their world, but save it. Tikkum olam on a personal level. Be their rock, their friend, their reason to fight.



Temple Beth El High Holy Day Schedule – 5785/2024

Havdalah & Selichot Service

(In Person/Website/FaceBook)

@ Temple Beth El w/ Heska Amuna & JCOR

Saturday, Sept. 28th 8:00pm

Rosh Hashanah

(In Person/Website/FaceBook)

Wednesday, Oct. 2nd	**7:00pm**	***Erev Rosh Hashanah***
Thursday, Oct. 3rd	**9:00am**	**Children & Youth Service**
	10:30am	**Morning Service**
	12:45pm	**Reception & *Tashlich***

Yom Kippur

(In Person/Website/FaceBook)

Sunday, Oct. 6th	**10:00/11:00am**	**Cemetery Service (Old/New)**
Friday, Oct. 11th	**7:00pm**	***Erev Yom Kippur/Kol Nidre***
Saturday, Oct. 12th	**9:00am**	**Children & Youth Services**
	10:30am	**Morning Service**
	12:45pm	**Congregant Hour**
	2:00pm	**Discussion/Study**
	3:00pm	**Afternoon Service**
	4:00pm	**Healing Service**
	4:30pm	***Yizkor*/Memorial Service & *Ne'ilah*/Closing Service**

Break-the-Fast Reception following the final Shofar blast

Sukkot and *Simchat Torah*

(In Person/Website/FaceBook)

Wednesday, Oct. 16th	**4:30pm**	**Decorate *Sukkah* w/Midweek *Hebrew* students**
Friday, Oct. 18th	**6:30pm**	***Sukkot Yizkor* Memorial Service**
	7:00pm	***Sukkot Shabbat* Service**
Friday, Oct. 25th	**6:00pm**	***Simchat Torah Family* Service**
	7:00pm	**Family Dinner**

(Help unroll the entire *Torah* as we joyously celebrate *Simchat Torah*)

Hands on, Hearts on, Minds on Learning

October is Packed with Jewish Holidays

By: Norma James, Temple Beth El Religious School Director

Can you believe that every fall holiday occurs in October this year? We offer Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur service for our younger students and our older students. Our services have been well attended, and TBE membership is not required for attendance. Parents and grandparents are invited to join us with your children.

Rosh Hashanah 10/3 at 9:00am
Young Children's Service (Tots-2ndgrade) Parents of tots need to attend)
Youth Service (3rd -6th)
Older students are encouraged to attend the regular morning service at 10:30 a.m.

Yom Kippur 10/12 at 9:00am
Young Children's Service (Tots-2ndgrade) Parents of tots need to attend)
Youth Service (3rd -6th)
Older students are encouraged to attend the regular morning service at 10:30 a.m.

NOTE: Childcare is available for evening and daytime services. RSVP is required.

We are proud to announce that a selection of middle and older students will participate in Rosh Hashanah Morning service this year!

Fall Break Alert! There will be NO Religious School or Midweek Hebrew October 6th thru 13th. Classes resume with Midweek Hebrew Wednesday, October 16th.

Sukkot Fun! Please join our Midweek Hebrew students as we decorate our Sukkah Wednesday, October 16th 4:30-6:00. Pizza & bagels will be served. Of course, bring your family to our Sukkot Shabbat on Friday, October 18th @ 7:00. Our oneg will be in the Sukkah.

Sukkot Exhibition Day – Sunday, October 20th.
Tara Bain, Madison Williams, and the Chai Experience teens will create all sorts of learning booths inside our Sukkah. We will eat, study, pray, and sing in the Sukkah.

Simchat Torah and Family Shabbat w/ dinner Friday, October 25th @ 6:00pm
Families get a special invitation from Rabbi Siroty to participate in the happiest service of the year, Simchat Torah! We will parade the Torahs around the sanctuary and unroll one of them to read the end of Deuteronomy and the beginning of Genesis. This is a wonderful opportunity for our students to see an entire Torah surrounding them!

Our Religious School Tzedakah Project will get underway in November. This year we will choose an issue such as hunger or homelessness. The students will create monthly projects around this topic. We want to put Tzedakah front and center this school year. What better time of year to start this than Thanksgiving!

Thanksgiving Break is Wednesday, November 27th through Sunday, December 1st.

Attention Teams Gimmel, Hay, Nun, and Shin! Maccabiah is Sunday, December 8th.

It's not too late! Do you have children ages 4 through rising 9th grade who would enjoy spending time with wonderful Jewish children and amazing teachers? Consider our Temple Beth El Religious School. Norma James would love to talk to you about our program. Register at tbeknox.org or contact Norma directly at normajames@tbeknox.org to set up a meeting, FaceTime, Zoom, or phone call.

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Michael and Laura Shenkman
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Back to School Fun

Author: Anna McDonald, Director of Admissions

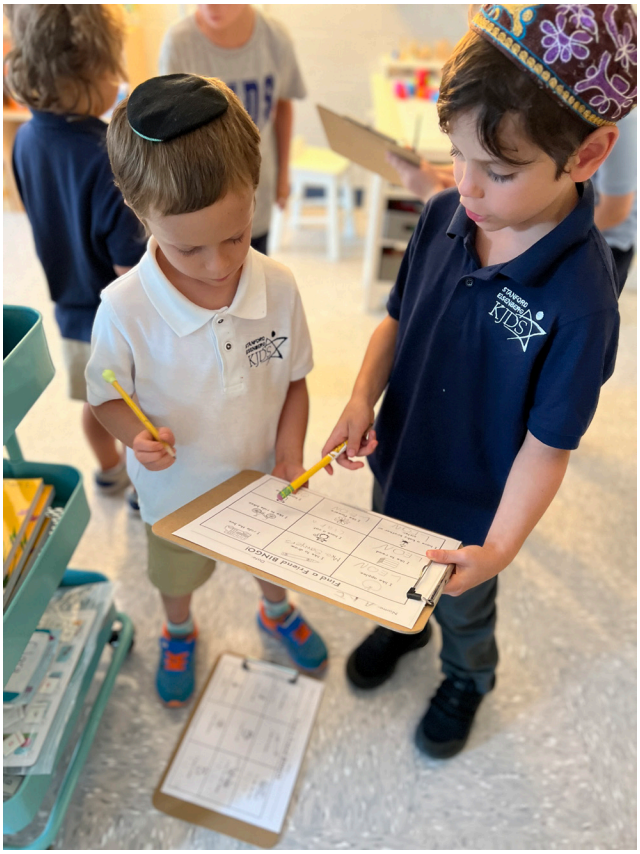
The start of a new school year at KJDS is always an exciting time for students, parents, and teachers alike. This year, we kicked off the new school year with a fantastic Back to School BBQ that brought together all our community for a fun and casual gathering. It was a great opportunity for everyone to meet the teachers, reconnect with old friends, and make new ones. There were fun, hands-on activities for everyone to participate in as they explored the classrooms.

As the first day of school arrived, the excitement was palpable as students and teachers gathered to begin the new academic year. The atmosphere was buzzing with anticipation and enthusiasm as everyone prepared to embark on another year of learning and growth.

One of the highlights of the first day of school was the presence of our beloved Ram mascot, who added an extra element of excitement and school spirit to the day. The mascot's lively presence helped set a positive and energetic tone for the upcoming school year, and it was a joy to see the students' faces light up as they interacted with our spirited symbol. Our 5th grade leaders were also there to welcome the other students back to the start of a new year.

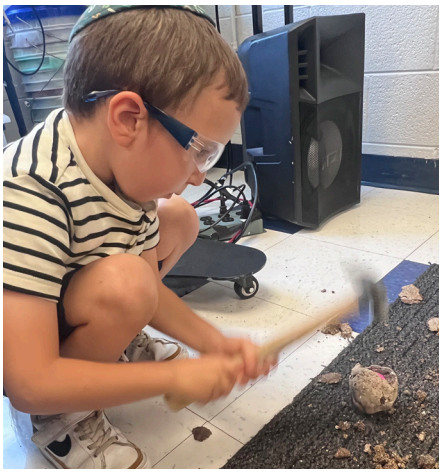
With the successful Back to School BBQ and the heartwarming presence of our Ram mascot, the start of the new school year at KJDS has surely set the stage for a year filled with positivity, camaraderie, and academic achievement. We're all looking forward to the wonderful experiences and opportunities that await as we journey through the upcoming school year together.

Aviva Lane, Molly Allen, Nili Pritsker, Neri Barak, and Libby Allen enjoy being together during the first recess of the school year Credit: Anna McDonald

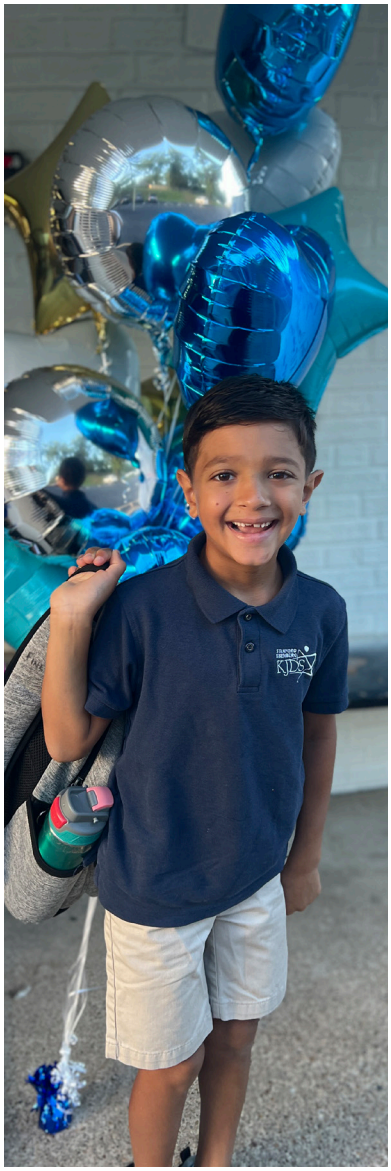


First graders and new KJDS students, Omer Paldor and Ari Galbraith, play Find-A-Friend Bingo Credit: Brooke Haskins

Morah Faina helps Edie McDonald with finding a Hebrew letter cookie to decorate during the Back to School party Credit: Anna McDonald



Chaim Dovid Wilhelm cracks open a dinosaur egg in the STEAM Studio as one of the many fun activities during the Back to School party Credit: Miriam Esther Wilhelm



Noah, Josh, and Lukas Butcher pose with the Ram Credit: Miriam Esther Wilhelm

New kindergartener, Liorah Callen, happily poses for a first day of school photo Credit: Nikki Sawyers

2nd grader, Elon Finley, is excited to start a new year Credit: Miriam Esther Wilhelm

The Ram mascot and 5th grade leaders were there to bring cheer to the first day of school Credit: Anna McDonald

We're grateful to Greg Lane, Rafi Sagiv, and Michael Rozov for grilling up a delicious meal at the Back to School BBQ Credit: Miriam Esther Wilhelm

Embracing Innovation: Introducing a STEAM Studio at KJDS

Author: Anna McDonald, Director of Admissions

We are excited to introduce the new STEAM Studio at KJDS this year! STEAM is an educational approach to learning that uses Science, Technology, Engineering, the Arts, and Mathematics as access points for guiding student inquiry, dialogue, and critical thinking.

All of our K-5 learners have weekly classes in our STEAM Studio, led by Lev Gross-Comstock. Our Kindergarten and 1st grade scientists have started with learning the basics of coding and programming using simple Bots. 2nd and 3rd grade students are diving into computer science exploration. 4th and 5th graders are delving into critical thinking and logic-based classes during their weekly studio time.

In addition to their weekly STEAM Studio classes, 2nd through 5th graders also partake in STEAM Lab classes, which are project-based learning opportunities to complement and enhance their classroom studies. Our budding scientists have explored hands-on projects such as making thermometers and simulating an oil spill during their lab time.

STEAM education encourages students to take thoughtful risks, engage in experiential learning, persist in solving problems, collaborate effectively, and embrace creativity. At KJDS we are committed to supporting the innovators, educators, leaders, and learners of the 21st century!

Mr. Lev teaches budding K/1 programmers how to code Credit: Anna McDonald

Saul Oknowsky is excited to program his Bee-Bot Credit: Brooke Haskins

Aaliyah Messing and Shaked Paldor carefully measure while making thermometers Credit: Lev Gross-Comstock

Stella Weinberg and Ariel Rozov work through an oil spill simulation lab Credit: Lev Gross-Comstock

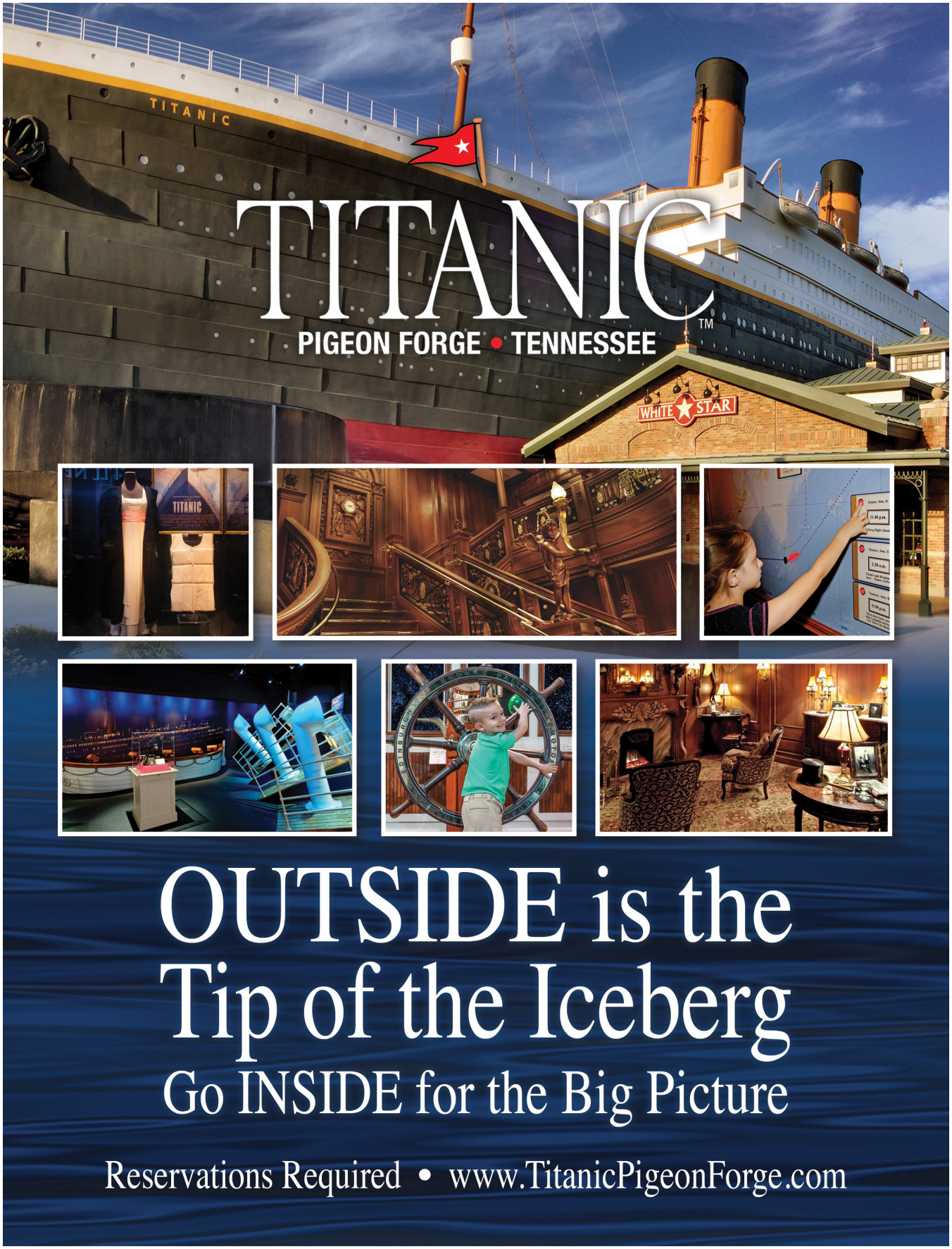
KJDS Alumni Highlight

By: Hallie Boring

Our KJDS Alumni have stories to tell-
My name is Hallie Boring and I'm a KJDS alumnus of 2014! KJDS has taken me to a place where I feel I can allow myself to grow into the very best version of myself. On the way, the curriculum as well as the community propelled me through middle and high school, resulting in graduating with a 4.0 and holding many leadership positions in Jewish youth organizations over the years. I served as president of the Knoxville BBG chapter and MCed for a banquet at the CTeen International Shabbaton in NYC back in 2019. In addition, KJDS introduced me to my passion for theater and the arts and I went on to be in over a dozen performances throughout the greater Knoxville area when I was in high school. I am so grateful for the opportunity to be a KJDSer. Thank you KJDS for teaching me that one of the most valuable assets I can bring to the table is my authentic self, doing the best I can.

Hallie sings at the Mega Challah Bake in 2022 Credit: Lev Gross-Comstock

Hallie back when she was a KJDS student Credit: Lev Gross-Comstock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Shabbat: Keep? Remember?

Young adults in Israel spend time looking through ads for shared housing opportunities. Roommate preferences listed in shorthand might include "SS+SK," meaning "Shomer Shabbat+Shomer Kashrut" – "One Who Keeps/Guards Shabbat+One Who Keeps Kosher Dietary Rules." While the details of how one is Shomer Shabbat, how one keeps or guards Shabbat vary by community and affiliation, there are some general norms related to halacha (Jewish ritual law codes).

In much of the non-Orthodox Diaspora, we tend to think in binaries about ritual practice, stereotyping the choice as following endless oppressive stringencies on the one hand or abandoning Jewish tradition on the other.
However, I'm here to complicate the issue, not to irk you, but rather to invite you to access treasure – ritual practice that can bring you meaning, health, joy, and connection. I give you permission to pick and choose, to move from an "all or nothing" approach to a "some and something" approach.
In an essay published in 1999, Rabbi Lawrence Kushner suggested an alternative to the designation Shomer Shabbat (based on Deuteronomy 5:12-15), which he felt focused on "keeping/guarding" by observing restrictions. Instead, Kushner proposed the term "Zocher Shabbat" -- "remembering Shabbat" (based on Exodus 20:8-11) as a way to describe a thoughtful, principled, though not strictly halachic way to relate to Shabbat.

What might being Zocher Shabbat, a "Shabbat Remember-er" look like? Each person can reflect on their own circumstances and figure out what additions are do-able. I suggest three guiding principles to assemble your Choose Your Own Shabbat Adventure: Rest, Delight, and Connection.
REST – With a little advance planning, can you set aside a weekly time that's specifically meant to be non-productive? Dominant culture's insistence that we should be productive 24/7 negatively impacts our physical and mental health. It also undermines our self-esteem. When we set boundaries around our work life, when we pause in our striving, we have an opportunity for renewal. We prevent burnout and we increase our creativity. And we come to understand that our value as human beings is much deeper than the value of what we can produce.

DELIGHT – With a little advance thought, can you find simple ways to make Shabbat special? Friday night could be reserved for pizza night. A teen group I led decided that after lighting candles, blessing the juice and challah, they would make Shabbat special by eating dessert first! Saturday afternoon could be a regular time for a nature walk or a luxurious nap. Cultivating the habit of making Shabbat special gives us something to look forward to every week. Honoring our own food and sensory preferences rehumanizes us and leads to spiritual nourishment – a sense of gratitude for good things in the world.

CONNECTION – Can you make Shabbat a time to connect with others? If you live alone, it could be the day you call far-flung friends and relatives.

Going to synagogue is a great way to connect with others, especially at shuls which provide lunch after Shabbat services. An old Jewish joke: "We always see Schwartz at shul on Shabbat. Schwartz comes to talk with G-d. As for me? I come to talk with Schwartz."

Whether you live with others or you invite Shabbat guests, a leisurely meal provides a wonderful opportunity to hear a highlight from everyone's week. You can ask an engaging question or request the sharing of stories. Shabbat, allowing us to be our softer, more congenial selves, gives us a chance to know one another more deeply. We can connect with each other around a table or by Zoom or phone. And when we recognize, remember, or celebrate Shabbat we are doing so with Jews and Jewish-adjacent people all over the world as well as with our ancestors.

May your Shabbats be filled with rest, delight, and connection!

JCOR & PJ Library Family Ed Programming

By: Rabbi Ahuvah Loewenthal

Following on the wild success of our Pre-Purim, Pre-Passover, and LaG BaOmer family ed programs, we're planning a full year of Family Ed Fun!

Meeting monthly, we'll focus on themes of the upcoming Jewish holidays. All are welcome to participate, including children, parents, grandparents, teens, and other adults. Our programs will include all-ages joint activities as well as separate kid and adult/teen tracks. A typical two-hour session will begin with 30 minutes of all-ages joint activity, followed by 45-minute parallel separate sessions. Kids will enjoy thematic stories, crafts, singing, movement, and skits. "Adoptive grandparents" are invited to share their lived experiences of the holiday with the children. Adults and teens will immerse in text study and discussion, and consider easy ways to enrich Jewish culture at home (see "Shabbat: Keep? Remember?" as an example). Finally, we'll come back together as a whole group to share what we learned, followed by Havdalah and a little Israeli dancing.

For our September session, we joined in a regional pre-Rosh HaShanah "Fall Bash" at Deep Well Farms.

In October, in addition to offering Yom Kippur Children's Services at 11:00 am, we'll have an early evening family ed program in the JCOR sukkah on October 19th, starting with a 5 pm light supper.

OCT 12 - Yom Kippur kids' service
OCT 19 - Sukkot and Simchat Torah
OCT 25 – Simchat Torah at shul
NOV 10 - Shabbat
DEC 15 – Hanukah – Community Hanukah Festival at AJCC
DEC 22 or 29 – Family Ed at JCOR - Hanukah
JAN - Havdalah
FEB - Tu BiSh'vat
MAR - Purim
APR - Passover
MAY - Yom haAtzma'ut / LaG BaOmer
JUNE - Shavuot

JCOR High Holy Days and Holiday Schedule 2024/5785

Erev Rosh Hashana	***Wednesday, October 2, 2024, 6:30 PM***
Rosh Hashana Day 1	***Thursday, October 3, 2024, 9:30 AM***
Tashlich at Melton Lake Park (Marina)	***Thursday, October 3, 2024, 4:00 PM***
Tashlich Picnic at Melton Lake Park (Marina)	***Thursday, October 3, 2024, 5:00 PM***
Shabbat Shuvah	***Saturday, October 5, 2024, 10 AM***
Kol Nidre	***Friday, October 11, 2024, 6:30 PM***
Yom Kippur Service	***Saturday, October 12, 2024, 9:30 AM***
Yom Kippur Children's Service	***Saturday, October 12, 2024, 11-11:45 AM***
Yom Kippur Remembrance/Yizkor	***Saturday, October 12, 2024, 1:15- 2:00 PM***
Yom Kippur Mincha	***Saturday, October 12, 2024, 5:15 PM***
Yom Kippur Neilah	***Saturday, October 12, 2024, 6:45 PM***
Yom Kippur Break-fast	***Saturday, October 12, 2024, 7:43 PM***
Sukkah Building and Pizza	***Sunday, October 13, 2024, 1:00 PM***
First Day Sukkot wih Kiddush Lunch	***Thursday, Oct. 17th, 2024 10 AM***
First Day Sukkot, Wine Tasting and Torah	***Thursday, Oct. 17th, 2024 2 PM***
Shabbat Hol ha Moed Sukkot with Kiddush lunch in the Sukkah	***Saturday, October 19, 2024, 10 AM***
Family Ed in the Sukkah and dinner	***Saturday, October 19, 2024, 5:00 PM***
KJDS Sukkah Hop at JCOR	***Wednesday, Oct 23, 2024 9 AM -1:30 PM (slot TBD)***
Shmini Atzeret with Yizkor	***Thursday, October 24, 2024, 10 AM***
Simchat Torah light Supper	***Friday, October 25, 2024, 5:30 PM***
Simchat Torah with Hakafot	***Friday, October 25, 2024, 6:15 PM***

For information about JCOR check the website and calendar at www.jcortn.org, or email the President at office@jcor.info.

KJCFF's 25th Anniversary Chanukkah Music Fest December 8 at AJCC 4pm

By Stephen Rosen

It seems like just yesterday Mary Linda Schwarzbart, Jeff Becker, and Bernie Rosenblatt were putting together a vision for the Knoxville Jewish Community Family of Funds. This team knew that philanthropy was the best partnership of the past, present, and future in securing a vibrant Jewish community. Brilliantly, they chose a structure that was a joint effort of the Knoxville Jewish Federation (now KJA) and the East Tennessee Foundation. They gathered a board of people committed to the long-term goals of our community. Some have stayed through the life of KJCFF... Jacki Imbrey, Dick Jacobstein, Scott Hahn, and Arnold Cohen. We also remember Bernie Bernstein and Pace Robinson who both started day 1 and worked for the rest of their lives. KJCFF opened its doors in 1999 with 3 funds given by Sam and Esther Rosen. Today, KJCFF proudly holds 85 funds and over $5 million in assets. We didn't do this on our own. The partnerships with Heska Amuna, Knoxville Jewish Day School and Knoxville Jewish Alliance have only grown larger in size and stronger in our optimism for the future. Please join us Sunday, December 8 at the AJCC's Caller Auditorium at 4 pm. We will enjoy a wonderful Chanukah Music Fest produced by Brian Salesky with a cast of professional opera soloists. You won't want to miss this chance to kick off the next 25 years!

The Knoxville Jewish Community Needs a Fund for Safety and Security

By: Stephen Rosen

You may be aware that our facility-based organizations have been successful in receiving federal grants for security-related physical improvements through the Department of Homeland Security. KJCFF will direct you to each of the organizations if you are interested in the dollar amounts and how the funds were spent. However, I will share that the grants are not sufficient to meet our community's security requirements, most specifically, the funds required for security personnel. Our agencies' budget stretches get harder as the national incidents of antisemitism grow. How will we secure our future security? Who pays for the police officers in the parking lot during High Holy Days, or to ensure our Preschool at AJCC families feel safe sending their kids to our facility? What about private security you don't even know is there for something like Knoshville? How about consulting services to educate the boards on how to respond to antisemitism? Under Judith Rosenberg's leadership, KJA has taken the lead on preparatory action. Who is ready to take the lead on permanent funding?

If you have interest in making sure we learn, pray, and play safely, please contact Laura or Stephen

KJCFF now accepts online donations for all of our funds!

If you would like to donate to KJCFF, visit www.jewishknoxville.org/kjcff.

A Life Changing Year: Hadassah's Impact in this Year of War

By: Barbara Mintz, President

From groundbreaking medical achievements, to treating seriously wounded soldiers and villagers, to advocating for women's rights, to fighting antisemitism worldwide, to helping Israel heal after the devastation of Hamas' terror, this has been a life changing year for each of us and Hadassah. Hadassah has changed lives, offered hope and helped a nation and a people heal. Hadassah has been speaking out for the hostages and against sexual violence around the world. They made their voices heard at the DC March for Israel and at the United Nations. More than 27,000 advocacy actions were taken in the U.S. by more than 5,500 Hadassah advocates from 48 states including petitions and emails!

When Hamas attacked Israel on October 7, Hadassah responded immediately, supporting Hadassah hospitals to provide lifesaving treatment of soldiers and civilians and advocating strong US support for Israel. In the months that followed, Hadassah accelerated construction of the Gandel Rehabilitation Center bolstering available mental health service. They expanded the hospitals' abilities to treat mass casualties and operate safely in war. They continue to speak out for the hostages and for those brutalized by rape and sexual violence. Hadassah collected $14.5M globally to immediately be put to use in Israel in the first months after October 7.
We have created havens for students and now also families in our Youth Aliyah villages. The staff mobilized immediately to provide a safe and secure environment for youth who remained on campus. Living quarters were reconfigured to accommodate displaced families and, thanks to generous donors, new bomb-proof shelters were built and older ones refurbished. When local workers were called up for reserve duty, students volunteered to fill in the gaps.

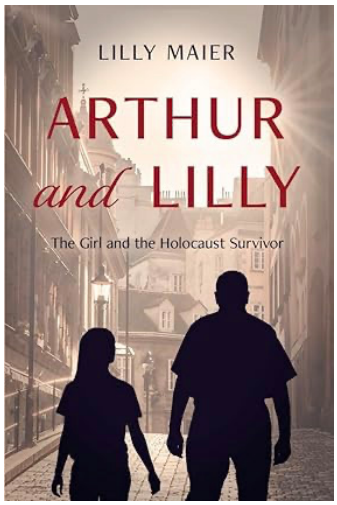
Two examples of the incredible ways our hospitals have used high tech research to help injured soldiers includes a knee replacement to reconstruct the knee of a wounded soldier using a 3D printer and bone taken from his pelvis. Using Mazor robotic guidance systems, surgeons removed a bullet from a soldier's spine.

Hadassah tells us "Together We Will Heal- B'YACHAD Neraph". With all of the pain of the wounded, dead, hostages, and traumatized individuals and families, as well as the destruction of homes and businesses and communities, we must be reminded to hold on to the positives that we remain a proud nation and a proud religion. We support life and freedom and peace. We will continue to take care of our people and our land. We remain Hadassah proud!

Hadassah Knoxville-Oak Ridge Book Club News

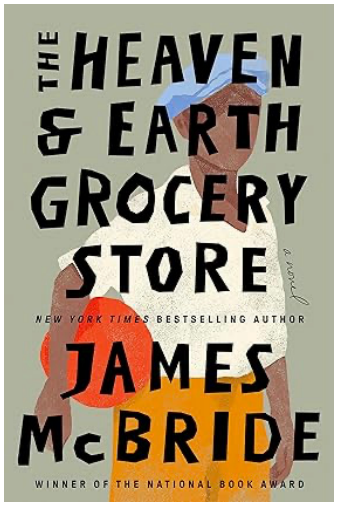
By: Rhonda Sternfels

The books and discussions we have are always very 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 don't read the book.



Oct. 15 Arthur and Lilly by Lilly Maier

What do a 75-year-old Los Angeles based rocket engineer and an eleven-year-old schoolgirl from Austria have in common? Not much at first glance, but Arthur and Lilly influenced each other's lives in a fateful way. In 1939, Arthur's Jewish parents sent their son abroad on a so-called Kindertransport ("children's transport"), hoping to save him from the Holocaust. The separation is a traumatic experience for the ten-year-old. Although he is rescued – from Austria via France to the United States – his family is murdered by the Nazis. He never sees them again. Sixty-five years later, during a visit to his parents' former apartment in Vienna, Austria, Arthur Kern meets eleven-year-old Lilly Maier. A decisive encounter for both of them, which not only shapes Lilly's further life but also leads to Arthur receiving a long-lost legacy from his parents. A moving tale of two lives that fatefully cross paths, and an immensely knowledgeable insight into an unknown Holocaust story: the rescue of hundreds of Jewish children to America on a Kindertransport.



Nov.19 The Heaven and Earth Grocery Store by James McBride

A murder mystery set in Pennsylvania. In 1972, workers find a skeleton at the bottom of a well. Who the skeleton was and how it got there were two of the secrets held by residents of Chicken Hill, the dilapidated neighborhood where Jews and African Americans lived side by side, and shared ambitions and sorrows. Chicken Hill was where Moshe and Chona Ludlow lived when Moshe integrated his theater and where Chona ran the Heaven & Earth Grocery Store. When the state came looking for a deaf boy to institutionalize him, it was Chona and Nate Timblin, the Black janitor at Moshe's theater and the unofficial leader of the Black community on Chicken Hill, who worked together to keep the boy safe.

Please contact Rhonda Sternfels 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.

Book Club Schedule

Dec.17 - The Dictionary of Lost Words by Pip Williams
Jan.21 2025 - Yellow Wife by Sadequa Johnson

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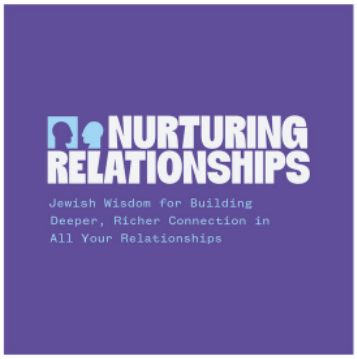
Around the World in a 120 Minutes, Membership Kick Off

By: Anita Kay, Membership Vice President

On August 25, a group 34 of Hadassah members, an Associate, and prospective members soared high in the sky on a virtual hot air balloon adventure. Our travel-themed ice breaker game launched our worldwide flight accompanied by the Fifth Dimension's lyrics to Up, Up and Away. While hot air balloons floated by captivating destinations, we learned what's new with Hadassah internationally and locally. Our intrepid explorers glided over the Motivational Mountains and Volunteer Valley as they indulged in international delectable treats. During our trip, 3 new members joined our Knoxville-Oak Ridge Chapter! After we landed, each Kick-Off globetrotter received a souvenir tiny suitcase, chock full of sweets plus information on fall programs and book club selections.

Todah rabah to everyone who made donations to Hadassah and to our refreshments team: Andrea Cone, Robbin DiCiacco, Laura Floyd, Mary Evars-Goan, Reba Herzfeld, Janet Iversen, Bella Lester, Kim Preston, Robin Schiek, Rhonda Sternfels, Melissa Sturm, and Jill Weinstein. Merci beaucoup to our set-up crew: Arin Clifford, Robbin DiCiacco, Daniel Bituli, Mary Evars-Goan, Ashley Hudson, and Nancy Scherr; our crafters: Carol Ickowitz and Janet Iversen; our take-down crew: Kim Preston and Hilary Shreter. Gracias to our registration table hostesses: Laura Floyd and Jill Weinstein; JNF Chair: Peggy Littmann; our photographer: Shuli Mesa, and our Programs Chair, Andrea Cone. And my very special gratitude to my Co-Chair Heather Laing for her generosity, hosting our event, and going above and beyond in creating the amazing hot air balloon/Hadassah facts presentation! In appreciation for her work, Heather received a JNF tree certificate gift from the Knoxville-Oak Ridge Chapter.

Jumping Right into the New Year with Lots of Opportunities to Nourish the Soul



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Family Shabbats are wonderful opportunities to bond as a community. Joy filled services, delicious kiddush lunch, engaging children's program and fabulous friends make for a wonderful time at Chabad's Family Shabbat. Join for the next family Shabbat November 2nd, December 7th, January 11th, February 1st, March 8th, April 5th, May 3rd, and June 7th.

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October 11

William Coe • Bessie Factor • Harold Freedman • Martin Guthman • Max Herzfeld • Lester Hirsh • Marcus Mendelowitz • Gus Robinson • William Sampson • Cele Stark

October 18

Leon Bornes • Marylou Davis • David Feldman • Pam Feldman • Louis Fox • Sam Freeman • Hans Haller • Lawrence Harris • Gertrude Padoll • Charlotte Pais • Ruth Polk • Leona Popkin-Spritz • Samuel Samuel • Shirley Smith • Celestine Yatsko • Jack Zagoren • Pearl Zauber

October 25

Janet Baker • C. B. Brown • Max Brunschwig • Bernice Gerson • Mordechai Heiser • Sara Hirsh • Fera Iancovsky • Morris Levitt • Gene Rosenberg • Louisa Sasson • Suzi Schnittman • Nicole Shenkman • Roberta Shor • Ben Simon • Abbie Smith • Johanna Sonn • George (Bill) Wadsworth • Alexander Zatlin

November 1

Henry Baerman • Khava Barkan • David Blumberg • Larry Brown • Gerson Cohen • Joel Samuel Cohn • Helen Epstein • DeWayne Hicks • Zane Jordan • Peter Marchand • Ida Markman • Goldie Marshall • Leland Milligan • Jacob Reich • Mary Sisman

November 8

Mabell Anthony • Morris Billen • Gustav Brunschwig • Simone Levi Brunschwig • Toni Buescher • Gerson Bush • Jack Butler • Agnes Canner • Irwin Deutscher • Edith (Missy) Dickey • Roberta Epstein • Joseph Feldman • Harriet Gassel • Nancy Goldberg • Jay Goodfriend • Bertha Lees • Ursala Mangold • Marvin Miller • Frederick B. Millis • Ethel Misner • Marilyn Niren • Saul Padoll • Yitzhak Rabin • Nathaniel Razansky • Marvin Shey • David Silverstein • Page Wallace • Harry Wolfenhaut • Richard Zivi

November 15

Jean-Pierre Besman • Walter Blaufeld • Samuel Mark Brody • Anna Cohen • Ben Cohn • Robert Frescoln • Max Gillman • Herbert Glazer • Anna (Annie) Lewis • Fannie Lippner • Charles Margolies • Sonia Shey • Marcia Silverstein • Iva Jean Wadsworth • Richard Wayburn • Murray Weinstein

November 22

Mimi Brody • Sarah Bush • Russell Cyzick • Joseph Dresner • Michael Ecker • Gloria Glazer • Anne Goldstein • David Goodfriend • Hilda Gross • Celia Gutman • David Hiller • Florence Jacobstein • Beulah Lee • Ben Polasky • Sol Richer • Toby Schwartz • Jacqueline Selk

November 29

I. Robert Brodie • Herbert Brody • Isadore Brody • Sam Cawn • Albert Fribourg • Jack Goldstein • Irwin Kipnes • Charles Konigsberg • Shirley Kravitz • Lazarus Lewis • Emanuel Liebman • Sadie Rich Miller • Harry Mintz • Faye Raymon • Bernard Schramm • Myra Weinstein

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October 5

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Hinda Farbowitz · Oscar Glazer ·Esther Goldman ·
Jennye Grusin · Jeanette Jacobwitz ·
Morton Jacobson Esther Jaffe · Joseph Martin ·
Rebecca Mazur · Fred Millen ·
Albert Pasaris Sylvia Robinson · Evelyn Schwab ·
Martha Schwartz · Mazel Shloush · Louis Slabosky ·
B. J. Thorpe · Jeffrey Tinley, Sr. · Gertrude Weinstein

October 12

Isaac Anidjar · Ida Bart · Max Diamond · Ida Dwork ·
Emily Eads · Etka Farbowitz · Samuel Farbowitz ·
Sadie Gabler · Harry Glasman · Sylvia Greenberg ·
Anna Gruenberg · Isaac Joffe · Marie Klinkowstein ·
Don Kremer · Phyllis Levine · Sarah Millen ·
Blima Schwarzbart · Adeline Shersky · Sylvia Slovis ·
Beatrice Sturm · Louis Winick

October 19

Sam Balloff · Louis Bender · Lena Busch · Toba Davis ·
Alex Eichwald · Jeffrey Ginsburg · Joseph Green ·
Frederic Horowitz · Bertha Krauss · Sydney Manas ·
Sarah Millner · Bernard Shorr · Samuel Wise ·
Horace Woolf

October 26

Ralph August · Aaron Berry · Amy Beth Cohen ·
Hinda Duhan · Mark Fleishman · Herman Forstein ·
Joseph Goodstein · David Jacobowitz · Ann Levine ·
Kathryn Martin · Francis Rosenzweig · Leonard Shersky ·
Morris Skalet · Sarah Tobe · Benjamin Wise

November 2

Benjamin Berson · Morris Bresoff · Jean Brown ·
Leonard Brown · Isadore Collins · Vaughn Cooper ·
Jennie Cooper · Isaac Coplan · Peter Dreyer ·
Theresa Fadem · Ignatz Frank · Moe Golub ·
Mordecai Heiser · Carol Krosin Morris Rosen ·
Philip Seif · Herman Shamitz · Alexander Shapiro ·
Morris Shersky · Rhea Silber · Joseph Solomon · Leo Vogel ·
Esther Winick

November 9

Dora Brody · Gerson Cohen · Roslyn Cohn ·
Zelda Finkelstein · Clarence Glidewell · Jay Goodfriend ·
Gertrude Gourse · Joe Gurwitch ·
Phillip Krosin Abraham Leeds · Anna Leibowitz ·
Virginia Morrison · Rebecca Orr · Arden Rogers ·
Aaron Shagan · Rose Shersky

November 16

Esmeralda Benhayon · Sasson Benhayon · C.B. Brown ·
Gertrude Cohen · Milton Collins · Sam Freeman ·
Jennie Glazer · Harriet Gourse · Hannah Hahn ·
Anna Kaplan · Bruce Kingsley · Julius Krauss ·
Jacob Licht · James Lowe · David Moskowitz ·
Vera Noorily · Rachel Perelman · Alex Presser ·
Etta Renert · Gene Rosenberg

November 23

Ilse Abeles · Leah Berez · Gunsa Glazer ·
Blume Goldstein · Josephine Klein Elsa Klein · Alex Lavitch ·
Bertha Moss · Harold Rosenthal · Elka Sanders ·
Celia Shaw · Salome Slovis · Rachel Slovis ·
Margaret Soloway · Flora Stollin · David Tomlinson ·
Pesach Werner · Clara Winick · Pearl Zwick

November 30

Rebecca Benbenisty · Rose B. Busch · Anna Cohen ·
Rose Eisner · P.L. Fuson · Regina Levi · Monnie Millen ·
Natan Naumann · Hilda Nisenson ·
David Oleshansky · Libbye Perelman · Carmen Pfeffer ·
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THE WAY WE WERE in 1989

Temple Beth El Trip to Israel

In remembering Rona **Simon** who recently passed away, the Archives was grateful to receive this photo from Ellen **Markman** from one of the trips the Simons led to Israel for members of Temple Beth El and friends.

Shown here at Masada in November of 1989 are, bottom row, left to right: Rabbi Howard **Simon**, Millie **Gelber**, Elise **Levy**, Meyer **Miller**, Becky **Winston**. Middle row: unknown, Almeda **Brakebill** (soloist at TBE). Top row: Guide Alex, Rona **Simon** (TBE's Director of Education), Ellen **Markman**. All have passed away except Rabbi **Simon** and Ellen **Markman**. Ellen continues to live in Knoxville, while Rabbi Emeritus **Simon** lives in Sarasota, Florida. Elise **Levy's** nephew Richard **Licht** lives in Knoxville, as do Meyer **Miller's** son Jeff and Becky **Winston's** sons Jerry, Larry, and Barry.

Thanks to Ellen **Markman** for providing the photo and the identifications. If you know who was sitting next to Almeda **Brakebill**, please let the Archives know.

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

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