



Ha'Kol

COMMUNITY NEWS FROM THE KJA, HESKA AMUNA & TEMPLE BETH EL

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Ken Brown, pictured here in 1978, will be blowing the Shofar again during the High Holiday services.

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Happy Holidays

from the Congregants of
Heska Amuna Synagogue

Please join us for streaming, Zoom, and outdoor services throughout the holiday season!
See the September issue of Ha'Kol for details.

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Celebrating 5780

By Rabbi Alon C. Ferency

What a strange, wonderful, unique, and challenging year it's been. In this hard time, let's remember our great joys last Fall and Winter! Lights & L'Chaim was another resounding success – thanks to Ken Brown, his family and band, and the event chairs, Kim Hedrick and Frank Floyd. Shortly thereafter, we had a great celebration in the Synagogue of seven adults becoming *B'nai Mitzvah* – Great job, y'all! Thanks to Nancy Becker, Shush Carson, Kathy Goodfriend, and Sarah Milford for bringing back the amazing Alternative, now Library Service; the Condensed Service was a lot of fun, too. Furthermore, Fridays' Mindfulness Practice created a new kind of Jewish experience – religion for introverts.



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It was delightful to work with Hillel students on *Shabbatot*, and with their advisor Tara Bain and Judaic Studies director Helene Sinnreich. I loved leading Shabbat parties with the AJCC Preschool again – thanks to Lev Gross Comstock and Kristen Cannon. Thanks to KJDS and Miriam Esther Wilhelm for inviting me to serve as a substitute teacher during her family leave. I think that educational opportunities at the synagogue have bloomed this year, with deep gratitude to Shuli Mesa and Abraham Brietstein for founding the Sunday Synagogue University. Thanks to Serina Scott and all of our teachers whom we celebrated at Shabbat *Chinuch*, and all of my students in Judaism 101, *Beyond Dispute*, and *Asiyah: The World of Jewish Folklore*. These programs continued into the Covid era, and we brought back *The Ethical Life*.

So much had to change in the new Covid era. In addition to those new classes, we re-invented and re-invigorated our worship online. Thanks to Jack Love, Raphe Panitz, and Mike Burnett for taking programs online. I was really proud of the Knoxville Rabbis' Community-Wide *Seder*, and grateful to my colleague Rabbi Mathew Marko for organizing our TikZoom *Shavuot* with me, including amazing sessions from local teachers. We're figuring out new ways to connect now – a phone tree, YouTube, Insight Timer, and "drive-by" or porch visitations. Finally, one last point of gratitude: this year, we've had major gifts from the Abrams families and The Diane & Guilford Glazer Philanthropies. We couldn't have done it without you!

Meet Our Board Members

Continued from Jeff Becker's column

LISA JACOBSON

Born and Raised: Seminole, Oklahoma

Years in Knoxville: 12

Family: Jeffrey Jacobson, husband; Nicole Haston, 33, daughter in Austin, Tx; Melanie Jacobson Vance, 25, daughter in Knoxville

Education: BS in Accounting, Oklahoma State University; CPA, CGMA, CGFM, CFA

Vocation: Retired; previously CFO of 3 companies in defense contracting and intelligence; Senior Executive Service at the Government Accountability Office; Deloitte and Touche, Audit Manager/Partner Candidate.

Volunteering: Change Center Board of Directors/Treasurer; Heska Amuna Women's League President; KJDS Special Friend and fundraising activities; Mentor for Tennessee Promise

Favorite Activities: Learning something new; reading, movies, horseback riding, spending time with my daughter at the barn with other horsey people

Reason for Serving on Heska Amuna Board: Part of the duties of HAWL president.

KIMBERLY (KIM) HEDRICK

Born: Bristol, Tennessee

Raised: A little bit of everywhere. My dad was in the Navy for the first 10 years of my life.

Years in Knoxville: 13

Family: I am married to Josh and mother of Darcy (6). My mother and sister live in Knoxville My sister has a 2-year-old daughter.

Education: Law degree from the University of Louisville, BA in Political Science from Transylvania University.

Vocation: Attorney. I work in-house for U.S. Bank to review and negotiate corporate contracts associated with payments and acquisitions.

Volunteering: Mostly with Heska Amuna and Legal Aid of East Tennessee. I was the chair for Lights & L'Chaim in 2019.

Favorite Activities: Spending time with my family, reading books, and going to Barre classes.

Reason for Serving on Heska Amuna Board: Someone asked me to. I consider it a mitzvah to serve non-profits and the community at large. It's also been wonderful to connect with members of the community I otherwise wouldn't know, and I never would have had the opportunity to work on Lights and L'Chaim otherwise.

Chairman's Thoughts

By Jeff Becker, Board of Trustees Chair

In these times when the coronavirus pandemic is still raging throughout the world and has not been squelched in the United States, the response of Jewish Institutions to this unprecedented situation is notable. Conservative Judaism initiated a deep analysis of Halacha (Jewish law and jurisprudence, based on the Talmud) and its precedents in order to seek a resolution that respects both the history and the intent of Jewish law. This follows Conservative Judaism's constant efforts to balance "tradition and change."

According to Rabbi Gordon Tucker (retired as the senior rabbi of Temple Israel Center in White Plains, New York, and a member of the Committee on Jewish Law and Standards of the Rabbinical Assembly): "Legal systems are always challenged by the unprecedented and unexpected. Halachic history includes considerations of how to resolve the tensions that arise when the law's plain prescription may undermine its underlying intent. A relevant halachic principle — supported by great Talmudic figures — is that we cannot deduce what is acceptable under normal conditions from what is acceptable when normal actions are impossible (*"ein danin efshar mi-she-i-efshar"*). But notice: This principle assumes that special rulings are called for when normal actions are impossible." Here comes the Pandemic!

According to Halachic principles agreed upon by Conservative Judaism, a minyan requires ten adults present together. But during the Pandemic, such a gathering was not possible due to the danger of spreading the virus among the minyan. The Conservative Movement's Committee on Jewish Law and Standards (CJLS) of the Rabbinical Assembly (the Conservative Movement's Rabbis) issued guidelines urging the following of recommendations by civil and medical authorities to close synagogue buildings and ban gatherings. This ruling was based as well on the Jewish Principle of *Pikuah nefesh*, protecting human life, that overrides almost every other Jewish value. The CJLS recommended that communities constitute a minyan with a live streaming link. Mourners during Shivah were urged to extend special care via telephone calls and virtual visits to mourners.

I was extremely proud of the rapid response and adaptability of our Heska Amuna Community to Covid-19. The Board of Trustees and the Safety and Security Committee (Chaired by Martha Iroff) met to determine how Heska Amuna would respond to the pandemic and implemented these practices, based on considerations mentioned above, in a rapid and seamless manner:

1. The Heska Amuna building was closed with restrictions on visits by appointment only.
2. Shabbat Services were conducted using the ZOOM platform with 30 to 50 attendees each Shabbat. Services were led by Rabbi Ferency and Shush Carson as *Hazannit* (Cantor).
3. An extensive offering by ZOOM of daily minyans (led by Michael Burnett and Rabbi Ferency), Talmud discussion (led by Jack Love and Raphe Panitz), and Kabbalat Shabbat Service (led by Jack Love) were put together by Rabbi Ferency, our Adult Education Committee chaired by Abraham Brietstein, and the Rabbi and Religious Services Committee led by Markus Eisenbach.
4. Rabbi Ferency along with other rabbinical colleagues from across America put together an outstanding Shavuot program attended through ZOOM by over 100 persons. Out of the 12 workshop leaders, six were Knoxvilleians (Heska Amuna members - Rabbi Ferency, Josh Gettinger, Heather Hirschfeld, and Raphe Panitz - Temple Beth El member Marilyn Kallet, and UT Professor Erin Darby).
5. A ZOOM Bar Mitzvah Shabbat Service was held for Josh Scott and it was attended by over 65 persons. Josh read from the Chumash for his Torah portion and chanted his Haftorah beautifully. His Bar Mitzvah speech was amazing!
6. The Chevra Kadisha adjusted to a changed protocol when dealing with the death of Bryan Merrell (*z"l*), a cherished member of the congregation.
7. Shivah Minyanim for Bryan Merrell (*z"l*) were held in-person in the parking lot of Sherrill Hills, the residence of Judy Ratner, Bryan's mother-in-law, with members practicing social distancing as recommended during the Pandemic and with participants on ZOOM. As many as 70 congregants, relatives, and friends attended the in-person and ZOOM versions of the individual minyans.

We will all be very glad when the Pandemic subsides through establishment of an effective vaccine. In the meantime, I am amazed at the agility of the Conservative movement and Heska Amuna Synagogue in particular to continue meaningful Jewish traditions adapting to this remarkable period in our lifetimes.

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MARIAN JAY

Born and Raised: Bronx, New York

Years in Knoxville: 40

Current Family: Brother and Mother; Heska Amuna Congregants

Education: Graduated High School, Lynchburg, Virginia

Vocation: retired from Heska Amuna Synagogue

Volunteering: Parliamentarian, Knoxville Hadassah; Parliamentarian, Heska Amuna Women's League; Board Member at Large, Heska Amuna Synagogue; Committee work on KJA Archives

Favorite Activities: Spending time with friends and family, Mahjong, computer word games, Scrabble, spectator sports, aqua aerobics.

Reason for Serving on Heska Amuna Board: Strong sense of giving back to community; leaving a legacy for the Knoxville Jewish community children; help make the Knoxville Jewish community welcoming and work together with all Knoxville Jewish organizations

Adult Education at Heska Amuna

Abraham Brietstein, Chair

Committee Members: Peggy Littmann and Mary Linda Schwarzbart

This is the first year that Heska Amuna has had a separate Board position for adult education; in previous years there was a combined youth and adult education vice-chair. As a result, the number of educational opportunities for adults has been significantly increased. Due to Covid-19, we have been spending much more time at home.

This year, Heska Amuna jointly sponsored a highly successful and well attended Scholar-in-Residence program with renowned Biblical scholar and Jewish art historian, Ori Soltes, in which he spoke at Heska Amuna, Temple Beth El and the Knoxville Jewish Alliance. In addition, we have had wonderful programs each month, which have continued during the coronavirus, including *Jewish Poetry* by Marilyn Kallet, *Tennessee Holocaust Survivors* by Rob Heller, *Who Shall Live and Who Shall Die* by Helene Sinnreich, *A Musical Tour of the Passover Seder* by Jack Love, *The Science Behind the Coronavirus, Parts I and II*, by Jeff Becker, *Mira Kimmelman: Surviving the Nazis* by Mark Littmann, *Hasidic Stories* also by Mark Littmann and *Know Your Biblical Archaeology* by Erin Darby.

In addition, our new educational director, Shuli Mesa, has offered programs of interest to both teens and adults in a combined and innovative joint program on Sunday mornings for which she deserves much credit. Let's also not forget that our Rabbi, Alon Ferency, has continued to offer adult classes including Judaism 101, The Ethical Life and Beyond Dispute. And Peggy Littmann continues to offer Beginner and Intermediate Hebrew, while Jack Love and Raphe Panitz have continued their Talmud Study classes, all of which are being offered via Zoom.

All in all, I would have to say that this has been a successful year for adult education at Heska Amuna, and I am certain that we will continue this success into the coming year, regardless of whether we meet in the Synagogue or in our own homes, via Zoom. Let's study and learn together!



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Women's League

By Rosalie Nagler and Anna Iroff-Bailey, Co-Presidents

Women's League 2020: Honoring the Past, Living in the Present, Preparing for the Future

Heska Amuna Women's League is excited to be starting a new term with the recent installation of our new Board and Officers. Our vision for this term is "Honoring the Past, Living in the Present, Preparing for the Future" and we are looking forward to years of growth, change, and sisterhood.

Honoring the Past:

We are grateful to our outgoing Board, especially our Immediate Past President Lisa Jacobson, for their time and effort over the past two years. Some highlights include a series of performances from Jewish Women's Theater including *Not That Jewish*, *The Matzo Ball Diaries*, and *Inside Our Time*. Our members also generously supported a *tzedakah* project to support traveling asylum seekers who desperately needed food, warm clothing, and other basic necessities. We supported the Heska Amuna Religious School and Cemetery Committee with funds raised from our Yizkor Book and Parking Raffle fundraisers. We expanded our learning with a variety of programming including the Jewish Life at Home programs, Unwrapping the Shroud learning series, Rosh Chodesh celebrations, holiday text studies, Women's League Shabbat speakers, webinars, and more. It's been a busy few years, and our organization is grateful to those who have been at the forefront of leadership. Our chapter's rich history extends much further back, and we have members who have been part of the community for decades - since the last millennium actually! One of our goals as we start this new leadership term is to honor women who have made a significant impact on our community and can inspire the next generation of Jewish women and Jewish leaders in Knoxville. As we evolve and grow, we want to remember where

we came from and use that momentum to carry us into a new decade.

Living in the Present:

Please join us in welcoming our new Women's League Board! We have plenty of committee positions open; come join us!

President – Anna Iroff-Bailey
 Co-President/ Board Liaison – Rosalie Nagler
 Immediate Past President – Lisa Jacobson
 Recording Secretary – Cyndie Powell
 Treasurer – Judie Watson and Andrea Cone
 Communications – Rachael Byrne
 Membership & Event – Shuli Mesa and Kathy Franzel
 Judaica Shop – Melissa Sturm
 Programming:
 WL Shabbat – Barb Levin, Serina Scott, Heather Hirshfeld, Mary Ann Merrell
 Rosh Chodesh – Peggy Littmann
 Education – Dahlia Smith
 Torah Fund – Serina Scott
 Parking Raffle – Barbara Mintz and Jenny Wood
 Yizkor Book – Peggy Littmann and Mary Ann Merrell

Preparing for the Future

This is where we need YOU!! What do WE want Heska Amuna Women's League to look like as we move forward? What programs, issues, and projects are interesting and valuable to you? How can we harness the strength, values, generosity, and love of our community of women in order to improve ourselves, strengthen our congregation, and help heal our world? We look forward to hearing from you as we shape the future of our Heska Amuna Women's League.

Heska Amuna Religious School News It Takes a Village

By Shuli Mesa, Education Director

We have all heard the phrase, “It takes a village to raise a child.” Now multiply that by 26. This last year, we were gifted a village in surplus. Allow me a moment to thank each of them.

First and foremost, I’d like to thank our teachers—they are the leaders of this journey: Jeannie Bobroff, Andrea Cone, Martha Iroff, Vanessa Rodriguez, and Lev Smolianski. Their endless patience, open hearts, and complete flexibility during the COVID-19 pandemic is a true testament to their dedication to our students.

Next, our madrichim—the herders that kept everyone on the right path: Celia Adlin, Hallie Boring, Thomas Scott, and Sonny Smith. These four worked hard to ensure that students never roamed the halls alone, that there were always extra hands in the classroom, and sometimes extra hugs when needed. We are thrilled to bring the madrichim program back to HARS. We extend an **extra** Congratulations to Celia and Thomas, our high school graduates.

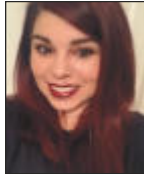
Thank you to Marian Bayer, our volunteer extraordinaire, who brought art to life weekly and amazed us with her infinite creativity. Lev Comstock helped usher in beautiful music and energy. Rabbi Alon Ferency led our morning tefillah and had one on one time with our Wednesday students. Peggy Littmann volunteered as our Hebrew literacy and proficiency teacher. Mary Ann Merrell, while having many roles in HARS, focused on prayer, Torah, and the accompanying choreography on Wednesdays and Rachel Milford joined us in our Tu B’Shevat special trash art project. Thank you for all of your hard work and dedication.

Thank you to the Education Committee—our governing body. Having sat on this committee for the last 13 years under previous directors, I thought to take full advantage of their knowledge, guidance, and friendship. I came to them not only with reports of what I was doing but used them as a sounding board. I sought their direction. While I confess that I am horribly biased, this has been one of the more diverse, educated, and open-minded education committees that I have engaged with.

Having two previous Education Directors, Nancy Becker and Betty Golub, on the committee was an enormous comfort and I took full advantage in seeking their wisdom. Having the immediate past president of the shul, Mary Ann Merrell, was a support in understanding the shul as a whole, among other things. But she was not the only president, for we also had Lisa Jacobson, the Women’s League president, on our committee. Lisa and Mary Ann spearheaded the Mishloach Manot fundraiser—those of you who participated know of the time, dedication, and love of our community that propelled these two women.

And what committee would be remiss without our superb parent members: Laura Floyd, Adam Rowe, and Jenny Wood. I turned to them frequently this year for updates of their children—specifically in regards to the newly established Heska Hebrew High. I was constantly checking for student satisfaction. These three were always honest and upfront and assisted in any way they could.

An extra thank you goes to Serina Scott, our Youth Education Chair, and the head of the committee I just mentioned. As it was the first year for each of us, we were not sure what to expect. I was worried that our friendship would take on a new tone, a formal one, but I can tell you that if anything it has strengthened. While



her role has been as a chair, it evolved into so much more and through it all she has been open, honest, nonjudgmental, and truly kind—one of the kindest people I have ever met. There was never a need to schedule a weekly call because we speak so frequently, plus emails. She has been a sounding board, a planner, a financial savant, a mediator, a chef. Really the list is endless.

This year many parents stepped into new roles. Thank you to Josh Hedrick, Serina Scott, Adam Rowe, and Rachel and Chris Byrne for helping with our quarterly shuk. The shuk had a banner year with all its trinkets and they were there to help price, set up, cash out, and break down. Rachel was also the designer of the HARS logo. She did an incredible job of bringing in some warmth, love, and Judaism to her design.

I would be remiss if I did not acknowledge the budding Adult Education Committee under its Chair Abraham Brietstein. Education of adults and youths merged in what is now lovingly called SSU - Sunday Synagogue University. A very special thank you goes to our teachers of our very first year. These individuals created topics appealing to all ages and delivered them in engaging ways with vibrant enthusiasm: Larry Bayer, Dr. Jeff Becker, Rabbi Alon Ferency, Mike Glasman, Mary Ann Merrell, Adam Rowe, and Dr. Miriam Weinstein.

I would also like to thank Marilyn Burnett and Pat Rosenberg for their exquisite monthly brunch at Sid’s Café. We were spoiled with French toast, cheeses, pastries, fruit and even a barista on occasion. Parents, congregants, and friends all had an opportunity to mingle in the most delicious of ways.

Thank you goes to Anna Iroff-Bailey in leading B’Yachad. This was the blueprint for Sharing the Dream, a program open to the entire community that rotates in location. It was wonderful to see these little ones at HA, and we cannot wait to see how this program continues to evolve.

On a personal note, I would like to thank my co-workers: Rabbi Alon Ferency, Beverly Wilcox, and Carol Ickowitz. Spending the last 14 years as a stay at home mother (SAHM), I jumped into the world of professional employment like an eager puppy. Oddly enough, as a SAHM, Excel spreadsheets, budgets, and articles were a scary thought but not too tough to learn with a little help. Sometimes new ideas flooded me, waiting to be brought to life. Beverly is the business office goddess—her endless knowledge and understanding of everything and I mean everything, was such a huge help. She is the copier whisperer. Carol was a gift in her willingness to share ideas and lend a hand. Rabbi Ferency braved the new world I continually threw him in. First, we mapped out morning tefillah together. Then, I forced him to join me in our singing celebrations. He Zum-golly-gollied until he was blue in the face. We expanded the spirituality of Wednesday classes by having a 20-minute student rotation where Rabbi and the students could connect. Sometimes these sessions turned into counseling while others were all out jam sessions. We wanted the students to feel comfortable with the Rabbi while ensuring their mental health was cared for.

Lastly, thank you to all our HARS parents and students. It has been an honor getting to know all of you and join you in celebrations, holidays, and educational growth.

As you can clearly see, there were many hands in the success of this year. I am grateful for everyone mentioned and to the Jewish community. I found new friends, ventured into new worlds, and helped create something beautiful. B’emet Todah!

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Donations received through June 22, 2020

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In loving memory of Bryan Merrell

Judith & Jack Benhayon
Gilya Schmidt
Carole & Robert Martin

In memory of Arnold Schwarzbart

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In honor of Ken & Susan Brown's

new grandson & of Rachel Brown's marriage

Nancy & Jeffrey Becker

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Heska Amuna Women's League

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Joyce & Harold Diftler

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Robin Zalkin Brown

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Mary Beth Leibowitz &

Michael Eisenstadt

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Permanent Schedule

Friday Night Services.....Varies

Saturday Morning Service.....9:30 a.m.

Sunday Minyan.....9:30 a.m.

Wednesday Minyan.....6:30 p.m.

Mon. & Thurs. Minyanim.....7:00 a.m.

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

**For a list of Heska Amuna's
services, events, and information,
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High Holidays in Interesting Times

By Markus Eisenbach, President

Rosh Hashanah this year will begin on the evening of September 18 and Yom Kippur will begin with Kol Nidrei on September 27. Please be assured that we will provide opportunities to celebrate the holidays with us. While we will not be able to welcome you in person into our physical sanctuary at Heska Amuna, we will bring the synagogue to you. The Board and the R&RS committee have a task force to set up technology to stream services from the sanctuary to our website – no need to log into a Zoom account or to install additional software. We are working on providing you the High Holiday experience at Heska Amuna that is as complete as these interesting times allow, while adapting our liturgy to the requirements of a streamed service. We are looking forward to celebrating Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur with everyone while protecting the health of our community. Please look for further information and a schedule of our services in the next issue of *Ha'Kol*, on the Heska Amuna website, and in further communication from the synagogue.

Because of possible coronavirus –related postponements & cancellations, please double check any activity listed within this issue of the *Ha’Kol* to ensure the event is still occurring.

AUGUST 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 9:22p 10a Shabbat Service-HA 11a-6p AJCC Pool 6p Havdalah Service-TBE
2 11a Beyond Dispute- HA 11a-6p AJCC Pool	3 3:30p <i>Mincha</i> & Torah chat-HA 4-6p AJCC Pool	4 1p Torah Live with Rabbi Box-TBE 4-6p AJCC Pool 7p Healing Service hosted by Rabbi Boxt & Steve Lewis-TBE 8-8:30p <i>Mincha</i> -HA	5 Tu B'Av 9:30-10:30a Shacharit service & Torah chat-HA 4-6p AJCC Pool 6:30p Minyan service, Daf Talmud chat-HA	6 2-3p <i>Mincha</i> -HA 4-6p AJCC Pool	7 8:16p 8:30-10a Shacharit & The Ethical Life-HA Noon Mindfulness Practice-HA 4-6p AJCC Pool 6:30p Kabbalat Shabbat-HA 7p Shabbat Service-TBE	8 9:14p 10a Shabbat Service-HA 11a-6p AJCC Pool 6p Havdalah Service-TBE
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AJCC Pool open through September 13.

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K N O X V I L L E



Stella Iroff took on the task of organizing, alphabetizing, and creating a reference section for the Morning Pointe of Knoxville library.



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Suzy Snoops

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6800 Deane Hill Drive Knoxville TN 37919.*

- ★ **Mendel Wilhelm**, son of Rabbi Yossi and Miriam Esther Wilhelm, graduated (virtually) from Cheder Lubavitch in Chicago. In addition to his general studies of math, English, science and history, Mendel studied Talmud, Chumash, Chassidic Teachings and Jewish Law. Mendel will continue his studies at Yeshivas Ohr Eliyahu - Lubavitch Mesivta of Chicago. The Yeshiva is renowned as a vibrant boarding school, filled with joy and rooted in Chassidic values.



Mendel Wilhelm

- ★ Mazel tov. **Abram and Madeline Hanford**, son and daughter in law of Shelley and Marc Mangold, and Dayton and Jane Hanford, welcomed their first baby: Maxwell Eugene Hanford on June 2.



Abram and Madeline Hanford, with Max

- ★ Welcome Back! **Cody Hanford**, Shelley Mangold's other son, moved from their long-time Joshua Tree, California home back to the Knoxville area with his wife Mizuki, daughter July, 7 years old and Dylan almost 4 years old.



Cody, Mizuki, July, and Dylan Hanford before their return to Knoxville.

- ★ **Stephen Rosen** has been named to the East Tennessee Foundation Board.

H A P P E N I N G S

Friends, Romans, Countrymen

An essay written by Rabbi Alon C Ferency

Prior to the 20th century, the greatest horrors in Jewish history were perpetrated by the Romans. As presented in the Talmud and other sources, these murderers brought advantage, technology and art to their citizens, and misery to their subjects. With ruthless brutality, Rome choked the breath of liberty out of Judea, asphyxiating the Jewish population there in the 1st century, and grinding our Jewish ancestors under their centurions' boots.

Still, I was shocked years ago when Knoxville Pastor Chris Battle said that his congregants at Tabernacle Baptist Church on Martin Luther King Avenue know Romans every day: the very forces of law and order on their streets. Their experience is the inexorable legacy of viewing some humans as a subject people to be ruthlessly oppressed, as animals to be put back in a cage, as another Black friend said. We are living the inevitable outcome of Langston Hughes' "dream deferred," which like any other contents under sufficient pressure "explode."

The callous murder of George Floyd, like that of so many thousands who preceded him, is a call of reckoning. In the words of an Black business-person, "The 'knee on the neck' is a metaphor for how the system so cavalierly holds black folks down, ignoring the cries for help." We can no longer remain numb to the plain fact that the American dream has rarely matched American reality, except for a privileged few, and has often been a figment for so many others.

Ours is a fragile union; a fractured union; and, a fragmented union. America is not yet truly and fully democratic, equal, or meritocratic, except by name. Nor have we realized Leviticus' command for "One law" for all. Rather, ours is a system based on some quota of brutality. Ours is an edifice founded on unavenged tears.

And still, I know it's not too late for our "strangled nation." Despite our current slide toward deeper oppression, I have hope and faith that we can make our nation "a more perfect union" in my lifetime. As President Barack Obama said, "If we want our children to grow up in a nation that lives up to its highest ideals, we can and must be better... to work together to create a 'new normal' in which the legacy of bigotry and unequal treatment no longer infects our institutions or our hearts." This will be a hard process of awkward conversations, profound private and public education, and continual activism with regular voting. Will you engage with me at this critical moment? Are we prepared to listen empathically and so be changed by others' pain?

We stand at a crossroad in American democracy. Will we redeem its promise? Do we "declare freedom to the oppressed" as Leviticus and Isaiah demand? My friends, today we face a stark choice as our nation edges toward tyranny: Are we Romans, or countrymen?



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Partnership Virtual Events & Sessions

Within the uncertainty that accompanies you these days, we thought how we can send you a message of love and support. 2Gether we stand with the challenges of the hour. Always.

Yours,
Hadera-Eiron Israel SC and the Partnership staff

Former TVA Chair Dies



S. David Freeman, a former TBE member, passed away May 12 at age 94. He was an American engineer, attorney, and author who had key roles in American energy policy. After working with the Tennessee Valley Authority, first as an engineer and later as an attorney, he was selected to sit on energy committees by Lyndon Johnson in 1967. He then worked with the United States Environmental Protection Agency, before returning to the TVA as chairman.

After finishing his term, Freeman headed several public utilities companies, most notably the New York Power Authority and the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power. *(Biographical info from Wikipedia)*

Out of an abundance of caution, we recommend you double check any community event or religious service to ensure it has not been canceled.



Ha'Kol

Dear KJA Members and Friends

By Chi Rayman, KJA President

August 2020

This year has been tough for everyone. It has been especially disheartening for me. The Knoxville Jewish Alliance had one of the best years in a long time in 2019. Then the coronavirus swept our country.

- ★ **LAST YEAR** we had the **most campers and swimmers** in years.
- ★ We had the **largest preschool enrollment** ever.
- ★ For the first time in years, we ended the year with a **large surplus**.
- ★ We almost made our Annual Campaign goal.
- ★ We hosted the **best attended Yom HaShoah remembrance** in years at the AJCC.
- ★ We dedicated a greatly **enhanced playground and memorial** to Logan Brown thanks to the Adam Brown family and those who purchased bricks, raising **\$90,000** plus.
- ★ In 2020, we continued to **upgrade the AJCC facilities** with a renovated women's restroom, new LED lighting, painting, expanding classrooms, improving offices, and recently, extensive pool renovations, all with great help from our KJA President-Elect Bryan Goldberg, who will provide renewed leadership.
- ★ We **expanded our Preschool at the AJCC twice** and now offer **infant care** for the first time.

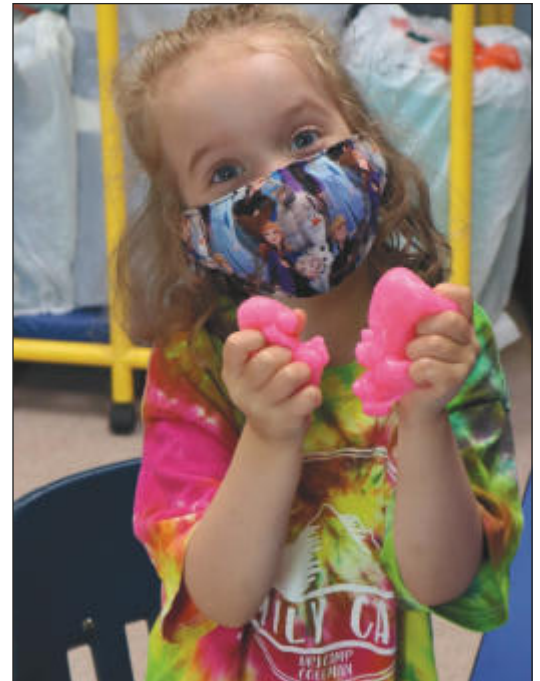
THIS YEAR.... We have **no swim team. No Knosville.** Lauren Javors had organized our first **KJA Pacesetters event** in three years. **Cancelled.** We have a **limited camp and swimming** season with all kinds of **protective measures.** If it had not been for **Dr. Mark Littmann and Zoom,** we couldn't have hosted a Yom HaShoah observance. We will **certainly lose money** on camp this year when we normally make money, but the KJA board felt it was important to continue to offer services and provide continuity by having a camp and opening the pool. We **laid-off most of our staff,** but since have recalled most. **The AJCC has been closed.**

It has really **deflated me.** We had so much **momentum** going into this year. But **WE ARE GOING TO MAKE IT** if we can have a **full preschool** and the virus doesn't raise its ugly head this fall.

- ★ We have a **lengthy preschool waiting list.** Our staff has done an **outstanding job.**
- ★ **Kristen Cannon,** our Preschool director, obtained a **\$103,000 grant** from the Tennessee Department of Human Services Emergency Recovery Grant for Loss of Income to offset some of our lost revenue. She is applying for an additional grant to cover operational expenses.
- ★ KJA acquired a **\$145,000 loan from First Horizon Bank** under the Payroll Protection Program, some of which will be forgiven.
- ★ We created a **½ page message of solidarity and connection with the African American community** that we ran in the *Knoxville News Sentinel.* For that effort, we received a **\$5,000 grant from the East Tennessee Foundation** for our **Knoxville Against Hate program** from their **Hope in Action Fund.**
- ★ **Tara Bain,** our Hillel at UTK director, will receive a **\$5,000 grant** from the Nashville Jewish Federation and Foundation.
- ★ **Sarah May** obtained an **\$8,000 grant** from the Grinspoon Foundation for PJ Library this past year.

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- ★ The community was awarded a **\$100,000 security grant** from the Tennessee Department of Homeland Security. The KJA has been marshaling this shared grant through the system along with our grant writer.
- ★ We are concluding a **Master Plan for our campus**. Helene Sinnreich and helpers have a **community garden sprouting**, as part of our Share the Dream Vision on the AJCC campus. Brian DeBolt, Sarah Price, Jonathan Branton, Kristen and our teachers created a **camp that was a colorful, exciting place with lots of activities**. We purchased a huge, outdoor **water slide and an indoor GaGa pit**. Parents whose children attended other camps or day cares say **our virus protocols are head and shoulders above the rest**. I was amazed at how the kids are wearing their masks. Stephen Rosen has said we have one of the best pools in Knoxville. We do. We repaired our **skimmers** (one was working). Martha Iroff helped us buy 16 **diving blocks** at auction for \$97 from UT (they have the Power T in orange on them.). We installed six and will sell some of the extras and probably make our \$97 back. Thanks to Jonathan and Ed, we got some **pool rental income** and our soccer fields earlier in the year. Martha also reorganized and straightened up our stage storage area.
- No, you can't borrow her!**
- ★ The **Knoxville Jewish Day School** will join us in the future.
- ★ We initiated a Knoxville Against Hate campaign with a **billboard** on I40 in conjunction with **LAMAR Advertising** that also earned a **\$1,000 grant** from the East Tennessee Foundation.
- ★ We will erect an **historical marker downtown** next to the East Tennessee History building, honoring **Master Sgt. Roddie Edmonds, a Righteous Among the Nations**, who saved 200 Jewish prisoners of war.
- ★ Laura Berry has been administering our **Preschool Staff Relief Fund** and directing our Jewish Family Services.
- ★ Joyce York keeps us all informed.
- ★ **Ed Hunter has been Ed Hunter**, working long, long hours, **working his butt off**, handling inquiries, complaints, refunds, personnel issues, accounting and facilities. Martha, our Vice President of Children and Youth, refers to them all as **"our fantastic staff."**

My tenure started with the **Vigil** to commemorate the Tree of Life Synagogue murders. It is ending with a **Virus**. At one point I thought I was presiding over the demise of the Arnstein Jewish Community Center after it being an anchor in our community for over 70 Years. I have been criticized and complimented. My most cherished compliment is, **"I have faith in both your business judgment and heart for people.** That keeps me going.



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Under The Coronavirus Aid Relief and Economic Security Act (**CARES Act**), taxpayers who don't itemize may now **deduct** up to **\$300** per year in **charitable contributions**. Please consider making a pledge or donation to support our work. Whether you visit our building or support our social justice initiatives, our Jewish community is stronger together. Please donate today. **Learn more at www.jewishknoxville.org/donate.**

Summer Time at the AJCC

Enjoying pool time, summer day camp, with arts and crafts, dodgeball, swimming lessons, and lots of fresh air and play time. Volunteers also watered and weeded a community garden located on the AJCC grounds.





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- 3) Enter the **AJCC Preschool** or **41474** as the organization you wish to support.
- 4) Select **AJCC Preschool** from the list and click "Save."

This is a terrific way to help the AJCC Preschool, even you don't have children here.

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Shalom Y'all!

By Rabbi Erin Boxt

For Temple Beth El's Tikkun Leil Shavuot this past May, I wanted to teach an extended session on the topic of *Mussar*. I contacted some of my colleagues and asked them if they had an idea of how to get started planning for this. Perhaps I was hoping one of my friends had recently taught *Mussar* and even had a rough draft outline. I have turned for support to my colleagues for many reasons during my time in the rabbinate. I have always felt supported and given extremely helpful information.

Two of the responses came from colleagues who were classmates of mine in Israel during our first year of rabbinical school:

"Have you been a practitioner of *Mussar*? It really helps to have that first before teaching."

"I took the training with the *Mussar* Institute and use their curriculum which I recommend."

I have to admit that when I read those responses, I was a little disappointed. While I was excited about the opportunity for more study, I needed to figure out what to teach. I chose, instead, to teach about the Pilgrimage Festivals in Judaism, a topic I had taught before and had plenty of my own resources.

So, on June 2, I began a *Mussar* training program with the *Mussar* Institute (mussarinstitute.org). My group meets every week for 12 weeks. One week we are in *va'ad* (group) and the following week we are in *chevruta* (pairs). Let me point out first that I am the only rabbi in the group. Everyone else, including the teacher, are educated lay leaders who are looking to expand their own Jewish knowledge. We study in advance of our classes – articles, stories, and other texts. We then focus each week on a particular aspect of *Mussar*. In a nutshell, the study of *Mussar* is the study of what it means to live a meaningful and ethical life. There is so much more to it, but that is it in a sentence!

I highly recommend to always continue learning. Studying *Mussar* is a great way to continue your education while also learning about yourself and focusing truly on what it means to be a good and ethical person. To quote Alan Morinis, the founder of The *Mussar* Institute, "We humans have a tendency to always want more. Therefore, it is easy to forget to feel grateful and happy with the good that we already have. We should strive to feel a joy that is complete. Lack of joy with what we have is destructive both physically and spiritually." (*Every Day, Holy Day: 365 Days of Teachings and Practices from the Jewish Tradition of Mussar*)



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Shelley Mangold, Madeline Hanford, and baby Maxwell.

Mazel Tov!

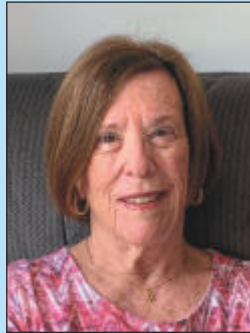
Abram and Madeline Hanford, son and daughter in law of Shelley and Marc Mangold, and Dayton and Jane Hanford, welcomed their first baby: Maxwell Eugene Hanford on June 2.

Mazel Tov to the proud parents and grandparents.

TBE President's Remarks

By Kathy Young, TBE President

I cannot believe the summer is almost over. It is my hope that the children are back in school and the parents are back to their normal schedules. But it is June as I write this article and the future is still so very uncertain. The Board of Directors is faced with many decisions, some we have never had to face in the past. What will "normal" look like? When will the Temple building be open to all?



I know these are questions on everyone's minds and I wish I had a crystal ball to answer them. But, I do not. Please trust that the health and welfare of the entire congregation is first and foremost in answering those questions. I, like everyone else, miss the in-person contact, the long chats at the Oneg Shabbats, and especially life as we used to know it.

Thank you to all the committee chairs who are continuing to conduct business as usual. Thank you to the Executive Committee and the Board of Directors who are working tirelessly behind the scenes. A special thank you to Rabbi Erin Boxt for his leadership and direction with these most difficult circumstances.

There are plenty of volunteer opportunities available for those of you who want To Be Engaged. Please contact me or the Temple office to get more information.

I look forward to seeing each other in person as soon as it is safe to do so. In the meantime, please know there are numerous ways we can "see" each other. Check out TBEKNOX.ORG or like and follow our Facebook page for a complete listing of activities.

Today Rabah.

If you would like to connect with us on Zoom, here are the links to our services:

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 Password: 178744

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2. If not, no worries! There are other options! You are either able to call in using a landline/cell phone or video conference in via a computer/phone/iPad with a camera. Both options are listed below.

To call in:

1. Under, DIAL BY LOCATION, call the number below that says NEW YORK (meaning East Coast). You will then have to enter the Meeting ID
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 1. Click link below that says JOIN ZOOM MEETING.
 2. Something will pop up to download ZOOM (allow it).
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Temple Beth El Religious School August 2020 Update

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

The good news is that Religious School will begin in August!

What will Religious School at TBE look like this year?

That is an excellent question! The School & Youth Committee and the RS staff have been Zooming this summer to look at all scenarios. The safety of your children and our staff is our top priority. We have all learned by now that Covid-19 is not a "once and done" event. Therefore, we have planned a virtual, an in-person, and a hybrid school. We understand that we may need to use all three scenarios by the time next May rolls around. We will use all the resources available to make our decisions, including parent input. Just know that before we start Religious School, our families will be completely informed as to how we will proceed, our protocols for school, and how we will decide when to open or close our school building to students.

The Annual ISJL Education Conference was held on Zoom this year.

It was an outstanding day of programming. We learned about resources to improve our online classrooms. Best of all, the ISJL is converting their curriculum into one-hour lessons that can be done on Zoom. This is a game changer for our teachers and our students. We will still have a Fellow assigned to us, but the visits will be virtual, at least for now.

Jake Goldberg becomes Bar Mitzvah Saturday, August 29 at 10:30 a.m. on Zoom

At last we are restarting our B'nei Mitzvah celebrations!

You are all invited to this virtual Bar Mitzvah. Jake and his immediate family will be in the sanctuary with Rabbi and Norma. Jake's friends, family, and fellow congregants from near and far will be able to watch this wonderful occasion on Zoom. We are improving our method for televising programs from our Sanctuary so that the picture and the sound will be much better. We want to make this Bar Mitzvah as spiritual and joyful as our Bar Mitzvah boy deserves! Jake has been preparing for his service virtually since last spring. Norma has worked with him on his prayers, and Liz Gassel has been his Torah coach. Jake has been an outstanding student and very dedicated to his preparation. Rabbi is working with Jake on his D'var Torah and putting the finishing touches on the service. Jake has been planning his Mitzvah Project but is waiting until he can get back into the community to do the actual project. As with our other B'nei Mitzvah students, Jake had to postpone his service from early June, but is very excited about sharing his journey with our community. I urge you to support Jake by attending his service on Zoom. You will be delighted to see another of our fine students called to Torah. Jake is the son of Alex Goldberg and Emily McCutcheon and the brother of Simon. Please join this family in this wonderful simcha.

Attend Shabbat service with Rabbi Boxt and Norma every Friday at 7:00 p.m. on Zoom or on Facebook.

You can watch it live or see the recording. No need to dress up for services, pajamas, yoga pants, or track suits are perfectly fine.

Attend Havdalah with Rabbi and Steve Lewis every Saturday evening at 6:00 p.m. on Zoom and Facebook.

Contact Norma for a FaceTime Family Visit.

These are short visits that can happen most any time of the day, whatever works with the family's schedule. If you don't have FaceTime, we can use a different tool such as Zoom to connect. I have enjoyed seeing our children and getting a chance to talk to them. I love seeing the parents and finding out what their family is doing to pass the time.

Contact Norma for Hebrew Lessons on FaceTime or Zoom.

I have been teaching Hebrew to many students since we closed our building. I would be very happy to have a private session with your child or your children together even if it is just Aleph Bet practice.



Goldberg to Celebrate Bar Mitzvah Via Zoom

Jake Goldberg, son of Alex Goldberg and Emily McCutcheon and the brother of Simon, becomes a bar mitzvah on Saturday, August 29 at 10:30 a.m. on Zoom.

Jake is an eighth grader at West Valley where he enjoys playing percussion in band and studying science. Jake plays soccer and the guitar and would like to be a marine biologist one day.

Temple Beth El Sisterhood's

MAH JONGG MADNESS

Tournament

Sunday, October 25, 2020

1:00 PM -5:00 p.m.

Temple Beth El, 3037 Kingston Pike, Knoxville, TN 37919

CASH PRIZES for 1st, 2nd, 3rd High Scores in Tournament Play
In case of a tie, the CASH prize will be divided equally.

*Other FUN activities include a "take a chance for prizes" and bonus hands.
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Knoxville, TN 37923

Deadline: Friday, October 16, 2020

**Registrations received after the deadline will go on a "wait list" unless there are vacancies.
or a player can play at the "for fun" tables. You will be contacted.**

***Due to the uncertainty of the COVID-19 situation, all registration checks will be held
until the Mah Jongg Madness Tournament.***

Questions? E-mail or call: Karen Smith at (865) 691-3231 briankarens@comcast.net or
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Temple Beth El Welcomes New Board Members

Temple Beth El would like to introduce you to three new members of our board.



Sophia Lionberger

Sophia is a cybersecurity student and IT monkey with big dreams. She has attended Temple Beth El for two years and is grateful to have found a family and a spiritual home there. She prays for a swift end to the pandemic as she dearly misses being near the Torah and her friends at Oneg. Nevertheless, she counts her blessings to reside in a peaceful neighborhood in Hardin Valley with her two best friends in the world.



Dustin Park

Dustin Park was born and raised on the west coast in California and Oregon. Being a good Catholic boy, he attended the University of Notre Dame earning a degree in film, television, theater, and English. After graduation, Dustin moved to the nearest big city, Chicago, where he built a career in documentary television production and met a nice Jewish girl, Sarah Miller. In 2007, they were married by a priest and a rabbi and have continued to embrace their interfaith traditions with the birth of their three children, Asher, Elliott, and Dinah. After 14 years in the city (and a lifetime for Sarah), in 2016, the family of five headed south, to Maryville, Tennessee, following job opportunities in Knoxville, where Dustin works as a lead editor for the Hive (formerly Jupiter Entertainment). Temple Beth El has quickly become a pillar of the foundation the Miller Park family is constructing in East Tennessee. Dustin is very humbled and honored to be joining the board of Temple Beth El.

Dan Smith

Dan Smith has been a member of Temple Beth El since the early 1980s. He served as a past president and treasurer. He was also the past chair of the Ritual and Worship and School and Youth committees, as well as a board member and Executive Committee since 1991.

Dan is currently an active member of Ritual and Worship, Ways and Means and Funds Financial Management committees and is a regular services attendee.

Dan says that he is committed to keeping Temple Beth El the spiritual center of Reform Jewish life in East Tennessee.





Temple Beth El High Holy Day Schedule – 5781/2020

Havdalah & Selichot Service

(via ZOOM/Website)

Saturday, Sept. 12 7:30 pm

Rosh Hashanah

(via ZOOM/Website)

Friday, Sept. 18 7:00 pm *Erev Rosh Hashanah/Shabbat Service*

Saturday, Sept. 19 9:00 am Children's Service

10:30 am Morning Service

1:00pm *Tashlich* Experience

Yom Kippur

(via ZOOM/Website)

Wednesday, Sept. 23 4:30/5:30 pm Cemetery Service (Old/New)

Sunday, Sept. 27 7:30 pm *Erev Yom Kippur/Kol Nidre*

Monday, Sept. 28 9:00 am Children's Service

10:30 am Morning Service

1:00 pm Afternoon Service

3:00 pm Healing Service

4:30 pm *Yizkor*/Memorial Service

& *Ne'ilah*/Closing Service

Sukkot and Simchat Torah (tentative)

Wednesday, Sept 30 4:30pm Family decorating and pizza dinner

Friday, Oct 2 7:00 pm *Sukkot Shabbat* Service

Friday, Oct. 9 6:30 pm *Sukkot Yizkor* Memorial Service

7:00 pm *Simchat Torah* Service

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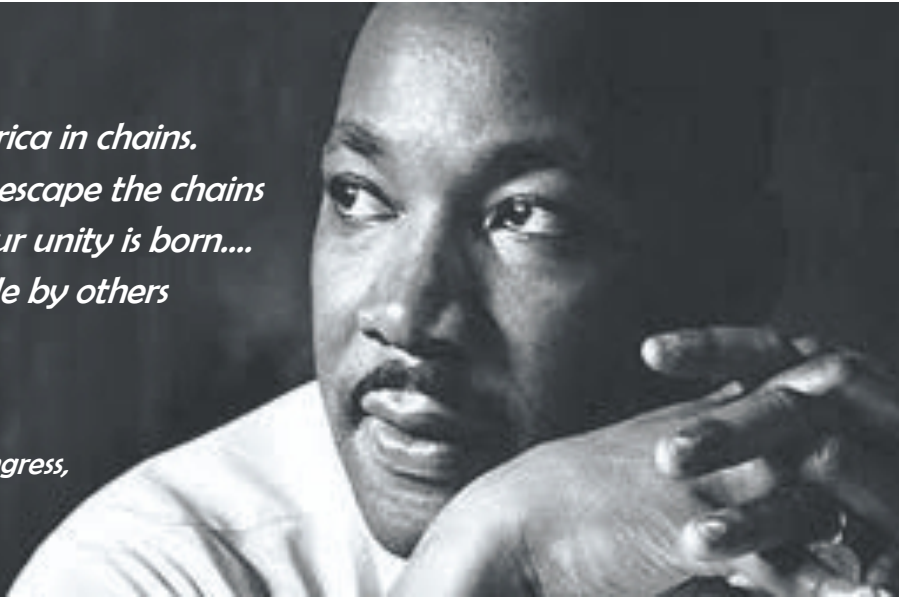
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A MESSAGE FROM THE KNOXVILLE JEWISH ALLIANCE

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Your people were driven here to escape the chains
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To make oppression of any people by others
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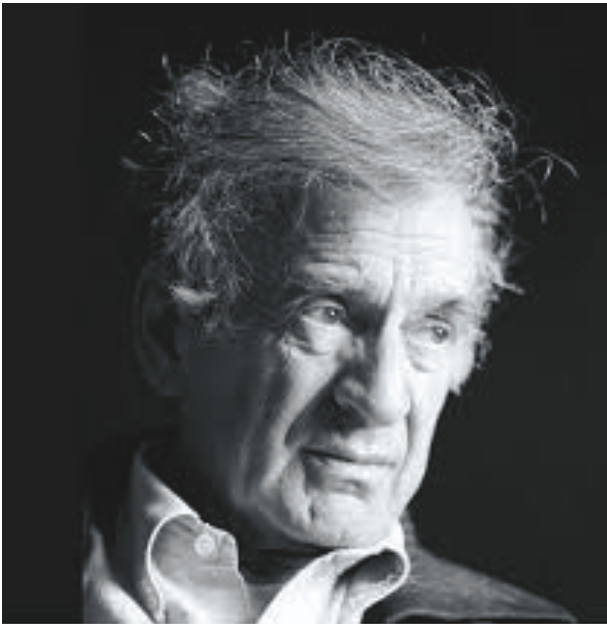
Martin Luther King, Jr.
*Speech to the American Jewish Congress,
Miami, 1958*



*When human lives are endangered,
When human dignity is in jeopardy...
Wherever men and women are persecuted
Because of their race, religion, or political views,
That place must — at that moment —
Become the center of the universe.*

*There may be times when we are powerless to
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Elie Wiesel
*Human rights activist, Holocaust survivor,
& Nobel Peace Prize laureate*



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Knoxville Against Hate



Come grow with us! Help plant and tend the Community Sharing Garden at the AJCC

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“There is no plant without an angel in Heaven tending it and telling it, ‘Grow!’”
(Rabbi Simon, Genesis Rabba 10:7)



Here’s an opportunity for people who want to be outdoors, engage in *tikkum olam* (repair of our world), and help grow food for the community and those in need. Volunteers are still needed to work at a community garden located at the Arnstein Jewish Community Center.

The garden contains four different beds, and hopefully will produce a variety of vegetables and herbs that can be used by the AJCC Preschool and community members. A portion will be donated to those in need. We hope the garden will be a place for everyone in our community. Beds are spaced 10 feet apart to allow for social distancing, while still close enough to be social and visit with your fellow gardeners. One bed was raised to accommodate people who have mobility restrictions or difficulty bending. Picnic tables are nearby for people to sit and safely talk with those gardening.

Sign up for your shift! Mornings and evenings are available.
New to gardening? Not a problem! Contact Helene Sinnreich at wesandhelene@yahoo.com for more information.

The Community Sharing Garden is an initiative of Sharing the Dream and is located near the AJCC Pool.



Thank you to the volunteers who tend the vegetable beds of a new community garden located near the AJCC Pool on the AJCC campus.

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Maimonides was a Jewish Thought Leader in Health and Philanthropy

Americans today can't stop thinking about health, and KJCFF can't stop thinking about philanthropy. Who knew more about the two than Maimonides? Living in 12th century Spain, the Rambam was a renaissance man before the Renaissance. If you read about him, you will see he read about everything, both sacred and scientific. So what is one of this medieval physician's greatest prescriptions? His ladder of philanthropy! Maimonides describes 8 levels of tzedekah where the lowest, entry level could be described as "just ain't into it, but here's a check." His highest form of tzedekah is where you sustain a person or community before there is a problem. Furthermore, you do it in a dignified manner so that all are uplifted, both the beneficiaries and the benefactors. If you take a glance at the "we need a fund" article, you will see an opportunity to take the doctor's advice. If you need a little inspiration, look at the "fund of the month" article to see how one family provides a cure. For more on Maimonides, go to <https://www.jewishvirtuallibrary.org/eight-levels-of-charitable-giving>

If you would like to follow the doctor's orders, call Stephen or Laura; we'll bring the ladder.

KJCFF Welcomes Sternfels Family KJDS Tuition Aid Fund

KJCFF is proud to welcome its newest fund, the Sternfels Family Knoxville Jewish Day School Tuition Aid Fund. According to lead donors, Rhonda and Ron Sternfels, the fund will "help students get and maintain access to the superb education that KJDS offers and help the school maintain its ability to provide it."

The Sternfels were career educators and are impressed with the KJDS leadership and staff. "Only through understanding, tolerance and knowledge can our world survive and thrive and there is no better place to learn that than at KJDS. By setting up this fund we hope that others will also realize the importance of KJDS to our children's future."

Yasher Koach to the Sternfels and Mazal tov to KJDS. If you would like to add your own donation to this fund, please contact Stephen or Laura.

Knoxville Jewish Community Needs a Fund for Health and Wellness

The national emergency puts healthcare on the front-burner for every organization. KJCFF responded immediately by readying itself to make immediate grants for health services and financial relief. But what if we were endowed to be able to have health on our minds proactively at all times? Our community needs a permanent fund for health and wellness. This fund could provide free genetic testing to members of our community who plan on getting married and having children. Tay Sachs, Gaucher's and other diseases that are found in Jewish families have fairly simple screening processes. How about an endowment to mitigate diabetes?

What if a fund gave scholarship awards for exercise achievement and metric milestones? How about a KJCFF funded annual Jewish culinary fair with free food and cooking lessons that focus on kashrut and health? There are endless ideas in this area and we can all benefit. If you have interest in endowing a fund for health and wellness, please contact Stephen or Laura.

Why KJCFF works with 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



Communications Corner

By Ronnie Bogard

I want to thank the FY19-20 JCOR Board for their support as I stepped in to wear an additional hat this past fiscal year. The COVID-19 pandemic made things more difficult than I anticipated but I made it to the finish line, and for that I am grateful. I will continue to wear the Communications hat for JCOR including publishing the E-News and will sometimes write articles for the *Ha'Kol*. I am very proud to announce the new Officers and Director positions for the FY20-21 Board: (Officers pictured below). President- Hilary Shreter, Vice President- Will Wright, Treasurer- Jim Bogard, and Secretary Katie Niad-Thames.

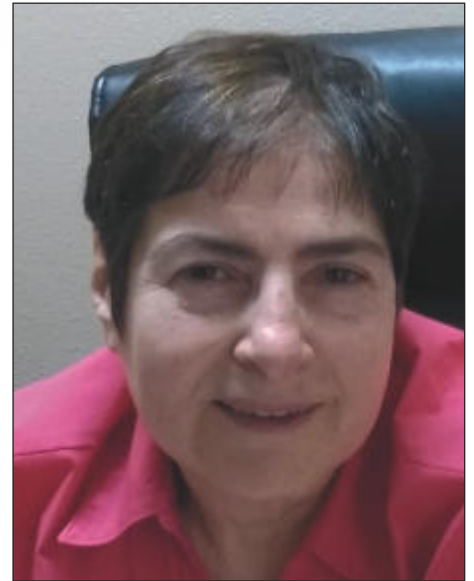
The Director positions are: Building-Miguel Reyes, Education-Katie Niad-Thames, Finance-Bonnie Carroll, Membership- Elena Bamberger, Ritual- Bruce Tomkins, and Sisterhood President Becky Charles.

New JCOR President's Remarks

By Hilary Shreter

Hello, *Ha'Kol* readers! JCOR welcomes these new Board Members: Bonnie Carroll, Katie Niad-Thames, and (second term) Will Wright. At the same time, we thank these retiring Board Members for their excellent work: Rhonda Bogard, Don Carlson, Sig Mosko and Vera Maya.

During the pandemic, JCOR members stay in touch with Zoom. Our Sisterhood has been holding lively biweekly "home potluck" services on Friday night. We have Hebrew classes -conversational, beginners, and intermediate. There is a weekly meetup on Tuesday nights. You are invited to join the fun! Write to us at office@jcor.info for more information.



President Hilary Shreter



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JCOR Celebrates Its 2020 Graduates

Mazel tov to Ben Carlson and Darby Schiek

Ben Carlson

Rachel and Don Carlson, along with Rebecca and Kyle, celebrated the graduation of Ben Carlson from Boston University. Ben received a Bachelor of Arts in philosophy and psychology from the College of Arts and Sciences.

During his four years of undergraduate studies, Ben held multiple internships in the arts and social services, traveled to both New Zealand and Italy via study abroad, and enjoyed Boston's historical and culinary richness. He maintained his musical pursuits, deepening his interests and diversifying his instruments. Ben plans to work and live in New Zealand once international travel restrictions are lifted.

Darby Schiek

Darby Schiek is the daughter of Tim and Robin Schiek, and the sister of Nolan and Thatcher. Darby graduated from Farragut High school on June 19 (with an official graduation!).

She is heading to Maryville College in the fall and will ride on the Equestrian Team. Darby, an accomplished equestrian, was awarded the Equestrian Scholarship. She plans to live at home the first year, so she can also compete privately in addition to scholastically.



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9 Things Coronavirus Has Taught Us (So Far)

By Rabbi Yehuda L. Ceitlin, Outreach Director of Chabad Tucson

The COVID-19 virus that began as a localized outbreak in central China has quickly become a global pandemic, bringing the world to a standstill and redefining “normal” life.

Rabbi Yisroel Baal Shem Tov, the founder of Chassidism, taught that every occurrence in the universe — even a negative one — can and should provide us with productive lessons.

As we continue to follow health guidelines and pray for the recovery of those infected, here are some encouraging things we’ve learned from this global crisis:

1. Our Shared Humanity

The virus is blind to cultural and ideological differences, infecting people of all races, religions, and ages. In many ways, the world has become more united, sharing the same vulnerability. Our sages say that this actually happens once a year on Rosh Hashanah, when “all the people of the world” pass before G-d in judgment. It reminds us that despite our differences, we are one humanity under G-d.

2. The Power of Caring

Scientists are still examining the nature of this new disease, but it is clear that it spreads through close contact. We must not forget that love also spreads person-to-person (even at a six-foot distance). King Solomon spoke of the impact we can have on one another: “As in water, face answers to face, so is the heart of a man to a man.”

3. Finding Comfort in Prayer

Efforts to halt the spread of the disease have cast us into uncharted waters. Newly imposed restrictions, economic devastation, and the fear of being infected have left us anxious and uncertain. But, as Swiss philosopher Henri Frederic Amiel put it, “Uncertainty is the refuge of hope.” In prayer, we have the ability to connect to the Supreme Being in Whom we find comfort and solace, strengthening our hope and resolve. Prayer affirms that the Creator is present, all-seeing and cares for each of us.

4. Valuing Freedom

Being restricted and isolated presents a unique set of challenges, but it also reminds us of the gift of freedom. In fact, on the festival of Passover we are instructed that, “In each and every generation, a person is obligated to see himself as if he left Egypt.” Freedom as a state of mind is to be pursued regularly, wherever we find ourselves.

5. Not Being Wasteful

As fear has taken its toll, many people have flocked to stores and emptied shelves into their shopping carts. That fear is also a wonderful reminder to appreciate the food we have and constrain waste so that we — and those who live in the world around us — have resources for another day. Jewish law teaches the biblical instruction, “You shall not destroy.” This proscription applies to food as well; if there’s something left over, we try to repurpose it.

6. Prioritizing Essentials

Amazon announced that it will prioritize delivering “essential” household items because of high demand. Regardless of how you define essential, the outbreak has led us to reevaluate our priorities. Way before bestselling author Stephen Covey made the idea famous, Moses told livestock owners, “Make the main thing the main thing and what is secondary, secondary.”

7. Focusing Inward

With many of us stuck at home (alone or with loved ones), we have temporarily lost the identities we assume in the outside world. We don’t have the commute or the office to define the pattern of our day. The pandemic has given us space and time to connect with who we are. On the Jewish day of rest, Shabbat, we unplug and focus on ourselves and those we care about. During this pandemic, we do more of that during the week as well.

8. The Sanctity of Life

Throughout history, our synagogue doors have been kept open against forces of antisemitism and through many challenges. Now, those doors are closed to save lives. The Torah instructs, “You shall keep My statutes and My ordinances, which a person shall do and live by them.” Rabbi Shimon ben Menasya interprets this mandate to mean, “In all circumstances, one must take care not to die as a result of fulfilling the mitzvot.” The sanctity of life is paramount.

9. The Preciousness of Every Moment

The heartbreaking (growing) death toll of the virus reminds us of our mortality. As King David said, “Man is like a breath; his days are like a passing shadow.” Just as the shadow quickly fades, so do our lives. We are reminded to cherish our moments and to infuse them with meaning and purpose.

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August 15

Caryl Arsenault ♦ Esther Balloff ♦ Dorothy Becker ♦ Zeleg Berez ♦ Max Cohen ♦ Sylvia Homer ♦ Mervin Horn ♦ Joseph Leeds ♦ Thomas Miner ♦ Sally Moskowitz ♦ Barbara Oleshansky ♦ Gussie Richer ♦ Jane Rosenblatt ♦ Steven Shersky

August 22

Jean Berger ♦ Betty Billig ♦ Estelle Binder ♦ Randall Bloom ♦ Gertrude Bobroff ♦ Gene Bocknek ♦ Ida Chandler ♦ Paul Cooper ♦ Julius Gruenberg ♦ Oscar Isaacs ♦ Seymour Landis ♦ Hyman Liberman ♦ Robert Messing ♦ Albert Meyerhoff ♦ Albert Ring ♦ Rabbi A.J. Robinson ♦ Morris Shorr ♦ Molly Thorp

August 29

Bella Allen ♦ Dustee Bendes ♦ Gershon Cooper ♦ Rosa Deitch ♦ Ethel Foster ♦ Andy Frank ♦ Ada Garber ♦ Sylvia Greenfield ♦ Lawrence Hahn ♦ Max Hasden ♦ Rebecca Krauss ♦ Sylvia Leibowitz ♦ Barney Levine ♦ Muriel Littmann ♦ Rebecca F. Millen ♦ Samuel Poster ♦ Louis Roth ♦ Edwin Schnoll ♦ Martin Schwab ♦ Shlomo Shloush ♦ Tessie Siegel ♦ Helen Tobe

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Abram Golburt ♦ Albert Greenberg ♦ Monroe Hecht ♦ Benjamin Herrmann ♦ Marcus Herrmann ♦ Matvei Ioselev ♦ Sara Pais ♦ Alice Palmer ♦ Anne Prial ♦ Marvin Selk ♦ Emanuel Taylor ♦ Anne Kadison Weinstein

August 21

Zan Tamar Bailey ♦ Jerome Bernstein ♦ Anna H. Blatt ♦ Wolfe Brody ♦ Angela Buie ♦ Charles M. Evans ♦ Daniel Goodman ♦ Gilbert Klein ♦ Alex Klugman ♦ Glenn Powell ♦ William M. Rosenbaum ♦ Albert Sasson ♦ Rose Shenkman ♦ Max Slome ♦ Sidney M. Spero

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The *Washington Post* Highlights Hadassah's COVID-19 Response

The *Washington Post* shined a spotlight on interfaith cooperation in Israel in a front-page story focused on Hadassah Hospital Ein Kerem: "An Arab doctor and an ultra-Orthodox Jew find common ground in a covid ward."

Since long before the emergence of COVID-19, Hadassah has been known for building bridges to peace, and we're proud to have our efforts recognized in this article by The *Washington Post*'s Jerusalem Bureau Chief, Steve Hendrix. But the urgency right now has brought more attention to these efforts.

"For many health-care workers exhausting themselves shift after shift, this shared fight against a common enemy has provided a boost of mutual esteem amid the dark days of crisis," it says.

Jerusalem's most insular and religious enclaves have been particularly hardhit by the pandemic. "The pandemic has created a bridge between their worlds. Hundreds of Jewish COVID-19 patients are being treated by Arab practitioners they might never meet outside the hospital. Sick Palestinians are getting care from Jewish medical staff."

One Muslim doctor tells The *Washington Post* about the "Haredi patients who call his cellphone to ask questions and check on his well-being." He was "one of the Arabs who covered for the Jewish staff during Passover, just as Jews now cover the wards each evening during Ramadan while Arabs end their fast around the breakroom table."

At Hadassah Hospital Ein Kerem, says one doctor, "we are all just humans."

Full article: https://www.washingtonpost.com/world/middle_east/an-arab-doctor-and-an-ultra-orthodox-jew-find-common-ground-in-a-covid-ward/2020/04/25/d3ef284c-7f39-11ea-84c2-0792d8591911_story.html



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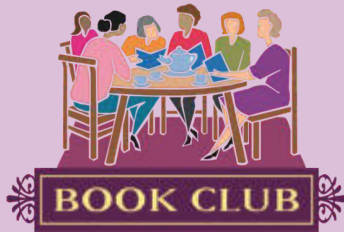
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Hadassah Book Club News

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

We hope to see everyone for our **Tuesday, August 18** Hadassah Book Club meeting. We expect to still be using Zoom for our August meeting. We look forward to the time that we can safely meet again in the coffee shop area of the Barnes and Noble Book Store on Kingston Pike or in someone's home.

We will discuss *The Memories We Keep* by Walter Zacharius. We will begin at 7:30 p.m. Zoom codes and identification numbers will be shared at a later time.

Mia Levy is content with the simple existence she leads on a farm. But her days weren't always spent so quietly. Over 30 years ago, Mia lived in Poland, where she had all she could want--her home, family, and first love, music--until history took its course, changing the world and the life she knew forever. Mia's struggle to survive would take her from the poverty-stricken streets of Poland to New York City, where she encountered a love that would span decades, to Paris where she would place herself in the gravest of dangers to uncover the mysterious fate that befell her family. The book was inspired by the author's own experiences as an American soldier.



September 15: *All Adults Here* by Emma Straub

Questions? Please check the Hadassah webpage at <https://jewishknoxville.org/hadassah> or contact Barbara Mintz at barbara@bmintz.com or (865) 363-4149

An RSVP is helpful as we continue to use Zoom.

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 batyabox@gmail.com.**



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Our Extraordinary Teachers

We are very fortunate to have a passionate team of educators guiding our students every day. You often here what our students are learning in their classrooms, now we would like to spotlight the innovative teachers who create the curriculum.

Ms. Julien is our passionate, creative, and responsive 4/5 teacher. She is a deep thinker who encourages her students to dive into content, to make connections and conjure questions. She guides them to use a designer's mindset to tackle problems. She gets young kids thinking about their thinking. And, she does all this while having a whole bunch of fun. She plays games with her students and jumps in (sometimes literally) to school wide activities with the same excited energy they have. She models a positive attitude at all times and demonstrates and teaches perspective. Ms. Julien's superpower is helping her students learn about themselves so that they can identify and leverage their strengths to promote growth, independence, and confidence. Ms. JJ, as her students call her, is an ideal teacher for those about to move on to middle school and the world beyond, as she gets them ready, letting them know they have all the tools they need inside themselves.

Mrs. Blanchard is our book loving 2nd/3rd grade Teacher. She piles immense energy into nurturing her students' curiosity in all subjects through passionate, creative, and hands-on projects like turning her classroom into a French salon, complete with crepes. Her superpower is getting her students excited about grammar. And, her love for everyone she teaches is abundant. It is that love that motivates all who learn from her to meet her high expectations.

Mrs. Lusk is our fun and loving K/1 teacher. She creates unique opportunities for each student to excel at their own pace. And, she provides her students with the foundational skills of reading, number sense, and independence. Mrs. Lusk's superpower is getting her students to learn when they think they are just having fun. K/1 at KJDS is a curiosity-rich environment where students feel safe enough to take risks, loved enough to ask questions, and supported enough to own their learning and their relationships. We so appreciate Mrs. Lusk for carefully and intentionally crafting this environment. And, somehow, she keeps K/1 silly through it all!

Ms Haskins is our motivating and resourceful K/1 teacher. She works diligently to craft lessons that engage and challenge her students. They truly enjoy and thrive on the large variety of learning experiences that she prepares. With her, the students think about and experience math through tangible, collaborative, and independent activities. She pushes young minds to use prior knowledge to predict and infer. And, she is nurturing in them a love of reading and a true appreciation for poetry. Ms. Haskins's lessons are filled with questions and exciting "a-ha" moments with her students. Her superpower is bringing a high level of academic energy to every day at KJDS. And, we love the curiosity she is developing in our youngest learners.

Morah Dana is our kind, passionate, and creative Hebrew teacher. She crafts engaging lessons that bring joy and excitement to her classroom and create a love for learning. She adores her students, and they adore her! Dana's superpower is meeting each individual student where they are and shaping her classes around individual needs. She is warm and patient as she guides students through a new language. Dana's unrelenting belief in her students motivates them to tackle the challenges of a second language.



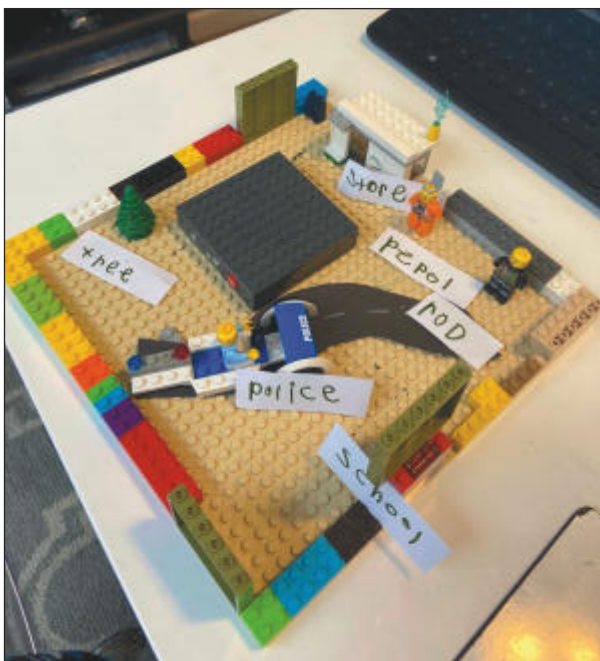
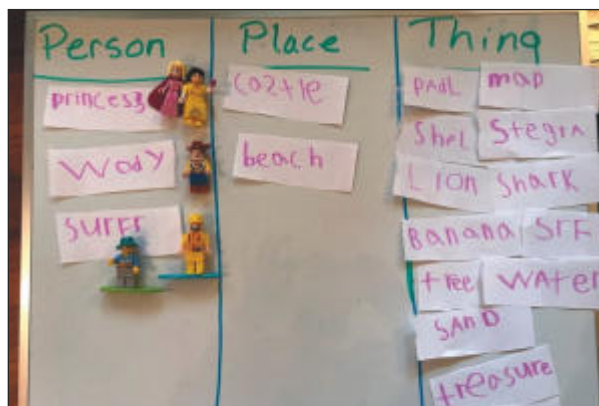
Above: Our staff are not only highly professional educators, they are able to have fun with our students. The relationships we build at KJDS are strong through a child's entire school career.

Right: Morah Dana's love for her students is evident in everything she does. From cooking to one-on-one tutoring, she never stops working.



Noun Town

While students were learning remotely, Mrs. Lusk our Kindergarten/First Grade teacher wanted to challenge her Kindergarten students and continue to make learning fun. Nouns are a fundamental part of the writing process. Getting her students excited about grammar and pre-writing, she challenged them to create their own town using nouns. They were to include people, places, and “things” including animals. They had the flexibility of choosing their building materials- blocks, toys, paper craft supplies etc. Students labeled their nouns using their knowledge of letter sounds. Then they were instructed to sort their words into categories of nouns. Each student created a unique town and learned in a hands-on way how important nouns are to our language and to writing. Each town had fun personal landmarks-including the AJCC, Kroger, police station, and KJDS.



The students in Mrs. Lusk's class had fun learning about nouns. This project helped them learn the importance of nouns in our language and in writing.

Where Are They Now: Segev Koenig

Segev Koenig, a KJDS alumni, is currently a rising sophomore at Bearden High School. He excels academically and in athletics. While he has played baseball, football and tennis, his focus now is tennis. He has been playing since kindergarten and he is a high-level player. Last June, Segev won first place in a three-day tournament! He plays at the Cedar Bluff Racquet Club and he is a member of the Bearden High School tennis team.

Segev is also an exceptional student. He has taken honors and AP classes throughout his middle and high school years. Segev maintains a high GPA and consistently scores very high on exams. He also loves music and he played guitar, piano and drums for six years.

Segev is proud of his strong Jewish identity. He loves being part of C-teen and spending time with the Jewish community. We are so proud of you, Segev!



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What KJDS Board Members are Saying

I've been involved as a member of KJDS's Board of Directors for several years. After serving on a KJDS committee and helping out on a few tasks, I was asked to join the Board. I said yes because I thought I could be helpful to the school. But I also said yes because whenever I visited KJDS, when the students were in the building...they made me smile. They always said hello (and barely any of them knew me at all), they let me see what they were doing and learning, they explained concepts and content better than many adults do, and they were SO HAPPY to be in school, with each other, and just...learning. Helping a place that creates such a happy environment and happy kids felt like a no-brainer to me.

I've stayed involved on the KJDS Board of Directors because, as the school has continued to grow and thrive, it has become an invaluable asset not only for our Jewish community, but for the greater Knoxville community. It is a school of excellence that attracts students and families (Jewish, and also not) who have a love of learning; talented teachers (Jewish, and also not) of the highest caliber who have so much joy for what they do (and it's obvious when you interact with them); and, it's a place that simply builds great kids. Great kids stand a much better chance at becoming great adults, and doing great things for the world we live in. And I want to live in a great world.

KJDS is a little school that does some really big things. I would love to arrange for you or your family to take a tour. Email me at judith.rosenberg@gmail.com if you'd like to make that happen.



Judith at KJDS with her Special Friend. Judith has been on the KJDS board, is a Special Friend, and recently worked with the Second/Third Grade class on their persuasive commercials.

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The Way We Were in the 1970s

Smiling Faces

Left to right,
Amoz **Chernoff**, Renate
(Rennie) **Chernoff**,
the late Mitchell **Robinson**,
Barbara **Bernstein**

The Chernoffs moved to Knoxville in 1958 when Amoz accepted a position at the University of Tennessee. He later was promoted to research director of University of Tennessee Hospital and eventually became Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs at the UT Center for Health Sciences. Rennie, who earned a master's degree in art from UT, combined her interests in metals and weaving to become an artist specializing in Judaica. They left Knoxville in 1979 when Amoz went to work at the National Institutes of Health (NIH).



Barbara remains an active member of the Knoxville Jewish community. Mitchell's wife Natalie and son Pace live in Knoxville. Amoz and Rennie live in Silver Spring, Maryland.

We have not identified the event, place, or time of this photograph. If you can provide additional details about the photo, the Archives would welcome them.

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