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

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- ◆ **AJCC POOL MEMBERSHIPS**
family-friendly fun and relaxation for singles, seniors, & families
- ◆ **PRIVATE SWIM LESSONS**
kids & adults

- ◆ **SWIM TEAM** ages 5-18
- ◆ **MCDC DAY CAMP** where kids can be kids! K thru teens

All Are Welcome to Join Our Family-Friendly Community

June 2019

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Knoxville Jewish Alliance

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AJCC Preschool Art Gala Delights Patrons

June 2019

Community members and AJCC Preschool parents mingled as they sipped wine and noshed on Chef Kim Ault's delicious hors d'ouerves, then bid on a fabulous array of silent auction items or purchased delightful artwork created by talented AJCC Preschool students and their teachers. The AJCC Preschool's Art Gala Fundraiser raised funds for *Project Playground*, the AJCC Preschool's playground renovation.

Auction items ranged from dining and entertainment options, to UT memorabilia, gift baskets, and services. Items for young and old intrigued bidders. Meanwhile, there were lots of ooohs and ahhs over the delightful photographs and art. Vendors included Karen Ferency's pottery, Harriet Glasman's woodcuts, Lev Comstock's photos, handmade tu-tus, and book.

Thanks to all for making this April 10 event.

Ms. Erin is joined by former AJCC Preschool staff member Amber Perrin and Kristen Cannon, Preschool director.



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AJCC Summer (Pool) Membership — \$300

(Includes all household members and 6 guest passes)

Applications available online at www.jewishknoxville.org
or by contacting the KJA Main Office at 865.690.6343

AJCC POOL
SENIOR SUMMER
MEMBERSHIPS
AVAILABLE
(May—September)

Senior Couple 65+ \$160
Senior Single 65+ \$105

Share the Dream Update

By Stephanie Kodish,
Community Wide Assembly/Sharing the Dream Facilitator

By the time you have read this article, the Community Wide Assembly (CWA), charged with moving our community’s *Sharing the Dream* vision towards reality, will have met six times. Between most of those meetings, one of the CWA representatives likely engaged you, dear reader, or created space for you to offer your thinking on one more of the following questions: What do we do well? What could we do better? How can we use our resources more efficiently? What are communities outside of East Tennessee doing that we might do here? These questions have a common thread – they are born of the deep desire so many of us share for our community to be more unified and plan for the future we want.

The Sharing the Dream Vision (developed about a year ago): *Within the next five years, the Knoxville Jewish community is unified in sustaining a welcoming and dynamic environment for Jewish community life that is financially stable and supported by the efficient use of community resources, programs and activities which effectively engage members across generations and customs while retaining diverse options.*

The CWA has identified commonalities based on the insights and aspirations we’ve heard from you. While our community is made of complex systems, histories and personalities and we use different words to describe what we want, what’s remarkable is how similar what we want looks like. We want each other to feel at home in our community and we want those who are new to readily feel that way too. We don’t want to lose what we have and recognize that some of what we have is not sustainable in its current form. We see the possibilities for us to grow stronger and more dynamic. And we see pathways to bind together as we retain unique identities.

To get us closer to the *Sharing the Dream* vision, while continuing to honor the wisdom and will of our community, the CWA has prioritized the following areas of focus around which subcommittees have formed to bring these ideas to life: (1) Unified Jewish Campus, led by Jeff Becker; (2) Youth Educational, led by Norma James; (3) Adult Education, led by Helene Sinnreich; and (4) Outreach and Communication, led by Gloria Greenfield and Wendy Besmann.

In addition to these subcommittees, the CWA will be working to facilitate collaboration between interested institutions with the aim of (1) improving administrative efficiencies around purchasing, benefits, and staffing and (2) enhancing program coordination to support better calendaring, use of space, and executing program ideas.

How does that sound? In the coming months, we invite you to build with us.

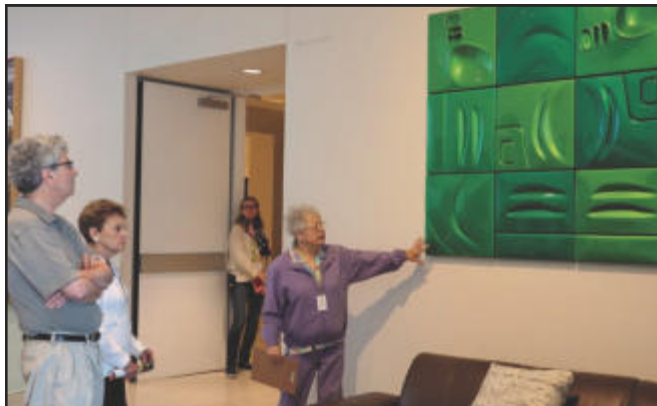
If you’re especially excited about one of the subcommittees, please reach out to the leaders mentioned above and let them know you’d like to join. In the meanwhile, the list of CWA representatives and their contact information. Please reach out with your ideas, questions or feedback!

Onwards!

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Friendshippers Travel to KMA

KJA Friendshippers enjoyed a docent-led tour of the Knoxville Museum of Art on May 8. Participants enjoyed viewing East Tennessee treasures and contemporary art.



P2G Starts Leadership2Gether Program

By Laura Faye Berry, BSSW, Esq., Jewish Family Services Director

The Jewish Agency for Israel's Partnership2gether Peoplehood Platform (P2G) partners global Jewish communities directly with Israeli communities. Knoxville is part of a Southeast Consortium together with the community of Hadera-Eiron in Israel. Our partnership offers many different programs that enable us to become familiar with Israel, particularly in the Hadera-Eiron region. These programs have included medical delegations, teacher delegations, firefighter delegations, and Camp Tikkun Olam teen cultural exchange experiences. One of the newest programs is Leadership2gether for young professionals.

In March, I had the opportunity to go on the first Leadership2gether trip to Israel with other Jewish young professionals from around the southeast. We were each matched with an Israeli study partner. In the two months leading up to the trip, we video chatted with our partners to get to know each other and to study together. The study sessions, along with our itinerary in Israel, were designed to strengthen our leadership skills.

After a harried journey complete with flight delays, reroutes, long airport layovers, and lost luggage, I finally made it to Israel (my luggage joined me a couple of days later). The American contingent spent two days exploring Jerusalem, including touring the Old City, watching the Tower of David light show, eating our way through the Machneyehuda shuk (market), and learning about the history of Zionism at Herzl Center and the history of Israel at StandWithUs. We then spent a day in Tel Aviv, meeting up with the Israeli contingent, having a video conference call with author Tal Keinan, and learning about the history of the Jewish people at Beit Hatfutsot museum. From there, we spent the second half the week in Hadera-Eiron along with our partners.

At the Yad Labanim memorial to fallen soldiers in Hadera, Maayan, one of the Israeli participants, told the story of losing her sister, the first female combat soldier in Israel to be killed in combat operations. Visiting Yad Labanim and, in particular, hearing Maayan's story really brought home to the Americans how different many parts of life in Israel are. Because national service is compulsory there, virtually everyone has lost a loved one in service. Yom HaZikaron, Israel's Memorial Day, has much more personal significance to Israeli's citizens.

During our time together in Hadera-Eiron, we found that we had as many things in common with each other as we had differences. Until this trip, it had been 18 years since I'd been to Israel on a Birthright trip. On Birthright, we mostly interacted with other Americans on our trip. This time, we had many more opportunities to get to know the people of Israel, not just the land. Now when I think of Israel, I think more of the people I met and the connections I made than the sights we visited.



At Yad Labanim Memorial in Hadera



Our P2G consortium is seeking participants for a P2G educator delegation trip to Israel December 25, 2019-January 2, 2020.

If you are interested in learning more, please contact Chip Rayman or Renee' Hyatt.

AJCC/USC Smokin' Salmon Swim Meet Schedule — GKAI SA League 5

◆ Tues. Jun 18 – 6:00p.m.	Northside Y	AJCC
◆ Tues. Jun 25 – 6:00 p.m.	Newport/Cocke County	AJCC
◆ Thurs. Jun 27 – 6:00 p.m.	Rockwood	Rockwood
◆ Tues. Jul 9 – 6:30 p.m.	Oak Ridge Aquatics Club	ORAC
◆ Thurs. Jul 18 – 6:30 p.m.	Morristown B&G Club	AJCC
◆ July 13-14	Smoky Mountain Invitational	Springbrook Pool, Alcoa
◆ July 25-27	GKAI SA City Meet	UT Aquatics Center



AJCC Swim Team Practice Times

All practices at the AJCC

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

Youth ages 5-18 are welcome to join the AJCC/ University Swim Club Smokin' Salmon. This team is an active member of GKAI SA-Greater Knoxville Area Interclub Swimming Association

Register and pay fees online at
www.universityswimclub.swimtopia.com

SUMMER 2019

KJA programming is open to everyone regardless of faith or affiliation. EVERYONE is welcome here.



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Application process required.
Leadership development training.
camp@jewishknoxville.org
- **AJCC Preschool Summer Programming 2 yrs. - Pre-K**
Contact: Kristen Cannon, Director
kcannon@jewishknoxville.org
- **SWIM TEAM**
Head Coach - Joe Peeden
<https://jewishknoxville.org/swim-team>

Summer Pool Memberships



For information, contact
office@jewishknoxville.org

MDCC Specialty Camp

HORSEBACK RIDING

ages 8 and older
\$425/session

- Session 1:
June 4-8
- Session 2:
June 25-29



Register at www.jewishknoxville.org/mcdc at link to Ultra Camp registration site

Contributions to the Knoxville Jewish Alliance

Donations made as of April 29, 2019

Fribourg-Brunschwig Holocaust Memorial Education Fund

Burt Rosen

Jewish Family Services

Mary Linda Schwarzbart

In memory of Jim Lees by Renee' Hyatt

Get well soon to Renee' Hyatt by Harvey and Marilyn Liberman

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Hannah Bowling

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Donation with gratitude to Chip Rayman by Gilya Schmidt

In honor of Arnold Cohen by Gilya Schmidt

KJA Archives

Tonya and Samuel Wender IV

PJ Library

Penny Lukin

Project Playground

Joshua and Kimberly Hedrick, Wilbur and Joani Wilson, Charles Dickey, Barbara Leeds, Elaine Gorman, Dan and Shirley Sweeten, Peter and Leslie Rosen, Walter and Alice Farkas, Sylvia Miller, Stephen and Joni Hirschhaut, Janice Feinman, Van and Bonnie Boring, Nicole Russler, Victoria Ghanem, Peter and Briana Rosenbaum, Bryan and Mary Ann Merrell, Rabbi Yossi and Miriam Esther Wilhelm

Donation in honor of Judith Rosenberg's endeavor for the Project Playground by Mary Linda Schwarzbart

Seeds of Abraham Camp

For the good work done Sandra Powell Edmond

KJA Knoshville 2019



Left: Sarah May, PJ Library coordinator, led children's activities and promoted the KJA's PJ Library to Knoxville patrons.

Below: At the KJA booth, Brenda Rayman and Morris and Carol Ickowitz serve delicious pierogies with the works.



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat					
<p>AJCC POOL HOURS*</p> <p>Mon-Tues-Wed-Fri 1-7 p.m.</p> <p>Thursday 1-8 p.m.</p> <p>Saturday 1-7 p.m.</p> <p>Sunday Noon 7 p.m.</p> <p><i>*hours subject to weather and AJCC Swim Team home meets</i></p>						<p>AJCC Pool Parties & Private Swim Lessons</p> <p>Please contact the KJA Office at office@jewishknoxville.org or (865) 690-6343 to learn more about arranging pool parties and private swim lessons.</p>					
<p>2 Yom Yerushalayim</p> <p>9:30a Morning Minyan-HA</p> <p>10a Congregational Annual Mtg-HA</p> <p>10:30-noon Tai Chi-AJCC</p> <p>11a Israeli dancing-JCOR</p> <p>Noon Adult Hebrew-HA</p> <p>1p Hadassah BBQ-AJCC</p>	<p>3</p> <p>MCDC Week 2:</p> <p>MCDC Olympics</p> <p>Horseback Riding 1</p> <p>7a Morning Minyan-HA</p> <p>9:30a Tai Chi-JCOR</p> <p>6-9:30p Fencing-AJCC Gym</p> <p>6-7p KJA Exec Comm-AJCC Orwitz Rm</p>	<p>4</p> <p>6-9:30p Fencing-Gym</p> <p>4p Jewish Book Club-JCOR</p>	<p>5</p> <p>9:30-11a Tai Chi-AJCC Orwitz Rm</p> <p>Noon Exec Comm-TBE</p> <p>5:30p Wednesday Worship-HA</p> <p>6:30-8:30p Tai Chi-AJCC Orwitz Rm</p> <p>7p Talmud Study-HA</p>	<p>6</p> <p>7a Morning Minyan-HA</p> <p>11a Adult Ed/Torah Study-TBE</p>	<p>7</p> <p>8:32p</p> <p>4:45p Jewish Family Services Shabbat-Sherrill Hills</p> <p>6p Shavuot Yizkor Memorial Service-TBE</p> <p>6:30p Sunset Minyan-HA</p> <p>7p Shabbat Service-TBE</p> <p>7:15p Shabbat Dinner Hootenanny-HA</p>	<p>8 Erev Shavuot</p> <p>9:31p</p> <p>9:30a-noon Shabbat Service-HA</p> <p>9:30a Shabbat Service-JCOR</p> <p>10a Alternative Service-HA</p> <p>7p Jewish Film Series-Intolerable Cruelty-JCOR</p>					
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K N O X V I L L E

Yom HaShoah Event Captivates Crowd

Tim Lorsch's moving performance of *The Suitcase, a One-Man Musical Holocaust Story*, on Sunday, April 28 captivated and moved the 150 people who attended Knoxville's annual Yom HaShoah observance.

KJA President Chip Rayman welcomed all and introduced Holocaust survivors and descendants who lit candles in memory of those who perished. Lorsch then told of his German-Jewish family's Holocaust survival through original music and narrative storytelling. In 2016, Lorsch received a suitcase sent to him from the Czech Republic. A great uncle had taken that case to a concentration camp. Its arrival sparked the idea to create music to tell his family's story.



Tim Lorsch describes his family's Holocaust survival through original music and narrative storytelling.

Suzy Snoops

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

- ★ Mazel tov to **Britt Sturm**, son of **Melissa Sturm**, who is engaged to Elyssa Anne Gorelick of Charlotte, North Carolina, the daughter of Dana and Scott Gorelick. They are planning a late fall 2020 wedding.
- ★ Mazel tov to **Shelley** and **Jeff Hecht** on the birth of granddaughter, Sanna Fern Baez, daughter of Sarah Hecht and Diego Baez. Proud uncles are Robby and David Hecht.
- ★ **Yarden Batz** is a 20-year-old junior at the University of Tennessee who is busy working toward a degree in biochemistry on an academic scholarship. She is an Israeli, born in Jerusalem, but a graduate of Brentwood High School near Nashville. And about the last place you'd think you would find her these days is at the Seymour Volunteer Fire Department's Station 5 in Sevier County. Her story can be found at <https://www.knoxtntoday.com/a-volunteer-from-israel-lands-in-seymour/>
- ★ UT interim chancellor Wayne Davis saluted Dr. **Mark Littmann** for taking his students outdoors and into the Great Smoky Mountains National Park. The story was featured in the Spring 2019 *Torchbearer*. Littmann, as the Julia G. and Alfred G. Hill Chair of Excellence in Science, Technology, and Medical Writing, encourages his students to feature the park in their assignments. The issue also featured School of Music graduate student **Kevorg Esmeryan**, who spent January traveling to area schools playing violins that were once played by Jewish musicians during the Holocaust, as part of the *Violins of Hope* traveling collection.
- ★ **Marilyn Kallet** was honored on May 2 at the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts in Richmond, as one of four "Women Artists of Influence." The Virginia Center for the Creative Arts sponsored the event.
- ★ **Marilyn Kallet** was also appointed by Mayor Madeline Rogero for a second term as Knoxville Poet Laureate.
- ★ **Shelley Mangold** and **Caitlin Seidler** are teaming up again to paint a butterfly sculpture, which will be donated to the UT Gardens for a September auction. Both were interviewed while working on their project for an *Live at Five at Four* WBIR feature story.



Kallet

H A P P E N I N G S

BBYO Rocks the Seder

What could be better than a Temple seder?

A Temple seder with...Weinstein and Winick. There is no better way to build a community than having a seder. And a way to make it even better is by being led by Weinstein and Winick in the Four Questions! We prayed, we sang, we drank four cups of wine — I mean grape juice.

BBYO is a multifaceted organization including, brotherhood/sisterhood, community service, social action, creativity, reaction. What sets us apart from other youth organizations is our Jewish heritage. If you know an area high school-age Jewish teen who would like to learn more or join BBYO, please contact the KJA at (865) 690-6343 or office@jewishknoxville.org.

Left: Hallie Boring, Yuval Koenig, Heidi Sturm, Ben Margulies, Reuben Margulies, Ryan Gibbons. Right side of table: Aiden Manella, Zach Scott, Frank Sturm, Grace Theriot, Tifannie Rosen



BBYOers Attend Spring Tournaments

Keara Bain, Paige Quartararo, Tifannie Rosen, and Zach Scott had the BEST time at **SPRING TOURNAMENTS** April 5-7 in Huntsville, Alabama. They participated in teen-led programs about what it means to be a hero, sang in Havdalah, Friday night and Saturday morning services, competed in teams for color wars. And made SO many new friends from across the region! Tifannie practiced her role as Programming Captain and assisted running programs. She also led the green team to victory during color wars. Paige did a wonderful job as administrator. She was always there to make sure the entire convention ran smoothly. We couldn't have asked for a better weekend!



Tifannie Rosen, Paige Quartararo, Keara Bain, and Zach Scott

Seeds of Abraham CAMP!

AJCC and SOA present a week of interfaith fun, fellowship, and service.



Participants will enjoy:

- Team Building Games
- Outdoor Fun
- Community Service Projects
- Field Trips
- Cultural Learning Experiences
- and so much more!



June 10 – June 14

Grades 7 - 9

Open to all

Register on-line at:

www.jewishknoxville.org

Generous donor contributions have reduced tuition for the program by 50%

PROGRAM COST

\$142.50



Knoshville

Hundreds gathered in celebration of Jewish foods and ol' fashioned schmoozing at the 2019 Knoshville Jewish Food Festival on May 5. Patrons enjoyed a variety of Jewish foods, shopped for Judaica, tapped their toes as the Israeli dancers twirled, and enjoyed seeing old friends or making new ones.

Twelve organizations participated in this family-friendly event and fundraiser. Thank you to all the volunteers, cooks, and bakers for creating a fun, family event.



Above: JCOR volunteers are all smiles. Left: Hadassah's mini Bundt cakes are a hit with this young diner.



Far left: Lauren Javors sells homemade challah and kugel at the Temple Beth El booth.

Left: Two guests enjoy schmoozing after dining at Knoshville. Intermittent rain turned to beautiful sunshine.



Above: Rabbi Yossi, Miriam Esther, and Chayele at the Chabad booth. Left: Hadassah's Bundt Cake Café is a Knoshville favorite.



The AJCC Preschool's Bagel and Coffee booth



The Knoxville Israeli Dancers entertain all.



*Above: KJDS' Moroccan Fish with rice is a big hit.
Below: Heska Amuna's homemade blintzes delighted diners.*



*Above: Young diners enjoy bagels and cream cheese.
Below: Community members catch up with friends and families at Knoshville 2019.*



TEMPLE BETH EL TIMES



Shalom Y'all!

By Rabbi Erin Boxt

As you are reading this article, 16 Temple Beth El members and their families will be gearing up for our trip to Israel – June 11-21. We have had a few pre-trip meetings to get excited and discuss any questions that might be on their minds. We will be traveling with an organization called **ARZA World**. They are a tremendous and awesome company. This will be my second time traveling with them and I am truly stoked! Carlie and I will be joining these 16 others for an extraordinary exploration of our Jewish heritage.

Why travel to Israel? Are you safe? How is security? Why not travel to Europe or Australia? These are some of the questions I (and others) am often asked prior to a trip to Israel. I believe it is imperative for all Jews to visit Israel at least once in their lives. It is the historical homeland for the Jews and has deep meaning for all of us – spiritually, religiously and otherwise. It is a tremendous honor and blessing to bring others to Israel for the first time. I am thankful to be able to experience Israel through their eyes. It is never boring... it is always exciting.

Anyone can “take a trip.” Sure, I have been on cruises. I have traveled to Europe and Senegal. However, one does not take a trip to Israel. Going to Israel is not **just** a vacation. Rather, it is a journey. It is important to prepare for this journey. The following questions are just some of the questions we ponder before this journey:

*Why are we traveling to Israel?
What are the goals we want to accomplish?
Have other members of our family (or
ancestry) traveled to Israel?
What are we most excited for?
What are our fears?
Where does Israel fit into our Jewish
identity (before and after the trip)?*

If you would like to follow our trip, please check out this link: <https://www.rabbierinboxt.com/tbe-goes-to-israel-2019.html>



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Alex Feldblum to Celebrate Bar Mitzvah June 8

Alexander Oran Feldblum will be called to the Torah on Saturday, June 8 at 10:30 a.m. at Temple Beth El. Rabbi Erin Boxt will officiate. The weekend will begin with Shabbat service on Friday, June 7 at 6:00 p.m. An Oneg Shabbat will be hosted by the Feldblum family.

Alex is the son of Al and Gina Feldblum and brother to Zoe. Alex is very appreciative for the assistance and support of Norma James and Deborah Roberts.

As a current seventh grader at Karns Middle School, Alex enjoys all his classes, especially math. Alex was a peer tutor this year with CDC students at school.

Alex has participated in Tae Kwon Do at Tiger-Rock Martial Arts in West Knoxville since first grade. He has earned a second degree level 1 black belt. He medaled in both Forms and Sparring at the 2018 National and World tournaments, as well as gold medals in Forms, Sparring and a silver medal in Board Breaking at the Fall 2018 District tournament. He has become part of the Tiger-Rock instructor team and helps younger Tiger-Rock students as they progress one step closer to a black belt.

For his Mitzah project, Alex helped establish the Tiger-Rock Beautification Team. The team meets periodically and picks up trash around the shopping center where Tiger Rock is located. Alex and the team find their service enhances and strengthens the Tiger Rock community and the overall community as well.

Alex is extremely excited to welcome friends and family to his Bar Mitzvah weekend!



TBE President's Remarks

By Steve Lewis, TBE President

Recently while attending the Scheidt seminar (a URJ meeting of temple presidents) a small group of us entered into a discussion of a Torah portion dealing with leprosy. We broadened the discussion from the literal text to the dangers of contagion in general, and then even further to possible contemporary analogies to "contagion" in interpersonal relationships, and the effects it might have on a congregation. Ultimately, the discussion settled on *Lashon Hara*.

Lashon Hara, literally, translates into "evil tongue." It can be any derogatory statement about an individual -- or put more simply, gossip. It is probably one of the most difficult things to avoid in our daily lives; someone does something we object to, or we hear of such an act, and one of our first instincts is to "vent" to a friend or family member.

But how often do we confront the individual themselves? It is much easier, it seems, to avoid confrontation, and yet still be able to voice our objections in a "safer" environment. But that is wrong on a number of levels.

First of all, it is dishonest. If we at TBE are to truly view each other as sacred partners, then we owe it to each other to be honest and transparent. After all, part of our commitment **To Be Engaged** includes being engaged with each other. Second, if the individual is not made aware that they have done something that offended you, how in the world can you expect them to even try to mend their ways -- perhaps beginning with an apology?

Finally, in a *Kehilla Kedoshah*, a sacred community, *Lashon Hara* CAN be a contagion -- a poison -- spreading through the community while the individual in question remains totally unaware that they have done anything "wrong." It undercuts the sense of unity and engagement we try to achieve.

As President, I have had congregants share complaints with me about other individuals. My first response normally is "Have you spoken with *them*?" and the answer is generally "No." I'm also sure there are instances where congregants turn to each other and say, "Did you hear what Steve Lewis said?" or "Can you believe what Steve Lewis did?" Yet, few (if any) have come to me directly about the issue in question.

Confronting an individual who has offended you or angered you or insulted you in some way is for many of us one of the most difficult things to do. But it is also one of the most *Jewish* things to do. If you choose to do this, *be ready to listen*. Think about what is really important to say. Don't go in demanding an apology. Be specific and make it about how this made YOU feel. Put your relationship with this person at the CENTER of the discussion. If your goal is not to improve your relationship, you need to evaluate your motives. When you really have a healthy confrontation, you might find you both apologize and you both have a richer understanding of each other.



Sisterhood Happenings

By Tammy Stone and Kathy Young,
Sisterhood Co-Presidents

What a wonderful Spring we have had! The flowers were beautiful, and so were the ladies at the Fashion Show and Happy Hour held on April 3. A special thanks to Chico's in Turkey Creek for their help with this great program. Brenda, Linda, and all who helped them put a lot of hard work into a great evening where we had about 40 people in attendance.

On May 9 Sam Venable from the *Knoxville News Sentinel* spoke with us at Mimi's Café. Fun was had by all 30 or so people who were there.

We are beginning our programming for the upcoming year. Please contact Tammy if interested in helping in any way. We are still looking for friendly faces to be on committees and help us make 2019-2020 exciting.

Thank you to all who continue to make our bimah look beautiful on Friday nights through the Beiler Flower Fund and to those who add sweetness to Oneg Shabbats by being a host. You help make Friday night services more meaningful for all!



TBE Sisterhood's Fashion Show with Chico's was great fun. Thanks to Brenda Sherman and Linda Weintraub for organizing and models Batya Buxt, Meredith Jaffe, Leslie Krakauer, Karen Smith and Kathy Young.

Temple Beth El Religious School June 2019 Update

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

Religious School is out BUT Judaism is year-round!

Nine students become B'nai Mitzvah in ten months! What a great year for life cycle events! From November 2018 to September 2019 nine seventh graders have or will soon become B'nai Mitzvah. This has been such an amazing class. They love to read, chant, and sing our Shabbat service. Their questions about Judaism are endless. They leave Religious School and ask their parents if they can eat lunch together. Best of all, they have attended the B'nai Mitzvah of their school mates and supported each other all the way. Every student has done a superb job reading Torah, leading Shabbat service, and delivering a meaningful D'var. These students and their parents are excellent models for our rising B'nai Mitzvah class. I look forward to these teens continuing in our Chai Class next year. We have a wonderful group of rising B'nai Mitzvah students who will take up where this group has left off.

Goodbye and Hello! We began this school year saying goodbye to some of our wonderful families who moved away from Knoxville. We still miss them. Yet, we gained some great new families as well. Our classes are growing, and our children are enjoying our program. We have several new families joining us this August. Our School and Youth Committee has come up with some great ideas for next school year.

Thank you so much, staff! This Religious School has been blessed with the best staff ever. **Tara Bain** is not only a fabulous teacher of our Chai Class, but also our assistant director who has created wonderful programming for Maccabiah and Purim. **Stephanie Kors** has had great fun with our 6th-7th graders by incorporating media into their program. **Jeannine Mill** is the queen of hands-on education for her 4th-5th graders. **Justen Bain** knows the art of learning in motion with his busy class. **Paige Motely** has seen her PreK-1st grade class grow constantly throughout the year, yet she never ceases to amaze us with her creativity and classroom management of these youngest students. We are excited to report that next year we will have a robust PreK-K class AND a robust 1st-2nd grade class! **Ben Margulies** has been our one Madrich this year, which means he has been very busy. It's a good thing that Ben can go into any setting and know just what to do. **Ryan Gibbons** and **Justen Bain** have wonderful partners with me for Midweek Hebrew. The students love to study with them. We even have the best substitute teachers, **Gina** and **Al Feldblum**, as well as **Aaron** and **Ben Margulies**. **Rabbi Erin** gets right in the mix with our students and loves special events such as our sleepover, Maccabiah, Purim Carnival, Israel Day, and just recently as our Passover Seder leader. And yes, our huge B'nai Mitzvah class has kept Rabbi very busy as well.

Best School & Youth Committee EVER! I am so lucky to serve under the guidance of our outstanding School and Youth Committee. These people always have the best interests of our children at the heart of all decisions. I can always count on their wisdom, creativity, and energy as we work to improve our school. We recently had an excellent meeting and made some great plans for next year. We will meet during the summer to put our ideas into action. I want to thank Al and Gina Feldblum (chairs), Julie Braude, Melinda Gibbons, Tara Bain, and our newest members, Korinna Daiagi and Briana Rosenbaum. We want to give a special thank you to Missy Noon, who is rolling off our committee after many years of service. However, Missy has been a huge help in reaching out to our potential members and making the Religious School connection an easy one for them. If there are others who want to join this committee, we welcome you. You do not have to have a child in our school to be on our committee.

Alex Feldblum becomes Bar Mitzvah Saturday, June 8 at 10:30: We are proud to announce that Alex Feldblum will be called to the Torah this June. Alex is already in great shape for his service because he has always been an excellent Hebrew student. We look forward to hearing him read Torah and share his D'var. Alex is the son of Al and Gina Feldblum and brother to Zoe in our Chai Class. Alex has been a student in religious school since he was very young and has many friends in our school. He is an avid student of karate. Alex's Torah Coach is Deborah Roberts, and his chanting coach is Norma James. Rabbi Boxt will officiate. I hope you will join the entire Feldblum family for this important life cycle event. As a special treat, we will have a special guest song leader at Alex's Friday service, which is at 7:00 p.m. The Feldblums will host the oneg. Alex will be called to the Torah at the 10:30 a.m. Shabbat service Saturday, June 8. Please join the Feldblums for this simcha.

TBERS Students are heading to Jewish Camps this summer! It seems that more and more students are attending Jewish summer camps. This summer Carlie Boxt, Lilly Stanley, Sydney Tumpson, Jake Javors, Karl James, Zack Rosenbaum, and Milo Metzger are going to our URJ Camp Coleman. Riley and Gabby Goodfriend and Leo and Sophie Pollock are heading to Camp Barney Medintz. Rachael Feinbaum is going to Camp Blue Star. There is a BBYO group traveling to Israel and a group of Knoxville Jewish children who will travel to Camp Nadav. These programs offer Jewish experiences that go way beyond what can be offered in Religious School. If you are looking for something in town, our KJA/AJCC offers Preschool Summer Camp, Milton Collins Day Camp (K-9th), and Seeds of Abraham Camp (June 10-14).

Put August 11 on your calendar for our back to school pool party.

From all of us at Temple Beth El Religious School, have a happy and healthy summer!

TBE Bakers and Chefs Bring Smiles to Knoshevillians



Lauren Javors, TBE event coordinator, and the TBE volunteer crew serve a variety of homemade kugels and challah to Knoshevillians. Many also savored or tried delicious egg creams at the TBE booth.



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



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Putting Shoes on Our Ancestors

By Rabbi Alon C. Ferency

One occasionally sees “documentaries” or scientific programming on how the ten plagues or parting of the Reed Sea might have occurred in history. I’ve never enjoyed such programming. It seems to skirt the point of the miracles of the Exodus. On the one hand, if they were scientifically explicable, then they are no longer miraculous. On the other hand, as I’ve said, my faith is not tied to the historicity of Torah: there is truth more profound than historic fact. As Aristotle said, “Poetry is a more philosophical and more serious thing than history; poetry tends to speak of universals, history of particular.”

Dr. Richard Elliott Friedman visited Knoxville in late March and gave marvelous talks at the Abraham and Rebecca Solomon and Ida Schwartz Distinguished Lecture on Judaic Studies at the University of Tennessee, about the Exodus at Temple, and on female Bible writers at our Synagogue. Thanks to Rabbi Erin Boxt for spearheading a stellar weekend of scholarship.

Through his research, Dr. Friedman concluded that there was assuredly an Exodus, but that its form was different to the way it’s portrayed in the Hebrew Bible. To summarize his argument, he hypothesizes that the leavers during the Exodus were in fact a priestly elite. A sect in Midian (home to Moses’ father in Bible) were embittered and persecuted and eventually fled Egypt through Sinai. In the Land of Israel, the heterodox refugees merged with other peoples of the Levant and Fertile Crescent and with Canaanite religions to become the religion of Israel. This process was similar to other persecuted religious minorities seeking a new home to develop their faith: for example, Puritans in New England, or Latter Day Saints’ exodus from New York to Utah.

What’s surprising to me is that Friedman’s naturalistic explanation does not shake my faith one whit; if anything, it makes my love of God and Judaism even stronger. As Ivan Cooper said to me, it gives our ancestors “shoes.” They were real people, with dreams and struggles like our own. By gathering their experience, mythologizing it in poem and prose, and publishing it aloud, we thereby gain spiritual sustenance today. For example, I am deeply moved by some ancestor 500 generations ago, who wrote Psalm 6 and whose praise, fear, and lament give me comfort on dark nights of the soul. And, I don’t need that poet to be King David.

It brings me great joy to be connected to those sojourners of Exodus. These renegades were our ancestors – three millennia ago – the intellectual forebears of our belief. Whatever you think happened in the Exodus, give thanks for your great- great- great- ... grandparents who gave you this heritage.

That’s better than any miracle.



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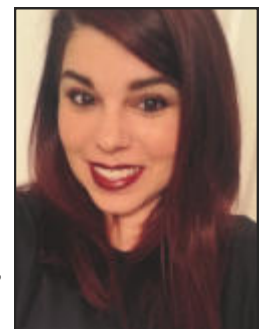
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Heska Amuna School Welcomes Shuli Mesa as Education Director

By Barbara Mintz, Education Committee Chair

It is with excitement and enthusiasm that we introduce Shuli Mesa as our new Heska Amuna Education Director. As the daughter of a rabbi and a teaching family, she grew her teaching knowledge as a Sunday School/Hebrew teacher, as well as a Bar Mitzvah tutor. She knows HARS quite well, as an active parent of four students and a long-time member of the Education Committee. We value the leadership and organizational skills she has shown as an active volunteer guiding Hadassah and Lights & L’Chaim.

Shuli has already begun planning outstanding activities to support our current curriculum as well as new programs to support learning across all ages. Her mantra, “HARS: Where Judaism comes to life,” will certainly set the tone. We look forward to a great school year ahead with her energy, love of learning, and strong dedication to our children and families – and to our entire congregation.



Shuli Mesa

The Song Remains the Same

By Mary Ann Merrell, Heska Amuna Synagogue President

The first time it happened, I was taken aback and disappointed in equal measure. The second time it happened, I was taken aback and disappointed, but not in equal measure. The third time it happened I teetered on depression. By the fifth or sixth time I just shrugged my shoulders and now, I look forward to it because it is inevitable.

Regardless of whose synagogue bulletin you read, the chances are more than Vegas-good that whatever I have written here will be the same message written there. My mom, Judy Rattner, gives me the bulletins after she is through reading them from our old synagogue where we used to live in Evansville, Indiana. It never failed that after submitting my article, I would read something unsettlingly familiar there, or if not in Evansville's bulletin, then it would be in a *Ha'Kol* article written by someone else a favorite blog, or in a reading tucked inside our Shabbat program.

Don't get me wrong; it's not that I think I have some unique vision of the universe that no one else could possibly express a similar thought, but I work hard at writing these monthly columns and feel quite a weight of responsibility to say something worth your time to read. So, perhaps it was natural to be a tad disconcerted to see that my efforts at honing words worth reading had so little glimmer of being original.

A lifetime ago, I worked in a truly great independent bookstore, alas no longer with us but frequented by many of you, where I learned quickly that there was no point in pretending I was well-read because most everyone that walked into the store was much better read than me. But somehow working in a bookstore I felt that I *should* have read everything in the store, or at least all of the southern classics, or the biographies of the Manhattan Project scientists, or at a bare minimum that I should have baked everything in Maida Heatter's cookbooks. Writing this column has felt similar. I *should*, through the magic of a board vote that added "Madame President" to my invisible business card, offer unique insights that give rise to new ways of seeing that are fresh and revitalizing, words that transform that only I alone can express. I see more clearly now is that all of us who write these columns have a common message that is our responsibility to send forth: to remind and encourage each of us to continually connect to each other and to God in however that envelops us, and, at the end of the day, that the most important message from any of us writing articles from here or afar is to remind you that we are here to help you find your own pathway to strengthen your spiritual home, the one you hold inside your heart and the one we hold together with each other that we can't possibly do without you.

Join Heska Amuna Synagogue for
Shabbat Hootenanny Cookout—June 7 at 7:15 p.m.



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Our ancestors stayed up all night in anticipation of receiving the Ten Commandments; this year, we again offer **LATE NIGHT** with **RABBI FERENCY & FRIENDS:** a 21st century approach to Shavuot

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- **Game Show Channel's Bible Jeopardy!** starring Raphe Trebek (also known as the one and only, Dr. Raphe Panitz). This year's topic: Zionism: From its Biblical Origins Through the Present.
- And of course, a little nosh.

Join us!

Shabbat Chinukh (Education Shabbat)

Heska Amuna Synagogue celebrated *Shabbat Chinukh*, Education Shabbat on May 11. We recognized Thomas Scott for completing his confirmation study on Kabbalah. Thomas and Rabbi Alon Ferency studied a lengthy book on the history and thoughts of Kabbalah. Ten students received siddurim to recognize their achievements and learning: Elhanan Ferency, Kilmer Headrick, Lela Headrick, Elijah Mesa, Eryn Mesa, Madison Rasmussen, Dereck Rasmussen, Michael Wolitz, Ellie Wood, Max Wood

This year we celebrated the B'Nai Mitzvah of Elizabeth Floyd and Avi Rowe and during Shabbat Chinukh we remembered their achievement.

Todah Rabah to our teachers and tutors who fulfilled the mitzvah of passing on Jewish knowledge to the next generation: Rabbi Alon Ferency, Revital Ganzi, Lev Gross Comstock, Anna Iroff-Bailey, Martha Iroff, Michael Burnett, Mary Ann Merrell, Jared Iroff-Bailey, and Emma Parrott. And to our in-class tutors who volunteered their time and knowledge; Peggy Littmann and Frank Lawhead helped our students make tremendous progress in Hebrew. The commitment of the Education Committee, led by Barbara Mintz, was thanked for their support and guidance throughout the year. Shabbat Chinukh truly celebrated learning, teaching and guidance of our students, teachers and Education Committee.



Thomas, Zach and Jonah show their finished tie-dye tallit made in Prozdor with Lev's help.



Elizabeth and Samantha work on sewing the corners of their tallit.

Thanks from Amirim School

By Martha Iroff, Interim Education Director

The school year has ended for the 2018-2019 year. It was a year of learning, changes and remaining a Jewish school.

I want to thank Peggy Littmann for working so tirelessly with the students every Wednesday to make sure each student had the opportunity to make progress learning Hebrew. She listened to students talk, complain but ultimately read Hebrew. Frank Lawhead worked each Sunday during the spring semester to help a student new to Heska Amuna learn how to read right to left and learn many Hebrew letters. The student made amazing progress in one semester. Thank you Frank!

A special thank you to the substitutes this year, Emma Parrott and Jared Iroff-Bailey taught classes at all levels. They were both able to make sure students had learning opportunities throughout the year.

Thank you to Lev Gross-Comstock for leading the *Prozdor* class as they examined Hot Topics this year including bullying and the use of social media. He also helped each student make a tie-dyed *tallit*, or prayer shawl. Each student reflected regularly in their special journal on a variety of subjects. Lev also led *tefillah* (prayer) with Rabbi for the 5th grade and older students.

Anna Iroff-Bailey taught *Hebrew in Harmony* by creating centers which allowed each student to learn at their individual pace and develop an understanding of the prayer. Anna also taught *Values* and helped students understand how values could play a part in making important decisions. Throughout the year Anna led B'yachad and Tot Shabbat for the preschool families celebrating holidays and Shabbat. Jewish Living at Home (JLAH), a program from Women's League, centered on values and women of the Torah. Anna led the JLAH planning, recruited leaders, planned lunch, and frequently taught sessions throughout the last two years. Thanks Anna!

Revital Ganzi, who taught Modern Hebrew to the students Pre-K through 7th grade using a variety of hands-on materials, thank you. She developed presentations to allow the students to better understand how holidays are observed in Israel. She also taught Chumash and CHAT to students which focused on a wide variety of topics including culture, history, holidays and Torah. Revital also helped plan and develop the outline for the Amirim School throughout the year.

Todah rabah to Rabbi Ferency for working with the students on Wednesday during Hebrew classes and on Sunday during *tefillah*. He also has led many sessions during JLAH. During the year he provided suggestions and support as the school grew to meet the changing needs of students. Thank you for leading Kids Kabbalat, a service on Friday night for children.

Thank you to Barbara Mintz and the Education Committee for supporting the school through fund raising and developing a plan for the new Education Director. They have offered suggestions and ideas throughout the process. A huge thank you to Beverly Wilcox for support to the school, teachers, and students. Beverly handles the money, bills, set-up and cleaning of rooms. She also answers the phone! She also manages the calendar so that everyone has access to the building.

Thank you to Kitchen Director Kim Ault for the wonderful food at the school events all year. Kim made the dinners for Tot Shabbat and Kids Kabbalat!

And finally thank you to the parents for bringing your children to school. Without the children we have no future. Thank you for helping Heska Amuna and the religious school survive and flourish.



Martha Iroff



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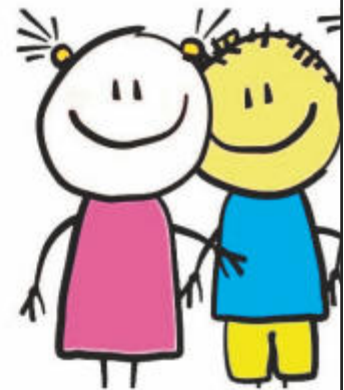


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Jewish Learning At Home (JLAH), April 14

Heska Amuna Women's League and Amirim School learned about *Shalom Bayit* (peace in the home) and the women of the Torah. We had a variety of speakers including Reverend Rebecca Fetzer from Susannah's House who spoke about ways to help women in their program; Marty Iroff who talked about *What the 4 Children of Passover Can Teach Us About Parenting*, and Rabbi Alon Ferency who led a text study about Rachel and Leah. Revital Ganzi and Jared Iroff-Bailey shared an art project making blessings for the home. Anna Iroff-Bailey led a lively game of Torah Family Feud. Martha Iroff shared books and a short film about *Shalom Bayit*. Kim Ault prepared a delicious lunch for learners and teachers to share. Thank you to the Women's League for supporting Heska Amuna with the learning opportunity about *Shalom Bayit* through JLAH.



Celebrating June's Special Days: Please Join Us

It's true! You can have your cake and eat it, too! (And boy, what a good cake it will be, too!) Join us for Shabbat on **June 8** and help us celebrate our June birthdays with a special prayer, a novel version of *Adom Olam* and of course, treats at kiddush!

Wishing a spectacular year ahead to those celebrating special days this month: Linda Anderson, Jeff Baerman, Sam Balloff, Larry Bayer, Ken Brown, Lindsey Brown, Robin Brown, Andrea Cartwright, Joyce Diftler, Walter Farkas, Allison Fay, Carolyn Fay, Francie Foster, Mitch Goldman, Pam Gross, Mark Harris, Richard Imbrey, Anna Iroff-Bailey, Eytan Klausner, Jason Messing, Charlie Perelman, Marilyn Pollio, Shain Raley, Nancy Jane Richer, Adam Rowe, Zach Scott, Joe Sitver, and Barbara Weinstein.



Thank you to all who came and all who sponsored this year's sold-out Community Passover Seder!

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Chef de Cuisine: Kimberly Ault and **sous-chefs:** Tori Ault and Frank Floyd. **Gardes manger:** Larry & Marion Bayer, Jeannie Bobroff, Jared & Anna Iroff-Bailey, Martha Iroff, Peggy Littmann, Bryan & Mary Ann Merrell, Amanda Sexton, and Kat Wilcox-Chelimsky.

Decorator: Shannon Martindale. **Educators:** Martha Iroff, Brianna Rasmussen, Serina Scott. **Greeters:** Elizabeth Floyd, Vanessa Pfeffer, Fernanda Santos, Lily Sitver, and Benjamin Sulman. **Registrars:** Emily Patrick, Shain Raley, and Joyce York.

Hosts: Jeannie Bobroff, Ken Brown, Michael Burnett, Markus Eisenbach, Mike Glasman, Catherine Greer, Rich Kaplan, Paul Mareth, Bryan Merrell, and Raphael Panitz. **Staff:** Carol Ickowitz and Beverly Wilcox.

And, the Rabbi & Religious Services Committee, all our guests, and, the letter ם

If you have feedback for next year, please send an email:
rabbi.ferency@heskaamuna.org.

We couldn't have done it without you!

Women's League

By Peggy Littmann, VP Membership

Heska Amuna Women's League held a mother/daughter tea and had a great time creating if not sublime art, really fun artwork. Elizabeth Floyd is our charter teen member of HAWL and we hope more teen members will join! She helped design a program that she thought would appeal to Heska Amuna mothers and daughters and she did a great job.



Mother-Daughter Tea and Art Project

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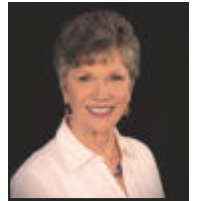
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Build the Future (and Save on Taxes) with KJCF Donor-Advised Funds

By Wendy Besmann

Editor's Note: In the April/May 2019 issue of HaKol, we inadvertently ran Wendy Besmann's headline, byline, and photograph with Abraham Brietstein's March article. We apologize profusely to Wendy for the error. What follows is Wendy's article in full.



Besmann

A few weeks before Purim, we read three chapters at the end of Exodus that describe the building of the Holy Tabernacle. This intrigues me because the Purim Megillah and the end of Exodus present a contrast in calamities averted. Purim (like Passover and Hanukkah) is the tale of a Jewish community that triumphs over an external enemy. (They tried to kill us, we survived, let's eat.) However, at the end of Exodus the enemy is clearly us. A dozen squabbling tribes of Israelites are overwhelmed by fear of an unknown future. They impulsively demand a Golden Calf to protect them—an epic fail in this new wilderness environment. The chastened tribes agree to follow a detailed blueprint for building the Mishkan where God's presence will dwell among them. The project begins in chaos, as too many donations pile up at the work site. Yet at some point in the long, meticulous process of hammering, weaving, and stitching, the group dynamics change. The last chapter includes a tidy report on the Mishkan dues structure, accounting for every half-shekel paid by 603,550 adults. Even if each two has three opinions, they now share a common identity that will bind them together across all future wandering.

The takeaway for our time: Survival as a people demands willingness to stop worshiping things that no longer work for us. Survival as a people demands a financially sustainable plan and the long, hard toil of building trust. It requires that you and I each become willing to give up something we own separately to create something better that we own together.

Twenty years ago, the Knoxville Jewish Community Family of Funds was created to be "something better we own together." It currently includes 65 individual funds (a total of \$3.2 million) benefiting a wide variety of Jewish institutions and broader community needs. Several years ago, my husband Ted and I set up a donor-advised fund at the minimum donation of \$5000. Donor-advised means the money makes a one-way trip out of our pockets, but we still get a major voice in how it is distributed. I'm not exactly sure why, but money put in such a fund moves into a zone of possibility that is quite liberating. Whether we will give this money is no longer the issue. It's in the zone, it keeps on gathering interest, and we are left to ponder where it can do the most good. (On the other hand, starting a donor-advised fund can save a bunch on your tax bill under the new law. Here's how: https://tinyurl.com/y3pyd4jw*).

This year I hope more people in our community start a donor-advised fund with KJCF. Each person's half-shekel goes a long way toward building our shared future.

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Linda Slovis*

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The **Arielle Rosen Donor Advised Fund** made a grant to Humorology, Inc. to support the childhood cancer fundraiser.

The **Ted & Dolly Reback Fund** made a grant to BBYO Cotton States Region for Knoxville scholarship support.

The **Bernard E. & Barbara W. Bernstein Charitable Fund** made grants to Heska Amuna Synagogue and the Knoxville Jewish Alliance for general support.

Heska Amuna Synagogue received a grant from the **Alice, George, & Kenneth Palmer Fund** to support the play *Not That Jewish* at the Bijou Theatre May 24 and 26.

The Knoxville Jewish Day School received a grant from the **KJDS Fund** for general support and from the **Harold and Ida Markman Endowment Fund for Education** to support participation in an educational conference.

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What is Our Reply?

By Ronnie Bogard, JCOR Communications Coordinator

Plants have been used for healing for many years. The photo is wild ginger with its characteristic rounded, heart shaped leaves. It is just now flowering in the woods, and if you peek under the leaves you will find a single reddish-brown flower with three pointed lobes lying on the ground. Native Americans made a mild tea from the roots for stimulating the digestive system. It also is said to help with bronchial infections and nausea. I wish there was a wildflower that was useful in healing what ails us-hatred towards others.

As of this writing, there was another murder in a California synagogue on Shabbat. We have moved from anti-Semitic words to murder in this country. We thought it couldn't happen here. If we have learned nothing else from the Holocaust — it starts with the words, but it doesn't stop there. We cannot stand still.

In this century, much of the anti-Semitic language is found on social media. The Anti-Defamation League reported that least 4.2 million anti-Semitic tweets were shared or re-shared in English on Twitter. See their website for press releases on the rise in antisemitism at www.adl.org/news/press-releases.

What is our reply as JCOR members?

We are not standing still. As antisemitism gained a foothold in our country, we have expanded our Holocaust Program to include the Oak Ridge community. We are in our fifth year of holding an Interfaith Study Group prior to the Holocaust Program. Teaching about the Holocaust has been shown to be one of the more effective ways to combat hate and extremism. Our children and grandchildren need to see that we as adults place a high priority on educating ourselves on the Holocaust and hate of all kinds. They need to hear us talk about it.

We are pleased that our school systems will be required to teach the Holocaust starting with the fifth grade, as part of the state of Tennessee social studies standards for 2019-2020. This happens when people step up and approach our school boards and legislators. When we have the community standing beside us, our voices are louder. It is also important to have trained individuals available to prepare the teachers for this difficult subject. Julie Kinder-McMillan from Robertsville Junior High School has been teaching 8th graders about the Holocaust for years. She has just recently paired Oak Ridge Schools with the Tennessee Holocaust Commission to sponsor a Holocaust Education Conference in Oak Ridge, to train the teachers. She is one of our Holocaust study group teachers, along with Steve Reddick, also an eighth grade teacher. All of our instructors for this study group have been long-time educators.

Even though our numbers are small, we are placing a priority on continuing to be visible in our community, and on contributing to our community. You can see that in our involvement with Interfaith Harmony Month, hosting the delightful Big Galut(e) musical group on *Shabbat*, and providing a reception for Lucas Richman, prior to his premier performance in Oak Ridge of his new Symphony, "*This will be our Reply.*"

What will be *your* Reply to violence? We need you involved and active in our community. When we have a Holocaust program, make it a priority and attend. When we host JFNA (Jewish Federation of North America), make it a priority to attend and support it monetarily. Support the Anti-Defamation League. They are a tremendous resource which can provide us with structure and support in our approach to combating hate. If you haven't served on our Board, now is the time to get involved. Each one of us can only do so much — but together we can do a lot.

You cannot do nothing. You are not excused. You can contact your legislators, you can write letters to the editor condemning hate when you see it and read it. We cannot be tolerant of it, even if speaking out frightens us. If individuals cannot talk about Israel without including age-old anti-Semitic tropes, we need to teach them how. It is not a time for silence, it is a time to stand up with everyone else in the community and insist this country cannot be taken over by radical extremists. Because if we don't do it, who will?





JCOR's Community Women's Seder was a success and raised funds for the Oak Ridge YWCA.

Summer JCOR Film Series

Saturday, June 1, 7:00 p.m.

Jewish Film Series: *Intolerable Cruelty*—USA, 2003, PG-13, 1hr, 40 min
Attorney Miles goes toe-to-toe with his wealthy client's ex-wife, expert gold-digger Marilyn, in this battle-of-the-sexes comedy. Directed by Joel Coen and Ethan Coen. Cast: George Clooney, Catherine Zeta-Jones, et al.

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

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

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

Jewish Film Series: *The Big Lebowski*

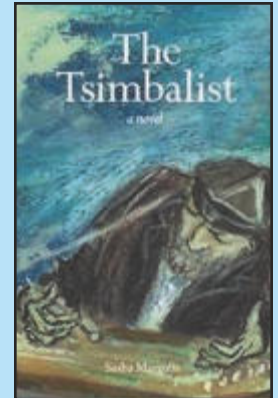


Jewish Book Club

**Tuesday, June 4, 2019
7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
at JCOR**

Join us for coffee, dessert, and a discussion of *The Tsimbalist* written by Sasha Margolis.

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CHABAD OF KNOXVILLE



We Got our Challah Back at Cteen Shabbat!

Excited to have Challah after Passover, Cteen Knoxville hosted a Friday Night dinner full of Challah, pastries and doughy delights. Coming right after the Poway shooting our teens dedicated the Shabbat Dinner in memory of Lori Kaye and had some great discussion on Jewish pride.

Purim in Morocco a Joyous Event

Jewish holidays are always a special to celebrate as a family and a community. This year Chabad's Purim in Morocco event was a joyous community celebration with over 250 people in attendance. The authentic Moroccan food lovingly prepared by Dana Maman in memory of her grandparents, Avrohom and Rochel Biton, brought the tastes and smells of Moroccan Jewish cuisine to our community. and Ilanit Hare and her team of volunteers decorated the room so that we forgot that we hadn't truly left Knoxville. Sephardic music played by the UT Middle East Ensemble, a mini concert by Mendel of Moroccan Jewish favorites and music by DJ Lev Gross Comstock had us dancing the night away. Samantha Abrams-Cohen and Sarah May offered henna tattoos and the kids made beautiful hamsa bracelets. The joy of Purim brought our community together for another unforgettable evening.



The Pesach seder is always a special extended family celebration. Singing Dayeinu, hearing the kids sing the Mah Nishtana, Mendel and Chayale's Passover magic tricks, meaningful conversation, meeting new friends, hiding the afikoman and ending the seder with an energetic rendition of Echad Mi Yodeah were some highlights of this year's 70 seder participants.

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June 15

Louis Bobroff ♦ Abraham Jacobs ♦ Leon Leibowitz ♦ Hyman Strauss ♦ Harriett Zalkin ♦ Ida Brown ♦ Amelia Strauss ♦ Edward Balloff ♦ Sol Leeds ♦ Nathan Robinson ♦ Murray Beber ♦ Bill Merrell, Lillian Millner ♦ Nettie Secaul ♦ Louis Tobe ♦ Morris Werner ♦ Rachel Resnick ♦ Claire Shulman ♦ Pincus Kanofsky ♦ Hyman Kisilinsky ♦ Alice Landis ♦ Morris Rosenblatt

June 22

David Bendriem ♦ Rebecca Forstein ♦ Saul Garber ♦ George Gourse ♦ Ellen Goldberg ♦ Sarah Gershek ♦ Thekla Naumann ♦ George Adlin ♦ Herbert Smullian ♦ Adele Bernard ♦ Frances Sabler ♦ Claude Schulhof

June 29

Elliott Jaffrey ♦ Esther Kay ♦ Muriel Ohriner ♦ Irene Baskin ♦ Harry Lipshin ♦ Samuel Love ♦ Jennie Rosenblatt ♦ Seena Allen ♦ Albert Eisenstadt ♦ Isaac Green, Victor Hanan ♦ Lynn Hecht ♦ Ben Mazur ♦ Selma Corkland ♦ Louis Edelman ♦ Esther Spiegelman ♦ Doris Weinstein ♦ Scott Wolf ♦ Shirley Cohen ♦ Sylvia Kelman ♦ Mary Kutsubos ♦ Edith Rosenthal ♦ Santa Floyd ♦ Robert Sabler ♦ Zelda Siegel

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June 14

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June 28

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Keep your eyes here for more information or contact
Shuli Mesa shulime@gmail.com

SIGN UP TODAY: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0949abaf23a4fa7-hadassahs1>



Join us in Sponsoring a Susannah's House Lunch Wednesday, June 26 *Volunteers needed to bring food and/or cook on Tuesday, June 25*

Hadassah is sponsoring a lunch for Susannah's House and we need volunteers to provide food and to cook!

We will cook baked spaghetti casserole and provide all the fixins! Here is what is needed:

We will provide food for approximately 50 people, so we ask that volunteers supply enough for at least 10 people. Food contributions should be dropped at Kathy Franzel's house on Tuesday, June 25 by 1:00 p.m.:

- green salad (no poppy seeds)
- fruit salad
- rolls, garlic bread, etc.
- desserts (brownies, cookies, cake, etc.)

Note: Please, no poppy seeds in any of the food!

Four volunteers to help cook the main entree on Tuesday, June 25 at Kathy Franzel's house at 11:00 a.m. Come to cook on Tuesday, June 25 at 11:00 a.m. at Kathy Franzel's house (8809 Ebenezer Oaks Ln, Knoxville, 37922). Bring food contributions to the same address no later than 1:00 p.m. same day.



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You are also invited to come to Susannah's House on Wednesday, June 26 at noon to enjoy the lunch we've prepared, and to take a tour of the facility.

Please email Kathy Franzel, katrinaf1@gmail.com to let her know what you will bring from the items above, and if you would like to help cook. This is a wonderful mitzvah to be a part of and we've had a wonderful time getting together in the past for this event. For more information on Susannah's House, visit <http://www.susannahshouse.org/about-us.html>.

Please join us in this wonderful effort, and thank you for your contributions!



An Artist's View: Creative Jewish Women in Knoxville



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

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

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

For more information please contact our
Membership Co Chairs
Nancy Britcher (nbritcher@gmail.com) or Brenda Sherman (houstonbrenda@yahoo.com)

Delicious desserts, coffee and tea will be served

Contact Our Hadassah Membership Team

Learn more about Knoxville Hadassah and Hadassah in general by contacting our membership team today!

- ◆ **Brenda Sherman**
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- ◆ **Nancy Britcher** nbritcher@gmail.com

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Buy a Tree/Water Certificate

What better way to celebrate a birthday or special occasion than by purchasing a tree certificate from Knoxville Hadassah? Giving opportunities include:

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

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



Hadassah Knoxville to Host September Educational History Series

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

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

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

Look for more information in summer issues of *Ha'Kol*.


2019 Hadassah Directory Updates

Due to technical difficulties, the Mercedes of Knoxville ad in the Hadassah directory failed to print properly. To compensate for this error and to thank Mercedes of Knoxville for their support, we are pleased to present the following ad as it was meant to appear originally.

We regret the printing error.

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Hadassah Knoxville, what an epic day from start to finish.

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and because of your dedication and hard work of baking 1 to 4 cakes it was a great success again this year. Robin and I thank you so very much for your commitment of time and energy to this important and awesome project.

We had flavors for every taste bud. Here is a list of some of our cakes: apple cake, pineapple coconut cake, various chocolate cakes, chocolate ganache pistachio, red velvet, various lemon cakes, various pound cakes, pecan rum, banana cake, chocolate rum, various coffee cakes, and vegan cakes. Thanks again for your support.

*Sincerely yours, Nora Messing and Robin Brown
Bundt Cake Committee Chairs 2019*

Hadassah Bakers

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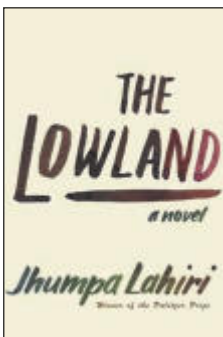
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Hadassah Book Club News

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

Hope to see you all for our **Tuesday, June 18** Hadassah Book Club meeting. We're having a special meeting this month at the home of one of our members. Please RSVP* as dessert themed to the book will be served. When you RSVP, details for time and place will be sent to you. This month we'll be discussing *The Lowland* by Jhumpa Lahiri.



Overview:

Epic in its canvas and intimate in its portrayal of lives undone and forged anew, *The Lowland* is a deeply felt novel of family ties that entangle and fray in ways unforeseen and unrevealed, of ties that ineluctably define who we are. With all the hallmarks of Jhumpa Lahiri's achingly poignant, exquisitely empathetic story-telling, this is her most devastating work of fiction to date.

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

Future Reads:

July 16 *Where'd You Go Bernadette* by Maria Semple
August 20 *Daughter of Molokai* by Alan Brennert

Celebrate Motherhood with a Hadassah Layette

By Batya Boxt

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

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

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

Please contact me at batyabox@gmail.com.



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The First Graders Use Their Research To Be “Teachers”

The K-1 Classroom began to learn the process of researching a topic. The students used several types of sources in order to understand “what living things need in order to survive?” Some questions that drove their research included:

- *What does it mean to hibernate?*
- *What does it mean to migrate?*
- *What does it mean to adapt?*

Once each student was given a topic, they were led through the process of gathering information. Then, they needed to organize it into understandable units. They created their presentation to be given to the class as a whole. Presenting their findings by answering the research questions, they took on the role of teacher assistants in the afternoons during science. Avi's area of research was hibernation, Nathan's area of research was migration, and Emily's area of research was adaptation. Mrs. Haskins said she was very proud of them for working so diligently and for being such great presenters. Throughout this process, they've added several skills to their toolbox which will help them have an easy transition to second grade.



Emily enjoys teaching using her knowledge and the smartboard



Nathan organizes his information.



Avi, acting as teaching assistant, explains his research to his classmates.



Arya put on her winter clothes when asked “How do humans adapt to weather?”

In Their Own Words

By Gina Di Salvo

If you were in the audience for KJDS's production of *Willy Wonka, Jr.* in January 2019, then you might remember a tiny Oompa Loompa far stage left with a giant open-mouthed smile and a wave every time she entered the stage. That Oompa Loompa's name is Addy and she just finished Kindergarten at KJDS. While breaking character due to uncontrollable excitement is typical of a six year-old in her first play, it also exemplifies her experience at KJDS.

When my spouse, Jeff Tinley, and I went on the school tour of KJDS last year, the first thing we noticed was how happy all of the students were. We had planned to send both of our daughters to our local public school, but after the tour we couldn't stop thinking about how much KJDS seemed to be set up for our kids and our family. There were top notch academics, creative problem solving in the arts and STEAM, and an emphasis on ethical formation and community.

As the Kindergarten decision approached, we thought more deeply about how much of Addy's life is spent at school. Jeff and I both work full time and our extended family live elsewhere. We also took into consideration that her younger sister would be joining her in two years and that students at KJDS learn together across grade levels. We liked that morning prayers, STEAM projects, play productions, holiday celebrations, and aftercare activities would give our daughters time to read, write, solve, dance, sing, run, think, eat, and build with each other and others.

Addy is thrilled to go to school every morning and irritated if we pick her up "early" from aftercare – that is, at 5:00 instead of 5:30. She theorizes about Amelia Earhart's plane over breakfast, skips around our house while explaining the difference between *n* (*em*) and *o* (*em sofit*), and points out the use of simple machines when we're out and about. We know that her excitement is due to the kindness and support she encounters at KJDS at least as much as the curriculum. When Addy had a procedure on her eyes earlier this Spring, Mrs. Haskins and her K-1 classmates sent a video of well wishes on the morning of the surgery. A few days after the procedure, Addy wanted to go to school even though she was still dealing with some redness and eye fatigue. We were able to let her return when she wanted to not only because we knew that she would be cared for, but also because *she* knew she would be cared for. Our daughter thrives as a learner because of the community that KJDS fosters.



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The Di Salvo-Tinley family loves the community that KJDS fosters.

Passover at KJDS

As we study about Passover, we take time to appreciate our freedom and think about this gift we so often take for granted.

Kindergarteners and First Graders took some time to think about what things they do each day they wouldn't be able to do if they were slaves. They also enjoyed singing many of the famous Passover songs in preparation for the Passover holiday. They were primed and ready to sing the Mah Nishtana at their family seders.

A highlight of a KJDS experience is performing the Pesach (Passover) Play in 2nd or 3rd grade. Every other year in Hebrew class our 2nd and 3rd graders put on a play depicting the Passover story all in Hebrew. This year that had the added unique experience of working with parent and Costume Designer Cat Coffin to choose material and design their own costume.

Students gained insights into how costumes can help express a character and saw raw materials transform into a beautiful costume right in front of their eyes. Thank you Cat for gifting our students with this wonderful experience.

Students wowed the audience with their ease of Hebrew expression. Students showed understanding and mastery of the language and their acting skills from drama classes earlier in the year were evident. They worked together to support each other, encourage each other and put on the Passover show of the year! Thank you to all of our parents, special friends and grandparents for being a great audience!

Our fourth and fifth graders who are well versed in the Passover story took their study to a new level. They reviewed the story as it's told in the Torah and chose 6-8 milestone events. Armed with the dates for some of the big events, and the age of some key players at the times of others they calculated what year each of their milestone events happened and plotted them on a timeline. They were fascinated to discover that Jews were slaves for 170 years and that they lived happily in Egypt for 40 years before the slavery began, that plagues lasted for almost a year and that the final plagues, exodus, splitting of the sea and giving of the Torah all happened in the same year.

The cast and crew! Thanks to Cat, Morah Dana, and Miriam Esther for their hard work. And a huge Mazel Tov! to the students for performing this play all in Hebrew.



Moses visits the Pharaoh.

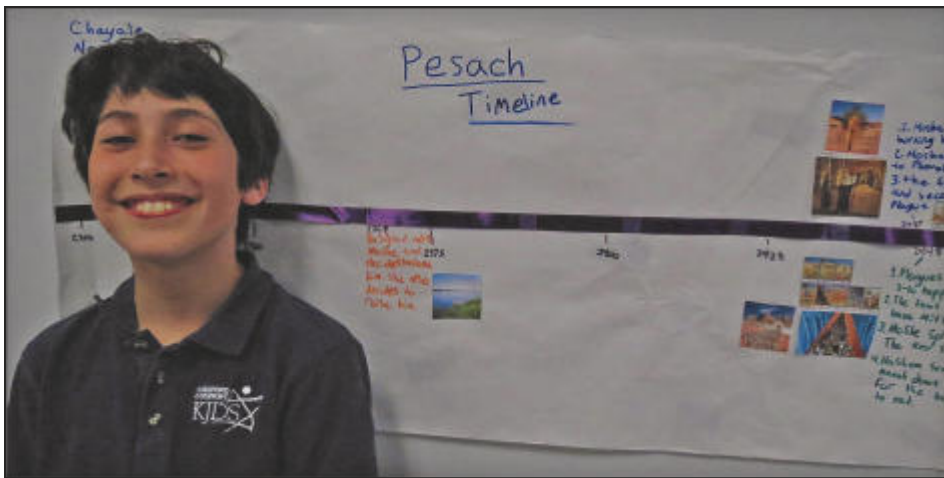


Students look forward to being in the Pesach Play in their 2nd or 3rd grade year and are excited the big day is finally here."



Our "Special Friends" enjoyed watching the play.





Noah's timeline



Ms. Julien had her first Seder at school this year. She also found the afikomen!

Israeli Shuk

By Gaia Koenig, Third Grader

We had an Israeli Shuk. A shuk is mini markets, with people yelling to you to come to their booth. At our shuk, we had shakshuka, falafel, babka, hummus, malabi, and bagels. I sold the babka with my partner Abby. To get ready for the shuk, first we had to make the food. We followed the recipe that was in Hebrew. There were some parents who speak Hebrew who helped us follow the recipes. It was fun! At school, my class wore cashier aprons and t-shirts that said our names. When my booth opened, we were selling slowly, because parents and special friends were shopping first. But, when the kids started coming, we almost sold out. The Israeli Shuk taught me that working in a market can be hard. It was kind of challenging to do it all in Hebrew, but it was fun.



Abby and Gaia at the shuk

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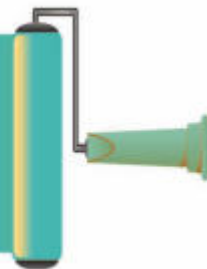
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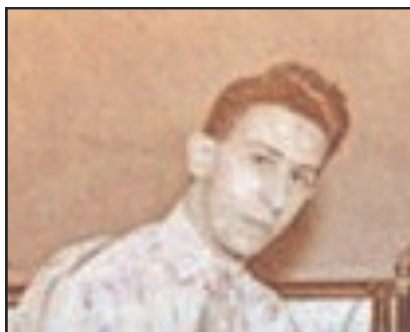
The Way We Were in 1918

Back and Front Covers of the 1918 University of Tennessee Graduation Program



In 1918, The University of Tennessee's commencement brochure included six graduates of the College of Law. Two of them were Isadore Ben **Finkelstein** and Benjamin Raymond **Winick**, who both went on to practice law in Knoxville.

I B **Finkelstein** (1895-1935) was the great uncle of Pam **Brody**. Ben R **Winick** (1897-1964) was the father of Barbara Winick **Bernstein**.



Isadore Finkelstein ca 1919



Ben Winick 1920

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