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Writer and comedian MONICA PIPER leaves audiences laughed out, a little teary-eyed, and happy to be Jewish...even those who aren't. "I am taking my mother to see *Not That Jewish*. We encourage everyone, all of you, to get your tickets..." —MONSIGNOR KIERAN HARRINGTON, IN THE ARENA

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Crisis of Faith

By Rabbi Alon C. Ferency

Recently my elder boys try to push my buttons by telling me, "God is fake, Torah is fake." I struggle to explain why they're wrong, but I can't stumble upon an age-appropriate answer. Quite literally, Torah is *not* fake: it's an established published document. More than that, the three issues are not one simple problem. God, religion, and Scripture are not coextensive – I'm not even sure their Venn Diagram has to overlap.

Consequently, a flaw in one does not invalidate all three: people change their religious beliefs all the time; scholars frequently find contradictions in Scripture; yet, God persists. God remains ineffable and transcendent, חי העולמים - *Chai Ha'Olamim*, the Life of Worlds.

Furthermore, living, working, and studying in the so-called "Bible Belt" offers additional questions, problems, and opportunities. Boundaries between fundamental and liberal practice, among religions, or between peoples are both more rigid and yet more porous than I found in the North-East or South-West. Here, people aren't necessarily post-modern or jaded, and so the questions of religious life are still very much alive in Tennessee.

Just as it was impossible to go a day in L.A. without hearing Spanish, in Tennessee I am regularly acquainted with and befriended by people who are, were, become, or struggle with religious literalism. And all too often for them, religion is a binary choice. From observation, Evangelical Christians, Muslims, Mormons, and even Orthodox Jews draw strict or rigid lines at the limits of their belief and practice. As a "post-Mormon" friend points out, questioning Joseph Smith and revelation is anathema to his coreligionists. There is inside-or-outside, with no intermediate circle between members of the church and those "fallen" from it. That creates an us-and-them polarity:

"Religion (sometimes) helps to define the us vs. them boundaries (tribalism), promotes groupthink (eliminating critical thought), promotes moral superiority (I'm saved you're not), and finds its way into government."

There must be a third way. That's what I'm trying to explain to my kids – please help me with the language: There is a difference between a truth and a fact. Only the latter is falsifiable, and could be debunked as "fake." As Niels Bohr may have said, "The opposite of a correct statement is a false statement. But the opposite of a profound truth may well be another profound truth."

Here's a metaphor I like: Consider *Casablanca* and a History Channel documentary about Morocco during World War II. The latter is fact; the former is true. Through art, what *Casablanca* reveals about being human – sacrifice, love, and redemption – is more True than almost any documentary, even though there never was a Rick's Café Americain. There is manifest truth beyond fact, just as art has inherent value through its message about the human condition.

And what is Torah, other Scripture, and the vast *Mesorah* (traditional Jewish heritage), but humankind's most profound work of art?! Some may find eternal verities in Harry Potter or Superman (see *Kill Bill, Volume II* for a great *d'var Torah*), but I'm talking about *Mesorah* as something above the level of *The Iliad* and *King Lear*. If we understand holiness to exist through something, and sanctity to be applied to something, then the *Mesorah* is a residue of human efforts to understand the Truth, an oral and later written record of human wisdom trying to apprehend the divine. That makes it both sacred and holy.



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(Do not) Just Walk On By: Putting Names to Numbers

By Mary Ann Merrell, Heska Amuna Synagogue President

There is a lesson for us on Fifth Avenue, the most expensive street in the world, but it has nothing to do with making a forward fashion statement.

On a recent trip to New York City, Bryan and I were meandering about midtown near Fifth when we came upon a block-long stream of bright orange ribbons tied to fencing surrounding a church. The ribbons were divided by years and each ribbon had a noticeable white tag tied to it. As we came closer, we saw that the ribbons continued around the corner and across the front of the church.

What we had chanced upon was the Marble Collegiate Church's "Ribbon Initiative" designed to promote "Prayers of Remembrance and Peace." At its inauguration, each orange ribbon was tied to the fence to remember victims of a specific act of gun violence. As it turns out, orange is not just the color of Tennessee's fierce pride in all things UT, but is also the color chosen by the gun violence awareness movement.

These ribbons hold the names and ages of victims from more than 50 of the deadliest mass shootings since Columbine in 1999. The names of the 11 congregants murdered on Shabbat in the Tree of Life Congregation in Pittsburgh: Joyce Fienberg, Richard Gottfried, Rose Mallinger, Jerry Rabinowitz, Cecil Rosenthal, David Rosenthal, Bernice Simon, Sylvan Simon, Daniel Stein, Melvin Wax, and Irving Younger are tied on orange ribbons to this church's fence.

Information posted at the corner of the church reminds us that each year, over 12,000 people in the US are killed by someone with a gun and of those, nearly 2,000 of the victims are children or teens. The act of tying the ribbons to the fence is to help one remember the victims but also to remind us all of the importance to continue praying for the day "when the senseless loss of life to gun violence will end."

But the ribbons also reminded me that to never forget requires diligence and commitment, not just at Yom HaShoah, not only on the days I recite kaddish, not just when walking down Fifth Avenue. Let us all find meaningful ways to actively honor those we remember and to continue our own vigils to pray for the day when all senseless loss and violence against all people comes to an end.

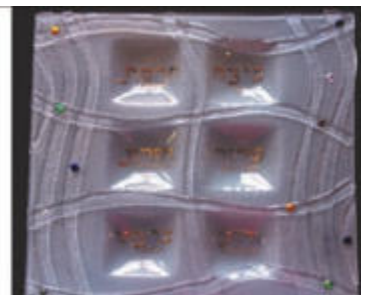


Light Shoah Candles May 1 on Erev Yom HaShoah

In concert with the Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs, Heska Amuna members are invited to participate in a program to light one million memorial candles to remember the more than one million children that died in the Holocaust. One candle per family has been purchased by an anonymous donor so that each of us can participate. Candles are available from the synagogue office now through April 30. Each candle offers us a way to reflect on the importance of Yom HaShoah.



Please light your yellow remembrance candle at sundown on Erev Yom HaShoah (May 1). Discuss the Holocaust with your children and grandchildren, your neighbors and friends. It is our responsibility to continually create awareness of our fight against the evils of all forms of bigotry as well as anti-Semitism. We encourage you to light your yellow candle at sunset on Yom HaShoah in solidarity with a million other families. If you are unable to come to the synagogue for a candle, let Bryan Merrell know (BMerrell2000@yahoo.com) and we will bring a candle to you. Never Forget. Zachor!



New Members Brunch Draws a Crowd

The New Members Brunch was a wonderfully planned and staged event that drew a large turnout and was a most enjoyable time to meet new and potential members as well schmooze with our regulars.

And if that wasn't enough, the culinary offerings by Amy and Ben Willis-Becker were outstanding. Door prizes, family fun, and good conversation kept attendees in our social hall the entire event.

Kudos and many thanks to Marilyn Burnett and Pat Rosenberg for organizing this delightful get-together and to the Sam and Esther Rosen Community Enrichment Fund for their sponsorship.



An Invitation to One & All:

Join us on the First Night for the
**Heska Amuna
Community Seder**
*A Most Memorable
& Shared Retelling*



Friday, April 19, 5-8 pm;
Seder begins at 5:30
Rosen Social Hall

\$50 Adults; \$25 Children (18 and under)
\$25 for Hillel students, YJAK, and UT faculty

Heska Amuna Synagogue Members-Discunt:
\$35 Adults, Children (18 and under), free

Please make your reservation by Friday, April 12

Online: www.heskaamuna.org or (865)522-0701



Heska Amuna members enjoy meeting and schmoozing with newcomers at a recent New Members Brunch.

Join Us at April-May Celebrations at Heska Amuna

Join us for Shabbat on April 13 and May 11 in a celebration of birthdays and special days these months. Enjoy a special prayer and, of course, birthday-worthy treats at kiddush! Wishing a spectacular year ahead to those celebrating special days these month:

April: Martin Abrams, Debbie Abrams-Cohen, Marion Bayer, Nancy Becker, Ellen Berez, Sharon Berube, Irwin Gordon, Catherine Greer, Darcy Hedrick, Marian Jay, Amos Klausner, Pat Messing, Staci Messing, Bob Milford, Raphe Panitz, Natalie Robinson, Pace Robinson, Briana Schinz, Brian Weinstein, Jeffrey Weinstein, Bella Wolitz, and Carole Zwick Mandel.

May: Samantha Abrams-Cohen, Jill Adlin, Jack Benhayon, Barbara Bernstein, Jeannie Bobroff, Jill Chasan, Stuart Chasan, Trudy, Dreyer, Linda Feld, Rabbi Alon Ferency, Michael Glasman, Janet Gurwitch, Jan Hahn, Jeremy Headrick, Shelley Hecht, Kimberly Hedrick, Gordon Holtz, Samantha Hull, Morris Ickowitz, Richard Jordan, Ellen Kern, Esther Kessler, Susan Koller, Jacob Love, Muriel Marvet, Shuli Mesa, Stephen Nagler, Susette Panitz, Eric Rasmussen, Nathan Rosen, Allen Schwartz, Joshua Scott, Serina Scott, Mark Siegel, Harold Silber, Alan Solomon, and Douglas Weinstein.

Let us know if you would like us to add your name to our list! *If you are celebrating a birthday and your name isn't listed, come celebrate (and please let know so we can update our records!).*



Interview with Comedian Monica Piper

By Lisa Jacobson, President, Heska Amuna Women's League

*I had an opportunity to talk with Monica Piper, star of the upcoming Knoxville Premier of **Not That Jewish**, and would like to share some of our conversation.*

Lisa: How do you describe *Not That Jewish*?

MONICA: First, *Not That Jewish* is a comedy. It is not about Judaism as a religion. It is an autobiographical play about my quest to learn what it means to be a Jewish woman, in some ways in a religious sense but, as important, in a cultural sense. It begins at age 7 when a school friend pronounces me "not that Jewish" when she learns, in a very funny scene, that we didn't go to Temple on Yom Kippur. It goes on to explore in a humorous and poignant way, what I learn from my family, i.e., my father, my mother, my grandmother, and ultimately, my son, that being Jewish is not belonging and going to Temple everyday but in having "a Jewish heart." As is explored throughout the play, my grandmother's definition of a Jewish heart is one of humor, compassion, good deeds, and acceptance.

LISA: How does *Not That Jewish* differ from a standup routine?

MONICA: With a standup routine, you need to get a laugh every few seconds. There is no real story line. Because *Not That Jewish* is about my life, it obviously has some standup routines in it, but it also has some real-life events that shape and hone who we are: the death of a father, the adoption of a child, fighting cancer, and..... living with a 'teen---ager'. It is about life and family, with all its funny and heartbreaking moments. You could never do that as a standup routine!

LISA: You have been compared to *Mrs. Maisel*. How would you compare yourself to her?

MONICA: There are some obvious comparisons. I am a New York, female, Jewish comedian. I "grew up" doing stand-up comedy and improv at a time when there were not a lot of female comedians, so I had to be really funny to compete in the male-dominated industry. While *Mrs. Maisel* had a close relationship with Lenny Bruce, I worked with people like Robin Williams at the Comedy Store in LA and performed with Jerry Seinfeld. On the other hand, unlike *Mrs. Maisel*, I grew up in the Bronx, where my father was very funny, and my mother was his biggest fan!

LISA: The play was a big success in Los Angeles where it played over 16 months and in New York where its run was extended. How did you choose Knoxville to start your tour of the play?

MONICA: Women's Jewish Theatre (JWT) in Santa Monica, the original producer, recently re-obtained the rights to the play and is working on a US tour. Since Heska Amuna and I were in discussions when JWT reacquired the rights, Knoxville is going to be our first stop. Although *Not That Jewish* has a vast crossover

appeal, i.e. you don't have to be Jewish to enjoy the humor and the heart of the play, I am excited to bring *Not That Jewish* to this unique market. Knoxville, with its vibrant Jewish community and its accepting spirit, seems the perfect place to start exploring my "southern routes!"



LISA: Monica, you have had so much recognition of your work throughout your career and had so many interesting and rewarding experiences such as

- ◆ Professional comedy career in standup and improv, performing with Second City in Chicago and the Comedy Store in LA, touring with Jerry Seinfeld
- ◆ Showtime Network Comedy All Star with your own Special
- ◆ American Comedy Award Nominee for Top Female Comic
- ◆ Emmy Award-Winner and multiple year nominee for *Rugrats*, the number 1 children's show in the U.S.
- ◆ Producer, writer, editor, story consultant on series and movies including *Roseanne*, *Mad About You*, *Veronica's Closet*, *Rugrats Movie*, and *Duckman*.
- ◆ Off-Broadway Show *Not That Jewish* creator and actress.

What has been the most rewarding professional experience?

MONICA: I have had a wonderful career thus far and expect to continue to make people laugh. For the rest of my career I love standup comedy. You get instant feedback from the audience and it is quite thrilling. I still perform standup in my "spare" time. Writing is so different from standup. Writing is torture — like giving birth — although, you LOVE the baby once you see it! It is so much harder because you are not writing in your voice, you are writing in the character's voice. You have to know the character and help that character be funny and interesting. Writing and performing this play has to be the most rewarding and fun experience of my professional career. I get to share some of the funniest and some of the most poignant experiences of my life with an appreciative audience. It is my voice, my experience, my humor, my family, my values...sounds a little narcissistic doesn't it? But it is such a joy that it is so well received. Being able to share it with a New York audience for an extended stay Off-Broadway and now taking it on the road is just the crown on a very fulfilling life and career!

Not That Jewish — 3 PERFORMANCES

May 24 at 7:00 p.m. and May 26 at 2:00 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.

Buy tickets at the Bijou Theater ticket office or see special deals at "Not That Jewish Knoxville Premier" on Facebook



Amirim School Update We Are Growing!

By Martha Iroff, Interim Education Director

- ★ We have begun studying the last value for the school year, *Shalom Bayit*, Peace in the House. Often we think of the commandment to *Honor your Mother and Father*. In Pirkei Avot 4:1, Ben Zoma says: ... “Who is honored? One who honors others.” Let us ask ourselves: “What does it mean to be honored? What does it mean to honor others? How does honoring others lead to being honored? Do you agree with Ben Zoma’s answer? How else might you answer this question? How does this text apply to your family?”
- ★ As part of our study, we will study with parents and families in the last **Jewish Living at Home (JLAH)** day sponsored by Heska Amuna Women’s League on **Sunday, April 14**, 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. This day will be a series of classes for young and old alike to study *Shalom Bayit* with text study, art, music and discussion. Thank you to Anna Iroff-Bailey and HAWL for organizing and sponsoring the amazing days of learning this year.
- ★ **Our End of Year Celebration** will be **Sunday, May 5**, from 9:30 to 11:00 a.m. at *Pump It Up* on Deane Hill Drive. Students will have snack and time to play with Amirim and Temple Beth El students. Immediately following our Celebration, families can go “next door” to *Knoshville* at the AJCC.
- ★ **Thank you** for the amazing opportunity to serve as the Interim Education Director. It has been a wonderful learning experience for me to study with the students and lead the school.



Job Announcement: Education Director, Heska Amuna Synagogue

Martha Iroff’s time as interim education director ends in May so the religious school of Heska Amuna Synagogue has opened its search for a permanent Director of Education. This is a salaried, part-time position (20 to 30 hours/week) based on the qualifications and needs of the candidate. Our school is an integral part of our Heska Amuna and Knoxville community. Our classes meet on Sunday morning for students preschool through high school and on Wednesdays for students from 2nd grade through b’nai mitzvah.

Skills sought for the Director focus on experience and/or capabilities to assure the smooth-running operations of the school which includes scheduling, staffing and training, program communications, student safety, family engagement, and budgeting. It is desirable that our Director be trained as an educator with knowledge of Judaic studies, Jewish history, Hebrew, and/or prayers typical of a Conservative congregation. Most importantly, we are seeking an enthusiastic advocate for students and families, with strong communication, team building and management skills, and of course, a love of children and learning.

We encourage all who are interested to send a cover letter, resume, and contact information for two references to our Search Committee at Heska Amuna Synagogue, 3811 Kingston Pike, Knoxville, TN, 37919. Questions? Just ask our Vice Chair for Education, Barbara Mintz at barbara@bmintz.com.

Heska Amuna Synagogue *HaShofar*

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Permanent Schedule

Friday Night Services.....Varies
Saturday Morning Service.....9:30 a.m.
Sunday Minyan.....9:30 a.m.
Mon. & Thurs. Minyanim.....7:00 a.m.

*Evening 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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H A P P E N I N G S

CRC Chair Cohen Presented with 2019 Diversity Award

The UT College of Communication and Information presented Knoxville attorney and social justice pioneer **Arnold Cohen** with the 2019 CCI Diversity Award at UTK's College of Communication and Information's 11th annual Experience Diversity Banquet. Cohen has been one of Knoxville's leading voices for racial justice for decades and sees fighting discrimination as a moral obligation and strategic necessity. He also serves as the KJA Community Relations Committee Chair.

Cohen's racial justice work over the years includes serving as a member of the board of directors of the Race Relations Center of East Tennessee and participating in the Center's Undoing Racism workshops; a member of the Knoxville Jewish Alliance board of directors and chairing its Community Relations Committee; a member of the University of Tennessee Chancellor's Task Force on Civility and Community; vice president and board of directors member of the Beck Cultural Exchange Center; past chair of the National Conference, Knoxville Roundtable of the National Conference of Christians and Jews; a member of Knoxville's Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Commemorative Commission; and chair of the board, president, treasurer and longtime member of the board of trustees of Heska Amuna Congregation. He has been a leading voice in fostering a stronger relationship between a variety of groups to fight discrimination in Knoxville. Knox County honored Cohen for his racial justice work when it named him as an East Tennessee Civil-Rights Pioneer as part of its Presidential Inauguration Celebration in 2009.



Cohen

Suzy Snoops

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

- ★ At age 84, **Harvey Liberman** is an avid cyclist who competes in U.S. Cycling events and Senior Olympics. A few months back, while cycling with friends, he was injured in a bike wreck. His helmet saved his life. Liberman urges parents and adults to research helmets and buy the safest helmet possible. Fashion is far less important than results, says the man who lived to tell this tale.
- ★ Mazel tov to **Rachel** and **David Ortiz** on the birth of daughter, Eliana Sylvia. Proud sister is Zahava. Local grandparents are **Michael Zemel** and **Siri Khalsa-Zemel**.
- ★ Congratulations to **Elizabeth** and **Eldon Brunton** on the birth of daughter Savannah. Proud sister is Hazel and proud brother Micah.
- ★ Congratulations to **Lauren Nachshon** and **Michael Miller** on the birth of son, Leon.
- ★ Mazel tov to **Deborah Roberts** and to **Susan Koller** on the birth of their mutual grandson, Joseph, son of **Megan Roberts Koller** and **Josh Koller**. Proud brother is Benjamin.
- ★ **Jenny Erwin** is engaged to marry Rick Grahn. Jenny is the daughter of **Renee' Hyatt** and **Paul Erwin**, and the brother of **Noah Erwin**.

*Fern and Manfred Steinfeld Program in Judaic Studies
& the UT Department of Religious Studies*

Lost and Found: Forgetting and the Formation of Rabbinic Judaism

Mira Balberg, UC San Diego

Monday, April 15 at 4:00 p.m.

University of Tennessee Student Union
1502 Cumberland Ave. Knoxville, TN 37996

The rabbis who shaped Judaism in late antiquity (150-650 C.E.) envisioned commitment to the Torah and to its commandments as governing every single aspect of a person's life. Their highly detailed guidelines for even the most mundane aspects of daily life demanded incessant attention and self-awareness from their subjects and required these subjects to keep a very active memory, both of the specifics of the law and of the specifics of their own actions and environments. The rabbis' vision of a Jewish subject who must simultaneously keep mental track of multiple things led them to be very concerned about forgetting. This talk traces one prominent theme in rabbinic literature, according to which the people of Israel as a collective have forgotten the Torah multiple times in the past and are likely to forget it again in the future. It explores this motif from its earliest iterations, in which it is mainly used to support and justify the rise of the rabbis as a privileged class, to later iterations in which it is used primarily to combat the Christian view that the Jews have rejected the Torah.



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SUMMER CAMP INFO FAIR

Knoxville Jewish Day School, 1529 Downtown West — 3:00-5:00 p.m.

AJCC Milton Collins Day Camp — Seeds of Abraham — Camp Nadav Jewish Camp & Camp Manitowa Overnight Camps — IJAMS Day Camp — Real Hot Yoga

APRIL 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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28 9:30a Morning Minyan-HA 9:30a Religious Sch-TBE 10:30-noon Tai Chi-AJCC 2:30p Community Yom HaShoah Observance-The Suitcase-AJCC (see page 14) 7:30p Judaism 201-HA 	29 7a Morning Minyan-HA 6-9:30p Fencing-AJCC Gym	30 6-9:30p Fencing-Gym	<div style="text-align: center;"> <h2>SEEDS OF ABRAHAM SUMMER CAMP</h2> <p>Session 1: June 10-14 —\$142.50 per camper <i>hosted by Milton Collins Day Camp at the Arnstein Jewish Community Center</i></p> <p>Rising 7-9 graders are invited to attend this interfaith camp. Learn, make friends, work on community service projects, and enjoy summer at the AJCC.</p> <p>REGISTER ONLINE: www.jewishknoxville.org/mcdc</p> </div>			

MAY 2019

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<p>AJCC POOL HOURS* Mon-Tues-Wed-Fri 1-7 p.m. Thursday 1-8 p.m. Saturday 1-7 p.m. Sunday Noon 7 p.m.</p> <p><i>*hours subject to weather and AJCC Swim Team home meets</i></p>			<p>1 9:30-11a Tai Chi-AJCC Orwitz Rm 4p Religious Sch-HA 6:30-8:30p Tai Chi-AJCC Orwitz Rm 7p Talmud Study-HA</p>	<p>2 Yom HaShoah 7a Morning Minyan-HA 11a Adult Ed/Torah Study-TBE 7:30-9:30p Israeli Dancing-Gym</p>	<p>3 8:06p 4:45p Jewish Family Services Shabbat-Sherrill Hills 6:30p Sunset Minyan-HA 7p Shabbat Service with Julie Silver-TBE <i>(see page 23)</i> 7:15p Shabbat Dinner-HA</p>	<p>4 9:07p 9:30a-noon Shabbat Service-HA 9:30a Shabbat Service-JCOR</p>
<p>5 9:30a Morning Minyan-HA 9:30a-TBE & HA Religious School students End of School Celebration-Pump It Up! 11-2:30 KNOXVILLE Jewish Food Festival-AJCC</p>	<p>6 7a Morning Minyan-HA 6-9:30p Fencing-AJCC Gym 6-7p KJA Exec Comm-AJCC Orwitz Rm 7:15p KJA Board-AJCC Orwitz Rm</p>	<p>7 6-9:30p Fencing-Gym</p>	<p>8 Yom HaZikaron 9:30-11a Tai Chi-AJCC Orwitz Rm 6:30-8:30p Tai Chi-AJCC Orwitz Rm 6:30p KJDS Board-KJDS 7p Talmud Study-HA</p> 	<p>9 7Yom HaAtzma'ut 7a Morning Minyan-HA 11a Adult Ed/Torah Study-TBE 5p Sisterhood Night Out-TBE 7p Board-HA 7:30-9:30p Israeli Dancing-Gym</p>	<p>10 8:12p 6p Shabbat Service-TBE</p>	<p>11 9:13p 9:30a-noon Shabbat Service-HA 9:30a Shabbat Service-JCOR 10:30a Lilly Stanley Bat Mitzvah-TBE</p>
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SUMMER CAMP INFO FAIR

Learn about cool summer opportunities for your kids and yourself!

3:00-5:00 p.m. — Knoxville Jewish Day School, 1529 Downtown West Blvd.

AJCC Milton Collins Day Camp — Seeds of Abraham — Camp Nadav Jewish Camp & Camp Manitowa Overnight Camps — IJAMS Day Camp — Real Hot Yoga
Questions? Contact Dan Grabel—dan@campmanitowa.com 314.348.6412

Community Passover Greetings

Happy Passover to All

*JOE & LEE MILLER BLOTNER,
LISSA, SHELLY & ELIZABETH,
& SETH*

*Chag Sameach to all
our friends and family.*

*Heidi, Barry,
and Eddy Allen*

Hag Sameach
*The Liberman
Family*

Happy Pesach

*Jeff and Nancy Becker
and our children and grandchildren:
Jeffrey Cohen;
Dan, Lora, Noah, and
Benjamin Cohen-Vogel;
Debbie, Jeff, Samantha, and
Gabe Abrams-Cohen;
Rachel, Micah, Sophie, and
Reuben Becker-Klein;
Ben, Amy, Harry, and Leo Willis-Becker;
Sarah Becker and Aminata Dembele*

Warm greetings and very best wishes
to all our good friends in Knoxville

*Peggy & Mark Littmann, Beth, James, Liam,
& Adele McGinnis, and Owen & Machiko Littmann*

Hag Sameach

Kim, Stephen,
Nathan, Arielle, and
Tifannie Rosen

**May this festival
of freedom bring
Peace to your world,
Happiness to your home,
and Joy to your heart.
Celebrating with you
the many joys of Passover.**

HOLIDAY GREETINGS

PAM & ERNIE GROSS - NAOMI, SIERRA, PHOEBE &
BRICE KING - ANNA, HAZEL, EDIE ADELE, &
MATT MCDONALD - EVA & DAVID BARNETT

**Chip, Brenda,
Seth, Jennifer,
and Jackson Rayman**



HAPPY PASSOVER
from the AJCC Preschool staff and families

MAY YOUR PASSOVER
CELEBRATION BE FULL OF JOY
AND TRADITION
Mary Linda Schwarzbart
Arnold Schwarzbart
(z"l, of blessed memory)

HAPPY PASSOVER
Jill, Stuart, Evan,
and Aaron Chasan

TEMPLE BETH EL
wishes a happy and healthy
Passover to all



**Hag Samzach
v Kasher**
Gilga Schmidt
& Family

HADASSAH KNOXVILLE
wishes all a wonderful
and joyful Passover
with family and friends



HAPPY PASSOVER
Reneé Hyatt,
Noah, Jenny, and Paul Erwin

PASSOVER GREETINGS
Barbara & Bernie Bernstein

**Wishing
everyone a
Happy Passover**

**Adam, Angie, Stephen,
& Robin Brown**

HAPPY PASSOVER
from the board and staff of
the Knoxville Jewish Alliance

**HAPPY PASSOVER &
BEST WISHES TO ALL**
HILLEL AT UTK

HAVE A JOYOUS PASSOVER
Your friends at
Heska Amuna Synagogue

**HAPPY
PASSOVER
TO ALL**
Pessa, Marla, Bart,
Joel, & Will Brody

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PASSOVER**
*Jill, Doug, Brian,
and Andrew Weinstein*

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Ha'Kol

April-May 2019

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Knoshville

Jewish Food Festival

Sunday, May 5

11 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

**Arnstein Jewish Community Center
6800 Deane Hill Drive
Knoxville TN 37919**



KJA Awarded \$2,500 Grant for Seeds of Abraham Camp

The Knoxville Jewish Alliance received a \$2,500 grant from the East Tennessee Foundation's new Hope in Action fund which will support individuals and families most at risk. This grant will help support a Seeds of Abraham summer camp hosted by the Arnstein Jewish Community Center. The **Seeds of Abraham Camp** will be **June 10-14** for youth in Grades 7-9. (Register at www.jewishknoxville.org/mcdc)



L-R: ETF General Counsel Tamara Boyer, ETF President Michael McClamroch, KJCF Administrative Director Laura Berry, and KJA President Chip Rayman are awarded the grant at the ETF Annual Meeting.



The Most Fun Under the Sun

Register Online Today for 2019 Milton Collins Day Camp

Visit www.jewishknoxville.org/mcdc to learn about field trips, overnights, theme weeks, specialty camps and registration.

**Join us this summer for
the most fun under the sun.
FIRST DAY: Tuesday, May 28**

Knoshville

JEWISH FOOD FESTIVAL

Sunday, May 5 — 11 a.m.-2:30 p.m. (or until food sells out!)
Arnstein Jewish Community Center, 6800 Deane Hill Drive

Admission free; food and beverages available for purchase.

DINE IN OR TAKE OUT!

- ★ All food dairy or *parve**
(*neither meat nor dairy)
- ★ Pre-packaged foods
available for purchase
- ★ Minimum \$10.00
food ticket purchase
- ★ 1 ticket = \$1.00



BAGELS, CREAM CHEESE, COFFEE BAR:

Bagels are a bread that originated in Poland in the 17th century, that is shaped in a ring, boiled for a short time in water, then baked to create a dense, chewy bread product. **AJCC Preschool**

BLINTZ CASSEROLE: Blintz casseroles usually include sweet or savory cheese fillings sandwiched between layers of a light, buttery cake-like batter, then baked. They're often served with sour cream, preserves, or fruit. Blintzes originated in Russia and the Ukraine. **Heska Amuna Synagogue**



BORSCHT: This soup originated in the Ukraine. It includes beetroots as a main ingredient, which gives it a distinctive red color. Often served with a dollop of sour cream. **JCOR**

BUNDT CAKES:

These cakes are baked in Bundt pans, shaping them into a distinctive ring shape. Members of the Minneapolis Hadassah Society approached the Nordic Ware cookware company about creating a modern version of a traditional cast iron German dish. The company designed and manufactured an aluminium version in 1950, which became a best seller when featured in *Good Housekeeping* magazine. Some of the original pans are in the Smithsonian collection! **Knoxville Hadassah**



CHALLAH: Challah is a special Jewish braided bread eaten on Shabbat and Jewish holidays. Its main ingredients are eggs, white flour, water, yeast, sugar, and salt. **Temple Beth El**



HAMENTASCHEN: These popular triangular-shaped cookies are pocket pastries filled with poppy seed, fruit, preserves, and other sweet delights, which are baked. They are associated with Purim celebrations. **JCOR**



KNISH: A traditional *knish* is a golden pastry filled with seasoned mashed potatoes and fried onions. The knish came to prominence on Manhattan's Lower East Side and Brooklyn's boardwalks around 1900, via Jewish immigrants from Eastern Europe who sold it from pushcarts and baskets. **JCOR**



KUGEL: A *kugel* is a baked pudding or casserole, which is most commonly made from egg noodles (*lokshen kugel*) or potatoes. The first *kugels* were made from bread and flour. About 800 years ago, German cooks began to replace the bread with noodles or farfel. Eggs were incorporated later and soft cheese and/or milk were added to create more custardy treats. Somewhere around the 17th century, Hungarian cooks with a demanding sweet tooth introduced sugar and sour cream into the *kugel*. Cinnamon and sweet farmer's cheese got added later in Poland and *kugels* found their way into the dessert course.

Temple Beth El

LATKES & FIXIN'S: The word *latke* is derived from the Russian word 'ladka.' They are associated with many European traditions and are most commonly associated with Chanukah festivities. Latkes are potato pancakes of grated potato, flour, and egg that are sometimes flavored with grated garlic or onion and seasonings, then fried. Toppings often include sour cream or applesauce or they can be served by themselves.



Chabad of Knoxville

MOROCCAN SPICED FISH WITH CHALLAH BREAD:

The combination of garlic cloves, sweet red bell peppers, and cilantro create an aromatic bed on which the fish steams. Dried chili peppers give it a touch of heat; the end result is fairly mild. Served with a slice of Miriam Esther's homemade challah.



Knoxville Jewish Day School

PIEROGIES

Pierogies are filled dumplings of Central European origin, made by wrapping unleavened dough around a savory or sweet filling and cooking in boiling water, or pan-frying.



SOFT DRINKS & BOTTLED WATER BBYO

PJ Library will host special children's activities.

Check the "Knoxville Jewish Alliance" Facebook page and Sunday email blasts, plus watch area Jewish communications for more information.

COMMUNITY YOM HASHOAH OBSERVANCE**THE SUITCASE with Tim Lorsch
A One-Man Musical Holocaust Story
Sunday, April 28 — 2:00 p.m.**

Arnstein Jewish Community Center
6800 Deane Hill Drive, Knoxville 37919

Free public event sponsored by the KJA. All are welcome.



The Suitcase tells the extraordinary and true story of Tim Lorsch's German-Jewish family's Holocaust survival through original music and narrative storytelling.

In 2016, Lorsch received a suitcase sent to him in Nashville from an antique shop in Czechoslovakia. It was the suitcase his great uncle, Julius Israel Lorsch, took with him to a concentration camp. The arrival of this piece of family history sparked an idea to create music to tell his family's story. Using looping technology, Lorsch is able to layer different instruments together live on stage and weave his songs into the narrative. Lorsch writes that this project "reflects the hopes, dreams, resilience and vulnerability of the immigrant experience."

Tim Lorsch began playing the violin at age seven. A Nashville-based producer, session player, arranger and songwriter, Tim has the rare ability to respectfully serve the story being told with finite musical insight and expertise. Over his 40-year career, Lorsch has produced critically-acclaimed records, played on thousands of recordings, and made contributions to Grammy- and Emmy award-winning projects.

Please let us know you're coming by calling (865) 690-6343 or emailing office@jewishknoxville.org.

**Tai Chi Classes at the AJCC**

Morning and evening Beginning Tai Chi classes are available at the Arnstein Jewish Community Center, 6800 Deane Hill Drive.

- **Sundays** 10:30 a.m.-Noon
- **Wednesdays** 9:30-11:00 a.m. & 6:30-8:30 p.m.

All sessions meet in the AJCC Orwitz Room

To learn more, contact the
Taoist Tai Chi Society of USA
Phone (865) 82-7761

Email: Tennessee@taoisttaichi.org

April Friendshippers**Our Wednesday, April 10 Friendshippers program features Knoxville Opera Company's Brian Salesky**

*All are welcome.
You don't have to be 55 and up;
we don't card at the door!*

This fun-filled program meets with lunch at **noon** and our program starts at **1:00 p.m.**

Sherrill Hills Retirement Community,
271 Moss Grove Blvd, Knoxville 37922



Lunch is \$8.00, with no charge for the program only.
Please RSVP to Laura Berry at 690-6343 x18
or email her at lberry@jewishknoxville.org.
Need a ride? Contact Laura by Friday before the program.

**The KJA Provides Programs
& Services for All Ages**

Senior Adults: Jewish Family Services & Friendshippers

Young Families: AJCC Preschool, MCDC, Swim Team, PJ Library, Cultural, Jewish holiday, educational, and social events

Teens: Weinstein BBG, Winick AZA, BBYO Connect

Young Adults: YJAK (Young Jewish Adults of Knoxville)

College Students: Hillel at UTK

Adults: Educational, holiday, social, and cultural events

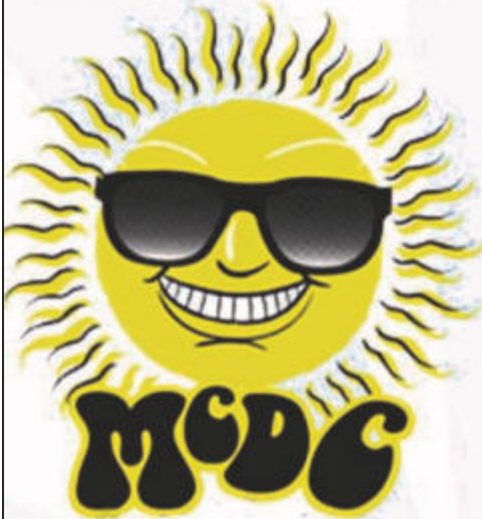
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SUMMER 2019

KJA programming is open to everyone regardless of faith or affiliation. **EVERYONE** is welcome here.



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JOIN US Fun for ALL AGES!

- Milton Collins Day Camp K-6**
Weekly themed camp programming features sports, arts, crafts, nature, music, drama, camping, swimming, field trips, and special guests
MCDC Camp Director - Brian DeBolt
MCDC Co-Director - Sarah Price
camp@jewishknoxville.org
- Specialty Camps**
Horseback Riding - 2 sessions
Seeds of Abraham
- Teen Adventure Program (TAP) 7-9 grades**
Focus is on developing teamwork and leadership through community service projects. Teens can earn service hours for school credit.
- Counselor in Training (CIT) Grades 10+**
Application process required. Leadership development training.
camp@jewishknoxville.org
- AJCC Preschool Summer Programming 2 yrs. - Pre-K**
Contact: Kristen Cannon, Director
kcannon@jewishknoxville.org
- SWIM TEAM**
Head Coach - Joe Peeden
<https://jewishknoxville.org/swim-team>

Summer Pool Memberships



For information, contact
office@jewishknoxville.org

Contributions to the Knoxville Jewish Alliance

Donations made as of February 22, 2019

AJCC Playground

Joe Sitver and Anita Kay
Eileen Handler
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In memory of Logan Brown
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Brenda Rayman's father
Renee' Hyatt and Paul Erwin

In-Kind Donations received from Donald Berry and Alan Abrams.



An Easy Way to Support Your Jewish Community Center

Join the Kroger Community Reward Program by linking your Kroger loyalty card to the AJCC Preschool (organization number WA542) at <https://www.kroger.com/>

The AJCC Preschool has earned \$753.82 since 2015. Registration is easy and if you need help, the KJA office staff can help you. This is a terrific way to help the AJCC Preschool, even you don't have children here.

REMEMBER, you must re-enroll each year!



Hillel at UTK has Busy Spring Semester

Hillel at UTK students have been actively involved all over campus this semester. Monthly highlights: Birth-right Shabbat in January; United at the Rock (*above photo*) and intramural basketball in February; AEPi Re-Charter Dinner and Hillel-led Shabbat Services at TBE in March; and Graduation Havdalah and Mimouna in April.

United at the Rock, an annual event to Stand Against Hate at UTK, brought our community together to Remember who we are, to Serve as our Volunteer spirit encourages, and to Celebrate our diversity. Emily Shulman, Hillel at UTK president, and Tara Bain, Hillel at UTK director, spoke at this event. This summer, we will welcome incoming students for New Student Orientations. Go Vols!



Students bake challah to sell as a fundraiser for Second Harvest Food Bank.



Emily Shulman, Hillel at UTK president, speaks at a UTK Stand Against Hate event.

10th Annual Preschool Art Gala Fundraiser



The Black & White Affair

Wednesday • April 10th, 2019
5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Arnstein Jewish Community Center
6800 Deane Hill Drive
Knoxville, TN



Silent Auction • Children's Artwork
Local Vendors

Hors d'oeuvres • Wine Bar



RSVP by Friday March 29

psadmin@jewishknoxville.org
865.963.8001

Black & White Casual Attire Optional

To learn more about PJ Library
and PJ Our Way programs
for area Jewish families,
please email Sarah at pj@jewishknoxville.org

PROJECT PLAYGROUND

THE PATH TO THE FUTURE

HELP US REACH OUR
\$90,000 GOAL
BY MAY 31!

The AJCC Preschool has an immediate need to replace our preschool playground equipment to maintain a certified, safe, and FUN environment for our students. Thanks to a generous matching gift from Adam and Angie Brown and Family, every dollar raised up to \$25,000 will be TRIPLED! The new AJCC Playground will be lovingly dedicated in Logan Brown’s memory.

Please consider a gift today and donate at:
<https://jewishknoxville.org/donate/playground>



AJCC Summer (Pool) Membership — \$300

(Includes all household members and 6 guest passes)

Applications available online at ww.jewishknoxville.org
or by contacting the KJA Main Office at 865.690.6343

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- ◆ AJCC Preschool
- ◆ PJ Library/PJ Our Way
- ◆ Schwarzbart Gallery
- ◆ AJCC/University Club
- ◆ Smokin’ Salmon Swim Team
- ◆ UT Faculty Lectures
- ◆ Yom HaShoah Observance
- ◆ ...and so much more!

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Knoxville Jewish Alliance **PJ Library & PJ OUR WAY** **AJCC Preschool**

Present:
POST TU B'SHEVAT TREE PLANTING

Everyone is welcome to join the AJCC Preschool and PJ Library in planting our community apple tree.

We'll have:
 - songs and a PJ Library story
 - say a blessing
 - and plant the tree

Every Child in attendance will receive a special gift from PJ Library!

We hope to see you there!

Monday,
 April 29, 2019 @ 10am
 (Outside the AJCC)

Have questions? please email,
 Sarah May: pj@jewishknoxville.org

**KJA's 2019 Jewish Lecture Series
 Focuses on Varied Aspects of Climate Change**



Stephanie Kodish discusses recent studies on climate change impacts at national parks and the administration's effort to roll back safeguards and solutions to protect parks.



Lisa Reyes Mason discusses sociological aspects to climate change.

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TEMPLE BETH EL TIMES



Shalom Y'all!

By Rabbi Erin Boxt

Shalom Y'all!

Batya and I would like to thank every member of the Knoxville Jewish community who supported Carlie when she was called to the Torah on Saturday, February 2. If you were in attendance, you heard her speak about Camp Jenny and her *Mitzvah* project, "Jelly Beans for Jenny." With your help, Carlie was able to raise enough money to send two campers this summer. Thank you all so much for your help with this wonderful program.

What is Camp Jenny? Every year on Memorial Day Weekend, my family heads to URJ Camp Coleman in Cleveland, Georgia, for the Jenny Rosenthal Memorial Mitzvah Corps Camp. This weekend event brings hundreds of Jewish teens, college students and other adults together to provide a real summer camp experience for around 150 students from an inner-city Atlanta school.

Campers earn their seat on the bus to Camp Jenny via the acronym CAMP-Come to school (attendance), Awesome attitude and actions (behavior), Make an effort (not grades, but not giving up) and Parent participation (parent involvement in the student's education earns points too). This is a goal the students work on every year with encouragement from their schools, families and of course the Jewish teens that from time to time go to their school for a Camp Jenny Pep Rally.

Camp Jenny was an idea hatched in 1987 and which came into fruition in 1988. This year, we will be celebrating our 32nd Camp Jenny summer camp. I started working at Camp Jenny in 1993 as a junior in high school...and I started going back every year with my family in 2013.

For more information, please go to the Camp Jenny website: www.campjenny.org. And, you can still make a donation - as it costs \$550 to send one camper to Camp Jenny. Check out the Boxt Fundraising Page: <https://donate.reformjudaism.org/fundraiser/1880084>.



April/May 2019
2 Adar II - 26 Iyyar 5779

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2019 TEMPLE BETH EL COMMUNITY SEDER

Second Night of Passover
Saturday, April 20 — 6:00 p.m.
Temple Beth El Social Hall

*Bring your friends and family.
All are welcome.*

*Look for details in upcoming blasts
and announcements.*



Adult Member of TBE - \$30
Adult Non-Member of TBE - \$35
All Youth Ages 3-12 - \$18

Sisterhood Happenings

By Tammy Stone and Kathy Young,
Sisterhood Co-Presidents

We were baking once again on February 24 to make our yummy hamantaschen for the Purim Carnival. They were a huge hit at the carnival. Thanks to Grace Lewis for coordinating this for us. We appreciate all those who came out to help us bake.

On Friday evening, March 15, Sisterhood held a dinner to raise awareness (and tzedakah) for a wonderful organization – The Caring Plate. This organization delivers hot meals to those on chemotherapy or receiving other cancer treatments. Thank you to Batya Boxt and Karen Cyzick for all your hard work in organizing this. A beautiful service led by members of Sisterhood was held after dinner and our District President, Alison Auerbach, was here. Thank you to Wilma Weinstein-Lomax for organizing the service. The Oneg was beautiful and thank you to all who contributed.

Volunteers Needed

We are looking for people to join committees and help plan events. Please contact one of us if you are interested. Anything you can do to help would be appreciated. Also, if you haven't joined Sisterhood yet, it's not too late. For only \$45 a year you can be part of something truly special.

Thank you to all who continue to make our bimah look beautiful on Friday nights through the Beiler Flower Fund and to those who add sweetness to Oneg Shabbats by being a host. You help make Friday night services more meaningful for all!

Upcoming Events

- On **Wednesday, April 3**, at 6:00 p.m., we will host a fashion show and happy hour with our friends from *Chico's* at Temple Beth El. Please join us for what promises to be a fun evening getting a glimpse into what the hot styles will be for Spring and Summer. All, including men, are welcome. Models are needed. Please let Brenda know if you would like to model.
- **Thursday, May 9** at 6:00 p.m., we have the honor of hosting Sam Venable at our annual Sisterhood Goes Out. This will be held at *Mimi's Café* in Turkey Creek. Dinner is at your own expense. As with all programs, all are welcome. **Please RSVP by May 1**, so we can let the restaurant know how many to expect.

Please let us know you're coming to both of the above programs by contacting Brenda Sherman at 865-657-3263 or houstonbrenda@yahoo.com.



Yum! Lee Wertheim, Sarah May, Grace Lewis, Brenda Sherman, and Claire Rosenbaum join TBE men, women, and children to bake Hamantaschen for the sale.

It's time to purchase your tickets for the AUCTION

Don't miss this year's biggest event!

**Let's Get
Quizzical**

Trivia Night with Silent & Live Auctions

Saturday, April 27, 2019

6:30 – 9:30 p.m.

Auctioneer: Alan Smuckler

Includes dinner catered by Famous Dave's,
wine, beer, soft drinks, coffee and dessert.

\$25 per person (13 and older)

\$30 non-TBE members

All tickets must be purchased by April 22.

Your payment is your RSVP.

Contact TBE Office 524-3521 to purchase tickets.

You may reserve your Table of 5, 6 or 8 people.

We are still accepting donations

If you are interested in volunteering, please contact
Amy 356-6830 or Phyllis 307-0015

TBE President's Remarks

By Steve Lewis, TBE President

T.S. Eliot wrote that "April is the cruelest month," and we all know we must endure April's showers in order to smell the beautiful May flowers. But some question whether Eliot was even being literal, and I am quite sure that for us at TBE this April will be quite the opposite.

We begin the month with a bang on **April 3**, with Sisterhood's "Adults' Night Out, Happy Hour, Fashion Show & Dessert." People you know and love will be walking the runway in Chico's fashions – something you won't want to miss! (My only regret is that they didn't ask me to model!)

On **April 5**, it will be "Hadassah Shabbat" at TBE. Women from Hadassah will take part in the service and the speaker for the d'var Torah will also be a Hadassah representative.

On **April 13**, we will celebrate the Bat Mitzvah of Evie Braude. Hers will be the fourth B'nai Mitzvah of the year, following those of Carlie Boxt, Gabby Goodfriend and Jake Javors. *Mazal Tov* to all of our B'nai Mitzvah and their families as these wonderful Jewish youth enter adulthood and help light the way to a bright future for us and our people.

On **April 20**, all are invited to participate in the TBE Community Seder. This is always one of the highlights of our year, and this year's event should be no exception.

And speaking of highlights, we cap off a month bustling with activity on **April 27**, with "Let's Get Quizzical," our annual Trivia Night with Silent and Live Auctions. Our auctioneer will be the tremendously talented and entertaining Alan Smuckler. This is always our biggest event of the year, so please plan to attend and show your support for TBE.

So, there you have it: A month filled opportunities to rejoice, to celebrate, to worship, to make friends – to have a plain old good time. If you can't decide which one to attend – why not try them all? See you there!



Temple Beth El Welcomes New Members

Lee Wertheim

Lee has lived in Kodak since 1989. He had a thriving CPA practice from which he recently retired. He is very proud of his many accomplishments from his extensive volunteer work with the Boys and Girls Club, serving on the boards both locally in Sevier County and throughout the State of Tennessee. Lee was recently asked to serve on the KJA board. He is currently working on some committees with Temple Beth El.



Lee Wertheim

Kyndyle Gonzalez

Another new member at Temple Beth El is Kyndyle Gonzalez. Kyndyle attends services weekly. She looks forward to helping in the library at TBE and being a part of our community.



May family

The May Family

Bryan and Sarah have four children: Shaughn (12), Franklin (4), Michael (3), and Emily (16 months). They live on a 4-acre hobby farm with two dogs and six chickens. As a family, they enjoy going to hockey games, attending Temple services/activities, and hiking.



Daiagi family

The Daiagi Family

The Daiagi family moved to Knoxville from Southwest Ranches Florida in October, 2018. They have 11-year-old twins, Jessica and Joshua. The Daiagis love the outdoors and can't wait to go kayaking. They also love animals and have a cat and a dog. They like to travel in their RV. They are enjoying Knoxville and all it has to offer.

Temple Beth El Religious School April-May 2019 Update

By Norma James, TBE Education Director, normajames@tbeknox.org.

Sleepover for 4th - 7th grade at Temple on Saturday, April 6: Join us for a special event for our 4th-7th graders. We will have a bowling night at Family Bowl 6:00-8:00 p.m. After bowling, we head to Temple for Havdalah, ice cream sundaes, and more fun before lights out. I am excited to invite our current 4th graders to their first Temple sleepover.

April 7 B'yachad will be at Temple Beth El. Anna Iroff-Bailey's theme for this month is Passover. The time is 10:00-11:30 a.m. and will be in the Preschool classroom. B'yachad is sponsored by Temple Beth El, Heska Amuna, and KJDS at no charge to members and non-members. It is open to all children age four and under. Every session includes stories, crafts, songs, activities, and the sweetest T'filah you will ever experience. For more information contact Norma 865-719-2614 or email Anna Iroff-Bailey at byachadknoxville@gmail.com. You can also find us on FaceBook. For feedback on the program, ask any family who attends. We have a blast!

Evie Braude becomes Bat Mitzvah Saturday, April 13, at 10:00 a.m.: We are delighted to announce that Evie Braude will be called to the Torah this month. Evie is the daughter of Adam and Julie Braude and sister of Millie. Evie has worked very hard preparing for this important service. Her Torah and chanting coach is Liz Gassel, and Rabbi Boxt is working with Evie on her D'var and final preparation. For her Mitzvah Project, Evie is collecting items for the Refugee Support Project. She is also using her love of art and her Spanish skills to design an original greeting card of support to be given to the refugees as they pass through Knoxville. Evie will share a D'var that teaches all of us about the lessons of her Torah portion and how her Mitzvah Project connects to these lessons. I hope you will join the entire Braude family in this beautiful lifecycle simcha.

RS Model Passover Seder April 14. Our students always look forward to our Passover Seder. We had a very exciting Walk-thru Seder last year. This year we will return to our traditional Seder led by Rabbi Boxt and the Chai Class. We will have school as usual at 9:30 a.m. with the model Seder beginning at 11:00 a.m. Parents will sign up to bring items for the Seder and will help with set up, serving, and clean up. Parents and grandparents may attend with your children if you like. Just let Norma know, so that we can have places set for you. We usually have full attendance at our Seder, so put it on your calendar now!

Last Day of Religious School is Sunday, May 5 — 9:30-11:00 a.m.

- **B'yachad and grades Pre-K through 6th will meet at Pump It Up!**
- **7th -10th graders will play team-building games at the AJCC.**

We urge all of you to come to **Knoshville** (11:00 a.m.-2:30 p.m.) at the Arnstein Jewish Community Center for a wonderful lunch! See Norma James for more details. Knoshville info can be found on page 13.

Lilly Stanley will be called to the Torah on Saturday, May 11 at 10:30 a.m.:

Lilly is a second generation TBE Bat Mitzvah. Her mother, Jeannine Mill, was called to this same bimah! Lilly is the daughter of Brett Stanley and Jeannine and David Mill. Deborah Roberts is her Torah coach and Norma James is her chanting coach. She will prepare her D'var with Rabbi Boxt, who will officiate. Because Lilly loves music, she will be singing and chanting most of the service. We hope that all of you will support this family by attending this Shabbat morning service.

Confirmation Friday, May 31. Rabbi Boxt has three wonderful students for Confirmation this year. **Reuben Margulies, Ryan Gibbons, and Nathanael Laing** have all been long-time TBE Religious School students. They have become the best of friends! All of these young men are outstanding students with a strong Judaic background and a firm commitment to Judaism. It is our tradition that our Confirmands become madrichim in our Religious School. I cannot think of better candidates for this job than these three. We congratulate their parents, Aaron and Imelda Margulies, Tony and Melinda Gibbons, and Geoffrey and Heather Laing. Please show these young people that you appreciate their study and their service to TBE by attending this lifecycle event.

B'Yachad-Toddler Time

Families with children ages 4 and younger can enjoy a joint educational/social fun program. Our program is called **B'yachad** – a Hebrew word meaning "together." This **FREE program** is open to all Jewish families as a chance to learn, play, and grow Jewishly together!

B'yachad is a collaborative early learning program for Jewish children ages 4 and younger with their parents. This once-a-month program is for

preschoolers who are not attending a weekly religious school program. It is co-sponsored by Temple Beth El and Heska Amuna Religious Schools and led by Anna Iroff-Bailey.

Each B'yachad class will include stories, music, visits from a rabbi, snack, and Jewish toddler activities– crafts, games, singing, dancing, and more! This program is open to all Jewish families, regardless of congregation affiliation or non-affiliation.

**Come join us
as we grow Jewishly together!**

April & May Dates and Locations

- ★ April 7-KJDS
- ★ May 5-Pump It Up!

Find us on Facebook,
email us at byachadknoxville@gmail.com
or **call** Anna Iroff-Bailey at 335-0459,
Martha Iroff at 522-0701, or
Norma James at 719-2614
for more information.

Evie Braude to Celebrate Bat Mitzvah

Please join Evie Braude and her family on Saturday, April 13 as she becomes a Bat Mitzvah. Evie is a seventh grader at Webb School of Knoxville where she runs cross country and participates in Model UN. She has enjoyed playing violin for the past eight years and is a member of the Knoxville Symphony Youth Orchestra. Evie is involved with the Knoxville Children's Theatre and most recently appeared in the part of Jane Banks in KCT's production of *Mary Poppins*. Evie loves cooking and baking, hiking, photography, and traveling with family. All year she looks forward to her summer "up north" at Camp Thunderbird for Girls in Bemidji, Minnesota.

For her Mitzvah Project, Evie has been volunteering with refugees in our community. She is collecting the following children's items in the lobby of Temple Beth El:

- New, small stuffed animals (7" or less)
- Twistable crayons or colored pencils
- Coloring or sticker books
- Matchbox cars
- Nut-free granola or cereal bars
- Applesauce or baby food pouches
- Shelf-stable chocolate milk

She would appreciate your participation! Please contact Evie with any questions about her project at eviebraude@icloud.com.



PLEASE JOIN US!

FOR A TEMPLE BETH EL SHABBAT SERVICE IN SONG
Led By Rabbi Boxt and Special Guest

JULIE SILVER



Friday May 3rd at 7:00 PM

With our Wonderful Choir, Too!

Julie Silver is one of the most celebrated and beloved performers in the world of contemporary Jewish music today. She tours throughout the world and has been engaging audiences with her gorgeous compositions and liturgical settings, her lyrical guitar playing, her dynamic stage presence, and her megawatt smile for over 25 years. Between 1992 and 2000 alone she released some of the highest selling, successful albums of original Jewish music (*Together, From Strength to Strength, Walk With Me, and Beyond Tomorrow*). Her songs have become so tightly woven into the fabric of American Judaism that they have become "standards" in worship, camp, and academic settings. In 2014, Julie released *Anniversary*, a retrospective collection celebrating her 25 years of composing, recording and performing Contemporary Jewish Music throughout the world. **YOU DO NOT WANT TO MISS THIS DISTINGUISHED PERFORMER!** SEE more about Julie Silver at <http://juliesilver.com/>



Lilly Stanley to Celebrate May 11 Simcha

Please join Lilly Stanley and her family on Saturday, May 11, as she becomes a Bat Mitzvah. Lilly is a seventh grade student at West Valley Middle School.

Lilly is passionate about music, reading and spending time with her friends. She is a member of WVMS Ensemble group and has earned her Junior Black Belt in karate. She looks forward to celebrating with family and friends.



Mitzvah Day smiles

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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.

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Build the Future (and Save on Taxes) with KJCF Donor-Advised Funds

By Wendy Besmann

The closest Hebrew word for charity is *tzedakah*. Yet, *tzedakah* means not simply charity but rather justice. So, giving to charity is a form of social justice in which the donor accepts an obligation for assisting those in need. *Tzedakah* is so rooted in Judaism that of all of the *mitzvahs* one can do, it is said that *tzedakah* is the most important and equal to all the other *mitzvahs* combined. According to the Torah, Jews must give 10% of their crop to the poor every third year, in addition to a percentage of their earnings annually. As we are no longer an agrarian society, this translates to mean that we are obligated to give 10% of our earnings annually to those in need. Some forms of *tzedakah* are considered to be worthier than others. The Talmud describes different levels of *tzedakah*, which Maimonides organized into a list with higher levels of *tzedakah* being giving cheerfully, not begrudgingly. Furthermore, he ascribed the highest level of *tzedakah* to be enabling the recipient to become self-reliant. So rooted in Judaism is *tzedakah* that Jewish philanthropists in America are noted to comprise 30% of the most generous donors, despite being only 2% of the population.

One would be remiss to discuss the concept of *tzedakah* without introducing the idea of *tikkun olam*, which means perfecting or repairing the world. So, by giving *tzedakah*, we are taking steps to repair the world or right the injustices of society in which there is a great disparity between those who are wealthy, or at least comfortable, and those who are in need. While our obligation extends to helping all who are needy, this obligation especially includes helping institutions that support Jewish causes.

The Knoxville Jewish Community Family of Funds is here to help you achieve this obligation, such as by starting a donor advised fund to benefit the Knoxville Jewish community or giving to an existing fund.

Please call the KJCF at (865) 690-6343 for additional information.



Wendy Besmann

Donations

Bryan and Mary Ann Merrell Family Fund

In Memory of Malcolm Witt, Marsha Witt, Kit Mistovich, Debbie Johnson, Bill Merrell, and Jerome Witt, and in honor of the Bat Mitzvah of Elizabeth Floyd
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Grants

- ★ The **Bryan and Mary Ann Merrell Family Fund** made a grant to the Knoxville Jewish Alliance to support the Archives hiring a part-time assistant to help process the backlog of donations.
- ★ The **Pat and Gene Rosenberg Fund**, in memory of Gene Rosenberg, made a grant to the KJA in support of the AJCC Preschool playground fundraiser.
- ★ Heska Amuna Synagogue received a grant from the **Herb and Elise Jacobs Fund** to support the play *Not That Jewish* at the Bijou Theatre May 24 and 26.

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Jewish Congregation of Oak Ridge



Oak Ridge Interfaith Partnership

Holocaust Remembrance Service

Jointly Sponsored by
Jewish Congregation
of Oak Ridge (JCOR)
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Sunday, May 5, 2019

3:30 PM – 4:30 PM
in the JCOR Sanctuary
101 W. Madison Lane

Program includes Candle Lighting Ceremony
Readings, Song, and Prayers

Standing Up Against Hate

Holocaust Memorial Candles

will be
available to
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May 5 Service



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COMMUNITY SEDER



FRIDAY, APRIL 19

(FIRST NIGHT OF PASSOVER)

6:00 P.M.

JCOR, 101 WEST MADISON LANE, OAK RIDGE

Join us for a traditional Passover Seder and meal. Relax and
share the holiday celebration with your family and friends.

All guests are welcome.

FOOD, FAMILY, SONG, AND JOY

IN THE PASSOVER TRADITION



Adults	\$36.00
Children	\$18.00
Family	\$108.00



Since this is also a JCOR fundraiser, any
additional contributions are accepted and
appreciated

The sitting is limited, so send your reservations ASAP to:

JCOR

PO Box 5434, Oak Ridge, TN 37831-5434

Checks should be made out to JCOR Passover Seder

All reservations (with checks!) must be received by April 12, 2019

Please contact Rabbi Victor Rashkovsky
for questions or financial concerns - (865)483-8357



Women’s Community Seder Set for Tuesday, April 9

The Sisterhood **Women’s Community Seder** will be held **Tuesday, April 9** at 6:00 p.m.! Our tradition is to sponsor this event, held in our synagogue, to support a non-profit organization in Oak Ridge. The newly re-organized YWCA with its women’s shelter will be this year’s beneficiary. Women (and girls age 13 and above) of all ethnicities and religion are invited to participate. The cost is \$40 and is fully tax deductible as funds raised will be donated in full to our area YWCA.

Seating is limited and you should reserve by April 3. Your check for \$40 made out to **JCOR Sisterhood** serves as your reservation (note “seder” on the memo line). Mail checks to **Rita Hohenbrink**, JCOR Sisterhood Treasurer, c/o Jewish Cong of Oak Ridge, P.O. Box 5434, Oak Ridge, TN 37831.

Questions may be directed to Committee Co-chair **Eileen Nober** at enober1@gmail.com.

April and May JCOR Programs

Saturday, April 6, 7:00 p.m. Jewish Film Series: *The Hit*, Israel, 1979, NR, 1h 30min

This rollicking, romantic musical comedy features the winning performance and wonderful songs of internationally acclaimed pop superstar Ofra Haza. A dance teacher turned matchmaker who searches the obituaries for promising prospects and a boy who pumps gas but wants to be a rock star are among the many memorable characters who populate this comic classic from the celebrated Hagashash trio.



Saturday, May 4, 7:00 p.m. Jewish Film Series: *Inheritance*, 2006, Documentary, NR, 1h 15min

Inheritance is the story of Monika Hertwig and her journey to accept the truth about her father, Nazi commander, Amon Goeth, who was portrayed by actor Ralph Fiennes in *Schindler’s List*. As part of Monika’s search for information, she reaches out to Helen Jonas-Rosenzweig, a woman who had been enslaved by Monika’s father during the war. More than 60 years after Monika’s father was executed for his war crimes, in a historic and painful moment, these two women meet, bringing closure, yet raising new questions. In 2009, the documentary won an Emmy Award for Outstanding Interview.

Saturday, May 18 *Ask the Rabbi* (after the morning service)

Donations to JCOR

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May 11	Carol & Jonas Kover, Debbie Bowman
May 18	Reeva Abraham, Ronnie & Jim Bogard
May 25	Linda & Zane Bell, Becky & George Charles

JCOR’s Saturday morning service begins at 9:30 a.m. For the Friday evening service schedule, please contact JCOR at office@jcor.info or call (865) 483-3581.

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CHABAD OF KNOXVILLE



Teens Represent Knoxville at 11th Annual Cteen Shabbaton!

What was your favorite Shabbaton experience?

ML: Party after Times Square on Saturday Night and walking around New York.

FS: Shabbos Dinner Friday night. I really enjoyed getting to talk the guys from the San Diego chapter. I liked talking to them about Judaism in San Diego and seeing how it differed from Knoxville. I loved the food as well as the singing.

GG: My favorite Shabbaton experience would have to be the Saturday night in Times Square. Although every moment of the Shabbaton was incredible, I really enjoyed being in Times Square surrounded by thousands of other Jewish teens.

What message did you take away from this year's Shabbaton?

ML: That there are so many teens that are also proud to be Jewish.

FS: The meaningful message I took away from this year's Shabbaton was that every Jew matters. There are so few of us in the world that every Jew needs to stick together, and all Jews are connected. All Jews need to be proud that they are Jewish and not hide.

GG: One meaningful message I took away from the Shabbaton would have to be the notion that "no Jew is a small Jew."

How would you best describe the Cteen Shabbaton to someone who has never experienced it?

ML: It's a very inspirational event that you can't miss. It'll truly make you want to focus more on your Judaism and emphasizes the importance of being Jewish.

FS: The Shabbaton is an unbelievable experience. It is not only a constant party, but a great opportunity to become more in touch with your Judaism. The Times Square concert is something that is indescribable because Cteen takes over Times Square. Being in Crown Heights is also a great experience because it is a complete culture shock from Knoxville where you are singled out as a Jew to seeing a community that is completely made up of Jews. Overall it is so much fun and at the same time a great opportunity for your Judaism.

GG: The Cteen Shabbaton is a weekend full of making friends, getting to know the people in your chapter, dancing, singing, and celebrating one's Judaism. The Cteen Shabbaton allows you to connect to your Judaism through a meaningful trip to the Rebbe's Ohel, Shabbat, lighting Shabbat candles for girls, wrapping tefillin for boys, and so much more. Every day during the Shabbaton is packed with three days' worth of activities. The excitement reaches its peak on Saturday night when over two thousand Jewish teens from all over the world come together and take over Times Square. Through empowering songs and other unforgettable experiences, you are guaranteed to feel like a proud Jew and come back to Knoxville wanting to participate more in your Jewish community, ready to attend the next Cteen Shabbaton!

Hallie Boring (left) and friend serve as the event's master of ceremonies.



A boat ride around Manhattan gave us a beautiful close up view of the Statue of Liberty.



On the subway heading to Times Square.



JAHRZEIT

Heska Amuna Synagogue

1 Nisan March 31-April 6

Gordon Brown ♦ Matilda Davis ♦ Joseph Imbrey ♦ Freda Jaffe ♦
Frances Schanowitz ♦ Sam Chandler ♦ David Renert ♦ Esther Thompson

8 Nisan

Ben Bernstein ♦ Julius Binder ♦ Molly Chazen ♦ Israel Cohen ♦ Pearl Collins ♦
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Jack Rosenberg ♦ Gertrude Roth ♦ Abraham ♦ Miles Siegel ♦ Lillian Weinbren ♦
Isadore Wender

15 Nisan

Luna Anidjar ♦ Rose Belaief ♦ Sylvia Blumenthal ♦ Harry Brietstein, ♦
Samuel Brody ♦ Harry Cohen ♦ Infant Euster ♦ Isadore Ginsburg ♦ Bessie Green
♦ Isaac Greenwald ♦ Arthur Hahn ♦ David Hecht ♦ Dorothy Icove-Krause ♦
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Norbert Slovis ♦ Phillip Slusher ♦ Don Wittenberg

22 Nisan

Lawrence Abrams ♦ Peggy Ades ♦ Michael Belaief ♦ Mickey Billig ♦
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April 12

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April 19

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April 26

Rae Allen ♦ David M. Baker ♦ Gregg Arthur Bissom ♦ Ruth Block ♦ Samuel
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May 3

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May 10

Julius Anger ♦ Flora Brody ♦ Morris Goldfarb ♦ Shirly B. Goodfriend ♦
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2109 Knoxville Jewish Food Festival
Sunday, May 5 — 11:00 a.m.-2:30 p.m.—AJCC Caller Auditorium

Hadassah Knoxville bakers are at it again! The Bundt cakes are back! Come purchase and enjoy the best Bundt cakes by the best bakers in town. Cakes will be sold by the slice, mini Bundt cakes, and whole cakes.

Bundt Cake Chair: Nora Messing and Robin Brown

Hadassah Knoxville invites you to celebrate
Yom Yerushalayim in a BBQ way
AJCC - June 2 at 1:00 p.m.

What better way to celebrate the rich history of one of the oldest and most treasured cities in the world than with a good old fashioned BBQ!

While we may not have all the fabulous treats found at the Machnayehuda market, with a delicious pot luck and some goodies to nosh...it is sure to be a party worthy of the history books...or at least an article in *Ha'Kol*.

Keep your eyes here for more information or contact, Shuli Mesa shulime@gmail.com



SAVE THE DATE:

Hadassah Knoxville is proud to invite you to
A Garden Party in Spring

Join us on Sunday, April 7th at 3pm
 The home of Harriet and Michael Glasman

Please contact Shuli Mesa for more information and to
 RSVP by April 4th
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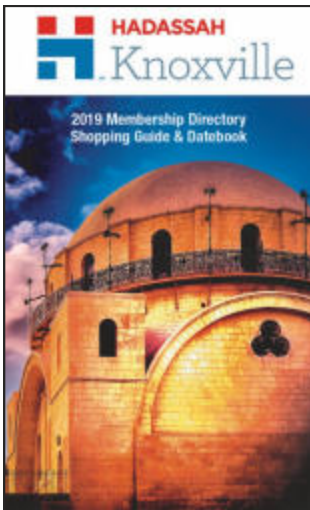
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Contact Joyce York at joyceyork12@gmail.com to arrange for a tree or water certificate to be sent for you.





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Where Do We Go From Here?

By Andrea Cone, Hadassah Knoxville president

On February 24, despite flooding throughout Knoxville, Hadassah Knoxville brought more than 50 community members together at the Arnstein Jewish Community Center for a viewing of the documentary *Unmasked Judeophobia, The Threat to Civilization*. We were honored to have Gloria Z. Greenfield, the film's producer/director, introduce the film and lead a question-and-answer session after the film. This was very powerful and moving film about Jew haters, anti-Semitism, anti-Israel movements and the loss of education about the Holocaust. Lots of intriguing questions were brought up.

The second part of the program, *The Conversation Continues*, was held at Knoxville Jewish Day School the following weekend, on March 3. We had a lovely reception prepared by Sandy Parker, Judie Watson, Shuli Mesa, Miriam Esther Wilhelm, Jonah Mesa, and Mendel Wilhelm along with an exhibit of photographs by David Fleischmann and Lev Comstock capturing Modern Israel. Revital Ganzi began our conversation, exploring reasons bringing so many people together to continue our conversation. All participated to identify questions and possible answers relating to improving our community roles.

WHAT SHOULD WE DO?

WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE?

WHO SHOULD WE BE TALKING TO?

We broke down into small groups, with thought-provoking round table conversations including Educating about Modern Israel, Raising Awareness for Security, Strengthening Jewish Identity, and Honoring the Memory of the Holocaust through Jewish continuity.

Thank you to each group that discussed ways to develop opportunities for all of us to learn and educate ourselves, our families as well as others in the community. These opportunities will be expanded for all to join in. Stay tuned!

It was our honor to have Gloria's support and guidance to our committee. Her assistance was very much appreciated. Thank you to Rick Brown and Dana Maman for taking the time to add their expertise to our discussions. Huge shout outs to the KJA and the KJDS for hosting these Hadassah Knoxville programs.



Top: Hadassah President Andrea Cone welcomes all. Below: After viewing the film, participants enjoy a Q & A session with film director Gloria Z. Greenfield.



A follow-up session hosted by the Knoxville Jewish Day School on March 3 allowed participants to discuss issues further.



Hadassah Book Club News

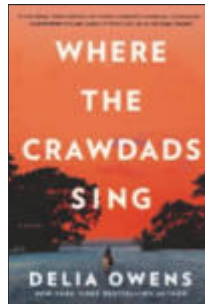
All Jewish women of the greater Knoxville area (and friends) are welcome to join us

Hope to see everyone for our **Tuesday, April 19**, Hadassah Book Club meeting. We meet in the evening at 7:30 p.m., at Barnes and Noble Bookstore on Kingston Pike in the coffee shop area. This month we'll be discussing *Where the Crawdads Sing* by Delia Owens.

Overview: For years, rumors of the "Marsh Girl" have haunted Barkley Cove, a quiet town on the North Carolina coast. So in late 1969, when handsome Chase Andrews is found dead, the locals immediately suspect Kya Clark, the so-called Marsh Girl. But Kya is not what they say. Sensitive and intelligent, she has survived for years alone in the marsh that she calls home, finding friends in the gulls and lessons in the sand.

Then the time comes when she yearns to be touched and loved. When two young men from town become intrigued by her wild beauty, Kya opens herself to a new life—until the unthinkable happens.

Perfect for fans of Barbara Kingsolver and Karen Russell, *Where the Crawdads Sing* is an exquisite ode to the natural world, a heartbreaking coming-of-age story, and a surprising tale of possible murder. Owens reminds us that we are forever shaped by the children we once were, and that we are all subject to the beautiful and violent secrets that nature keeps.



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Celebrate Motherhood with a Hadassah Layette

By *Batya Boxt*

Hadassah sends layettes to women who have had a new baby or grand-baby. A layette is a card from all of 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.

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Grandparents and Special Friends Celebrate Community

Grandparents & Special Friends Day is a newer event at KJDS, but it's fast become a favorite. The day after our annual play seemed like a good day to have our Grandparents come spend the day in school. The fact that many of our students have grandparents that live far away was one of the reasons the "Special Friend" program was created. We were lucky to have so many grandparents attend. We had guests from New York, Chicago, South Carolina, and even Canada. Students eagerly showed their Grandparents or Special Friends around the school and introduced them to their teachers and their friends. The students take a lot of pride in their school and it shows on these special days.

Grandparents Day was a time to share good food and Hebrew songs. Pictures were taken in the photo booth and all the students sang beautifully for those gathered. It was also an opportunity for our students' grandparents to learn what and how their grandchildren are learning.

In the K1 classroom, the students shared their centers with their grandparents. They explored the sensory table and the light table. They were challenged by Tangrams, and laughed while demonstrating their fine motor skills while picking up small items with big tweezers. And, students shared books and stories that they love from their classroom. KJDS's second and third graders asked their grandparents for help! They have spent much time this year learning about the geography, history, and culture of the US. These students interviewed their grandparents, learning about where they had lived, where they attended college, and which places they enjoy visiting and why. The students made wonderful discoveries.

In the fourth and fifth grade classroom, students shared what they have learned about multiple intelligences. They gave their grandparents quizzes, learning about what kind of learners they are. Then the students compared their grandparents' results with their own. They enjoyed finding the similarities and differences. One grandparent/grandchild pair even found out that their strengths and weakness were identical!

It was wonderful to share our school with our extended family and friends. The KJDS community will be eager to host this event next year and further explore our intergenerational connections.



Our crowd does the Hokey Pokey in Hebrew!



For some of our kindergarteners, this was the first time their grandparents visited their school.



We love the community feel of our Friend events!

Design Challenge: Renewable and Non-Renewable Resources

By Ms. Julien

In the 4th-5th Grade Class, we have been busy taking on the role of design team engineers with the task of using renewable and non-renewable resources to design a green community. With that task, students were divided into two teams, given specific roles, and a timeline for completion. At the end of a week-long cycle of work, students presented their final product and ideas to each other in a presentation format of their choice.

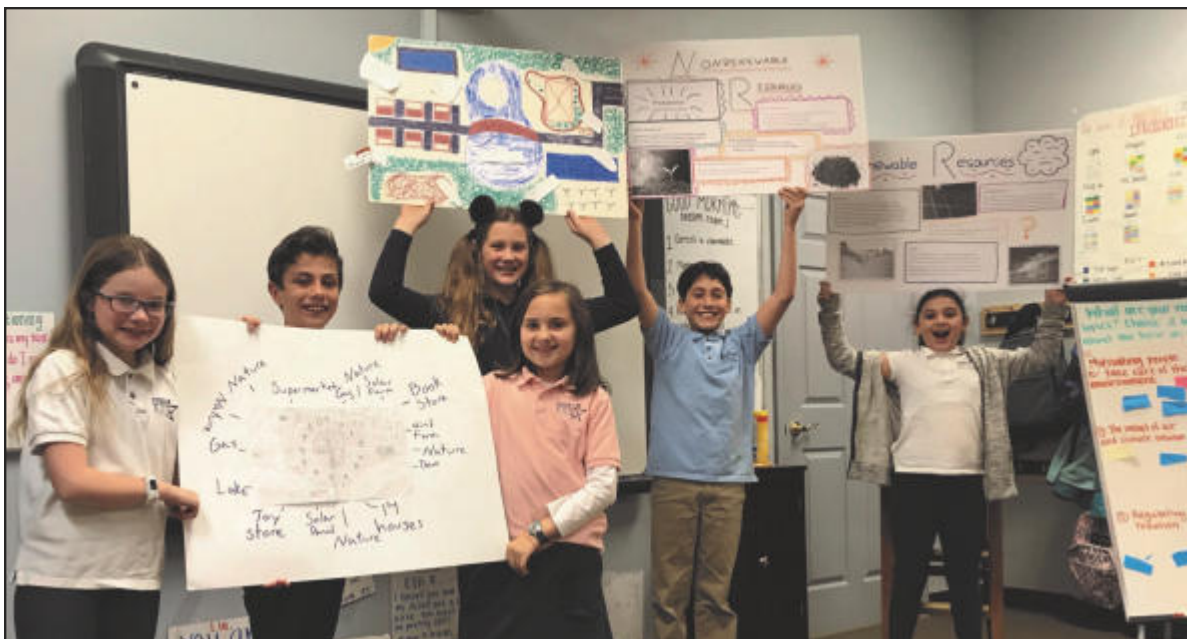
There were a few objectives revolving around the task of this project. First, students gained an understanding about the renewable and nonrenewable resources that exist on this earth. One group decided to research limestone in depth, while the other group researched phosphorus. Second, students gained experience in collaboration by teaching and sharing ideas with others. For each group, there was a team leader, a nonrenewable resource expert, a renewable resource expert, and a visual presentation manager. While each role had separate tasks, students practiced the skill of learning new information, communicating that information to their team, and integrating their ideas to contribute to a bigger product than their individual research.

Lastly, this project had a very strict timeline in order to help our class move more efficiently in producing quality work by a certain deadline. This is a skill that we have been working on throughout the school year to help promote the metacognitive process of self-monitoring and time management.

As their teacher, I was so proud to see the final products as both teams decided to draw and label a picture of their communities. It was amazing to see the product of collaboration, effective research, and creativity come to life in each team. Although highly based on scientific content, the design team challenges that students participate in at KJDS further contribute to skills like communication, collaboration, and creativity.



The entire class enjoys these design challenges. With varied project duties, the students become experts and can facilitate learning inside their group.



This first group is using its chosen method to present their findings and their model community.

Traditions and Academics: An Important Decision

By Tamara Sturm

Children are our legacy and keeping the faith, traditions and commitment to being a Jew in Knoxville, Tennessee, can be challenging. Sending our children to the Knoxville Jewish Day School is one of the most important decisions Gary and I have made.

Frank began his kindergarten year in 2007 when KJDS was a tiny, little known school in Knoxville without a traditional school campus. So we took a leap of faith. The director and KJDS board made a commitment to me and Gary. The trust of teaching Frank how to read and write Hebrew, celebrating and learning the meaning of the Jewish holidays and providing academic excellence. And most importantly, helping Frank understand what he is learning and why. This created an amazing love of learning. KJDS fulfilled our expectations and so much more!

Heidi followed Frank the next year at KJDS. As our children grew, so did the school. Frank and Heidi graduated reading and writing Hebrew and can confidently talk about their faith with integrity and pride. Through the years at KJDS, the kids truly experienced their Judaism each day. This is why our decision was so important and precious.

Both children entered Webb School of Knoxville in 6th grade with ease, academically and socially. As we are now raising Upper School teens at Webb, we are also realizing the impact KJDS made on our children and their futures. Both are involved in the greater Jewish community: C-teen, Heidi with BBG and Frank with AZA.

The Knoxville Jewish Day School has enriched our family through faith, traditions and friendship.

Top photo:

The Sturm family was looking for academics alongside a Jewish component. They found both, and so much more at KJDS. L-R; Frank, Gary, Tamara, and Heidi Sturm.



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Creating a “Powerful Project” in Hebrew

The First and Second Grade Hebrew Students have published a joint book in Hebrew. Students each chose a letter or two from the Hebrew Aleph Bet that they would create book pages from. Each student then researched foods that begins with that Hebrew letter, designed and illustration of the letter and created a mixed media representation of the food. To make the book more meaningful, they each wrote a few sentences about the food in Hebrew and identified which symbols were accurate for their food. This book was presented to Morah Dana and the Kindergartners to help them learn their Hebrew letters.

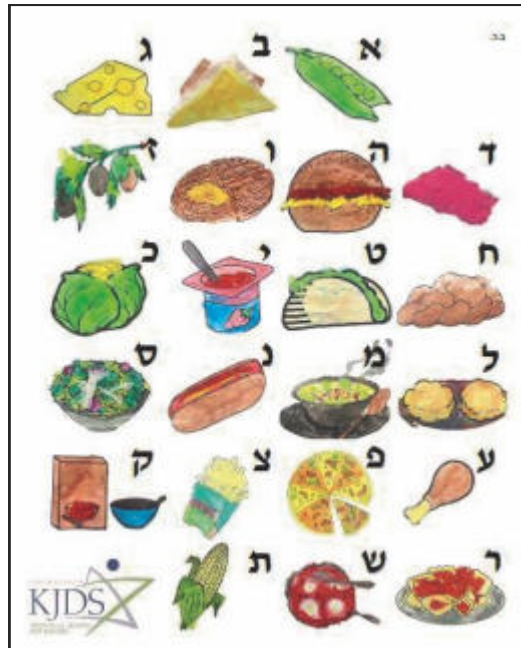
The process was long and arduous but the students sated they had fun. The pride in their finished product made all the drafts, editing and rewriting worthwhile. The beauty of watching this process was that not a single child complained when asked to revise or redo their work.

Inspired by Ron Berger’s *Ethic of Excellence*, KJDS staff have been helping our students develop a culture of excellence. As Ron Berger says, “Students need to know from the outset that quality means rethinking, reworking, and polishing”.

Connecting their learning to a purpose in the real world makes all the more inviting to put forth the extra effort. Ron Berger talks about powerful projects “an assignment or project that inspires and challenges students. Powerful projects are a framework through which skills and understandings are learned.” Writing this Hebrew book was exciting, challenging and personal. It is a unique and special feeling to see your work in a real, bound, full color book. When the first graders see the Kindergartners using it in their classroom the feeling of purpose is even stronger.



Sample Book Page



Book Cover, with images designed by students



This Second Grader works hard to create his “mixed media” representation for the book. This cross-curricular project gave students opportunities to use their talents in several ways.

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The Way We Were in 2017 **Hadassah HMO Luncheon**

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