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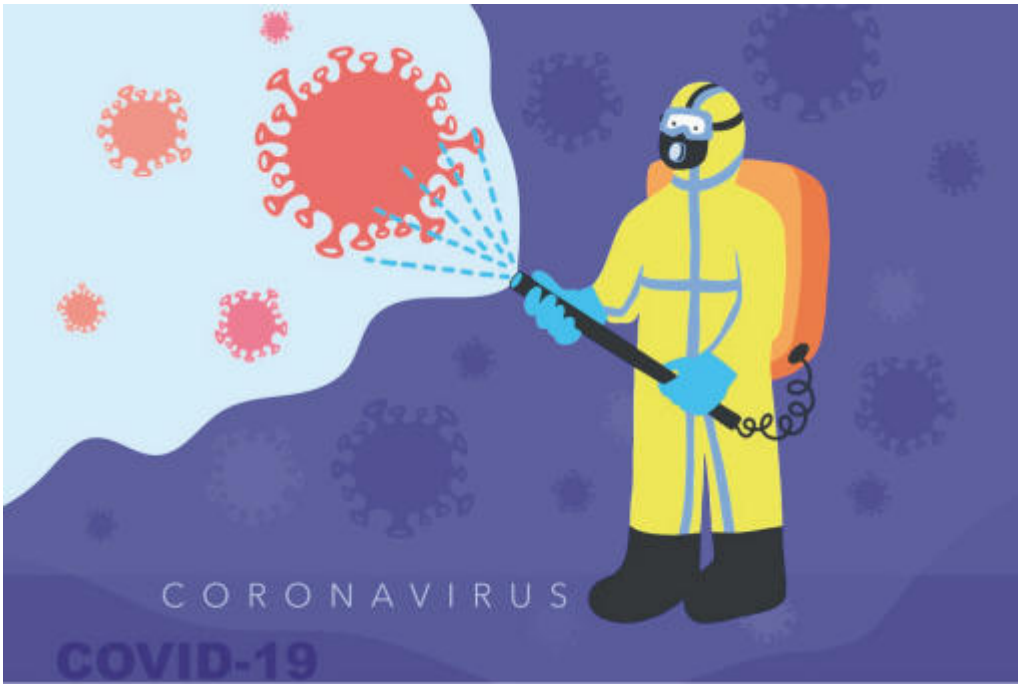
Community News from the KJA, Heska Amuna & Temple Beth El



Life After COVID

By Rise Tucker 4/4/2021

Will life's song ever be the same?
Will we remember its words,
join in her sweet refrain?
Will the rhythm of her days
set the beat for our return
To the harmony of living all the things
our hearts have yearned.

Will our days remind us of old times?
Will traditions return like old familiar rhymes?
From out of the darkness
will the moon release her beams,
Beacons of light leading
to much sweeter dreams.

Refrain:
COVID—How will you disappear?
Will you vanish like the thief you are,
Or stalk us every year?
Please take with you the heartaches,
all the pain and all the fear
Leave only cherished memories
of those we loved so dear.

We could never have survived
without the help of Zoom
Bringing family, colleagues,
friends into our living rooms
But we yearn to do more than just survive
We long for freedom, the chance to live our
dreams and thrive

Will we recognize reality's return?
Will normalcy be something
we'll all have to relearn?
Will we change in some intangible odd way?
When the virus is gone,
but our memories of her stay.

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A year ago, we were experiencing one of the longest and perhaps most dreadful summers of our lives. By July 2020, we had been quarantined from the outside world for more than four months, and we had no idea when things would "change for the better." Decisions were being made regarding whether to have in-person school classes; "virtual learning" took on a whole new meaning for all of us. However, we did what we needed to do and life seemed to move along.

When Summer 2020 ended and we still sought a "new normal," many questions still remained. Many families decided to send their kids to in-person learning while many kept their children home for online learning. And I would venture a guess that for all of us, there was a little bit of both, regardless of where our kids attended school. Parents had to adapt to a work-from-home mentality. Many companies were open to this, while many families dealt with job losses as a result of the pandemic.

Yes, this last year has been difficult, for so many reasons. What I have observed, though, is that our community is resilient and although we faced hardships, we have been able to stay together as a community and remain strong – in the face of the COVID-19 pandemic. This year, 2021-2022 or 5781-5782, we are looking for ways to reengage our families. Through programming (social and educational), services and in a variety of other ways, we hope to not only provide a safe place for our TBE family to return, but also to provide a place for all members of the greater Jewish Knoxville community to gather.

As we approach the month of Elul, and as we get ready for the majesty and glory of the High Holy Days, let us look for ways to engage and reengage with each other – and to find new faces in our community.

Let me end this *Ha'Kol* article with my take on the "New Normal/Year + Later:"

Covid 19 Pandemic – One Year Later

Jenny said, "I truly miss seeing my friends and hugging my family."
George said, "I miss flying, cruising or visiting places without a mask."
Rabbi Stein said, "I have enjoyed the chance to write new prayers and poetry for services."
Rabbi Marks said, "Before the Pandemic, I was always nervous about having to kiss or being kissed by everyone."
Shoshana said, "Now, I can wave and wink at people, not worried about my personal space."
Jack said, "I have enjoyed getting to know people I never saw before."
Rabbi Gold said, "What do I do when I see people who want to hug me if I am nervous?"
Cantor Wolfe said, "I am truly exhausted and need a break from my screens."
Ruth said, "I miss seeing people, for sure, but I have enjoyed my own spaces."
Bert said, "What do I do if someone reaches out to shake my hand?"
Rabbi Schwartz said, "Breathe, relax and take it one step at a time."
Cantor Schein said, "I can't wait to sing and pray without my mask."
Steven said, "I hope the Temple keeps streaming…I am not ready to go out yet."
Jacquelyn said, "I do not miss going in the building.
I am happy to stay home and pray together with my community virtually."

Remember - if there is anything I can do for you, please know my door is always open. I look forward to working with all of you to make the Temple Beth El and the greater Knoxville Jewish community the most amazing family it can be!

TBE President's Remarks

By Kathy Young, TBE President

This has certainly been a year of change, but we have risen to each challenge like the Congregation I know we are and will continue to be. Our building is now open, with limitations, and Friday night services have resumed. Thank you all for your patience as we have traveled down this rocky road. Many thanks to all the Board members and Rabbi Erin Boxt who have been asked to help make some tough decisions. Special thanks to the reopening committee: Larry Tucker, Dustin Park and Dr. Allan Rosenbaum.

Featured in this edition are the bios and pictures of our three new board members: Dr. Ray Pais, David Butler and Amir Sadovnik. I am grateful for these three for accepting two-year terms on the Board of Directors. Your insight is most welcome. Thank you to those who are no longer serving on the Board, but who I know will continue to bless us with their continued support off the Board. Your service has been of the utmost importance and I send my deepest regards to you and your families.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me or anyone on the Board. Remember, we are here to serve you, our TBE Congregation. Please don't be shy if there is something you want addressed.

Wishing you all a wonderful summer.

Dear TBE Family,

By Rabbi Erin Boxt and President Kathy Young, on behalf of your TBE Board of Directors

We are beginning to move from a COVID-19 Pandemic World to a Post COVID-19 Pandemic World! Although, truth be told, this virus will be with us for a long time…we are just better prepared now to respond to or act against it. While more and more people in our community are being vaccinated, there are still some members of our community who have anxiety about what the future holds. Thus, we have been diligent in attempting to respond to what is going on, while relying on the CDC and our local Health Boards.

The health and safety of all members of the TBE community is our top priority. Here are a few ways in which we have begun the slow process of "opening up:"

We are now open on Friday evenings for Kabbalat Shabbat services.

These services require an RSVP with an indication of one of 2 choices: **1)** Show your Vaccine Card or **2)** Wear a Mask.

A. To make a reservation, please go to our TBE website: *https://tbeknox.org/kabbalat-shabbat-rsvp/* or call the TBE office (865) 524-3521

B. Onegs are postponed indefinitely for right now.

Our services will continue to be Livestreamed.

You can access our Livestream via three ways:

https://venue.livecontrol.io/watch/bethelknoxville (directly off of our website)
https://www.facebook.com/TBEKnoxville (Our TBE Facebook Page)
https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCmAAP9rYVWIOd6lL42JDq8A (Our TBE YouTube Channel)

After June 1, all meetings will be held either a) via Zoom or b) in the TBE Library.

Individual committees will make their own decisions. All people who enter the building must either be vaccinated or wear a mask.

Torah Study on Thursdays will continue on Zoom, until further notice.

Information Regarding Religious School will come out later this summer. However, school will be in the building this year. All students/teachers will be masked.

Adult Education Classes will be in the Library. All who enter must either be vaccinated or wear a mask.

To see the schedule for the 2021-2022 Adult Education Year, please visit our website: *https://tbeknox.org/adult-education/*

B'Nei Mitzvah ceremonies for Fall, 2021 and forward will take place in the TBE Sanctuary.

Regarding the High Holy Days 5782/2021

There were two guiding principles for the decision which was made. First, and most importantly, Temple Beth El is a **family**, an **inclusive**, **welcoming** community. In order to make sure that all of our congregants feel welcome and invited, we had to consider that a very important group in our community will not be able to be vaccinated prior to the High Holy Days. Of course, this refers to those under the age of 12. Secondly, TBE is a place where **everyone is equal**. Therefore, it was imperative that everyone have the same opportunity/chance. It does not make sense, morally or Jewishly, to open up the building for HHD for some and not for all.

Therefore, Temple Beth El will be ***Virtual Only*** for the High Holy Days, 5782/2021.

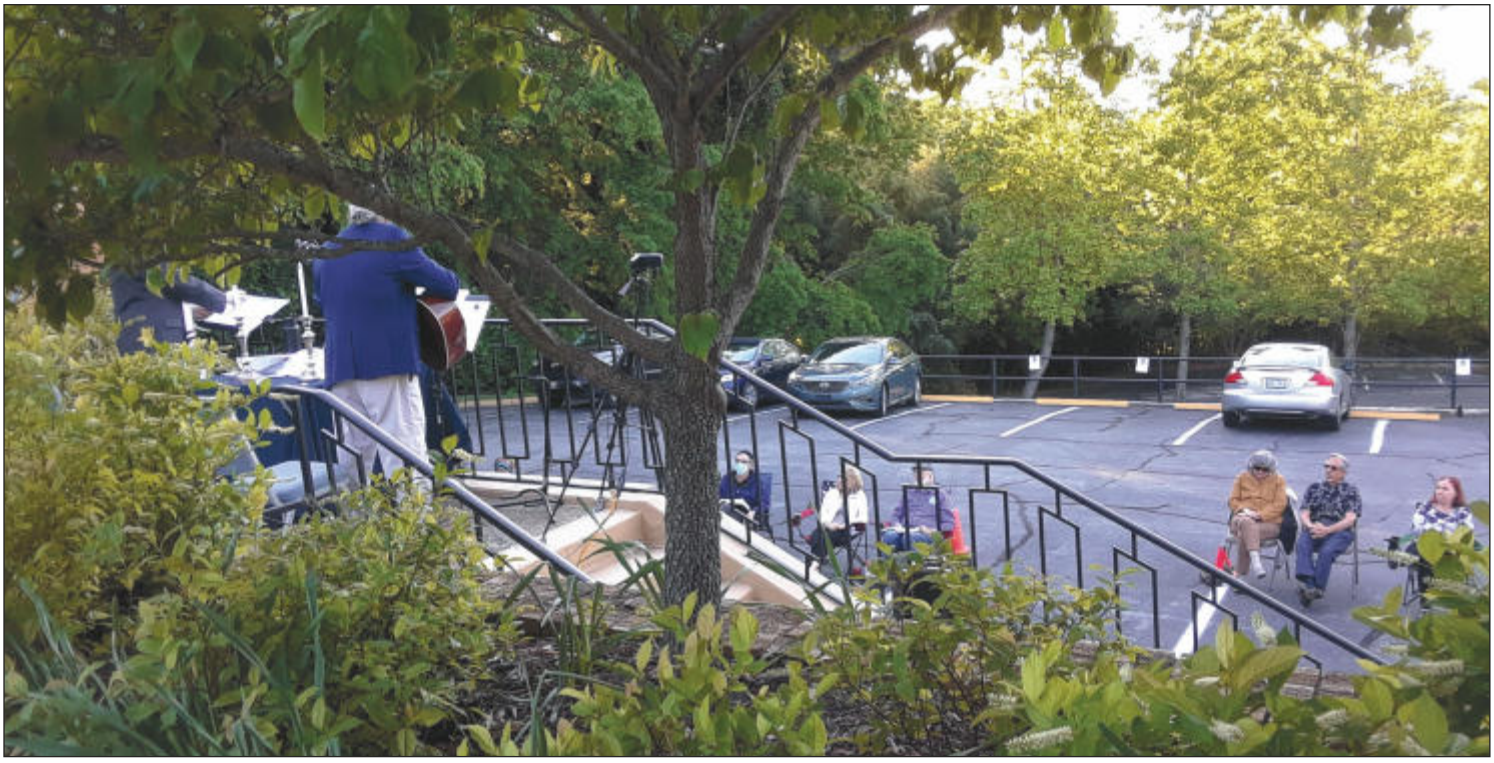
We look forward to being able to be all together for HHD 5783!

All services for the High Holy Days will be livestreamed and can be accessed via the links above. **We will have live choir/music this year**!

As we take these precautionary steps, please be sure to stay safe and continue to follow the guidance of the CDC and your health care professionals. We are thinking about you and praying for your health and safety.

Temple Beth El Resumes Services Outdoors, Patio-Style

Rabbi Erin Boxt and Steve Lewish conduct their first Patio Shabbat service on Temple Beth El's patio, with congregants seated in the parking lot.



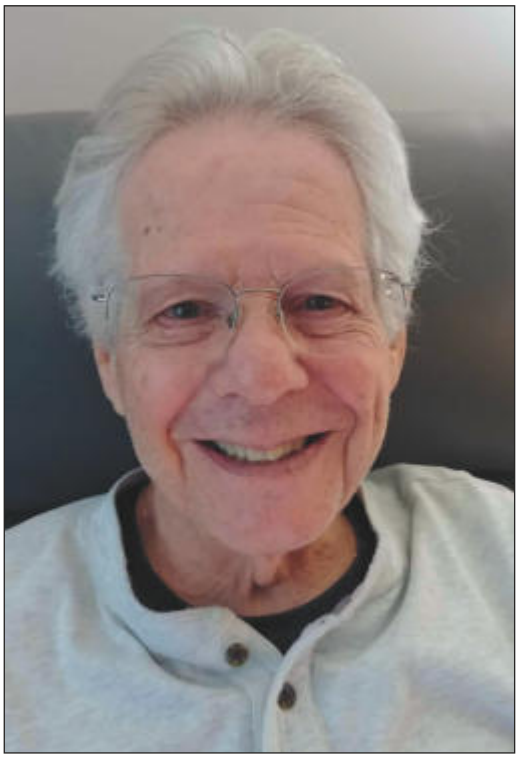
Caring People Needed

By Tammy Stone, Caring Committee Chair

Are you looking to get more involved in your temple on your schedule? Do you want to be part of a group that doesn't have meetings? Do you enjoy helping others? Do you cook, bake, or go grocery shopping? If you answered yes to any (or all) of those questions the Caring "Committee" would be a good fit for you. We are a group of individuals who help fellow congregants when it is needed most. By providing meals of condolence and shiva meals we help our congregants when they've lost a family member. After a serious illness or hospitalization we help our congregants get back on their feet by providing meals so they can focus on recovery, not cooking. If you would like to be part of this group who provides care, we need you. Please contact me at *tlsintn@icloud.com* so I can add you to the list of care providers.

TBE Welcomes New Members

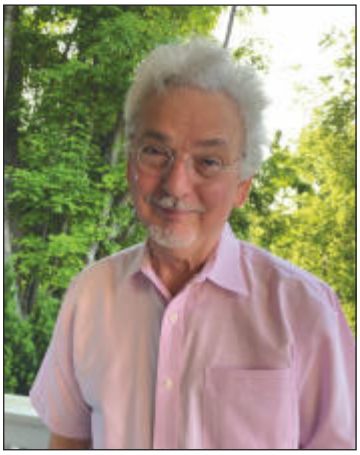
My wife, Vivian, and I moved to Knoxville from Mesa, AZ in October of 2019. Soon after our arrival we intended to join a temple. We began attending services at TBE and liked what we saw and heard. We felt welcomed and decided to become members. For a brief time, until our move to Knoxville, I was a board member of Temple Beth Shalom in Chandler, AZ. I was born and raised in Cleveland, OH. I graduated from The Ohio State University with a BA in Political Science. In June of 1993 I moved to Arizona where I met my future wife. Vivian and I married in March of 2000. We moved to Knoxville to be closer to family. Between us we have 4 children, 10 grandchildren, and one great grandchild. I am looking forward to being a member of the TBE board and serving our congregation to the best of my ability.



Above: David Butler
Left: Rise & Larry Tucker and Vivian & David Butler

TBE Welcomes New Board Members

Ray Pais



I love Temple Beth El, and I'm honored to be given the opportunity to serve on TBE's Board. My wife Babyling and I have been TBE members ever since moving to Knoxville 30 years ago in 1991. My parents were also members of TBE. Both of our boys attended Hebrew School and Sunday School at TBE. Our family has shared both joyous and sad life-cycle events at TBE with our many friends in the congregation.

We have a great congregation with a noble history. I'm proud to be a member. I will strive to do my part on the TBE Board to fulfill TBE's important mission to meet the spiritual needs of our members.

Amir Sadovnik

Amir Sadovnik moved to Knoxville in 2018 with his wife Margaret Page and his two kids: Maya and Ely. He is currently an assistant professor in the electrical engineering and computer science department at the University of Tennessee.

Sadovnik has been a member of TBE since 2019. Since Judaism is an important part of his life, he looks forward to being an active member of the board and helping shape the way the temple can continue to enrich its members' Jewish lives.

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Our Mission

To inspire individuals to know, live, and shape our Jewish legacy.

In fulfilling our mission, we value our place in the chain of traditions, the diversity of those who seek to join us in our venture, and the kindness essential to a sacred community.

Learn more about Temple Beth El at *www.tbeknox.org*

July 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 7a Minyan-HA Social Hall 10a Jewish Family Services Virtual Coffee Klatch-Zoom 11a Torah Study/Adult Ed-TBE 1-7p AJCC Pool open	**2** 8:38p Noon Mindfulness Practice w Rabbi-HA 1-7p AJCC Pool open 5-6p Fun Friday for Kids-AJCC Pool 6:30p Kabbalat Shabbat-HA 7p Shabbat Service-TBE	**3** 9:41p 10a Shabbat Service-HA 6p Havdalah Service-TBE
4 **Independence Day** Noon-7p July 4 Pool Party-AJCC Pool 	**5** Heska Amuna, TBE, KJA offices closed MCDC Week 6: *Great Adventures* 1-7p AJCC Pool open 4p Minyan & Torah Chat-HA	**6** 1-7p AJCC Pool open 1p Torah Chat with Rabbi Boxt-TBE 6:30p KJA Board 7p Healing Service w/ Rabbi Boxt & Steve Lewis-TBE 8p Minyan-HA	**7** Noon Executive Mifgash Manhigim via Zoom 1-7p AJCC Pool open 6:30p Minyan service-HA 7p Board meeting-HA	**8** 7a Minyan-HA Social Hall 10a Jewish Family Services Virtual Coffee Klatch-Zoom 11a Torah Study/Adult Ed-TBE 1-7p AJCC Pool open	**9** 8:37p Noon Mindfulness Practice w Rabbi-HA 1-7p AJCC Pool open 5-6p Fun Friday for Kids-AJCC Pool 6:30p Kabbalat Shabbat-HA 7p Shabbat Service-TBE	**10** 9:39p 10a Shabbat Service-HA
11 Noon-7p AJCC Pool open	**12** MCDC Week 7: *Superheroes* 8a Minyan-HA Social Hall 1-7p AJCC Pool open 4p Minyan & Torah Chat-HA 6:30p KJA Exec Comm 7p HAWL Board-HA	**13** 1-7p AJCC Pool open 1p Torah Chat with Rabbi Boxt-TBE 7p Healing Service w/ Rabbi Boxt & Steve 8p Minyan-HA	**14** 1-7p AJCC Pool open 6:30p Minyan service-HA 6:30p Board Mifgash Manhigim via Zoom 7p Talmud Study Group-HA	**15** 7a Minyan-HA Social Hall 10a Jewish Family Services Virtual Coffee Klatch-Zoom 11a Torah Study/Adult Ed-TBE 1-7p AJCC Pool open 7p GKJ Men's Club Evening Schmooze	**16** 8:34p Noon Mindfulness Practice w Rabbi-HA 1-7p AJCC Pool open 5-6p Fun Friday for Kids-AJCC Pool 6:30p Kabbalat Shabbat-HA 7p Shabbat Service-TBE	**17** 9:35p 10a Shabbat Service-HA Noon-7p AJCC Pool open
18 Noon-7p AJCC Pool open	**19** MCDC Week 8: *COLOR WARS!* 8a Minyan-HA Social Hall 1-7p AJCC Pool open 4p Minyan & Torah Chat-HA	**20** 1-7p AJCC Pool open 1p Torah Chat with Rabbi Boxt-TBE Lewis-TBE 8p Minyan-HA	**21** 1-7p AJCC Pool open 6:30p Minyan service-HA 7p Talmud Study Group-HA 7p Hadassah Board-Zoom	**22** 7a Minyan-HA Social Hall 10a Jewish Family Services Virtual Coffee Klatch-Zoom 11a Torah Study/Adult Ed-TBE 1-7p AJCC Pool open	**23** 8:30p Noon Mindfulness Practice w Rabbi-HA 1-7p AJCC Pool open 5-6p Fun Friday for Kids-AJCC Pool 6:30p Kabbalat Shabbat-HA 7p Shabbat Service-TBE	**24** **Tu B'Av** 9:30p 10a Shabbat Service-HA Noon-7p AJCC Pool open Noon-3p Food truck Viet Grill (vegan)-AJCC Pool 7p Enjoy Tu B'Av S'Mores at the AJCC Pool
25 Noon-7p AJCC Pool open	**26** MCDC Week 9-last week of camp: *MCDC's Got Talent!* 8a Minyan-HA Social Hall 1-7p AJCC Pool open 4p Minyan & Torah Chat-HA 7p-YJAK at the AJCC Pool	**27** 1-7p AJCC Pool open 1p Torah Chat with Rabbi Boxt-TBE 7p Healing Service w/ Rabbi Boxt & Steve 8p Minyan-HA	**28** 1-7p AJCC Pool open 6:30p Minyan service-HA 7p Talmud Study Group-HA	**29** 7a Minyan-HA Social Hall 10a Jewish Family Services Virtual Coffee Klatch-Zoom 11a Torah Study/Adult Ed-TBE 1-7p AJCC Pool open 3p Minyan & Talmud Chat w Rabbi-HA	**30** 8:24p Noon Mindfulness Practice w Rabbi-HA 1-7p AJCC Pool open 5-6p Fun Friday for Kids-AJCC Pool 6:30p Kabbalat Shabbat-HA 7p Shabbat Service-TBE	**31** 9:23p 10a Shabbat Service-HA Noon-7p AJCC Pool open

The community is invited to celebrate a fun-filled July 4th Pool Party at the AJCC Pool, with food and drink in the team building park, face painting, games for the kids, and family trivia with prizes.

Noon-7 p.m. at the AJCC Pool, 6800 Deane Hill Drive

Non-members may attend for $10 per person with a maximum of $25 per family.

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Local Teen Receives Leadership Award

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Gaby Guigui

CTeen recognizes the powerful impact of teen leaders by presenting the Yisroel Foundation Leadership Award to 8 teens under 18. CTeen (Chabad Teen Network) is an initiative from Chabad and this award is for CTeen leaders who have demonstrated remarkable leadership in their own respective CTeen communities and throughout the international network.

Friday nights at Farragut High School are for football games and parties, so as **Gaby Guigui** would light Shabbat candles at home with her family, her sense of isolation was keenly felt. Growing up in Knoxville, at the buckle of America's Bible Belt, Gaby is the only Jewish student in her grade.

Still, she felt lucky. The Guiguis are a traditional Sephardic family and Gaby felt that at least observing the traditions of Judaism meant that for her being Jewish had meaning. Other Jewish kids in her community weren't as fortunate; though they knew they were Jewish and different for some reason, they didn't know what it was all about. After her Rebbetzin showed her and a couple of her peers some footage of a CTeen International Shabbaton, Gaby was blown away at the thought that she could connect with thousands of other Jewish teens. And she wanted that, not just for herself, but for her younger siblings and for the other Jewish teens in Knoxville.

"I knew other teens were feeling the same sense of loneliness as I was and I wanted to bring them the connection I felt CTeen could offer us," Gaby says. So there and then, she assumed leadership of the newly founded CTeen Knoxville and from that initial meeting of three, she has found and connected 30 Jewish Knoxville teens with her chapter. Together, they explore the meaning of Judaism with help from the Rabbi and Rebbetzin, celebrate Jewish holidays, and give back to their community through humanitarian projects like baking challah for seniors and collecting cans for food banks. Most importantly though, they connect with each other, bonding with fellow Jews in a place where Jews make up less than 0.1 percent of the population.

Grade representative for her student government, math club member, medical club member and part of her school's honor society, Gaby is not afraid to work hard and engage her peers.

After attending CTeen Shabbaton herself and spending a weekend with hundreds of other Jews, Gaby was even more enthused. "Never in a million years did I think I would have a chance to surround myself with that many Jews," she says. "I wanted to bring that joy and warmth back to my fellow teens in Knoxville." So she set about planning the first Southeast Regional CTeen Shabbaton, giving her chapter a chance to join the Atlanta CTeen community for a weekend where many experienced for the first time what it felt like being Jewish when you were not a minority.

This is the first offering in an occasional (we hope quarterly) series offered by the Knoxville Jewish Archives: Memories of my childhood and youth. If you grew up in Knoxville or environs or moved here before the age of 25 and would like to pen a vignette, please contact the Archives at archivist@jewishknoxville.org.

WHAT I REMEMBER— Age 3 to 6 1949–1952

By Richard Licht

Friday nights, my mother, Dorothy Levy Licht, would light the Shabbat candles before dinner. After dinner we would drive to Temple for services at 8 p.m.. The parking lot was across the street from the Temple and the JCC. I remember the sanctuary well, with lots of polished wood. The seats were pews. We used the *Union Prayer Book* and the *Union Hymnal*. A choir was seated to the right side of the pulpit. Clarence Strasburger and Ada Averbush sang in the choir. Frank Nelson played the organ.

My grandparents would walk down the hill from their house on Vine Street for services. What I mainly remember is my grandfather. He wore a gray suit with pin stripes. He walked with a well-polished cane that I still have. He had pure white hair. I thought he was very elegant. After services, Oneg Shabat was held in a room to the left side of the sanctuary.

On Saturday afternoon my father would take my brother and me to spend Saturday night with my grandparents. Sunday morning, my grandmother would get us dressed for Sunday School. My grandfather was listening to a radio show. I vaguely think it was a broadcast from the *American Israelite*. He would leave two nickels on the radio for us to put in the tzedaka box at Temple. My memory is not clear but I think my brother and I would walk down the hill together while my grandfather watched from the sidewalk. I don't remember Sunday School at the Center. I do remember having classes in the basement at Temple next to the boiler room. We sat on folding chairs in a circle.

My grandfather died when I was six and things changed. My grandmother moved into an apartment two doors down from our house on Magnolia. Nothing was bad, just different.

HAPPENINGS

Suzy Snoops

Ha'Kol welcomes good news. Please send information to jyork@jewishknoxville.org or mail your news to Ha'Kol, c/o Knoxville Jewish Alliance, 6800 Deane Hill Drive, Knoxville, TN 37919

- Mazel tov to **Cindy and Ricky Caplan** on daughter Haley's marriage to Brice Brannon.
- Congratulations to **Keaton Noon** and **Katherine Krouse** on their wedding which took place April 17. They were married at Concord Yacht Club in Knoxville. Keaton is the son of Chuck and Missy Noon. Katherine is the daughter of Dan and Jennifer Krouse.
- Congratulations to **Zack Messing** and **Caroline Mulloy**, who were married May 1. Zack is the son of Daniel and Karen Messing, and the grandson of George and Helene Messing.
- Mazel Tov to **Linda Kutsubos** on the birth of her fourth grandchild Tal Oliver Callone, the firstborn of Linda's son Matt and his wife Natalie.
- UT School of Journalism and Electronic Media Professor **Rob Heller** has been selected as the fourth recipient of the CCI Board of Visitors Professorship. The three-year rotating professorship was established to recognize and reward outstanding CCI faculty members whose research, creative activity, teaching, and academic and professional service have uniquely contributed to the mission of their school, the college and the university.
- **Marilyn Kallet** participated in a diversity podcast entitled *Black-Jewish Podcast: Poets Speak - American Diversity Report.* Kallet recently served two terms as Knoxville Poet Laureate, 2018-2020. She has published 18 books, including *How Our Bodies Learned, The Love That Moves Me* and *Packing Light: New and Selected Poems*. She translated Paul Eluard's *Last Love Poems* and Benjamin Péret's *The Big Game*. Dr. Kallet is professor emerita at the University of Tennessee.
- **Siri K. Zemel** spent her pandemic time writing a book. You can find *Guided: Journey into the Unknown to Awaken the Soul and Live in Truth* on Amazon. There's also an audible version in production.
- Charleston's Zalkin Kosher Meat and Poultry Market was owned by **Robin Zalkin Brown's** grandparents Anna and Joseph Zalkin, *z'l*. The City of Charleston recently installed a historical marker honoring several Jewish businesses, including the family's kosher market.
- The Guild of the Knoxville Museum of Art visited virtually with Knoxville sculptor **Jeanne Kidd**.
- **Elyse Messing** got to work out with Carrie Underwood at the Dicks Sporting Goods' June grand opening. You also could find her on *Entertainment Tonight*'s feature on the event.
- Mazal Tov to **Asher Robinson** and **Laura Diamond** on their recent wedding in Saratoga Springs, NY. Asher is the son of Pace and Karen Robinson.
- Mazel tov to **Alex Callen** and **Rachel Tamaroff** on the birth of Benjamin Michael Callen.

Keaton and Katherine Noon

Zack and Caroline Messing

Marker honoring the Zalkins' market.

Above:
Siri Zemel with a copy of her new book.

Callen

Left: Sculptor Jeanne Kidd

Heska Amuna Synagogue
HaShofar

July 2021
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Click and Mortar Synagogue

A guest column by Dr. Jacob "Jack"Love

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Jack love

Hard to believe it's been a full year since we've been able to enjoy each other's company in our beautiful synagogue, as I like to say, nestled in the foothills of Appalachia. When the pandemic first hit, accompanied by the Zoom revolution, like many others, I discovered a bit of fresh air blowing in with the *Yetzer haRa* (the Evil Impulse). Suddenly, I was no longer confined to the walls of synagogue, but I could visit with dear friends all over the country. I enjoyed services with Danny Maseng at his little Los Angeles *shtibl*, HaMakom. I could return to my synagogue of 25 years in Michigan. I could share a worship service with the mentor who first inspired me to a re-appreciation of Judaism—and one of the principal authors of our new Siddur Lev Shalem. I could even drop in on the magnificent space of the Cathedral of Conservative Judaism, the Park Avenue Synagogue, and listen to the unparalleled artistry of *Hazzan* Azi Schwartz.

After the initial wonderment of this power wore off, I soon came to realize that there was something deeply troubling about my newfound riches: they had turned Judaism for me from a shared experience with my friends and neighbors into a spectator sport. As much as I love the way Danny Maseng conducts his service, I'm not there. It's basically a one-man show. The Park Avenue Synagogue is not going to invite me to read Torah or *daven shacharit*.

And so, after a bit of making the best of the pandemic, I found myself returning to our Heska Amuna, and even if just by Zoom, sharing my virtual room with people near and dear to my heart. I realize that this might be more so for me than many other congregants. After all, a majority of the congregation do not lead services or sing out the scriptures. For some, it might seem that even Heska Amuna is just a concert unfolding before them. But you know what? Even if someone like me is leading the service, your voices join with mine. And when with the grace of God we return to Heska Amuna in person, we will be sitting together, a community of friends sharing bread, wine, and peace – *challah*, *yayin* and above all *shalom*.

We must continue to have a solid Jewish community physically in this place. Our congregation has always been, and the Good Lord willing and the crick don' rise, will continue to be a place where we celebrate *britot milah*, *b'nei mitzvah*, marriages, and yes, funerals together. We need a rabbi and we need a congregation to do this in the way that Jewish communities have been doing this for more than two thousand years. To do so, we need to support one another and come to the services and meetings and learned discussions that are part of our own community.

This does not have to be an "all or nothing" choice. Most congregants do not attend every service. We should feel as free as we ever have to take a day off or attend a service as often as we like. We have discovered a new power in this virtual sphere – I've been imagining that, for example, it gives us the power to continue to have Kabbalat Shabbat services most weeks instead of just once a month. That will depend on whether that's what the congregation wants. I too love visiting with these other congregations around the country and the world, and it is a great way for me to learn new things. And it can work two ways – I was absolutely thrilled that my Passover Seders had guests from Michigan, New York City, Shreveport (Louisiana) and even Mexico City!

Please enjoy this new freedom, but remember, at the proverbial end of the day, we must be together, a group of human beings working, living and praying together, in a congregation we can call our home.

Beginning July 15
Heska Amuna Congregation is planning to begin

In-person Minyanim
8:00 am Mondays
7:00 am Thursdays
In the Rosen Social Hall
For the health of those who cannot be or are not vaccinated, all participants are asked to be masked and distanced

Chairman's Thoughts

By Jeff Becker, Heska Amuna Board Chairman

What an amazing two years! I have been a member of Heska Amuna Synagogue since my move to Knoxville in 1972. I had served on the Board of Trustees for many terms, but I had never taken a leadership role. Ken Brown, our immediate Past Chair, convinced me that it was my time to become Board Chair. I was reluctant due to what I perceived as a thankless and consuming role. Well, it was consuming, but the work was worth the effort; the lessons I have learned have been many: I found out that I was not too old to grow and change, I discovered the passion of our membership for the Heska Amuna Community, and I learned that we have great members willing to accept leadership roles while innovating and working hard for the community. As I hand over the Chair to Josh Hedrick, our third generation Heska Amuna member (see Bio below), I am confident that we will continue to exhibit the Conservative Judaism theme of "tradition and change." This is a tradition that adheres to the Jewish ethical principles and practices and an attitude of change that is consistent with Jewish values yet dealing with the times.

As I stated in a previous *Ha'Kol* essay, "To thrive as a synagogue, we must link the best of our 130-year-old community strengths with new possibilities that fit *who we are* and *what we need* to serve our children and the generations to come. To make the important decisions moving us forward we must have the optimism to face the future and the understanding to acknowledge our ancestor's traditions and strengths. We are indebted to the founders of Heska Amuna and to all who have contributed to our congregational funding and services. We trust we have the resources and wisdom to provide for the next generation as our predecessors provided for us."

To continue my Ha'Kol "tradition," below I present brief biographical sketches of members of the Heska Amuna Board of Trustees. Josh Hedrick is in-coming Board Chair and Rich Adlin is in-coming president. In addition, members of the 2019-2021 Board of Trustees that have not been represented to date in my Ha'Kol columns are: Rosalie Nagler (Co-Chair of Heska Amuna Women's League), Ben Sulman (member-at-large), and Dahlia Smith (member-at-large).

Name: Joshua D. Hedrick
Born: Knoxville
Raised: Knoxville
Years in Knoxville: 40 (so far)
Family: Kimberly (wife), Darcy (Daughter), 2 dogs (Merlin and Adora)
Education: BA from University of Tennessee, JD from University of Memphis
Vocation: Criminal defense attorney
Volunteering: Hearing panel member for the Board of Professional Responsibility
Legal work provided through Legal Aid of East Tennessee
Hobbies: Classic cars
Favorite Activities: Playing with Darcy, working on old cars
Reason for Serving on Heska Amuna Board: As a third-generation member, I feel at home at the shul and feel as though I have an obligation to ensure that it is strong enough to be there for my daughter and her children.

Name: Rosalie Nagler
Born: Montreal, Quebec, Canada
Raised: Montreal
Years in Knoxville: 25
Family: Stephen Nagler (spouse), Mara Nagler (daughter) - Red Deer, Alberta, Canada, Evan Nagler (son) & Iris Postelnicu Fiona and Lyra Nagler, Mamaroneck, NY
Education: McGill University, Montreal
Vocation: Occupational Therapist
Volunteering: KJCFF Board, HAWL Co-President 2020-21
Hobbies: reading
Favorite Activities: travel
Reason for Serving on Heska Amuna Board: Co-President HAWL

Name: Richard Adlin
Born: Long Island
Raised: Brentwood, NY
Years in Knoxville: 27
Family: Jill (wife), Celia (daughter)
Education: Ph.D. Clinical Psychology from UTK
Vocation: Clinical Psychologist
Volunteering: Board member for different organizations in the past
Hobbies: Musician, fitness, learning languages
Favorite Activities: Playing music (performing, recording), seeing live music, my job.
Reason for Serving on Heska Amuna Board: Care for our Jewish community and its future.

Name: Ben Sulman
Born: Madison, WI
Raised: Madison, WI
Years in Knoxville: 2
Family: Wife Fernanda Santos, daughter Erica
Education: B.S. physics and astronomy, Oberlin College. PhD Atmospheric and Oceanic Sciences, University of Wisconsin-Madison
Vocation: Scientific research, Oak Ridge National Laboratory
Volunteering: Science/educational outreach
Favorite Activities: Hiking, reading, bicycling
Reason for Serving on Heska Amuna Board: Giving back to the Knoxville Jewish community and helping to keep the future of the congregation strong

Heska Amuna SYNAGOGUE

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Please watch your *Nu News* and emails for updates about Heska Amuna Synagogue resuming some in-person activities, including holding outdoor services at Lakeshore Park.

EXPERIENCE HESKA AMUNA

Heska Amuna, a Conservative Synagogue, has served the Jewish community of Knoxville, Tennessee for over 100 years. We balance respect for tradition with openness to new ideas and practices.

We are small enough to be personal, but large enough to meet the many needs of a diverse membership. We emphasize education and pride ourselves on the skills of our adult lay leadership and on the accomplishments of our youth.

Come as you are. We welcome all who want to be a part of our family.

Marilyn Burnett
Shalom Membership Team
shalommembershipteam@gmail.com

Heska Amuna Religious School News

By Shush Carson, Director of Family & Youth Services

Shabbat School: New Beginnings of an Old Song

Shush Carson

Dreams are a funny thing. You can hope and pray, work hard and plan, but ultimately I feel as if the outcome is in G-D's hands. My husband David and I have long dreamed of owning a farm. This year, with G-D's help, the dream that was 40-plus years in the making finally came to fruition. I sit here on this very stormy morning, looking out of my home office window onto our freshly planted orchard of young fruit trees, wondering how to share my dreams and vision for our reimagined religious school model.

I know people are longing to be in community. The truth is we were isolating ourselves long before COVID hit. I know I was. The need for a spiritual community is real.
As we slowly re-emerge into a post "virtual only" COVID world, my dreams for HARS seem almost too big to make a reality, but I'm certainly going to try my best to make them happen.

This is the basis of my dream for HARS and Heska Amuna: I LOVE Shabbat! I dream about connection and community. I think that Heska Amuna can be that gathering place on Shabbat morning; a place where diversity of thought and practice is welcome; where love and acceptance are the norm; and where multiple generations gather in the name of the love of our Jewish heritage in all of the various ways that may present itself. I love Shabbat music and liturgy. I love that Shabbat is a piece of time carved out of my week, set aside for reflection, prayer and family.

Going to and participating in Shabbat services may not be everyone's cup of tea, and I think that's okay. I envision Shabbat School at Heska Amuna as a vibrant place where parents have the option of starting the morning with a *kumsitz* (song-session) alongside their child. Then, as their children go off to class, parents have options as well. Certainly, parents have the option of attending Shabbat Services, but they also would have the option of having a cup of coffee or tea and connecting with old friends or making new ones. Maybe they would like studying this week's Parsha with another group of parents or doing yoga down the hall.

This summer, before HARS reconvenes after the High Holy Days, I'd like to have a couple of socially-distanced meet-and-greets and *havdalah* here on my farm in Maryville. I would like to encourage those who enjoy gardening, to grow some fragrant herbs this summer that we can use as *besamim* when we gather to do *havdalah* together. I'd like to think that Shabbat School is like my burgeoning orchard that with love and care, time and commitment, will be healthy, thriving and bear us beautiful, sweet fruit.

Adult Hebrew classes available for all levels and interests.
Want to learn to read the Hebrew letters? Interested in prayerbook Hebrew or modern Hebrew? Check with Peggy Littmann 865-776-1013, or plittmann@comcast.net

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Peggy & Mark Littman
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Mary Ann Merrell
In Memory of Pincus Kanofsky
Jenifer & Evan Ohriner

Focus Groups at Heska Amuna

New chances to get together virtually or safely outdoors for our Synagogue community

HESKA AMUNA TREKKING CLUB

The beautiful weather has been cooperating with us. We've been able to enjoy hiking and walking along some lovely trails that are not too far afield from Knoxville. We usually hike on Sunday afternoons and will continue as long as the weather cooperates. We've been to Haw Ridge, trails at the UT arboretum in Oak Ridge, trails in the Norris area, I.C. King park trails and trails at Concord Park. A favorite was the hike to the beautiful quarry lake in Oak Ridge. If anyone has suggestions for future walks or if you would like to join us, please contact Peggy Littmann at (865) 776-1013 or *plittmann@comcast.net*.

Our **MEDIA CLUB** reviews and discusses a new series or show that will present ethical dilemmas and moral conflicts. We have lots of intriguing choices. If you are interested, contact facilitators Dahlia Smith at *dahliajsmith@gmail.com* or Peggy Littmann at *plittmann@comcast.net*.

NEW!
Watch in *Nu News* to learn about a new focus group, **ART CLUB,** coming soon!

Has your cell phone, home phone, email address, or home address changed?

PLEASE LET US KNOW!

Contact the Heska Amuna office at *admin@heskaamuna.org*

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Virtual Services

Friday Night Services.....6:30 p.m.
Saturday Morning Services.....10:00 a.m.

Minyanim

Monday.....4 p.m.
Tuesday.....8 p.m.
Wednesday.....6:30 p.m.
Thursday.....2 p.m.

For Zoom links, see *Nu News* or contact the Heska Amuna Synogague office at (865) 522-0701

Minyanim for members can be arranged by contacting the President one week before.

For a list of Heska Amuna's services, events, and information, please visit *www.heskaamuna.org*

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Celebrating 2021 High School and College Graduates

High School

- **Keara Bain**, daughter of Brad and Tara Bain, graduated from the Knox County System Homeschool program. Keara's studies concentrated in business and cosmetology, and she plans to continue her education in beauty school with a focus on becoming an esthetician.
- **Caroline Rasco**, daughter of Allison Schwartz Rasco and Brad Rasco and granddaughter of Andi and Allen Schwartz, will attend Mississippi State where she plans to major in education.
- **Ryan Gibbons**, son of Tony and Melinda Gibbons, graduated from West High School. Ryan is an International Baccalaureate candidate and honors student. He was climbing team co-captain, marching band captain, and Youth in Government state attorney general. He also worked as a Madrich and Hebrew instructor for Temple Beth El and served as Temple's Board youth representative. Ryan will attend Elon University as an Honors Fellow.
- **Nathanael Laing,** son of Geoffrey and Heather Laing, is the Bearden High School valedictorian, where he served in Student Government Association, Model UN, and robotics. He attended the 2019 Governor's School for the Scientific Exploration of Tennessee Heritage and placed in Science Olympiad competitions. Nathanael conducted bioinformatics research at the University of Tennessee to earn his AP Capstone Diploma. Nathanael will study aerospace engineering at Georgia Tech.
- **Reuben G. Margulies**, son of Imelda and Aaron Margulies, graduated from Farragut High School and will study at Eckerd College in St. Petersburg, FL, where he intends to pursue research and studies in microbiology. Reuben on the Farragut Admirals soccer team, which played in the state tournament this year. Reuben was a teacher for TBE's religious school. Reuben was BBYO beau and served as AZA president.
- **Tifannie Rosen**, daughter of Kim and Stephen Rosen and sister to Nathan and Arielle, graduated from the Webb School of Knoxville. She will attend the University of Wisconsin in Madison. Tifannie was active in BBYO, holding multiple offices in Gert Weinstein BBG, including president. After attending regional and international programs, she ended her BBYO career as the S'ganit (VP) of Delta Region. In her senior year at Webb, Tifannie was co-captain of the cheer squad, co-captain of the dance team, and was the Spartan Award winner for dance.

Bain

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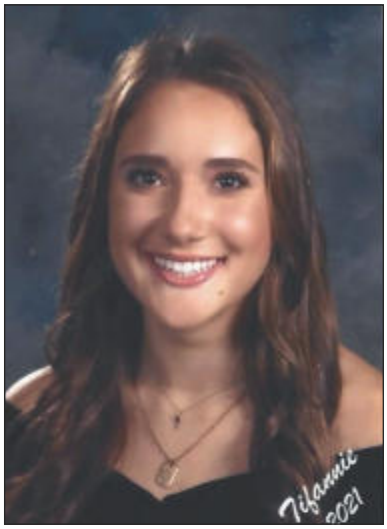
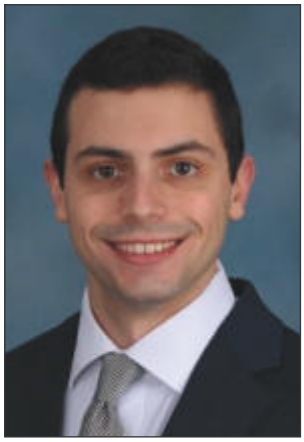


Rosen

Celebrating 2021 High School and College Graduates

College

- **Parker Alperin**, from Germantown, Tennessee, graduated in mechanical engineering. He is moving to Nashville to work at Smith Seckman Reid as a commissioning engineer.
- **Wren Aronoff**, from Nashville, Tennessee, graduated with a major in Hispanic studies with minors in world language education and theater. Wren will attend UT's graduate school to earn a master's degree in education.
- **Jonathan Glasman**, son of Harriet and Michael Glasman, graduated with an MSW in social work from UT Chattanooga.
- **Benjamin Greenberg** is from Memphis, Tennessee. He graduated with a major in computer science and cybersecurity.
- **Jared Iroff-Bailey** graduated in December 2020 with a degree in video production.
- **Ephraim Robert Love**, son of Jack Love and Terri Lee Love, earned his doctorate in spatial statistics from the University of Tennessee.
- **Noah Mesa**, son of Gabe and Shuli Mesa, graduated *magna cum laude* with a bachelor of science degree in neurosciences from Rhodes College in Memphis.
- **David Mosko,** son of Joel and Linda Mosko in Marlton, NJ and grandson of Sig and Brenda Mosko in Oak Ridge, graduated *magna caude laude* with a BA in jazz performance from Rutgers University. He competed and won a spot in the US Army Field Band Jazz Ambassadors and will be in Ft. Meade, MD.
- **Paige Motley** is from Crofton, Maryland, and graduated with a degree in educational interpreting/ASL with a minor in business administration. Paige served as the Hillel at UTK President, Fall 2019-Fall 2020. Paige plans to work as an interpreter for deaf and hard of hearing students in an elementary school.
- **Jacob Saripkin** is from Memphis, Tennessee. He graduated with a major in finance. Jacob will begin serving our country in the U.S. Air Force beginning in late summer.
- **James Seddon**, son of Becki (Badaines) and Tom Seddon, and grandson of Leslie Badaines, graduated from the University of Chicago with honors in public policy, and political science (with a minor in Astrophysics).
- **Jay Seline**, son of Eleanor and Richard Seline and grandson of Sam and Sylvia Balloff(*z"l*") graduated from the University of the Incarnate Word in San Antonio, Texas. He earned a business degree.
- **Maggie Strassburger** is from Memphis, Tennessee. She is graduating in audiology and speech pathology. Maggie served as the Hillel at UTK Public Relations Chair. Maggie plans to attend graduate school to earn a master's degree in speech-language pathology.
- **Arik Wolk**, grandson of Alice Farkas, graduated with a S.S. in political science from Washington University.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Knoxville Jewish Alliance

Ha'Kol

KJA Wishes Joyce York a Bon Voyage

By Bryan Goldberg, KJA President

After more than 20 years at the Knoxville Jewish Alliance, we are wishing a fond farewell to *Ha'Kol* newsletter editor Joyce York. A binding presence within our community, Joyce York has been a reliant partner for so many of our communities' institutions for so many years. Our community is truly grateful to have had such a devoted presence willing to share her gifts and time for and with us. Knowing that my own interactions with Joyce can only offer a glimmer of what she has meant to all of us, I've asked some of Joyce's current and former coworkers and past KJA leadership to share some of their thoughts.

Operations and Financial Director Ed Hunter (who worked with Joyce for all 20+ years) said, "Joyce, I wish you the very best as you take this next step on this road we call "life." Your dedication to the Knoxville Jewish Alliance, the Jewish community of Knoxville and the community at large has been amazing for 20 years plus. I am and shall always be grateful for all the times you brought to fruition the various visual projects that made an impact for the center and the community. You have a wonderful talent for detail with new inspiring ideas and concepts that serve you well. Best wishes to a warm soul with a great heart for community!"

Laura Berry, Senior Director of Development and Jewish Community Services, said, "I will miss working with my friend Joyce. She has more patience than anyone I know and is great at helping to brainstorm ideas. I wish her the best in her next steps."

"Thank you, Joyce, for always being on top of Preschool advertising even when I was too busy to do so," said Preschool at AJCC Director Kristen Cannon. "Your ideas and helpful suggestions pushed me to meet the mark. I wish you the best in all of your future endeavors!"

Former Executive Director Jeff Gubitz said, "Joyce has an eye for detail and helped provide a good-looking *Ha'Kol*."

"Joyce York has been a treasured part of the KJA for over 20 years," said former Executive Director Deborah Oleshansky. "She is a dedicated professional — always available to jump in and assist as needed to benefit both the organization and greater community. Her quiet demeanor, wisdom, and experience have been an important asset, valued by staff and lay leaders. She is a true team player — always willing to help but never demanding the spotlight. It was a pleasure working with her and she will be greatly missed."

Past KJA President Stephen Rosen said, "My first act as KJA president was writing an article for the inaugural issue of *Ha'Kol*. I was the beneficiary of the tireless work of KJA, Heska Amuna and Temple Beth El leadership who united to create a publication that other communities envy still today. I doubt these puzzle pieces could have joined so seamlessly without Joyce's help in fitting them together."

"It was so comforting during my presidency knowing that whatever messages and articles needed for *Ha'Kol* would be put in there efficiently and correctly," said past KJA President Adam Brown. "In addition, Joyce kept me in check by reminding me in a timely manner what the Jewish community needed to know about. She was extremely loyal and will be greatly missed."

Immediate KJA Past President Chip Rayman said, "I love Joyce. She took my generic Black Solidarity / George Floyd newspaper ad and created an ad that the East Tennessee Foundation recognized with a $5,000 grant to our Knoxville Against Hate fund. And she did that over and over again. I could count on her to edit my wordy articles and correct my spelling and grammar and she often would check my sources and make corrections or clarifications to what I had written. I will miss her creativity, professionalism, high standards, knowledge, and sitting across from her and talking to her about the Lady Vols and things Tennessee and occasionally stealing candy from her "stash.""

Words alone cannot capture what twenty plus years of an individual's commitment encompasses. However, through the diligent work of the KJA Archives, her mark on our community will forever be celebrated.

Sharing the Dream CWA Becomes KJA Long-Range Planning Committee

By Stephanie Kodesh

We are pleased to report that *Sharing the Dream*, a vision of enhanced cooperation within our diverse community, has entered a new phase of integration with Knoxville Jewish Alliance. For nearly three years, representatives of Knoxville-area Jewish institutions have met as a Community-Wide Assembly (CWA) to further this vision. Members worked diligently to advance four priority areas: (1) enriching education for children and youth; (2) collaborating to create programs for adults of all ages; (3) boosting the profile of our community through effective marketing/communications strategies, and (4) exploring opportunities to increase joy and usage of the AJCC campus property.

The CWA organized meetups to gather input from an array of community members, helped to increase coordination of our community calendar, organized a day of service at Second Harvest for youth, and launched cooperative efforts such as a community garden. Last year, CWA members identified a need to clearly integrate with KJA as the best means to infuse a Sharing the Dream ethic throughout our community. We worked with incoming Board/KJA executives on evolving the concept, and in March the KJA Board adopted the *Sharing the Dream* vision statement. As we enter this productive next stage, CWA members have agreed to serve on KJA's Long-Term Planning Committee. We will meet quarterly as a group and work together in ongoing project teams, staying focused on *Sharing the Dream's* vision of a strong, thriving community.

Join Us at the AJCC for A Summer Full of Fun

2021 AJCC Pool Hours

Monday - Friday: 1-7 p.m. *(campers will also use the pool weekdays from 1-3 p.m.)*
Saturday and Sunday: Noon-7 p.m.

Summer Pool and Outdoor Programs

(all events subject to weather)

- **Fridays, July 2, 9, 16, 23, 30:**
  Fun Friday at the Pool, 5-6 p.m.
  Kid-friendly events with games and prizes

- **Sunday July 4:**
  Fourth of 4th Party: **Noon-7 p.m.**
  Join us for a fun-filled Fourth of July with patriotic music and face painting, food and drink, games for the kids, and family trivia with prizes.
  Non-members may attend for $10 per person with a maximum of $25 per family.

- **Saturday, July 24:**
  Celebrate the minor Jewish holiday of **Tu B'Av: The Holiday of Love.**
  *Enjoy food from the VietGrill food truck from **noon-3 p.m.**, then join us at **7 p.m.** for s'mores at the fire pit with those you love.*

- **Monday, July 26:**
  Young Jewish Adults of Knoxville (YJAK), AJCC Pool, 7 p.m.

- **Fridays, August 6, 13, 20, 27:**
  Fun Friday at the Pool, 5-6 p.m.
  For kids with games and prizes

- **Friday, August 13:**
  Shabbat at the Pool. 6 p.m.
  Open to Jewish community.
  See details in the August Ha'Kol and weekly emails.

- **Monday, August 23:**
  Young Jewish Adults of Knoxville (YJAK), AJCC Pool, 7 p.m.

- **Thursday, September 2:**
  Tailgate at the AJCC Pool: UT Football Kickoff
  Wear Orange to the Pool! Watch the UT football game on the screen at the AJCC Pool and enjoy food and drink in the Team Building Park.

- **Monday, September 6:**
  Labor Day, 1-3 p.m.
  (Note hours because of Erev Rosh Hashanah)

Mazel Tov to the Preschool at AJCC Pre-K Graduating Class of 2021

- Akivah Boxt
- Chase Goldberg
- Cordelia Aaron -Murphy
- Ellis Rogozinski
- Gavin Ransdell
- Hayden Johnson-Powell
- Hudson Ray
- Jacob Ring
- Kenlin Cooper
- Laine Leavy
- Max Baxter
- Nathaniel Sheah
- Noa Olinzock
- Thomas Buehler
- Zachary Mayer
- Zola Marshall

Top Right:
Ms. Julie's PreK class

Bottom Right:
Mr. Jacob's PreK class

MCDC
THE MOST FUN UNDER THE SUN

Week 1's Milton Collins Day Camp campers enjoy lots of water-themed fun!

Preschool at AJCC students really "dig" summer camp on the AJCC Playground.

Your Knoxville Jewish Alliance

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- Preschool at AJCC
- PJ Library/PJ Our Way
- Schwarzbart Gallery
- AJCC/Smokin' Salmon Swim Team
- UT Faculty Lectures
- YJAK—Young Jewish Adults of Knoxville
- Yom HaShoah Observance
- ...and so much more!

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Volunteer Spirit

The Knoxville Jewish Alliance wants to thank the volunteers who mulched the AJCC Playground and helped build new steps to the soccer fields so that MCDC campers and community members can safely travel around the AJCC campus.

A special thanks goes to those who weeded and planted the AJCC Community Garden, and who continue to water and maintain it. If you would like to help, please email *program@jewishknoxville.org*.

Subscribe to the KJA's Friday email blast by entering your email address as a subscription on the KJA home page.
www.jewishknoxville.org (near the bottom of the page)

Greater Knoxville Jewish Men's Club Monthly Events

GKJ MEN'S CLUB

1st Wednesdays, 12:30 p.m.
Lunch & Kibitz on Zoom

3rd Thursdays, 7 p.m.
Evening Schmooze on Zoom

Mark Your Calendars!

Community-Wide Shabbat at the Pool

Friday, August 13
6 p.m.
AJCC Pool, 6800 Deane Hill Drive

Open to Jewish community.
See details in the August Ha'Kol and weekly emails closer to the event.

The KJA Archives would love to have copies of family photos. We will scan your photos, then return originals to you.

Contact Nicki Russler,
KJA Archivist at
archives@jewishknoxville.org

Ha'Kol Newsletters Can be Viewed Online

Need a back issue? Want to show an out-of-town friend or relative a story? You can find *Ha'Kol* online at

https://jewishknoxville.org/hakol

Become a Part of History! Record Your Oral Testimony

We are living through exceptional times and the KJA Archives would like a record of your experiences. We would like to ask you to record yourself or find a member of your household or family to record you answering our list of questions. Your recording can be a video or just an audio recording. You can even choose to answer the questions in written format if you prefer. We will then collect your records for safe keeping in the KJA Archives.

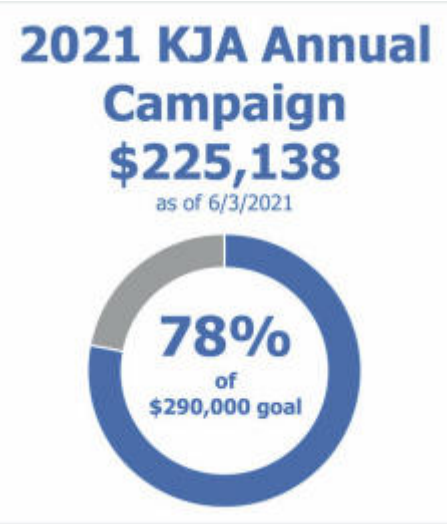
At the beginning of the recording, make sure that you state your name, birth date, place of birth, and where you currently live. If an interviewer is asking the questions, please state your name and relationship to the interviewee.

Please answer the following questions and elaborate as much as possible:

- How has the pandemic affected you?
- What was your life like before the pandemic? What were you doing before it started?
- How has your life changed?
- If you were working or going to school, how has that changed?
- What are your days like?
- How are you staying connected to family, friends, work, or school while social distancing?
- What changes have you noticed most in your community? In the environment?
- How have the lives of your family members and those who share your household changed since the pandemic began?
- How has your religious practice changed due to the pandemic?
- Have you participated in any Jewish community events or programs since the pandemic began?
- How do you imagine your life being after the pandemic ends?
- What message do you have for the future about life during a pandemic?

Please email *program@jewishknoxville.org* about sending your recording to the KJA Archives.

Thank you for your participation!



Knoxville Jewish Alliance

The KJA campaign helps good things happen.

Support Jewish friends and families in your East Tennessee community by making your KJA Campaign donation today.

Donate securely on the KJA website, mail a check *payable to KJA* to 6800 Deane Hill Drive, Knoxville, TN 37919, or call (865) 690-6343 and make your pledge to the Knoxville Jewish Alliance.

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Received by June 9, 2021

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In honor of Ed Hunter
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Preschool at AJCC Capital Fund
Haidong Zou and Feng Liu

Preschool at AJCC Teacher Appreciation
Bernard and Anne Bendriem

P2G Endowment
March and Susan Forman

Donations to KJA funds can be made to celebrate lifecycle events, remember or honor someone, or to support programs of interest

To find a fund or cause dear to you that you want to support, contact the KJA office at (865) 690-6343; email *office@jewishknoxville.org;* or visit *www.jewishknoxville.org*.

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KJCFF Stands with Israel

By Stephen Rosen, KJCFF President

KJCFF stands with Israel. As they like to say in the shtetl, "'nuff said." Unapologetically Zionist without hesitation or lack of clarity. It's just that simple. However, that doesn't mean the board, volunteers, fundholders, and beneficiaries don't have their own ideas of what is right and wrong about Israeli politics, religion, and falafel. Rabbi David Wolpe, writing in the *New York Times*, paraphrased the Torah as saying "The perfect place does not yet exist, and you must enter a messy and contested land armed with the vision God has given you." KJCFF works toward the more perfect Israel as a normal course of business. Our grants have ranged from support for grandiose enterprises like the Jewish Agency for Israel down to a single work-study scholarship. Our newest fund is the KJA Israel Partnership2Gether Fund. Its purpose is to provide financial support for the Knoxville Jewish community's sister-city program with Hadera-Eiron, Israel. If you would like to stand with us in standing with Israel, contact Laura or Stephen. By the way, it is not seasonal work. We do it 24/6.

Knoxville Needs an Endowment for the Deane Hill Drive Campus

One of the signature pieces of the Share the Dream process was the formulation of a master plan for the land that KJA owns on Deane Hill Drive. The plan began with a committee led by Chip Rayman, who then shepherded it through his KJA presidency. Finally, the rough ideas and sketches were turned into a professional, formal plan by KJA and KJDS when the school was considering moving to the AJCC property.

Basically, we have a viable piece of real estate with a clear path for how our community can move to the next level. Like the line from the movie *Field of Dreams*, maybe "if you build it, they will come." If we expand our activities on Deane Hill Drive, we need to consider roads, utilities, lighting, landscaping, and, unfortunately, security. It would be a lot easier to plan for those opportunities if the community had an endowment for the property. If you want to see your name on the sign out front, contact Laura or Stephen.

KJCFF Congratulates Asher Robinson on His Wedding

Mazal Tov to Asher Robinson and Laura Diamond on their recent wedding in Saratoga Springs, NY. Asher is a KJCFF fundholder who is a graduate of our B'nai Tzedek program. He co-advises the fund with his brother, Eli, who also lives in New York City. Proud parents are KJCFF fundholders Karen and Pace Robinson. Just to round out the family affair, the newlyweds were married by Pace's sister, Rabbi Rayzel Raphael of Philadelphia. Congrats and best wishes to Laura, Asher, and all the Robinsons.

Why KJCFF Works with the East Tennessee Foundation

KJCFF's funds are professionally managed by East Tennessee Foundation. Investments are handled by an investment committee, whose members are chosen for their business and financial-management experience and expertise. ETF handles tax filing, audits, record-keeping, investments and reporting and provides professional guidance to KJCFF's board and staff. This allows KJCFF leadership and staff the opportunity to focus their efforts on serving benefactors and beneficiaries.

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The KJCFF encourages you to help insure the healthy future of our Knoxville Jewish community by including a commitment to the KJCFF in your financial and estate planning.

To learn more about KJCFF philanthropic opportunities, call 690-6343 or visit *www.jewishknoxville.org/kjcff*

JEWISH CONGREGATION OF OAK RIDGE

Shmita - and Our Connection to the Land

By Ronnie Bogard, Communications Coordinator

Our ties to the land are front and center in Judaism. A D'var Torah recently centered on the *Shmita,* the requirement of leaving the land to rest every seven years. We understand that it represents our connection to the land of Israel and to the concept that as much as the land gives us, we are required to give back. There are very few farmers left in the world, but our appreciation for land, a limited resource that provides our food, is part of being Jewish. Without the careful tending of the land, we don't exist.

In this same week I was listening to an ecologist named Suzanne Simard discussing what we have learned about the forest in recent years. What this ecologist discovered is that when left alone for periods of time trees actually share resources with each other, signal to the forest community when there is impending danger, and ensure that that the large "mother trees" leave a legacy of resources to the next generation before they die. The mechanism for this harmony is mycorrhizal fungi, called "helper fungi". The fungi have a mission to create a network of resources among the roots of all the trees. Through observation with stable isotopes it was observed that trees can transfer their resources to other trees when there is a greater need. An example was a paper birch tree that grew to shade out a Douglas Fir tree. To compensate for that, the birch tree sends carbon to the fir tree to mitigate the impact of shade on photosynthesis. This type of collaborative behavior is found throughout the forest.

Our connection in Judaism to the land in general and to the land of Israel is profound. We were all hurting as we watched the violence that erupted in Israel. Most of us know the history of this land, and even if we speak only of modern times the history is both joyous and painful. Perhaps almost just as painful has been the sudden rise in antisemtic attacks verbal and physical in our own country. It is hard to be empathetic or helpful when we are under attack. Our first responsibility when under attack is to defend ourselves. I do not have the answers for how to develop collaborative behaviors similar to a forest. These behaviors do exist, but it is difficult when the message is cut down by an outpouring of violence and teaching another generation to hate. We need more mother trees, leaving behind resources for peace.

JCOR partners with ORUUC to feed the hungry!

- Monthly "stone soup" meal and food baskets
- Last Friday of every month at ORUUC

Donate Your Dollars

Please make your check payable to *ORUUC* and send to Ronnie Bogard.

JCOR Hikers visited the trails at Norris Dam State Park. Pictured are Zane, Bruce, Linda, Allan, and Becky. Join us for our monthly hikes!

Sisterhood
FRIDAY NIGHT SHABBAT
Every Other Friday Night
at 6:30 p.m.

Contact Penny Lukin at *plukin@comcast.net* or 865-671-0780 for information.

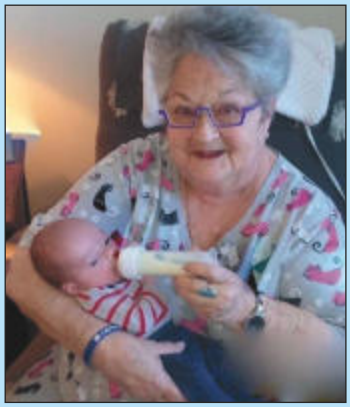
Congratulations to Rabbi Victor Rashkovsky and Avigail on Victor's retirement June 30 after 38 years of serving JCOR. A celebration will be held later this summer.

Nathanael Laing earned Class of 2021 valedictorian honors from Bearden High School. Nathanael is the son of Heather and Geoffrey and sister to Avigail Laing. Nathanael will attend Georgia Tech.
He is a talented musician, playing violin for the past eight years. In addition to his many honors, Nathanael has been writing cards to shut-ins and those who are ill for many years.

JCOR Welcomes New Member

JCOR's newest member ***Gail Glasser*** *is shown with her great-grandson Mason Eli.*

Gail is retired after multiple careers including teacher, registered nurse, and art gallery owner. She moved to Oak Ridge in March of last year and loves to bake, cook, read, and play Mah Jongg. We are happy to have her in our circle of family at JCOR!



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www.jcortn.org
Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/JewishOakRidge/

CHABAD OF KNOXVILLE

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Chabad, Cteen Group Looking Forward to Gatherings

Grateful for vaccines and human ingenuity Chabad has enjoyed slowly and carefully in reopening with in-person outdoor events these past few months. Being reunited in person with our community has been such a warm and wonderful feeling.

Our outdoor Shavuot Community celebration included two outdoor Torah readings and a delicious individually packaged cheesecake, blintzes and salad buffet.

Our teens have continued to meet in person outdoors. Their final events of the year included two Senior Shabbats celebrating our graduating high school students and a Cteen Survivor Event. Mazel Tov Hallie Boring, Gaby Guigui, Frank Sturm, and Danielle Harre. We will miss you all next year and can't wait to see you when you are in town visiting.

Our Cteen Survivor event featured GellyBall. Teens enjoyed playing, meeting new friends and a BBQ dinner. Teen leaders have stepped up to the plate and we are excitingly planning Cteen events for the next school year. *If you'd like to learn more information about Cteen or have your middle school or high school student participate, contact Miriam Esther at me@kjds.org.*

Prime Nosh delivers high quality kosher meats to your doorstep. Use **Chabadknox** *code to get 5% off your order.*

YAHRZEITS

Heska Amuna Synagogue

July 3
Sylvia Balloff ♦ Siegfried Besmann ♦ Harry Cooper ♦ Sarah Coplan ♦ Christine Cramer ♦ Irving Danziger ♦ Norman Evans ♦ Josef Gleichor ♦ Josephine Gluck ♦ Yetta Hornstein ♦ Alvin Kingsley ♦ Douglas Morrison ♦ Bessie Perelman ♦ Jessie Presser ♦ Nathan Quadow ♦ Mildred Shamitz ♦ Rabbi Isaac Winick

July 10
Janet Balloff ♦ Matilda Corkland ♦ Barbara Fay ♦ Madge Glidewell ♦ Maria Gruenberg ♦ Selena Jacobson ♦ Lisa Kahn ♦ Myrna Kingsley ♦ Benjamin Leibowitz ♦ Frances Levin ♦ Bertha Licht ♦ Edward Lippner ♦ Evelyn Lowe ♦ Norman Millen ♦ Leonard Miller ♦ Edward Mottsman ♦ Mel Nagler ♦ Eva Slovis ♦ Tanis Smith

July 17
Dorina Barnett ♦ Esther Bebergal ♦ Mary Corkland ♦ Mildred Dreyer ♦ Ethan Goodfriend ♦ William Gurwitch ♦ Benjamin Jaffe ♦ Harold Licht ♦ Yetta Lipshin ♦ Stella Love ♦ Rose Martin ♦ Samuel Millen

July 24
Muriel Boothman ♦ Mollie Brietstein ♦ Harry Fayonsky ♦ Morris Goldman ♦ Sylvia Goldstein ♦ Adela Gross ♦ Leon Hasden ♦ Joseph Herson ♦ Hyman Levison ♦ Karl Liberman♦ Samuel Merlin ♦ Max Millner ♦ Jim Nash ♦ Katie Ross ♦ Marian Schneider

July 31
Caryl Arsenault ♦ Esther Balloff ♦ Shoshana Becker ♦ Zeleg Berez ♦ Abraham Chaskin ♦ Jacob Green ♦ Sylvia Homer ♦ Mervin Horn ♦ Hugo Klein ♦ Janet Krauss ♦ Sally Moskowitz♦ Barbara Oleshansky ♦ Gussie Richer ♦ Lester Robinson ♦ Abraham Rosenblatt ♦ Jane Rosenblatt ♦ David Wender ♦ Abe Zwick

YAHRZEITS

TEMPLE BETH EL

July 2
Charlotte Bain ♦ Miriam Blumberg ♦ Sara Brody ♦ Margot B. Brown ♦ Yudel Cawn ♦ Rev. Paul Cheezem ♦ Sally Deitch ♦ Richard M. Hecht ♦ Stanley Hookman ♦ Richard Marchand ♦ Margaret Moss ♦ Lowell Nisely ♦ Gussie Potter ♦ Faye Elizabeth Rule ♦ David Sauers ♦ Sylvia Werner Silver ♦ Dora Silverstein ♦ Jerome Smith ♦ Gertrude Spero ♦ Patricia Zivi

July 9
Morton Banov ♦ Rosita Borenstein ♦ Issac Diamond ♦ Harry Gluck ♦ Ralph Kramer ♦ Rose Mark ♦ Sam Mislow ♦ Sol Moiger ♦ Rick Moore ♦ David Salus ♦ Dora P. Schramm ♦ Phillip Taylor ♦ Harold Zimmerman

July 16
Lillian Finklestein Brody ♦ Raymond Brody ♦ David E. Brown ♦ Joel A. Caller ♦ Matilda Davis Corkland ♦ Pearl Davis ♦ Morris Deitch ♦ KC Derrington ♦ Mayme Dortch ♦ Sylvia Frankel ♦ Minnie Feld Katz ♦ Irving Kovitch ♦ Mimi Pais ♦ Elizabeth Pardee ♦ Leo Silver ♦ Max Sonn

July 23
Jeffrey Lee Allen ♦ Jessie Dreyfuss Black ♦ Malcolm Bloom ♦ Jeffrey Dzimitrowicz ♦ Goldie Ann Garber ♦ Joseph Greenberg ♦ Sofia Gutman ♦ John Kelleher ♦ Harvey Kronick ♦ David Licht ♦ Nathan Lieberman ♦ Margaret Locklar ♦ Sam Rosenbloom ♦ Julius Rosenstein ♦ Dorothy Tessler

July 30
Tinnie Diamond ♦ Hilda Freedman ♦ Louis H. Gassel ♦ Donald Gerson ♦ David Hyman ♦ Yankel Haim Iancovsky ♦ Lillian Okin Kern ♦ Shlema Livshits ♦ Sheldon Mann Sachs ♦ Joseph Silverstein ♦ Regina Sunshine ♦ Doba Zolotovskaya

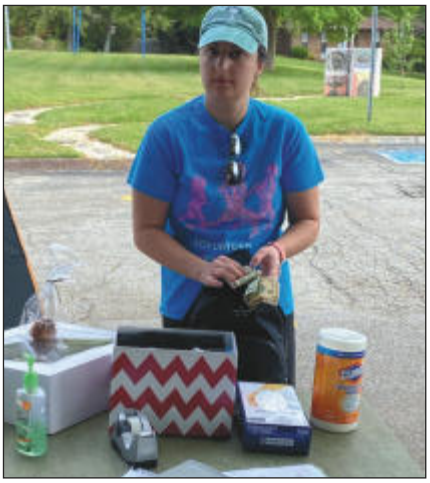
Hadassah HIGHLIGHTS

HADASSAH
THE WOMEN'S ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA, INC.

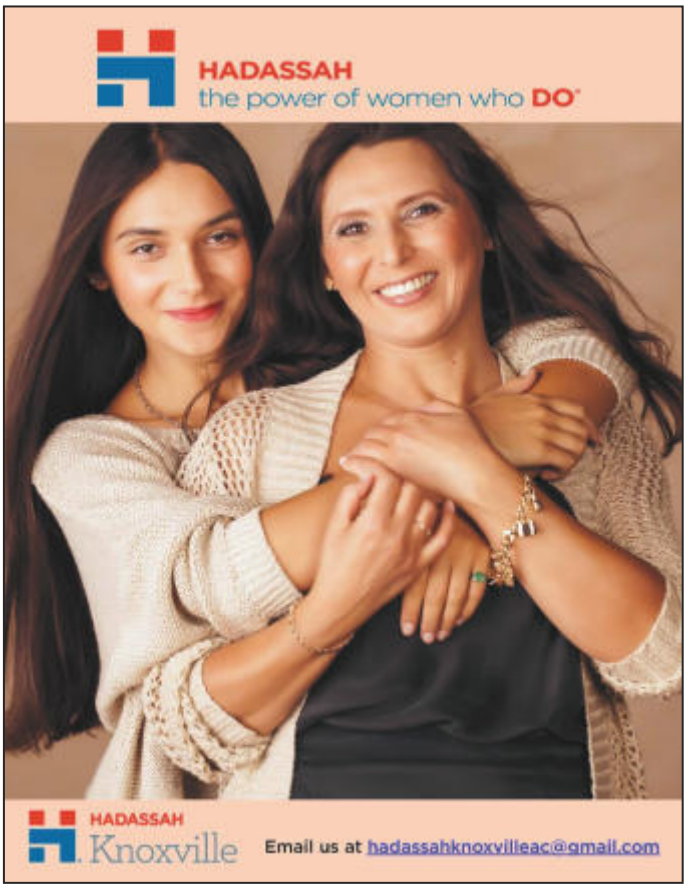
HADASSAH Knoxville

Hadassah Knoxville had an absolutely wonderfully successful Bundt Cake Sale. Thank you to everyone who volunteered their time and baking skills to make this the best Bundt cake sale ever! We were also honored to have volunteers stopping by to help us manage our Bundt cake tables and thank you to those who supported the sale by purchasing our delicious cakes.

A special thank you to those who donated funds but did not take a Bundt cake. Robin and I thank You so very much for your commitment of time and energy to this important and awesome project. Here are a list of some of our cakes :apple cake. various chocolate cakes ,chocolate Grenache pistachio ,red velvet , various lemon cakes, various pound cakes, Pecan rum ,banana cake, Chocolate rum , various coffee cakes, vegan cakes. We had flavors for every Taste bud. Thanks again for your support. Sincerely yours Nora Messing and Robin Brown Bundt cake Committee chairs 2021



JCOR President Hilary Shreter joins Knoxville Hadassah President Andrea Cone and Volunteer Jean Begue at the June 16 Bundt Cake Sale at the AJCC.



Buy a Tree or Water Certificate

What better way to celebrate a birthday or special occasion than by purchasing a certificate to plant a tree in Israel?

One Tree $18
Ten Trees $150
(Circle of Trees)
Garden of Trees
$500

You may designate a name for certificates in memory of someone, sending get well wishes, honor a birthday, anniversary, birth, marriage, engagement or simply support Israel's reforestation and water purification projects.

Contact Joyce York at *joyceyork12@gmail.com and mail check (payable to Hadassah) and information to 2054 Smoky River Road, Knoxville, 37931*

EVERY MOVE COUNTS

Hadassah's New Health & Wellness Program
Basics & How to Get Started

REGISTER HERE: *hadassah.org/everymovecounts*

Once you register,
JOIN HADASSAH KNOXVILLE TEAM
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HADASSAH'S Every MOVE Counts

Get more active, connect online, and have fun.

Join Hadassah's new health and wellness program.
hadassah.org/everymovecounts

Are Your Hadassah records all current for the next directory, to receive newsletters, and maintain other local Hadassah connections???

- Have you recently moved?
- Has your phone number changed?
- Has your name changed?
- Do you need to update an e-mail address?

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Celebrate Motherhood with a Hadassah Layette

By Batya Boxt

Hadassah sends layettes to women who have a new baby or grandbaby. A layette is a card from of all us congratulating them on the new baby!

When I receive information about a future Hadassah member's arrival, I will email all of you. If you are interested in having your name included on the layette, please email me back and let me know.

If you don't have a layette account, please send me a check to set that up. I'd recommend $25 to start. If you need to replenish your account, please send that check to me as well. So that my address isn't distributed publicly, please email me to request my address. Let me know how much money you'd like to donate to the layette and I'll deduct that amount from your layette account. When the account is low (around $5), I'll email you so you can refill it.

Please contact me at *batyaboxt@gmail.com*.

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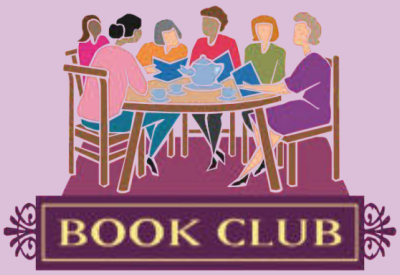

Hadassah Book Club News

All Jewish women of the greater Knoxville area and friends are welcome to join us

We welcome you to participate in our next Hadassah Book Club meeting. On Tuesday, July 20, we will discuss ***The Yellow Bird Sings*** by Jennifer Rosner. We are *planning* to meet at a member's home in the West Knoxville area and we will *do our best* to also have Zoom available.

We will start at 7 p.m. (yes this is 30 minutes earlier than usual). If you are interested in attending in person you need to contact Barbara Mintz at *Barbara@bmintz.com*. She will send you the home address and a map. Everyone on the master list will still receive the Zoom links the week before we meet.

THE YELLOW BIRD SINGS

In Poland, as World War II rages, a mother hides with her young daughter, a musical prodigy whose slightest sound may cost them their lives.As Nazi soldiers round up the Jews in their town, Róza and her 5-year-old daughter, Shira, flee and seek shelter in a neighbor's barn. Shira struggles to stay still and quiet as music pulses through her. To soothe her daughter and pass the time, Róza tells her a story about a girl in an enchanted gardenwho *is forbidden from making a sound, so the yellow bird sings. Music helps the flowers bloom.*

The day comes when their haven is no longer safe and Róza must make an impossible choice: whether to keep Shira by her side or give her the chance to survive apart.

- **August: *The Vanishing Half*** by Brit Bennett

Please contact Barbara Mintz at *Barbara@bmintz.com* if you have questions or want to be added to the Zoom registration list. Also let her know if you have changes in your email address or want to be removed from the master mailing list.

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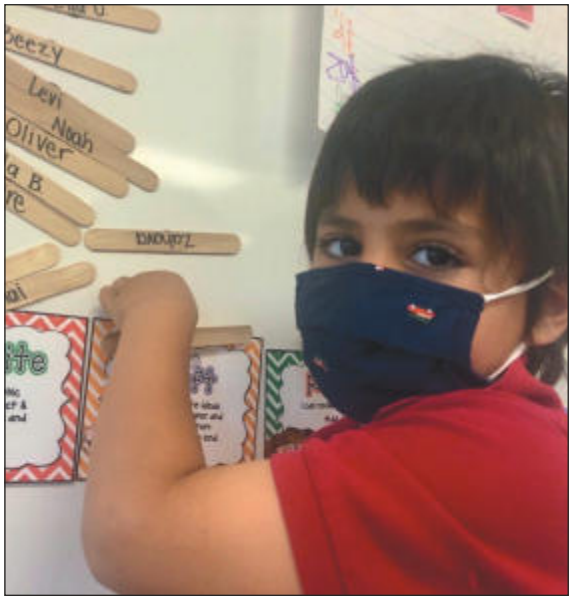
Cultivating Writers in Every Grade

This spring the KJDS community is writing! Students across grade levels are eagerly exploring different ways to share information and stories. All are using the writing process, taking them through the steps of brainstorming, drafting, revising, editing, and publishing.

The kindergarten and first grade students published books on transportation. These informational books shared knowledge about how things go, and they featured cool geometric artwork from the students. Now, these little people have moved on to more big things, storytelling via podcast! The stories they are sharing focus on being complete by demonstrating clear beginnings, middles, and ends. In Second and Third grader, students are using all the skills they learned in their recent poetry unit to craft their own fairy tales. They are enjoying experimenting with figurative language and seeing how it enriches the fictional stories they are currently writing just as it did with the fact-based poems they wrote about their states. The Fourth and Fifth grade class is also working with figurative language as they prepare for a poetry jam featuring original works explaining learning on a science or social studies topic of their choice. These poems are prompting students to summarize their learning and find creative and engaging ways to share information for a live audience. These writers are all learning that communication through writing can happen in a variety of ways as well as recognizing themselves as purposeful and powerful authors.

Our writers are taught to use their peers as editors, working through rough spots or getting a new perspective can help students get to the final draft.



Far Left: The foundations of the writing process continue in each grade. While the first graders are still prompted through the step, they know what each step entails.

Left: The earliest writers can visually see where they are in the writing process, moving their name along to the next step.

Graduation 2021

Graduation at KJDS is always bittersweet. We are proud of the growth and maturity our Fifth Graders have shown but we are very sad to say good-bye to them. The community bond at KJDS starts before most students enter our building and continues way beyond graduation. This feeling of community was felt on graduation night as the school community joined together for our first ever "Graduation on The Lawn" in our new campus. Families entered the space accompanied by music from Barry Cone, and our graduates hosted a Family Game Night. A design challenge, trivia, backwards charades, and a flash mob dance were highlights. Prize patrol kept the fun going, throwing prizes to all who answered correctly. Diplomas were handed out, tassels moved, and a few tears were shed.

This year's graduation was especially emotional after this unique year. All our students rose to the occasion of flexibility and persistence in a mask-wearing year. And these fifth graders kept their spirits up without complaining of the few things they missed due to the pandemic. We have watched them grow into leaders, confident in their Jewish Identity and ready to meet the challenges of middle school head-on.

They have performed on stage, built structures out of cans, learned the history and science behind coffee, learned the process of writing a final draft, read the Kapok Tree, performed a Passover play, ran an Israeli shuk, made Challah, taught their Tefillah buddy how to read the siddur, visited nursing homes, explored Ijams Nature Center, made Rube Goldberg machines, spent holidays with their Special Friends, sang at Violins of Hope and most of all learned how to be compassionate, inquisitive learners.

Mazel Tov Alex Lindsay, this year's recipient of the Harold Markman Award. The award is given to a student who demonstrates the qualities Mr. Markman exemplified Compassion, Friendship and Leadership.

Right: Our four graduates (and their teacher, Ms. Julien) celebrate the night with their official "throwing of the graduation cap.

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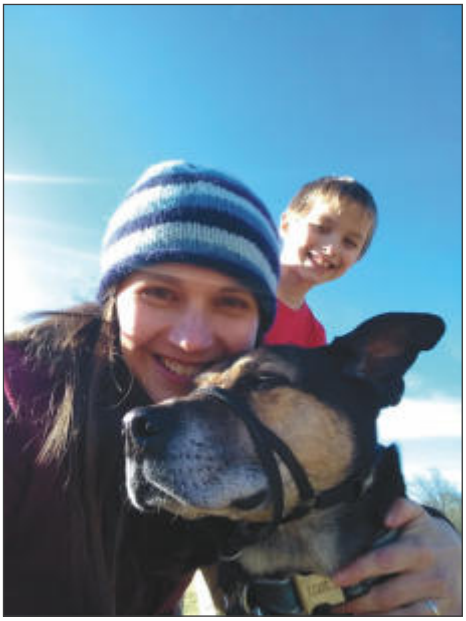


Susan Eherenclou

KJDS Welcomes New 4th-5th Grade Teacher

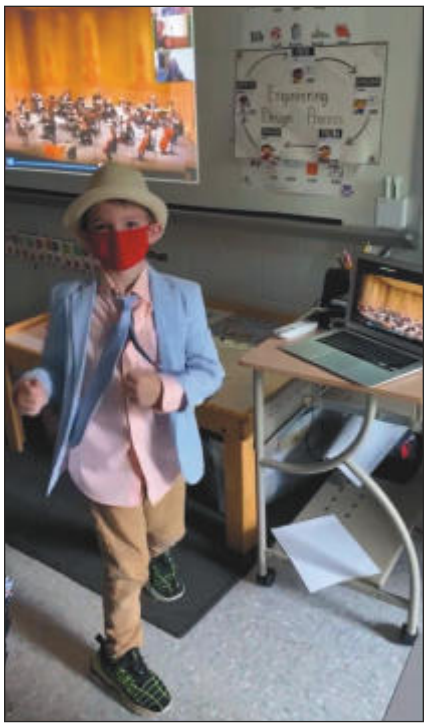
KJDS is excited to welcomes Susan Eherenclou as our 4th-5th grade teacher. Susan grew up in Wisconsin, where she dreamed of climbing mountains. She studied Environmental Science & Writing at Middlebury College in Vermont (mountains) and earned an MA in Geography and an MFA in Creative Writing at the University of Arizona (more mountains). All the while, she worked with kids on trail crews, in informal education in fields and forests, and in formal education in college classrooms.

Upon moving to Tennessee (even more mountains), she worked as a park ranger at Great Smoky Mountains National Park before earning her MEd in Elementary Education. She's coming to KJDS after teaching project-based learning to 3rd, 6th, and 7th graders for the past six years at Clayton Bradley Academy. Susan's family includes two sons, Robby and Olin, her husband William, who teaches high school English, and their loyal-to-a-fault dog, Willis. They love to camp, hike, eat, build, tell horrible corny jokes, read, and make cool discoveries outside in their free time. Susan and the boys are very excited for new adventures at KJDS!

Students Enjoy KSO Virtual Field Trip

Our Kindergarten and First Grade class attended a wonderfully musical virtual field trip — the Knoxville Symphony Orchestra's Very Young People's Concert: *Orchestranimals.* The students wore "fancy clothes," were treated to a special snack, and listened as storytellers and musicians created a wonderful experience through Zoom.

Animals from the Knoxville Zoo were also featured, with the music matched to each animal's personality or physical movements. This was a safe way for the students to be able to experience the symphony. The KSO created an engaging concert that was a joy for the students to watch.



Thank You!

We want to give a heartfelt thank you to everyone who helped support the Austin East Magnet High School and their community. Together we provided over $1,300 in gift cards to the staff, sent thank you cards and cookies to the first responders, delivered challah and flowers to the YWCA and decorated a graduation gift for one class of Austin East seniors.

Thank you to everyone who supported this effort.

What Parents are Saying

Our family's decision to attend KJDS was not arrived at lightly. Our daughter, Ella, attended public school for kindergarten. And while Ella generally did well in kindergarten, we observed that Ella had come to treat learning as a chore, rather than as something to be enjoyed. After a lot of family discussions and some hesitation being public school children ourselves, we decided to send Ella to KJDS. We made the right decision.

Over the course of the past year (during a pandemic, no less) we have watched as Ella's entire attitude towards school and learning has changed. She is excited to go to school each day, excited to learn, and excited to bring her lessons home to our dinner table. Rather than getting frustrated when learning something new, Ella now repeats the mantra, "Remember, I just can't do this yet." She builds "simple machines" that she learned about in science to raise and lower laundry baskets over the banister, practices her dance moves for the school musical each morning, and finds videos of the Alef-Bet to practice her Hebrew. She has also learned to celebrate not only her own success, but the success of her classmates and the school - she truly feels herself part of a community working together toward a common goal.

Olinzock family

In short, we are thrilled with KJDS.

Alumni Spotlight: Ellie Wood

Ellie Wood, a KJDS alumnus, is currently a seventh grader at Clayton Bradley Academy. She loves to act and sing, and she has excelled academically, especially in history.

Ellie has always loved to perform. After hearing Ellie sing during *Violins of Hope* at the Tennessee Theatre and seeing her perform the part of Violet Beauregard in *Willy Wonka*, Ken and Susan Brown asked her to sing with their Klezmer band, Dor L'Dor. Ellie learned to sing in Hebrew and Yiddish! She sang with the band many times before COVID-19 brought things to a halt. Ellie also loves acting. During her sixth-grade year she was a hotbox girl in *Guys and Dolls* and also performed in a virtual performance of *Hamilton*.

This year, Ellie worked with a partner in her class to create an unbelievable documentary on the Ringelblum Archive, a collection of materials and documents collected in secret by a group of Jews in the Warsaw Ghetto. Their documentary, which tells the story of the Archive and illustrates its importance in history, has advanced twice to make it to Nationals. They won second place in the regional competition, which allowed them to move to the state competition, and then they won second place in the state of Tennessee, allowing them to advance to the National competition. We are rooting for you Ellie!

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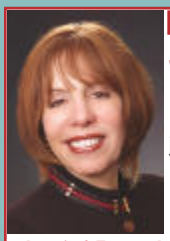

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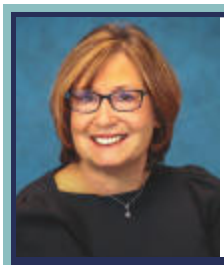

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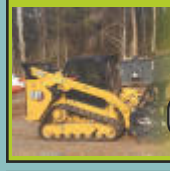
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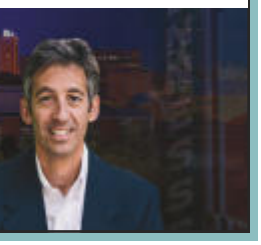

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Young Judaea Ninth-Graders

In the fall of 1967, Young Judaea ninth-grade girls held a father-daughter event on the grounds of the not-yet-constructed AJCC building on Deane Hill Drive.

Here, left to right: Caren **Millen** (now **Wayburn**), Suzy **Winston** (now **Young**), Gwen **Lunden**, Randy **Robinson** (now Rabbi Geela Rayzel **Raphael**), the late Merryl **Ross** (later **Thornton**), Susan **Millis**, Elaine **Tobe** (now **Hines**), Deborah **Bush** (now **Roberts**). Behind Merryl, barely visible, is Sherry **Siegel**.

Susan **Millis** continues to live in Knoxville; Deborah **Roberts** lives part-time in Knoxville. Caren **Wayburn**'s uncle Monte **Millen** lives in Knoxville. Suzy **Young**'s brothers Jerry, Larry, and Barry **Winston** all reside in Knoxville. Rayzel **Raphael**'s brother Pace **Robinson** lives in Knoxville as do Elaine **Hines**'s sister Donna **Tobe** and Sherry **Siegel**'s brother Mark **Siegel**.

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