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Leaping into Trivia!



Saturday, February 29

6:30-9:00 p.m.

\$20 per person — (13 and older)

\$25 per non — TBE member

Babysitting not available



Dinner, Dessert, Trivia, & Prizes



If you have not already **RSVP'd**, please call the TBE Office at **524-3521** or email secretary@tbeknox.org to reserve your spot.

You can pay by check, cash or credit card.

Tables reserved for teams up to 5,6, or 8 people.

Please let Tina know who is at your table when you RSVP.



Contact **Phyllis Hirsh 865-307-0015** or **Amy Rosenberg 865-356-6830** to volunteer



TEMPLE BETH EL TIMES



Shalom Y'all!

By Rabbi Erin Boxt

Something has been on mind quite a bit lately. I have been thinking about what happens when we realize or find out a beloved family member or friend is really sick. There are so many emotions that we feel – from sadness to anger; from hurt to frustrated and everything in between. We want to do everything we can to make sure our loved ones are cared for and given the best healthcare possible. We call doctor after doctor after doctor, looking for the answers.

What do we do, however, if we are worried that our loved ones are not taking care of themselves? I am certain that everyone knows at least one person who almost has to be dragged to the doctor against their will. Perhaps they seem nonchalant about it...or just consider their sickness to be temporary. Someone recently suggested another possibility: Maybe they are scared what they may hear. Is it possible they are more worried than we are? Their reluctance to go to a doctor may indicate their fear.

Visiting the sick – *bikkur cholim* – is an essential mitzvah. It is, in fact, one of the most important acts one can do. Whenever I go to the hospital, I always take a deep breath before I enter into someone's room. That one second, as I am taking that breath, allows me to focus on the needs of those around me. It is almost like a centering of my intention and focus. I am there to be with them and their family. Their needs become my needs and that is my focus.

In the Babylonian Talmud, Tractate *Nedarim*, page 39b, we read:

"Rav Aha bar Hanina said: 'Anyone who visits an ill person takes (from him) one-sixtieth of his suffering.'

(The Sages) said to him: 'If so, let sixty (people) enter (to visit him), and stand him up, (and restore him to health).'"

This teaches us of the importance of visiting the sick. However, I believe the mitzvah or responsibility begins when we learn of the condition of our family or friends. If we are concerned for the health or wellbeing of those close to us, we should tell them and encourage them to seek healing.

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



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Sisterhood is baking Hamantaschen.

Sunday, February 23 @ 9:30am

Men and women welcome to bake.

All you need is your apron!

Come out and be a part of this.

TBE President's Remarks

By Steve Lewis, TBE President

When you greet Israelis on the evening of December 31 or on January 1, you may hear the response, "Happy Silvester!" The most obvious reason for this response is that Israelis already celebrated *their* New Year several months earlier. However, the more difficult question is, "Why Happy Silvester?"

Several theories have been put forward to explain this unusual choice. One possible explanation is that *Silvester* is what Germans call New Year's Eve, named after a fourth-Century Pope whose feast day is celebrated on December 31. It is also called "*La Saint-Sylvestre*" in France. Silvester, in fact, was an anti-Semitic Pope, so perhaps the name was chosen partly as a satirical protest. Or perhaps it was because European emigres continued with a term they were used to using, despite its disturbing connotation. Whatever the reason, it has caught on, at least for a number of Israelis.

Here in America, we Jews of course need to be guided in some degree by the secular calendar, even though we celebrate our own New Year on Rosh Hashanah. Because of that, and because of the traditional December (Christmas) and January school breaks, many Jewish Americans are on vacation during that time of the year, leading to a traditional slowdown in normal everyday activities.

The same holds true with our calendar at TBE, which reflects a slowdown from our more hectic Autumn schedule. We will of course have our regular Shabbat services, but beyond that and our monthly gatherings for the Board, the Exec, and committees, our other activities will only include Adult Education classes, Confirmation Class and Tot Shabbat.

However, just because we have a reduced number of formal programs is no reason to reduce your connection to TBE -- in fact; it's the perfect time to *increase* it. Come to our Shabbat services, relax from the stress of the week and refresh your spirit with the inspirational leadership of Rabbi Boxt and the beautiful music of the choir led by Becky Kidd. Come to the monthly Board *Mifgash Manhigim* (gathering of leaders) and get up to date on what we're planning for TBE. Attend one or more of our Adult Ed classes, or join a Tot Shabbat. Or contact committee chairs/event leaders and learn what volunteer opportunities await you in the coming secular year. In short, take the opportunity to become a more engaged partner in our *Kehillah Kedosha*, our sacred community.

Oh, and yes . . . Happy Silvester!



HERE YE! HERE YE!

Calling all TBE members to help with
the TBE Annual Auction on April 18

As you know this is our biggest fundraiser and this year we will need a team effort for it to succeed. I know we can do it, so please consider helping in one or more of the tasks. We need volunteers for all aspects of the auction including:

- Set up
- Clean up
- Solicitation of gifts
- Picking up gifts that can't be mailed
- Food
- Making phone calls
- ...And many more little tasks

Every little bit helps and your assistance is greatly appreciated. If you are interested in heading up one of those sections mentioned above, or just want to know how you can help, please contact me as soon as possible. Let's make this the best auction ever.

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DINNER
AND
AUCTION



Temple Beth El Religious School January 2020 Update

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

Happy New Year and welcome back to Religious School!

Midweek Class Resumes January 8 and Religious School resumes January 12.

After all the Chanukah festivities and long school vacation, it feels really nice to have a quiet January. This gives our staff an opportunity to get back into teaching our wonderful ISJL Curriculum. Special events are great, but students enjoy just having the time to study and play with their Religious School friends. We always strive to make each Sunday an engaging experience for everyone. Our fingers are crossed that our weather cooperates!

Yes, we have Religious School on MLK Weekend! This is a wonderful opportunity for our teachers to plan lessons that promotes our Jewish values of *tikkun olam* (repairing the world) and *g'milut chasadim* (acts of loving kindness). We will plan some special music and T'filah to fit the theme of the day.

Let's talk about Hebrew: I want all of our families to know that your children are doing an amazing job learning Hebrew! We have students at all skill levels, and everyone is making wonderful progress.

- Our PreK & Kindergarten students enjoy Hebrew songs, prayers, and activities that introduce them to the sights and sounds of Hebrew.
- Our 1st/2nd graders are rockin' their Aleph Bet. I feel very confident that they will truly know the name and sound of every letter by the end of the year. They are also learning how vowels work with letters to make syllables. They will be able to recognize several prayer words and recite several prayers by memory by May.
- Our 3rd/4th graders are blowing my mind with how well they are catching on to reading Hebrew. We are locking in their letter and vowel skills. They are learning how to divide unknown words into syllables and then decode them. These bright children are learning how prayers are organized and beginning their Prayer Hebrew vocabulary. This class can already READ & CHANT the Daily Miracles! They ASK to take home Aleph/Bet flashcards to practice on their own! I even had two of them tell me they were disappointed when we had another event that replaced Hebrew class one Sunday. I am so proud of them!
- Speaking of proud, we have some students with special needs who are learning Hebrew as well. Of course, these children have different learning issues, and Emily Schulman and I work to design a program that works for each child. Emily also stays for Extended Hebrew to provide extra help to anyone who needs it. Emily is doing a beautiful job with her students.
- Our 5th/6th/7th graders are fabulous. This group is diverse in skill level and years of Hebrew preparation. Yet, they are supportive of each other and help without being asked. This is exactly the atmosphere that promotes learning. The 5th and 6th graders understand that we don't expect them to be totally prepared for B'nai Mitzvah this year, but they learn faster when they have the models of our 7th graders to help them when we read as a group. Our students are gaining a good vocabulary of Prayer Hebrew. We want them to "Know what they say when they pray." They have learned how to read and chant many prayers and are working through the Prayer Book in preparation for their B'nai Mitzvah. We want our students to have a clear idea of what they need to learn.
- We are able to use both whole group and small group learning on Sundays and Wednesday thanks to my co-teachers Justen Bain and Ryan Gibbons. Ryan also stays late on Sunday to provide extra assistances to our students who need it. We are fortunate to have these wonderful young men. The students love working with them.

Friday, February 7 Chai Class conducts Shabbat service for KJA Shabbat.

TBE Oneg Schedule for January

January 3	Steve Rockmaker
January 10	Hayley & Aron Goldfeld; Missy & Chuck Noon
January 17	Lorie & Jeffrey Hirsh; Tamara & Gary Sturm
January 24	Marilyn Kallet & Lou Gross; Susan & Jeff Arbital
January 31	Rachel & Mark Kline; Chuck Dickey



Please remember to bring non-perishable foods for TBE's Second Harvest Food Bank drive. Bins are located in the lobby.



The Temple Beth El Membership Committee cordially invites all
Prospective, New, and Current Members

to the

“Pour’em” Wine & Cheese Social

in the lobby of Temple Beth El

Friday, March 6 from 6 p.m.-7 p.m.

to be followed by a Purim Service at 7 p.m.

Costumes are optional, but encouraged.

A prize will be awarded for Best Costume.

Free babysitting will be available from 6-7 p.m.

If you have any questions, please contact

Missy Noon: missynoon@yahoo.com

Contributions to the Funds of Temple Beth El

Donations listed were received as of November 22, 2019

CARING COMMITTEE FUND

*In memory of Faye Raymon
Beth and Rob Heller*

CLARENCE STRASBURGER MUSIC FUND

*In memory of my beloved father,
Sol Richer
Nancy Jane Richer
Larry and Rise Tucker*

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Wes and Norma James
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GENERAL FUND

*In memory of Anna G. Gassel
Liz Gassel and Michael Pardee
In memory of Sheila Belensen
Marcie Gross*

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Rob and Honerlin Del Moro
*In honor of Aron & Hayley Goldfeld and
family
Anita Goldfeld
Wes and Norma James
Earl and Sara Klugman
Richard Licht and Shirley McGuire
In memory of Belar Koptiva
Andy and Zoya Loebli
David and Jeannine Mill
Sylvia Miller
Miriam Davis
Ray and Babyling Pais
Kenny Shey and Debra Ripley
Jonathan H Leiner
Doug Sofer and Nancy Locklin-Sofer
Evan Sturm
Gary Sturm
Larry and Rise Tucker*

*In memory of Murray Weinstein
Wilma Weinstein-Lomax
Barry and Marilyn Wohl*

HERMINA BEILER FLORAL FUND

Zaynab Mansour Ansari
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& Khava Barkan
Mark and Lucy Barkan
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In memory of Abbie Smith
Dan Smith*

LIBRARY FUND

*In honor of Beth & Rob Heller
Jenny Erwin
In honor of Wilma Weinstein-Lomax's
new grandson
Ron and Ebbie Sandberg*

LICHT YOUTH FUND

*In honor of Genesis 12:3
James Murph*

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Michael and Laura Shenkman

RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

*In memory of Edith (Missy) Dickey
Chuck Dickey
In honor of Steve Lewis
Marilyn Kallet
In memory of Harry L. Jaffe
Meredith Jaffe
In memory of Betsy Coleman
Laura Johnson
In memory of Dr. Fred Millis
Susan Millis
In memory of David Hiller
Susan Millis
In memory of Dick Zivi
Rick and Nancy Zivi*

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL FUND

*In memory of Mable Anthony
Geoffrey and Pat Wolpert*

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10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Friday:

9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Our Mission

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

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

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SISTERHOOD TRIBUTE FUND

*In honor of Wilma Weinstein-Lomax's
new grandson, Gabriel Benjamin
Seidman*

Pat Rosenberg

*In memory of Harold "Jobe" Bernard
Maurice Greif*

JANUARY 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
<p>MCDC Registration begins this month.</p> <p><i>Watch for emails and Facebook announcements!</i></p>			<p>1 New Year's Day</p> <p>AJCC Building closed 7p Talmud Study Group End-of-Cycle Celebration-HA</p>	<p>2</p> <p>7a Morning Minyan-HA 11a Adult Ed/Torah Study -TBE 6p Conversational Hebrew-HA 7:30p Israeli dancing-AJCC Gym</p>	<p>3</p> <p>5:16p</p> <p>Noon Mindfulness mtg-HA 4:30p Jewish Family Services Shabbat-Sherrill Hills 6:30p Sunset Minyan & Oneg-HA</p>	<p>4</p> <p>6:16p</p> <p>9:30a-noon Shabbat Service-HA 9:30a Shabbat Service -JCOR 10:30a Alternative Service-HA</p>
			<p>5</p> <p>9:30a Morning Minyan-HA 10a Prayer Book Hebrew-HA 10:30-noon Tai Chi-Orwitz Room 11a Israeli dancing-JCOR</p>	<p>6</p> <p>7a Morning Minyan-HA 9:30a Tai Chi-JCOR 6-9:30p Fencing-AJCC Gym 6:15p KJA Exec Comm 7p History of Zionism-HA</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Noon Executive Mifgash Manhigim-TBE 6-9:30p Fencing-Gym</p>	<p>8</p> <p>9:30-11a Tai Chi-Orwitz Rm 4p Religious School-HA 4:30-6p Midweek Hebrew-TBE 6:30p Board-TBE 6:30p Board-KJDS 6:30p Wed Minyan-HA 6:30-8:30p Tai Chi-AJCC Orwitz Rm 7p Talmud Study Group-Begin Cycle 14-HA 7p Board-HA</p>
<p>12</p> <p>8:45a Breakfast Club-JCOR 9:30a Morning Minyan-HA 9:30a Religious School-HA 9:30a Religious School-TBE 10a Sun Syn University-HA 10a Adult Ed-TBE 10a Prayer Book Hebrew-HA 10:30-noon Tai Chi-Orwitz Room 2p Speaker Rob Heller-HA</p>	<p>13</p> <p>7a Morning Minyan-HA 9:30a Tai Chi-JCOR 6-9:30p Fencing-AJCC Gym</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Noon Friendshipshippers-Trivia-Sherrill Hills Retirement Center 6-9:30p Fencing-Gym</p>	<p>15</p> <p>9:30-11a Tai Chi-Orwitz Rm 4p Religious School-HA 4:30-6p Midweek Hebrew-TBE 6:30p Wed Minyan-HA 6:30-8:30p Tai Chi-AJCC Orwitz Rm 7p Hadassah Board-AJCC</p>	<p>16</p> <p>7a Morning Minyan-HA 11a Adult Ed/Torah Study -TBE 6p Conversational Hebrew-HA 7:30p Israeli dancing-AJCC Gym</p>	<p>17</p> <p>5:29p</p> <p>Noon Mindfulness mtg-HA 6:30p Sisterhood Shabbat-JCOR 7p Shabbat Service-TBE</p>	<p>18</p> <p>6:29p</p> <p>9:30a-noon Women's League Shabbat-HA 9:30a Shabbat Service -JCOR</p>
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The Knoxville Jewish Alliance presents
Aharon Bezalel Art Exhibit — AJCC Schwarzbart Gallery
 January 19-March 29, 2020
 Hours: 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday



KNOXVILLE

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THE MITZVAH-VOLS VOLUNTEER AT SECOND HARVEST!

Join our debut event
and become a
MITZVAH-volunteer!
Middle and High schoolers
welcome!

President's Day, Monday,
FEBRUARY 17

11:30 a.m. Lunch at KJDS
12:15 p.m. Bus ride to Second Harvest
4:00 p.m. Pickup at KJDS
Lunch and Transportation
provided at no charge

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H A P P E N I N G S

Tennessee's AEPi Jewish Fraternity Elects Spring 2020 Board

The University of Tennessee has a Jewish fraternity that was re-colonized in 2014 and re-chartered in March 2019.

AEPi at UTK chapter has elected its new board for the Spring 2020 term.

The new board members are:

- ◆ President: Andrew Weinstein
- ◆ Vice President: Zach Rosenberg
- ◆ Treasurer: Jacob Saripkin
- ◆ Secretary: Ben Levine
- ◆ Brother-at-large: Camden Boring



L-R: AEPi's new Spring Board members are Camden Boring, Andrew Weinstein, Zach Rosenberg, Jacob Saripkin, and Ben Levine.

Collection Boxes at the AJCC Help Community Perform Mitzvahs

Got a meeting at the AJCC? Want to help area community organizations in need?

Drop off needed items at the AJCC!

It's easy to perform this mitzvah.

Bin Upstairs Near KJA Office

Area Veterans

- Slippers
- Chapstick
- Shaving Cream
- Combs
- Reading Glasses
- Gloves
- Warm hats



Bins Downstairs in the AJCC Gym

AJCC Preschool Consignment Sale

- Gently-used Children's Clothing (infant through young adult sizes)
- Children's toys, books, and games
- Infant items
- Sports equipment

Second Harvest Food Bank

- Non-perishable food items — canned and boxed goods, tuna, peanut butter, cereals.
No glass packaging, please.
- Donate healthy low sodium (for example) and & pull-tab cans whenever possible.





Mindfulness@HeskaAmuna

By Rabbi Alon C. Ferency

Modern days are manic, hectic, and overwhelming. Such stress is not new: the Psalmist shared the need to “calm and quiet” one’s soul. In later *midrash*, Rabbi Joshua, son of Levi, said: “A word is worth a *sela* [coin], but silence is worth two; just as we learned Simeon used to say: ‘All my life I grew up among the Wise, and I found nothing better for a person than silence.’” Blaise Pascal taught that “all of humanity’s problems stem from man’s inability to sit quietly in a room alone.”

On the other hand, with the surfeit of apps available, it’s easier than ever to begin or return to mindfulness meditation. Meditation isn’t something weird, difficult, or strange. It really doesn’t have to be that hard. In fact, the process is astoundingly simple: As Terri Love, Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences at the University of Tennessee, pointed out, you’re just taking advantage of the fact that the brain can only think one thought at a time. That is, if you’re thinking about the rhythm of your breath then you aren’t thinking about the deadline for the annual report.

As I tell students, meditation is simply a re-orientation of our mind and self from the cognitive to the sensory. By attending to music, breath, forest breeze, lavender oil, a mantra, or any of a number of sensory reminders, we can move into a place where our thoughts can’t hurt us. We become aware of meta-cognition: we know ourselves to be thinking our thoughts, and with such awareness we can create a little space between thinker (us) and thought (external anxiety).

By this rubric, many of us have been meditating – broadly construed – for a lifetime. Whether sitting alone, following guided visualization, counting breath, listening to John Coltrane in the dark, or walking in the woods, we are often doing it. Now, I hope we can do it *together*: **Mindfulness & Spiritual Practice, Sid’s Café, Heska Amuna Synagogue, Fridays, noon-1 p.m.**

This is a drop-in group – not a class – integrating music, meditation, and readings to spark spiritual reflection. Using the wisdom of the Jewish heritage, and sharing experience, strength, and hope, we gather each week for an hour of spiritual development. We are a group for seekers, for those looking for means to cope with stress or simply to reflect upon one’s health and wellness, and anyone else who identifies as spiritual but not (necessarily) religious, Jewish or not. Between meetings, guided meditations are available on **Insight Timer**: insig.ht/aloncferency.

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Updates: @EclecticCleric



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Exploring Movable Service

The Rabbi & Religious Services Committee, together with other lay-leaders, has begun investigating new ways to remodel or "right-size" our beautiful and beloved Sanctuary.

We'd like our worship space to feel more inclusive, participatory and engaging. Before making any hasty or expensive moves, we hope to pilot some ideas with you. On Saturday, **January 25**, we'll pray with movable chairs and without pews in the Memorial foyer. Come join us on the 25th for our regular Shabbat service, and then give us your feedback!

Join us for a most special
Shabbat & Adult B'NEI MITZVAH
 Saturday, January 11

Celebrate with those who have studied this past year to learn to lead services, read Torah, and chant Haftarah, too! And join us in wishing them all a hearty

MAZEL TOV

The Great Challenge of (Conservative) Judaism: Providing a Sacred Home

By Jeff Becker, Chair of Board of Trustees

One of the key components of the Heska Amuna Mission Statement is that *Heska Amuna is a Sacred Home Animated by Jewish tradition*. In my Yom Kippur talk this past October, I posed the questions: Does the synagogue meet your spiritual needs? Does it help you grow as a Jew? Do you understand that the values you probably most treasure are the cherished values of Judaism?

So here is the great Challenge of Conservative Judaism in the space of a *Sacred Home*:

How may we conserve and honor our traditions and practices and at the same time provide a sacred home to those with different needs?

The longevity of Judaism is due in large part to its inherent moral and ethical principles and to the ability to adapt to a changing world and to its physical space in the world. Conservative Judaism itself was such an adaptation about 100 years ago in America. Is it working now? If not, what can we do together to make it work for all our members?

The work of the Heska Amuna Board of Trustees revolves around these questions posed above. The Rabbi and Religious Committee, chaired by our co-Presidents Markus Eisenbach and Jeannie Bobroff (see Bios below), are constantly challenged to make services meaningful to traditionally-oriented congregants yet simultaneously vibrant and significant. For those who want a different kind of Service, Shush Carson, Kathy Goodfriend, Sarah Milford, and Nancy Becker lead an Alternative Service once a month. The programming committee, chaired by Frank Floyd, along with the Fund-Raising and Development Committee, chaired by Ted Besmann, the Adult Education Committee, chaired by Abraham Brietstein, and Women's League (formerly Sisterhood), chaired by Lisa Jacobson, are working constantly to provide creative, entertaining and educational events. Most of our events are open to the entire community; we hope that more and more Jews outside of the Heska Amuna membership take advantage of these enriching opportunities.

We are constantly striving to improve our communication through the weekly emailed *NuNews*, the articles in *HaKol*, the weekly Shabbat brochures available at Shabbat services, and specific emailed and "snail mail" notices sent to congregants announcing special events. The Heska Amuna website is refreshed regularly and opportunities for contributions to *Yarhzeits* and all events are available through a secured system on our website: <https://heskaamuna.org/> (click on *Donations*, then *Donations and Funds*).

We are always seeking new ideas that will provide meaning and enhance the lives of our congregants and members of the Knoxville Jewish Community in general.

To continue what I started in my *last Ha'Kol* column, below I present a brief biographical sketch of two members of the Heska Amuna Board of Trustees. Markus and Jeannie were elected co-Presidents for 2019-2021. They give generously of their time and effort to serve Heska Amuna and the Jewish Community of Knoxville.



Jeff Becker

Markus Eisenbach

Born: Frankfurt (Main), Germany

Raised: Langen, Germany

Years in Knoxville: 18

Education: High School – Langen, Germany;

University – Technische Universität Darmstadt,

Germany; PhD – University of Bristol, United

Kingdom; post-doc – Oak Ridge National Laboratory

Vocation: Senior Research & Development Scientist,

Computational Condensed Matter Physics,

Oak Ridge National Laboratory

Volunteering: Previous Finance Vice Chair, Heska Amuna

Synagogue; Executive Committee, Division of Computational Physics,

American Physical Society.

Favorite Activities: Photography, Hiking and Travelling,

Playing Viola da Gamba, Talmud study group



Reason for Serving on Heska Amuna Board:

To provide a fulfilling Jewish experience in East Tennessee that can be satisfying for people of all backgrounds and experiences. An inclusive, welcoming community that honors our tradition can foster spiritual growth and ensure the continuation of Judaism for many future generations to come.

Jeannie Bobroff

Born and Raised:

Gainesville, Florida

Years in Knoxville:

5

Education: Medical

Coding degree

Vocation: House

Director at Sigma

Kappa Sorority

House, UT

Volunteering:

Tennessee Children's Hospital and

Heska Amuna

Favorite Activities: Bicycling, Hiking, and Shopping



Reason for Serving on Heska Amuna Board:

I want to make sure Heska Amuna remains a thriving home for Conservative Judaism in Knoxville. I grew up in a similar synagogue and was always active there as well.

Kallet Teaches Poetry Workshop at Heska Amuna

Dr. Marilyn Kallet definitely knows how to do great workshops with reluctant, and not so reluctant, writers! Her poetry writing workshop, *Writing with the Mishpucha*, that she offered at Heska Amuna also made it clear why she is the perfect Poet Laureate of Knoxville as she brought her own poetry, and ours, to life. The well-attended workshop provided a wonderful opportunity to hear Dr. Kallet read and perform her poetry as well as offering equally inspirational and practical guidance creating personal and group works. Those of us who attended were very gratified – and truly, most appreciative - that Dr. Kallet provided us a glimpse of her creativity, her intensely thoughtful perspectives, and her humor as well as lighting a spark to our own creativity.



Soltes Scholar In Residence Program Draws an Appreciative Crowd

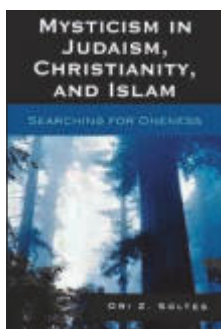
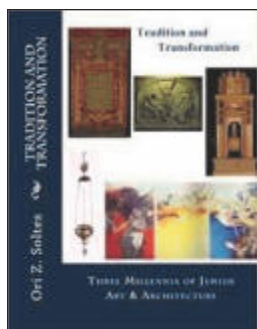
The Ori Soltes Scholar in Residence program was a huge success. Each of the 4 sessions was very well attended and everyone seemed to agree that the quality and depth of his talks were outstanding. For those that missed the lectures, I hope you get an opportunity to hear him speak on another occasion. I also want to give a special thanks to our co-sponsors, Temple Beth-El, Knoxville Jewish Alliance and the Fern and Manfred Steinfeld Program in Religious Studies, without whose support we could not have held the program. I also want to thank all of those who helped make the program a success, especially Mary Linda Schwartzbart, who provided another opportunity for Dr. Soltes to view some of Arnold's art, and Alan and Andrea Solomon, who opened their home and gardens for Dr. Soltes to view some of their magnificent sculptures.



Right: Ori Soltes enjoys touring the gardens of Alan Solomon during his Knoxville visit.

Dr. Soltes speaks about art at the Arnstein Jewish Community Center.

Below: Books by Ori Soltes



Heska Amuna Religious School (HARS) News

Mazel Tov, Morah Vanessa

HARS is thrilled to announce that Morah Vanessa will be leaving for a special internship in Israel this January. We are so proud of all that she has accomplished with our Gan Gadol class and are excited to see where this new journey takes her. We can't wait to share in her travels. We will miss you so much Morah Vanessa-Nesiyah Tovah! Read more about her upcoming adventure.

*I will be participating in Career Israel, a **Masa Israel program**, in Tel Aviv next year. After going on Birthright Israel in 2017, it encouraged me to go out of my comfort zone and helped me to connect deeper to Judaism. I fell in love with the Hebrew language, Israeli culture and food, and I was exposed to a new world that I never knew existed and quickly fell in love with everything Israel had to offer.*

Starting at the end of January, I will embark on my five-month program. I will be moving to Tel Aviv with participants from all around the world. During my program, I will be completing a journalism internship where I will be a social media coordinator creating content for Tel Aviv Global and Tourism, an initiative that was started by the Mayor's Office. When I am not in the office, I will be taking various trips throughout the country with other program participants, taking Hebrew classes, and immersing myself in the Israeli culture as much as I can.

I believe this opportunity will allow me to expand my already existing skills I received while earning my Journalism degree at the University of Tennessee. Throughout my time at the University of Tennessee, I created content for various online publications which promoted the city of Knoxville. By going to Israel, I will be able to take my skills to an international platform.

Sincerely,
Vanessa Rodriguez



HARS 2020 Dates to Note

January 8	School	4:00-6:30
January 12	School (Class #1)	9:30-12:30
	B'yachad @ Heska Amuna	10:00 a.m.
January 15	School	4:00-6:30
January 19	School (Class #2)	9:30-12:30
January 22	School	4:00-6:00
January 24	Tot Shabbat/Kids Kabbalat	5:30-7:00
January 26	School (Class #3)	9:30-12:30
January 29	School	4:00-6:30
January 31	HARS Shabbat Dinner and Social (2nd through 7th Grades) 6:00-7:30 p.m.	



HARS is planning a most special Purim this year –
Stay tuned - Mishloach Manot Time is Coming Soon!

PURIM BY THE NUMBERS

54 chances to make VERY LOUD
noises on hearing Haman's name

225 CALORIES IN A HAMANTASHEN

10 CHAPTERS OF THE
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AND "TWO" AWESOME OPPORTUNITIES
TO HEAR THE MEGILLAH!

4 verses of redemption in the Megillah

Women's League Welcomes All to Special Shabbat Service

By Lisa Jacobson, Heska Amuna Women's League President

**Join us for Heska Amuna Women's League Shabbat
January 18, 2020**

Delicious Luncheon; Inspiring Content

"Justice, justice shall you pursue"

Deuteronomy 16:20

We will be exploring some aspects of social justice . . .

But what is social justice? "Social justice maintains that all people deserve and should have access to the same rights and resources. Most people accept that premise but differ in how to achieve that equality. Social justice looks for equality in and out of the court system.

With our country ever more diverse, the United States is torn with issues surrounding social justice. In some cases, the arrest or shooting of a person of color by a white policeman has resulted in rioting and in widespread demonstrations. That is a result of perceived racial injustice. People who are under-insured and can't afford healthcare are sometimes denied access to medications or procedure they need. That is injustice in healthcare. Women are sometimes not given the same business opportunities or paid the same wages as men in the same positions, and that is gender injustice. [These excerpts are from "Social Work Degree Guide, What is Social Justice."]

The issues are complex, the stories are compelling, the problems are real. Join us for a chance to learn and make a difference.



*Matzo Ball Diaries were about the interactions
between Jewish cultures and food.*

*Thanks to Jewish Women's Theatre and their sponsors
for Bringing this Event to Knoxville*

Thanks to All of our Women's League and

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Others who will forgive our forget
fulness for failing to mention
their generosity and support!



*Special Thanks to Sandy Parker,
our Chef...*

*...for sharing her family recipes and cooking secrets as well as
contributing her time and resources to make this a special event!*

Talmud Study Group Invites You to Join a Celebration

By Jack Love

On Wednesday, January 1 at 7:00 p.m., (yes, the night of New Year's Day), the Talmud Study Group at Heska Amuna will complete the cycle of reading the Talmud, which is traditionally accompanied by a celebration. Make sure to line up a friend or an Uber if you will be drinking!

On Wednesday, January 8 at 7:00 p.m., the Talmud Group will join with the world-wide community of readers of the Talmud to launch a new beginning, Talmud

Tractate Berakhot "Blessings." This is the start of the 14 cycle ("makhzor"), that is, the 14th time this modern tradition will begin.

Jack Love will make a general (but brief!) presentation on the nature of the Talmud to encourage those who might want to join us.



Great Beginnings: Sunday Synagogue University

Adult Vice Chair Abraham Brietstein and Education Director Shuli Mesa have truly designed a winning adult program launch. SSU will continue this January, mixing a variety of topics in short terms (six or seven weeks of one-hour classes on Sunday).

The second quarter classes brought incredible guest speakers and great teachers on diverse topics from learning basic Yiddish with native-Yiddish speaker Mike Glasman to understanding quite a bit more about genetics and the impacts of science and emerging technologies relative to “Jewish” diseases in a class led by Jeff Becker.



Lipman speaks at Heska Amuna

In one of the final sessions of Jeff's class, we were exceedingly fortunate to have the opportunity to hear author and advocate Andy Lipman speak. Andy gave a powerful presentation for Heska Amuna adults and teens on “Jewish Genetic Diseases” based on his own experiences. His talk was not only personal and informative, it was also extremely powerful and inspirational as he told his story of living with Cystic Fibrosis (CF). Building both his mind and body, Andy, the son-in-law of Manny Herz and husband of former Heska Amuna bat mitzvah Andrea Herz Lipman, described how he has survived and thrived living with this genetic disease.

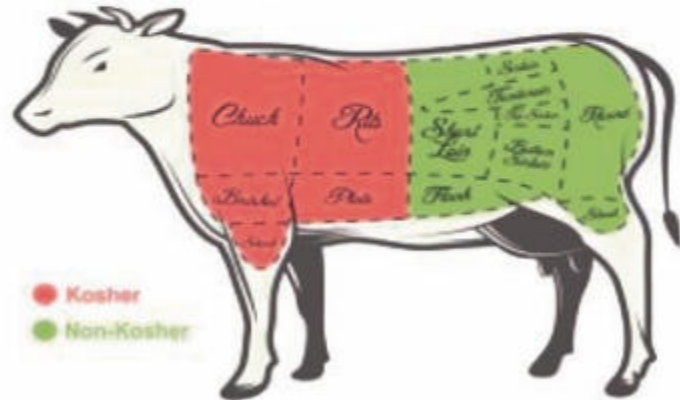
As he noted in his presentation, Andy Lipman has cystic fibrosis, but cystic fibrosis will never have him. His talk was filled with humor amidst some bemoaning the University of Georgia's loss in the SEC football championship game the previous night, (as any Atlanta native might be wont to do). But the landscape he painted for what CF is and what life traversing CF's challenges are opened the eyes of everyone to seeing in a whole new light what many of us only understood previously as statistics.

The question and answer session following his presentation explored topics such as issues with healthcare costs and access to treatment, his work leading a non-profit organization (CFWarriors.org) to raise funds for CF research and outreach, to personal choices made. Perhaps one of the best questions asked was “How did I get to be so lucky to get a son-in-law like you?,” posed by Manny.

Please consider providing your support to Andy's work with his CF Warriors Project. Go to his website to learn more about the life-changing work Andy is doing: <https://www.cfwarriorproject.org/>

Sunday Synagogue University (SSU)
A joint project of the Heska Amuna Adult Education committee and Religious School

Oy Gevalt!



The third quarter of SSU will begin Sunday, January 12. Classes will be offered at 10:00 and 11:00 am. (Check our website for specific class times).

Our SSU classes are open to everyone ages 12 to 112 and will continue for 7 weeks during this third quarter. Third quarter classes will end the last week in February.

THIRD QUARTER CLASSES:

Amazing Art with Adam Rowe whose projects are designed to appeal to adults and teens at any skill level.

Cooking Kosher! Practice braiding challah and rolling rugelach. What are cooking traditions from around the world? And remind me again, which birds are kosher? Each week we will study with a guest leader and have hands-on time in the kitchen (and of course enjoy treats, too).

You Yiddush

Yiddish - Part 2 with Michael Glasman. Oy vey! Michael's fun class continues – but you didn't have to be in Part 1 to join us now!

In the spirit of
to seek our Common
Heska Amuna
community's middle
to create and



and moving forward
Ground in 2020,
encourages all of our
and high schoolers
raise their voice!

**MEMPHIS JEWISH FEDERATION'S 11TH ANNUAL
HOLOCAUST ART & ESSAY COMPETITION 2020**

**LIBERATION
& RECOVERY**



Seventy five years ago, in the winter and spring of 1945, Allied troops liberated Auschwitz-Birkenau and other death camps. The soldiers were overwhelmed with the charge to care for the physically and emotionally traumatized survivors, who continued to face an uncertain future in war-ravaged Europe.

Contestants Should Choose a Group Impacted by the Liberation and Explore the challenges and opportunities faced in moving from the darkness of absolute evil to the light of recovery and renewal.

Open To Grades 6-8 Art and Grades 9-12 Essay

All Entries Are Due to Memphis Jewish Federation by close of business, Thursday, March 5, 2020.

Visit jcpmemphis.org/holocaustartandessay for full contest guidelines, award categories and detailed instructions for submitting art and essays.

Top Winners in both categories will receive cash awards and gift cards made possible by the Kaethe Mela Family Memorial Fund of the Jewish Foundation of Memphis.

Kaethe, husband Paul, and their 17-year-old daughter, Doris, were murdered in Auschwitz.

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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.

*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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Knoxville Jewish Alliance

Ha'Kol

Ha'Kol!

By Chip Rayman, KJA President

I hope you read every article in *Ha'Kol*. I know most of you don't. Do it once. You will be surprised at the content, and learning about what's going on in our community outside of your particular interest.

Having trouble coming up with a topic for my January *Ha'Kol* article, I was inspired by the December *Ha'Kol*.

Reading about the new members at **Temple Beth El**. Some of whom have been here for a while. Eric and Alison Pasternak. Eric is a residential building contractor. I could have used his services on a couple of foreclosures. The Foxes came here after a hurricane caused the Caribbean medical school to temporarily move to Knoxville. When the school relocated to Barbados, the Foxes decided to stay in Knoxville. That says volumes about our Knoxville community and Jewish community. Competing with Barbados! The Groucho Marx Goldberg-McCutchen family have been here 20 years. That was me. I was in Knoxville for 20 years before I connected with Temple Beth El. Think of all the others still out there like us. The Tuckers chose to retire to Knoxville from dynamic Nashville. All of our institutions could use their musical talents. The Miller-Park family. It amazes me how such disparate denominations, Catholics and Jews, can come together and make such a wonderful family. It's in my family. My first cousins are Catholic. It gave me particular delight to read that the Goldberg-McCutcheon and Miller-Park families introduction to Knoxville and Jewish Knoxville was the Center's AJCC Preschool and Camp.

Then I read **Heska Amuna's** Co-President Markus Eisenbach's intellectually informing article about Chanukah. I have never connected Adam to Chanukah. And as you light your Chanukah candles read about Markus's three different aspects of Chanukah.

I always look at the **Knoxville Jewish Community Family of Funds** to see what grants they have awarded to our community. It's thousands of dollars every year to support all of our Jewish institutions.

From the **Jewish Congregation of Oak Ridge**, President Ronnie Bogard will always have a passionate, meaningful story to tell.

I did *not* notice the caption in the **Chabad of Knoxville** article that it was Mendel's Bar Mitzvah speech. I thought Rabbi Yossi wrote it. We will read about Mendel one day.

Knoxville Hadassah, under President Andrea Cone's leadership, are the "Women Who Do" and boy, do they!

Reading about **Knoxville Jewish Day School** alum Heidi Sturm, makes me so proud of her and of being Jewish. Joelle Adajian's testimonial about her children's experience at the Day School and the school's innovative programming led by Miriam Esther, their strong support from all segments of our Jewish community, removes all doubt in my mind about whether they should re-locate to our AJCC campus.

Thanks to Joyce York, 19 years Editor Extraordinaire, who puts it all together.

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*Jews reconnecting.
Jews learning about our heritage.
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Ha' Kol!



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

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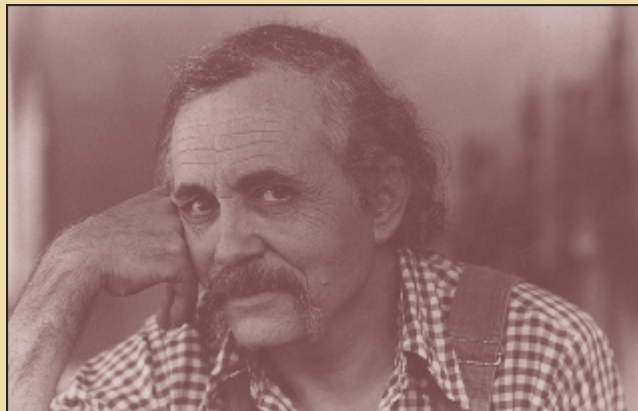
Schwarzbart Gallery to Host Israeli Artist Exhibit

Biographical information provided by www.aharonbezalel.com

The Knoxville Jewish Alliance will host an exhibition of the art of the late Israeli artist Aharon Bezele, 1925-2012, at the AJCC Schwarzbart Gallery from **January 19-March 29**.

Aharon Bezele, *z'l*, lived and worked in Jerusalem and his sculptures include works of wood, bronze, aluminum, and Plexiglas that can be seen at many public places, both in Israel and worldwide.

Bezele was born in 1926 in the city of Harat, Afghanistan. His father, Reuven Bezele, was a rabbi and kabbalist. In 1938 the family arrived in Jerusalem, settling in the Beit Israel neighborhood. In 1942, Bezele studied gold and silver crafting as well as applied arts and worked in these fields. He also studied miniature carving with the artists Martin and Helga Rost applying himself at their workshop. At the same time he took a special course intended for artists' assistants at the Bezalel Academy for Arts and Design.



Aharon Bezele

In 1950 Bezele founded the arts department at the Seligson Vocational School in Jerusalem where he taught for 20 years. In 1952-1953, he studied sculpture with Zeev Ben Tzvi at the Bezalel Academy for Arts and Design. The year 1962 saw Bezele present his first exhibition, soon followed by exhibits in Israel and abroad. During 1971 he spent time at the Cité des Arts in Paris, where he presented a one-man exhibition. In the course of 1974-1975, Aharon Bezele served as chairman of the Artists' Association in Jerusalem. He also presented two exhibits in New York City.

Bezele is the author of *Aharon Bezele*, which documented his work up to 1982 and *Aharon Bezele, Sculptures*. The biography *To Leave a Blessing - Memories of a Jewish Boy from Harat, Afghanistan* was published in 2009 by Yad Ben Tzvi. Bezele is the father of three daughters and grandfather of ten.

Bezele's artwork is for sale, with a percentage of proceeds benefiting the Knoxville Jewish Alliance.

Schwarzbart Gallery Committee members:

Manny Herz, Chair; Mary Linda Schwarzbart, Alan Solomon, Ernie Gross, Shelley Mangold, Ebbie Sandberg, and Chip Rayman. Vice President of Education and Culture: Shannon Martindale
Special thanks to Ed Hunter, Laura Berry, and Joyce York

The AJCC Schwarzbart Gallery presents



The Art of Aharon Bezele

January 19 – March 29

9 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday
Arnstein Jewish Community Center



Please join us at the opening reception

Sunday, January 19
2:00 p.m.

6800 Deane Hill Drive
Knoxville, TN 37919

After opening remarks by Mary Linda Schwarzbart, viewers can enjoy the artwork. Refreshments will be served in the Orwitz Room.



This exhibit is possible because of your contributions to the Knoxville Jewish Alliance Annual Campaign.

Thank you!



The KJA Invites You to Join Us at Knoxville Martin Luther King, Jr. Events & Activities

The Knoxville Jewish Alliance supports diversity and treating individuals with respect and kindness. We encourage community members to participate in 2020 MLK Week activities that can be found at www.MLKKnoxville.com.

The KJA invites the Jewish community to join us at Knoxville's annual parade. Contact office@jewishknoxville.org if you want to join KJA at the parade.

- ◆ **Wednesday, January 15, noon, Interfaith Prayer Service.**
- ◆ **Monday, January 20 8:30 a.m. (Line-Up) 10:00 a.m.–11:30 a.m. Memorial March Parade:** The purpose of the parade is to offer the community a visual and audible display in tribute to the life and works of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. The parade route will stretch from Chilhowee Park – Midway Entrance on N. Beaman Street to the Overcoming Believers Church on Harriet Tubman Street.
- ◆ **Memorial Tribute Service following the parade,** with Rev. Harold Middlebrook, who marched with Martin Luther King, Jr. and was with him in Memphis, Overcoming Believers Church, 211 Harriet Tubman Street

Area events begin January 3 and continue through January 20.
2020 event schedule: www.mlkknoxville.com/2020

KJA Donations

As of November 27, 2019

Whether supporting Jewish cultural programming, youth, services for seniors, community relations, or your Knoxville Jewish community, there's great programs that need your support!

Donate online at www.jewishknoxville.org, call in a credit card, or mail a check.

AJCC Preschool

- *In-Kind donation of delivery & 1 sod pallet Volunteer Turf*

Knoxville Against Hate

- *Fay Carr*

Knoxville Jewish Alliance

- *In memory of Walter Farkas James and Diane Deropp*
- *In honor of Mendel Wilhelm's bar mitzvah Pessa Brody*
- *In memory of Gil Levison Stephen and Kim Rosen*

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- *Wilma Weinstein and John Lomax as a TBE Torah Study Group member*
- *TBE Torah Study Group members*

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

To find a fund you want to support, contact the KJA office at (865) 690-6343 or office@jewishknoxville.org.

Please call (865) 690-6343 or visit www.jewishknoxville.org today and make a donation in honor or memory of a friend or family member, or to support a cause dear to you.



AJCC Preschool Inclement Weather Policy

The AJCC Preschool DOES NOT follow Knox County schools for weather related school closures. The AJCC Preschool will make an independent decision case by case for weather-related events.

For Weather Related Closings, refer to www.wbir.com or www.wate.com.

Hillel at UTK

Hillel at UTK provides a "home away from home" for its Jewish students and they in turn, provide student-led leadership for campus activities. Hillel students appreciate the hospitality shown by area congregations during Shabbat and other services. The KJA Annual Campaign makes this program possible.

Contact Tara Bain, Hillel @ UTK Director, at utkhillel@jewishknoxville.org for information.



KJA Family Bowling Event

Sunday, February 9
4:00 - 6:00 p.m.

Strike & Spare Family Bowl
 213 Hayfield Rd, Knoxville, 37922

Enjoy an afternoon of bowling with other Jewish families in our community! The Knoxville Jewish Alliance will provide pizza and soda. All guests will pay for their bowling games and shoes! Let us know you're coming so we have enough pizza!



Register online today!

<https://KnoxvilleJewishAlliance.simplertix.com/e/49413>



PARENTS NIGHT OUT: AN AMERICAN TAIL

\$5 per child, for AJCC members
 \$8 per child, for non-members

Jan 11th 7-10pm at the AJCC,
 Orwitz Room,

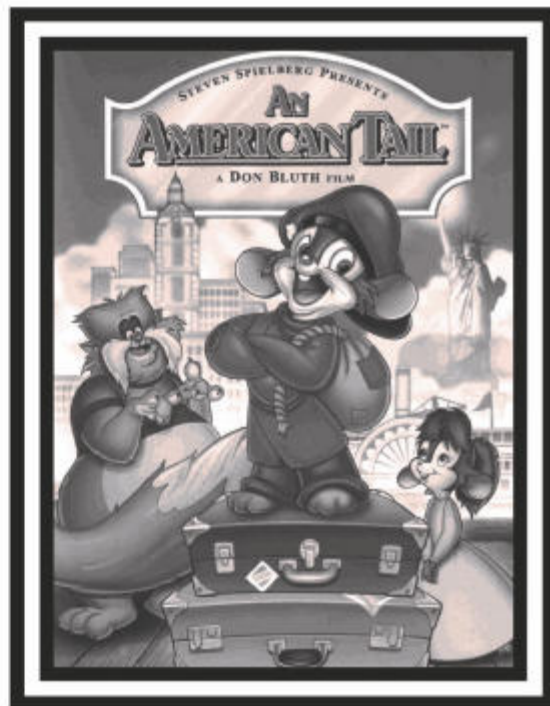
This program is geared to ages
 6weeks-10yrs, limited amount
 of space available.
 Please RSVP by Jan 8th!

All kids will get a healthy snack,
 do an age appropriate activity
 and watch the movie "An
 American Tail!" **Rated G**

Questions or to RSVP
 contact Sarah May at:
pj@jewishknoxville.org

PJ Library

& **PJ OUR WAY™**



A Friendly 2019 Tax Statement Reminder

The KJA Administrative Office spends every January preparing the previous year contribution and childcare statements in addition to employee tax statements. Please be patient with us as we complete all these statements in January. The quantity of statements required do not permit us to provide this information for any specific family or individual first.

We want all our contributors, preschool, and camp families to know that every statement will be generated by the end of January and sent for your tax purposes.

To reduce cost and maintain efficiency, **please watch your email account on file for this information**, as we use email to provide this information at the earliest opportunity.

Thank you for understanding and your continued support and generosity to the KJA/AJCC. It is the strength of a people that powers the community.



Hillel @ UTK Serves Via Tikkun VOLam Event

Tikkun VOLam was a wonderfully successful day for Hillel at UTK. The Campus House of Prayer, a multi-denominational Christian center on Lake Avenue, has welcomed Hillel at UTK to gather for Shabbat dinners and other events in the last year. As a thank you for the free use of this space, Hillel students spent the day pulling weeds, planting bulbs, planting annuals, and mulching on the Knox CHOP grounds. May you all find ways in 2020 to give back — its the Volunteer and Jewish way!



Hillel Support

If you would like to support Hillel at UTK, we welcome cooking for a Shabbat dinner, providing catering for a dinner, or simply making a donation. To all of you who gave in 2019, we thank you! It was a tremendous year!



January Friendshippers



Tuesday, January 14

Join the Friendshippers for Trivia Tuesday

Put your thinking caps on and join us for a fun and challenging trivia game.

This program meets with lunch at **noon**. Our fun-filled Trivia Game 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.

All are welcome.

You don't have to be 55 and up; we don't card at the door!

Honoring our past. Paving our path to the future.

The Arnstein Jewish Community Center's pre-school and summer camp programs are instrumental in creating continuity, and providing safe, education, and fun experiences within (and beyond!) the Knoxville Jewish community. Past generations of students and campers fondly recall memories created on the AJCC Preschool's playground.

It's not too late to donate to the AJCC Preschool Project Playground Campaign.

Our 2019 Project Playground campaign reached its goal of \$90,000 (with many thanks to our community and to the \$2-\$1 matching gift from the Adam and Angie Brown family). The playground equipment is being installed and the grounds landscaped.

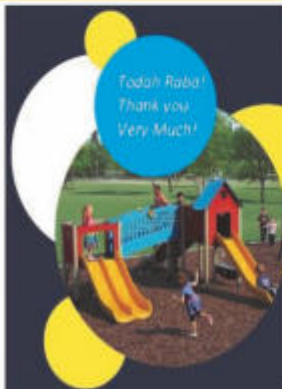
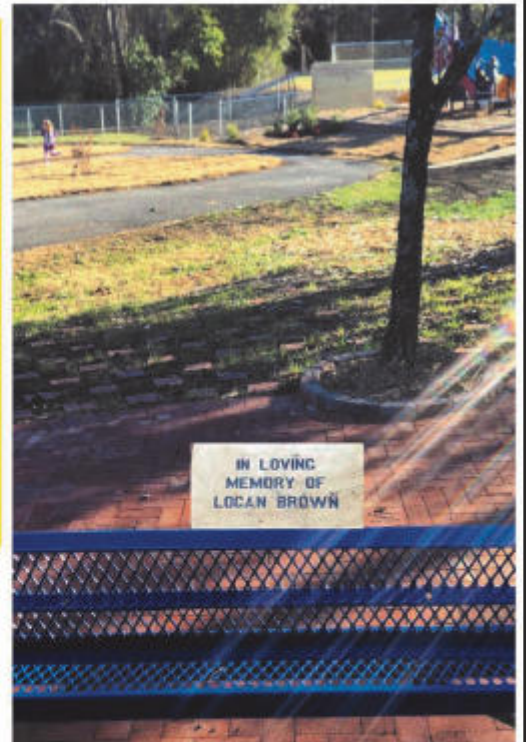
Now, the AJCC Preschool is establishing a permanent AJCC Preschool Fund to ensure the playground will be maintained for years to come and that the playground equipment will always meet Tennessee state guidelines.

You can still help provide future generations of children a safe and fun play area with your generous gift. Your gift of \$100 or more provides you a memorial paver brick. Someone from the KJA's administrative office will contact you once your gift is processed.



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Welcome

By Stephen Rosen,, KJCFF President

Welcome to the redesigned KJCFF news page. The leadership of our family of funds hopes you find it informative, enlightening, and motivating. Since it is our best vehicle for communication, we better get it right! Over the coming months, we will bring you insights and comments from Stephen Rosen, the new president of KJCFF. We have a new corner of the page that will highlight an existing fund and show what great things are accomplished in Knoxville through philanthropy. Maybe you will start a fund and be highlighted soon?

The left corner will start a conversation. What problems and opportunities do we have in the Jewish community that can be addressed through a permanent endowment? We invite your input in identifying these situations. If you see something where money can be a factor, bring it to our attention. The next corner will be a "term of the month." We realize that much of what we do is complicated as it involves legal structures and prudent financial management. Some of the terminology we use is old hat to the pros, but intimidating to new philanthropists. If you have a "Dear Laura" question, please send it our way.

Ted and Dolly Reback Knoxville Youth Fund

Our first "fund of the month" is the Reback Fund. Dolly and Ted were long-time Knoxvilleans and both were presidents of the AJCC. Ted was an advisor to Winick AZA for *decades* and was known and revered on the international level of the organization. After their passing, former AZA member Mark Bernstein initiated a drive to start a fund in their honor. With support from the Reback children and other BBYO alumni and friends, the fund has grown to over \$50,000. The Reback Fund supports Knoxville Jewish teens' attendance at BBYO leadership training programs. In recent years, it has also supported the programming efforts of Cotton States Region BBYO.

For more information on making a donation to the Reback Fund or how the fund committee recommends grants, contact Stephen or Laura.

Need for New Funds

Can you think of a problem or an opportunity in the community where money would make the difference? Is there a void where we used to be active? Is there a great program that just can't get through your organization's budget process? Did you ever think there might be a philanthropist who has the same vision and will be inspired to meet that need? Here is your chance to make your vision known. Call or write Stephen or Laura, or one of the other KJCFF board members, and let us know where you see a need. Figure out an estimated annual cost and put your best foot forward.

Here are a few hints to increase your chances of being included: avoid duplicating existing funds, focus on needs greater than \$1,000 per year, and be prepared to state your case succinctly and enthusiastically!

Charitable Term of the Month

A **DONOR-ADVISED FUND**, or DAF, is a giving vehicle that allows donors to make a charitable contribution, receive an immediate tax deduction, and then recommend grants from the fund over time. Donors (or others!) can contribute to the fund as frequently as they like, and then recommend grants to their favorite charities whenever makes sense for them. The minimum contribution to start a DAF at KJCFF is \$5,000.

Donations

**Natalie & Mitchell Robinson
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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



The Communications Corner

By Ronnie Bogard, JCOR President

A weekend of *Shabbat* observance gave us peace, rejuvenation and hope. Sisterhood started it off with their monthly Friday night *Shabbat*. The Israeli dancers helped us feel the essence of what we refer to as the *Shekinah*, the presence or spirit of God. It was an evening of simple beauty and positivity- not to mention good food and conversation. The importance of taking time to stop all the "busi-ness" of our lives, and to connect with each other, cannot be overstated.

Many of us came back for the Saturday morning service and we were glad we did. On this particular *Shabbat* we had Haftarah *Vayera* read to us in English. It was an accounting of the prophet Elisha (student of Elijah) and how he helped two different women who were in crisis. In the first case, a woman was a widow and was so destitute she was in danger of losing her children. Elisha convinced her to approach her neighbors to bring over a container that could be filled with oil and in return they would pay her for this. The miracle was that there was unexpectedly enough oil to fill each neighbor's container, and it solved the financial crisis for this woman and her children. The second circumstance was a woman who was originally childless and who was unexpectedly blessed with pregnancy through Elisha's prayers. Her young son was thought to have suddenly died from heatstroke, but the mother never lost hope. She ran to Elisha and convinced him to come and save the child. Elisha agreed and performed CPR and held his body over the child's body, and his hands on the child's hands, and ultimately he revived the child, and the child survived.

As I listened to the reading of these accounts I found myself filled with emotion. In both cases we could identify with the cry for help and the desperation. There is not usually a miracle awaiting us during a crisis, but it reminded me that when we reach out for help we can often find support- and hope.

Whether it was the language of dance, or the language of the Prophets, or just the language of friends- the weekend at our synagogue captured the spirit of *Shabbat*. We welcome everyone to our services and to our community.



Israeli Dancers show us the spirit of Friday Night Shabbat.



Join us for Sisterhood Shabbat every 3rd Friday of the month at 6:30 p.m.
An alternative service with Songs and Music followed by Potluck dinner.

Donations to JCOR

Yahrzeits:

- ★ Barry Beck from Penny Lukin
- ★ Rose Kravit from Jim and Ronnie Bogard
- ★ Frances Bogard from Jim and Ronnie Bogard
- ★ David Cantor from Barbara Cantor
- ★ Milton Bloom from Bruce Tomkins
- ★ Leonard & David Volkin from Karen Brunner

Donations:

- ★ Geoffrey Laing, Tracey Cato
- ★ In Honor of Larry Dresner's 90th Birthday from Jim and Ronnie Bogard
- ★ In Honor of Rose Holz's 99th Birthday from Jim & Ronnie Bogard
- ★ In Memory of Julian Stein from Jim & Ronnie Bogard
- ★ In Memory of Mira Kimmelman from Karen Bamberger and Kent Meyer
- ★ In Memory of Gidekel-Bamberger Families from Elena Bamberger
- ★ In Honor of Jim & Ronnie Bogard from Carolyn Stein



Women's Interfaith Dialogue of Oak Ridge celebrates Fran Silver's 90th birthday" (left to right- Rhonda Sternfels, Fran, Ronnie Bogard)

JCOR Jewish Film Series

January 11
7 p.m.
JCOR

Noa at 17
Israel, 1982, NR,
1 hour, 26 min.



JCOR Hosts and Hostesses

January 4	Linda & Zane Bell, Becky & Charles George
January 11	Catherine Braunstein, Jeannette Gilbert
January 18	Hilary Shreter, Monty Lewis
January 25	Alice Feldman & Albert Good, Brenda & Sig Mosko
February 1	Edith & Mel Halbert, Elena Bamberger
February 8	Peggy & Randy Laxton, Gery & Vicki Osowiecki
February 15	Shelby & Mark Kaye, Vivan & Miguel Reyes
February 22	Vera & Leon Maya, Ilana & Moshe Siman-Tov
February 29	Mary Rubens, Avigail & Victor Rashkovsky

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JCOR's Saturday morning service begins at 9:30 a.m.
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Don't miss the next Kids in the Kitchen event: February 23 Kids Bake Hamantashen.
For more info or to RSVP, email Miriam Esther at me@kjds.org.

Knoxville's Good Fortune

By Michael Zemel

I've just come back from the Kinus – the International Conference of Chabad Shluchim and accompanying lay leaders, so I should be offering a reflection of spiritual uplift and persistent afterglow of that amazing event (not to mention being awestruck at the ability to pull off a memorable “intimate” dinner for 5,800). Instead, I want to share a story that reminded me of how fortunate the Knoxville Jewish Community is to have our Chabad shluchim, Rabbi Yossi and Miriam Esther Wilhelm, as Directors of Chabad of Knoxville. Steve Beber and I accompanied Rabbi Yossi to the men's Kinus. I had previously been in Crown Heights with Rabbi Yossi and was vaguely aware that he seems to know pretty much everyone, but it really hit home throughout the day and the dinner event with repeated introductions to shluchim from every corner of the globe who know our little Knoxville Chabad House.

However, one story in particular captures the essence of it: Just a few hours before the onset of the Sukkot Yom Tov, the Wilhelms received a call from the man who told us this story – he did not know them, but knew that they were the shluchim for Knoxville; someone from his congregation had entered a drug rehabilitation program located about an hour outside of Knoxville and the kosher food provisions that had been ordered for him had not arrived, so he had subsisted on fresh fruit for the previous couple of days. Was there anything the Wilhelms could do? Consider for a moment the context of timing of this request: Miriam Esther had just had a baby (Chaim Dovid), they were planning for a community Sukkot celebration with little assistance, and it was just a few hours before sunset and the beginning of Yom Tov. So what did they do? Yep – somehow found the time and wherewithal to prepare three days of multi-course kosher meals, package them for traveling and arrange to have them transported in time for Yom Tov to ensure that a fellow Jew who they didn't know and would likely never meet had his needs met and was able to observe the festival. I've seen this selfless dedication played out before in so many ways, but this little story just brought it home. Member or not; donor or not; stranger or friend? None of It matters – if there is a Jew who needs assistance, our Knoxville Chabad Shluchim are there to provide it!



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Heska Amuna Synagogue

January 4

George Busch ♦ Simon Deitch ♦ Ben Diftler ♦ Robert Geller ♦ Minnie Kramer ♦ Joseph Krinsky ♦ Samuel Mintz ♦ Rose Mintz ♦ Morris Schneider ♦ William Shaw ♦ Julius Siegel ♦ Bernard Simon ♦ Minnie Slovis ♦ Henry Sturm ♦ Virginia Waugh

January 11

Lazarus Abrams ♦ Bertha Bernstein ♦ Edna Cohen ♦ Gerson M. Corkland ♦ Taube Diftler ♦ Max Euster ♦ Samuel Forman ♦ Dora Friedlob ♦ Hyman Gabler ♦ Abraham Garber ♦ Louie Herbin ♦ Max Isaacs ♦ Benjamin Joffe ♦ Louis Levin ♦ Arthur Meyer ♦ Sam Milmot ♦ Lottie Mottzman ♦ Jeannette Nichols ♦ Herbert Ogle Esther Ohriner ♦ Isadore Rosenblatt ♦ Jacqueline Russler ♦ Sam Saroff ♦ Selma Vogel ♦ Norma Wolf

January 18

Alice Abrams ♦ David Abramson ♦ Mark Balloff ♦ Samuel Bebergal ♦ Joseph Bernstein ♦ Charles Brown ♦ Bernard Cohn ♦ Nathan Deitch ♦ Leib Gabler ♦ Aaron Glazer ♦ Louis Gluck ♦ Channah Goldstein ♦ Terry Hahn ♦ Adrian Harris, Maurice Lieberman Clarence Mann, II ♦ Manuel Marvet ♦ Fannie Moskowitz ♦ Leonard Rader ♦ Itzik Rosenthal ♦ Leon Saroff ♦ Abraham Schwartz ♦ Helen Shersky ♦ Melvin Shorr ♦ Stephen Sugarman ♦ Selma Tobe ♦ Gregory Waugh ♦ Stanley Webster ♦ Jill Witten ♦ Mary Wolf

January 25

Rafael Anidjar ♦ Rose Bart ♦ Bella Bresoff ♦ Elaine Brown ♦ Seymour Chasan ♦ Nathan Diftler ♦ Isaac Ducken ♦ Zelig Frumin ♦ Eva Isaacs ♦ Israel Kauffman ♦ Sam Morrison ♦ Charles O'Brien ♦ Jacob Ohriner ♦ Delia Skalet ♦ Ben Winick

JAHRZEIT

TEMPLE BETH EL

January 3

Tammie M. Brodie ♦ Harry Bronstein ♦ Athena Brandy Cadence ♦ William Egan ♦ Mandel "Mendy" Epstein ♦ Alexander Feldblum Irene S. Fox ♦ Bernie Frankel ♦ Jean Fribourg ♦ Luba Golburt ♦ Ricka Licht Goodfriend ♦ William Haas ♦ Ida Feldman Kaminsky ♦ Samuel Levy ♦ Sam Morrison ♦ Lena Silverman Moskowitz ♦ Pauline Orovan ♦ Robert Oury ♦ Mrs. Sandy Parsons ♦ Esther Reich ♦ Sanford (Sandy) Allen Sachs ♦ Abe Schwartz ♦ Harry Sturm ♦ ♦ Lillian S. Weiss ♦ Ben R Winick ♦ Lois Fox Wolpert Raphael Wolpert

January 10

Isadore Beiler ♦ Marcus Bressler ♦ Mildred Erwin ♦ Millie James ♦ Lena B. Konigsberg ♦ Michael Kostinsky ♦ Arthur Slome ♦ Helen Tumpson ♦ Bella Zavels

January 17

Fannie Liebman Beiler ♦ Walter N Blaufeld ♦ Minette Jacobstein Clark ♦ David Farin ♦ Henrietta Feldblum ♦ Telsie Greif ♦ Henry Handler ♦ Milton Heller ♦ Minnie Hochenberg ♦ Elise Goldberg Hyatt ♦ Mary Kichler Licht ♦ Marie Noon ♦ Helen Sandberg ♦ Jacob Spiro ♦ ♦ Beatrice S. Steinfeld ♦ Grigory Targonsky ♦ Samuel Webber ♦ Stanley Webster ♦ Robert Zivi ♦ Max Zuckerman ♦ Muriel Zuckerman

January 24

Maxine H. Arbital ♦ Frank Bernard ♦ Mary S. Bernard ♦ Ethel Brown ♦ Joseph Herman Bush ♦ Bill Dillon ♦ Robert Goldstein ♦ Muriel Greenbert ♦ Theodore Hecht ♦ John Kelleher ♦ Ella Marx ♦ Meyer Ostrovskiy ♦ Annie Lucille "Lucy" Rankin ♦ Sarah Vendig Samuel ♦ Irvin Shenkman ♦ Joseph Soss ♦ William Steinberg

January 31

Albert G. Bessel ♦ Leo Diamond ♦ Gustave Dreyfuss ♦ BettyAnn Feldblum ♦ Frank Heart ♦ Annie Joffe ♦ David Lee ♦ Paul Lee ♦ Lillian Leimsidor ♦ Regina W. Lippner ♦ Charlotte Loebel ♦ Selena Rose Ringuette ♦ Basia Shusterman ♦ Boris Shusterman ♦ Helen M. Siegel ♦ Bernard Silverstein ♦ Oscar Sisman ♦ Fannie Spiro ♦ Jeanne Daily Vogelfang ♦ Tom Watson ♦ Evalyn B. Weiss ♦ Carolyn S. Ziegler

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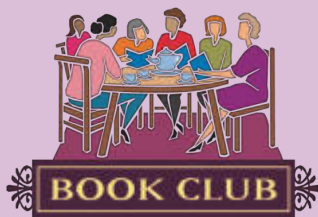


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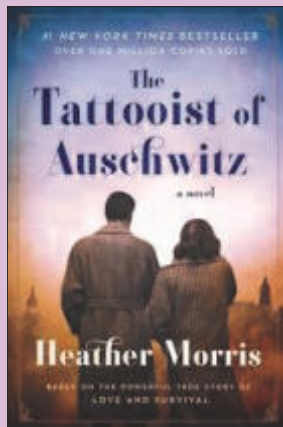


Hadassah Book Club News

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

Hope to see everyone for our Tuesday, **January 21** Hadassah Book Club meeting. We will meet at 7:30 p.m., in the coffee shop area of the Barnes and Noble Book Store on Kingston Pike. We will discuss *The Tattooist of Auschwitz* by Heather Morris, which is based on the true story of Lale and Gita Sokolov.

A vivid, harrowing, and ultimately hopeful recreation of Lale Sokolov's experiences as the man who tattooed the arms of thousands of prisoners with what would become one of the most potent symbols of the Holocaust, *The Tattooist of Auschwitz* is also a testament to the endurance of love and humanity under the darkest possible conditions.



Next Read: February 18: *The Kommandant's Girl* by Pam Jenoff

Questions? Please check the webpage for Hadassah at <https://jewishknoxville.org/hadassah> or contact Peggy Littmann at plittmann@comcast.net or (865) 776-1013

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Celebrate Motherhood with a Hadassah Layette

By Batya Boxt

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

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

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

Please contact me at batyabox@gmail.com.



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Stanford Eisenberg Knoxville Jewish Day School

STEAM out Hunger!

Students at The Knoxville Jewish Day School have completed their 6th annual structure of cans. This year, as a *STEAM Into Service* project, all of the students, grades kindergarten-5, worked together to build a challah and a Kiddush cup. The build was created out of almost 3,000 cans donated by Bush Brothers Beans and ConAgra. Students built the structure at The Knoxville Convention Center.

This year's build brought a new deeper element of learning for students in 4th and 5th grade. These students managed the entire project. They designed the structure, requested the bean donations, had the wood cut, organized build-day drivers and volunteers, wrote up a poster to display with the build, built the structure while guiding the younger students, organized can donation to Second Harvest Food Bank, and wrote so many thank-you notes. The students' takeaways from the project included that organizing an event takes lots of work, working in a team requires listening, compromise and good leadership, and running a project is fun. The staff observed high levels of student engagement, creativity, and responsibility throughout the project. The students had a great time with this authentic learning opportunity that truly embodied what KJDS's *STEAM Into Service* Project is all about.

Liam: "Building a structure out of 2,750 cans takes a lot of physical work but we did it. After seeing the kiddush cup in the plans, I didn't think it would be able to be completed - but we did. I love Canstruction, it's something I look forward to each year. This was bittersweet for me as it is my last one."



Alex: "I was surprised by how difficult the Challah was, I expected that to be easy. It turned out to be difficult because there wasn't a solid sheet of wood under the cans but pieces strategically placed throughout to create the shape. It was a challenge to get it all placed correctly."



Lily: "I'm especially proud of how the teamwork we displayed. We worked together and assigned people jobs so that we could work efficiently. And everyone took whatever job they got gladly, whether it was building or opening pallets of cans, understanding that each job was needed to complete the project."



Chayale: "It was challenging to line everything up right. We made a few mistakes and had to find solutions. I'm proud of how we took a mistake we made when building the base further along we realized some cans were not aligned. We were able to find solutions to stabilize and keep building."

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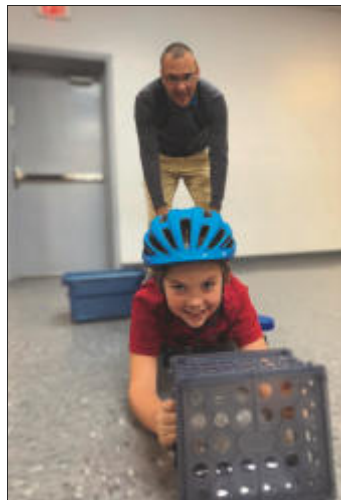
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What Parents Are Saying Students Are Taught to Think for Themselves

By Samantha Isasi

The small class size and attention to each student makes KJDS unique, but that is only one of the wonderful things that this school provides. Since starting Kindergarten at KJDS, Ruby has been shown that she is a valuable part of her class and her community. She is excited to go to school in the morning and she doesn't want to leave at the end of the day because she enjoys the school so much.

Her teachers always share what she is learning, and they help us be a part of her learning process by sending home questions that we can discuss that focus on the week's learning instead of homework. Students in her class work together and they learn not only the value of teamwork and of cheering each other on, but they also learn how to work on their own when they need to.

Since starting at KJDS, I have seen my daughter's critical thinking skills soar as she questions the world around her and the answers she is given instead of just accepting what she is told. She thinks through problems instead of just looking for answers. Involvement in the community is another amazing part of KJDS—by participating in Canstruction, sending cards to Veterans, singing in Market Square for Chanukah in the City, having special friends from the community, and putting on a play, Ruby can see the impact she can have on the world around her. Sending my daughter to KJDS has been amazing for her emotionally, socially, and educationally. I love that she is being taught the value of community and how to think for herself.



Ruby with her mom, Samantha. The family has been thrilled with the education (both academically and socially) that Ruby receives at KJDS.

Where Are They Now?

Rylee Kolnick

Rylee Kolnick, a 2015 KJDS graduate, is currently a freshman at Bearden High School where she excels in academics and athletics.

Rylee is enrolled in all honors classes and maintains excellent grades.

She plays on the JV Bearden High School soccer team as well as the prestigious FC Alliance travel team. Last year, Rylee and her team traveled to San Diego to play and became one of the top 32 teams in the country.

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Thank you for showing us that we are one Community - one Jewish,
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Shersky, Max and
Anne (nee **Shersky**)
Wolf

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daughter Emilee
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