



Ha'Kol

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



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YJAK* invites you to a **COMMUNITY POOL PARTY**

Sunday, July 2
1:00-5:00 p.m.

Arnstein Jewish
Community Center
6800 Deane Hill Drive

- ★ Live Music by Milkshake Fatty
- ★ Food by a special local food truck
- ★ Craft Beer by Hexagon Brewing Company
Must show ID for beer wristband.
- ★ *Community welcome!*
- ★ *Pool Passes \$2.00/person*
- ★ Reserve your free Eventbrite ticket online at goo.gl/6BrU6R



*YOUNG JEWISH ADULTS OF KNOXVILLE (YJAK) is a social group for post-college Jewish men and women in their 20s & 30s. YJAK works to make and strengthen Jewish connections and create opportunities for young Jews to become involved in the Jewish community and in Knoxville Jewish Alliance. Activities include direct service projects, social programs, leadership development, educational programs and meaningful Israel experiences.

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Act Now! Only Four More Weeks of Camp



- ◆ Ages K-10th grade
- ◆ Activities, swim lessons, field trips, late night/overnights
- ◆ Hours: 9a-3p M-F
- ◆ Before & after care available

Register online:
www.jewishknoxville.org/camp

Pool time and fun electives make the AJCC the place to be for summer fun. Allie Hull and Kemare Jenkins enjoy pool time.

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Share Your Dream Meeting

Thursday, August 31
7:00-8:30 p.m.
AJCC Orwitz Room

Thank you to everyone who came to our first Share Your Dream meeting on Thursday, April 27. We have three groups working on our next steps. Thank you to our conveners:

- **Branding/Marketing:**
Mary Linda Schwarzbart
- **Moving to We/Community Collaboration:** Stephanie Kodish
- **Venue Development:**
Chip Rayman

If you could not join us for the first meeting, we still welcome your input. Please email Deborah Oleshansky at doleshansky@jewishknoxville.org to be added to a group.

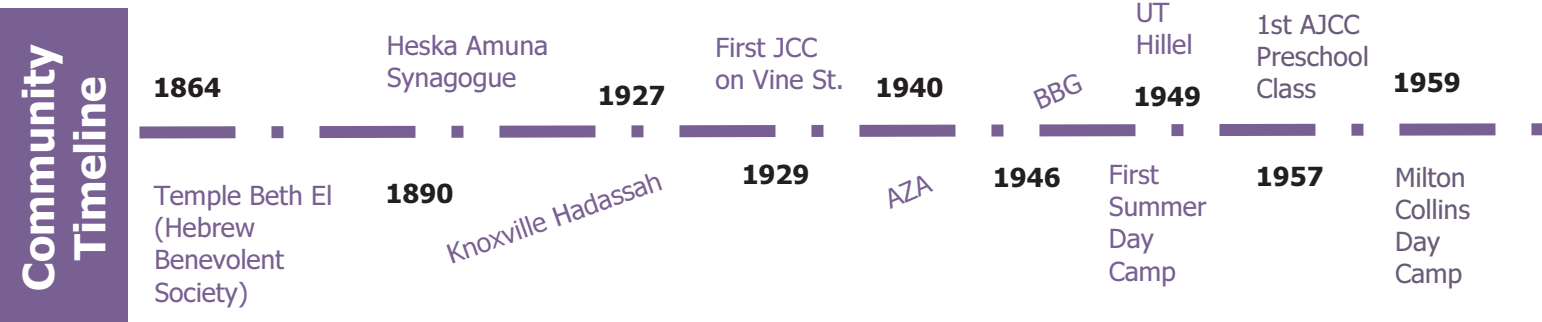
What Will the Future of Our Community Look Like Years From Now?

By Adam Brown, KJA President

We recently held a community-wide meeting to discuss the dreams and vision for the community for the next 5 years, 10 years, and 25 years. Many years ago, the leaders of the Knoxville community sat in a room and made some tough and major decisions regarding relocating the Center, as well as the Synagogue and Temple. They recognized that for the community to continue to survive and even thrive, changes had to be made. We find ourselves in a similar situation, only this time we want to make sure the community at large is heard. We want as many people as possible to help us make some of these tough decisions. Our next meeting will be held on August 31 at 7:00 p.m. and I encourage everyone to attend.



For your viewing pleasure, below is a timeline of events so you can see how things have changed over the years. I look forward to seeing what our timeline will look like 25 years from now.



BBYO Connect Welcomes Jewish Middle Schoolers

Monday, July 10 7:00-10:00 p.m.

Cotton-Eyed Joe — 11220 Outlet Drive, Knoxville 37932



The area's first BBYO Connect event will be held Monday, July 10 from 7-10 p.m. at Knoxville's Cotton Eyed Joe.

BBYO Connect, formerly known locally as Teen Connection, is launching its new and improved program for this year. **BBYO Connect is the BBYO experience made just for 6th, 7th and 8th grade students**, offering social and meaningful experiences that will serve as a gateway to continued involvement in Jewish life.

BBYO Connect provides middle school students with a positive experience in which they can get together with camp, school, and synagogue/temple friends, as well as meet new friends. BBYO Connect allows middle school students to begin experiencing the privileges and obligations of being a member of the Jewish and general communities.

Shelly Abrams, Debbie Abrams-Cohen, and Miriam Esther Wilhelm are group coordinators.

You can drop off your child at Cotton Eyed Joe on July 10, but please come in and make sure we have your contact information. Please RSVP to Shellylynn@aol.com.

BBYO Connect Cotton-Eyed Joe Family & Teen Night features

- No tobacco or alcohol
- \$1 soda and food
- Free line dance lessons from 7:00-9:00 p.m.
- Prizes and games
- Pony rides
- Pool tables
- Moonwalk
- Giveaways

Join Us for Food Truck Treats at the AJCC Pool



VIETGRILL FOOD TRUCK

Vegan & Vegetarian options!

Friday, July 7

4:00-7:00 p.m.

AJCC Parking Lot, 6800 Deane Hill Drive



This event is open to everyone so bring your friends and neighbors and enjoy an evening at the AJCC Pool.

Guest pool passes available for \$2/person for non-members. Rain or shine!

Thank You!

- ★ Thank you to **Barry Wohl** for donating volunteer shirts to Knoshville.
- ★ Thank you to **Marty and Martha Iroff** for helping with so many aspects of Knoshville—before, during, and after!

The ARNSTEIN JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER is YOUR community's center. It's not too late to become an AJCC member or to make a donation to the Knoxville Jewish Alliance.

www.jewishknoxville.org



The timeline shared at our first Share Your Dreams meeting is in the YJAK Lounge.

A Message from KJA Director, Deborah Oleshansky

One of the great joys of my position is seeing the smiling faces of children, counselors and parents here at the AJCC every day for summer camp. Our nurturing and inclusive environment makes families feel instantly at home and welcome in our community, as expressed by this quote from a new family:

Hi Deborah,

We spoke a few minutes ago in the kitchen about my experience with summer camp so far. As I mentioned to you, my daughter was nervous at first. She is 6 years old and has never been to camp here before. I peeked in on her a lot during the first day and was so impressed by how the camp staff got her involved and excited. She loved camp from day one! She loves her counselors (especially Brandon, Hope, and Mr. Rodney!) and tells us she has made some new friends. I am pleased by how many activities she has been able to participate in. They are busy all day! Just this first week she has been working on diving (a new skill), tennis (another new skill), art, music, a field trip, and so much more fun stuff. I am a big fan of the MCDC and am glad I made the decision to sign her up for 5 more weeks this summer!

Thanks,
Erin Keck



We still have four more weeks of "the most fun under the sun."

To register, visit www.jewishknoxville.org/camp or contact ReNee' Pelicano at office@jewishknoxville.org

**MCDC Camp Reunion is coming!
Watch for details.**

4TH OF JULY



All MCDC and KTT Campers and Families are invited to our

AJCC July 4 Pool Party Tuesday, July 4 1:00-3:00 p.m.

Open to all AJCC members

(Weather permitting. Call AJCC Pool at 963-8001 or check MCDC Facebook page.)

AJCC Summer Camp Programs

Brian DeBolt, Director

Sarah Price, Assistant Director



WEEKLY SESSIONS

4 weeks remain

SPECIALTY CAMP

◆ Horseback Riding

July 10-14

◆ Counselor-in-Training

(rising 10th-12th graders - interview required)

DROP-IN DAYS AVAILABLE*

*Requires completion of 1 week of camp and availability (Must register before drop-in day.)

- **Rising Kindergarten-6th Grade**
- **TAPS (Teen Adventure Program) Rising 7th-9th Grade**—Includes team building, leadership, and community service opportunities

2 or more weekly sessions: \$250.00/each (when registered and paid at the same time) 1 week sessions available. Specialty Camp costs vary.

REGISTER ONLINE: www.jewishknoxville.org/camp





AJCC PRESCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

Thursday, August 3
1:00-4:00 p.m.
AJCC Preschool



- ◆ Multicultural
- ◆ Lunch daily
- ◆ Jewish culture, holiday celebrations

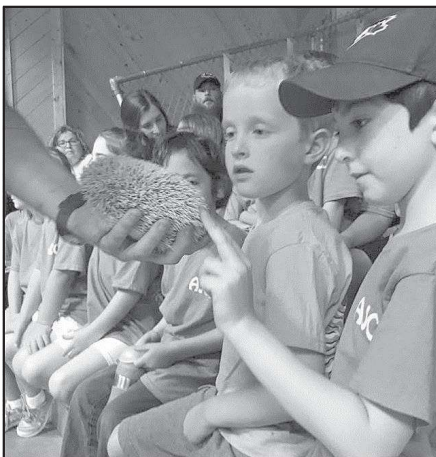
All current and prospective students are welcome.

Learn about our programs; meet our teachers; drop off belongings; sign-up for extra-curricular activities, and more!

Contact Kristen Cannon, AJCC Preschool Director,
psadmin@jewishknoxville.org or (865) 983-8001
for information.



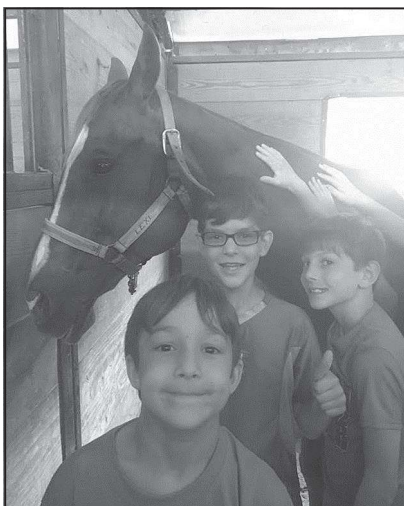
Harry Willis-Becker, Jaime Branch, and Audrey McCorkle create cookie crafts during MCDC electives.



Idan Blitt checks out a hedgehog at a Rainforest field trip.



Moses aka Gabe Oleinik visits MCDC during Shavuot to tell stories. Campers enjoy ice cream as a holiday dairy treat!



Campers enjoy MCDC's first-ever horseback riding specialty camp. As of June 16, only 5 slots remain for our July 10-14 session. Register online today!

Knoxville Jewish Alliance Activities

- ◆ Archives
- ◆ B'nai Tzedek Teen Philanthropy Program
- ◆ BBYO
- ◆ Camp K'TonTon
- ◆ Camp Tikun Olam
- ◆ Community Relations
- ◆ Cultural & Social Events
- ◆ Educational Events
- ◆ Friendshipners
- ◆ Global Day of Learning
- ◆ AJCC Golf Tournament
- ◆ Ha'Kol Newsletter
- ◆ Indigent Burial Fund
- ◆ Israel P2G Partnership
- ◆ Jewish Book Month
- ◆ Jewish Family Services
- ◆ Milton Collins Day Camp
- ◆ Missions to Israel
- ◆ Mitzvah Day
- ◆ AJCC Pool & Tennis
- ◆ AJCC Preschool
- ◆ PJ Library
- ◆ Sundown in the Sukkah
- ◆ BBYO Connect
- ◆ University Swim Club
- ◆ Smokin' Salmon Swim Team
- ◆ UT Faculty Lectures
- ◆ UT Hillel
- ◆ YJAK (Young Jewish Adults of Knoxville)
- ◆ Yom HaShoah Event
- ◆ And so much more!

DONATE TODAY!

www.jewishknoxville.org/donate

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SOCIAL JUSTICE FAIR

Sunday, July 23 — 1:00-4:00 p.m.

Arnstein Jewish Community Center
6800 Deane Hill Drive

The power of organized people is the best antidote to a disorganized era.

All around Knoxville and East Tennessee, justice-minded organizations work tirelessly to improve their communities. At the same time, individuals with compassionate hearts are looking for communities to join. Join us for a day of getting to know the groups in our community that need your passions and energy.

Organized by Caroline Mann and Stephanie Kodish

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"Baby Boomer" Margaritas and More! Program Planning Meeting Sunday, July 23 4:00 – 5:30 p.m.

AJCC Pool (rain plan: AJCC Orwitz Room)

Please join us for margaritas by the AJCC Pool and help us create and plan programs for (and to name) the newest social group at the KJA.

For more info or to RSVP, please contact
Laura Berry at LBerry@jewishknoxville.org or
(865) 690-6343 ext. 18

Summer Supper at the AJCC Pool

*Catered by chefs
Ben and Amy Willis-Becker*



Sunday, July 23 4:00-6:00 p.m.

Arnstein Jewish Community Center

Enjoy delicious ala carte items—dine in or take out!

*Subscribe to the KJA Happenings Sunday morning email by contacting
office@jewishknoxville.org or Like "Knoxville Jewish Alliance"
on Facebook for menus and updates!*

Thank you to Status Dough

for treating our terrific MCDC camp counselors and staff to delightful doughnuts on June 2's National Donut Day.

All KJA Community Events
are made possible by
your contributions.

Thank you!

JULY 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 9:30a Shabbat Service--HA 9:30a Shabbat Service-JCOR
2 9:30a minyan-HA Noon-3p Pickleball-Gym 1-5p Community Pool Party-AJCC	3 MCDC Week 6: American Warrior theme 7a Morning Minyan-HA 6p Executive Comm-TBE 6-9:30p Fencing-Gym	4 Independence Day <i>No MCDC or KTT today!</i> 1-7p AJCC Pool open 1-3p MCDC Family Pool Party-AJCC Pool	5 6-9:30p Fencing-Gym 7-8p Talmud Study-HA	6 7a Morning Minyan-HA 11a Torah Study-TBE 7:30-9p Israeli Dancing-AJCC Gym	7 4-7p VietGrill Food Truck-(rain or shine!)-AJCC 4:45p JFS Shabbat-Sherrill Hills 6p Shabbat Dinner-TBE 7:30p Shabbat Eve Service & Dessert Oneg	8 9:30a Shabbat Service--HA 9:30a Shabbat Service-JCOR
9 9:30a minyan-HA Noon-3p Pickleball-Gym 2p Hadassah Game Day-AJCC Orwitz Room	10 MCDC Week 7: American Warrior theme 7a Morning Minyan-HA 6-9:30p Fencing-Gym 7-10-BBYO Connect-Cotton-Eyed Joe	11 9:30a-12:30p Kaleidoscope Making Class-AJCC BBYO Rm 4p POOL CLOS ES for swim meet prep 6-10p Swim meet-AJCC Pool	12 6-9:30p Fencing-Gym 7-8p Talmud Study-HA	13 7a Morning Minyan-HA 11a Torah Study-TBE 7:30-9p Israeli Dancing-AJCC Gym	14 6-7p Dinner to welcome Rabbi Boxt, & family followed by Shabbat Services-TBE (see page 12 for RSVP and details)	15 9:30a Shabbat Service--HA 9:30a Shabbat Service-JCOR
16 9:30a minyan-HA Noon-3p Pickleball-Gym Noon-5p Clothing Rummage Sale-HA	17 MCDC Week 8: Color Wars! 7a Morning Minyan-HA 6-9:30p Fencing-Gym	18 4p POOL CLOS ES for swim meet prep 6-10p Swim meet-AJCC Pool	19 6-9:30p Fencing-Gym 7-8p Talmud Study-HA	20 7a Morning Minyan-HA 11a Torah Study-TBE 6:30p Rosh Chodesh-Eclipse speaker-HA 7:30-9p Israeli Dancing-AJCC Gym	21 1p Men's Lunch-JCOR 6:30p Sisterhood Shabbat & Potluck-JCOR 7p Shabbat -TBE	22 9:30a Shabbat Service--HA 9:30a Shabbat Service-JCOR
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Plan to enjoy our July 23

Summer Supper at the Pool

Catered by chefs
Ben and Amy Willis-Becker

Delicious ala carte items

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(office@jewishknoxville.org and "Like Knoxville Jewish Alliance" on Facebook for dates, menus, and updates!



Mark your calendar now

Community Shabbat at the Pool

Friday, August 11

Dinner, services, community, poolside fun

Volunteers welcome! Contact us at office@jewishknoxville.org or (865) 690-6343

KNOXVILLE

Mazel Tov to our 2017 Graduates

High School:

- ★ **David M. Badurina**, son of Rebecca and Dennis Badurina, graduated this year from Oak Ridge High School. David will be attending Pellissippi State Community College this fall, studying Culinary Arts. He hopes to continue his education afterwards, using his kitchen skills to work his way through studying one of the sciences. He is leaning towards either microbiology or marine biology.



David



Ilana

- ★ **Ilana Blumenthal**, the daughter of Mindy Goldberg z'l and Mark Blumenthal z'l and sister of Hila Blumenthal, graduated from L&N STEM Academy. As a freshman, she ran track and earned a varsity letter, and she was in choir for four years. Outside of school she rides horses competitively. In the fall she will be attending Pellissippi, double majoring in Psychology and Animal Science with intent to go to Veterinary School at MTSU.

- ★ **Camden Boring**, son of Van and Bonnie Boring, graduated from Webb School of Knoxville. He will attend the University of Tennessee



Camden

- ★ **Stephanie Goldfeld**, daughter of Aron and Hayley Goldfeld, graduated from Farragut High School on May 20 with honors. She will be joining her older sister, Danielle, at the University of Florida.

- ★ **Noah Benjamin Mesa**, son of Shuli and Gabriel Mesa, is a recent graduate and valedictorian of West High School. At West, he was an AP Scholar with Distinction, IB Diploma Candidate, President of Alpha Mu Theta, and founded the Psychologists of West Club. He attended Governor's School for Scientific Models and Data Analysis. He is a member of the National Society for High School Scholars and the Society of Torch and Laurel as well as a participant in the National Congress of Future Scientists and Technologists. He was named National Hispanic Merit scholar and a Future Bonner Scholar. He plans on attending Rhodes College with a major in Neuroscience and a minor in either Bio-statistics or Philosophy.



Noah



Stephanie

- ★ **Sagan Coe Weinstein**, son of Jeff and Barbara Weinstein, graduated from Bearden High School with an emphasis in computer programming and logic. He will attend Pellissippi State and plans to earn two associates degrees in cyber defense and industrial design (robotics) before entering the work force or the University of Tennessee.



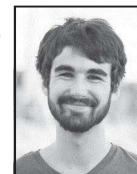
Sagan

College:

- ★ **Rachel Brown**, daughter of Ken and Susan Brown, will be attending the University of Central Oklahoma to pursue a master's degree in Musical Theatre/Opera this fall.
- ★ **David Floyd**, son of Frank and Laura Floyd and brother of Elizabeth, graduated magna cum laude from UT Knoxville with a dual degree in music performance and music theory. He will be attending Rutgers University to pursue a master's degree in Music Theory.
- ★ **Hannah Olivia Hicks**, daughter of Diana Steinfeld Hicks and Bill Hicks, graduated from The University of Tennessee with a Bachelor of Arts degree on May 13.
- ★ **Zack Messing**, son of Daniel and Karen Messing and grandson of George and Helene Messing, graduated with honors in supply chain management from The University of Tennessee. He is employed as a procurement manager at Eastman Chemical in Kingsport.
- ★ **Keaton Noon**, son of Chuck and Missy Noon, graduated from the University of California, Berkeley in December 2016. Keaton's degree is Bioengineering. He will move to Seattle and work for Zillow as a software engineer.
- ★ **Jacob Pollack** graduated from the University of Tennessee in December with degrees in computer science and microbiology. Jacob is engaged to Fionnie Wong and they both live in Houston, Texas where Jacob is employed by BP as a computer scientist in BP's Leadership Development Program.
- ★ **Ben Pollack and Ethan Pollack** both graduated from UTK in May. Ben will move to Atlanta and to work as an industrial engineer for Sunoco Manufacturing. Ethan will be moving to Memphis to earn a masters in pharmacology from The University of Tennessee Health Science Center. Cherri and Rob Pollack are their proud parents.
- ★ **Emma Silver-Alford**, daughter of Terry Silver-Alford and Chaya Silver and granddaughter of Fran Silver, received her master's degree in Social Work (MSW) degree from the University of Maryland-Baltimore on May 19. She graduated summa cum laude. Emma will be pursuing a career in social work in the Atlanta area in the fall.
- ★ **Blaire Toedte**, daughter of Ross and Sharon Toedte, graduated magna cum laude from the Joint Degree Programme of The College of William & Mary and the University of St. Andrews, with a degree in international relations.
- ★ **Jacquelyn Warden** graduated from King University with a Bachelor of Nursing.
- ★ **Allyson Wiener** earned her minor in Jewish Studies from the Center of Jewish Studies at Queens College.



Zack



Keaton

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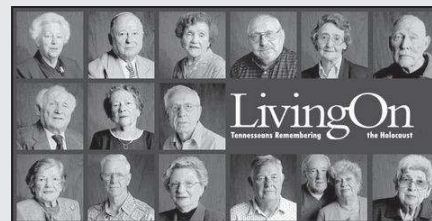
Knoxville 2017, BBYO Teens selling refreshments. From left to right: Hallie Boring, Yuval Koenig, Lilly Sitver, Andrew Weinstein, Lauren Dryzer, Sarah Siegel, Ryan Gibbons, and Frank Sturm.

Suzu Snoops

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

- ★ **Noah Mesa**, son of Gabe and Shuli Mesa, was featured in the May 31 issue of the *Bearden Shopper News*. Mesa is valedictorian of West High School and the article featured his accomplishment. He will attend Rhodes College in Memphis this fall.
- ★ **Alan Diskin** is hosting a radio talk show, *Radio Rewound with Alan Diskin*, on Sundays from 6:00-9:00 p.m. on Talk Radio 92.3 FM. This talk show features music, guests, and topics than can transport the listener to "those thrilling days of yesteryear." Diskin creates a show that sounds like it is coming from the 50s and 60s.
- ★ Mazel tov to **Ellen Berez**, who spent almost two decades prosecuting cases in Blount County before retiring in May. Berez, who joined the Blount County District Attorney General's Office in September 1998, retired from her role as an assistant district attorney general.
- ★ Mazel tov to **Shlomit Hava Bracy** and husband **Darvon** on the birth of a son.
- ★ **Kim Isenberg**, real estate broker with Realty Executives Associates, was awarded the Paul Harris Fellow Award by the Rotary Club. The fellowship was established in his honor to express appreciation for a contribution to the humanitarian and educational programs of The Rotary Foundation. Congratulations Kim!
- ★ Former Knoxville Rebecca (**Becky**) **Benhayon** appeared in two episodes of *Orange is the New Black* (Season 5, episodes 4 and 5).

Downtown Exhibit Features *Living On*



The UT Downtown Gallery presents *Living On*, an exhibition of 24 portraits of holocaust survivors and liberators living in Tennessee by Robert Heller. Heller, a professor in the School of Journalism and Electronic Media at the University of Tennessee since 1986. *Living On* is a project of the Tennessee Holocaust Commission, which is funded by an annual appropriation from the Tennessee State Legislature and by private donations.

Exhibit Runs Through Mid-July

University of Tennessee
Downtown Gallery, 106 S. Gay St.

Gallery hours:

11:00 am.-8:00 p.m Wednesday-Friday,

10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Saturday.

<http://downtown.utk.edu>

First Friday event: Robert Heller

July 7: 5:00-9:00 p.m.



Join Us for....

Men's Night Out... at the Derby

The Men's Clubs of JCOR & Heska Amuna Synagogue invite men of all ages to join us at the roller derby as we root for the Hard Knox Roller Girls.

Saturday, July 22, 5:00 p.m.
Knoxville Convention Center

Tickets can be purchased in advance:
[www.brownpapertickets.com/
event/2926719](http://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/2926719)

Contact Meir Niad for more info:
events@jcor.info
865-332-7100



TEMPLE BETH EL TIMES

Shalom Y'all

By Rabbi Erin Boxt

Shalom Y'all!

The Boxt family is so excited and thankful to be joining all of y'all in Knoxville! Let me begin this message by saying thank you! There were so many wonderful members of the TBE family that helped in the rabbinic search process and have continued to help make my family feel extremely welcome. A HUGE shout out goes to Susan Baker and Norma James! Not only were they available to you, they made themselves available to me whenever I needed. Also, I would like to thank Howard Pollock and his family for housing my family and helping us to get to know the area prior to our moving in on June 1. There are so many others who deserved to be thanked...and my goal is to thank each of you personally as time goes by.



Ok, what do you think it means to be a rabbi? Really, that is my question. Obviously, as a rabbi, I know what my answer is (although that answer seems to change quite often, month to month and even sometimes day to day). However, I really want to know what you think. Now, you might think I am putting myself out there for critique. Yes, that is true...I am always open and willing to listen to feedback. However, more than anything else, I just want to make sure that I am at least attempting to fulfill every congregant's wish. Don't get me wrong - I do not expect perfection from myself. What I do expect though is to have open and meaningful relationships with all of you. Whether you are an infant or part of the "senior" group, I am interested in you.

So, that is the source of my question. I want each any every person that walks through the doors of TBE to feel comfortable calling on me as their rabbi. One of the best lessons I have learned is that with time, this will happen. Seriously, though, what I want, what I ask of you is that you continue to communicate with me. Tell me about your hardships and your wonders, and do not be bashful. Come on in, make an appointment and let's just chat. We can talk about anything you would like. You tell me.

One final thought - I will make you a deal. You come, write, email, text or whatever. Tell me what you think it means for me to be YOUR rabbi...and I will do my best to make it happen!

I am so blessed and thankful to have joined the rich rabbinic history of TBE!

B'Shalom,

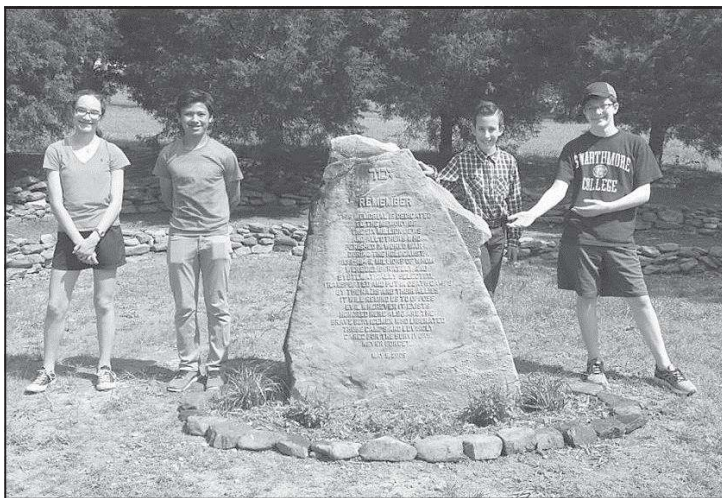
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Chai Class Project Aids Local Landmark

The Chai Class curriculum this year centered around the Holocaust, especially those stories that are not typically given awareness in a typical classroom. The Chai Class is comprised of teens in grades 8-10.

On April 30, Chai class students chose to honor those they studied this year through beautification of the Holocaust Memorial at West Hills Park in Knoxville. They planted perennials around the memorial stone, as well as restacked the stone wall and spruced up the tiered landscape. To continue the remembrance of the Holocaust, Chai has further plans of adding to the landscape this fall.

Temple Topics

By Howard Pollock, TBE President



I hope everyone is having an enjoyable summer.

Temple Beth El is pleased to welcome Rabbi Erin Boxt to Knoxville along with his wife Batya and their children Carlie, Danika and Akivah. Over the past several months we've had opportunities to spend time with the entire Boxt family in anticipation of their move to Knoxville. It has been wonderful to begin this new relationship. On June 30th we all celebrated our first service together. Special thanks to our sisterhood for a wonderful Ice Cream Social.

This is a new beginning for Temple Beth El and we eagerly anticipate all that lies ahead. Our congregation has a history of strong connections with our Rabbi and we look forward to welcoming a new family into our congregation and community. To meet new children and have them part of our school and Temple life is also very exciting.

In the following pages, there is a list of activities over the next several months to help welcome the Boxt family to Knoxville. These events are open to the community and we welcome all who are able to attend. As we move through the summer, it is only a short time until Religious School begins and before we know it the High Holidays will be upon us. We are planning a formal installation for Rabbi Boxt in January and additional information will be available as that time approaches.

Any new beginning includes a process of growing familiarity and understanding of customs and culture. A transition committee has been working to support some of the ideas and concepts that were part of our Rabbinic application and search process. As we move forward, it is important for us to clearly identify priorities and communicate with our congregants. In recent times we have faced challenges but the tremendous spirit of Temple Beth El has never wavered nor has the dedication of many hard working congregants. This is an exciting journey for all of us and we look forward to you seeing you at Temple!

Special thanks to our departing members of our Board of Directors for their service. We appreciate your contributions and look forward to your continued engagement with Temple Beth El. There are a number of new members who will be joining our Board and we look forward to your involvement.



Everyone is welcome to join us
Cookout
 and
Board Installation/Shabbat Service
Friday, July 28 at 6:00 p.m

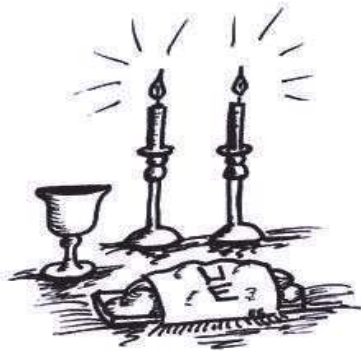
RSVP by July 25 to secretary@tbeknox.org
 or call Tina at 524-3521

Please bring your family and
 a **side dish (last name begins with A-L)** or
dessert (last name begins with M-Z) to share!
 TBE will provide the rest (including vegetarian option).

If you would like to volunteer for set up, cooking or clean up,
 please contact Amy at 356-6830 or Rockybergs@gmail.com.

Please join TBE as we welcome
Rabbi Erin Boxt and his family

Shabbat Dinner



Friday, July 14

6:00-7:00 p.m.

Arnstein Social Hall

Followed by Shabbat services

Dinner is being sponsored by TBE
at no charge but RSVPs are required.

Please call the TBE office at 524-3521 or email at
secretary@tbeknox.org by July 11.

Please call Amy, Phyllis or Missy if you would like to
help with event set-up or clean-up.

Temple Beth El Religious School July 2017 Update

By Norma James normajames@tbeknox.org

We hope you are all enjoying your summer! Religious School is out but we are still as busy as ever.

There's a new Rabbi in town! Welcome Rabbi Erin Boxt!

We are very excited about Rabbi Boxt joining our religious school. In fact, we welcome his whole family. Batya and Rabbi Erin have three children who will participate in our school activities. Carlie will be in our 6th grade class; Danika and Akiva will be in our new tot group. Rabbi Boxt loves working with young people. He was a real hit with the students during his visit last winter. On our last day of school, our students shared their own ideas for what they hope to do with our new rabbi and how we can make our school even better.

What will Rabbi Box bring to our school program? Answer: Energy! Energy! Energy!

We plan to incorporate Rabbi's love of Jewish camping into our school program. Last May our parents shared some great ideas for how we might do this, including a family campout, a "camp day" at religious school, and student and/or family retreats at nearby camps. Another fabulous part of the Jewish camping experience is music. Last spring our students performed two songs at the community Yom Hashoah service. They have asked for more music in our school. Our answer is ABSOLUTELY! Look for Rabbi and Norma to use music to enhance the joy of Sunday T'filah and many other opportunities. Rabbi Boxt will play a big role in every aspect of our school, including Confirmation, B'nei Mitzvah, T'filah, and special connections with all of our students and staff.

We will begin our new year of religious school on August 13 with a big splash!

Instead of the usual registration and parent coffee, this year we will open school with Heska Amuna at the AJCC Pool. We will still have registration set up, and students will still meet their teachers. However, we will have pool activities and food. Rabbi Boxt and his family will be there to meet our students and parents. Look for more information on this throughout the month.

Beginning in August we will have a police officer at TBE on Sundays during religious school.

The safety of our students is a top priority. After discussions with our School & Youth, House and Property, and Executive committees, we added a security officer to our budget. Our board has approved our request and we have been granted funds from our endowment to provide security for Sundays. Our students are accustomed to having resource officers in their schools, and we look forward to developing a positive relationship with the officers who serve us on Sundays.

Religious School Teachers and the School & Youth Committee will have a joint workshop August 6.

This workshop is an excellent way to plan for the year with our new rabbi. The S&Y Committee will meet with the staff from 9:00-11:00 a.m. The staff will stay until 3:30 p.m. Rabbi Boxt will be joining our workshop as teachers and committee members share ideas. Norma, Tara, and Rabbi Boxt will report on what they learned at the ISJL Conference in Mississippi in June. This will also be a great opportunity for everyone to work with Rabbi Boxt!

Religious School begins Sunday, August 13 (see page 14 for Pool Party info! Midweek classes start Wednesday, August 17. Good news! No increase in tuition this year!

Sisterhood Happenings

By Tammy Kropp, Sisterhood President

I would like to personally thank each and every person who was involved in Sisterhood this year, whether it was being an officer, a committee chair, a member, attending meetings, or supporting us in other ways. Sisterhood exists because of you! If you would like to be more involved next year there are a few openings for committee chairs or on a committee. Please contact me at 256-529-2500 or tammykropp1@gmail.com if interested.

Sisterhood enjoyed our annual closing meeting, Sisterhood Goes Out on May 25 and everyone had a terrific time. It is now time to look forward to summer and all that brings. Look for oneg sign-ups and next year's membership information coming soon.



Sylvia Witcoff, Phyllis Hirsh, and Kathy Young are all smiles at Knoxville (and so were the purchasers of TBE's cookies and challah.

Heska Amuna Synagogue
and
Temple Beth El Religious
Schools
are opening the school year
with a



Please join us on
Sunday, August 13
AJCC
10:00 – 12:00

Meet friends and make new ones!
Meet your teachers!

Help our schools welcome Rabbi Erin Boxt
and his family to Knoxville.

Families with last names beginning with
A-L please bring drinks and cups
M-Z please bring desserts

Please RSVP to
morahbetty@heskaamuna.org
normajames@tbeknox.org

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In memory of my sister, Alma Moss
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In memory of Carolyn Greif
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Book Review from TBE Holocaust Memorial Bookshelf

By Henry A. Fribourg

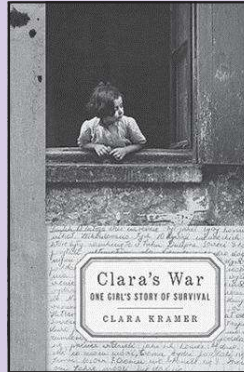
Clara's War: One Girl's Story of Survival Paperback. 2010.

For 18 months, a 14-year old girl hid with 17 other Polish Jews in a shallow dirt bunker dug under the floor of their avowed anti-Semitic neighbors *Volkdeutsche* (ethnic German) Beck, while the *Wehrmacht* and the *SS* occupied their town of Zolkiew, in Poland near the border with Ukraine. The unrelenting hardships of daily life are created by the *SS*, and even more so by the anti-Semitic Ukrainian police; they all shoot any Jew on sight.

Urged on by her mother, Clara filled three notebooks with her harrowing account of survival. In her 80s when she wrote the book in 2010, having spent her life in teaching and speaking, she writes it based on her notes which she entrusted to the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, DC. In the bunker, with German soldiers moving in upstairs, "a snore, a sneeze, a cough could mean the end of us." How to keep children quiet and not smother a 4-year-old when she cries; how to use the toilet bucket; how, when and where to empty it. When it is safe, the ethnic German Becks lift the trapdoor and bring the Jews supplies, sometimes after three days without food or water.

World War II is raging outside the bunker; mass deportations are ongoing; bombings are terrifying. But in the house, there is war upstairs with the husband ("our saint") who has a mistress with whom he betrays his wife, Julia, who is plain, arthritic, but the strongest of them all. Meanwhile, in the bunker, the families fight for food, air, and space; some resent taking in children; the wealthy do not share. When the Russians arrive at last, there are 50 Jews left from the 5,000 in Zolkiew in 1939. Now, the 18 survivors must save their German rescuers.

After the war, after a Displaced Persons camp, after 10 years in Israel, then New York and New Jersey, the survivors' families are inextricably intertwined, including the most righteous family, the Becks. It is too bad that only a few photographs of the people involved are included in the hardcover version; a more detailed sketch of the bunker arrangement would have been nice. However, each chapter begins with an excerpt from Clara's notes. This intense book is most appropriate for high school students, perhaps even more desirable as a tool for learning than *The Diary of a Young Girl* by Anne Frank.



TEMPLE BETH EL TIMES

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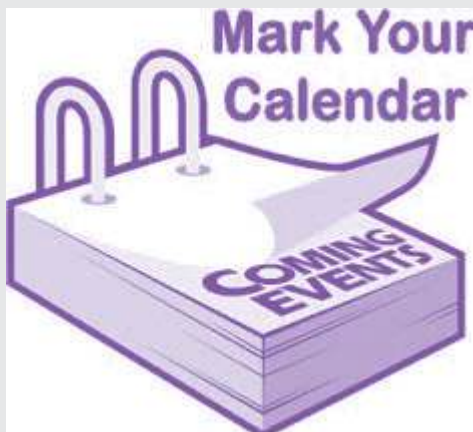
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10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

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.

www.tbeknox.org**Friday, August 4th**

Guitar Service

7:00 p.m.

Friday, August 11

KJA Shabbat by the Pool

5:00 p.m.

Sunday, August 13

First Day of Religious School
Students and Families at
the AJCC Pool - 10:00 a.m.

Temple Beth El Friday Shabbat Schedule

6:30 p.m. **Appetizers for Body & Soul**
(preneg)

7:00 p.m. **Kiddush Evening Minyan**

8:00 p.m. **Sweets for Body & Soul**
(oneg)

Knoshville

Jewish Food Festival Draws a Crowd

Thank you to the Ben & Pearl Zwick Fund and to Todd Galanti & Costco for a donation to 2017 Knoshville.

Volunteers Trudy Dreyer, Esther Webster, and Anna Iroff-Bailey offer Israeli foods at the Knoxville Jewish Alliance booth.



Mary Evars-Goan shows off some of Hadassah's Bundt delights and entices diners to purchase for dine-in or take-out.



Hot latkes are in the oven at the Knoxville Jewish Day School's booth and volunteers are ready to serve Knoshville guests.



UTK Hillel students Emily Shulman and Vanessa Rodriquez market Hebrew Tennessee t-shirts.



Enthusiastic Jewish Congregation of Oak Ridge volunteers offer delicious potato knishes, kugel, and mandlebrot to hungry diners.



Lynn Dryzer, Amy Hull, and Jill Weinstein enjoy schmoozing and catching up at Knoshville 2017.



KJA Executive Director Deborah Oleshansky greets Knox County Commissioner Evelyn Gill.



Rebecca and Aviva Lane are ready with treats and ice cold lemonade at the PJ Library booth.



Peter and Claire Rosenbaum enjoy pita and challah—yum!



*The Israeli Dancers entertain at Knoxville.
Standing: Judit Remenyik, Alice Farkas, Bob Yoder, Maggie McNally, Donna Strand, Susan Leitson, Monty Lewis, Salma Alami, Avigail Rashkovsky, Fay Campbell, and Penny Lukin
Sitting: Susan Aliff, Sandy, Lizzy Lopez, and Patti Austin*



Friends Robin Brown and Jenny Pfeffer-Rodriquez at Knoxville.

Annette Winston enjoys time with granddaughter, Kate Augusta. Alex and Jessie Winston are the proud parents.



*To see more smiling faces, please visit the Knoxville 2017 photo album on the **Knoxville Jewish Alliance Facebook page**. "LIKE" us to learn about community programming.*

Heska Amuna Synagogue

HaShofar



Knoxville is Good for Your Soul

By Rabbi Alon C. Ferency

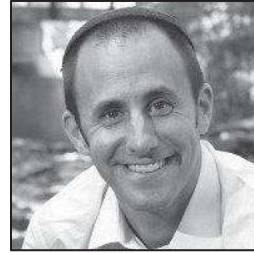
Since we haven't had a Rabbi's Q & A in far too long, I want to share with you something that's been on my mind: Knoxville Is Good for Me Spiritually. Let me explain why:

I love the people here – in our Synagogue and greater community. They are funny, kind, smart, and creative. There are so many great, hard-working, and interesting people in our Synagogue, and I learn a lot from each of them. You are all so kind to our family, and many of you have supported me, and become great models for me professionally. Also, unlike a big city – for example Los Angeles – where populations are transient, here the local Jewish community is relatively stable. In many families, there are three generations living in one Synagogue. That means that I can have multiple long-term relationships. On the other hand, we can't run away from people's challenging traits, and they can't be blind to my flaws. That presents us with an opportunity to grow together. Combined with longevity in town, this makes my work more like a marriage, where each side must learn to see, accommodate, appreciate, and forgive the other often.

What's more, I get to be deeply involved in our civic life. Even though there are only a few rabbinic colleagues in East Tennessee, I have great relationships with other Jewish and non-Jewish pastors. Here in the Bible Belt, I get to steal from the best. I get to see how they do their jobs and how their churches work. Often, although the words and theology may differ, the underlying concerns – faith, engagement, devotion – are the same. I have a Spiritual Director, Susanne Hassell, who is a great guide for me.

With all of this nurturing environment, I think that I am becoming the rabbi I always wanted to be. I believe I told this story when I interviewed: When I was young, at Jewish camps and in youth groups, rabbis and other Jewish professionals were there for me. They were tender, wise, and generous, and helped me through some of the worst times in adolescence. I always wanted to become a rabbi so that I could become like them, and help other people as they helped me. I think I can sense that happening, in large part due to our community, Heska Amuna Synagogue, and Knoxville. I hope to carry and build the flame of Jewish Knoxville going forward.

How has Knoxville and our Jewish community affected your life? I hope that it is a blessing for you as it has been for me.



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What is Worship Lab.?

Reverent Prayer with a dash of irreverence!

If you want to:

- ★ Pray and sing in an intimate setting;
- ★ Discuss the Torah and Haftara, and learn what our rabbis and sages have said about them;
- ★ Experience the highlights of Shabbat worship, and finish early* for celebration, food and fellowship

Then, Worship Lab. is for you!

Worship Lab. is the time for our community to come together and try praying in new ways. We experiment to see what works, and what needs more tweaking. Then, we incorporate your feedback into the ongoing experiment, and try to make it better for next time. (To use a dot.com term, it's an "Iterative Process.")

You can expect Worship Lab. every other month (usually, the *first* Shabbat of *even* months).

* early, depending upon the length of discussion.

Join Us at Our Next Worship Lab.
Saturday, August 5—9:30-11 a.m.
Winick Library

One President's Perspective

By Mary Ann Merrell, Heska Amuna Synagogue President

Having been President-elect for years, I have had more than a fair amount of time to consider what to write as my inaugural Presidential remarks, knowing full well the importance of first impressions. I often remind my students that they only have seven seconds when speaking to engage someone to continue to listen to them. Writing is no different – we all are faced with a very small window indeed. So, I settled on the idea that my first article should not be an introduction to me or what my goals are as your President; rather, it should recognize the bounty we are so fortunate to have in our congregants who volunteer to serve on the Rabbi and Religious Services committee (R&RS).

The President, tasked with arranging all of the religious services in conjunction with R&RS, clearly could never succeed alone. And to be truthful, I *never* would have agreed to serve as President if not for the collective capital of R&RS. In addition to Rabbi Alon Ferency and our most recent past Presidents Jenifer Ohriner and Raphe Panitz, those currently serving on R&RS include Bernard Bendriem, Jeannie Bobroff, Michael Burnett, Markus Eisenbach, Janet Gurwitch, Pat Rosenberg, Gilya Schmidt, Mary Linda Schwarzbart, and Miriam Weinstein. Each R&RS member brings amazing strengths and capabilities, intelligence and compassion, and a healthy balance of safeguarding our traditions while looking to the future. Our committee includes some whose knowledge in areas of Judaic studies can be found in published works and others who expertly lead services; but R&RS also has an equal number of members (including me) who are neither scholars nor service leaders but who are equally invested in addressing many a detail to assure a vibrant Jewish synagogue and spiritual home is available to us all.

But in thinking how best to convey the commitment of our R&RS members, it is impossible for me not to feel a deep loss for R&RS - and our community at large - that the passing of Mindy Goldberg brings. I don't know if she coined the term or inherited it, but she was, among many other roles, our lead *shlepper*, quietly reminding you when to move to the bimah to participate in our High Holiday services. She was an outstanding listener. She was a delightful davener who clearly loved leading services – she often, skipped, and I mean that literally - *skipped* down the aisle to her seat when she was finished. Mindy loved those old camp and USY melodies; and, she proved, time and time again, that no matter what tune you picked, you really can sing Adon Olam to any melody - and we did. We were a most fortunate community that benefited greatly from her inspiring leadership. May her memory always be a blessing to us all.

Meet Our Officers Harriet Cooper

I lived in many places - LA, Stamford, CT, Chicago, and Philadelphia, Washington, DC - before moving to Knoxville in 1977 to work for TVA as a trial lawyer. I joined Heska Amuna the same year.



Although I expected to stay in town only for a year or two, I ended up working at TVA for 35 years, eventually supervising a group of litigators. During those years, I did all kinds of civil trial work, and for the last 15 years, I oversaw mostly environmental suits. I retired a couple of years ago.

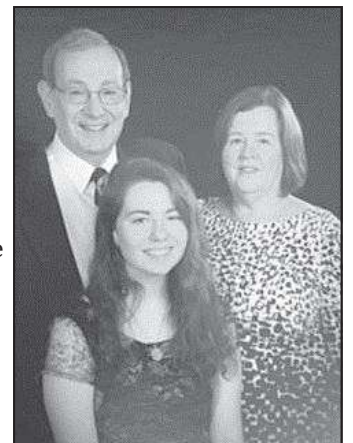
Since I retired, I've traveled some, including a trip to Israel this past spring. I've also had more time to be involved in the community. I've learned to play mah jongg (thanks Marian Jay and Robin Brown), joined a book club or two, and am serving on the Board of Knoxville Hadassah. I'm on the Board of Heska Amuna as well, as Facilities Vice-Chair. It's a bigger job than I imagined, but I'm truly glad for help from Hal Manas and Beverly Wilcox.

Meet Our Board Mark Siegel

Mark Siegel was born and raised in Knoxville and in Heska Amuna, as shown in pictures on the Synagogue walls. His bar mitzvah was on Shavuot 1968 in what is now the Rosen Social Hall. The cornerstone for the Sanctuary was not laid until a day or two after the bar mitzvah.

Mark is a graduate of the University of Tennessee and Columbia Law School. He is currently a federal administrative law judge.

The accompanying family picture shows Mark, his wife Betty, and daughter Sarah.



Please join us for the opening of the

2017-2018 School Year
Heska Amuna Synagogue

Sunday, August 20 — 9:30 a.m.

Gan K'Tan – Prozdor (Preschool to Teens)
Meet the teachers

Our annual Opening Day Brunch to follow class

For more information, contact Betty Golub at
morahbetty@heskaamuna.org

Preparing for Tomorrow

Women's Role in Judaism Now and in the Future

By Barbara Levin, Sisterhood President

During the month of July, Women's League for Conservative Judaism has planned a major celebration of its 100-year anniversary. Meeting in Arlington, Virginia, from July 23-26 at a national retreat, the organization is choosing to look forward rather than to reminisce on times past. Heska Amuna Sisterhood is sending several of its members to join in the festivities and the planning for the future. The gathering focuses on the role of women in sustaining Jewish learning and traditions, and the impact of this organization on the broader world in this second century of action.

The delegates from Knoxville will be involved in three days of activities including lectures by leaders in the Conservative movement, such as Rabbi Bradley Artson from Ziegler School of Rabbinic Studies and JTS Chancellor Arnold Eisen. The keynote session is called "A Century of Change: From the kitchen to the pulpit, how did Jewish women become their own best advocates?" This session includes a panel with Drs. Anne Lapidus Lerner and other Jewish women rabbis and educators.

Besides learning and networking with other women from around the country, the meeting also involves sharing new models for community involvement, congregational support, and improved community communication. These workshops are planned to be interactive and encourage new levels of personal involvement in Women's League on both the local and national levels.

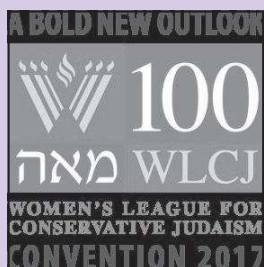
The Knoxville delegation will also be receiving one of the Jewels in the Crown awards for its activities over the past three years. Each Sisterhood's programs in the areas of education/programming, community service/world affairs, and Women's League initiatives, were reviewed and scored to meet the requirements for this recognition.

The entire group will be involved in a nationwide collection of appropriate undergarments for homeless and disadvantaged women. (See adjacent Mathilde's Mentionables article.) Please consider joining into this activity by dropping appropriate underwear off at the Synagogue office before July 20 so these items can be taken to Arlington with the delegation.

Finally, the Convention is one step in a summer of planning and change for Sisterhood members. Following a Heska Amuna Sisterhood meeting on June 11, the board has been immersed in planning educational and organizational activities for the year ahead. In preparation for the Convention and in follow up to it, Sisterhood will be working to develop a responsive program for women in the synagogue and in the wider Knoxville community. Stay tuned for more information about new programs and new initiatives. And please send us *your* ideas -- what would *you* like to see happening in the Jewish women's world this year? What can we do together to make this happen?



Barb Levin



Mathilde's Mentionables

This special project, in cooperation with *Support the Girls*, is being kicked off at the Women's League Convention. We are collecting new and nearly new bras (*must be washed*) of all sizes and types: nursing, training, mastectomy, sports bras, white bras, colored bras. The bras will be given to women in need, homeless women, women in shelters.



Here's how you can participate:

- Clean-out-your cabinet to collect bras to bring to convention. Ask your friends and neighbors to help.
- Gather those bras that you only wore briefly because they did not fit.
- Take advantage of the opportunity to shop – many discount stores have great bras at terrific prices.



Knoshville Treats

Sisterhood serves delicious parve matzah ball soup at the June 4 Knoxville event. Dine-in or take-out — everyone could enjoy a savory treat.

Ellen Kern, Shuli Mesa, and Miriam Weinstein provides soup and smiles.

Harriet Glasman is interviewed by WBIR during the event.

What's Up at Heska Amuna Religious School?

By Betty Golub, Director of Youth and Family Programming



The summer is flying by for all of us. Check out the July calendar below and do something “Jewish” every day. We are in the Hebrew month of Tammuz and July ends with the month of Av.

A few reminders for the summer:

- We will kick off the new School Year with a Pool Party at the AJCC on **Sunday, August 13, 2017**. This year we will be joined with Temple Beth El to welcome their new Rabbi. The festivities will begin at 10:00 a.m.
- All Religious School classes begin **Sunday, August 20, 2017** at 9:30 a.m., followed by our annual Back to School Brunch!

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Celebrate Shabbat
2 Learn to recite the Alef Bet in 30 seconds	3 Visit the Knoxville Zoo	4 Celebrate the 4 th of July	5 Read a Jewish Book	6 Make a Tzedakah box	7 Bake challah for Shabbat	8 Celebrate Shabbat
9 Learn to recite the Shema every morning & night	10 Figure out the Hebrew date for your birthday	11 What are the Jewish holidays in the summer	12 Learn to count to 5 in Hebrew	13 Have a play date with a friend from HARS	14 Learn about a Jewish hero	15 Celebrate Shabbat
16 Learn to say the Shehechkeyanu	17 Create a mezzuzah for your room	18 Make an Israeli breakfast	19 Learn the blessing for seeing a rainbow	20 What mitzvah did you do today?	21 Help Mom set the table for Shabbat	22 Celebrate Shabbat
23 Learn the Modeh/Modah Ani	24 Rosh Chodesh Check out the moon	25 Find out what the upcoming Torah Portion is	26 Learn about a Jewish artist	27 Find a Jewish object in your house	28 Read a Bible story	29 Celebrate Shabbat
30 What are the names of the 5 Books of Moses	31 Erev Tisha B'Av	July 2017 fun things to do!				



Heska Amuna “NICE & EVERYDAY” CLOTHING RUMMAGE SALE

Sunday, July 16
Noon to 5:00 p.m.

Heska Amuna Synagogue
3811 Kingston Pike

Heska Amuna Religious School Registration Information
2017 - 2018
5778

Come grow with us!

Our school is open to children of all ages, *infant through high school*. Our faculty is *exceptional*, we are fortunate to once again have Martha Iroff, Anna Iroff-Bailey, Adam Rowe, Nathan Light, and Lev Comstock-Gross returning this year. And Rabbi Ferency will continue teaching us torah trope, too!

We are committed to providing a quality Jewish education and to prepare our students to be knowledgeable and actively engaged in the future of Judaism.

If you have not yet made a commitment to a religious institution, please contact us for information about our school tuition.

Gan K'Tan - a monthly program for our youngest students

Pre K - 2nd Grade students attend 1x a week

3rd - 8th Grade students attend 2x week

Prozdor - High School students attend 1x a week

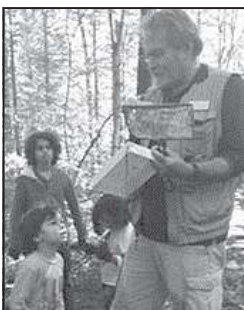
We also offer Bar/Bat Mitzvah Tutoring

Our outstanding Gan K'Tan program, for ages infant through age 4, is open to the entire Knoxville Jewish community.

Meet your teachers! Sunday, August 13 at the AJCC Pool Party
Classes begin on Sunday, August 20

Registration deadline: Sunday August 20, 2017.

For more information, contact Betty Golub
Youth and Family Programming Director





"The B's May 7 Event was a huge success thanks to Heska Amuna's "Village of Volunteers," Artisans, Donors, Speakers, Visitors, Silent Auctions Donors and everyone who joined us for the Sumptuous Tea. Thank you!

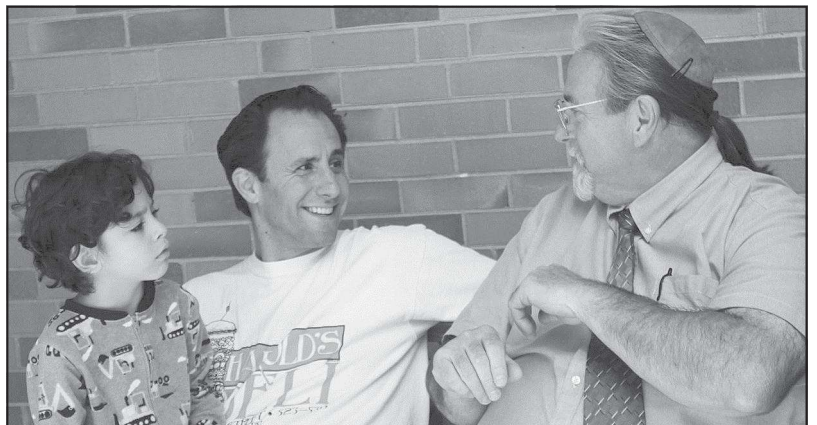
Marilyn Burnett and Pat Rosenberg, Co-chairs



Martha Iroff and Barbara Bernstein play with Karen and Reb. Alon Ferency's youngest child, Elisha.



Above two photos: Bidding at the B's Silent Auction was vigorous. Marilyn Liberman and Marian Jay discuss bidding strategy with Nancy Becker and Trudy Dreyer.



Above: Frank Floyd, and Rabbi Ferency joke with Rabbi's oldest son Elhanan. Below: One of the 3 speakers discusses the plants which support pollinating insects at the B's Tea and Silent Auction event.



Attendees enjoy the delicious foods at the B's Tea.



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Permanent Schedule

Friday Night Services.....Varies

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

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

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

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

For a list of Heska Amuna's services,
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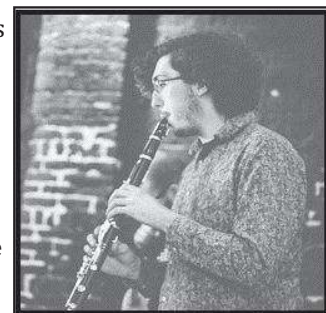
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Tisha B'Av Service to be Held Monday, July 31 at 8:45 p.m.

The 9th day of the month of Av is often considered the saddest day in our year because the first and second temples were both destroyed on this same day. Our short service recognizing this day, Tisha B'Av, will begin at sundown on Monday, July 31 at 8:45 p.m.

Please join us as we listen to mournful kinot (dirges) played by clarinetist David Floyd; we are so grateful that David can perform kinot again for us this year before leaving Knoxville to begin his master's degree studies at Rutgers. The Book of Eicha (Lamentations) will then be chanted with the hauntingly sorrowful Eicha trope which are only heard for this reading.

The Tisha B'Av service is markedly different from our other holiday services; we enter and leave quietly as befits the mournful nature of the holiday. We may choose to sit on the floor in the semi-darkness of the library rather than enjoying the comfort of our well-lit sanctuary and chairs. (We will have flashlights for you but you are welcome to bring your own flashlight, too). We invite the community to join us in this service that mourns not just the destruction of the temples but, more broadly, the suffering of the Jewish people throughout all time.



David Floyd



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You Make a Difference

By Carole H. Martin, KJCFF President

Author Bob Greene recently posted a moving article in the *Wall Street Journal*. As a writer, words are precious to him. He spends countless hours selecting precisely the correct ones to convey a novel's mood and to advance a plot's progress.

In the *Journal*, Greene sweetly recalled the day his first-grade teacher helped him learn the first word he had ever read, and then his decision to reach out to this woman with whom he hadn't spoken since he was six.

"I tried to explain to her why I was calling. I said that if I've ever written a graceful sentence, if I've ever appreciated a turn of phrase in a good book, if I've ever found comfort in a beautifully told story, it all began with her. I told her that hundreds of other boys and girls who once passed through her classroom likely have reason to be just as grateful."

Let's make the metaphorical leap to philanthropy. Like the first grade teacher, a donor does what she does out of belief, love and passion for an organization's mission. We don't expect thanks, though it's lovely to get it. We commit our trust to that organization to fulfill its objectives and trust that it will use our funds wisely to fulfill the mission we support. And when that happens, it's as magical and as monumental as learning to read!

I urge you to become passionate for a cause! Receive the joy and satisfaction of being an active donor with one or many organizations. The KJCFF is here to help you get started! Contact me at KJCFFPresident@gmail.com.

Quote from: The Wall Street Journal, April 13, 2017. Bob Greene: "I Actually Thanked a Teacher."

Donations

- ★ **Gordon Brown Youth Recreation Fund**
Adam and Angie Brown

- ★ The Jewish Congregation of Oak Ridge received a grant from the **Frances Sturm Cultural Fund** for the purchase of a camcorder, tripod, and memory cards to be used for recording Oral Histories of current and former Congregation members and friends.

Grants

- ★ **The Besmann Family Fund for Social Justice and Spiritual Enrichment** made grants to the Knoxville Jewish Day School, Autism Site Knoxville, and the disABILITY Resource Center.

- ★ The Knoxville Jewish Alliance received a grant from the **Ben & Pearl Zwick Fund** to help cover some of the KJA's Knoxville costs and to support the entertainment at the YJAK community barbecue.
- ★ The **Bernard E. & Barbara W. Bernstein Charitable Fund** made grants to the Knoxville Jewish Alliance and United Way of Greater Knoxville.

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Jewish Congregation of Oak Ridge



Linda Bell, Yardena Yair, and Becky Charles feed the crowd at June 4's Knoshville."



Gery Osowiecki, Peggy Laxton, and Bruce Tomkins preparing noodle kugel for Knoshville. Thanks to all of our volunteers at the June 4 event.

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Game Night has been a welcomed addition to Shabbat Eve Services by the JCOR Men's Club.

Right to Left:
 President Meir Niad with Miguel Reyes and first-time member of the board Will Wright at the JCOR Annual Meeting.

Yahrzeits

- ★ Lottie Kalichman *from Pam & Walter David Hanig*
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- ★ In Memory of Joshua Langfur *from Rita Zowader*
- ★ In Memory of Walter & Lois Zobel
from Jeannette Gilbert



Upcoming June JCOR Events



July 1, 2017—7:00 p.m.

Jewish Film Series: Woody Allen's summer festival - *Hannah and Her Sisters*

1986, Rated PG-13, 1hr 47m

Woody Allen's classic tale about three New York City sisters -- Hannah (Mia Farrow), Holly (Dianne Wiest) and Lee (Barbara Hershey) -- begins with a festive Thanksgiving dinner, during which Hannah's husband, Elliot (Michael Caine), realizes he's falling for Lee. Unfolding over the course of a year, the Oscar-winning film follows the sisters' intertwined lives and loves, who include a grim artist (Max von Sydow) and a neurotic producer (Allen).

July 15, 2017

Rabbi's Study Session: "Ask the Rabbi"
(after the morning Services)

Donations to Oak Ridge Hadassah

- ★ Tree certificate to Dr. Burgess in memory of his wife,
from Lili and Jacob Barhen
- ★ Memorial Tribute Card to the Gilbert family
in memory of Verne Gilbert:
Vera and Leon Maya
Mira Kimmelman

JCOR Hosts and Hostesses

- July 1** Patty & Bill Segal, Avigail & Victor Rashkovsky
- July 8** Shelby & Mark Kaye; Meir Niad
- July 15** Carolyn & Julian Stein; Rhonda & Ron Sternfels
- July 22** Mel Tobias, Bruce Tomkins
- July 29** Mira Kimmelman; Peggy & Randy Laxton

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Unconventional Wisdom

By Rabbi Yossi Wilhelm

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Tuesday, June 27, is the anniversary of the Lubavitcher Rebbe, Rabbi Menachem M. Schneerson's passing. Over 20 years after the Rebbe's passing, his presence is felt stronger than ever. His teachings continue to inspire and guide us, and his insights remain as fresh and relevant as if they were given today. Each of us is a beneficiary of the Rebbe's inspiration in one way or another, and our lives are affected by his visionary leadership. Allow me to share with you A sampling of the Rebbe's revolutionary teachings. (Adapted from www.chabad.org)

LEADERSHIP

Conventional approach: Exceptional individuals, possessing advanced knowledge, training, and leadership traits, assume leadership positions in the community.

The Rebbe's approach: Every person is a leader. Every individual has his or her sphere of influence—within their own families, in their workplace, in their everyday interactions with others, and ultimately in improving the world as a whole. Whatever one has in terms of knowledge, experience, and inspiration, can and must be shared with others.

THE MITZVAH

Conventional approach: A mitzvah is something you do as part of your daily routine (if you're a religious Jew), or once in a while in a synagogue or other religious setting (if you're not).

The Rebbe's approach: Doing a mitzvah is as natural, and necessary, for a Jew as a breathing. Meet the Jew wherever he or she is—at work, on the street, on an airplane—and offer them the opportunity to express their bond with G-d by laying *tefilin* with them, encouraging them to light Shabbat candles, etc.

OLD AGE AND RETIREMENT

Conventional approach: A person's "prime years" are in their youth and early middle-age. The elderly are expected, and often compelled to retire from their life-long vocations.

The Rebbe's approach: The institution of "retirement" is a travesty, as it denigrates the most valuable members of society from active contributions into passive recipients. In truth, a person's productivity increases as they grow older, as any diminishment of physical strength and stamina is more than made up for with increased wisdom and experience. A person should continue working, and growing their knowledge, skills, and achievements, for as long G-d grants them the ability to do so

CHILDREN

Conventional approach: Children are unfinished adults. Education is the endeavor to form them properly.

The Rebbe's approach: Children have much to teach their elders. The child possesses unique traits — enthusiasm and optimism, faith and trust, belief in his own significance, etc. — that are often diminished in an adult, which should be encouraged and applied to good and G-dly ends.

MANKIND

Conventional approach: The ethos and teachings of Judaism are for the Jews only. Interactions with non-Jews are limited to "secular" areas of life (doing business, etc.), or for the purpose of protecting Jews of furthering issues of concerns to the Jewish community.

The Rebbe's approach: The Torah includes G-d's instructions to all of humanity, and the Jewish people are mandated to serve as a "light unto the Nations." Every encounter or interaction with another human being, Jew or non-Jew, is by divine providence, and holds the potential of making the world a better and holier place.

TORAH STUDY

Conventional approach: Mastering Torah is a goal for the full-time Torah scholar only. For everyone else, Torah Learning is about acquiring "bits and pieces."

The Rebbe's approach: A daily study program of comprehensive works of Torah law unites Jews in the endeavor to fulfill the obligation of "knowing the entire Torah."

Our Cteen Program had a rocking year, as our middle- and high school students got to **network, relax** and **re-energize**.

Cteen, BBYO Connect, and our AZA and BBG chapters will all be working under the BBYO umbrella to ensure there is a robust calendar of teen programming for our Jewish youth.

To learn more, email Miriam Esther at me@kjds.org.

SAVE THE DATE: Women's Pre-Rosh Hashana Mega Challah Bake — Sunday, September 17. 4:00 p.m.

7148 Wellington Drive ★ Knoxville, TN 37919 ★ www.chabadknoxville.org

JAHRZEIT

Heska Amuna Synagogue

July 1-8

Gerald Millen ♦ Bradley Sturm ♦ Emma Burnett ♦ Moses Greenberg ♦ Zelda Baskin ♦ Harold Brownstein ♦ Lewis Littman ♦ Anna Richer ♦ Marshall Stern ♦ Greta Besmann ♦ Belle Linke ♦ Celia Mackta, Gerald Simon ♦ Anne Tomlinson ♦ Benjamin Jaffe ♦ Joel Caller ♦ Minnie Katz ♦ Eleanor Adams ♦ Ben Goodstein ♦ Clara Goodstein ♦ David Sayah ♦ Hirsh Zussman

July 15

Isaac Benhayon ♦ Louis Freeman ♦ Shirley Leeds ♦ Rebecca Millen ♦ Lillian Brody ♦ Karl Finestone ♦ Harry Kaplan ♦ Harry Miller ♦ Joseph Russler ♦ Harold Shersky ♦ Sylvia Balloff ♦ Harry Cooper ♦ Nathan Quadow ♦ Siegfried Besmann ♦ Sarah Coplan ♦ Isaac Winick ♦ Jessie Presser ♦ Mildred Shamitz ♦ Irving Danziger ♦ Norman Evans ♦ Josephine Gluck ♦ Douglas Morrison

July 22

Charlotte Cohen ♦ Fannie Goldberg ♦ Alvin Kingsley ♦ Bessie Perelman ♦ Robert Euster ♦ Janet Balloff ♦ Lisa Kahn ♦ Benjamin Leibowitz ♦ Norman Millen ♦ Eva Slovis ♦ Leon Dobbs ♦ Maria Gruenberg ♦ Leonard Miller ♦ Fanni Goldstein ♦ Evelyn Lowe ♦ Leo Adams ♦ Malvina Alexander ♦ Madge Glidewell ♦ Frances Levin ♦ Avrom Wein

July 31

Matilda Corkland ♦ Barbara Fay ♦ Bernard Greenbaum ♦ Selena Jacobson ♦ Bertha Licht ♦ Edward Lippner ♦ Mel Nagler ♦ Edward Mottzman ♦ Mary Corkland ♦ Cleo Ginsburg ♦ Ethan Goodfriend ♦ Stella Love ♦ Dorina Barnett ♦ Esther Bebergal ♦ Harold Licht ♦ William Gurwitch ♦ Yetta Lipshin ♦ Rose Martin ♦ Samuel Millen ♦ Benjamin

JAHRZEIT

TEMPLE BETH EL

July 7

Morton Banov ♦ Sara Brody ♦ Yudel Cawn ♦ Ralph Kramer ♦ Rose Mark ♦ Sol Moiger ♦ Gussie Potter ♦ David Salus ♦ David Sauers ♦ Dora P. Schramm ♦ Harold Zimmerman

July 14

Lillian Finklestein Brody ♦ Joel A. Caller ♦ Irene F. Chotiner ♦ Matilda Davis Corkland ♦ Christine Jany Cramer ♦ Pearl Davis ♦ Morris Deitch ♦ KC Derrington ♦ Issac Diamond ♦ Harry Gluck ♦ Alex Jacobson ♦ Irving Kovitch ♦ Fred M. Moss ♦ Mimi Pais ♦ Leo Silver ♦ Max Sonn ♦ Phillip Taylor

July 21

Jeffrey Lee Allen ♦ Jessie Dreyfuss Black ♦ Malcolm Bloom ♦ Raymond Brody ♦ David E. Brown ♦ William W Cramer ♦ Mayme Dortch ♦ Sylvia Frankel ♦ Goldie Ann Garber ♦ Minnie Feld Katz ♦ John Kelleher ♦ Bernard Levenson ♦ David Licht Sam Rosenbloom ♦ Jennie Traugot

July 28

Anne Cohen ♦ Tinnie Diamond ♦ Donald Gerson ♦ David Hyman ♦ Yankel Haim Iancovsky ♦ Lillian Okin Kern ♦ Harvey Kronick ♦ Nathan Lieberman ♦ Shlema Livshits ♦ Judy Schwartz ♦ Regina Sunshine ♦ Doba Zolotovskaya

Hadassah HIGHLIGHTS

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GAME DAY

Sunday, July 9—2:00 p.m. AJCC Orwitz Room

We look forward to seeing you join us for another fun-filled afternoon of **Hadassah Game Day** at the AJCC. We will begin in the Orwitz Room with some of our favorites games we played last time, as well as Mah Jongg. Light snacks will be provided

Please RSVP by July 6 to Andrea B. Cone sixconefarm@verizon.net

FIRST CALL FOR ALL HADASSAH HMO HOSTESSES and HOSTS

Now is the time for you to be recognized and appreciated as a Hostess or Host for our upcoming **Hadassah Medical Organization Luncheon, December 3, 2017 from 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.**

Come to lunch with old and new friends. Learn about recent medical advancements. Treat yourself to lunch in the Great Gatsby inspired atmosphere with the farm-to-table food selection of Knoxville's newest beautiful restaurant, *KITCHEN 919*, set to open in September at the former location of the Orangerie Restaurant.

The Hostess and Host Options are as follows:

- *** GRAND HOSTESS (\$180)
- *** HOSTESS (\$80)
- *** ASSOCIATE HOST (\$60)

For each Hostess or Host donation, one lunch will be provided and an option for you to have your name listed in future *Ha'Kol* publications and in the formal invitation to be mailed to all Hadassah members. **To be recognized as a Hostess or Host**, please contact Andrea Cone at sixconefarm@verizon.net or (301) 335-2355



President's Message

By Laura Floyd

Here is an overview of the **Youth Aliyah villages in Israel**.

Youth Aliyah sets at-risk children in Israel on the path to a successful future. Since 1934, over 300,000 young people from 80 lands have graduated from Youth Aliyah.

Young immigrants and at-risk native Israelis who have survived abuse, neglect, extreme poverty, and learning disabilities receive not only shelter and food, but counseling, education, and other supportive services in our youth villages. From Hebrew-language lessons and classes on Jewish heritage to athletics and art, Youth Aliyah students receive the help and attention they need to develop into productive members of Israeli society.

The Hadassah-supported Meir Shfeyah, Ramat Hadassah Szold, and Hadassah Neurim villages serve students who have been unsuccessful in other educational frameworks and are at risk of being abandoned to the streets. Nearly a third of Israel's children live in poverty, according to a 2014 report by the National Council for the Child in Israel. In addition, more than 450,000 children suffer from high-risk situations such as sexual abuse, domestic abuse, severe disability without access to proper resources, or a lack of basic rights.

Students come to our villages from myriad backgrounds, but with virtually no knowledge or understanding of their Jewish heritage. We are proud to offer a variety of programs that enrich their lives with the history and variety of Jewish life. Programs such as Joy of Judaism and our missions to Poland and Ethiopia help to achieve this goal. Our programs also focus on Didactic-Psychological Testing to assess areas of learning that may need special attention, music, science and sports. This is an important part of Hadassah's mission of *Tikkun Olam*, repairing the world. These children are our future. We need to support them and keep these villages going so that these at-risk young women and men may be helped to get a better education, a safe place to live and a connection or reconnection to their Jewish heritage in order to make their lives better and give them hope and the tools to succeed.

Youth Aliyah: How You Can Support This Effort

My dear Hadassah members, this summer you will receive an invitation to a "**No-Show Chai**" Tea. This is a paper event as we have done in the past. I hope you will join me in giving whatever is comfortable to this event, as all the donations go to Youth Aliyah. I often write about my passion for Hadassah, and these villages are part of that passion. All children deserve the chance to learn, grow and be happy, not only in Israel but all around the world. Helping Youth Aliyah is a step in the right direction.

Knoxville Member Shares Hadassah Hospital Great Work

Bonnie Boring, President of Hadassah Southern the Women's Zionist Organization of America, recently returned from a week long briefing in Israel, focusing on current events and Hadassah's project growth. The mission came at the cusp of Hadassah's celebration of 50 years of getting back its Mount Scopus hospital campus as a key part of the reunification of Jerusalem after the Six Day War.

Bonnie is pictured with patient Aaron Swartz, who was crushed when a ton of steel fell on him in a supply company where he worked, and with Dr. Amal Khoury, one of the two orthopedic surgeons who –in a world first--used two robots that communicated with each other to complete the precise repair of his shattered spine.

Bonnie also toured the operating theaters where breakthrough technologies are being developed. Boring said "I am proud to be representing them and will be bringing a report back to our chapters on all of the hospital's latest achievements."



Bonnie Boring with patient Aaron Swartz and Dr. Amal Khoury

Record Sales Of Bundt Cakes!

That's right, the second annual Knoxville was a huge success for Hadassah Knoxville. We sold delicious Bundt cakes by the slice as well as mini-Bundt cakes and whole cakes. Many kudos to Nora Messing for having this fabulous idea and securing the bakers and Robin Brown for the beautiful setup and organization of our table. We couldn't have done it without all of the dedicated Bundt cake bakers in our community. Talk about the Power of Women Who Do...and Bake! Many thanks also to all who helped man the table cutting and selling cakes, as well as all who attended to support Knoxville Hadassah and encouraged everyone to come by our table and get some cake!

Our bakers were: Jill Chasen, Dina Kramer, Shelley Hecht, Sally Baerman, Melissa Sturm, Amy Hull, Mary Evars-Goan, Phyllis Hirsh, Jenifer Ohriner, Rosalie Nagler, Nancy Becker, Mary Linda Schwarzbart, Nora Messing, Judy Abrams, Ellen Schnoll, Barbara Mintz, Margy Goldman, Meredith Goldman, Marilyn Wohl, Shuli Mesa, Jill Weinstein, Joni Hirschhaut, Lynn Dryzer, Marla Brody, Frank Floyd, Allison Fay, Hester Fay, Kathy Frankel, Andrea Cone, Marcia Shloush, Martha Iroff, Laura Berry, Hallie Boring, Betty Golub, Ellen Markman, Linda Mongeon.

Workers behind the table: Associate Patrick Messing, Rosalie Nagler, Marla Brody, Nora Messing, Mary Evars-Goan, Joni Hirschhaut, Marian Jay and Barbara Leeds.



Above: Nora Messing coordinated the cadre of Hadassah bakers for Knoxville.

Right: Nora Messing, Robin Brown, and Laura Floyd await delighted customers to Hadassah's popular Bundt Cake Café.



Mazel Tov! Layette Opportunities Abound!

To contribute to our layette program or learn how to open and start a layette account, please contact **Judi Abrams** — Judi.abrams@gmail.com or (865) 617-6455.

Call if you have any questions about the program. Thanks for your support.



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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, July 20 Hadassah Book Club meeting**. We meet in the evening at 7:30 p.m., at the Barnes and Noble Bookstore on Kingston Pike in the coffee shop area. This month we'll be discussing *America's First Daughter* by Stephanie Dray and Laura Kamoie.

BOOK SUMMARY In a compelling, richly researched novel that draws from thousands of letters and original sources, bestselling authors Stephanie Dray and Laura Kamoie tell the fascinating, untold story of Thomas Jefferson's eldest daughter, Martha "Patsy" Jefferson Randolph—a woman who kept the secrets of our most enigmatic founding father and shaped an American legacy.

From her earliest days, Patsy Jefferson knows that though her father loves his family dearly, his devotion to his country runs deeper still. As Thomas Jefferson's oldest daughter, she becomes his helpmate, protector, and constant companion in the wake of her mother's death, traveling with him when he becomes American minister to France.

It is in Paris, at the glittering court and among the first tumultuous days of revolution, that fifteen-year-old Patsy learns about her father's troubling liaison with Sally Hemings, a slave girl her own age. Meanwhile, Patsy has fallen in love—with her father's protégé William Short, a staunch abolitionist and ambitious diplomat. Torn between love, principles, and the bonds of family, Patsy questions whether she can choose a life as William's wife and still be a devoted daughter.

Her choice will follow her in the years to come, to Virginia farmland, Monticello, and even the White House. And as scandal, tragedy, and poverty threaten her family, Patsy must decide how much she will sacrifice to protect her father's reputation, in the process defining not just his political legacy, but that of the nation he founded. **Please contact Peggy Littmann** at plittmann@comcast.net or (865) 776-1013 with questions.

Honor a Loved One! Buy a Tree/Water Certificate

What better way to celebrate a birthday or special occasion than by purchasing a tree certificate from Knoxville Hadassah? One certificate not only fits all, but honors them with a special mitzvah as Israel is always in need of trees and water. Please by planting a tree or developing water resources today.

Since 1926, Hadassah has partnered with JNF to drain swamplands, plant forests, develop water resources and preserve Israel's ecology.

One Tree \$18

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You may designate a name for certificates in memory of someone, sending get well wishes to an individual, in honor of a birthday, anniversary, birth, marriage, engagement or someone's accomplishment. You can also just buy a tree or certificate as a mitzvah!

Contact Joyce York at (865) 384-6177 or joyceyork12@gmail.com to arrange for a tree or water certificate to be sent for you.

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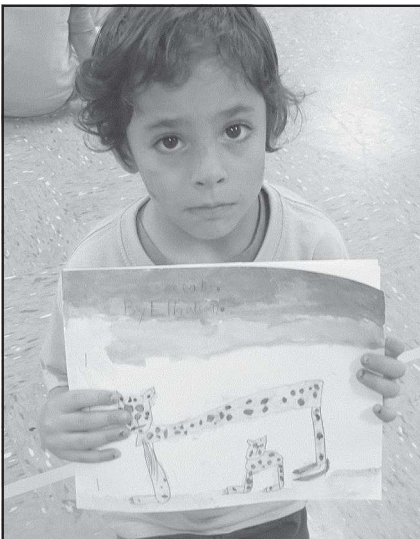
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In Their Natural Habitats....

The Kindergarten and First Graders wrapped up their year with the study of all things wild. The "Habitat" unit is always a favorite with our youngest students. The unit was kicked off with some hands on learning about worms. The students were excited to handle the worms while learning about what a habitat is. Miss Mary Alice told the students they would become "Naturalists" as they learned all about the world around them.

While reading the iconic book *The Great Kapok Tree* by Lynne Cherry, the students were struck by the

beauty of the story and asked to perform it for their parents. Taking the time to create this presentation and letting the children focus on a topic they are so enthusiastic about is what a child-centered classroom is all about. The students picked an animal that they researched and wrote a book about. The students were very proud of their books and asked many of the staff to read their finished products. A trip to Zoo Knoxville completed the unit. Studying the animals from many habitats that live around the world was a perfect way to end their year.



Elhanan with his Cheetah book



*Students create and perform a play based upon the book *The Great Kapok Tree* for their parents.*



MAZEL TOV
TO THE
KJDS
CLASS OF 2017

Mazel Tov to Our 2017 Knoxville Jewish Day School Graduates

We are pleased to announce that our seven fifth graders are officially “alumni” now. This is always a bittersweet time for us at KJDS. We are more than a school, we are a family. Having our students graduate and move onto middle schools makes us proud but sad. We have known these students most of their lives- some all of their lives- and saying goodbye is tearful. As we look back at what these children have done in their tenure at KJDS, we see how much they have learned and grown.

- ★ Learned to speak, read and write Hebrew
- ★ Performed in 6 plays including *Music Man*, *Wizard of Oz*, and *Annie*
- ★ Prepared and presented a TedTalk
- ★ Debated what “Free Speech” means at school
- ★ Created peace pinwheels for war zones
- ★ Made an urban garden
- ★ Donated more than 5,000 pounds of food; a hundred pairs of shoes; 50 pairs of pajamas
- ★ Sang for and meeting Eva Schloss
- ★ Traveled to Washington, DC
- ★ Learned to read music
- ★ Created a Pecha kucha presentation
- ★ So much more.....

We wish our students good luck in Middle school and beyond. We know you will thrive in your new school. But please remember to visit us often. KJDS will always be your home.



We were honored to have Ann Friedlander, daughter of Stanford Eisenberg O.B.M., visit for our 5th grade graduation.



Ellen and Steve Markman presented the Harold Markman Award to Headan Maman. The “Harold Markman Award” is presented to the fifth grader who exemplifies the qualities that endeared Mr. Markman to us: Compassion, Friendship and Leadership.



In the creative KJDS spirit our graduates performed a take-off of the game show “Whose Line Is It Anyway?” as they recalled highlights of their years at KJDS.

STEAM Into Service: Three Years of Community Activism

Having completed our third year of this cutting edge program, we have seen an acute understanding of today's issues in our students. We have given our students the tools and knowledge to see those who are in need or lacking a voice. Our commitment to making this a cornerstone of our school curriculum is evident when talking to our students. They are able to see through other's eyes creating empathy and understanding.



Canstruction for Second Harvest.

This year we worked with the disABILITY Resource Center bringing to light some of the challenges that differently-abled people face. The students spent time using equipment that enables others to flourish. They then engineered their own tool that enhanced the lives of those using wheelchairs.

The older students were given the monumental task of creating a usable outdoor space behind our building. This year-long assignment included creating a blueprint, a budget and a cohesive proposal that had to be presented to our property manager. They learned that compromise, money and lease agreements and local municipal laws could affect how their final plan looked.

The younger students had their own project to raise money for a local charity. As a group they selected East Tennessee Children's Hospital as their recipient. A popcorn sale was decided on as a fundraiser. They wrote local businesses to donate the supplies, calculated the materials they needed, and ran the sales at the school. Their efforts paid off and ETCH received a check from their diligence.

Students explore how technology enhances our Jewish practices. They used a trope training program to learn to read Torah, explored the OCR technology which helps check Mezuzot and Torah scrolls, and considered how the world of Jewish resources on the web could aid in various scenarios.

Our signature project- the "canstruction"- provided Second Harvest Food Bank more than 1,400 pounds of food. For the third year, the students solicited donations and designed a structure that was built at The Muse Knoxville.



Meet Morah Helen: A Volunteer and More

Morah Helen Israeli teaches Hebrew and is an enthusiastic lover of hands-on learning.

When Helen Israeli moved to Knoxville from Israel last year she was hoping to use her experience as an educator to make connections in her new town. What she found when she contacted Miriam Esther was a family. Helen has become an integral part of our teaching team, bringing patience, joy and years of experience to our school. Her lessons in Hebrew are thought provoking and insightful. Her patience with the students is endless. And her smile is contagious.

Helen has a talent for creating hands on materials that fully engage the children. Above is a map of Israel made by our students under Morah Helen's guidance.

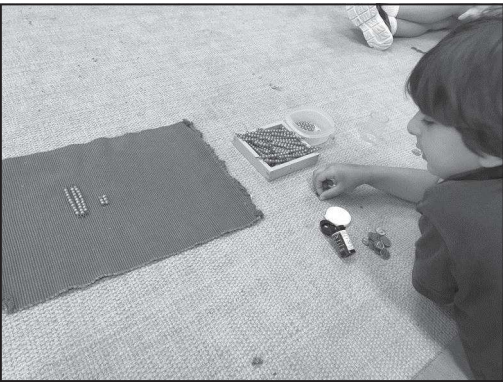
KJDS Strategic Plan

Our vision for KJDS is **to be a school that is known as a top-notch academic program driven by:**

- *The confidence to explore the world*, fostered by nurturing social/emotional skills and learning in a warm and safe environment.
- *Creative and Critical Problem – Solving Skills* gained through practice with the engineering design process and independent thinking routines.
- *Seeing the interconnectedness between disciplines* through learning within integrated units and weekly STEAM sessions.

Reflection and focused planning are a key to ensuring the successful implementation of our vision. Just over one week into summer break and our staff was already planning for the new school year. Our visioning meeting included a "Doubles As" game and a chalk talk around our strategic plan. The Chalk Talk routine is a routine we have tested in our classrooms this past year. Our staff read and discussed the book "Making Thinking Visible" and have begun to incorporate many of the routines into our lessons.

An excitement milestone in our strategic visioning: KJDS is honored to have received an invitation to join the National Association of Professional Development Schools. Our progressive approach to education, coupled with our commitment to continued professional development has earned us this honorable invitation. Tracy Wulf, our beloved 4-5 teacher, will be leading our school in this exciting endeavor. Our alliance with the www.NAPDS.org will give us the opportunity to learn from others, keep us current with the best practices in education, and give us an opportunity to teach others.



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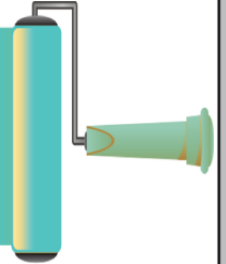
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Temple Beth El Confirmation Class

Left to right: Andrea **Winston** (now **Kiser**), daughter of Larry and Barbara **Winston**, granddaughter of Becky and the late Harold **Winston**; Holly **Brody** (now **Whitsell**), daughter of Ivan and the late Mimi **Brody**; Aaron **Myers**, son of Sally **Hunter Myers**; Rabbi Howard **Simon**; Rachel **Zucker** (now **Gould**), daughter of Tony and Jeanne **Zucker**; Ashley **Chrusciel** (now **Hollis**), daughter of Linda **Goodfriend Johnson**.

Holly and Aaron still live in the area, as do all the living parents and Becky **Winston**. Andrea's father Larry was in the 1962 TBE confirmation class photo that appeared in *The Way We Were* this past April.

Thanks to Deborah **Bush Roberts** for information about these confirmands and their families.



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