



# Ha'Kol

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

July 2020

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## Awakening with Our Eyes Wide Open

Written by Rabbi Erin Boxt

What do I wish for today? Where should I focus my hope?  
 I look upwards and all I see are clouds.  
 I look downwards and all I see is the floor.  
 I peer into the other room and as I do, the sunlight shines brightly  
 through the window.

For a moment, I am blinded by the goodness shining through.  
 For a moment, I consider all of the blessings present in my life.  
 For a moment, I think of the community – all of those in my life.  
 I listen intently to the sounds surrounding me –  
 laughter; crying; anger; joy.

I miss so many things, so many people – have they forgotten me?  
 I do appreciate more and more the precious time spent with my family.  
 Too often in my “normal” life, so many things were taken for granted.  
 Today, as I feel my life grinding to a halt, I must recognize  
 and be grateful for so much more.

Our community means so much – and these days this becomes  
 so much clearer.

Chabad of Knoxville, Hadassah, Heska Amuna Synagogue,  
 JCOR, KJA, KJDS,  
 Hillel, Judaic Studies Department of UTK, Temple Beth El  
 Together as one community – we can move forward together.

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, אֲשֶׁר קִדְּשָׁנוּ  
 בְּמִצְוֹתַי, וְצִוָּנוּ לְעִסּוֹק בְּצִרְכֵי צְבוּר

*How full of blessing you are, ETERNAL ONE, our God,  
 majesty of the Universe, who has consecrated us with  
 Your commands, and commanded us to occupy ourselves  
 with the needs of the community.*

# TEMPLE BETH EL TIMES



July 2020  
9 Tamuz – 10 Av 5780

## Shalom Y'all!

By Rabbi Erin Boxt

In January 1985, my life changed dramatically. I was hit by a car while waiting for the bus to go to school. My mother had been fighting with my school district to create a bus stop closer to our house as there were over 20 kids at our one stop. When standing in a single file line, we stretched across the street to the other side. Of the 20 or so kids at my stop, seven of the mothers were nurses...and that morning, they all decided to wait with their children for the bus. Those seven nurses, blessed angels of mine, kept me alive until the ambulance was able to take me to the hospital.

While I was in the Intensive Care Unit, I was in and out of consciousness at first. I remained in a coma for four days. The medical staff was able to keep me alive while transfusing four pints of blood into me. I broke my left femur and had over 180 stitches in my head. The plastic surgeon who "sewed" my head back together performed a miracle, and I am thankful to him every day of my life. The truth is – the doctors were amazed I survived. Did God have something to do with it? Yes, of course. However, the real heroes of that time in my life were the doctors, nurses, surgeons and every other staff member of Lexington Memorial Hospital in Columbia, South Carolina.

There are so many people in our lives who never get the credit or recognition they deserve. In today's world, in our current COVID-19 pandemic, it is the medical professionals, the hospital workers, the EMTs, the police and every other first responder who have kept us going. If you think of any tragedy that occurs, it is the same group(s) of people who keep us going – allowing us to return (at some point) to normal life. If you are a doctor, a nurse, a social worker, a psychologist, or any other person that has been on the front lines of our current pandemic, **THANK YOU!** Without you, many more would be suffering and dying.

Here is a prayer I have written specifically for all who are on the front lines every day of this war:

## The Unsung Heroes of OUR World

*Have you ever thought about a 24-hour shift?  
Have you ever imagined running into a blazing fire?  
Have you ever considered risking your own life to save another?  
There are many of those in our midst, whether we know or not.*

*What happens when there is a catastrophe?  
Who is responsible for caring for those that are sick or dying?  
When do they get a break from the holy work they do?  
These are not questions they consider, even when we do.*

*To the doctors, nurses, firefighters, police, EMTs and all first responders,  
We see you; we are thankful for you; we should reach out to support you.  
Too often, though, you put yourself behind others, sacrificing for them,  
Today, let us thank you, let us acknowledge you, let **this** be the new trend.*

*אשרי זה שמספק את אלו המטפלים בנו. יהי רצון שהם יתברכו בבריאות ובשלום.  
Blessed is the One who provides those who care for us. May they be blessed with health and peace.*

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



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## TBE President's Final Remarks

By Steve Lewis, TBE President

I hope this message finds all of you well and safe. I would be remiss if I did not acknowledge in this, my final column as your president, the impact these incredibly challenging times have had on all of us.

This is a time of great turmoil and sadness; as of this writing, over one million of our fellow Americans have been struck by this terrifying disease, and over 80,000 have passed. All of us, I'm sure, have friends, relatives, or acquaintances who have been touched by COVID-19. Yet the same time, I hope each of us can find something to be grateful for; for myself, our family remains healthy, as do most of our friends, and the congregation I love has come together in strength and hope. At TBE we are weathering the storm together, often connecting in ways we never have before.

So, despite being faced with a daunting reality none of us expected to see (and hopefully never will see again), as my thoughts turn to the conclusion of my term as your president they are dominated by the positive. Yes, there is a sadness when anything ends, and perhaps we will not be connecting in quite the same way in the future, but I am extremely grateful for the blessing of having been your president, and for the blessing of continuing to be a member of this *Kehillah Kedosha*.

I am grateful for the partnerships I have enjoyed these past two years -- especially my partnerships with Rabbi Erin Boxt and Norma James, who are the foundation of TBE and what makes it special. I am thankful for those who served with me on the Executive Committee, facing difficult decisions together with love and wisdom. That extends, of course, to the entire Board of Directors, as well as to all of our committee and auxiliary chairs, who have worked tirelessly in support of our congregation, and all of the other TBE volunteers who have given of their time and energy. It also extends to Tina Fleeman, who as all of you know makes an incalculable contribution to our success.

And finally, I am grateful for the partnership of my successor, Kathy Young. Kathy has been with me every step of the way, offering advice when needed, friendly criticism when deserved, and thankfully serving as a founding member of the "Early morning Alarm-Clock Committee." Kathy is bright, talented, extremely hard-working, and she is in love with TBE. In short, the congregation is blessed to have her as our next president.

And so, looking beyond this, the challenge of our lives, I see a bright future -- and I look forward to sharing it with all of my friends at TBE.



## New TBE President's Remarks

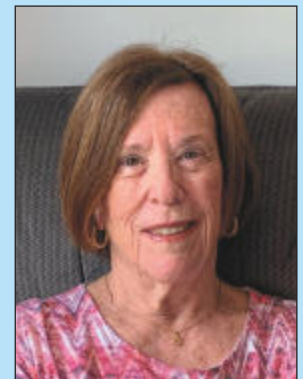
By Kathy Young, TBE President

These are certainly unusual times we are in now. Covid 19 has forced us as a congregation to make some exceedingly difficult, but necessary, changes in the way our Temple must proceed. Todah Rabah to Steve Lewis and Rabbi Boxt for leading the way and accepting the challenges with swiftness, always keeping the Congregation's health and well-being of first and foremost importance.

Obviously, I did not expect to start my presidency with immediate challenges and decisions. But I accept the responsibility graciously and know that I have a caring Rabbi and wonderful board to assist in the difficult decisions ahead. Although the building is closed as of this writing, I look forward to the day in the (hopefully) near future that things will return to the "new normal", whatever that may be. In the meantime, while the building is closed there are many ways to participate in Temple activities. Why not join us for "virtual" Friday night services led by Rabbi Boxt and Norma James? Or Havdalah on Saturday evenings at 6:00 with Rabbi and Steve Lewis. Thank you all for stepping up to the plate and keeping us spiritually connected. I know it means a lot to me and my family and I look forward to those services each week. Healing services are every other Tuesday. Torah study with Rabbi Boxt is every Tuesday and there are more. All the various ways to connect are listed in the weekly Blast or on the Temple web page TBEKNOX.org.

If you have a suggestion for a virtual program you do not see listed here, feel free to reach out to me, Rabbi Boxt, or any of the Board members or committee chairs. Many people, our congregants included, are wanting ways to connect during these uncertain times. Please know that TBE is here for you. If you are not sure who to contact, please call Tina at the office and I know she will gladly point you in the right direction.

I would be remiss if I did not thank Rabbi Boxt and my predecessor Steve Lewis for their excellent leadership while I was serving as Vice President. I feel fully prepared to take on the challenges that lie ahead. I am looking forward to virtually seeing you again very soon.



## TBE Thanks Its Leadership

**TO OUR RESIGNING BOARD MEMBERS:** Hayley Goldfeld, Howard Pollock, Alan Smuckler, Steve Rockmaker, and Tamara Sturm

Thank you for serving on the Temple Beth El Board of Directors, and for your dedication to strengthening our Kehillah Kedoshah.

It has been a pleasure working with you and we look forward to a future of continuing friendship and collaboration where we pursue many more endeavors that enhance TBE.

### **TO OUR NEW BOARD and EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS:**

It is our sincere honor to welcome you to the Board of Directors and Executive Committee of Temple Beth El. Thank you for accepting and committing to the sacred responsibility of helping continue the spiritual, educational and management growth of our Kehillah Kedoshah.

### EXECUTIVE BOARD

- Rabbi Erin Boxt
- Kathy Young, President
- **Larry Tucker, First Vice President \*\***
- **Sophia Lionberger, Recording Secretary \*\***
- Peter Covell, Financial Secretary
- **Peter Rosenbaum, Treasurer \*\***
- Steve Lewis, Immediate Past President

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- Aaron Margulies
- Larry Markel
- Lee Wertheim
- Susan Baker
- Tony Gibbons
- Dan Smith \*\*
- Dustin Park \*\*\*
- Tara Bain

### RELIGIOUS SCHOOL DIRECTOR

- Norma James

### SISTERHOOD REPRESENTATIVE

- Wilma Weinstein-Lomax

### LIFETIME HONORARY MEMBERS

- Henry Fribourg, Vice President
- Dick Jacobstein, Vice President

\*\* = *New Executive Committee Member*

\*\*\* = *New board member*

# SAVE THE DATE!!

**Sunday, October 25, 2020**

**1:00 PM**

*(Doors open at 12:30 for  
food and conversation)*

*at Temple Beth El*

*3037 Kingston Pike*

*Registration is \$20.00*

## MAH JONGG MADNESS



**Temple Beth El Sisterhood**

**Snacks Cash Prizes Mah Jongg**

**"Just for Fun" tables**

*Registration forms will be sent by email.*

**Contact: Karen Smith at 691-3231,**

**Briankarens@comcast.net or**

**Sandy Parker at 237-4929**

**Sandyepb@gmail.com or**

**Beverly Schultz at 679-3720**

**Iqqy1883abc@yahoo.com**

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

**Kabbalat Shabbat Services on Friday evenings at 7 p.m.:**

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/835560058>

Meeting ID: 835 560 058

Password: 788114

**Havdalah services on Saturday evenings at 6 p.m.:**

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/405314387>

Meeting ID: 405 314 387

Password: 178744

### ZOOM INSTRUCTIONS

1. If you have a laptop, smartphone, or tablet, you can download the app in advance.
2. If not, no worries! There are other options! You are either able to call in using a landline/cell phone or video conference in via a computer/phone/iPad with a camera. Both options are listed below.

To call in:

1. Under, DIAL BY LOCATION, call the number below that says NEW YORK (meaning East Coast). You will then have to enter the Meeting ID
2. To video conference:
  1. Click link below that says JOIN ZOOM MEETING.
  2. Something will pop up to download ZOOM (allow it).
  3. Once downloaded, the meeting should open. Please make sure to check off "Use Computer Audio"

In both instances, if you are able, please make sure to mute yourself so the noise doesn't come through the speakers into the class. On laptops/smartphones/tablets, there is a mute button. On the video conference, there is a mute button on the bottom left corner of the video screen. On landlines, there is not really a way to mute!

### FACEBOOK INSTRUCTIONS

You do not need a Facebook to watch/see our Facebook page, but you do need one to interact with the videos!

## Contributions to the Funds of Temple Beth El

Donations listed were received as of May 22, 2020

### CARING COMMITTEE FUND

*In memory of Buzz Brody*

By: Pessa Brody

*In memory of Sesto Del Moro  
& Joan Porter*

By: Rob and Honerlin Del Moro

*In memory of my brother, Bill Cramer*

By: Cyndie Powell

### CLARENCE STRASBURGER MUSIC FUND

*In memory of Charlotte Kayser*

By: Gilya Schmidt

### GENERAL FUND

*In memory of Dan Altshuler*

By: Nancy Altshuler

*In memory of Zelmora "Steve"  
Haber Brody*

By: Jonathan Branton

*In memory of Leon Potter*

By: Ivan Brody

*In memory of Buzz Brody*

By: Trudy Dreyer

*In memory of Buzz Brody*

By: Bob and Elaine Freeman

*In memory of Morris Goodfriend*

By: Bob and Wendy Goodfriend

*In memory of Stephen Lieberman*

By: Marcie Gross

*In memory of Buzz Brody*

By: Mark Harris

Donation By: Earl and Sara Klugman

*In memory of Buzz Brody*

By: Richard Licht and Shirley McGuire

*In memory of Jean H. Millis*

By: Estate of Jean Millis

Donation By: John Dillard Buell

*In memory of Buzz Brody*

By: Leslie (Billig) and Peter Rosen

*In memory of Buzz Brody*

By: Maxine Szabo, Stephen and Kim  
Rosen, Norman and Judith Teasley

*In memory of my friend, Robert*

*"Buzz" Brody*

By: Michael McClamroch

*In loving memory of Buzz Brody*

By: Irv and Myrna Russotto

*In memory of Dan Altshuler*

By: Keith and Cynthia Altshuler

Donation By: Howard and Janice Pollock

*In memory of David Alan Bush*

By: Deborah Roberts  
and Don Mossman

*In memory of Naum Safo*

By: Ilya and Bella Safo

*In memory of N. George Tucker*

By: Larry and Rise Tucker

### GOLDBERGER MEMORIAL SANCTUARY FUND

*In memory of Jean H. Millis*

By: Susan Millis

### JAY AND MATILDA GOODFRIEND HOLOCAUST EDUCATION FUND

*In memory of Shirlee Goodfriend*

By: Gary and Linda Johnson

### HARRY AND MATILDA DAVIS AND HERBERT LOUIS DAVIS EDUCATIONAL ENHANCEMENT MEMORIAL FUND

*In memory of Manuel Leimsidor*

By: Larry and Rise Tucker

### LICHT YOUTH FUND

*In honor of Genesis 12:3*

By: James Murph

### MARX FAMILY EDUCATION FUND

*In honor of Norma James*

By: Kelley Kidd

### PATIO AND GROUNDS FUND

*In memory of Nannette Hyatt*

By: Renee' Hyatt and Paul Erwin

### PRESERVATION FUND

*In memory of Dr. Arthur Pardee*

By: Renee' Hyatt and Paul Erwin

*In memory of Sarah & Morris Goldfarb,  
Marjorie & Donald Pardee and  
Abraham Factor*

By: Liz Gassel and Michael Pardee

*In memory of Harold Pomerantz*

By: Ken and Phyllis Hirsh

*In memory of Buzz Brody*

By: Dick and Sheila Jacobstein

*In memory of Sam Ginsberg*

*& Stan Sherman*

By: Barry and Brenda Sherman

### RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

*In memory of David Baker*

By: Susan Baker

*In honor of everything done  
for the Brody family*

By: Raymond Brody & family

*In memory of Joice Brown*

By: Jeff and Tamra Brown

*In memory of Shirlee Goodfriend*

By: Bob and Wendy Goodfriend

*In memory of Hal & Cecelia Zimmerman*

By: Lou Gross and Marilyn Kallet

*In memory of Jean H. Millis*

By: Estate of Jean Millis

*In memory of Buzz Brody*

By: Edith Brown

*In memory of Buzz Brody & Joseph  
Sandberg, beloved father, grandfather &  
husband*

By: Ron and Ebbie Sandberg

*In memory of Buzz Brody*

By: Victor and Priscilla Skalet

*In honor of Norma & Wes James on the  
birth of their grandson Brennan Lee  
Alonso & In honor of Barry & Marilyn Wohl*

# TEMPLE BETH EL TIMES

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**Monday - Thursday:**

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

### Our Mission

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

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

[www.tbeknox.org](http://www.tbeknox.org)

*on the birth of their grandson, Brighton  
Oliver Wohl*

By: Geoff and Pat Wolpert

*In memory of Allen Kravitz*

By: Kathy Young

### RELIGIOUS SCHOOL FUND

*In memory of Tillie Slovis*

By: Esther Webster

### SECURITY FUND

*In loving memory of my grandmother,  
Fannie Kreisberg*

By: Reba and Bennett Herzfeld

*In memory of Bea Jaffe*

By: Meredith Jaffe

### SISTERHOOD FUND

*In honor of everything done  
for the Brody family*

By: Raymond Brody & family

### SUPPLEMENTAL CARING FUND

*In honor of the members of  
Temple Beth El*

By: Shane Rhyne

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

# JULY 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>Heska Amuna and Temple Beth El July services and classes are offered online via Zoom. Contact the congregation for more information.</p>			<p><b>1</b> 9:30-10:30a Shacharit service &amp; Torah chat-HA 4-6p AJCC Pool 6:30p Wed Minyan-HA 6:30p Minyan service, Daf Talmud chat-HA 7p Board-HA</p>	<p><b>2</b> 7a Morning Minyan-HA 2-3p Mincha-HA 4-6p AJCC Pool</p>	<p><b>3</b> 8:30-10a Shacharit &amp; The Ethical Life-HA Noon Mindfulness Practice-HA 4-6p AJCC Pool 6:30p Kabbalat Shabbat-HA 7p Shabbat Service-TBE</p>	<p><b>4 Independence Day</b> 9:41p 10a Shabbat Service-HA 11a-6p AJCC Pool 6p Havdalah Service-TBE</p>
			<p><b>5</b> 9:30a Morning Minyan-HA 11a Beyond Dispute- HA 11a-6p AJCC Pool</p>	<p><b>6</b> 9a Morning Minyan-HA 3:30p <i>Mincha</i> &amp; Torah chat-HA 4-6p AJCC Pool 6-9:30p Fencing-AJCC Gym</p>	<p><b>7</b> 1p Torah Live with Rabbi Box-TBE 4-6p AJCC Pool 7p Healing Service hosted by Rabbi Box &amp; Steve Lewis-TBE 8-8:30p <i>Mincha</i>-HA</p>	<p><b>8</b> 9:30-10:30a Shacharit service &amp; Torah chat-HA 4-6p AJCC Pool 6:30p Wed Minyan-HA 6:30p Minyan service, Daf Talmud chat-HA</p>
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## AJCC POOL HOURS\*

**Monday—Friday — 4-6 p.m.**  
**Saturday — 11 a.m.-6 p.m.**  
**Sunday — 11 a.m.-6 p.m.**

*Days and hours subject to public health directives and weather.*

**For membership information, please contact the KJA Office at [office@jewishknoxville.org](mailto:office@jewishknoxville.org) or (865) 690-6343**

# KNOXVILLE

## Suzy Snoops

*Ha'Kol welcomes your good news. Please send information to [jjork@jewishknoxville.org](mailto:jjork@jewishknoxville.org)*

*You can also mail your news to*

*Ha'Kol newsletter, Knoxville Jewish Alliance,  
6800 Deane Hill Drive Knoxville TN 37919.*

- ★ Mazel tov to **Judith and Jack Benhayon** on the birth of their grandson Ziggy Isaac Attenweiler, born May 7 to daughter Becky and her husband Robert in Pittsburgh.
- ★ Mazal tov to **Shelley and Marc Mangold** and Dayton Hanford, on the birth of their grandson, Maxwell Eugene Hanford, son of Abram and wife Madeline Hanford.
- ★ **Alpha Epsilon Pi (AEPi)**, the Jewish fraternity at The University of Tennessee, has created a new website! Visit [www.aepiutk.com](http://www.aepiutk.com) to find information about the chapter regarding brotherhood, events, recruitment/rush, academics, and alumni events.
- ★ Mazal tov to **Susan and Ken Brown** on two joyous life events: the birth of grandson, Leo Alexander Brown, son of Daniel and Boyeon Selena Brown and the marriage of their daughter Rachel to Tyler Wadkins.



## Hillel at UTK Supports Inclusion Executive Council sends letter of support

Dear Chancellor and our UTK Family,

Our core Jewish values – *tikkun olam* (repairing the world) and *pikuach nefesh* (saving a life) – require us to speak out in the face of the systemic racism that this country was built on and, heartbreakingly, maintains to this very day. The core of who we are as a people rests on Never Again – **we do not stand for hate of any kind.**

In the last two years on our campus, Jews have faced targeted suffering in the face of antisemitic acts of hate and murder. It was in these moments, we felt you, our Chancellor, and our campus *kehillah* (community) provide a space that not only said “we support you,” but also acted to show “we stand with you.” It is time for us to stand with our Black UTK – and national – community to be anti-racist.

Hillel at UTK will continue to “seek peace and pursue it” (*Psalm 34:14*), knowing there can be no peace until all human beings are treated with humanity, dignity, and respect. For those whose lives have ended by police brutality and racism in our country, we stand FOR you. May we hold your memories close as we strive to build the next generation of Jews engaged in justice for all.

How can we help?

In solidarity,  
Hillel at UTK Student Executive Board  
and  
Tara Bain, Director of Hillel at UTK



## Tennessee Holocaust Commission Brings Holocaust Education to Students

The Tennessee Holocaust Commission is a governmental agency based in Nashville, tasked with educating Tennesseans about the history of the Holocaust. Due to the surge of COVID-19 and the ensuing educational crisis, the commission has indefinitely postponed in-person survivor speaking engagements, professional development workshops for educators and law enforcement, and the annual Day of Remembrance commemoration at the state Capitol, pivoting instead to provide meaningful virtual experiences and educational opportunities for Tennesseans. This includes several upcoming programs, workshops, and other educational opportunities:

- The Commission has been working with teachers to assist their instructional needs and provide guidance in the transition to digital learning. For example, Taylor Kilgore, a teacher at Whitwell Middle School, home to the famous ‘Paperclips’ project, is working with her team to bring virtual tours to the Whitwell Children’s Holocaust Memorial.
- In addition to supporting individual efforts by affiliated educators, the Commission is developing virtual and downloadable resources and sample curriculum guides, which will be completely free to any educator or parent in the state of Tennessee.
- Volunteers are working as Zoom ‘tutors’ for older survivors, taking the time to personally walk them through the platform’s functionality and mechanics. This way, they can connect directly to classrooms and communities around Tennessee for the duration of social distancing, while also providing survivors with the digital literacy to connect with loved ones around the world.
- TNHC hosted a ‘Week of Resilience’, in which they asked their Facebook followers to engage with featured profiles on Tennessee survivors, liberators, and witnesses.

The Tennessee Holocaust Commission staff is dedicated to carrying forward their work in light of this crisis, ensuring that these memories are not forgotten and Tennesseans continue to confront and learn the universal lessons within this tragic history. If you or anyone you know is looking for assistance in teaching, discussing, or memorializing this challenging history, or is interested in volunteering remotely, please feel free to reach out to the team at [tnholcom@vanderbilt.edu](mailto:tnholcom@vanderbilt.edu).



# H A P P E N I N G S

## Mazel Tov to Our Community's 2020 Graduates

Please celebrate two more of our community's graduates on page 11

### High School Graduates

- ★ **Yuval Koenig**, daughter of Liat and Yoav Koenig, graduated from Bearden High School where she was a four-year member of the National Honors Society. She studied ballet, pointe, modern, and jazz for at Studio Arts for Dancers, and was a dancer at Go! Contemporary Dance Works. Yuval served as Sh'lichah and MIT mom at Gert Weinstein BBG Yuval will study international business at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville.
- ★ **Benjamin Margulies** graduated from Farragut High School. Ben has developed an eye for photography and an interest in lenses and hopes to further his interest in photography and lenses at The University of Rochester, by majoring in optics and optical engineering.
- ★ **Katy Seddon**, granddaughter of Leslie Badaines and daughter of Becki Badaines Seddon and Tom Seddon, graduates from Providence Day School in Charlotte, NC. She is a National Merit Finalist and received a Presidential Scholarship to the University of Southern California.



Koenig



Margulies

### College Graduates

- ★ **Ben Carson**, son of Rachel and Don Carson, graduated from Boston University, where he earned a bachelor of arts degree in philosophy and psychology from the College of Arts and Sciences. Ben held multiple internships in the arts and social services and traveled to New Zealand and Italy via study abroad. Ben plans to work and live in New Zealand once international travel restrictions are lifted.
- ★ **Andrew Feld** graduated from Davidson College *cum laude* with a BS in biology. His twin sister **Rachel Feld** graduated from Elon University *cum laude* with a BA in history. They are the grandchildren of Leslie Badaines and children of Debby Badaines Feld and Scott Feld.
- ★ **Brandon Messing**, son of Daniel and Karen Messing and grandson of George and Helene Messing, graduated from the University of Tennessee's Haslam College of Business, *magna cum laude*.
- ★ **Karen W. Messing** earned a master's of science degree in educational psychology with a focus in adult education. She has begun doctoral work for a degree in education, higher education learning and leadership at the University of Chattanooga.
- ★ **Jacob Messing**, son of Michael Messing and Joyce York and grandson of George and Helene Messing, earned a bachelor of arts degree in history with a political science minor from The University of Tennessee. Jacob plans to attend graduate school.
- ★ **Lizzy Noon**, daughter of Chuck and Missy Noon, graduated from Vanderbilt University in December 2019 with a degree in engineering science. Lizzy will be working in Washington, DC at Deloitte as a business technology analyst.
- ★ **Emily Schulman** has been an active member of Hillel at UTK, serving as vice president, president and immediate past president. She crafted needed updates to the Hillel at UTK Constitution and created a beautiful space at the Rock for students to grieve after Pittsburgh. She is graduating magna cum laude with a bachelor of science degree in biomedical engineering.



Carson



B. Messing



J. Messing



Noon



Schulman

### AEPi Seniors

- ★ **Noah Geltzer**, a Nashville native, earned a degree in Business Administration – Marketing, *summa cum laude* from The University of Tennessee. He served as chapter president.
- ★ **Matt Sizemore**, a Spring Hill native, earned a degree in psychology from The University of Tennessee.
- ★ **Ed Revere**, Nashville, earned a degree in architecture from The University of Tennessee.
- ★ **Kevin Saslawsky**, Memphis, earned a degree in architecture with a minor in industrial design from The University of Tennessee.



Left-Right:  
Geltzer, Sizemore,  
Revere, Saslawsky,  
and Zigelnik

## Safe and Sane

By Rabbi Alon C. Ferency

As I write, we may be less than halfway into our quarantine of social distancing and sheltering at home. It was fun at first, seeing the pace of society slow enough to think a complete thought, and then to have quiet time with oneself, family, or nature. Perhaps now it's becoming just a little bit maddening, as ambient distress and elevated cortisol linger in the bloodstream.

Let's validate all possible emotions at this time: Introverts may feel relief from social pressures; extroverts may grieve the lack of gatherings. The gainfully employed may feel safety or pressure; the unemployed calm or panic. All of this is normal and par for the course. At the same time, we have to prepare ourselves for the slow and steady work that will be the next year or so. Advances in testing, tracing, treatment and (God willing) an eventual vaccine will mitigate the need for social restriction. But those changes will take time, and relief will arrive slowly, so we will need to make wise choices along the way.

We face a dilemma between safety and sanity, while managing the tension between the two. Surely, socialization, engagement, and community make life bearable through the crisis. And, as we move forward making gradual accommodations between safely distancing and necessary socializing, we ought to do so with a few things in mind. First, let's continue to gather a clear-eyed assessment of the risks, based in science and data. Second, we'll continue to make regular re-assessments as testing, tracing, and treatment advance. And, as in the days of the HIV and AIDS epidemic, let's consider which behaviors are more risky and which behaviors less so.

Furthermore, we are informed by our religious values. Judaism ever reminds us to put safety and welfare ahead of all other concerns: *Pikuach Nefesh* ("saving life") is a pre-eminent Jewish value, as is our sense that all of life is created in God's image and that all creation is sacred. Second, our Jewish congregation can help to keep us sane. Social avenues like music, study and worship can help sustain all of our spirits. Some of my favorite recent programs – games and mindfulness in a Jewish context – seem especially suited to our current moment, as they provide overdue socialization for the homebound.

At the same time, I can imagine and foresee very interesting advances and changes in the life of a Jewish community. Necessity is the mother of all invention, and this is no exception. Crisis can serve as a fount of creativity. There may be great changes in the arrangement of the Jewish holidays and worship, and in the network of Jewish community. Many of these may be to the good and endure long past our present moment. As in every generation, a time of creativity may forge a new and vibrant Jewish life (once all this is behind us). Out of crisis, may we reinvent and renew Judaism.

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## A special note to anyone interested in reading Torah

Pictures of our entire Shabbat Torah scroll are now available online for your learning pleasure at

<https://heskaamuna.org/learn-to-read-torah>.

We have exceptional tutors that can – and would be honored to – help you, too. Just ask! Send us a note to [RRS@HeskaAmuna.org](mailto:RRS@HeskaAmuna.org).



## Presidents' Thoughts

By Markus Eisenbach and Jeannie Bobroff, Co-Presidents

As I write this in early May, we have experienced two months of changed lives as we are adjusting to the Covid-19 pandemic. We have not had physical, in person, services at Heska Amuna and we are trying to understand how we will have to adjust in the months to come. How do we face this challenge? Our modern interpretation and understanding of science is quite different from earlier ages, when plagues might have been seen as divine punishment for human transgressions. While we have the advantage to know about viruses, too small to see even with instruments available as recently as the 19<sup>th</sup> century, this still shows that our ancestors share the desire to explain and understand the world around them. We have the background to no longer see it as divinely directed at us and understand it as part of the natural order. But as our ancestors saw plagues as punishment for transgressions of the community, we need to realize that it is still a communal effort to deal with it and that we all have to work together to ensure all our safety. It is the lesson of communal responsibility that Judaism teaches that is so important in this time of a pandemic that disrupts our regular lives. Thus, it has been encouraging to see how we have been able to adapt our worship and study to virtual platforms thanks to the opportunities that technology provides us. Yet I am sure that we all are missing the ability to meet in person and enjoy the company of others and face to face encounters that are not pre planned and structured on an hourly scheduled basis.

The desire for our comforting rituals to return must be viewed with the best of our scientific and medical knowledge. It is always important to keep in mind that the saving of lives outweighs most other commandments. This has been exemplified through responses to disease outbreaks, such as the cholera epidemics of the 19<sup>th</sup> century, where rabbis came up with ways to limit the spread of the disease and ensure the health of their communities based on the medical understanding of the day. The most famous story here might be the one of Rabbi Israel Lipkin in Lithuania, who publicly ate on Yom Kippur to signal to his community to eat and drink to strengthen their bodies to fight of the cholera epidemic.

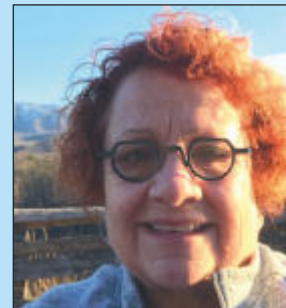
Consequently, we must find our ways forward to deal with the present coronavirus pandemic in the best understanding what is scientifically and medically recommended. It is widely recognized by experts that we will not be able to return to a completely normal state that we had before the outbreak until an effective and safe vaccine will become available, as it is highly unlikely that the disease will vanish on its own. So, we will have to deal with an extended time period where we have to make adjustments to our religious life. How can we resume services in our sanctuary? What about religious school? What type of meetings and events can we have when, and what requirements and restrictions should we put in place to keep everyone safe?

One of the biggest questions that arises is the celebration of the high holy days. While it is still spring as I write this and fall seems far away, Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur are our busiest services and it is highly unlikely that we can celebrate these important days in the traditional way that has been so important, meaningful and moving to many of us. Thus, we have started to plan for alternative forms of these services that will satisfy our spiritual needs as best as will be possible given the circumstances. Also, I encourage you all to share your thoughts on our religious life in these difficult times with me.

Jeannie and I wish you all good health both of mind and body.



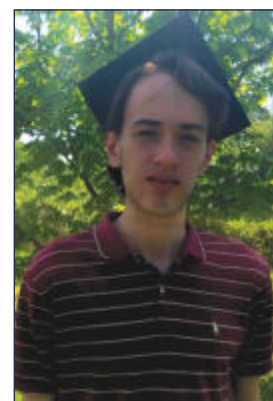
Eisenbach



Bobroff

## Mazel Tov to Our High School & College Graduates

- ★ **Thomas Scott** graduated high school in May 2020. He was schooled at home. His interests include computer programming, foraging for wild edibles and medicinals, cooking, and hiking. He will attend UT Knoxville in the Fall, majoring in mechanical engineering and the Chancellor's Honors Program.
- ★ **Esther Sitver**, daughter of Anita Kay and Joe Sitver, graduated from Ringling College of Art and Design with a bachelor of fine arts in illustration degree plus a minor in art history. Esther graduated *summa cum laude*, earned President's List six times, served as treasurer and president of FEWS (figure enhancement workshop), while working two campus jobs. See Esther's senior thesis at <https://www.ringlingthesis.com/> and all of her work on <https://esthersitver.wixsite.com/portfolio>. Esther is available for commissions and other remote art jobs at this time.



Scott

## Adult Education at Heska Amuna

By Abraham Brietstein, PhD., Vice Chair of Adult Education

Heska Amuna has continued to offer adult education classes via Zoom during the coronavirus pandemic. In commemoration of Yom HaShoah and in coordination with the Knoxville Jewish Alliance, Heska Amuna helped sponsor the reading of a dramatic play written and directed by Dr. Mark Littmann, with the assistance of Peggy Littmann and other actors, entitled **Surviving the Nazis-The Mira Kimmelman Story**. This program was deeply moving and was viewed by many in the Jewish community. Many thanks to Mark and Peggy Littmann for offering a program to commemorate Yom HaShoah.

In addition, Dr. Littmann presented a program entitled **Hasidic Stories**. The program, which included a reading and discussion of Hasidic stories, generated a lively discussion and revealed deep insights hidden in these seemingly simple stories based on Jewish mystical thought. Many thanks to Mark for his willingness to offer programs of interest to the Jewish community that are meaningful and enriching.

In addition to these monthly programs, Heska Amuna has continued to offer adult education classes on a weekly basis via Zoom. Many thanks to Rabbi Alon Ferency, who is teaching two classes, **Beyond Dispute and The Ethical Life** as well as a weekly meditation group. Please check *Nu News* or the office for those meeting times. Peggy Littmann continues to offer Beginner and Intermediate Hebrew classes. If interested, please email her at [plittmann@comcast.net](mailto:plittmann@comcast.net) for times. Jack Love and Raphe Panitz offer Talmud Study on Wednesday evenings as an extension of Minyan, which starts at 6:30 p.m.

In addition, many thanks to Josh Gettinger, Heather Hirschfeld, Marilyn Kallet, Helene Sinnreich, Raphe Panitz, Jack Love, and Rabbi Ferency for participating in TikZoom Leil Shavuot.

Finally, if any of you would like to offer an adult education program, please contact Abraham Brietstein at (865) 803-8246.



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## Heska Amuna Women's League (HAWL) News

By Lisa Jacobson, Heska Amuna Women's League President

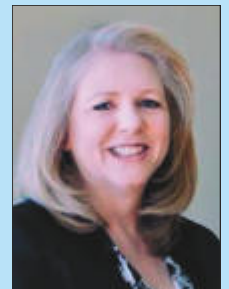
As I write this, my last *Ha' Kol* article as president of Heska Amuna Women's League, there are soooo many people I need to thank for all of their support, both moral and physical, throughout the last two years as they helped advise; recruit members; and develop, implement, or simply attend programs. I am not going to even attempt to name everyone. It would be much too hard. However, I do have to acknowledge the executive board (Andrea Cone, Peggy Littmann, Shuli Mesa, Marian Jay, Anna Iroff-Bailey, Dahlia Smith, Barb Levin, Judie Watson/Jeanne Bobroff, and Melissa Sturm) for their encouragement, creativity, and assistance over the last year. Each of your HAWL board members worked hard on your behalf to ensure that HAWL was relevant to the needs of Heska Amuna and the Jewish community at large, providing education programs, social service activities, or the compassionate needs of our community.

There are three people that were not on the board but who went above and beyond to support and guide our programs, or took on necessary "grunt" work, on a regular basis over the last two years: Anita Kay, Sandy Parker, and Beverly Wilcox. Anita lead our efforts to support the asylum seekers, helping to raise over \$6,000 and donations of food, clothing, blankets, and other necessities. She became a leader in the movement throughout the Knoxville community, representing HAWL in making a true difference in the lives of those passing through Knoxville. Sandy was integral to the success to two of our biggest programs over the last two years, i.e. the *Matzo Ball Diaries* (she was the "chief chef") and the theatre production of *Not That Jewish* (she was the personal assistant and gofer to the star of the show, a surprisingly demanding position!).

Finally, Beverly Wilcox was invaluable in helping above and beyond her job, creating the content of posters, advertisements, and other communications on HAWL's behalf. Please forgive me for not mentioning everyone who helped over the years, these are the ones that come readily to mind because of their consistent and repetitive support. There are too many others to name who provided help on specific programs or events over the last two years. Please know that I will always remember your help and the organization is better as a result of your participation!

We will be meeting either virtually or safely, together in the next few weeks to vote on our new slate of officers. Barb Levin, as immediate past president, chaired the nomination committee which has put forth a wonderful slate of women to move the organization into the future. I am extremely pleased that the board, with your positive vote, will have two very qualified Co-Presidents to lead HAWL, and allow for a smooth succession process. Please keep an eye out for the upcoming meeting notice and join us to confirm the nominations and hear their exciting plans.

Finally, I want to thank all of you for letting me be your president over the last two years, allowing HAWL to take some chances with programming some big events, and supporting us with your attendance. I am pleased to continue on the executive board as Immediate Past President for the next two years, to work with the new officers. I look forward to helping them implement even more exciting, relevant programming and events over the next two years!



Jacobson

## Heska Amuna Religious School News

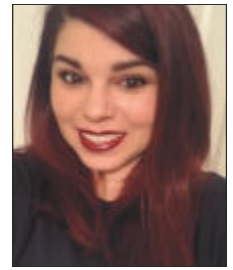
By Shuli Mesa, Education Director

The coronavirus pandemic had an immediate impact on the Heska Amuna Religious School (HARS). As soon as we decided to close in-person classes, we immediately connected with high school students thinking they would feel the impact the greatest. We met for 30 minutes every Sunday by Zoom to connect. We have been using a program called *Unpacked for Educators* that has fantastic videos, such as *The Politics of Hip Hop in Israel*. Our students have follow-up questions and resources and we end our class doing a Kahoot...which is perfect because nearly all teens have a cellphone and it is a great way to keep them engaged. We had very good participation by our students.

We added a 30-minute Family Morning Tefillah. (HARS-Zoom). Participation has varied from week to week but had a fun addition: One HARS family moved to Finland for the year and they joined us on our morning prayers—even though it was afternoon there. I found that it helped the kids connect, sing together, ask questions, and then they and their families went out and enjoyed time together. I am Facebook friends with many of them and have found that they went bike riding or hiking but always with their family.

On May 9 we coordinated a virtual Shabbat Hinnuch: A Celebration of Education, the traditional way HARS completes a year, including confirmation and consecrations. This year we had neither, but added all Adult Education teachers. We thought outside the box: sent evites, added a looping round of photos, and added special readings. Shabbat Hinnuch is evolving to be more congregation-oriented, which is exciting.

I hope this gives you an idea of how we have been continuing our HARS educational efforts. This has been an exceptionally challenging time, but I believe we reached out, connected to our kids, and provided them with educational opportunities and means to connect to each other.



Mesa

**Heska Amuna**

**Annual Membership Meeting**

**will be held 10 am on July 19!**

See Nu News for details or contact the  
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[info@heskaamuna.org](mailto:info@heskaamuna.org)



We are extremely grateful for your partnership these past few months during the COVID-19 pandemic and its impact on our religious school and community. Your continued support and partnership in education is greatly appreciated. We hope that you all have a wonderful summer season, and we hope, g-d willing, to see you in the fall! We MISS you!



# Heska Amuna SYNAGOGUE

*Love. Heal. Grow.*

*HEAR* children laughing amid the conversation of friends.

*SMELL* baking bread and savory spices as we prepare traditional foods together.

*SEE* butterflies flutter in our courtyard garden as children play.

*FEEL* warmth, harmony, joy and celebration.

## EXPERIENCE HESKA AMUNA

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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.

**Come as you are. We welcome all who want to be a part of our family.**



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## Pandemic Cannot Stop Love (or) Two Local Weddings Adapt to the Quarantine

### Mazel Tov! to Lisa and Jeff Jacobson on daughter Melanie “Mel” Anne Jacobson’s marriage to Robert Scott Vance on May 6

The families valiantly adapted to social distancing by having their closest family present and live streaming the event for everyone around the country. The wedding theme was "black bears will visit your cars for free when you wed in Gatlinburg." The couple will live in Knoxville.

#### *How did you feel about the way the Corona Pandemic affected your wedding?*

Mel said she would have planned it that way from the start if she had known how wonderful it would be. Her mother, Lisa, said "I got to share her wedding much more intimately with her. I also got to share it with friends and family [virtually]. All in all, I thought it was wonderful and she did too."



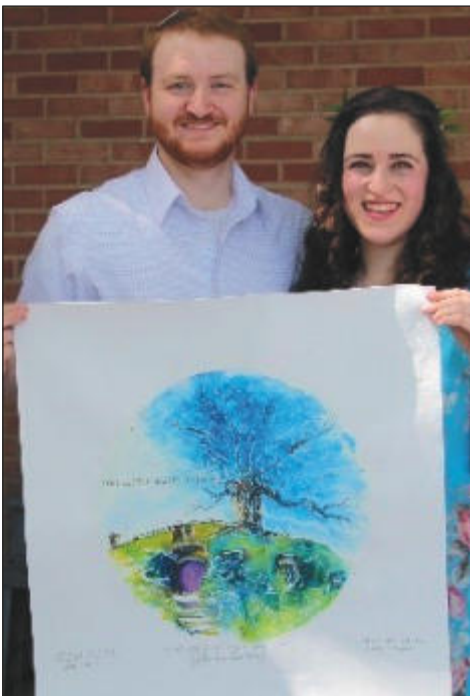
### Mazel Tov to Kenneth and Susan Brown whose daughter Rachel Ariel Brown married Tyler Wadkins on Sunday, June 7

When the Covid19 pandemic forced the cancellation of daughter Rachel's planned wedding to Tyler Wadkins in May, the couple considered possible alternatives. They settled on an "Erusin," a Jewish betrothal ceremony, conducted by Rabbi Alon Ferency at the Browns' home. The center of the ceremony is the presentation of a document of betrothal by the groom to the bride. Since the ketubah (marriage contract) which had been prepared for the planned wedding ceremony was tied to the original wedding date, it was no longer valid. With the creative and artistic efforts of Kim Ault, the back of the ketubah document was transformed into a beautiful "Erusin" document which, according to Rabbi Ferency, makes the couple "about 90% married." The entire family looks forward to completing the other 10% in the future. The ceremony was shared with family and friends all over the country (and in a couple countries outside the US) on a Facebook Livestream.

#### *How did you feel about the way the Corona Pandemic affected your wedding?*

Rachel was very attached to the plans they had been making for three years, and it was really hard to accept that after all of the work we had put into [it]...that we couldn't have our wedding.

All that said, it was a really beautiful day....We had a huge community of people (family, friends, Heska Amuna) who reached out to us [virtually]...and although the original plan was for this to be something sweet that we would ultimately forget about in the shadow of the big wedding next year, I think we will look back on this day fondly."



Rachel and Tyler with their ketubah.



Ken and Susan Brown, with Rachel and Tyler

## Contributions by Caring People

*Donations received through May 21, 2020*

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Gilya Schmidt

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### Permanent Schedule

Friday Night Services.....Varies

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

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

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

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

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

**For a list of Heska Amuna's  
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- ★ Finding purpose through reflection (*Cheshbon HaNefesh*)
- ★ Healing lives through service (*Chesed*)
- ★ Celebrating God with awe and joy (*Yirat Shamayim*)



# Knoxville Jewish Alliance

# Ha'Kol

## Dear KJA Members and Friends

By Martha Iroff, Vice President of Children and Youth

July 2020

Our current operating status (updated 5-29-2020) is as follows:

- The **AJCC Pool** opened Monday, June 15, 2020. Hours for our general membership will be Monday through Friday 4 p.m. to 6 p.m., Saturday and Sunday 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Pool capacity will be capped at 45 members/guests. Members will be asked to bring their own chairs. Masks should be worn on the pool deck, but not in the pool. Water will be available for purchase but there will not be a snack bar this year. Members will be allowed to bring snacks or drinks for their personal consumption. No glass will be allowed inside the pool area. The summer membership fee will be \$225.
- Regrettably, the **University Swim Club Smokin' Salmon** will not meet this year. BUT we are working on plans for a fun league and will announce details soon.
- The **AJCC Preschool** opened for the summer on Tuesday, May 26, 2020. Class sizes are limited, following CDC guidelines. Preschool will run from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. with no before or after care. At this time there are limited available registrations.
- **Milton Collins Day Camp** opened on Monday, June 15, 2020. We are unable to offer field trips, overnights, or late nights this year. The camp will run from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Please note that no additional extended care, including pool release, will be provided. At this time there is a limit of available registrations. Staff and campers will be expected to wear masks. Families may provide their own or wear masks that volunteers have donated. Daily health screening will be conducted for all staff and campers. There will be no specialty camps, but there will be great activities, swimming and fun!
- At this time the **AJCC building** remains closed to everyone except staff and preschool (and MCDC once it opens), BUT the office remains open to email and phone calls. Please let us know how we can assist you. If you are in need of assistance please contact Jewish Family Services director Laura Berry at [lberry@jewishknoxville.org](mailto:lberry@jewishknoxville.org). Ed Hunter remains available for billing-related questions at [ehunter@jewishknoxville.org](mailto:ehunter@jewishknoxville.org). Ed and Laura are working hard to return all emails and phone calls. There are currently no meetings, classes, or rentals at the AJCC.

We will be in touch with camp and member families via email in the days to come. We will also post all further public updates, as they become available, to [jewishknoxville.org](http://jewishknoxville.org) and our Facebook pages. As always, we thank you for choosing the AJCC and Milton Collins Day Camp and for your trust, patience, and understanding during these trying times.

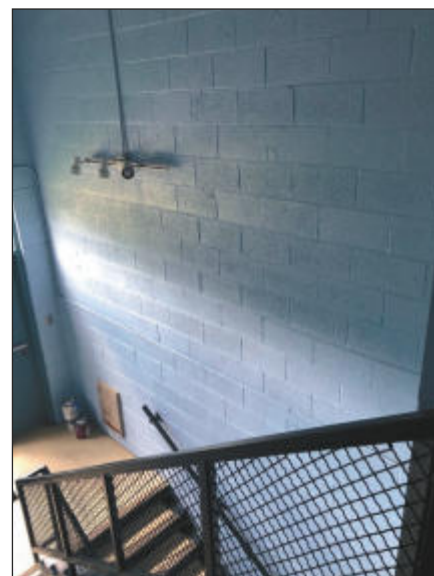
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### AJCC Campus Improvements

*AJCC campus improvements continued while the campus was shut down.*

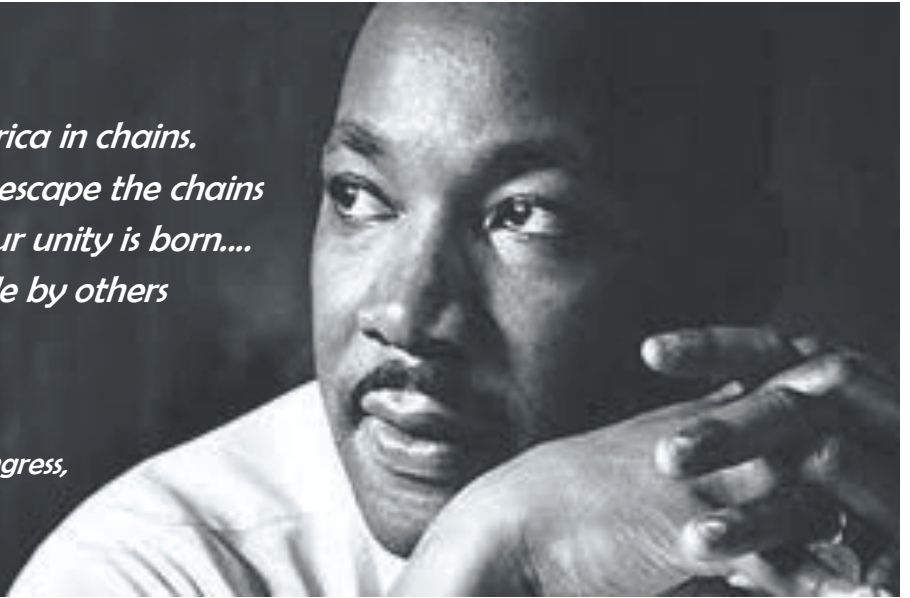
*Sturdy swim blocks purchased at a UT surplus auction were mounted at the AJCC Pool, ready for summer swim lessons and future swim meets. Interior painting projects such as interior stairwells enhance the building.*



# A MESSAGE FROM THE KNOXVILLE JEWISH ALLIANCE

*My people were brought to America in chains.  
Your people were driven here to escape the chains  
Fashioned for them in Europe. Our unity is born....  
To make oppression of any people by others  
an impossibility.*

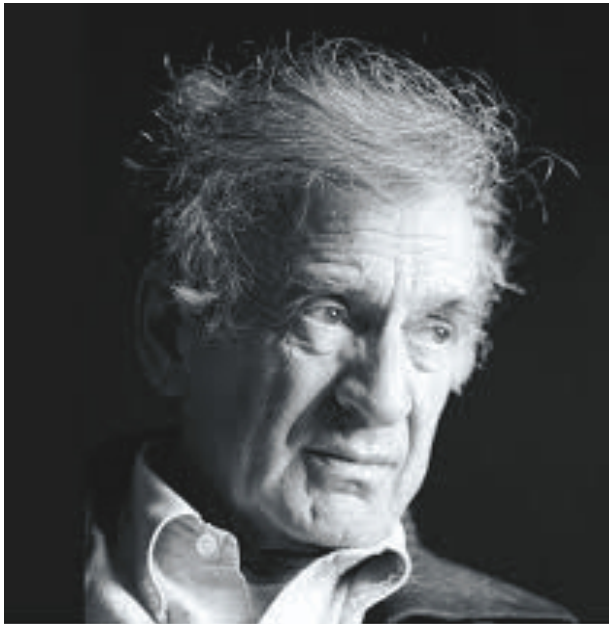
**Martin Luther King, Jr.**  
*Speech to the American Jewish Congress,  
Miami, 1958*



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

*There may be times when we are powerless to  
prevent injustice, but there must never be a  
time when we fail to protest.*

**Elie Wiesel**  
*Human rights activist, Holocaust survivor,  
& Nobel Peace Prize laureate*



**Opportunity — Equal Treatment — Justice — Peace — For All  
Let Every Man, Woman, and Child Breathe**



**Knoxville Against Hate**





**Summer Day Camp for Ages  
Rising kindergarten-9th grade**

**Day camp hours:**

Monday-Friday: 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.  
Please note that no additional extended care, including pool release, will be provided.

Staff and campers are expected to wear masks. Families may provide masks or campers can wear masks that volunteers have donated.

Daily health screening will be conducted for all staff and campers.

Campers will enjoy great activities, swimming and lots of fun!

**Week 4 July 6-July 10**

*Extreme Week*

**Week 5 July 13-27**

*Heroes & Heroines*

**Week 6 July 20-24**

*COLOR WARS*

**Week 7 July 27-30**

*MCDC’s Got Talent*

**Week August 3-7**

*Mini Camp with arts, crafts and more*

**Weekly Session Fees**

1 week: \$285

2 weeks: \$250 per week

when registering at the same time

**Register and pay fees online:**

[www.jewishknoxville.com/camp](http://www.jewishknoxville.com/camp)

*Please note: Registration is limited so some sessions may be full.*

# Protect Your Health and Help Us Stay Open

## Guidance for the Public

### Five Core Actions

- Practice Social Distancing** – Stay 6 feet away from others who are not part of your household whenever possible – “Farther is Safer.”
- Wear cloth face coverings** – Wear a mask in public unless eating in a restaurant or when able to consistently maintain 6 feet of physical distance from others.
- Wash your hands or use hand sanitizer regularly** – Wash for 20 seconds with soap and water or use a hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol.
- Clean frequently-touched surfaces** – Be a part of helping keep things clean, use hand sanitizer, wipe shopping cart handles, etc.
- Stay home when sick** – If you do not feel well or have been told to isolate or quarantine, please stay home.

**PLUS**

- Follow posted safety guidelines.
- Don’t touch your face (Another great reason to wear a mask).

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# AJCC POOL MEMBERSHIPS AVAILABLE (June 15-September 7)

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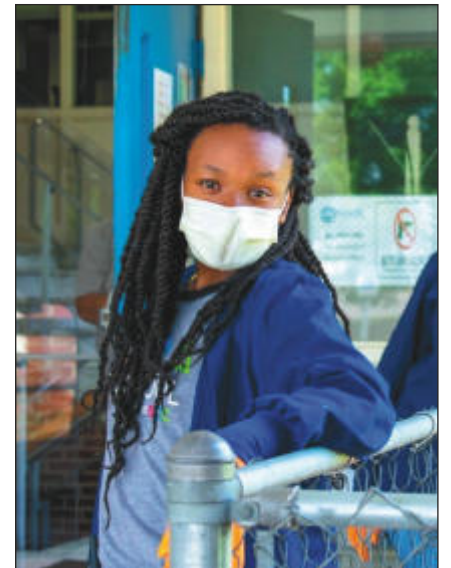
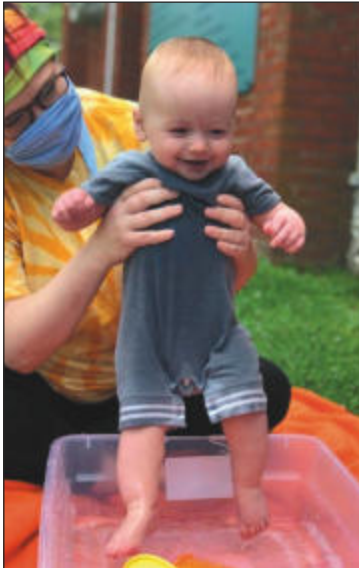
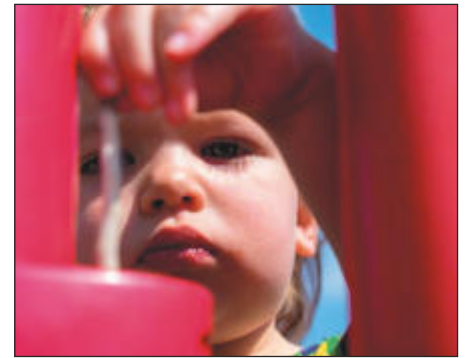
**Monday-Friday: 4-6 p.m.  
Saturday-Sunday: 11 a.m.-6 p.m.**

- Bring your own chairs
- Bring snacks and drinks (no glass containers)
- Wear masks on pool deck
- Water available for purchase (no snack bar)

**Download a membership form:  
[www.jewishknoxville.org](http://www.jewishknoxville.org)**



Photos by Jared Iroff-Bailey



## AJCC Preschool Happy to Reopen for Summer

The AJCC Preschool reopened May 26, after being closed since March 16 due to the COVID-19 pandemic that swept our nation. It was a very difficult decision to close for the remainder of the school year as this meant missing out on our end of the year Spring Fun Week, Shabbat Picnic, Hey Class Graduation and so much more, but it was a decision that was made to protect the staff, children, families and community during Shelter at Home orders throughout the nation.

The AJCC Preschool made changes to protect our staff, children and families. We went through extensive training on social distancing, cleaning and sanitizing, and the symptoms of COVID-19 etc., before rendering the decision to reopen. There were countless behind the scenes discussions, ZOOM meetings, and webinars before protocols were put into place to reopen. Some protocols implemented included reduced hours of operations to allow for the same staff and children to be together daily, outdoor drop-off and pick-up, daily health checks, face masks for everyone over age 2, continuous sanitizing of all touch-points throughout the day, eliminating toys and classroom materials that cannot be sanitized, etc. These actions are how we operate day by day as we continue to seek and implement guidance from the Knox County Health Department (KCHD), State of Tennessee Human Service Child Care division, and Center for Disease Control (CDC). As always, the safety of our staff, children and families is our number one priority and we pledge to do what it takes to remain safe during unprecedented times. The AJCC Preschool will remain open as long as things are deemed safe and will continue to follow the necessary guidelines to provide a safe environment to everyone in our community.

Parents and donors established a Preschool Relief Fund to assist the staff with shelter, utilities, food, and medications. Thank you for all the support. We will continue to maintain this fund until the pandemic is over.

We are all aware of the financial strain COVID-19 has had on our individual families and our community. As a result, the AJCC Preschool and other community organizations took a financial hit due to closures, supply cost to reopen etc. The Art Gala, which is one of the preschool major fundraisers was canceled. We anticipated a \$10,000 return from Art Gala in which we would use to continue our Playground Improvement project and other facility projects. This was a great loss and we need your help to recoup during this time.

The AJCC Preschool will launch an online fundraising campaign in July to help us get back on our feet. We are looking for teams that can help raise the necessary funds so we can continue providing a quality Jewish preschool education for generations to come. If you are interested in heading a team, or helping develop our upcoming fundraising campaign, please contact us a [preschool@jewishknoxville.org](mailto:preschool@jewishknoxville.org). More information will be coming soon and we thank you for your help in advance.

## Meet a Board Member: Vice President of Jewish Community Services

### Bryan Goldberg

I'd like to take this opportunity to introduce myself. My name is **Bryan Goldberg** and I am both President Elect of the KJA and the Vice President of Jewish Community Services. I have been married to my wonderful wife Adrienne for nine years. We have two children, Chase Ocean (age 5) and Charlize Kai (age 2).

I have lived in Knoxville for the past 18 years. However, I was born and raised in South Florida, specifically in the Emerald Hills neighborhood of Hollywood. My sister and I grew up in a Reform household and celebrated our b'nai mitzvah in South Florida and then again on top of Masada in 1996.

For the first 23 years of my life, the sport of swimming mostly defined who I was. By age 13, I began international competition and by age 15 I was representing USA Swimming through the National Junior Team. In 2001 and 2005, I was able to compete in the Maccabi Games in Israel, where I won a total of 9 gold medals, 2 silver, and 2 bronze medals and was named the Athlete of the Games in 2001. In 2002 I started my college career at the University of Tennessee where I was the first four-year recipient of the Haslam Scholarship, eventually graduating with honors with a BA in business administration. During my time at UT, I was a four-year letterman in swimming and continued to represent Team USA, including setting a games record and winning a gold medal at the Pan American Games in 2003.

Once my swimming career ended, I became head coach of Halls High and Middle School swim teams for eight years. I also took a position with a locally owned firm learning the insurance restoration business. Through hard work and a bit of good fortune, I was afforded the opportunity to open an office for Belfor Property Restoration in 2010 where I have been general manager for the last 9 years.

Community service, and more importantly Jewish community service, is in my blood. My parents and grandparents all served on boards of either their Temples, Israeli Bonds, or the Greater Miami Jewish Federation (GMJF). Especially distinguished was my grandfather, Melvin Kartzmer. He served as a GMJF board member for 19 years. Mel served in multiple executive VP functions as well as Chairman of Philanthropies helping to manage the CMJF charitable foundation, one of the largest Jewish Federations in America. My grandmother, Gertrude Kartzmer, served on the SE Regional Board of the ADL, was active in Jewish Family Services and proudly wore her Lion of Judah pin for as long as I can remember. In fact, my parents ultimately met as a result of participation in a Federation event, my mom having been part of the Young Leadership Program and fundraising in Miami. My parents now reside in the Seattle area where my mom proudly wears her Lion of Judah pin. My parents are also actively involved philanthropically with the Seattle Jewish Federation.

When my children began attending our AJCC Preschool, I was asked by our last executive director to join the KJA board. For a few of my fellow board members, including our President, Chip Rayman, it has been quite an experience over the last three years! I absolutely love giving what I can to our community and am completely humbled and honored to have been asked to serve as president elect and as president starting the end of this year.



*Hillel @ UTK Director Tara Bain with KJA Vice President of Jewish Community Services Bryan Goldberg at a campus Shabbat dinner.*



*Bryan Goldberg as a UT swimmer*

## Hillel at UTK is grateful.

As uncertain and wearing as life is during these life adjustments, we are grateful. We are grateful for the support our Knoxville community has provided to Hillel at UTK. The student executive board is currently looking at different scenarios for the fall semester and determining how to stay empowered and engaged while also welcoming our new students to their home away from home. We are grateful to receive generous support from our Knoxville Jewish community and the Nashville Jewish community for the annual funding they provide our organization. Recently, we have been additionally fortunate to have received an additional grant award from the Jewish Federation of Nashville and Middle Tennessee. We are truly grateful for the ability this will provide to maintain our mission of inspiring students to explore and embrace Jewish life at the University of Tennessee. Thank you, Nashville.



**KJA Contributions**

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*In memory of Uncle Mark Brody*

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*In memory of Buzz (Robert) Brody*

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phen and Kim Rosen, Lee Miller-

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Jeff Jacobs, Lynn Bean

**JFS Emergency Fund**

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**Gordon Brown Youth**

**Recreation Fund**

*In memory of Gordy Brown*

Adam and Angie Brown

*thank you!*

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Out of an abundance of caution,  
we recommend that you double check  
any community event or service to  
ensure it has not been canceled or  
is to see if it is online instead of at a location.

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

**Did you know? Jewish text states:**

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

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

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

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

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



*Wes Johnson preps one of the vegetable beds at a new community garden located near the AJCC Pool on the AJCC campus.*

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### Jewish Future Pledge: New Movement Builds on Our Past to Secure Our Future

You may have heard of the billionaire challenge to get the uber wealthy to leave their money to charitable pursuits. There is a new movement in our world called the Jewish Future Pledge. The basis is that a tremendous amount of wealth is going to be “up for bequest” in the near future. Much of this wealth is in the hands of people who make Jewish life happen today in places like Knoxville. What happens when a congregation loses a lifelong member who is at the top of its donor structure? It is hard to replace the top with even a lot of people making the average donation (think 80/20 rule). The My Jewish Future Pledge that you can go online and sign says “I hereby pledge that upon my passing, 50% or more of all my assets left for charitable purposes will be directed to efforts to strengthen and serve the Jewish people and/or the State of Israel. <https://www.jewishfuturepledge.org/>

If you would like to talk about securing the Jewish Future, please contact Stephen or Laura.

### KJCF Fund of the Month: Bryan and Mary Ann Merrell Family Fund

KJCF mourns the loss of Bryan Merrell. Bryan was a wonderful person and an accomplished member of the KJCF board and our community. He did behind the scenes work that you will never hear about as he was not one to look for thanks or recognition. Bryan has been a fabulous source of energy and support for KJCF, Heska Amuna, KJA and other Jewish philanthropic efforts. Our condolences go out to Mary Ann, Jennye, and his entire family. He will be greatly missed by all of us.

### How to Request Assistance from JFS

Usually we use this space to define a charitable term, but with all of the references to Jewish Family Services on the KJCF page this month, we wanted to explain how to ask for assistance. All inquiries are confidential.

If you find yourself in need of emergency financial assistance for things such as rent or utilities, please call JFS Director, Laura Berry, at (865) 690-6343 ext. 18 or email her at [lberry@jewishknoxville.org](mailto:lberry@jewishknoxville.org) to schedule an appointment.

### Knoxville Jewish Community Needs to INCREASE a Fund...Jewish Family Services

Usually we talk about the need for a new fund. Given all that is going on with the pandemic, this is a good time to remind the community that we have the vehicle in place. It just needs to have another zero on the end of it. The KJCF Jewish Family Services Fund feeds KJA’s JFS Emergency Fund so that the Alliance can quickly meet the needs of people who need help. Currently, we have the ability to help a family, or two, or maybe a few. What if the pandemic hits our community like what happened in the Jewish community in Brooklyn? How will we respond? I’m sure we can make phone calls to key donors who are interested in these types of situations. But what if they have their own short-term issues that need attention? If the community had a dramatically larger fund than the current \$50,000, maybe we could approach situations more proactively. Shouldn’t the Knoxville Jewish community have the financial resources to put the professional and volunteer skills of our Jewish Family Services to work at a moment’s notice?

### Donations

#### Gordon Brown Youth Recreation Fund

*In memory of Gordy Brown  
Adam and Angie Brown*

#### Cohen-Presser Designated Fund

*For the yahrzeit of Norbert Slovis  
Marilyn Presser, Linda Slovis  
For the yahrzeit of Tillie Slovis  
Esther Webster*

#### Hannah and Raymond Landsberger Preschool Fund

*In memory of Robert “Buzz” Brody  
Lynn Bean, Scott Hahn, Jeff Jacobs*

#### Bryan and Mary Ann Merrell Family Fund

*In memory of Bryan Merrell  
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The KJCF encourages you to help insure the healthy future of our Knoxville Jewish community by including a commitment to the KJCF in your financial and estate planning.

To learn more about KJCF philanthropic opportunities, call 690-6343 or visit [www.jewishknoxville.org/kjcf](http://www.jewishknoxville.org/kjcf)



## Communications Corner

By Ronnie Bogard

I attended a Simple Supper with others in the Interfaith community. The Oak Ridge Ministerial Association started these dinners together to facilitate connections both inside and outside the faith community. We were on Zoom, of course, and we broke into two small groups with a facilitator. We went around the "room" and we shared. One of the questions was easy- Who is your muse, or in the Star Wars vernacular- your yoda? I said that native plants and trees, and nature in general, was my source of inspiration. This Spring has been magnificent and when I spend time outside with plants or birds or trees, I am replenished. I enjoyed hearing the various responses.

One of the other questions was harder- What are you hopeful for? At that particular moment in time I framed that question as not about my life, but from a Jewish perspective- How are we doing in repairing the world- working towards Tikkun Olam? I wasn't feeling hopeful in regards to humanity. Sometimes I have trouble processing the vulnerabilities that COVID-19 has pulled back the curtains on, and shown more explicitly than ever.

Knowing that over 100,000 people have died in our country in a very terrible way, under terrible conditions, and in such a short period of time is a heavy weight; our disparities in income, disparities in access to health care, and the lack of unity between blue and red in our country in solving problems is discouraging; and the separation of families at such a difficult time, is heartbreaking. So at that moment in time I didn't feel hopeful for our community, our country, or the world. It felt like we were moving in the wrong direction.

But instead of recoiling in horror, I received support and kindness. No one minimized how I was feeling. We all realize that hopefulness changes from day to day, and even from hour to hour. To increase our hopefulness and to maintain the energy needed for Tikkun Olam as the most important goal in living our religion, we have to start small. First we look for inspiration. For many of us our **Mothers** are a very large source of inspiration. My realization today as I received love and support from my family, is how important providing hope is to parenting our children. Enlightenment often comes in receiving understanding about something that has been right under our noses all along, and suddenly we can see it. That is the gift for today.

I wrote this article on Mother's Day, so it includes a Happy Mother's Day to all of you who provide hope and inspiration to those around you. We celebrate you and we need you. To all the Mothers, Step-mothers, Aunts, Extended family, Friends- all of us who find ourselves in positions where we need to nurture in order to facilitate growth in another human being- Thank You. I appreciate all of you who nurture me, and give me strength to nurture others. This to me is the most female aspect of God. The picture above was when I was a young mother nurturing my son. The sight of it encourages me and gives me hope that we can heal the world.



## Sew Good Mask Project

Led by Judi Gray (picture from oakridgetoday)

"You don't need to be a sewer to help out," said Judi Gray, the main force behind the Sew Good Mask Project, which sews free, non-medical, cloth face masks for the general public, focusing on those with the greatest need.

Donations of fabric (unused, tightly woven, 100% cotton or cotton blend fabric), 1/4" or 1/8" elastic, and bias binding are needed. Another way to help is by washing the donated fabric and cutting out the mask pieces. Volunteers can also sign up to pick up and deliver donated materials and masks."

Learn more at [growoakridge.com/masks](http://growoakridge.com/masks) or on Facebook as *Share Good Mask Project*.





THANK YOU JCOR for being HELPING PARTNERS

THANK YOU to all who are contributing to **Stone Soup** and feeding the hungry. Your checks are making a difference. Here is some feedback from our partners at ORUUC:

*Your support provided Food City gift cards to folks who drove through, we continued to support the folks at Fairbanks Towers (Callaghan towers) with 40 bags OF GROCERIES. We organized the bags and then added to the final 40 bags with a protein, carb, vegetable, fruit and a granola bar or a little something else as an extra for delivery to Fairbanks Towers. What a team! Love, love, love to the Stone Soup Free Community Meal leaders who plan and then take care of tying up all the many loose ends that are each vitally important. Thank you to the food deliverers, buyers, cooks, and every other committed volunteer, and of course, to our community helping partners Kroger and the Jewish Congregation who have both played a crucial part of the ORUUC Stone Soup Ministry, for never having missed a final Friday free monthly Community Meal. That adds up to more than 12,000 meals served in the ORUUC social hall or delivered over the last 9 1/2 years!*



Rita and Ken Hohenbrink  
are happy to announce the quarantine marriage  
of their son Richard to Sari Saperstein  
of Detroit, Michigan.  
Rich and Sari were married at  
City Park in Denver, Colorado  
on May 22, 2020.

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## Shavuot

Shavuot, the giving of the Torah. A time when all of Jews, men, women and children come together, hear the reading of the ten commandments and enjoy blintzes and cheesecakes to commemorate a time that we all stood united, *K'ish Echad B'lev Echad* – like one person with heart. When we began quarantine, none of us dreamed that we would still be social distancing by the time Shavuot came around. So as reality set in we got busy at Chabad figuring out how to find a way to safely celebrate Shavuot as a community. Shavuot Gift Bags, Get One Gift One. So not only did community members have the opportunity to enjoy blintzes, cheesecakes and a DIY Sinai packed with insightful Shavuot information, they were able to share the holiday joy with a friend



To add to the Shavuot festive atmosphere Chayale prepared a Shavuot yard sign. Recycled cardboard, paint and some creativity made for a bright welcome for all those coming to pick up their Shavuot bags.



A sampling of homemade cheesecakes and dairy pastries, a staple at the annual Chabad Shavuot event, were included in the Shavuot Gift Bags. Freshly fried blintzes brought Shavuot yumminess to our Jewish community.



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## *Heska Amuna Synagogue*

### July 4

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### July 11

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### July 18

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### July 25

Matilda Corkland ♦ Mary Corkland ♦ Barbara Fay ♦ Madge Glidewell ♦ Ethan Goodfriend ♦ Selena Jacobson ♦ Frances Levin ♦ Bertha Licht ♦ Edward Lippner ♦ Stella Love ♦ Evelyn Lowe ♦ Edward Mottzman ♦ Mel Nagler

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### July 3

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### July 10

Morris Deitch ♦ Issac Diamond ♦ Harry Gluck ♦ Ralph Kramer ♦ Rose Mark ♦ Sol Moiger ♦ Rick Moore ♦ David Salus ♦ Phillip Taylor ♦ Harold Zimmerman

### July 17

Jessie Dreyfuss Black ♦ Lillian Finklestein Brody ♦ Raymond Brody ♦ David E. Brown ♦ Joel A. Caller ♦ Irene F. Chotiner ♦ Matilda Davis Corkland ♦ Christine Jany Cramer ♦ Pearl Davis ♦ KC Derrington ♦ Mayme Dortch ♦ Sylvia Frankel ♦ Minnie Feld Katz ♦ John Kelleher ♦ Irving Kovitch ♦ Mimi Pais ♦ Elizabeth Pardee ♦ Leo Silver ♦ Max Sonn

### July 24

Jeffrey Lee Allen ♦ Malcolm Bloom ♦ William W Cramer ♦ Tinnie Diamond ♦ Goldie Ann Garber ♦ Joseph Greenberg ♦ David Hyman ♦ Harvey Kronick ♦ David Licht ♦ Nathan Lieberman ♦ Shlema Livshits ♦ Margaret Locklar ♦ Jacqueline Piepenbrink ♦ Sam Rosenbloom ♦ Julius Rosenstein ♦ Dorothy Tessler ♦ Doba Zolotovskaya

### July 31

Anne Cohen ♦ Hilda Freedman ♦ Louis H. Gassel ♦ Donald Gerson ♦ Yankel Haim Iancovsky ♦ Lillian Okin Kern ♦ Jennie Samuel Levy ♦ Sheldon Mann Sachs ♦ Joseph Silverstein ♦ Regina Sunshine

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### Celebrate Motherhood with a Hadassah Layette

By Batya Boxt

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

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



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

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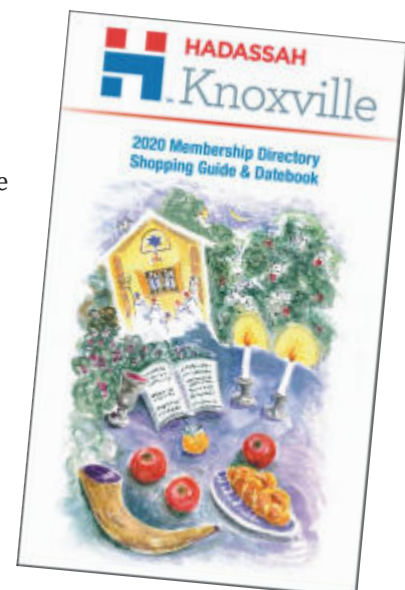
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Updating the Hadassah database is a year-round activity. If you move or change your phone or e-mail, please notify Barbara Mintz at *barbara@bmintz.com*.

All directory expenses, such as graphic design, printing, and mailing have been paid. We are counting on our advertisers and supporters to pay for their ad space at this time, if this has not already happened. Proceeds from this directory support Hadassah projects. Thank you for your patronage!

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## Shabbark at the Park

Friday, July 17 at 7:15 p.m.



Scarlett Golub and Remy Kaplan-Niad approve of this message (and dog park) :D

Take a break from quarantine and join us before Shabbos at Plum Creek Dog Park for a schmooze with the pups. Bring your dog or play with our dogs. We will meet in the dog park along the fence that joins the large and small breed areas. Please take whatever social distancing and other precautions that you are comfortable with.

This event is open to women, men, and children, especially dogs/cats.

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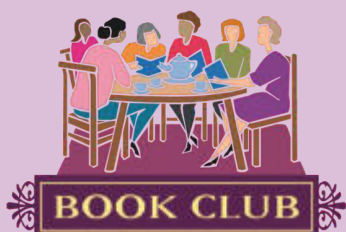
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## Hadassah Book Club News

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

We hope to see everyone for our **Tuesday, July 21** Hadassah Book Club meeting. We hope to meet at 7:30 p.m., in the coffee shop area of the Barnes and Noble Book Store on Kingston Pike. Depending on circumstances, we might meet in someone's home instead or if needed, continue using Zoom. We will discuss *The Hired Girl* by Laura Amy Schlitz.



Fourteen-year-old Joan Skraggs, just like the heroines in her beloved novels, yearns for real life and true love. But what hope is there for adventure, beauty, or art on a hardscrabble farm in Pennsylvania where the work never ends? Over the summer of 1911, Joan pours her heart out into her diary as she seeks a new, better life for herself—because maybe, just maybe, a hired girl cleaning and cooking for six dollars a week can become what a farm girl could only dream of—a woman with a future. The author takes readers on an exploration of feminism and housework; religion and literature; love and loyalty; and more.

**August 18** *The Memories We Keep* by Walter Zaharius

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

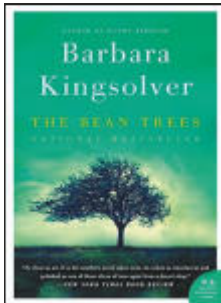
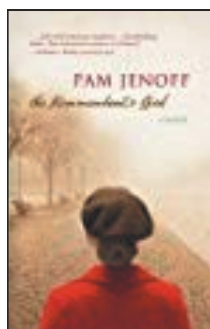
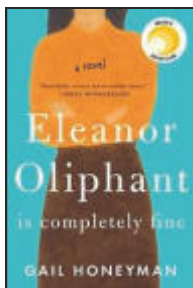
## Hadassah Book Club is ZOOMing

By Barbara Mintz

Hadassah Knoxville Book Club members are too committed to just stop gathering together and sharing their insights on a selected book each month. We have used Zoom twice so far.

There has been an upside to this format. Members who do not drive at night are participating as well as members who now live in another part of the country. Our total number of participants has actually increased.

So until we can again sit across from each other at a table in a book store, we will enjoy each other's views and opinions with this new format.



# Hadassah Highlights

## Knoxville Chapter of Hadassah

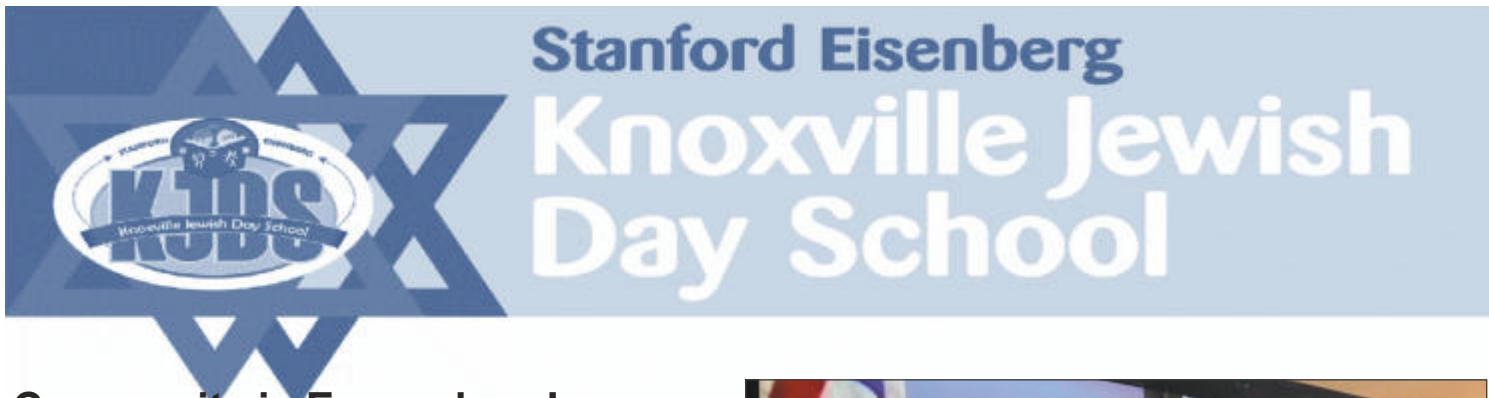
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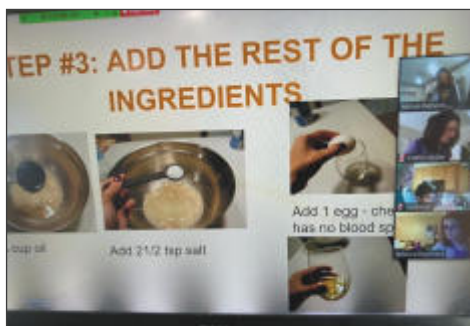
# Stanford Eisenberg Knoxville Jewish Day School

## Community is Everywhere!

When we packed up our students' belongings on March 16, we knew KJDS would be closed for a while. Two days later we started virtual KJDS. We shifted to Zoom classes, video classes and incorporated what students had at home for science, PE and math. One thing we had decided on that Monday was we needed to keep our students, staff and larger community together. We would work purposefully to keep the bonds that connect our school strong.

Each student would have regular meetings with their core subject teacher but we would also try to recreate the events and activities that make KJDS special. The first thing we knew would be important to the students was morning Tefillah. We started immediately and the students still enjoy starting their day "together." Then we continued with art, PE and music classes online. Hebrew class was also held via Zoom. Our Friday Shabbat Parties were also taken on-line with Lev leading the singing and mystery readers sharing their favorite books. There were Pet Chats, coffee making and one-on-one tutoring. The two graduates' Special Friends attending our drive-by graduation. And we have made many trips by car to celebrate birthdays and one employee's graduation.

But no KJDS function would be complete without delicious food. Our Community Challah bake was a success, so we held a second one. We all learned how to make Morah Dana's famous Moufleta for a live Mimouna at the end of Passover. Students grilled s'mores at home (KJDS delivery service) to share during the Lag B'Omer celebration. We feel even closer to our community as we have "been" in each other's houses and have connected during this difficult time. KJDS is strong in our school or at home and we are so glad all of you are part of this great community.



Above: Our Shabbat mystery readers included Knoxville Mayor Indya Kincannon and Knoxville Poet Laureate Marilyn Kallet

Left: Hebrew teacher Dana and 3<sup>rd</sup> Grader Daniel lead the community in making Moufleta — a delicious Moroccan dessert topped with honey

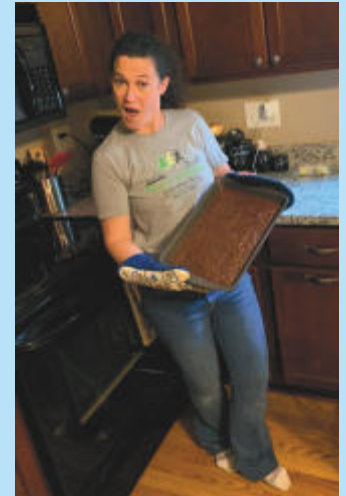
The community Challah bake was so successful, we did a second one.

## Math in the Real World

Mrs. Blanchard's Second and Third Grade class class enjoyed a fractions class in the kitchen! To do this lesson virtually, the ingredient list was provided to parents a week before the lesson and all students worked in their own kitchens. After the students met, they were ready to have a delicious lesson. Mrs. Blanchard, threw a curveball to the students when most of their measuring cups were "stolen." Students were forced to use math skills to bake the brownies with only a 1/4 cup, 1/3 cup, and 1/2 tsp measure. The class loved the lesson-and the brownies!



*A screenshot of all of our bakers. Math is Fun! Mrs. Blanchard with her brownies*



## What Parents are Saying Special Friends Edition

By Judy Brietstein

What makes KJDS so "Special"? Six years ago, I was invited to be a "Special Friend" to a student at the school.

Although I didn't know what was involved, I accepted the invitation and it turned out to be one of the highlights of my life.

The concept evolved from students missing their grandparents after holiday visits and the idea was to pair individuals with students to create a relationship through holiday celebrations at school. However, not all special friends are grandparents, and all members of the community are eligible to become a special friend....there is in fact no age requirement!



*Judy loves being a "Special Friend." Her new friend, Ruby, loves it when she visits the school.*

With the ingenuity of the principal Miriam Esther and all the teachers, I have shared many exciting celebrations that include games, food, plays, and collaborative projects. Fortunately I was able to bond with not only my special friend but with her family as well. Although she has moved on to middle school, there is still a connection! Now I have another special friend at KJDS and it is so exciting to see the students grow and mature into confident, compassionate, happy individuals.

This is an opportunity open to members of the Jewish community to learn about the school, and partake in the joyful setting where students achieve academic excellence in a nurturing and welcoming environment.

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## A Positive End to the School Year

Nothing about 2020 could be called traditional, usual or typical. So, our graduation festivities had to be unusual as well. Graduation was broken down into two separate events. A parade, held outside with masks and social distancing, and a virtual event with videos, awards and a KJDS trivia game.

A KJDS parade celebrated our graduates and all of our students to ensure our 5<sup>th</sup> graders received the sendoff they deserved. KJDS families and staff decorated cars and made signs to celebrate our two graduates. Each teacher decorated in a theme giving the graduates a trip down memory lane including 50's Day, Field days, writing drafts in Mrs. Blanchard's room, Mrs. Louise's geography unit, Mrs. Amy's Zentagle class, the D.C. trip with Miriam Esther, the Lion King parade on Ms. Jenny's car and Ms. Julien's coffee shop were all represented. Graduates were paraded through the parked cars in convertibles and we all cheered them on! All participants received a "graduation in a box" and festive music set the tone for a **joyous** atmosphere as we celebrated a year of **exploration** with our **KJDS community**.

The second event was held over Zoom. We continued our traditional KJDS graduation with all its anticipated hallmarks. We shared the much anticipated video of each student with their classmates and teachers talking about what they remember and what they will miss. Graduates performed a skit, received their diplomas and the Markman Award Winner announced. Mazal Tov to Liam Ben Ishai and Chayale Wilhelm on receiving the Markman Award for Leadership, Compassion and Friendship. The joy, tears, warmth and strength of community were shared even over Zoom.

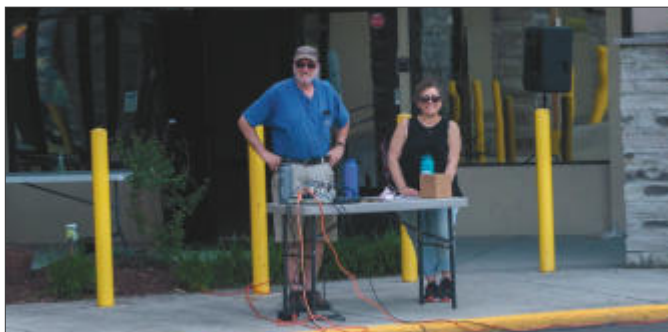
Before wrapping up the year we had one more surprise for our KJDS family. A home baked Challah and uniquely designed t-shirt. Students, parents and staff received a KJDS t-shirt highlighting all the valued KJDS characteristics that were necessary to end the year successfully online. Wearing our t-shirts, and enjoying our homemade Challah we sang and danced out the 2019-2020 - with our community - our resilient KJDS community that has become only stronger through the challenges of the past few months.



*The KJDS staff with our 2020 graduates. We were so happy to see our families!*



*Every KJDS family participated in the parade!*



*Andrea and Barry Cone provided the parade music- it was a great addition that created a party-like feel.*

*Below: Liam was driven by community member Adam Brown*



*Above: Chayale was very excited about the video.*



*Left: Steve and Ellen Markman joined for the Zoom graduation, presenting the Harold Markman Award to both graduates this year.*

## Where Are They Now....

Stella, a KJDS graduate, is finishing up her seventh grade year at Alfred & Adele Davis Academy in Atlanta, GA. She participates in the middle school choir, The Decibelles. The Decibelles have performed the National Anthem at Truist Park for the Atlanta Braves and a Davis original song "Rise up" pre-game for the Atlanta Falcons.

Stella loved performing in the KJDS play every year. Her experience in the plays gave her self-confidence, public speaking skills as well as working as a team to accomplish one common goal. Stella continues these lessons and her love of performing while in middle school. In addition to continuing to participate in the all school plays, she is a member and the secretary of the International Thespian Society for The Davis Academy.

Throughout the fall and spring, Stella plays softball for The Davis Academy and a local recreational team.

Stella and her family are members of Or VeShalom synagogue in Brookhaven, GA where she will soon become a bat mitzvah.

Stella spent six wonderful years in Knoxville before relocating with her family to Atlanta. She always loves returning to visit or sing with Dor L'Dor as the Knoxville Jewish community will always hold a special place in her heart.



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*The Disalvo-Tinley family was very excited to receive their celebratory "KJDS 2020" t-shirts and challah.*

*Next year, KJDS will be joined by their youngest as she enters kindergarten. We are all excited about the upcoming school year!*

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This photo appeared in the April 1987 issue of *The Center Menorah*, where the caption read "The *Menorah* had to save this picture of the 39ers displaying their creativity until there was room," so this photo was taken at least a month or two before that. The 39ers was the name of a popular adult group which met monthly at the Center during the 1980s.

Proudly displaying their work here are, standing, left to right: Hinda **Duhan**, Rose **Busch**, Herb **Nash**, Homer **Kramer**; sitting: Faye **Himmelstein**, Marion **Goodstein**, Ruth **Krasnow**. All but Marion have passed on.

Homer's wife Genevieve, longtime resident of Oak Ridge, lives in Missouri. Herb's daughter Karen lives in Nashville. Marion **Goodstein** lives in Jerusalem.



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