



Ha' Kol

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

Temple Beth El High Holy Day Schedule – 5780/2019



Saturday, Sept. 21 7:00 p.m. Selichot Service

Rosh Hashanah

Sunday, Sept. 29 7:30 p.m. Erev Rosh Hashanah

Monday, Sept. 30 9:30 a.m. Children's Service

10:30 a.m. Morning Service

(Luncheon & Tashlich Ceremony following Service)

Yom Kippur

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| Sunday, Oct. 6 | 10:00/11:00 a.m. | Cemetery Service (Old/New) |
| Tuesday, Oct. 8 | 7:30 p.m. | Erev Yom Kippur |
| Wednesday, Oct. 9 | 9:30 a.m. | Children's Service |
| | 10:30 a.m. | Morning Service |
| | 1:00 p.m. | Discussion/Study |
| | 2:30 p.m. | Afternoon Service |
| | 4:00 p.m. | Healing Service |
| | 4:30 p.m. | Yizkor/Memorial Service |
| | 5:30 p.m. | Ne'ilah/Closing Service |

(Sisterhood hosts complimentary Break-the-Fast following the final Shofar blast)

Sukkot and Simchat Torah

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| Sunday, Oct. 13 | 5:30 p.m. | Sukkot Dinner & Decorate the Sukkah (Bring your own dinner and decorations) |
| Wednesday, Oct 16 | 4:30 p.m. | Family decorating and pizza dinner |
| Friday, Oct 18 | 7:00 p.m. | Sukkot Shabbat Service |
| Friday, Oct. 25 | 6:15 p.m. | Pizza Dinner |
| | 7:00 p.m. | Simchat Torah |

(Help unroll the entire Torah as we joyously celebrate Simchat Torah)

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Shalom Y'all!

By Rabbi Erin Boxt

“What keeps you up at night?” This question was recently posed to me by a great friend. The question was a bit jarring, and I was sure there had to be an ulterior motive for asking the question. My initial response to the question was, “I am not sure...let me think about it.” One simple question led to quite an in-depth conversation about a variety of topics. It is very easy to get caught up in work and kids and family. It is just as easy to become complacent to what is going on around. We must strive hard to make sure we are not ignoring what is going on in our communities outside of our homes.

Rabbi Moses ben Maimon, *Maimonides*, said, “We each decide whether to make ourselves learned or ignorant, compassionate or cruel, generous or miserly. No one forces us. No one decides for us, no one drags us along one part or the other. We are responsible for what we are.”

As a rabbi, my perceptions of the outside world begin with the Jewish community. Are we doing enough to engage the other Jewish community members? Are we preparing our Jewish children to go out in the world and tackle life as a Jewish adult? What about our “more experienced” members. Are we taking care of their needs and desires? Are they prepared for the next steps in their life journeys?

I am certain that many of you in the Knoxville Jewish community have some of the same questions. Or perhaps your questions are completely different. The truth is that all our questions are valid and vital to the growth and future of our Jewish community here in Knoxville and abroad. Whatever your questions may be, it is imperative that we heed the words of Maimonides. We must choose for ourselves to be learned, compassionate, and generous. We can help each other, but ultimately it is up to each of us as individuals.

Golda Meir, former Israeli Prime Minister, said, “Trust yourself. Create the kind of self that you will be happy to live with all your life. Make the most of yourself by fanning the tiny, inner sparks of possibility into flames of achievement.”

May each of us fan our own sparks of possibility into great achievement for the future of our Knoxville Jewish community!



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Second Harvest Food Drive

Temple Beth El Sisterhood & Temple Beth El religious school students are hosting a food drive to benefit Second Harvest Food Bank. The food drive began on Rosh Hashanah and concludes at the end of October.

How can you help? Please bring non-perishable food items and drop them in the round barrels at Temple Beth El.

Most needed items:

- Peanut butter
- canned proteins - tuna, salmon, chicken
- canned fruits in own juices or light syrup - pineapples, peaches, pears
- canned vegetables - mixed, green, corn
- soups - beef stew, chili, chicken noodle, turkey rice
- condiments - tomato sauces, light soy sauce, ketchup, mustard, light salad dressings



Please make sure all items are in date.

**Just 1.2 pounds of food
= a meal.**

TBE President's Remarks

By Steve Lewis, TBE President

The power of words is incredible. Words can hurt; words can bring joy; words can inspire; words can confuse. And frankly, none of us is as careful with our words as perhaps we should be. How many of us have recently examined our own acts of harmful speech that we committed during the past year – perhaps even asked for forgiveness from someone we had injured with weapons of words?

Several months ago, this column addressed the issue of *Lashon Hara*, certainly a form of hurtful speech. In this column, I'd like to discuss something much less esoteric, but no less important: *Politics*. No, I'm not going to take a political stand (although I did recently stand up against anti-Semitism on my Facebook page) or speak up in favor of or against some politician, some issue, or some political party. Rather, I'm going to talk about political discussions – and the fact that *uncivil* political discussions should have no place in a *Kehillah Kedoshah* such as TBE, where *Shalom Bayit* should be our watchword.

Political discussions, especially today, can be incredibly heated and destructive. They can ruin friendships, or even relationships within a family. They can lead to vile spoken words that you wish you could take back, to losing respect for another human being simply because they are not on the same "side" as you are.

Why, you may ask, am I bringing up something that's pretty obvious to all of us? Because I have seen on more than one occasion, within the walls of TBE, political comments and responses that were on the point of escalating into heated arguments were they not shut down -- and may still have left some bitter feelings.

It's unrealistic of me to expect or ask that we totally eliminate comments that either are political or are thought to be political during discussions at TBE. What I do ask, however, is that we always keep them *civil*. We must always show respect for each other – as fellow members of TBE, as fellow Jews, and as fellow human beings. And, if what you're thinking about saying is not really part of what's being discussed, please leave it out.

Bitter feelings are not what we want between *any* members of TBE. We have so much to accomplish, so many opportunities. Over the summer we saw an exciting influx of many new, younger families – families we hope have begun forming lasting friendships with each other and a lasting commitment to TBE. We have already had several exciting guest speakers, musicians and educators. Fantastic adult education opportunities have attracted a good number of members hungry for Jewish knowledge. Sisterhood is once again leading the way with numerous *Tikkun Olam* programs. We should *always* keep our focus on what is *good* about TBE – and there is so much.

Early this month we saw the conclusion of the "Days of Awe," with the observance of *Yom Kippur*. It is my prayer that TBE is and will always be a place where we can "return" to a sanctuary of peace, where we see each other as friends and family, as a diverse group of individuals with many different backgrounds, with a wide range of feelings and beliefs, but with a common commitment to making TBE the very best it can be. Let us renew our commitment **To Be Engaged** with each other as sacred partners.



Making Strides Against Breast Cancer
Sunday, October 13, 2019
Worlds Fair Park
1:00 p.m. Registration
3:00 p.m. Walk begins

Making Strides Against Breast Cancer events raise awareness and money to save lives from breast cancer. The money you raise and the donations you make are helping the American Cancer Society fund innovative breast cancer research, 24/7 information and support, prevention and early detection initiatives, and so much more. Please consider joining a Making Strides event and raising money or making a donation today.

Go to www.makingstridesknoxville.org/knoxville to join our team. Our official team name is **Temple Beth El** (scroll down to enter team name and search). You will then either select "Join our Team" or "Donate." If you plan on walking at the event on October 13, you will need to register as a walker. The "Donate" selection is for those people not walking, but donating money toward the team's goal.

There is no registration fee to participate but donations are certainly appreciated. We will meet at the park, but walk as a team (location tbd).

The Knoxville Jewish Community has participated with the American Cancer Society Making Strides event for the past 5 years.

Thank you in advance for your help!

The Temple Beth El Social Action Committee looks forward to working with you on this important initiative. If you have any questions, call Amy 865-356-6830 or Hayley 954-610-7394.

Temple Beth El Religious School October 2019 Update

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

Fall Break is Sunday, October 6--Sunday, October 13. No RS or Midweek

Fall Holidays need special attention this month!

We ended September with Rosh Hashanah. Thus, we begin our wonderful fall holidays season that includes Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur, Sukkot, and Simchat Torah. Unfortunately Fall Holidays and Fall Break occur simultaneously this year. Do you realize that our students will have apples and honey at RS on Sunday, September 29 and will then be out of school until Midweek on Wednesday, October 16? If you only come on Sundays, you could miss Yom Kippur AND Sukkot completely! **Plan your fall holiday celebrations purposefully!** Jewish holidays provide endless opportunities for family experiences in the home, with our out of town families, with our school families, and with our entire congregation.

Fall Break can work in your favor!

Older students can attend the Kol Nidre service without worrying about school the next day.

Students do not have to take a day out of school to attend Yom Kippur services!

All families are invited to join us on Wednesday, October 16 for a family Sukkot celebration. (info below)

Perform *Tikkun Olam* by walking with your family October 13 @ Making Strides Against Breast Cancer. (info below)

Some families will have the opportunity to travel and celebrate High Holy Days with grandparents and other family.

Safe travels to you all.

But Wait! There's more for your family calendar:

Join us for Sukkot Shabbat w/ guitar on the Patio Friday, October 18.

Families will LOVE Shabbat/Simchat Torah on Friday, October 25. We will even feed you pizza before the service.

(info below)

And now back to our bulletin information....

Confirmation Class will attend the services at the Old and New Cemeteries Sunday, October 6.

The students will meet at Temple Beth El and carpool to the cemeteries.

Yom Kippur is Tuesday and Wednesday, October 8 and 9.

The Children's Service is at **9:30 on Wednesday**. Childcare is offered with reservations required. There are several services throughout the day for our older students. Please make attending these services a priority for your children and teens.

Tot Shabbat w/ Rabbi Erin is Saturday, October 12.

If you haven't attended one of Rabbi's Tot Shabbat Saturdays, you are missing out on some great fun and a wonderful opportunity to meet other families with young children. Tot Shabbat usually meets in private homes where children can play together while parents socialize. Then everyone gets together for Shabbat stories, songs, and prayers with Rabbi Erin. If you would like to join Rabbi and his tots, contact Rabbi Boxt for more information. rabbiboxt@tbeknox.org

Join us for Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Sunday, October 13.

We will meet at the World's Fair Park. Registration begins at 2:00 and the walk is at 3:00. There are some great events in between, so plan to come and have a great time for a great cause. Members of our CHAI class will be there helping as volunteers.

Attention All Families: Join our Midweek students for Pizza in the Hut (Sukkah) on Wednesday, October 16 4:30-6:00.

Our Sukkah will be decorated, but we will add our own decorations. We will have some special activities. Rabbi Erin will lead a short Sukkot service that will include the mitzvah of shaking the lulav and smelling the etrog. After our festivities we will enjoy a pizza dinner in the Sukkah. **Everyone is invited!**

They're back! Tennessee Schmaltz joins TBE for Shabbat/Simchat Torah on Friday, October 25 at 7:00 p.m.

Families will not want to miss this fabulous Shabbat. We will begin with an informal pizza dinner at 6:15. Then our favorite klezmer band will provide the music for this joyful celebration. We will parade our four Torahs and completely unroll one Torah as we read the last verse of *Deuteronomy* and the first verse of *Genesis*. Of course, we will have an oneg after the service! Babysitting is available if your younger ones get tired before the fun is over.

Temple Beth El Membership News

By Missy Noon

Temple Beth El welcomes five new families to our congregation. One family even has a dual membership with Heska Amuna Synagogue. We are so happy to have these new members be a part of our Temple Beth El family.

Bella and David Wolitz have lived in Knoxville since 2011. Bella grew up in Maine and David grew up in Texas, so Tennessee is kind of in the middle! They have two sons: Michael (8) is a third grader at Beaumont Magnet Elementary School, where brother Joshua (5) will join him next year as a kindergartner. Bella and David met in law school; David is a professor at the University of Tennessee College of Law specializing in criminal procedure and jurisprudence, and Bella is a consulting attorney for a D.C.-based firm specializing in water law and Federal Indian law. The Wolitzes have been members at Heska Amuna for six years and are delighted to add a dual membership at Temple Beth El to broaden their participation and experience in the Knoxville Jewish community.

Josh, Katie, and Jonah Rosenberg moved to Knoxville from Lansing, MI in 2018. Josh is an assistant professor of STEM Education at UT. Katie has started an Information Science graduate school program. The family loves being outside, biking and hiking in particular. They are excited to get to know the TBE community.

Pete and Katrina Kepf have a beautiful family which includes two precious grandchildren. They are rescue animal lovers and share their home with two pit bulls and two pigs. Pete works in Business Development and Katrina serves as an RN for the ALS Association and works as a Realtor for Coldwell Banker.

Tim Abramson is originally from Michigan and has been in Tennessee for 49 years. He initially came to Temple Beth El at Susan Baker's invitation. Now he has reconnected with his Jewish roots, and enjoys the services, choir, and fellowship at Temple events.

The **Langer family** has resided in Knoxville since 2013. Remy (12) and Harry (9) attend Webb School of Knoxville and Alexis (20) attends The University of Tennessee. Menachem is a physician with an MBA, now pursuing a law degree and will graduate in December 2019. He plans on launching a multi-faceted law practice serving our community. Jill is a nurse and diabetes educator, and a committed community volunteer. The family is of mixed faith background, with Remy and Harry being raised Jewish. Remy became a Bat Mitzvah this past summer in Jerusalem with all of her extended family present. The Langers look forward to becoming more involved in Temple activities.



The Langer family



The Wolitz family



Josh, Katie, and Jonah Rosenberg



L-R:
Pete and
Katrina Kepf

Tim
Abramson



The Festival of Sukkot begins on October 13th this year. We eat and worship in a temporary hut to commemorate the 40 years the Israelites wandered the desert on their way to the promised land.

**COME ONE, COME ALL TO
DECORATE OUR
"SUKKAH ON THE PATIO"**

**BYO DINNER OR SNACKS
WE'LL PROVIDE BEVERAGES AND
DESSERTS**

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13TH AT 5:30PM

**BRING YOUR TALENTS AND ENTHUSIASM AND YOUR WILLINGNESS TO CREATE
WE'LL MAKE LOTS OF DECORATIONS
YOU CAN BRING YOUR OWN CREATIONS, TOO
Weatherproof Materials are Best
ANYTHING THEMED FOR SUKKOT OR THE FALL HARVEST WOULD BE GREAT
We'll Provide Plenty Of Craft Supplies, Ideas and Support**






Some Ideas We'll Pursue
Questions...
Contact Liz:
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Temple Beth El Sisterhood's
MAH JONGG MADNESS

Tournament

Sunday, October 20, 2019

11:30 A.M. – 3:30 p.m.

Temple Beth El
 3037 Kingston Pike, Knoxville, TN 37919

CASH PRIZES for 1st, 2nd, 3rd High Scores in Tournament Play
 In case of a tie, the CASH prize will be divided equally.

Other **FUN** activities include a "take a chance for prizes", bonus hands and for Fun tables are available. No timing, no scoring, just fun!

\$20.00 Entrance Fee Includes registration for **EITHER** the Mah Jongg Madness Tournament **OR** Mah Jongg for Fun, Desserts, Snacks, and Cash Prizes

Please return the registration form below with your check payable to

Temple Beth El Sisterhood to:

Karen Smith
 8409 Barbee Lane
 Knoxville, TN 37923

Deadline: Friday, October 11, 2019

Registrations received after the deadline will go on a "wait list" unless there are vacancies.
 Or a player can play at the "for fun" tables. You will be contacted.

Questions? E-mail or call: Karen Smith at (865) 691-3231 briankarens@comcast.net
 or Sandy Parker at (865) 237-4929 sandycpb@gmail.com

Name: _____ Phone: _____

E-mail address _____

Home Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

_____ I can be East. (You will be contacted.) East stays at the same table and does not rotate.
 East completes the score card after each round.

_____ I can bring a mah jongg set. (You will be contacted.)

Please check **ONE** of the following:

_____ I will play in the Mah Jongg Madness. **OR**

_____ I will play in the Mah Jongg for Fun.

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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

Contributions to the Funds of Temple Beth El

Donations listed were received as of August 23, 2019

CARING COMMITTEE FUND

In honor of Jan & Stu Elston's granddaughter

By: Paul Erwin and Renee' Hyatt

ENDOWMENT FUND

In memory of Martvei Ioselev & Liliya Safo

By: Frank and Karen Cyzick

GENERAL FUND

In memory of Wolfe Brody

By: Ivan Brody

In honor of Jessica & Joshua Daiagi

By: Annette Daiagi, Mike Daiagi,

Iva I Rea

GOODFRIEND HOLOCAUST EDUCATIONAL FUND

In memory of Eugene Steven Cyzick

By: Frank and Karen Cyzick

H & P SECURITY

Donation by: Larry Markel, Brian and Simone Metzger, Peter and Brianna Rosenbaum, Alan and Karen Smuckler, Jill Vogelfang and Gerry Milligan, Wilma Weinstein-Lomax and John Lomax

HERMINA BEILER FLORAL FUND

In memory of Yankel Iancovsky

By: Mark and Lucy Barkan

In memory of Mary Robinson

By: Frank and Karen Cyzick

LICHT YOUTH FUND

In honor of Genesis 12:3

By: James Murph

RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

In honor of Rabbi Erin

Donation by: Denise and Steve Jacobs

In honor of Rabbi Erin

By: Brian & Korinna Daiagi

In honor of Tot Shabbat

By: Alan and Karen Smuckler

MARX FAMILY EDUCATION FUND

In honor of finishing the

Book of Numbers

By: Adult Education/Torah Study Class

SISTERHOOD TRIBUTE FUND

In honor of Karen & Brian Smith's

50th wedding anniversary

By: Mark and Marcy Frankel

OCTOBER 2019

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| | | 1 Rosh Hashana 2 KJA & AJCC Preschool closed 9:30a Second day service-HA Noon Executive Mifgash Manhigim-TBE 4:30p Tashlich Service (rain date)-HA 6-9:30p Fencing-Gym | 2 9:30-11a Tai Chi-Orwitz Rm 4p Religious School-HA 4:30-6p Midweek Hebrew-TBE 6:30p Wednesday Minyan-HA 6:30p KJDS Board-KJDS 6:30-8:30p Tai Chi-Orwitz Rm 7p Talmud Class-HA 7p Board mtg-HA | 3 7a Morning Minyan-HA 11a Adult Ed/Torah Study-TBE 6p Conversational Hebrew-HA 7:30p Israeli dancing-AJCC Gym | 4 5:57p 4:30p Jewish Family Services Shabbat-Sherrill Hills 6:30p Sunset Minyan & Oneg-HA 7p Shabbat Service- | 5 7:52p 9:30a-noon Shabbat Service-HA 9:30a Sukkot Service & Lunch-JCOR 10:30a Alternative Service-HA |
| 6 9:30a Morning Minyan-HA 10a Old Cemetery Service-TBE 10:30-noon Tai Chi-Orwitz Room 11a New Jewish Cemetery Service-HA & TBE 11a Israeli dancing-JCOR | 7 7a Morning Minyan-HA 9:30a Tai Chi-JCOR 6-9:30p Fencing-AJCC Gym 6-7p KJA Exec Comm -AJCC Orwitz Rm 7:15p KJA Board-AJCC Orwitz Rm | 8 Erev Yom Kippur 3p AJCC Preschool closes-no after care 6-9:30p Fencing-Gym 6p Kol Nidre Musical Prelude-HA 7:30p Kol Nidre Service-TBE | 9 Yom Kippur KJA & AJCC Preschool closed See Heska Amuna, JCOR, & Temple Beth El pages and/or websites for holy day service schedules | 10 7a Morning Minyan-HA 11a Adult Ed/Torah Study-TBE 6p Conversational Hebrew-HA 7:30p Israeli dancing-AJCC Gym | 11 6:48p 9:30a-5:30p Shabbat Camp & Camp Nadev Reunion-Team Building Park-AJCC 7p Shabbat Service-TBE | 12 7:42p 9:30a-noon Shabbat Service-HA 9:30a Shabbat Service-JCOR 9:30a-5:30p Shabbat Camp & Camp Nadev Reunion-Team Building Park-AJCC 11a Shemini Atzeret & Yizkor-JCOR 6:30p Simchat Torah & Dinner-JCOR |
| 13 Erev Sukkot 8:45a Breakfast Club-JCOR 9:30a Morning Minyan-HA 10:30-noon Tai Chi-Orwitz Room 11a-1p Sukkah Building Pizza in the Hut-HA 11a Israeli dancing-JCOR 2p Making Strides (p. 3) 5:30p Sukkot Dinner & Decorate the Sukkah-TBE 5p Dinner in the Sukkah-HA | 14 Sukkot KJA & AJCC Preschool closed 7a First day of Sukkot Service-HA 6-9:30p Fencing-AJCC Gym | 15 Sukkot KJA & AJCC Preschool closed 7a Second day of Sukkot Service-HA 6-9:30p Fencing-Gym | 16 8:30a-1p KJDS Sukkah Hop 9:30-11a Tai Chi-Orwitz Rm 4p Religious School-HA 4:30-6p MidWk Hebrew/Pizza in the Hut-TBE 6:30p Wednesday Minyan-HA 6:30-8:30p Tai Chi-AJCC Orwitz Rm 7p Talmud Class-HA 7p Hadassah Board-AJCC Archives Room | 17 7a Morning Minyan-HA 11a Adult Ed/Torah Study-TBE 6-8p Sundown in the Sukkah-AJCC 6p Conversational Hebrew-HA 7:30p Israeli dancing-AJCC | 18 6:36p 7p Sukkot Shabbat Service on the Patio -TBE | 19 7:33p 9:30a-noon Shabbat Service-HA 9:30a Shabbat Service-JCOR |
| 20 Sukkot 9a Sukkot Yizkor Memorial Service-TBE 9:30a Morning Minyan-HA 9:30-noon Religious Sch-TBE 9:30a HARS-HA 10a B'Yachad-HA 10:30-noon Tai Chi-Orwitz Room 11a Mah Jongg Tournament-TBE 11a Beginning of the IDF or Judaism 101-HA 11a Israeli dancing-JCOR | 21 Shmini Atzeret KJA & AJCC Preschool closed 9:30a Service-HA 9:30a Shmini Atzeret / Yizkor/Geshem-HA 5:30p Simchat Torah Dinner, Services, Hakkafot-HA | 22 Simcha Torah KJA & AJCC Preschool closed 9:30a Simchat Torah Service-HA 10a-12:30p Simchat Torah/Mendel Wilhelm -Lighthouse 7-8:30p GKAlSA Mtg -AJCC Orwitz Rm 6-9:30p Fencing-Gym | 23 9:30-11a Tai Chi-Orwitz Rm 4p Religious School-HA 4:30-6p Midweek Hebrew-TBE 6:30p Wednesday Minyan-HA 6:30-8:30p Tai Chi-AJCC Orwitz Rm 7p Talmud Class-HA | 24 7a Morning Minyan-HA 11a Adult Ed/Torah Study-TBE 6p Conversational Hebrew-HA 7:30p Israeli dancing-AJCC | 25 6:30p 5:30p Tot Shabbat & Kids Kabbalat & Dinner-HA 6:15p Pizza Dinner-TBE 7p Simchat Torah Shabbat Service-TBE | 26 7:25p 9:30a-noon Shabbat Service-HA 9:30a Shabbat Service-JCOR |
| 27 9:30a Morning Minyan-HA 9:30-noon Religious Sch-TBE 9:30a HARS-HA 10:30-noon Tai Chi-AJCC 11a Israeli dancing-JCOR 5p Seeds of Abraham Interfaith Poetry Slam-AJCC Orwitz Rm 5-8p Mendel Wilhelm Bar Mitzvah-Bridgewater Place | 28 7a Morning Minyan-HA 9:30a Tai Chi-JCOR 6-9:30p Fencing-AJCC Gym 7p History of Zionism-HA | 29 6-9:30p Fencing-Gym | 30 9:30-11a Tai Chi-Orwitz Rm 4p Religious School-HA 4:30-6p Midweek Hebrew-TBE 6:30p Wednesday Minyan-HA 6p Women's League Exec Comm-HA 6:30-8:30p Tai Chi-AJCC Orwitz Rm 7p Talmud Class-HA | 31 7a Morning Minyan-HA 11a Adult Ed/Torah Study-TBE 6p Conversational Hebrew-HA 7:30p Israeli dancing-AJCC | | |



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KJA Initiates Billboard Campaign

Anti-Jewish comments have been painted on The Rock at the University of Tennessee campus three times over the past 18 months. The Knoxville Jewish Alliance (KJA) appreciates UT Chancellor Donde Plowman's immediate response condemning the latest HATE language appearing on The Rock and our community welcomes her three-step plan to combat hate.

In collaboration with Lamar Advertising, the Knoxville Jewish Alliance has initiated a "Knoxville Against Hate" campaign. Our first billboard features a religious COEXIST poster and can currently be viewed at I-40 and James White Parkway. (It is on your left heading east.)

We are all in this together. The late author, political activist, and Holocaust survivor Elie Weisel once said, "Silence encourages the tormentor, never the tormented.... When human lives are endangered, when human dignity is in jeopardy, national borders and sensitivities become irrelevant. Wherever men or women are persecuted because of their race, religion, or political views, that place must - at that moment - become the center of the universe."

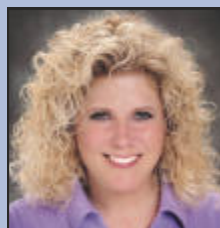
The Knoxville Jewish Alliance encourages our community to speak out against hate, to embrace our differences, and to celebrate our diversity.



Suzy Snoops

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

- ★ *The Fight of Our Lives - Defeating the Ideological War Against the West*, a documentary directed by **Gloria Greenfeld**, was a winner at the Anthem Film Festival in Las Vegas, Nevada.
- ★ **Stuart Brotman**, Howard Distinguished Endowed Professor of Media Management and Law at UT's College of Journalism and Electronic Media, has been appointed as a fellow to the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars in Washington, DC.
- ★ Mazel tov! **Brenda Rayman** was the third convert in the history of Congregation B'nai Israel in Jackson, Tennessee, founded in 1896. However, several years ago, she discovered that the student rabbi who converted her was not yet ordained at the time. So, officially, in her mind, she was not Jewish, but Jewish at Heart. Husband Chip and Brenda recently learned that Rabbi Howard Schwartz, who married them on August 31, 1969, in Jackson, TN, had retired and was living in Greenville, South Carolina. On the week of their 50th anniversary, they traveled to Greenville, S.C., met with him, Rabbi Sam Rose of Temple of Israel, and congregant Jo Thompson and had a redo on Bren's conversion ceremony. And for the first time, Brenda held the Torah. "Her mikvah was the Atlantic Ocean. We were there just before sunrise. No one was on the beach. We said the prayers and immersed as the waves washed over us. No nudity is allowed on the beach, but that is only if you get caught!" says Chip.
- ★ Mazel tov to Chef **Bruce Bogartz**, a former Knoxvilleian, and Terri Hitzig (also a chef), who were wed in Atlanta. Their wedding was featured in an article, "*Chefs Tie the Knot*," in the September 4 *Atlanta Jewish Times*.
- ★ The Rotary Club of Knoxville awarded the 2018/2019 Rotarian of the Year to **Kim Isenberg**. Kim is a broker with Realty Executives Associates Bearden.



Kim Isenberg



Chip and Brenda Rayman

H A P P E N I N G S



Weinstein BGG officers: Tifannie Rosen, Sophie Pollock, Yuval Koenig, Hallie Boring, Riley Goodfriend, and Grace Margulies.



Knoxville BBYO youth gather for a kick-off program and training sessions at the AJCC. Area Jewish high school-age teens are welcome to join! Call 690-6343 or email office@jewishknoxville.org for details on joining BBYO.

Winick AZA, Weinstein BGG Elect New Officers

Knoxville BBYO chapters elected officers. Weinstein BGG will be led by Tifannie Rosen (N'siah/president), Sophie Pollock (S'ganit/VP), Yuval Koenig and Hallie Boring (MIT Moms/recruiting), Riley Goodfriend (Mazkirah/secretary) and Grace Margulies (Sh'liah/Jewish programming). Winick AZA will be led by Ryan Gibbons (Godol, president), Ben Margulies (S'gan/VP), Frank Sturm (Moreh/recruiting) and Reuben Margulies (Mazkir/Secretary).

Both chapters joined together for a fall semester kickoff program and training sessions with Erika Eskenazi, Cotton States Regional Director.

Knoxville BBYO: Youth Leading the Way!

Gert Weinstein BGG had four representatives attend international summer leadership programs. **Paige Quartararo** and **Yuval Koenig** attended BBYO's International Leadership Seminar in Israel. According to Yuval, "I loved ILSI because I got to learn a lot about what makes Israel so special while meeting many amazing people"

Sophie Pollock participated in BBYO's Passport Journey to Israel. In reflecting on her experience, Sophie said "I loved my trip because of all of the amazing friendships I made and all the fun activities we did while site seeing throughout Israel."

Tifannie Rosen attended International Leadership Training Conference and International Kallah in Starlight, PA. "Six weeks filled with learning how to better my chapter, learning how to be a leader in any situation, meeting new friends from all across the world, exploring what Judaism means to me, and enriching my experience in BBYO! I would not have wanted to spend my summer any other way!"

Great BBYO programs make great BBYO leaders and the Knoxville Jewish community is the beneficiary!

Save the Date

Thursday, November 14 — 7 p.m.

John Hodges Library Auditorium, UTK campus

Rachel Fish

presents the

Karen and Pace Robinson Lecture

Series on Modern Israel



Please remember to bring non-perishable foods for the Second Harvest Food Bank when you visit the AJCC (a barrel is located in the AJCC Gym); Temple Beth El, and Heska Amuna Synagogue.

Thank you!



Living in Interesting Times

By Rabbi Alon C. Ferency

There is an apocryphal Chinese curse, “May you live in interesting times.” It seems that, for better or for worse, we are living through interesting times. Though certainly not the first of its kind, this is a problematic historical moment. Many of my favorite comedians scoff that this is an especially difficult time for comedy, as events outpace the jokes. As a public speaker, I also find that a sermon I wrote on Thursday can be obsolete by Shabbat, and I’m forced to punt in response to recent events.

How might we respond to the constant barrage of news alerts and tweets that may frustrate or shake us at times? As in every age, would that there were more good news, but alas, we must make do with what we receive.

I imagine that for many, if not all of us, the onslaught of rapid change and social ferment is disorienting or bewildering. Political discourse is coarsening, and the Overton Window is wrenched wider as comments of a racist, jingoistic, misogynistic, or anti-Semitic nature proliferate online and through the public sphere. Things that only two decades ago were whispered in a shadowy corner are now spoken aloud almost brazenly.

At times like this, I’ve begun to think about addressing the cheapened public discourse in a local and specific way: Have we forgotten how to speak to each other? Is there a way to return civility – so frayed in the past years and decades – into the public sphere? Perhaps here in upper-East Tennessee we are primed to create a new education in civics.

Interestingly, one of the best ideas I’ve heard came from my wife, speaking like a true *rebbetzin*: “What does the Talmud have to say about this?” Rabbi Bradley Artson is wont to say that a meta-commentary of the Talmud is that there is neither homeostasis nor equilibrium. Things get better or things get worse; they do not stay the same. In another way of looking at it, we can either contribute to or take away from the world, but we cannot be bystanders.

Another overarching message comes since the Talmud is not a scattershot of disjointed and rapid-fire speech and proclamation, but an anthology of thoughtful and careful deliberation across viewpoints, geography, and era. Somehow through all of it, there is almost never an *ad hominem* attack. For example, there are many pages devoted to what the dead know: Can a corpse feel pain? (Many sages inferred that worms were like pins and needles to the dead.) Just as fascinating that so much ink was spilt on this arcane and abstruse question, is that at no time in the discussion did anyone call someone “idiot,” or “godless” or “wicked.”

Our sages weren’t immune to arrogance or misogyny, yet they learned and knew how to converse about different opinions without targeting the person holding the opinion her- or himself. There is much to learn from this meta-argument of the Talmud: the idea that civic discourse can be civil in the end.

And, that all forthright ideas are “The words of the living God” and can share an “Argument for the sake of Heaven.”



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A Celebration of Sheldon Cohen

The family of Sheldon Cohen invites friends to a gathering in his memory followed by refreshments at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday evening, **November 7, 2019** at Heska Amuna Synagogue, 3811 Kingston Pike. If you would like to speak, please notify Jane Cohen at cohenjz2@gmail.com.



Please contact the office if you are in need of a ride to or from any of our High Holiday services or if you would like help accessing the synagogue’s main level entryway. We have installed a new door leading into the sanctuary from the walkway to help all access the synagogue more easily and also have additional wheelchairs and walkers if you need assistance.



President's Report

By Markus Einsebach, Co-President

This issue of *Ha'Kol* reaches you just as the new year 5780 is about to begin. In contrast to the secular new year, the Jewish new year is a time for serious reflection. We are called to it by the majestic blow of the Shofar that marks the beginning of the days of Awe leading up to Yom Kippur. This blow of the Shofar is the single unique biblical feature of this day as described in Leviticus 23:24 "Speak to the Israelite people thus: In the seventh month, on the first day of the month, you shall observe complete rest, a sacred occasion commemorated with loud blasts."

In the liturgy for the High Holy Days, these days have acquired additional significance and importance as the yearly remembrance of creation – the birthday of the world - and God's judgment of all his world. One of the most well know and stirring *piyyut* in the liturgy, *Unetanneh Tokef*, depicts God as a judge who reviews the past deeds of every being, including even the angels, who are afraid as even they are not without sin.

Thus it is a perfect time for all of us to reflect on the past year and perform an accounting of our souls – *cheshbon hanefesh* – חשבון הנפש. But what makes up the balance sheet of our soul? What are the debit and credit that accrue to the soul in this metaphor? It is valuable to recall what influence we had both on ourselves, other people and the world. What does my life add up to now? How have I affected the lives of those with whom I have interacted? Have I made their lives easier or harder due to the way I behaved? Have my actions or inactions made the world a better place or have I made it worse? So, when we reflect on the past year, the question is not if it has been good to me but if I have made a good contribution to the world.

While an honest accounting can seem to make us feel discouraged and even powerless, it can provide us with the insight that can lead to positive changes. Finally, we should not feel discouraged but rather be empowered by the realization that we don't have the capability to change the world on a grand scale, but that we are only asked to act in accordance with our capabilities. So if in 5780 you only manage a small improvement in the world, for example made someone smile and feel better, you will have succeeded.

This hope is also expressed in the later part of *Unetanneh Tokef* where God recognizes our weaknesses and welcomes us back – "You are slow to anger and quick to be appeased."

Thus I hope that you will have a peaceful and fruitful year 5780 in which you can grow personally and Jewishly within your family, our community, and the world.

Both I and my Co-President Jeannie Bobroff are looking forward to greeting many of you at this year's holiday services and throughout the year.

With this I wish you a Happy New Year and *L'Shanah Tovah Tikatevu*.



HAWL Presents the Recipe to Jewish Culture: "The Matzo Ball Diaries"

By Lisa G. Jacobson, President



As promised in last month's *Ha'Kol*, Heska Amuna Women's League (HAWL) will sponsor a special event to start our 5780 programming. Jewish Women's Theatre (JWT), producers of *Not That Jewish*, will bring their hit, *The Matzo Ball Diaries* to Knoxville. This performance, born out of a nationwide competition for stories and poems around the theme of "the importance of food in Jewish culture" will be performed at Heska Amuna Synagogue on Sunday, November 17.

JWT evaluated hundreds of submissions to find 13 incredible literary works that they present in a 90-minute dramatic reading performed by professional actors. These stories and poems explore the power of food to nourish, heal, and move us to action!

The event on November 17 will begin at 5:30 p.m. in the Rosen Hall when members of HAWL will have dinner with an opportunity to sample some of the cultural delicacies and gastric delights mentioned in the stories. At 6:30 p.m., the performance of "*The Matzo Ball Diaries*" will be held in the sanctuary. The performance will be free to Women's League members and will be open to non-members for a fee. The 90-minute performance will be followed by complementary dessert and coffee with the performers for all those in attendance.

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The Institute of Southern Jewish Life is graciously subsidizing a series of performances throughout the South to keep the costs of the performance to a minimum. This dramatic reading is supported by five actors and actresses, a producer, and a director who will travel to multiple locations in several Southern states. Knoxville will be one of only two locations in Tennessee (the other is Memphis) to host the performance.

So, HAWL members, non-members, men, and women: Save the date and join us for this memorable slice of Jewish pie! (And become a member of HAWL to get in for free! Women from 13 to 113 are welcome to join HAWL whether Jewish, non-Jewish, synagogue member or not.) We look forward to seeing you in November.

High Holy Days & Fall Holidays

Heska Amuna Synagogue

5780/2019

S'lichot

Saturday, September 21, 8:30pm

As we enter the High Holidays of 5780, please join us for a special S'lichot service of prayer and reflection. Our S'lichot program also will include a very special commentary from Catherine Greer on ways in which music composed and performed during the Holocaust can be considered.

Rosh Hashanah

EREV ROSH HASHANAH

Sunday, Sept. 29, 6:00pm

ROSH HASHANAH DAY ONE
Monday, Sept. 30, 9:30am

ROSH HASHANAH DAY TWO
Tuesday, October 1, 9:30am

TASHLICH
Monday, Sept. 30, 4:30pm

Tashlich services will be held behind the synagogue at the Third Creek Greenway at the bridge where the greenway crosses the creek. Parking is available off of Sutherland Avenue.

TASHLICH (RAIN DATE)
Tuesday, October 1, 4:30pm

SUNSET MINYAN *led by Jack Love*
Friday, October 4, 6:30pm

Cemetery Service

AT THE NEW JEWISH CEMETERY

Sunday, October 6, 11am

Kol Nidre

Tuesday, October 8, 6:30pm

Arrive by 6:00 PM to enjoy the musical prelude performed by members of the Knoxville Symphony.

Yom Kippur

Wednesday, October 9, 2019

MORNING SERVICES, 9:30am
Study sessions will be held immediately after services in the library.

YOM KIPPUR MINCHA, 5:30pm

BREAK-THE-FAST, 7:45pm

The synagogue will be open all day on Yom Kippur including the time in-between services. You are welcome to relax, nap, or find a quiet space for reflection in the sanctuary, chapel, or library – or take a stroll to enjoy our beautiful outdoor gardens.

Sukkot

Sukkah Building

Sunday, October 13, 11:00am-12:30pm

Join Heska Amuna Religious School and members of the congregation as we build and decorate the synagogue *sukkah*. Showcase your craft skills! A light lunch will be provided free of charge for everyone that participates.

Dinner in the Sukkah!

Sunday, October 13, 5:00pm

Bring the family to wave the lulav with Rabbi Ferency and his band!

Dinner in the sukkah will be served at 5:45pm. Please make your reservation by Thursday, October 10: \$10 (ages 12 and up); children under 12, no charge. Thank you to our sponsors the Sam & Esther Rosen Community Enrichment Fund and to Marilyn Burnett and Pat Rosenberg for catering.

FIRST DAY
Monday, October 14, 7:00am

HOSHANAH RABBAH
Sunday, October 20, 9:30am

SECOND DAY
Tuesday, October 15, 9:30am

Shmini Atzeret and Yizkor

Monday, October 21, 9:30am

Simchat Torah

Monday, October 21

Dinner, 5:30pm
Hakkafot (dancing with the Torah), 6:15pm
Torah Reading, 6:45pm

Celebrate Our Torah,
*our Kallat Torah (Bride) Mary Ann & Bryan Merrell
and our Hatan Torah (Groom) Susan & Ken Brown*

Sing, Pray, Dance! Join us on a tour through the Torah as we walk from Bresheit to Devarim with tour guides along the way to tell us about our people's trials and triumphs.

Please contact the office by Friday, Oct. 18th to make your dinner reservations: \$10 (ages 12 and up), \$5 (child), \$30 (family cap).

There is no charge for dinner for our school students but reservations are required.

Simchat Torah Service
Tuesday, October 22, 9:30am

Parking, Shuttles, and Rides

We are grateful to our neighboring churches who have allowed parking for us on the **first day of Rosh Hashanah, Kol Nidre, and Yom Kippur day**. Please note that we have a limited number of parking spaces on our top level that will be reserved for those with handicaps.

Laurel Church of Christ, 3457 Kingston Pike.

We will have a continually running shuttle to and from Laurel Church of Christ. The shuttle will run from 30 minutes before to 30 minutes after services are over.

Knoxville First Seventh-Day Adventist Church, 3611 Kingston Pike. Parking is allowed, but there will not be any shuttle service to or from Knoxville First Seventh-Day Adventist Church.



CHILD CARE & YOUTH PROGRAMMING

Heska Amuna Religious School, in partnership with Heska Amuna Women's League, is offering a variety of high-quality services, activities, and childcare for the children of members and guests. The cost for this program is offset by a generous donation from Heska Amuna Women's League - todah rabah!

Our program offerings include:

Minyan Katan: an interactive service for children, ages 5 and younger, and their parents. Held from 10:00-10:30am in the Robinson Chapel.

Junior Congregation: an abridged service for children ages 6-13. Held from 10:30-11:30am in the Robinson Chapel.

Teen Discussions: conversations based on the High Holidays for ages 13 and older. Held from 10:30-11:30am

Workshops: activities based on important holiday themes for youths of all ages. Held after the Rabbi's sermon in the Winick Library.

ROSH HASHANAH

Tuesday, October 1 (Day 2)
 Childcare, 9:30am-12:30pm
 Minyan Katan, 10:00am
 Junior Congregation, 10:30am
 Teen Discussion, 10:30-11:30am

Rosh Hashanah Workshop in Winick Library, after Rabbi's Sermon.

YOM KIPPUR

Yom Kippur Workshop in Winick Library, after Rabbi's Sermon.

Childcare, 6:00-8:00pm



KOL NIDRE

Tuesday, October 8

Childcare, 6:30-9:00pm

YOM KIPPUR

Wednesday, October 9

Childcare, 9:30am-12:30pm

Minyan Katan, 10:00am

Junior Congregation, 10:30am

Teen Discussion, 10:30am



ETROG JAM WITH
 RABBI FERENCY AND HIS BAND



LET'S EAT
 in the
SUKKAH!

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13TH

HESKA AMUNA MEMBERS AND THEIR FAMILY

NEWCOMERS TO OUR COMMUNITY

5:00— Join us for Fun in the Sukkah

5:45-7:00 p.m— Dinner in the Sukkah

Reservations are required no later than

Wednesday, October 9th

Adults (12 years & older) \$10.00

Children Under 12 yrs —No Charge

Make Reservations & Payment at:

www.heskaamuna.org or Office 522-0701

Thank you to our Sponsors:

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HARS Sukkah Celebration

Join us as we celebrate Sukkot with...



Sunday, October 13, 11:00 a.m.

**As we build, decorate,
and celebrate the sukkah.**

Shake, shake, shake!

It's a SUKKAH THANG!

Pizza lunch included at no charge!

Please RSVP by Thursday, October 10 to Shuli Mesa
education@heskaamuna.org or to 525-1579 x15
so that we know how much pizza to purchase.



Heska Amuna Religious School (HARS) News

A House vs. A Home

By Shuli Mesa, Education Director

"A **house** is not a **home**. It is but a pile of sticks," Robert Frost once wrote.

According to Merriam Webster, a linguistic staple in the English language, a **house** is concrete, essentially a physical dwelling. **House** refers to a building in which someone lives. It is shelter. A **home**, on the other hand, means much more. It can be more abstract - a place in your mind riddled with scents, sounds, and images. "Let's go home." Chances are, you're probably not talking about going to the physical structure where you live, you are referring to the special place where *you feel most comfortable and that belongs to you*.

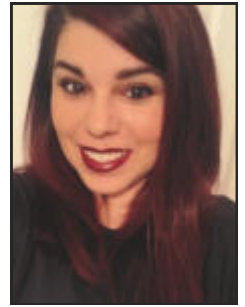
As the Education Director, this is one of the concepts that percolate endlessly. *Do we want a building that simply houses our education system?* Someplace where basic needs are met? Torah portions have been mastered. Choreography in place. Obstacles rendered. *Or do we want a home?* A *home* has holiday meals rich with joyous laughter. A *home* has celebrations and milestone achievements. A *home* is where one goes when needing not only shelter from the storm but also a bowl of chicken soup to soothe a weary soul. *That's a home...not a house.*

How does one shape education into that very notion of *home*? Right now, take a moment and close your eyes. What does your *home* look like in your mind? What does it smell like, look like, and most importantly what does it feel like when you walk through the door—and I don't mean the shag carpet.

Did your heart ache a little when you saw faces of the past? Did you catch a trace of bubbe's famous matzah ball soup? Do you remember the laughter or the smiles that began to hurt after wearing for so long? Did it have shag carpet? My grandmother's was a brilliant red.

This month, one of the many holidays we celebrate is Sukkot. A truly joyous holiday and while a sukkah isn't built to be a permanent structure, we do treat it like our home. We are told to infuse it with spirit, love, and joy. The Ushpizin, an Aramaic term meaning honored guests, Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Moshe, Aaron, Joseph and David, are invited each of the seven days to strengthen our home, just as we greet Elijah on Pesach. Sukkot is the festival of Jewish unity; in fact, the Talmud states that "it is fitting that all Jews should sit in one sukkah." If this is logistically difficult to arrange, it should, at the very least, be implemented in principle. We cram as many guests as possible into our sukkah, demonstrating that we fully intend to implement the Jewish communal sukkah to the full extent of our ability.

How can we take that very essence of *home* and the **experience** that we are creating at HARS and blend them? Milestones need celebrating. Laughter needs to be long and loud. Dinners need to be warm and nourishing. Honored guests and friends need to feel appreciated and welcome. And love...lots of love. Love of our congregants, love of our friends, love of self, and all the joys and love of Judaism.



Celebrating our first HARS birthday; birthday crown, song, and chair lift all included in creating a joyous moment at HARS!

You see, at HARS, you're not just a number or a recognizable face. You are loved and valued. A community of loving and learning -growing stronger, happier, and maybe a bit wiser together.

Welcome **HOME!**



Lev Comstock leads us in joyous song with the help of student, Ellie Wood, and Madricha, Hallie Boring.

Dates to deliberate:

October 13 Pizza in a HUT
11:00 a.m.

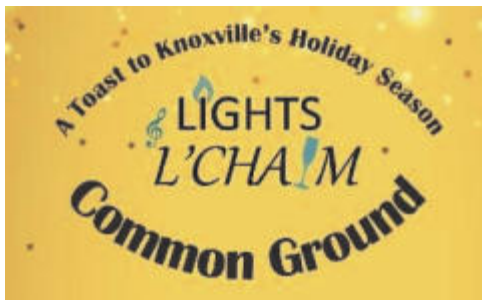
October 20 B'yachad @
Heska Amuna 10:00 a.m.

October 25 Tot Shabbat/
Kids Kabbalat Service at
5:30 p.m. Dinner at 6:00 p.m.



שבת שלום





Lights & L'Chaim ushers in the spirit of the lights and liveliness of our many religious traditions into a shared, festive holiday celebration. We combine a delightful musical program followed by delicious foods of the season as an opportunity for fellowship as well as learning more about each other's cultures. Proceeds of our event benefit a variety of community education programs.

Lights & L'Chaim: Our Purpose for 2019 & Beyond

Our world has changed since our first Lights & L'Chaim in 2017. As divisive language and actions continue to increase nationally and locally, we feel the need to transform our program to be more than a recognition and celebration of our diversity. Through the lens of inclusiveness, tolerance, and equality we see Lights & L'Chaim as a much-needed way in which to concretely promote the ideals which "Common Ground" implies. We can do this in multiple ways – by sharing the stage with those in our community as we have done in the past – and by expanding this year's event to create a framework where we can do more to engage and educate the Knoxville community.

TICKETS ON SALE NOW!

Sunday, December 15

3:00-6:00 p.m. at The Foundry

747 Worlds Fair Park Drive, Knoxville, TN

An annual celebration featuring holiday-inspired Klezmer, Gospel, Soul, & Arabic festivities of the season

Featuring
DOR L'DOR, KELLE JOLLY & WILL BOYD



Re-envisioning The Traveling Trunk and Gene' Rosenberg's Legacy

Heska Amuna congregant Gene Rosenberg spent years gathering histories and artifacts of hate crimes to create interactive programs on tolerance, initially targeted for middle school students. Gene's hope was that by having real objects to see and touch, talking about the personal consequences of persecution and racial, ethnic, and religious intolerance and inequality would be more meaningful to those attending his programs. Eventually, Gene filled several trunks with hate crime artifacts including: a charred cross, slave manacles, a piece of the bombed Oklahoma City federal building, a piece of the Berlin Wall, a noose, and more. Gene travelled for years across the US with his trunk and his program reached tens of thousands of students and adults as his trunk became a centerpiece of the Knoxville Hate Crimes Working Group established in 1996.

Our Goal: Provide training and stipends for a new generation of educators to travel with a trunk, starting in 2020, and once again, reach thousands of children and adults to initiate and nurture actionable dialogues on equality, tolerance, and building flourishing and sustainable communities for all.



We are pleased to recognize our Honorary Chairs for Lights & L'Chaim 2019 - Bernard & Barbara Bernstein - who exemplify for us all what a life-long commitment to human rights, equality, and creating a flourishing community can, and should, be.

Join us in celebrating the holiday season, sharing our culture, and, "L'Chaim," raising a toast to life. Sunday, December 15, 2019 from 3:00-6:00 p.m. at The Foundry. Tickets are available at www.heskaamuna.org with Use code EARLY BIRD for \$10 off general admission tickets thru October 25. For more information on tickets or sponsorship opportunities, contact Heska Amuna Synagogue, info@heskaamuna.org, or (865) 522-0701.



Celebrate October Birthdays & Anniversaries

Don't let the holidays overshadow your special day! Join us for Shabbat on **October 12** and help us celebrate our October 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: Steve Abeles, Sally Baerman, Bernard Bendriem, Christopher Byrne, Carole Cooper, Neil Feld, Erik Golub, Lisa Jacobson, Andrew Karlin, George Kern,

Leah Kessler, Andrew Kramer, Kay Leibowitz, Harvey Liberman, Rosalie Nagler, Jenny Pfeffer-Rodriguez, Lois Presser, Doris Raskin, Kim Rosen, Stephen Rosen, Marcie Shloush.

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our morning minyanim)

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Siri-Datar Khalsa-Zemel &
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A special kiddush before moving to
Asheville
Mari & Eytan Klausner
In appreciation for friends who donated
to my 80th birthday and plaque
Marilyn Burnett*

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Yahrzeits
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Barbara & Bernie Bernstein*

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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.

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

**For a list of Heska Amuna's
services, events, and information,
please visit
www.heskaamuna.org**

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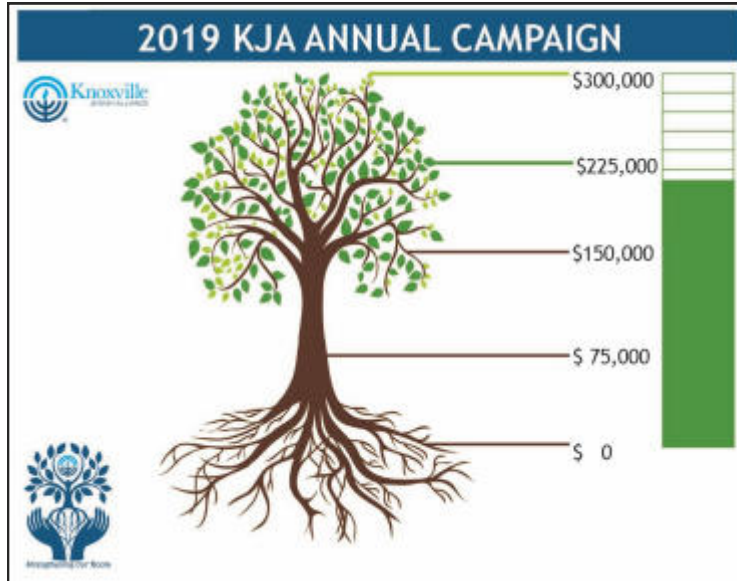
Bu Chip Rayman, KJA President

October 2019

We started our KJA Annual Campaign with record or near record Mitzvah Day pledging, but giving has stalled within the last few months. Now we're at the High Holidays, a time when most Jewish institutions ramp up their solicitations.

- ★ OUR KJA staff is doing good things at the Arnstein Jewish Community Center. We are setting participation highs with summer camp, preschool, and swimming (our Smokin' Salmon swim team won the Greater Knoxville League 5 championship).
- ★ Hillel at UTK has 18 new Jewish students this fall, with 132 UT students expressing interest in Hillel. These students represent our Jewish future.
- ★ Our Archives is capturing Knoxville's Jewish history.
- ★ We take care of our own through Jewish Family Services and provide programming through Friendshippers.
- ★ Our educational, cultural, and social programming brings us together.
- ★ We just expanded and renovated our Gordon Brown AJCC Preschool Playground and dedicated a corner spot to the memory of Logan Brown.
- ★ Our Weinstein BBG BBYO girls beat Nashville, Birmingham and Memphis to win the best chapter award.
- ★ Our P2G Israel Partnership hosted four Israeli teens for a week.
- ★ Our PJ Library/Our Way program received an \$8,000 grant.

But we still need your support to balance our budget. We came up short last year. Please include us in your giving. Your financial support directly impacts Jewish life and lives in our community. Send a check, call in a donation, or visit www.jewishknoxville.org/donate now.



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SHARE YOUR TALENT!

Are you a decorator, juggler, musician, or a yo-yo master?

The Knoxville Jewish Alliance is always looking for great talent throughout the year at our popular events.

Contact Lauren:
program@jewishknoxville.org



Best Wishes to Ginny Small

AJCC Preschool families and staff will miss Ms. Ginny Small, who has retired after serving as a AJCC Preschool teacher from 2001-2019. Ms. Ginny's gentle nature, coupled with her enthusiasm for introducing science and nature to youngsters, made learning fun



Come Celebrate!

October 17th, 6pm - 8pm @ AJCC Sukkah

SUNDOWN IN THE SUKKAH

Free Event

Nacho Bar, Sangria, Pinata and more!



Your KJA Dollars Provide Programs & Services for All Ages

- ★ **Senior Adults:** Jewish Family Services & Friendshippers
- ★ **Young Families:** AJCC Preschool, MCDC, Swim Team, PJ Library, Cultural, Jewish holiday, educational, and social events
- ★ **Teens:** Weinstein BBG, Winick AZA, BBYO Connect
- ★ **College Students:** Hillel at UTK
- ★ **Adults:** Educational, holiday, social, and cultural events
- ★ **Everyone:** Advocacy, Community Relations Committee, and services for those in need, programs, a community "home"

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Campaign makes all this happen.*

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Community Celebrates Project Playground Success as it Remembers

AJCC Preschool students will soon enjoy a new playground thanks to the community's support of the Project Playground campaign which raised \$91,000+ via a donation and memorial brick purchase campaign. The Adam Brown family matched donations 3:1 in memory of Logan Brown. On September 2, friends gathered to celebrate the new playground and to remember Logan Brown, a AJCC Preschool and Milton Colins Day Camp alumnus, and a very special young man.



Adam Brown thanks everyone for making Project Playground a success and creating a loving memorial to his son, Logan.



AJCC Preschool Staff and KJA Board members join the Brown family at the AJCC Playground dedication on September 2.



Martha Iroff, Marty Iroff, and Julie Abrams enjoy schmoozing and noshes at the reception in the AJCC Gym.

Want to Help?

The KJA plans to create a playground endowment fund for future maintenance and equipment needs of the AJCC Preschool. If you'd like to contribute, you can donate online at the KJA website or send a check with "AJCC Playground" in the memo line.

Special thanks to Michael Messing for photography.



Shabbat at the Pool 2019

The community gathered to enjoy beautiful August weather and grilled hot dogs, and fixin’s at the AJCC Pool, followed by a Shabbat service.



Norma James and Anna Iroff-Bailey lead Tot Shabbat services before dinner and an outdoor Shabbat service.

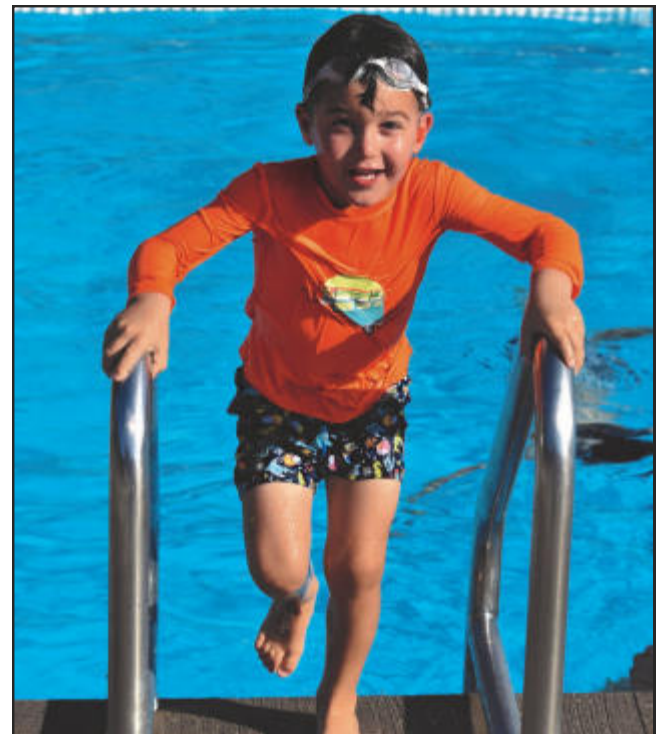


Robert Blitt chats with Ted and Wendy Besmann during dinner.



Above: Stella Iroff and Nancy Becker share a chuckle during Shabbat at the Pool.

Right: Families were able to enjoy the AJCC Pool before dinner and services on a fabulous August afternoon.



A special thanks to Kim Ault for the delicious sides, Barry and Andrea Cone, Marty Iroff, and Steve Rockmaker for manning the grill; Norma James and Anna Iroff-Bailey for leading Tot Shabbat; Jared and Anna Iroff-Bailey for leading Shabbat services and taking photos. Thanks to everyone who helped load chairs and clean up afterwards.



On **Tuesday, October 15**, Hillel at UTK invites you to join us at Chipotle on Cumberland Avenue for Hillel at UTK's percentage night. Our fundraiser takes place from 5:00-9:00 p.m., and we truly appreciate all who can come support us. We look forward to meeting you! The Hillel Council (student board's official name) is excited about the year ahead. Go Vols!

These students were the first to arrive at our Bagel Shabbbrunch during the first week back on campus! (Top Row, L to R: Emily Shulman, Noah Geltzer; Middle Row: Polly Strassburger, Leeya Alperin, Troy Lurie, Sebastian Altman; Bottom Row: Justen Bain, Paige Motley, Navit Nachmias, Lillian Hoxie, Matt Moskowitz) Returning students enjoyed meeting new students – and vice versa – and lively conversation was had by all!



Hillel at UTK is funded by your contributions to the KJA Campaign. Please support your community via KJA!

friendshippers

Watch for news about our October program

*All are welcome. You don't have to be 55 and up.
We don't card at the door!*

Friendshippers usually meets with lunch at **noon** followed by our program at **1:00 p.m.** Sherrill Hills Retirement Community, 271 Moss Grove Blvd, Knoxville 37922

Please Join Us!

Lunch is \$8.00, with no charge for those who attend the program only.

Please RSVP to Laura Berry at 690-6343 x18 or email her at lberry@jewishknoxville.org

Need a ride? Contact Laura by Friday before the program.

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As of September 3, 2019

KJA Archives

Richard Licht & Shirley McGuire

Hillel at UTK

Helene Sinnreich & Wes Johnson

In memory of Joseph Feinstein, Deborah Oleshansky's father

Michael Messing & Joyce York

KJA General Fund

Mark Harris

In memory of Joseph Feinstein

Ed Hunter

In memory of Lisa Skelly

Stephen & Kim Rosen



KJA and AJCC Preschool High Holy Day Closings

October 1: Second day of Rosh Hashanah

October 9: Yom Kippur

October 14-15: First two days of Sukkot

October 21: Shmini Atzeret

October 22: Simcha Torah

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Want to join them? Contact the KJA office at 690-6343.

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- ◆ AJCC Preschool
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- ◆ Schwarzbart Gallery
- ◆ AJCC/University Club
- ◆ Smokin’ Salmon Swim Team
- ◆ UT Faculty Lectures
- ◆ YJAK—Young Jewish Adults of Knoxville
- ◆ Yom HaShoah Observance
- ◆ ...and so much more!

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If you own a local business and would like to include a welcome/baby gift in the basket please send an email to Sarah May at the address below.



COMMUNITY WELCOME BASKETS ARE HERE!

For all new to Knoxville Jewish Families and new Jewish babies born in the community

If you know of a new family with children 0-12 who has recently moved into the community (within the last 6 months) or know of a new baby that has been born in the community (within the last 6 months), please contact:

Sarah May at pj@jewishknoxville.org
The KJA, PJ Library & Greater Jewish Community of Knoxville would like to gift them with a welcome (baby) basket.

This program is made possible by a generous grant from the **Harold Grinspoon Foundation**



Cleaning Closets & Garages?

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

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



In late August, “Menace” and friends wrestled at a fund-raising event at the AJCC Gym.

PJ Library,
a program sponsored by
the Knoxville Jewish Alliance,
has been awarded a

Generous Grant

by the Harold Grinspoon foundation
and PJ Library Alliance Partners!

The new programs to be implemented
with this grant will be

**Shalom Baby Baskets &
Shalom New Family Baskets.**

For more information & how you can
help make this program a success
please contact
Sarah May at pj@jewishknoxville.org




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make a donation to the Knoxville Jewish Alliance,
or volunteer to help with a project or event.
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Jewish High Holidays

By Abraham Brietstein, PhD, KJCFF President

By the time this article goes to press, we will be celebrating the Jewish New Year, a time of both celebration and repentance, focusing on self-introspection and a coming to terms with our shortcomings. For Judy and me, this will be our 38th year celebrating Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur in Knoxville, our adopted community. For most of us, it is always a special time in which our temples and synagogues are uniquely overflowing with friends and community members, who we may not have seen for an entire year. It can be a time of reverence, remembrance and soul-searching that may be summed up in the Hebrew word teshuva, which translates as repentance, although means so much more, including the concept of renewal. It is also the one time of year in which we eagerly anticipate hearing the plaintive sound of the shofar, awakening us from the slumber of our daily lives and reminding us of our Jewishness, much as it reminds us of our connection to Jewish communities throughout the more than 3000-year history of our people.

For those of us with adult children, it is also a special time in which we reminisce about the many years of celebrating the high holidays with them, while hoping that they are now doing the same by celebrating their Jewishness in their respective communities. Our religious holidays, especially Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, help define us as a people, who stand connected through the centuries to our Jewish ancestors. Whether we are “observant Jews,” the high holidays are the one time of year in which we inwardly proclaim our Jewishness, regardless of whether we attend services on a regular basis, keep kosher, celebrate Shabbat or practice the various other teachings of our religion. And yes, the high holidays are also a time of tzedakah, a willingness to make material contributions to our Jewish organizations and to those who are less fortunate than us. When we do, hopefully, we do so with an open heart and not begrudgingly simply because it is expected or because we are hoping that it somehow compensates for our many shortcomings. So, at this time, I would like to wish a heartfelt Shana Tovah to everyone in our Jewish community and to ask your forgiveness if in the previous year I have spoken ill of you, offended you, or neglected to acknowledge you.



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Oleshansky Family Fund

In Memory of Joseph Feinstein

Jeff and Nancy Becker, Nicki Russler

Besmann Family Fund for Social Justice and Spiritual Enrichment

Wendy and Ted Besmann

Grants

The Knoxville Jewish Day School received a grant from the **KJDS Fund** for general support.

The **Oleshansky Family Fund** made a grant to the Knoxville Jewish Alliance for the “Menace” wrestling fundraiser.

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Jewish Congregation of Oak Ridge



Friday Night Shabbat Honors Memory of Mira Kimmelman

The Tennessee State Legislature prepared a proclamation shared with the August 16 JCOR Shabbat services attendees by Lt. Governor Randy McNally and Rep. John Ragan. Jinx Watson gave a beautiful and loving tribute, and Larry Leibowitz, Tennessee Holocaust Commission lead commissioner, acknowledged her life well-lived. The program was followed by a traditional Friday night service and potluck dinner. McNally provided two framed copies of the proclamation for her sons, Benno and Gene, who were unable to attend.

Text from the State Senate Proclamation (full text is available in the JCOR E-News):

WHEREAS, Mira Kimmelman was a Holocaust survivor who willingly spent the rest of her life sharing her experiences in the hope that no one would ever suffer in this way again, and it is fitting that we pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional woman; now, therefore, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED ELEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we honor the memory of Mira Ryczke Kimmelman, reflecting upon her experiences in the Holocaust and her stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mrs. Kimmelman.
Adopted: May 1, 2019

Lt. Governor Randy McNally
Senator Brian Kelsey
Senator Becky Massey
Senator Ken Yager, Speaker of the Senate



L-R: Tennessee State Rep. John Ragan, Jinx Watson, Ronnie Bogard, and Lt. Governor Randy McNally



L-R: Larry Leibowitz, Rabbi Victor Rashkovsky, Rep. John Ragan, Jinx Watson, and Lt. Gov. Randy McNally

JCOR High Holidays Service Schedule

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| Kol Nidre | October 8, 6:30 p.m. |
| Yom Kippur | October 9, 9:30 a.m. |
| Children's services, Yom Kippur | October 9, 9:30 a.m. |
| Yom Kippur Mincha | October 9, 5:15 p.m. |
| Yom Kippur "break-fast" | October 9, immediately following service |
| First day, Sukkot | October 14, 11 a.m. |
| Shemini Atzeret/Yizkor | October 21, 11 a.m. |
| Simchat Torah | October 21, 6:30 p.m. |



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

JCOR October Program

October 26, 2019, 7 p.m.

Jewish Film Series: *Rabin, The Last Day*

Israel, 2016, NR, 2hr 33m

Twenty years after the killing of Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, filmmaker Amos Gitai revisits the incident with this riveting docudrama that examines not only the shooting but the cultural conditions that allowed the tragedy to take place.

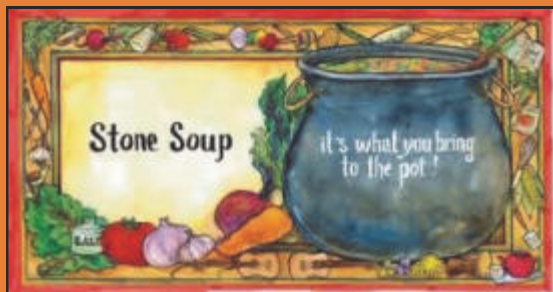
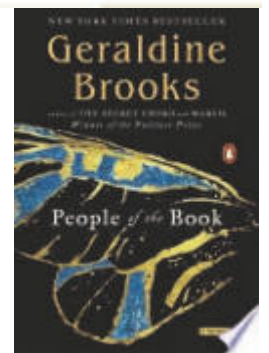


JCOR Book Club

Wednesday, October 16

7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Book Club Discussion and Desserts



JCOR is a partner with the Oak Ridge Unitarian Church in sponsoring a monthly meal for the hungry. Please donate your canned goods or dollars.

Contact Ronnie Bogard for more information.

JCOR Hosts and Hostesses

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| October 5 | Hilary Shreter, Monty Lewis |
| October 12 | Edith & Mel Halbert, Elena Bamberger |
| October 19 | Peggy and Randy Laxton, Gery & Vicki Osowiecki |
| October 26 | Shelby & Mark Kaye, Vivian & Miguel Reyes |
| November 2 | Vera & Leon Maya, Ilana & Moshe Siman-Tov |
| November 9 | Mary Rubens, Avigail & Victor Rashkovsky |
| November 16 | Rhonda & Ron Sternfels, Nona & Sam Poole |
| November 23 | Fran Silver, Jill & Stuart Chasan, Karen Brummer |
| November 30 | Yardena & Moshe Yair, Michael Kropp |

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JCOR's Saturday morning service begins at 9:30 a.m.
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Mendel's Bar Mitzvah Project

By Mendel Wilhelm

I am very excited for my upcoming Bar Mitzvah. One special Mitzvah that I will start to do is laying Tefillin every morning. I am excited to join the millions of Jewish men ages 13 and up, around the world who lay Tefillin each day.

There are many spiritual powers and blessings that come along with the Mitzvah of



L-R: Mendel Wilhelm with Gabe, Chip Rayman, and Steve Beber.



Tefillin - I will share more about all the spiritual stuff behind tefillin at my Bar Mitzvah celebration. In the meantime please help me reach my Bar Mitzvah goal: Laying Tefillin with at least 50 Knoxville men (aged 13 and up) before my Bar Mitzvah celebration on October 27. I'm ready to come meet you at a place convenient for you, it'll take us less than 10 minutes, and I have a special pair of Tefillin which belonged to Arnold Schwartzbart that I can bring for you to use. Email me at ritmendel@chabadknoxville.org to schedule a Tefillin appointment.

Jewish Done Joyfully

The basis of Chassidic philosophy is to celebrate Judaism through Joy! And joy is what drives all our events at Chabad. This past month we hosted our first Kids in the Kitchen. Children ages Pre-k - middle school had a blast in the kitchen. Activating the yeast, mixing and kneading the dough, adding some favorite additions like chocolate chips, marshmallows and sprinkles and shaping round challahs. While waiting for the dough to rise, Junior Chefs (pre-k - 2nd) enjoyed apple stamping a Rosh Hashana placemat and played a Rosh Hashana Bingo game. Our Chefs (3rd - 8th) enjoyed a lively Rosh Hashana trivia game and made apple honey muffins while their dough rose. The smiles, camaraderie and joy made for a wonderful afternoon as we got into the high holiday spirit.

To register for our next Kids in the Kitchen events, visit www.chabadknoxville.org/kidsinthekitchen

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Heska Amuna Synagogue

October 5

Esther Abrams ♦ Ida Bart ♦ Max Diamond ♦ Ida Dwork ♦ Emily Eads ♦ Sylvia Greenberg ♦ Jennye Grusin ♦ Jeanette Jacobowitz ♦ Morton Jacobson ♦ Esther Jaffe ♦ Phyllis Levine ♦ Rebecca Mazur ♦ Sarah Millen ♦ Fred Millen ♦ Fannie Richer, Evelyn Schwab ♦ Martha Schwartz ♦ Adeline Shersky ♦ Mazal Shloush ♦ Louis Slabosky ♦ Gertrude Weinstein

October 12

Isaac Anidjar ♦ Louis Bender ♦ Lena Busch ♦ Toba Davis ♦ Paul Dreyer ♦ Etka Farbowitz ♦ Shmuel Farbowitz ♦ Sadie Gabler ♦ Harry Glasman ♦ Joseph Green ♦ Anna Gruenberg ♦ Isaac Joffe ♦ Marie Klinkowstein ♦ Dennis Licht ♦ Lena Loef ♦ Sydney Manas ♦ Samuel Schwarzbart ♦ Blima Schwarzbart ♦ Bernard Shorr ♦ Sylvia Slovis ♦ Beatrice Sturm ♦ Louis Winick ♦ Anne Wolf

October 19

Aaron Berry ♦ Bernard Binder ♦ Larry Bobroff ♦ Amy Beth Cohen ♦ David Cohen ♦ Alex Eichwald ♦ Herman Forstein ♦ Jeffrey Ginsburg ♦ Frederic Horowitz ♦ Bertha Krauss ♦ Ann Levine ♦ Sarah Millner ♦ Morris Skalet ♦ Samuel Wise ♦ Benjamin Wise ♦ Barry Wolf ♦ Horace Woolf

October 26

Ralph August ♦ Leonard Brown ♦ Jennie Cooper ♦ Isaac Coplan ♦ Peter Dreyer ♦ Hinda Duhan ♦ Theresa Fadem ♦ Mark Fleishman, Joseph Goodstein ♦ Mordecai Gustav Heiser ♦ David Jacobowitz ♦ Ronald Licht ♦ Francis Rosenzweig ♦ Isaac Routenberg ♦ Herman Shamitz ♦ Leonard Shersky ♦ Joseph Solomon ♦ Sarah Tobe

November 2

Benjamin Berson ♦ Morris Bresoff ♦ Jean Brown ♦ Isadore Collins ♦ Vaughn Cooper ♦ Zelda Finkelstein ♦ Ignatz Frank ♦ Clarence Glidewell ♦ Moe Golub ♦ Jay Goodfriend ♦ Joe Gurwitch ♦ Carol Krosin ♦ Phillip Krosin ♦ Morris Rosen ♦ Malvina Schwartz ♦ Philip Seif ♦ Alexander Shapiro ♦ Morris Shersky ♦ Rose Shersky ♦ Rhea Silber ♦ Leo Vogel ♦ Esther Winick

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TEMPLE BETH EL

October 4

Peggy Austin ♦ Yolanda Del Moro ♦ Michael Diamond ♦ Gerald A. Dortch ♦ Riva Dvorkina ♦ Steven Howard Feldman ♦ Edna Ginsberg ♦ Mordechai G Heiser ♦ Raymond R Landsberger ♦ Albert A. Levy ♦ Ann Marcovitch ♦ Sam Miller ♦ Amanda S. Morris ♦ Emanuel Radoff ♦ Isaac Routenberg ♦ Joseph Smuckler

October 11

Abraham J Alper ♦ Bessie Factor ♦ Harold Freedman ♦ Martin Guthman ♦ Max Herzfeld ♦ Lester Hirsh ♦ Marcus Mendelowitz ♦ Gus Robinson ♦ William D. Sampson

October 18

Dora Brody ♦ Pam Feldman ♦ Louis Fox ♦ Gertrude Frankel ♦ Sam Freeman ♦ Lawrence Harris ♦ Bessie Margolies ♦ Charlotte Pais ♦ Ruth Polk ♦ Israel Potter ♦ Samuel Samuel ♦ Ruth Sherman ♦ Celestine Yatsko ♦ Jack L Zagoren ♦ Pearl Zauber

October 25

Janet Baker ♦ C. B. Buster Brown ♦ Max Brunshwig ♦ Frieda Salky Burson ♦ David Feldman ♦ Bernice Gerson ♦ Sara Hirsh ♦ Fera Iancovsky ♦ Morris Levitt ♦ Gene Rosenberg ♦ Louisa Sasson ♦ Suzi Schnittman ♦ Nicole Shenkman ♦ Roberta Shor ♦ Ben Simon ♦ Abbie H. Smith ♦ Johanna Hessel Sonn ♦ George William Wadsworth ♦ Alexander Zatlín

Hadassah HIGHLIGHTS

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L to R Brenda Sherman, Harriet Glasman, Linda Zaretski, Raeus Cannon, Shelley Mangold, Karen Ferency, and Nancy Britcher

Hadassah Knoxville Showcases Local Women Artists

The event was hosted for prospective and current Hadassah Members. The board presented their respective roles within the chapter, with the Hadassah Book Club and programming, being just a few highlighted. Beautiful artwork presented including wood carving, sculptures, pottery, watercolor, multi surface painting, fiber art. A very interesting show to hear how each artist work their craft. If you missed it, please contact our membership Chair Nancy Britcher at nbritcher@gmail.com for other membership programs.

Hadassah Knoxville is a thriving organization to benefit local and nationwide women in education, fun and Israel.

- ★ **November 10 1-3 pm HMO LUNCH-EON "Find Your Body Electric"** with Dina Kramer and a Panel of Experts - (by invitation only)



- **December 21 Hadassah/PJ Library: Hanukkah Bubbies Brigade Bowling Party** — details coming soon—save the date
- **Installation:** Rescheduled till January
- **January (TBD) Bird House craft / Havdalah Service**

Do not forget to purchase

Greeting Cards

Happy Birthdays!

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Contact Brenda Sherman: houstonbrenda@yahoo.com

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Save the Date

**Hadassah Health Organization Luncheon (HMO)
Chesapeake's, Knoxville
Sunday, November 10th, 2019,
One o'clock in the afternoon**

*Please send you donations with your formal invitation
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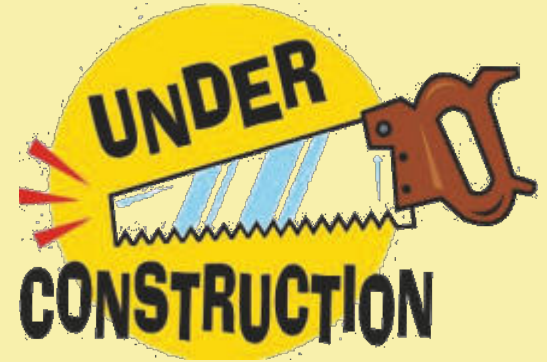
- ★ Mazel tov to **Bitsy Bryson**, who is our newest Chai Society member.
- ★ Mazel tov to **Harriet Glasman**, who has become a Lifetime member.

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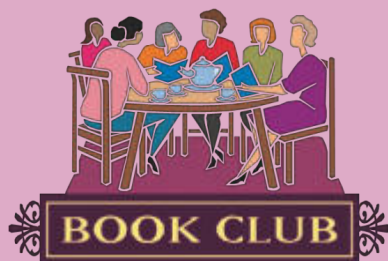


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Hadassah Book Club News

**All Jewish women of the greater Knoxville area
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Hope to see everyone for our **October 15** Hadassah Book Club meeting. We will meet at 7:30 p.m., in the coffee shop area of the Barnes and Noble Book Store on Kingston Pike. We will discuss *Daughter of Maloka'i* by Alan Brennert.

Questions? Please contact Peggy Littmann at
hadassahknoxvilleac@gmail.com or (865) 776-1013.

Next Read

- **November 19:** *The Unconsoled* by Kazuo Ishiguro

Celebrate Motherhood with a Hadassah Layette

By Batya Boxt

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

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

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

Please contact me at batyabox@gmail.com.

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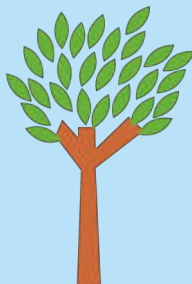
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Joy, Community and Exploration in Mrs. Blanchard's 2-3 Classroom

Mrs. Blanchard's 2-3 students dove into the year with activities that built a strong classroom community, instilled the love and joy of learning, and primed their brains for inquisitive and creative learning. Challenging her students with a design challenge – the students learned to trust each other and collaborate as they worked together to build a tower out of cups. A strong culture of belonging, support and collaboration are the basis for the 2-3 classroom community.

In the heat of the summer not much is more exciting than a cold watermelon party! Mrs. Blanchard used the watermelon to demonstrate the components of a story as they launched a writing unit on small moment stories. Mrs. Blanchard's ability to bring joy into all subject areas was evident in the Sentence, Fragment, and Run-On Swat – when studying grammar brings smiles and Joy – you know you are in a magical environment.

Posing the Essential Question "How is Africa an important part of the global community?" to her students Mrs. Blanchard has piqued their interest as they explore the culture, customs and natural resources of the continent. Using globes and books about Africa students worked as detectives to discover new vocabulary words about Africa which they added to their taxonomy of Words – a tool they'll refer to in future Science, Social Studies and Writing lessons.



Above: Design challenges are used as team-builders to foster community, trust and collaboration.



Below: Using a learning map (cultural pizza) students are finding similarities in the culture of two African countries.



Students are diving into Africa as a collection of individual countries with their own unique foods, histories, culture and economies.



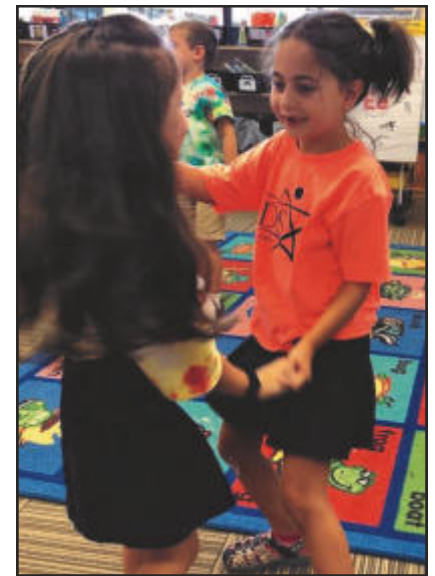
Community Building in the Kindergarten-First Grade Classroom

The K-1 students have been getting to know each other and building our classroom community. Every morning we start with our morning meeting, based on the Responsive Classroom philosophy, which consists of four parts: greeting, message, share, and activity. Each morning we greet each other with a fun greeting, such as the classic handshake or high-five, or the more advanced lumberjack handshake. As students greet each other, we use a strong speaking voice, make eye-contact, and use each other's names. This lays the foundation for strong communication skills. We then read our morning message together which give details about the day's activities. Sometimes our morning message has mistakes the students need to correct, and they love looking for errors that the teacher made! We are working our way up to sharing each day. This helps build relationships and listening skills as we learn about our friends' weekends, likes, dislikes, fears, or loves. We wrap up morning meeting with a group activity. The activity generally builds teamwork. Lately our favorite activity has been passing a ball around our circle without dropping it, while saying the name of our classmates as we pass it. It's harder than it sounds!

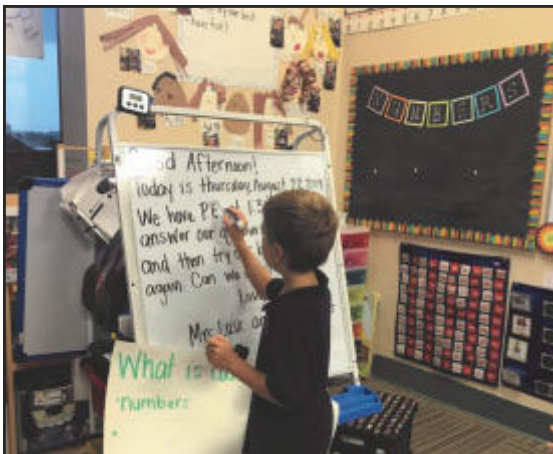
In lieu of rules, our class created a list of promises to keep to each other. We narrowed down our list to 4 promises: be kind and be a good friend, be a good listener, always try our best, and have fun. We review our classroom promises during morning meeting and we came up with actions for each promise. Morning meeting and creating classroom promises are just two of the many ways the K-1 classroom builds community in the beginning of the year. These small, but powerful community building activities lay a strong foundation for the relationships in our classroom.



This unique part of the morning meeting is useful for building a cohesive team in the class.



Students greet each other making eye contact, a strong voice and using their classmates' name. This small act is helping build communication skills.



These students love finding the mistakes in their teachers' morning message. Understanding the grammar rules **and** that everyone makes mistakes are both important lessons.



Students work collectively to create their list of "promises." Getting the students involved in this process gives them more accountability.

In Their Own Words...

By Bekka Blanchard 2nd-3rd Grade Teacher

As a member of the Jewish community in Knoxville, I came to KJDS before my teaching career really began. I was just starting grad school, and a KJDS parent recommended that I might want to think about working as the Aftercare teacher during grad school. Coming to KJDS and meeting the kids was all it took to confirm that teaching elementary school was where I wanted to be.

After graduating, I was thrilled and privileged to join the team at Karns Elementary school. My time as a public school teacher was so valuable it cannot be overstated. The kids I got to know, the teachers I got to work with, and the families who supported us were such a wonderful community. But, as anyone who has spent even a few minutes at KJDS knows, this place is unique, and it always held a special place in my heart. My time here had given me a picture of what education should, and could, be. I did everything I could to emulate the feeling of KJDS in my public school classroom.

When Miriam Ester contacted me and asked me to come interview for the job of Grades 2-3 teacher, I was thrilled and terrified. Would my experience in public school translate into what they wanted in a teacher here? Would I be enough for these kids, many the younger siblings of those little ones who had so impressed me years before? I soon realized that I would never be alone as a teacher at KJDS. The support I receive daily from the administration, teachers, and families is like nothing I could have imagined. I am humbled every day when I brainstorm ideas for lessons with my teammates. I am privileged to have Louise, our Innovation Coach, there to help me dream big for our kids, then take those dreams and put them into action. I know that if I ever need an expert to help my kids and I stretch our learning about a topic, Miriam Esther will know someone in our broader community who would love to help. I know that I have a classroom full of curious, determined, unique learners who will each bring their best to my classroom. I know that these kids will do that not because they are so very different from the kids I taught in public school — they will do this because KJDS has built a community where kids love to learn, both from their successes and their challenges.

Last year, I was so lucky to begin experiencing KJDS from a whole new perspective- as the parent of a kindergartener. My daughter is strong-willed, boisterous, and shows what her father and I like to think of as "leadership potential". I knew that KJDS would be a place where her K-1 teachers would help direct that energy and attitude into work ethic, confidence, and independence. They did that and so much more. She has become not only a better student, but a kinder, more generous, more patient friend. I have seen her learn that mistakes are an opportunity for growth, that it's better to be a friend than to always get your way, and that she is capable of leading by words and example. She is also becoming stronger in her Jewish identity. She loves to learn about our religion and culture. My husband, who is not Jewish, is so impressed with the progress she has made in all subjects, including her growing grasp of Hebrew as a second language. She loves to come to school every day, counting down the summer days until she could come back. I could not be happier with our decision to bring her to KJDS.

There are few people who can truly say they love coming to work every day. I am blessed to be one of them.



Mrs. Blanchard is in her "mommy" role on the first day of school. She now gets to sit on the other side of the desk as a mother of a student at KJDS.



The Blanchards felt very confident sending Arya to KJDS. Strong academics, community atmosphere and a second language were some of the qualities Mrs. Blanchard wanted in a school for her own child.



Mrs. Balnchard starts each day with a morning meeting. This year's second and third Grade class use this time to share and prepare for their coming day.



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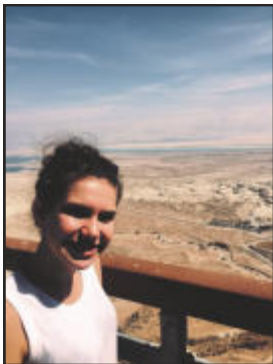
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Where are They Now? KJDS Alumni Update



Hallie credits KJDS for helping her appreciate her Jewish identity.

Hi I'm Hallie Boring, a proud KJDS graduate. Currently, I am in eleventh grade at Maryville High School, taking three AP classes, and hoping my junior year is going to be amazing!

I owe much of who I am today to my time at KJDS. KJDS ignited my passion for the performing arts and that fire that they started in me is still burning today. You can find me performing in a local show almost all of the time! You may have seen me in a *Christmas Carol* at the Clarence Brown Theater, in *Lilies of the Field* at the Knoxville Children's Theater (KCT), or you can see me in *Julius Caesar* at KCT where I will be playing Marcus Brutus in early November (go get your tickets at the KCT website!)

When I'm not on the stage, you will most likely find me at BBYO and CTeen programs, spending time with my friends and growing closer to my Judaism. My love and deep appreciation for Judaism and some of my closest Jewish friends that I have kept up with throughout the years are some other gifts I've received from KJDS.

KJDS also taught me to share my talents and encouraged me to be a leader. In middle school, I was even a peer tutor for students with disabilities! I've been a counselor at Camp Manitowa and Camp Nadav for the past five summers. This year, I began working at Heska Amuna on Sunday mornings as a teaching assistant, wrangling and teaching our Jewish youth.



Hallie visiting Israel with her mother Bonnie.

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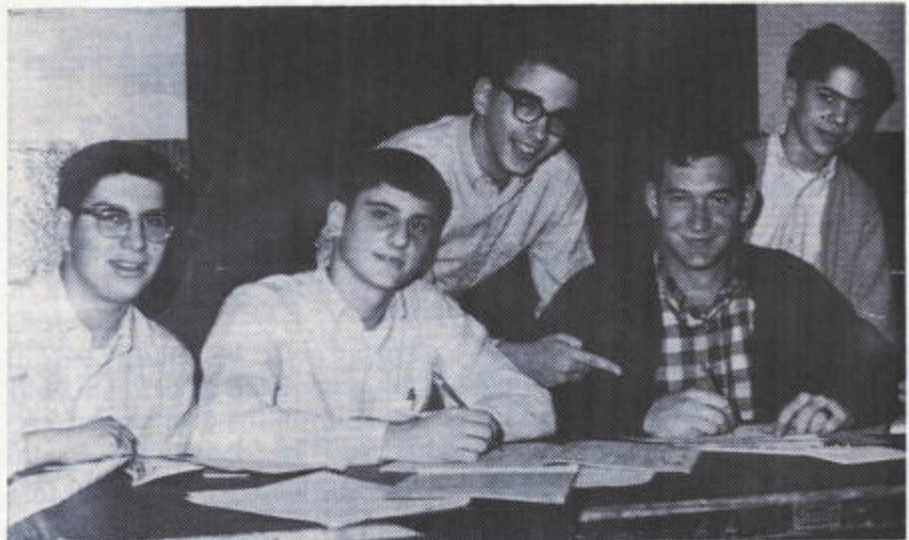
This photo appeared in the March 1965 issue of *The Center Menorah*. As reported in the *May Menorah*, Anne **Morrison** was chosen as the new sweetheart.

Alan **Danziger** and Barry **Winston** still live in Knoxville. David **Scott's** cousin Julese **Goldstein** lives in LaFollette, and Mark **Joffe's** cousin Mary Linda **Schwarzbart** lives in Knoxville. Anne **Morrison (Tomlinson)**, z'l, was Mary Linda's sister.

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Planning AZA Club 420 Social



THE AZA BOYS are busy mapping plans for their annual Club 420 dance to be held in the Temple's Arnstein Auditorium on Saturday, March 20 from 8:30 p.m. to midnight. Pictured, left-right, are Allan Danziger, publicity chairman; David Scott, intermission show chairman; Michael Nash, president. Standing, l-r, Mark Joffe, general chairman and Barry Winston, decorations chairman.

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