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Please come
join us
Friday,
July 12
at 6:00 p.m.

COOKOUT AND BOARD INSTALLATION/SHABBAT SERVICE

Complimentary babysitting available during services

RSVP by July 8 to secretary@tbeknox.org
or call Tina at 524-3521

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

If you would like to volunteer to help with set up, cooking or clean
up, please contact Ed or Linda Weintraub or Steve Rockmaker at
lindaw7448@gmail.com or flwest57@gmail.com

Everyone is welcome!

TEMPLE BETH EL TIMES



Shalom Y'all!

By Rabbi Erin Boxt

When bad things happen, you might find yourself wondering where God is. You may look to blame God or wonder why God allows these things to happen. It is in this vein that I have decided to share a story I have written which speaks about where we find God and the role God plays in our lives...and where we fit as well!

In a small village near the sea, there lived a farmer, Shmuel, who depended on his wheat fields for his survival. You see, these wheat fields had been passed down from generation to generation all the way back to his great-great-great-great-great-great Grandfather. And every generation up to him had been quite successful. When Shmuel was a little boy, his grandfather took him out to the fields and said to him, "Shmuel, these fields will be yours one day. And, in order for you to be able to provide for your family, you will have to work very hard in these fields. Never forget, though, that you should thank God each and every day for the opportunity to work." Shmuel looked up and his grandfather and smiled. He knew his grandfather was right.

When Shmuel was older, he was married and soon he and his new bride were expecting triplets. It was about that same time that his father became very sick. His father called him to his bedside and said, "Shmuel, it is time for you to inherit the wheat fields. You will need to work very hard in order for the wheat fields to grow and to provide you with enough to sell in town. But, there is one other thing – it is VITAL that you thank God every day for allowing you the opportunity to work." Shmuel looked at his father, smiled, and gave him a kiss on his forehead. Later that evening, his father passed away. Before Shmuel even had to time to mourn the loss of his father, he realized that he had to get to work. Now that his wife was pregnant, he needed to get to work to provide for them.

Each day, Shmuel would go to his fields and plant, water, and harvest his crops from sun up to sun down. He poured his heart and soul into those fields...his blood and his sweat went into those fields. One day, a few months before the babies were to be born, a terrible storm came from the sea. Shmuel gathered his wife and they went to the local shelter to wait out the storm. When the storm was over, Shmuel and his wife went home and discovered their home was still standing and their fields were still there...as if nothing had happened. However, Shmuel learned that the rest of the fields of the village were destroyed, leaving his as the only fields left.

The mayor of the town came to Shmuel and asked him, "What happened here? How are your fields still standing while everyone else's fields have been destroyed?" Shmuel looked at the mayor and smiled. He said, "I do not know mayor. But, this I tell you, I went out in the fields every day and worked from sun up to sun down, just as the rest of the farmers in our village." The mayor responded, "This just does not make sense. How can we as a village recover from this catastrophe?" Shmuel looked at the mayor with tears in his eyes and replied, "I will give 50% of my crops to the village until the other fields have been replanted."

When Shmuel went home that evening, he told his wife about his conversation. She was a little worried about giving away so much of their supplies, especially since she was about to give birth to triplets. Shmuel looked at his wife and said, "God will provide, my dear, God will provide." During the next harvest season, Shmuel's fields doubled in size and the village recovered 100% from the devastating storm. When asked by the mayor once again how he was able to be so successful, Shmuel smiled and responded, "I thanked God every day for the opportunity to work."



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Sisterhood Happenings

By Tammy Stone Sisterhood President

I hope everyone is enjoying their summer! Sisterhood is taking some time off, but not resting. We are busy planning our upcoming year. We want your input on what types of programs you want held. We need you to help us succeed. We still are looking for chairpersons and committee members. Thank you to those who have helped us this past year make us a success.

Below you will find a list of some upcoming program dates and times to put on your calendar. Remember, all are welcome at any of our programs. Sisterhood is just another way **To Be Engaged.**

Thank you to all who continue to make our bimah look beautiful on Friday nights through the Beiler Flower Fund and to those who add sweetness to Oneg Shabbats by being a host. You help make Friday night services more meaningful for all! Work is beginning for the 2019-2020 Oneg schedule. Thank you in advance to all who will be helping us this coming year.

TBE President's Remarks

By Steve Lewis, TBE President

[On Sunday, May 19 at our Annual Meeting, I presented the President's Report. It described many of the highlights of what has been a very active year at TBE. For those of you who were unable to attend, I am providing some excerpts of the report.]

For many of us, the TBE year "officially" begins with the High Holy Days, and what a beginning we had in 2018-19. Our worship experience, under the leadership of Rabbi Erin Boxt, was solemn, yet joyful and inspiring, beginning with Selichot and HHD services, and continuing through Succoth and a thoroughly enjoyable – and very well attended – Simchat Torah celebration highlighted by the music of Tennessee Schmaltz. Throughout the year, a growing group of "regulars" came to look forward to our creative Shabbat services, enriched of course by the music of Becky Kidd and – you'll forgive my lack of modesty – our incredible choir.

A year of renewed commitment to Social Action was led by Sisterhood and other devoted congregants. It began with the collection of stuffed animals for children in hospitals and our annual food drive. The Fall also saw very enthusiastic "Making Strides" participation by TBE'ers, and the first of what we hope will be many Habitat for Humanity builds, as social action activities continued throughout the year.

Several new committees and task forces also got their start this year. A Bylaws group was established, to finalize the restructuring of our bylaws and policies. Several lay leaders and Rabbi Boxt began meeting quarterly in our new "Goals Group," which works collaboratively to establish goals that will enhance our leadership of TBE, and to mutually review the progress we all have made. In February, the Board participated in a retreat that resulted in a number of new goals, including a targeted effort to bring together more focused groups of TBE'ers with like interests.

Sadly, the beginning of the year also saw the murders of 11 congregants at the Tree of Life synagogue in Pittsburgh. Although TBE had already been paying careful attention to security through our House & Property Committee, we determined that it would be more appropriate to establish a committee specifically dedicated to security. Wes James stepped up to lead the committee and has done a fabulous job. Security, of course, is not free, and the costs of keeping all of us safe have had an impact on the budget. We hope you all will make a commitment at whatever level you can to help us address our ongoing commitment to this all-important issue.

Membership activities started early and have never stopped. Under the able leadership of Missy Noon, we have seen a number of special events, including a Wine & Cheese Social before Shabbat services and a New & Prospective Pizza Shabbat dinner. In addition, Missy invited perspective members with children to attend our Chanukah supper and the Purim Carnival in March. All in all, in the last year, 15 new households have joined TBE, four prospective families have been given applications and may join this summer, and Missy has ongoing contact with eight other prospective families.

We hosted a number of successful special events and Shabbatons – some made possible through the efforts of Rabbi Boxt and the Ritual and Worship Committee, some by Sisterhood, some put on by other very hard-working volunteers. Our Latke celebration saw more than 90 people attend; the Purim Carnival and the Sisterhood's Caring Plate pasta dinner – another social action event -- were also big successes. The Passover Seder drew close to 90 people from the community. Mitzvah Day saw a much larger TBE presence than in previous years. Our Auction/Trivia night, our big fundraiser, had more than 80 people attend, and raised over \$13K net. Knoshville was another big success, raising over \$1,100 – a 20% boost over last year. And who can forget the incredible Shabbat weekend featuring Dr. Richard Friedman, or the Shabbat service led by the incomparable Julie Silver, both made possible by Rabbi Boxt and the Ritual & Worship committee.

Your leaders have also been active in learning all they can about how best to serve and govern a congregation like TBE. In addition to our Board Retreat, Rabbi Boxt and Kathy Young attended the URJ's Shallat meeting this spring. I recently attended the Scheidt Seminar, which was comprised of URJ leaders and Presidents from other Reform Synagogues. Lessons we took away from these experiences have already had an impact in the way we approach leadership and will become visible in concrete initiatives as the new year unfolds.

But let me be clear: no one Board, President, or Rabbi, no committee, no single volunteer, can create a vibrant, successful congregation on their own. It is all of us -- a Kehillah Kedoshah, a sacred community – agreeing together **To Be Engaged** and to work as partners towards a common vision, that creates the kind of year we have experienced, and will create an even better one in the years ahead. So, please – if you are not already part of a committee, or if you do not participate in planning or putting on one of our many special occasions, think about doing so. Think about what we do that's close to your heart – what inspires you to continue you on your Jewish journey. And if we don't address that thing that's most important to you as a Jew, please let us know – and maybe together we can help you and others fulfill that desire. Thank you for your support, thank you for your energy and enthusiasm, and thank you for being you.



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Temple Beth El Religious School July 2019 Update

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

Put August 11 on your calendar for First Day Celebration and Cookout at TBE 9:30-Noon. Religious School begins Sunday, August 11, and Midweek classes start Wednesday, August 21.

Our school is really growing!

Throughout this last school year, we gained several new families. We now have even more families joining our school. Many are families with young children. Missy Noon has been a fabulous membership chair and has made personal contacts and hosted potential members at Religious School and family-oriented events. I have had the privilege of meeting with most of our new families and look forward to reaching out to others. Every parent I have met has been awesome, and the children are amazing. We already have a wonderful group of students, a loving staff, and the most supportive, energetic parents. How lucky are we! I find myself reinvigorated to make this coming year the best year ever.

Rabbi Erin and Norma James attend annual ISJL Education Conference

Rabbi and Norma represented TBE at the June ISJL Education Conference in Jackson, Mississippi. This will be our 15th year as ISJL partners with this amazing organization! We look forward to sharing what we learned at this excellent conference with our School and Youth Committee and our staff. Our students benefit greatly from this partnership and the outstanding Fellows that we work with every year. Actually, our entire congregation benefit because our Fellows participate in Shabbat services and can lead adult education program as well as the wonderful work they do with our students. We would not be able to have this important partnership without support from our Endowed Funds, which pays our costs for this program.

We will continue online RS registration this year

Our online registration was very successful last year. We will continue to improve the online process that allows our parents to sign up, and even pay before they school starts. The record keeping process for are school is much easier as well. I will send out an email to review the process for our parents.

Exciting Changes in our Hebrew Program!

Our children are making great strides in their Hebrew, and we are continuing to improve our Hebrew program. Norma has mailed a special letter to all parents regarding our new program. Contact Norma for more details.

Thomas Theriot becomes Bar Mitzvah

Join us for a happy way to celebrate the ending of summer vacation as Thomas Theriot is called to the Torah this August. While our other students have been enjoying their summer break, Thomas has been hard at work preparing for leading this service, reading Torah, and preparing his D'var. Thomas follows his sister Grace as the second Theriot to become B'nai Mitzvah. Thomas is the son of Matthew and Emily and brother to Grace and Lucy. Thomas has been an excellent student in our religious school and plans to continue his Jewish education through Confirmation. He is an avid student of Karate. Thomas has is working with his Torah coach, Norma James, and of course with Rabbi Erin to prepare for this important service. The Theriot family invites you to join them for Shabbat evening service at 7:00 as they host the oneg, and Saturday morning service at 10:00 a.m. Please note the times for both of these services. Remember that all congregants are welcome at B'nai Mitzvah services.

Religious School Teachers and the School & Youth Committee will have a joint workshop August 4

This summer workshop is vital to our preparations for Religious School. Norma will send out additional details to the staff. There is a possibility that an additional meeting with School and Youth and available teacher will occur in July. Watch for emails.

Join us at Temple on Sunday, August 11, for our opening day celebration! Our first day of school will be really exciting. There will be programming for students and for parents followed by a cookout on the patio.

Theriot to Celebrate Bar Mitzvah

Thomas Theriot will be called to the Torah on Saturday, August 3, at 10:00 a.m. at Temple Beth El. Thomas is the son of Emily and Matthew Theriot and the brother to Grace and Lucy. He is the grandson of Castine and the late Tom Theriot of Kingwood, TX, and Becky and Hollis Rankin of Edinburg, TX.



Thomas is an honors student at Bearden Middle School on the verge of starting his 8th grade year. He is a Harry Potter Club officer, a Student Council member, and a recently-inducted member of the National Junior Honor Society. Thomas has been taking drum lessons for over three years and has been an active member of the Bearden Middle School Band's percussion section, Jazz Band, and Drumline. His love of playing music and his desire for others to find this joy inspired him to start the BMS Crescendo Project to help strengthen the band program. Through these efforts, he is helping the band teachers inventory and organize the instruments, helping find replacements for some of the old instruments, and participating in grant applications to try to raise funds to supplement their efforts. Thomas also loves spending time with family and friends, playing and developing video games, and having in-depth conversations about history, pop culture, and current events.

Thomas began his Jewish education at the AJCC Preschool before graduating to religious school at Temple Beth El. We truly appreciate everyone who has helped Thomas prepare for this day and are thrilled to celebrate this important milestone with our community.



TBE Sisterhood Invites You to Join Us

TEMPLE BETH EL FASHION SHOW

**Saturday, August 17 at 6:00 p.m.
Cost: \$18.00 per person, dinner included**

- ◆ **Vote for your favorite model — \$10/10 tickets (no limit on votes); cash or check on the day of the event**
- ◆ **Clothes modeled will be donated to the YWCA Shelter**
- ◆ **Clothing drive for YWCA Shelter will begin that night and go through mid-November; time to clean out closets to make room for fall and winter clothes**
- ◆ **Child care will be provided at no cost**
- ◆ **Funds raised benefit TBE Sisterhood & TBE General Fund**

Contributions to the Funds of Temple Beth El

Donations listed were received as of May 24, 2019

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In memory of Frances Patton

By: Chuck Dickey

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By: Meredith Jaffe

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Temple Beth El Sisterhood

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Ebbie Sandberg

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Laura Shenkman

HERMINA BEILER FLORAL FUND

In honor of baby naming service

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By: Hal and Amy Rosenberg

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In memory of beloved father

and grandfather, Joseph Sandberg

By: Ron and Ebbie Sandberg

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By: Kathy Young

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SISTERHOOD TRIBUTE FUND

In memory of Carolyn Bernard Greif

By: Maurice P Greif

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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 es-
sential to a sacred community.

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Please remember to bring non-perishable foods
for our Second Harvest Food Bank collection
when you visit Temple Beth El. Thank you!



JULY 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 MCDC Week 6: Around the World Spanish, Intl dance, Food Fest 7a Morning Minyan-HA 9:30a Tai Chi-JCOR 6-9:30p Fencing-AJCC Gym	2 6-9:30p Fencing-Gym	3 9:30-11a Tai Chi-AJCC Orwitz Rm Noon Exec Comm-TBE 5:30p Wednesday Worship-HA 6:30-8:30p Tai Chi-AJCC Orwitz Rm	4 Independence Day No MCDC AJCC Pool Hours: 1-7 p.m. 9a Morning Minyan-HA 	5 8:38p 4:30p Jewish Family Services Shabbat- Sherrill Hills 6:30p Sunset Minyan-HA 7p Shabbat Service-TBE 8:30-10p Movie Night- AJCC Pool	6 9:41p 9:30a-noon Shabbat Service-HA 10:15a Alternative Service -HA 9:30a Shabbat Service-JCOR
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**The KJA Office
 will be closed
 July 4, 2019**

Shabbat at the Pool

Friday, August 16

Tot Shabbat 5:30 p.m.

Dinner & Service 6:00 p.m.

KNOXVILLE

Oops! The Way We Weren't

The KJA Archives erred in its June "The Way We Were" and apologizes for the error. The photograph of Isadore Finkelstein which accompanied the UT College of Law graduation brochure was that of his secretary, not of Isadore. Here is the photo of Isadore which should have been featured.



Isadore Finkelstein

To see the corrected version as it should have run, visit <https://jewishknoxville.org/archives/the-way-we-were/tag/44768> and click on "The We Were in 1918."



Comedian Monica Piper joins Robin Brown, Chip Rayman, and Leslie Badaines at the Not That Jewish reception.

Cleaning Closets & Garages Over Your Summer Break?

Please donate **gently-used children's clothing** (all sizes welcome, from infant to young adult sizes), **toys, and games** to the AJCC Preschool. Items are sold at a consignment event with proceeds benefitting our AJCC Preschool.

Collection bins are located in the AJCC Gym. Thank you!

Please shop and thank the advertisers that support YOUR community newsletter.

You'll find them on pages 38-39 of each issue of *Ha'Kol*. Want to join them? Contact the KJA office at 690-6343.

Suzy Snoops

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

- ★ Mazel tov to **Karen and Pace Robinson** on son **Asher Britt Robinson's** engagement to Laura Rachel Diamond. Proud grandmother is **Natalie Robinson** and proud brother is **Eli Robinson**.
- ★ Mazal Tov to **Judy and Abraham Brietstein** on the birth of granddaughter Ruth Ami Joiner, daughter of Raina and Nathan Joiner. Proud sisters and brothers are Aviva, Shira, and Shoshana and Chaim and Lev. Proud aunt and uncle are Autumn Brietstein Katz and Matt Katz.
- ★ The 2019 UT Gardens Gala honored longtime University supporter **Alan Solomon**, his garden, and his expansive conifer connection. God's Answer To Our Prayers (GATOP) is the private garden of Solomon, a retired Knoxville oncologist who is known nationally for his pioneering work on the treatment of amyloid-related diseases. While he built his career in medicine, he found his true passion working with the land. His garden houses one of the largest collections of conifers in the Southeast.



Alan Solomon's private garden was recognized by local group.

H A P P E N I N G S

Please plan to join us

Community-Wide

SHABBAT

AT THE POOL



Arnstein Jewish Community Center
6800 Deane Hill Drive, Knoxville

Friday, August 16

*Bring your lawn chairs and join us
for a joyous Shabbat celebration—rain or shine!*

5:30 Tot Shabbat at the Baby Pool

6:00 Shabbat Dinner (reservations and payment required)

7:15 Shabbat Service (open to all no charge for attending service)

No cost to attend Shabbat service only. All are welcome!

Interested in helping? Helping hands welcome!

Watch for information in the August *Ha’Kol*
and email blasts.

Mazel Tov to Our Community's 2019 Graduates

Please join our community in celebrating a lifecycle moment for area families.

2019 High School Graduates

- ★ **Skyler Begue**, son of Jonathan and Beth Begue of St Augustine, FL, graduated with cum laude honors from Allen D. Meade High School. He is a member of the National Honor Society and plans to major in business at Amherst College. Skyler is the grandson of Jean Begue of Knoxville.
- ★ **Sarah Perez**, daughter of Catherine Perez, graduated from Knoxville Catholic High School. She will attend the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, with plans to major in biology as part of the pre-med track.
- ★ **Lilly Sitver**, daughter of Anita Kay and Joe Sitver, graduated from Bearden High School. At Bearden, Lilly was involved in Stage Tech, Student Government, Annual, Mu Alpha Theta, Senior Committee, Key Club, and served as National Honor Society president. Outside of school, Lilly was active in BBYO, serving in leadership roles on a city, regional, and international level. In 2018, Lilly served as Cotton States' Regional MIT Mom where she helped 13 counterparts in five Southern states recruit, retain, and educate Jewish teens. This summer, Lilly began college at the Georgia Institute of Technology with plans to major in computer engineering.



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2019 College Graduates

- ★ **Rachel Brown**, daughter of Ken and Susan Brown, has earned the Master of Music degree in Musical Theatre from the University of Central Oklahoma. Her recent theatrical achievements at the university include performing the female lead role of Mary Flynn in *Merrily We Roll Along* (by Stephen Sondheim), and producing and directing a production of *The Last Five Years* by Jason Robert Brown. Rachel is the lead vocalist for the Dor L'Dor klezmer band.
- ★ **Rebecca Carlson**, daughter of Rachel and Don Carlson and sister of Ben, graduated from Columbia University Mailman School of Public Health and School of Social Work where she earned dual Masters of Public Health and Masters of Social Work. At Mailman Public Health, Rebecca studied in the Sociomedical Sciences department, specializing in ethics and the social determinants of health. At the School of Social Work, Rebecca specialized in Advanced Clinical Practice, and fulfilled her clinical intern year at New York Presbyterian-Columbia Hospital on the palliative care team. She married Kyle Mark Sebastian June 29 in her hometown of Oak Ridge, Tennessee.
- ★ **Danielle Goldfeld**, daughter of Aron and Hayley Goldfeld, graduated from the University of Florida with a degree in Zoology. She will be moving back to Knoxville to pursue her dream of working at a zoo. Danielle will be training birds and leading them in the Zoo Knoxville bird show. Her family is very excited to have her back.
- ★ **Max Green**, son of Eva and Gordon Green, and the grandson of Blanche and Larry Dresner, graduated from Augusta University/University of Georgia (UGA) medical school. He will be doing his residency for three years at Mayo Clinic School of graduate Medical Education working in internal medicine. The Mayo Clinic facility is located in Jacksonville, Florida.
- ★ **Vanessa Rodriguez**, daughter of Jenny Pfeffer and Carlos Rodriguez and sister of Stephanie, graduated summa cum laude from the School of Journalism with a major in Broadcasting and Electronic Media from University of Tennessee, Knoxville.



Brown



Carlson



Green



Hayley, Danielle, Aron, and Stephanie Goldfeld

Mazel Tov x 3 as Trio of Local Siblings Earn Advanced Collegiate Degrees

May was a special month for the Bendriem family as three sons earned advanced degrees! Proud parents are Anne and Bernard, and siblings, Sonya, Nathan, Raphael, and Samuel. All three graduates were members of BBYO and graduated from West High School.

Raphael Bendriem earned his PhD in Neuroscience from Cornell University in New York. Raphael will start working at Blue Rocks Therapeutics in New York city. He will be part of a team developing innovative treatment for neurological diseases.

Samuel Bendriem earned his Master of Art in Design for Social Impact degree from the Paris College of Art in Paris, France.

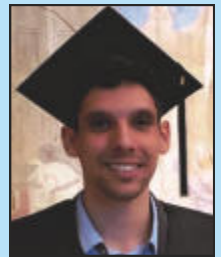
Nathan Bendriem earned a Bachelors of Arts in Marine Affairs and Policy from The University of Miami (Florida). This year he earned a Master's of Science in Resource, Environment and Sustainability studies from the University of British Columbia in Vancouver, Canada.



Nathan



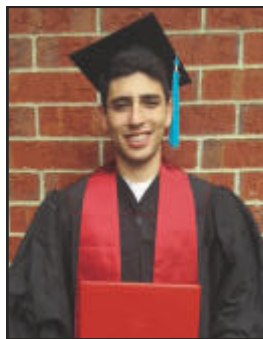
Proud parents Bernard and Anne Bendriem with son Raphael at his Cornell University graduation.



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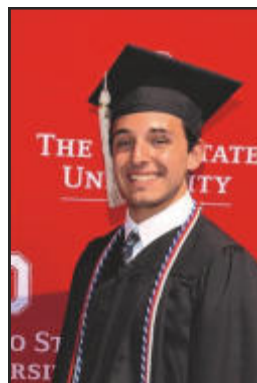
2019 College Grads continued

★ **Nathan Rosen**, son of Kim and Stephen Rosen, graduated from Indiana University with a bachelor of arts degree in Business Management from the O'Neil School of Public and Environmental Affairs.



Rosen

★ **Brian Michael Weinstein** graduated cum laude from The Ohio State University with a bachelor of science degree in Business Administration with a Specialization in Operations Management. While at OSU, Brian was Vice President of Zeta Beta Tau, a member of Student Leadership Advocates, and was a board member of Hillel. Brian will relocate to Atlanta, Georgia where he will be employed as a Supply Chain Logistics Associate in a two-year leadership program with General Mills Global Supply Chain department. Brian is the son of Doug and Jill Weinstein and brother of Andrew.



Weinstein

Community Celebrates Hillel Grads

Jaime Marquis of Memphis graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Nutrition with a minor in Public Health. Jaime was a member of Hillel and held the office of president in 2017-2018. She was involved in Alpha Kappa Psi, CHP, Honors and Scholars Program, and participated in CLS Alternative Break Program.



Mitch Moskowitz and Jaime Marquis

Jaime participated in Birthright Israel, an internship in Kenya, and worked at Barzilai Medical Center with Onward Israel. After graduation, Jaime will be attending Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health.

Mitch Moskowitz of Memphis is graduating with a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science. Mitch was a member of Hillel and held the office of Vice President in 2018-2019. Mitch was involved in Sigma Nu and worked on research with the Fern and Manfred Steinfeld Program in Judaic Studies. Mitch participated in Birthright Israel and internships in Jerusalem and in Memphis. After graduation, Mitch will be moving to Washington, D.C. to work.



Killing Perfection

By Rabbi Alon C. Ferency

Perfectionism is a disease; Perfection is an illusion. Let me share some examples:

Even God, as seen in Torah and Hebrew Bible, is far from perfect. Many times in Genesis alone – whether in the generation of the flood, the generation of the Tower of Babel, or the generation of Sodom and Gomorrah – God expresses regret at God’s choices. God relents from God’s plan. Consider this for a moment: a perfect deity cannot make mistakes which it regrets.

Likewise, two of the main metaphors used to describe God imply clear limitation. In the first, beginning in Genesis 2, God is described as a potter. Making humankind from the “earth’s dust” is evidently an act of pottery. As such, we ought to consider this: No non-machined ceramic is ever flawless. Every bowl is a bit wobbly, more oval than circle. Clay inevitably cracks and bubbles in the kiln; the glaze pocks, runs, and crazes. That is part of what makes pottery art, and why a ceramicist’s bowl is worth orders of magnitude more than mass-produced items. God as Potter cannot make a perfect vessel, and doesn’t seem to want that. Furthermore, when a potter like my wife displays her pottery, she turns it so obvious flaws are resting toward the back, just as humans would seek and fail to conceal their own flaws. As Leonard Cohen said, “Forget your perfect offering. There is a crack in everything; that’s how the light gets in.”

Second, consider another central metaphor of Torah and Psalms: God as a shepherd. Since we don’t know many shepherds, goatherds, or cowboys today, we’ve lost access to the significance of the image. (That is, this has become a “dead” metaphor, as its significance is lost without the proper context.) The pastoralist was the owner or the custodian of many cattle as he or she (as indeed was often the case) watched each one, even knowing them each by name or character. The shepherd was loving to her charges, and was able to right them with her crook should they ever tumble. At the end of the day the shepherd’s goal was to bring home as many sheep as possible, safely and well-tended. Nonetheless, it was inevitable that foxes and wolves would carry off a few, but only as few as the shepherd could manage. Although always loving, the shepherd was not always in position to protect, defend, and ensure the safety and welfare of each one. God as Shepherd operates in much the same way: God truly attends to us, cares for us and knows us each intimately, but can’t prevent every bad thing that might beset us.

Furthermore, physics bears out the world’s absence of “perfection.” For quick proof, simply look out your window. Wherever you see a straight line, it is almost always an artifact of humankind, not nature. Except in a few crystal forms, straight lines or perfect symmetry are the exception and not the rule in God’s creation. We exist because of irregularity, not perfection. Were the entire universe in perfect equilibrium and symmetry, with each molecule evenly distributed, there could be no structure, no planets, no life forms.

When next you are so inclined to strive towards perfection or driven by the false premise that things could be perfect, think back on God’s rueful character, and God’s role as potter and shepherd to God’s likewise imperfect creation. Think on the glorious asymmetry of the universe and the necessity of imperfection for anything merely to be.



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Luah Orders Due Wednesday July 24

Luah? A Hawaiian feast? (No...that’s a luau).

If you aren’t familiar with a *luah*, this is an annual publication, similar to the Farmer’s Almanac, that lays out the year but instead of weather and fun facts for agrarians, it lays out the year for all of our services – what we recite one week, but not another and what we recite for one holiday but not another.

But the *luah* is not just a list of prayers, Torah readings or haftorot; it is also a fascinating look into why we recite the prayers we do. And, it includes historical and explanatory information for the rituals and customs we observe for our holidays. Was 5779 a leap year? Yes! Will 5780 be a leap year, too? Add your own copy of the *luah* to our synagogue order and find out! The New Year is just around the corner.

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Chairman's Report

By Jeff Becker, Board of Trustees Chair

By the time this article is published, Heska Amuna will have a “new” Board of Trustees. I am honored to be named as the Chair with the following amazing members: Ken Brown, Past Chair; Jeannie Bobroff and Markus Eisenbach, Co-Presidents; Mary Ann Merrell, Past-President; Mark Siegel, Financial Vice Chair; Marty Iroff, Treasurer; Kimberly Hedrick, Secretary; Ted Besmann, Development-Fundraising, Vice Chair; Serina Scott, Youth Education Vice-Chair, Abraham Brietstein, Adult Education Vice Chair; Frank Floyd, Facilities Vice Chair and Interim Program Vice Chair Bernard Bendriem, Meredith Holz, Marian Jay, Rich Jordan, Rachel Ortiz, Members-At-Large.

The members of the Board of Trustees are indeed fortunate to be responsible for leading a vibrant and thriving Synagogue dedicated to Jewish worship and study. Conservative Judaism represents a unique blend of fidelity to Jewish tradition and thoughtful responses to modernity. The ability to respect tradition while looking forward to change that enhances Jewish values and practices is a great challenge for Conservative Judaism in general and individual Synagogues in particular. The Board of Trustees of Heska Amuna is clearly aware of these challenges.

During my tenure as Board chair we will be striving to find ways to make Heska Amuna an even more vibrant and thriving place through focus on the following:

- Examine our facility looking to improve handicapped access and our building's security.
- Investigate new ways to reach out to the “next generation” of young singles and families based on our innovative thinking and on the many exciting programs and events initiated by Jewish Communities throughout the U.S. and Israel. Many of these novel programs have been published in accessible journals and websites providing a very rich collection to consider.
- Consider new ways to worship in order to engage all the members of our community.
- Dedicate considerable resources to our educational curricula that includes children, youth, and adults so that these programs will be exciting, enriching, and engaging!

We are proud of the fact that Heska Amuna is a congregation that comes together as a family to share Shabbat, High Holidays, and life's important passages. We are small enough to be personal, but large enough to meet the many needs of a diverse membership. We emphasize education and pride ourselves on the skills of our adult lay leadership and on the accomplishments of our youth. We invite all Jews to join us to experience our warmth, openness to new ideas, and respect for the traditions of the past.



Heska Amuna Annual Meeting Highlights

Attendance and engagement were spectacular at our annual congregational meeting this year on Sunday, June 2. Officers and committee chairs gave overviews of a year filled with services, programs, and activities that collectively reflect our vibrant and growing community. The reports presented at the meeting are available on our website and highlight not only what we have accomplished but also how we see our future.

The meeting included several important votes that were unanimously passed, including changing our board's structure to better support our synagogue's needs. Our board now includes separate vice-chairs for Programming and Membership and separate vice-chairs for Youth Education and Adult Education. The vice-chair for Facilities no longer will have Human Resources in their portfolio. We also approved a new board position to lead strategic planning, the Vice Chair for Development/Fundraising.

We are endlessly grateful for the work and commitment of board members whose terms ended at this meeting: Hal Manas, past Board chair; Raphe Panitz, past President; Harriet Cooper, Facilities and Human Resources Vice-Chair; Barbara Mintz, Education Vice-Chair; Jeff Jacobson, Financial Vice Chair; and Eytan Klausner, at-large board member.



Board Members: First row, left to right: Rich Jordan, Lisa Jacobson, Marilyn Burnett, Marian Jay, Jeannie Bobroff, Mary Ann Merrell, and Rachel (and Eliana) Ortiz. Second row: Jeff Becker, Marty Iroff, Ted Besmann, Bernard Bendriem, Frank Floyd, Ken Brown, Markus Eisenbach, Serina Scott, Abraham Brietstein, and Meredith Holtz. (Not pictured Kim Hedrick and Mark Siegel). Photographs: Bryan Merrell.

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Religious School News

Not That Jewish — Not a Problem

By Shuli Mesa, Education Director

Six hundred and thirteen commandments. Maimonides identified all the 'do's' and 'don'ts' in the Mishneh Torah. Not ten but SIX HUNDRED and THIRTEEN! And while even that number has been argued and analyzed over the last thousand or so years it is still quite a daunting figure. While some commandments such as 'thou shalt not kill' don't seem so hard to follow, others, such as those regarding sacrifices or the now destroyed Temple, are impossible tasks.

So, does that mean that we, as Jews, collectively are *Not that Jewish*? In comparison to Judaism's earliest years we are only able to do a portion of what is expected from us. The answer is....well, if you know our sages you know there is no answer, or rather a million versions of an answer. But my personal belief is that each family, each individual, has their own intimate brand of Judaism. Their own connection.

Years ago, while sitting at a Hadassah Regional convention, I had an epiphany, a light bulb moment. We were discussing Sabbath dinners and how we welcome the Sabbath into our home. Naturally, I pulled a dozen memories of my childhood family weekly dinners. It was the only time we ate in the formal dining room and we had what I imagine as a traditional Sabbath meal; roasted chicken, rice, Israeli salad, and of course, challah. As an adult, I didn't have time to create such a meal as we frantically rushed around our lives on a Friday night so I couldn't, at least in my mind, have a 'proper' Sabbath meal...therefore I didn't. But at this convention, they explained that I didn't have to do the whole megillah.... that by doing one thing different, one thing special, I could still connect to this special holiday and have my Sabbath. It could even be as simple as buying flowers for the table or maybe forcing everyone to put down their electronic devices during the meal. But once this was all put into perspective, it was finally obtainable. I could make that one small change to welcome the Sabbath for me and my family, our own version.

What Judaism looks like in your home is unique to your world. And while six hundred and thirteen commandments are undoubtedly an unachievable goal of perfection, striving for just one new addition *is* within your reach. The important thing is to keep pursuing.

As the Education Committee and I work towards creating this year's track of Religious School, we keep these same ideals in mind. We are focusing on bringing you exciting new educational opportunities. We are working on creating individualized plans for each student to ensure that Judaism is molded uniquely for them. We are integrating the Congregation into our school to ensure longevity. All in hopes that by reaching for one star, we capture many.

Map out your own Jewish journey and keep paving the road for more. There's more to learn, more to grow, and more to achieve. Let us help you on your path.

Registration for
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The Fat Lady Has Sung and What A BEAUTIFUL Voice!

By Lisa Jacobson, Women's League



Except for Monica's personal photos, the set was designed, collected, and built by Martha Iroff with help from her family. The production team from California was impressed with Martha's professional work.



Monica Piper with Roger Rohtert. Monica quipped "The tall and the short of it!"

The curtain has fallen, the fat lady has sung, it is all over..... maybe! Some of you may be tired of reading articles on Monica Piper's wonderful play *Not That Jewish*; but hopefully you will bear with me for one more article. As Heska Amuna Synagogue and Heska Amuna Women's League promoted the play, we emphasized how funny the show is because that is the way the show has been promoted in LA for its almost two years of successful runs, before and after its 200+ shows at Off-Broadway's New World Stages. While having seen it in New York and remembering it as very, very good and extremely funny, I had forgotten how very touching and human it was as well. Seeing each of the three performances at the Bijou, I laughed hysterically every time and, interestingly, my heart ached more and more every time at the humanity of the play.

I wasn't alone in my mixed emotions. Following each performance, I had a line of people coming up to me, thanking HAWL, Heska Amuna Synagogue, and me for bringing the play to Knoxville. Yes, half of the people said it was "fall off your chair, pee in your pants (I promise, they actually said that!) funny." Most of you had seen the "sizzle reel" on our webpage or excerpts of the play or Monica Piper's humor on YouTube, so you had seen and expected the humor although the impact of the crowd laughing together and the live presentation can't be captured without seeing Monica's performance on stage.

The other half of the audience talked about how it so deeply touched them that they cried because: they had been affected by Alzheimer's in their family and they were so moved by Monica's portrayal of the loss of her mother to that horrendous disease; they had adopted a child or had given up a child and could relate to Monica's joy and gratitude at the adoption and/or the grief and gratitude of the biological mother; they had lost a parent that they had loved as deeply and as passionately as Monica portrayed her love of her father and the on-going pain of her loss; they had a life altering experience with cancer or other physical illness; and/or they had a child who they had raised as Jewish who struggled with his/her Jewish identity and they had to come to grips with how to react to their declaration that they were "not really Jewish."



While I have been personally touched by several of the above conflicts, the latter issue was particularly poignant as I have two children who continue to struggle with their cultural and religious identities. I was particularly moved by Monica's resolution. Monica thought back on her grandmother's explanation of her Jewishness: "Of course you are Jewish, you have a Jewish Heart." Reflecting now on her life experiences and on the values her family modeled, Monica realized that what her grandmother meant by a Jewish Heart is one filled with compassion, acceptance, good deeds, and humor. Monica recognized that her son has a Jewish Heart, i.e., he is a good man who exhibits these characteristics. Monica followed suit and modeled "acceptance."

The beauty of this play was not JUST the humor; it was Monica's voice, singing the song of a Jewish Heart. Thank you, Monica, for sharing YOUR Jewish Heart with us!

Heska Amuna Congregational Picnic

Kosher Cookout Lunch & Play Day



The Cove
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Inspiration "To Go"

Whether you need a Yiddish proverb or a Jewish joke, a new bulletin board from Heska Amuna Religious School (HARS) has you covered! Jeannie Bobroff our new co-president, is enjoying a laugh. Visit the board next time you are in the synagogue and take some Inspiration To Go!

תודה רבה to our Shabbat Hootenanny Cookout Grill Team

Our June Sunset Minyan, led by Jack Love, was followed by a Shabbat cookout that was perfect from start to finish ending with the high-energy music of the Hootenanny talents of Shain Raley, Joshua Russell, Ivan Cooper, Emily Patrick, and Rabbi Ferency. Thank you to the Sam and Esther Rosen Community Enrichment Fund, Pat Rosenberg, and Marilyn Burnett for creating memorable traditional community Shabbat dinners for us all year. We are excited to report that our community dinners will start back up in the fall. And just a reminder: Sunset Minyan will be held each first Friday of the month – even during the summer. Please join us!

Cookout chefs extraordinaire from left: Meir Niad, Marilyn Burnett, Mike Glasman, Pat Rosenberg, and Bryan Merrell



Celebrate July Birthdays and Anniversaries with us!

It's true! You can have your cake and eat it, too! Join us for Shabbat on **July 13** and help us celebrate your birthday or anniversary with a special prayer, a novel version of "Adom Olam" and of course, treats at kiddush!

Wishing a spectacular year ahead to those celebrating birthdays this month: Jeff Becker, Joyce Beerman-Rogers, Adam Brown, Marilyn Burnett, Cindy Caplan, Karen Ferency, Ernie Gross, Kilmer Headrick, Russell Holtz, Jack Imbrey, Jeffrey Jacobson, Sybil Joffe, Peggy Littmann, Ann Manas, Carole Martin, Bob Martin, Daniel Messing, Michael Messing, Heather O'Brien, Howard Pollio, Alfred Robinson, Fernanda Santos, Mary Linda Schwarzbart, Moshe Shloush, Dahlia Smith, Benjamin Sulman, and Joyce York.
(And if you have a birthday not listed here or an anniversary date for us to add, please let us know).



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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.

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July 13, August 10 at 9:00 a.m.

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July 26, August 23 at 7:00 p.m.

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Celebrate July 4 at the AJCC Pool

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Mid-Year KJA Update

By Chip Rayman, KJA President

AJCC Preschool

Our decision to expand the AJCC Preschool is going to pay off. We have a record 71 full- and part-time students this fall. We have increased our plans for infant care from 8 infants to 12, which will increase our revenues by well over \$100,000. The AJCC nets a good margin from its preschool which offsets other offerings where revenues do not cover all the expenses, such as our AJCC Pool. I am looking for another room so we can expand preschool again!

Partial payoff from our preschool expansion will occur in 2019, but in 2020 we will feel the full impact of increased enrollment revenues. The installation of a \$40,000 fire escape for our Dalet room is the reason we will have to wait until 2020 for payoff. We are good at preschool. Kristen and Martha do a great job of managing our resources and payroll. They have a vision for the AJCC Preschool and they always have its best interests at heart.

AJCC Playground

Our playground expansion is going well and progressing. The 2018 Art Gala funds were used to install a culvert in the natural drainage area that occurs on the property. That allowed us to extend the playground to the west. The 2019 Art Gala funds will also support the playground. Our Project Playground fund raising exceeded all expectations. Thanks to a \$50,000 matching contribution from Adam and Angie Brown and their family, in memory of Logan Brown, we will greatly improve our playground, replacing very expensive, dilapidated playground equipment and making the playground bigger.

Jonathan Branton had the idea to create a memorial to Logan using benches and engraved pavers. The response has been extremely gratifying, reflecting the respect the community has for the Brown family and the heartwarming memories of what a fine young man Logan was. We have exceeded our \$25,000 goal of matching funds. We are planning a ribbon cutting event. If you haven't purchased a paver, please do so now. You will cherish it over the years. So will your child. It will be your way of saying, "I was here or my child was here, I have fond memories and I did my part."

KJA Annual Campaign

All this tells me that when we have a specific goal to fill an important need, and you can identify with it; money can be raised. Somehow we need to transfer those feelings and motivation to our Annual Campaign to make it more successful.

Our Annual Campaign started off with great momentum with a record Mitzvah Day. We have continued to stay ahead of the curve. We have crossed the \$200,000 threshold of our \$300,000 goal. As I have said many times our campaign balances our budget. Last year we came up \$30,000 short of reaching our campaign goal and that resulted in a \$30,000 deficit in our operations. Not good. As I have also said, getting pledges for the final \$100,000 is the hardest. So if you haven't made your pledge yet for 2019, please give me a call or come by and see Ed. Or I'll call you.

Summer Camp

Our combined AJCC Preschool and Milton Collins Day Camp "weeks sold" has exceeded last year's and is not done. Last year we set a five-year record for camp weeks sold. The AJCC Smokin' Salmon Swim Club has 103 swimmers. We hosted the Seeds of Abraham camp program again with our Muslim and Christian friends. I have spoken to Ben Landers at United Way about how we can get \$5,000 to fund the financial aid part of that program. He was receptive and has given me some application guidance. However, United Way had a tough year this past year, for the first time in 40 years.

Adult Programs

In my opinion, here is where we falter. There is a lot of adult programming in our community but it's just not necessarily sponsored by the Knoxville Jewish Alliance or held at the Arnstein Jewish Community Center. I would like to see more collaboration amongst all the Jewish institutions with joint programming, as was done by Rabbi Erin Boxt in bringing biblical scholar Dr. Richard Friedman to Knoxville. It makes it more affordable when all institutions contribute and increases participation.

friendshippers

Friendshippers is taking a summer break and will be back in August

KJA Donations *As of May 17, 2019*

- ★ **Hillel at UTK**
In memory of Greg Kaplan's father
John Tirro and Misty Anderson
- ★ **KJA General Fund**
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MCDC Co-Director - Sarah Price
camp@jewishknoxville.org
- **Specialty Camps**
Horseback Riding - 2 sessions
Seeds of Abraham
- **Teen Adventure Program (TAP) 7-9 grades**
Focus is on developing teamwork and leadership through community service projects. Teens can earn service hours for school credit
- **Counselor in Training (CIT) Grades 10+**
Application process required.
Leadership development training.
camp@jewishknoxville.org
- **AJCC Preschool Summer Programming 2 yrs. - Pre-K**
Contact: Kristen Cannon, Director
kcannon@jewishknoxville.org
- **SWIM TEAM**
Head Coach - Joe Peeden
<https://jewishknoxville.org/swim-team>

Summer Pool Memberships



For information, contact
office@jewishknoxville.org



**JUST
ADDED!**

**Week 10:
MCDC
July 29–August 2**

Swimming & Sports Camp 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

- ♦ Speed, Agility, Quickness Drills
- ♦ Soccer Skills
- ♦ Instructional Swim
- ♦ Lunch Time
- ♦ Diving
- ♦ Pool Games
- ♦ Snack & Pickup in Gym

Ages K-9

**Before/After Care Available
(7:30-9a & 3-6p)**

**REGISTER ONLINE:
www.jewishknoxville.org/
mcdc**

Hillel at UTK Students “Do Good” for Yom HaShoah Observance

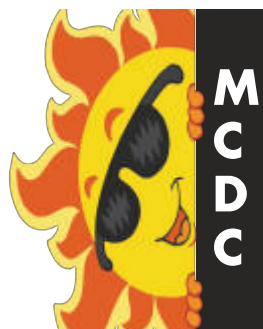


Hillel at UTK students trimmed trees, pulled weeds, restacked rocks, planted flowers and shrubs, and cleaned the memorial rock to beautify the Holocaust Memorial located at Knoxville’s West Hills Park.



Hillel at UTK pledged “Doing Good” in honor of Yom HaShoah. May we always “Remember.”

From left to right: Emily Schulman, Wren Iroff, Paige Motley, Justen Bain, Navit Nachmias, and Noah Geltzer.



Most Fun Under the Sun

MCDC Specialty Camp

- **Horseback Riding Camp—July 8-12**
8 years old and up. \$425 per person

MCDC Favorites!

- **Wookies & Weasleys—July 8-12**
A Harry Potter & Star Wars-themed week of fun!
- **COLOR WARS—July 15-19**
- **Just Added: Swimming & Sports Camp**
July 29-August 2: Swimming, skills, soccer, & more!
Register online. See page 21 for details!

MCDC Provides Lots of Fresh Air, Water Play, and Cool Field Trips and Activities

MCDC campers enjoy arts and crafts, instructional swim lessons, science, nature, and cooking electives, special guests and cultural activities, and lots of pool time with their friends. Campers also enjoy field trips where they can bowl, picnic, hike, and even go rafting. July 2019 MCDC camp weeks include two faves — Wookies and Weasleys (*Star Wars* AND *Harry Potter* theme) and COLOR WARS! MCDC has also added a sports camp for the last week of summer before public schools begin, so check it out!



FAMILY TRIVIA NIGHT

EVERY 4th FRIDAY 7-9PM
AT THE AJCC POOL

June 28
July 26
August 23

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Prizes!
Snacks!

Appropriate for all ages.
Family vs. Family.

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Mon-Tues-Wed-Fri
1-7 p.m.

Thursday 1-8 p.m.

Saturday Noon-7 p.m.

Sunday Noon-7 p.m.

*hours subject to weather and
AJCC Swim Team home meets

AJCC Pool Parties &
Private Swim Lessons
For All Ages

Please contact the KJA Office at
office@jewishknoxville.org or
(865) 690-6343

AJCC/USC Smokin' Salmon Swim Meet Schedule

- ◆ Tues. July 9 – 6:30 p.m. Oak Ridge Aquatics Club ORAC
- ◆ Thurs. July 18 – 6:30 p.m. Morristown B&G Club AJCC
- ◆ July 13-14 Smoky Mountain Invitational Springbrook Pool, Alcoa
- ◆ July 25-27 GKAIISA City Meet UT Aquatics Center

AJCC Swim Team Practice Times

All practice sessions are held at the AJCC

- Monday – Friday 8 a.m. – 9 a.m. Ages 10 and under
- Monday – Friday 9 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. Ages 11 and up
- Monday - Thursday 6p.m. – 7 p.m. Ages 10 and under
- Monday - Thursday 7 p.m. – 8 p.m. Ages 11 and up





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Travel to the Netherlands

By Abraham Brietstein, PhD, KJCFF President

In May, Judy and I traveled to the Netherlands during tulip time, which is when millions of the famous tulips bloom. We didn't get to see these until we reached the world-famous Keukenhof Gardens because it was the tail end of the tulip season.

Besides tulips, the highlight of our visit was visiting the Jewish section of Amsterdam with its world-famous Portuguese synagogue. This magnificent synagogue is one of the oldest, if not the oldest, functioning synagogue in Europe. It was built in 1675 by the Sephardic community, who began to settle in Amsterdam after the expulsion of Jews from Spain and soon thereafter, Portugal, in the late 15th century. Forced to convert to Christianity, be killed or exiled, many of these Sephardic Jews, who are my ancestors, settled in Amsterdam because of its tradition of religious freedom and tolerance of Jews. Many were forced to leave their homes with none of their possessions. Soon after arriving, many immigrants began to make their mark in Dutch society and accumulate wealth as physicians, traders, navigators and bankers. In 1671, this Sephardic community began to build the magnificent synagogue, which was later to be known as the Portuguese Synagogue.

Visiting this synagogue, which is beautifully covered from floor to ceiling in a dark wood, was breathtaking, as was our visit to their National Holocaust Museum, where we also saw a world-famous Kabbalah exhibit. Due to religious tolerance and the contribution of Jews to Dutch society, the Jewish population of Amsterdam had grown to 140,000 by 1939 when the Nazis invaded Holland and began their occupation. During the Holocaust and the so-called Final Solution, Jews were methodically identified, stripped of all their rights and sent to their death in concentration camps, such that by the end of the war, the number of Jews in Amsterdam was only 14,000. Today, the number of Jews living in Amsterdam and elsewhere in the Netherlands is relatively small. Nevertheless, their heritage is honored and respected in large part because of the world-famous Anne Frank Museum located in Amsterdam; one of the most frequently visited museums in all of Europe.

And so, we must always be cognizant of the potential disappearance of our people, and support religious and cultural institutions through programs such as the KJCFF. For more information about these funds and about starting a fund, please call the Knoxville Jewish Alliance at (865) 690-6343.



Donations

Heska Amuna Educators Supplement Fund

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Bryan and Mary Ann Merrell

Grants

Heska Amuna Synagogue received a grant from the **Rosenthal Environment Fund** to help "green" the synagogue.

The **Besmann Family Fund for Social Justice and Spiritual Enrichment** made a grant to the Knoxville Jewish Day School for their Match-A-Thon.

The Knoxville Jewish Alliance received grants from the **Brody Branton Fund**, the **Harry & Mollie Brietstein Fund**, and the **Jeff & Nancy Becker Community Enrichment Fund** to support the KJA Archives hiring a part-time assistant to help process a backlog of donations.

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Jewish Congregation of Oak Ridge



JCOR Library Updated and Ready for Members

By Hilary Shreter

The JCOR Library is again open for borrowing by JCOR members! Old books have been removed and great books have been replaced. To check out a book, just find the card in the back pocket, write your name and the date on the line, and put the card in the card file. (If there is no card: it's a reference book and you shouldn't remove it from the library!). If it is Shabbat, just drop the card in the card file behind the divider bearing your name. Keep the book for a month and return the book to the rolling cart in the library.

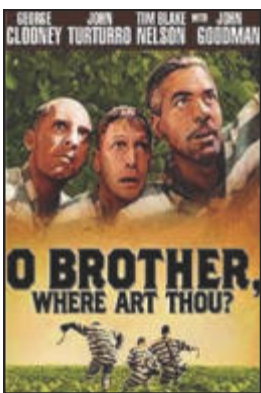
Do you have book at home that you borrowed long ago? Or do you want to donate books? Just bring them to JCOR and put them on the rolling cart too. We'll sort it all out!

Many thanks to those who pulled the library back to usability: Rabbi Rashkovsky, Avigail Rashkovsky, Anne Greenbaum and Becky Charles advised on which books to keep or replace. Elena Bamberger, Alice Feldman, Avigail Rashkovsky, Anne Greenbaum, and Peggy Laxton got the books inventoried and labeled.

Enjoy a good summer of great reading!



JCOR Library Updated and Ready for Members



Summer JCOR Film Series

Saturday, July 13, 7:00 p.m.

Jewish Film Series: *O Brother, Where Art Thou?*

2000; USA; Rated: PG-13; 1h 46m

Directed by Joel and Ethan Coen.

Cast: George Clooney, John Turturro, Tim Blake Nelson,

John Goodman, Holly Hunter, Chris Thomas King, et al.

With their collective eye focused on retrieving a cache of hidden money, three convicts break out of jail in Depression-era Mississippi and embark on an epic journey that bears more than a few similarities to Homer's Odyssey.

Saturday, August 24, 7:00 p.m.

Jewish Film Series: *The Big Lebowski*

1998; USA; Rated: R; 1h 58m

Directed by Joel and Ethan Coen

Cast: Jeff Bridges, John Goodman, Julianne Moore, Steve Buscemi, David Huddleston, Philip Seymour Hoffman, Tara Reid, et al.

Slacker Jeff "The Dude" Lebowski gets involved in a gargantuan mess of events when he's mistaken for another man named Lebowski, whose wife has been kidnapped and is being held for ransom. All the while, the Dude's friend, Walter, stirs the pot.



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Certificates in Mira Kimmelman's memory were sent to her sons Gene and Benno by Rose Holz, Barbara Holz and Peter Hance, Jane Holz Vercruysse, and Catherine Braunstein.



JCOR Gift Shop

The Sisterhood Gift Shop at JCOR has new inventory with lots of wonderful items. Contact Linda Bell at lweitzbell@gmail.com for an appointment.

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July 6	Shelby & Mark Kaye, Vivian & Miguel Reyes
July 13	Vera & Leon Maya, Ilana & Moshe Siman-Tov
July 20	Mary Rubens, Avigail & Victor Rashkovsky
July 27	Hilary Shreter, Nona & Sam Poole
August 3	Fran Silver, Jill & Stuart Chasan, Karen Brunner
August 10	Yardena & Moshe Yair, Michael Kropp
August 17	Tracey Cato, Bruce Tomkins
August 24	Judi & Len Gray, Sarah & David Stuart
August 31	Carol & Jonas Kover, Debbie Bowman

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 For the Friday evening service schedule, please contact JCOR at office@jcor.info or call (865) 483-3581.

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CHABAD OF KNOXVILLE



Ahavat Yisrael – Unconditional Love

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Shabbat, July 6, is the anniversary of the Lubavitcher Rebbe, Rabbi Menachem M. Schneerson's passing. Over twenty 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. What is it about the Rebbe that exudes so much love? What is it about the Rebbe that makes him so present even now – binding so many to him so deeply?

"For the Rebbe, Jewish unity is not a slogan, a wish or a promise; it is a reality."

—Yisrael Meir Lau, Chief Rabbi of Israel

To the Rebbe, all Jews comprise a single whole – a single body as real as a human one.

Children are an inextricable extension of their parents, regardless of whether they are wise or simple, old or young, righteous or wicked. Even when they deny their parents, the essential connection remains between them. Similarly, all Jews are one because their essence, their soul, which is a part of G-d – is identical and one.

But even as separate and unique individuals all Jews are also inter-connected – like a human body composed of many different parts. Only when all the parts are connected is the body whole. Each individual Jew constitutes a unique part of the Jewish whole, without which, G-d forbid, the entire People is incomplete.

Taking the analogy of the body further, not only is every Jew vital to the Jewish people to constitute one whole but, furthermore, each individual Jew contributes something that is unachievable by any other person besides him or her. The head, for example, lacks the mobility that the foot has. In this respect the foot is superior even to the head and contributes to it by carrying the head and the entire body to places it could not go on its own!

Similarly, every Jew has certain unique qualities that help comprise the totality of the Jewish People, and help propel the rest of the global Jewish body to ever greater heights in the service of G-d.

Recognizing this unity helps intensify one's Ahavat Yisrael and requires each of us to reach out and ensure that all Jews, every Jew, find his and her place and utilizes their potential, both for their own sake and for that of the entire Jewish people.

The Rebbe sought to connect every Jew in the world through the boldest spiritual initiative ever undertaken. For the Rebbe, Jewish unity was not a slogan – it was reality.

Jewish Outreach

Why would you ask someone to put on *tefillin* or light Shabbat candles – someone you have never met before and may likely never see again? And what is the point of encouraging these isolated, seemingly incongruous acts?

A disciple of the Rebbe – a Chasid – offers *tefillin* and Shabbat candles to a stranger for the simple reason that *tefillin* and Shabbat candles belong to every single Jew. It is offered because of who that person already is, not because he or she may one day become "Orthodox." It is the person's right to perform the mitzvah, and it is our privilege to help him or her with the same fervor and compassion with which we provide a stranger in need with a warm meal and a place to sleep.

No Jewish Background?

A prominent businessman and longtime supporter of Chabad started a beginners' service at his congregation. He proudly reported on his initiative to the Rebbe. "But when I told the Rebbe that I had arranged services for 130 Jews with no Jewish background," the businessman related, "the Rebbe's smile vanished. He looked at me with those piercing blue eyes and I knew I must have said something wrong. 'What?' the Rebbe said, giving me a chance to repeat myself, which I did. 'No Jewish background?' asked the Rebbe. He looked at me as if I had insulted his children."

'Go back and tell them that they have a background. They are the children of Avraham, Yitzchak and Yaakov, Sarah, Rivkah, Rachel and Leah.' The Rebbe's smile then returned, and he gave me a blessing."

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Heska Amuna Synagogue

July 6

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July 13

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July 20

Sylvia Balloff ♦ Isaac Benhayon ♦ Greta Besmann ♦ Lillian Brody ♦ Harry Cooper ♦ Karl Finestone ♦ Clara Goodstein ♦ Ben Goodstein ♦ Harry Kaplan ♦ Minnie Katz ♦ Shirley Leeds ♦ Belle Linke ♦ Celia Mackta ♦ Robert Milford ♦ Rebecca S. Millen ♦ Harry Miller ♦ Gussie Potter ♦ Nathan Quadow ♦ Joseph Russler ♦ Anna Sanders ♦ Harold Shersky ♦ Gerald Simon ♦ Martin Stollin ♦ Anne Tomlinson ♦ Hirsh Zussman

July 31

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JAHRZEIT

TEMPLE BETH EL

July 5

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July 12

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July 19

Stanley Bernard ♦ Jessie Dreyfuss Black ♦ Malcolm Bloom ♦ Lillian Finklestein Brody ♦ Raymond Brody ♦ David E. Brown ♦ Irene F. Chotiner ♦ Christine Jany Cramer ♦ Pearl Davis ♦ Mayme Dortch ♦ Sylvia Frankel ♦ Goldie Ann Garber ♦ Joseph Greenberg ♦ Minnie Feld Katz ♦ John Kelleher ♦ David Licht ♦ Margaret Locklar ♦ Sam Rosenbloom ♦ Leo Silver

July 26

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An Artist's View: Creative Jewish Women in Knoxville



Hadassah
New Members Welcome
Sunday, August 25, 2019, 2 to 4pm
Arnstein Jewish Community Center
Orwitz Room

Please join us for a special afternoon celebrating several artists in our own Jewish community as we hear about their genres, mediums and current works.

Hadassah also welcomes new members along with current members with information on our upcoming activities and projects.

For more information please contact our
Membership Co Chairs

Nancy Britcher (nbritcher@gmail.com) or Brenda Sherman (houstonbrenda@yahoo.com)

Delicious desserts, coffee and tea will be served

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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 honor. You can also just buy a tree or certificate as a mitzvah!

Contact Joyce York at joyceyork12@gmail.com to arrange for a tree or water certificate to be sent for you.





Join nearly a thousand Hadassah members and supporters in New York City for four action-packed days

**Hadassah's 99th Convention
July 15-18, 2019**

Experience an exceptional lineup of inspiring speakers, networking opportunities, innovative trainings, entertainment, and more. You'll hear firsthand about the astounding medical impact Hadassah is making in Israel and around the world. This is your chance to hear from experts and leaders about new developments in medicine, Israeli security, philanthropy, combating anti-Semitism, and women's health. Meet some of the people whose lives you have touched.

It's a chance to reunite with old friends and meet new ones! At Hadassah's 99th Convention, you'll laugh and learn as you take your place in a long line of women (and men) making the impossible possible.

**Come see what's in store for you this July. Imagine the possibilities!
Learn more at <http://www.hadassah.org/convention-2019/> .**

Hadassah Knoxville to Host September Educational History Series

Helene Sinnreich, Ph.D., Associate Professor, Religious Studies and Director, Fern and Manfred Steinfeld Program in Judaic Studies at the University of Tennessee will present a Jewish history mini course (4 classes/lectures). The basic premise of this class is to study the intellectual development of anti-Judaism/antisemitism in Europe, culminating in the Holocaust.

**The mini-course will consist of four Tuesday evening sessions, 7:00 p.m.
Location TBD.**

Course topics include:

- ★ **Tuesday, September 3** *Jewish Life in Medieval Europe*
- ★ **Tuesday, September 10** *The European Enlightenment and Its Impact on Jews*
- ★ **Tuesday, September 17** *Antisemitism and Jewish Responses to Antisemitism*
- ★ **Tuesday, September 24** *The Holocaust*

Look for more information in the August issue of *Ha'Kol*.



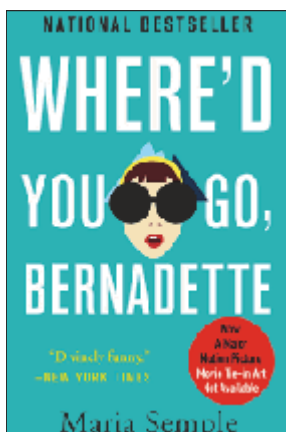
Hadassah Book Club News

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

Hope to see you all for our **Tuesday, July 16**, Hadassah Book Club meeting. We're having a special meeting this month at the home of one of our members. Please RSVP as dessert themed to the book will be served. When you RSVP, details for time and place will be sent to you. This month we'll be discussing *Where'd You Go, Bernadette* by Maria Semple.

Overview

Where'd You Go, Bernadette is a 2012 comedy novel written by Maria Semple. The plot revolves around an agoraphobic architect and mother Bernadette Fox, who goes missing prior to a family trip to Antarctica. It is narrated by her 15-year-old daughter Bee Branch.



Please contact **Peggy Littmann** at plittmann@comcast.net or (865) 776-1013.

Next Read

August 20 *Daughter of Molokai* by Alan Brennert

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 all of us congratulating them on the new baby!

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

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

Please contact me at batyabox@gmail.com.



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Mazel Tov to Our 2019 Graduates

We are pleased to announce that our five 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.

When we asked the graduates what they cherished most about their KJDS education, their responses speak volumes. While I know they loved...traveling to DC, the design challenges, the plays, PE, Art, Gelt Mart and the many fun experiences they had here in KJDS, they spoke about their personal growth.

- Ellie Wood spoke about developing a love for learning and pride in her Judaism
- Elli R spoke about the confidence she developed to speak up in difficult situations and to perform in public
- Cora spoke about developing grit and the ability to persevere when facing a challenge and not accepting OK – striving for her maximum.
- Noah spoke about developing independence as a student. He says that now he is a student who volunteers for things, dives head first into assignments, assists others and works independently and efficiently.
- Lia spoke about the confidence she’s developed as a student. When she feels stuck instead of shutting down she uses a tool she’s learned: Metacognition. When she feels stuck she stops and thinks 1. What do I need to figure out?
2. What background knowledge or tools do I have to solve this problem?

Add to this list of accomplishments: these students learned to speak, read and write Hebrew; performed in six plays including *Willy Wonka*, *Peter Pan*, and *Annie*; gave a TedX talk; built Rube Goldberg machines; created a coffee shop -- and learned how to brew amazing coffee three different ways, then donated their profits to charity; designed and managed a “construction” display; became influential people of the 1920s in a speakeasy; donated over 10,000 pounds of food; met Eva Schloss and heard her story firsthand; traveled to Washington, DC; learned to compose music; sang with and visited the Violins of Hope; designed their own field day games; created a historical wax museum; performed a Passover play in Hebrew; volunteered at Second Harvest, Beardsley Farm and Knoxville Botanical Gardens; constructed Biomimicry simple machines; volunteered at the Be a Friend Festival; donated to the Special Olympics, and more.

We wish our students good luck in middle school and beyond. We know you will thrive in your new schools and they will benefit from welcoming you to their communities. We look forward to your visits as alumni and can’t wait to follow your journeys. Remember to visit us often. KJDS will always be your home.



This group of graduates will head to middle school with confidence knowing they always have a home at KJDS.



Teachers move the tassel for our 5th Graders. Our school community is very close, each student is cherished by all the staff.



These seasoned performers created a skit and song parody to express how much they learned and how much they will miss KJDS. The audience loved the 1980s themed performance.

Coffee Shop Science

By Fran Julien, 4th-5th Grade Teacher

Fourth and Fifth grade have been learning about all things coffee! We started this unit thinking about the forms of matter and applying it to a coffee bean and a cup of coffee. We learned about the properties that make up a solid, liquid, and gas and how to use properties like color, shape, texture, and solubility to describe and measure matter. Next, we applied coffee to the topic of literacy. As a class we reviewed types of figurative language and why authors incorporate it into their writing. We welcomed a guest in from Honeybee Coffee Company to conduct a cupping class in our classroom. Coffee cupping is essentially a taste test of a variety of coffees from all over the world to describe their flavor and the smells. It's the reason you see descriptions like "cheery, blueberry, nutty, or caramel notes" on the front of your bags of specialty coffee. As students used a slurping technique to gain a small taste of each type of coffee, they were in charge of recording their observations in order to later use figurative language to describe their tastes, smells, and full experience of the cupping. Here are some examples of how students described the cupping experience:

- *"The Colombia Natural smells as sweet as a berry" - Chayale Wilhelm*
- *"The roasted beans cried out in agony as they were turned into blackish-brownish dust" - Elli Robbins*

Our class then learned how to brew a good cup of coffee in a Chemex and French press from another local barista who works for Vienna Coffee House. Students were able to show off their brewing skills at our grand opening of the Steamin' Mug during our Mother's Day event.

We then turned our sights back to the science behind coffee by exploring physical and chemical changes in matter. We made multiple observations of physical and chemical changes through investigation stations like browning fruit, mixing milk and sugar into coffee, rust on steel wool, and grinding coffee beans. Throughout this process, our class learned that scientists not only rely on their observations, but they make connections between their observations and research. To explore more about this topic, we ventured out to the Vienna Coffee House roaster in Maryville and were treated to a tour showing the roasting process of a coffee bean. We were able to make connections about what we can observe when matter is changing physically versus chemically, and what we saw as the coffee beans roasted.

This unit was full of exploration and connection beyond the classroom. The fourth and fifth graders have now added barista to their list of expertise at KJDS!



These students have really dug deep into the chemical and physical reactions a bean goes through to become coffee. They toured Vienna Coffee in Maryville along with three other local shops.



Above: These students are now expert baristas and they can tell you what changes the beans have gone through to make your coffee taste so good.



Left: Students use all their senses during their professional cupping experience.

Games Around the World

Not much gets our students more excited than Special Friends events. This intergenerational program has become a special trademark of a KJDS experience. Students and their “special friend”-community volunteers who share their time, talent and love with our students- come together for holiday celebrations, and various fun and educational events throughout the year.

Our final Special Friends event of the year was our Lag B’omer celebration. Special friends and students “visited” countries from around the world and played games: Gogoim in Israel, Pilolo in Ghana, Skippy roo in Australia, Statues in Greece. Students and special friends had some time to socialize as they ate Gelato in Italy. Thank you to this amazing group of volunteers who donate their hearts and time to our students. The love, insights and wisdom our students receive from your visits are so enriching!

Special friends also enjoyed a trip to the 4-5 coffee shop, The Steamin’ Mug! Our 4th and 5th grade students were great baristas and the Special Friends enjoyed the ambiance of the coffee house feel created in the 4th and 5th grade classroom.



Above:
It was a beautiful day to play “gogoim” outside. We are lucky to have this enjoyable outside space to use.

Right:
This scene is exactly what Ms. Julien was envisioning when she created the “Steamin’ Mug” coffee shop. The friends stayed after the event to enjoy the ambience and a wonderful cup of coffee.



Steve has made many friends at KJDS and always enjoys visiting them during these fun events.



Eating gelato was definitely a hit with both students and Special Friends.



Mazel Tov to Lia Maman, This Year's Recipient of the Harold Markman Award

The award is given to a student who demonstrates the qualities Harold Markman exemplified Compassion, Friendship and Leadership.

We were blessed to have Harold as a role model for our students during the five years he visited with our students weekly. After his passing students identified these traits as the lessons they had taken from his visits! Mazel Tov Lia, we know you will continue exhibiting these meaningful characteristics.

Ellen and Steve Markman present Lia Maman with her award.



Student Led Conferences

By Abby Quartararo

At KJDS, we have student-led conferences. These are times when your parents come to school and listen to you while you talk about what you have been learning. The students use Power Point to show their parents strategies they use in the classrooms and to share their goals for next year. I like student-led conferences because I get to make my own Power Point. I make mine in my own style. I also like the student-led conference because it makes me start the next year off prepared because I have made a goal, and I know what I need to work on. I get to tell my parents how I've been doing at school, and I get to show them an artifact of my learning.

My parents like the conference because they get to hear a lot about what I am doing in class, like my reading level and how my writing has improved.

I also enjoy the student-led conferences because I'm by myself, and I get to tell my parents what I do in class instead of my teacher talking to them, like in the parent/teachers conferences. Student-led conferences are a fun part of KJDS.



Abby shows her parents some of the work she created this year. Allowing students to create their own conference gives them ownership of their learning.

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The Way We Were in 1978

Farewell to Rabbi and Dolly Golinkin

Rabbi Noah **Golinkin** (1913-2003) served Heska Amuna Synagogue from 1970 through early 1978, when he became rabbi at Congregation Beth Shalom in Columbia, Maryland.

At a goodbye party at the home of Marilyn and Harvey **Liberman**, back row, left to right: Harvey **Liberman**, Bernie **Bernstein**, Marilyn **Liberman**, the late Marilyn **Shorr**, the late Bernie **Shorr**

Front row: the late Elaine **Brown**, the late Dolly **Golinkin**, the late Rabbi Noah **Golinkin**, Barbara **Bernstein**, Alice **Renert** (later **Katcher** and **Goldfarb**)

The **Libermans** and **Bernsteins** continue to live in Knoxville. Elaine's sons Ken **Brown** and Steve **Brown**, and Ken's wife (who is the daughter of the **Shorrs**) Susan **Shorr Brown** do as well.

Thanks to Marilyn **Liberman** for the donation of the photograph.

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