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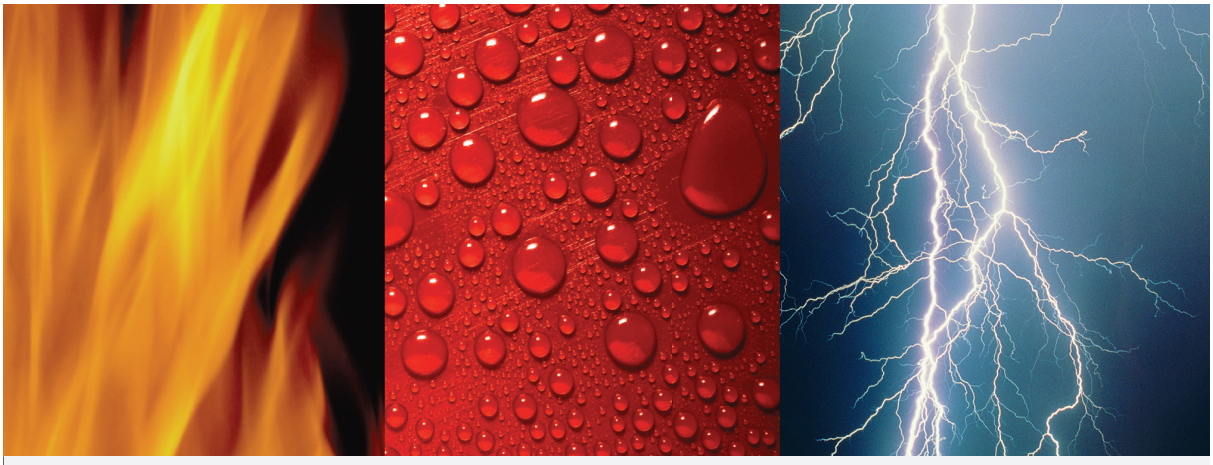

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April 2024 Community Calendar

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MONDAY, APRIL 1

TUESDAY, APRIL 2
5:00P Hebrew Letters – HA
6:30P Beginning Modern Hebrew-HA
8:00P Minyan - HA

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3
12:00P Executive Mifgash Manhigim - TBE
4:30P Midweek Hebrew – TBE
6:30P Minyan & Talmud Study - HA

THURSDAY, APRIL 4
10:00A Torah Study – TBE
12:30P Conversational Hebrew – JCOR
6:00P Pre-Passover Cooking – Hadassah

FRIDAY, APRIL 5
7:43P Candle Lighting
10:00A Kinder & Kin - KJDS & PJL
7:00P Shabbat Service - TBE

SATURDAY, APRIL 6
8:41P Havdalah
9:45A Traditional Shabbat Service-HA
9:15A Text Study – HA
10:00A Shabbat Service – JCOR
10:30a Consecration Service – TBE
12:30P Passover Talk - HAWL
5P Origins of Passover Seder

SUNDAY, APRIL 7
9:30A Hands & Hearts on Tikkun Olam - TBE
10A HAWL Gardening Day-HA
1:00P Pre-Passover Family Seder – JCOR
7:30P Prayer Book Hebrew Class – HA
8:15P Advanced Prayer Book Hebrew Class - HA

MONDAY, APRIL 8

TUESDAY, APRIL 9
5:00P Hebrew Letters – HA
6:30P Beginning Modern Hebrew-HA
8:00P Minyan - HA

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10
4:30P Midweek Hebrew – TBE
6:30P Minyan & Talmud Study - HA
6:30P Board Mifgash Manhigim - TBE

THURSDAY, APRIL 11
10:00A Torah Study – TBE
12:30P Conversational Hebrew – JCOR
7P Board Meeting-HA

FRIDAY, APRIL 12
7:49P Candle Lighting
10:00A Kinder & Kin - KJDS & PJL
6:30P Friday Night Shabbat – JCOR
7:00P Shabbat Service – TBE

SATURDAY, APRIL 13
8:48P Havdalah
9:15A Text Study – HA
10:00A Shabbat Service – JCOR
10A Youth Shabbat Service & Kids Club-HA
10:00A Family Shabbat - HA
12:30P Passover Talk - HAWL

SUNDAY, APRIL 14
9:30A Religious School – TBE
11:00A-2:00P Knoshville at AJCC
5P Origins of Passover Seder
7:30P Prayer Book Hebrew Class – HA
8:15P Advanced Prayer Book Hebrew Class – HA

MONDAY, APRIL 15
7:45P Media Group - HA

TUESDAY, APRIL 16
5:00P Advanced Hebrew – HA
6:00P Ways & Means Meeting – TBE
6:30P Beginning Modern Hebrew-HA
7:30P Book Club – Hadassah
8:00P Minyan - HA

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17
4:30P Midweek Hebrew – TBE
6:30P Ritual & Worship Meeting – TBE
6:30P Minyan & Talmud Study – HA
7:00P Board Meeting - Hadassah
7:00P Book Club – JCOR

THURSDAY, APRIL 18
10:00A Torah Study – TBE
12:30P Conversational Hebrew – JCOR
7P R&RS Meeting-HA

FRIDAY, APRIL 19
7:55P Candle Lighting
10:00A Kinder & Kin - KJDS & PJL
7:00P Shabbat Service - TBE

SATURDAY, APRIL 20
8:54P Havdalah
9:15A Text Study – HA
10:00A Shabbat Service – JCOR
9:45P Traditional Shabbat Service-HA
12:30P Passover Talk - HAWL

SUNDAY, APRIL 21
9:30A Religious School Mock Seder – TBE
7:30P Prayer Book Hebrew – HA
8:15P Advanced Prayer Book Hebrew – HA

MONDAY, APRIL 22
Erev Passover
7:57P Candle Lighting
8A Fast of the First Born-HA

TUESDAY, APRIL 23
Passover
8:57P Candle Lighting
5:00P Hebrew Letters – HA
6:00p 2nd Night Seder – TBE
6:30P Beginning Modern Hebrew-HA
8:00P Minyan - HA

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24
Passover
8:58P Havdalah
6:30P Minyan & Talmud Study - HA

THURSDAY, APRIL 25
Passover
10:00A Torah Study – TBE
12:30P Conversational Hebrew – JCOR

FRIDAY, APRIL 26
Passover
8:01P Candle Lighting
6:30P Passover Yizkor Memorial Service – TBE
6:30P Kavanah Shabbat – JCOR
7:00P Shabbat Service - TBE

SATURDAY, APRIL 27
Passover
9:01P Havdalah
9:15A Text Study – HA
10:00A Shabbat Service – JCOR
10A Shabbat Service in the Round-HA
1:00P UTK Baseball Watch Party - KJA

SUNDAY, APRIL 28
Passover
8:03P Candle Lighting
9:30A Religious School – TBE
10:00A Plant Swap – Hadassah
5-7P Interactive Passover Seder-HA

MONDAY, APRIL 29
Passover
9:03P Candle Lighting
9:45A Passover Service-HA
7:45P Media Group - HA

TUESDAY, APRIL 30
Passover
9:04P Havdalah
9:45A Passover Service-HA
5:00P Hebrew Letters – HA
6:30P Beginning Modern Hebrew-HA
8:00P Minyan - HA

For more details about events and the most updated community calendar, visit www.jewishknoxville.org.

May 2024 Community Calendar

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WEDNESDAY, MAY 1
12:00P Executive Mifgash Manhigim - TBE
6:30P Minyan & Talmud Study - HA

THURSDAY, MAY 2
10:00A Torah Study – TBE
12:30P Conversational Hebrew – JCOR
5:00P Preschool Art Gala - AJCC

FRIDAY, MAY 3
8:07P Candle Lighting
4:30P JFS Shabbat at Sherrill Hills – KJA
7:00P Shabbat Service - TBE

SATURDAY, MAY 4
9:08P Havdalah
9:15A Text Study – HA
9:45A Traditional Shabbat Service-HA
10:00A Shabbat Service – JCOR
7:00P Cuatro de Mayo the Jewish Way - Hadassah

SUNDAY, MAY 5
9:30A Religious School – TBE
10:00A B'yachad - TBE
12:00P TILI Teen – KJA
3:00P Yom HaShoah - JCOR
7:30P Prayer Book Hebrew Class – HA
8:15P Advanced Prayer Book Hebrew Class - HA

MONDAY, MAY 6
Yom HaShoah

TUESDAY, MAY 7
5:00P Hebrew Letters – HA
6:30P Beginning Modern Hebrew-HA
8:00P Minyan - HA

WEDNESDAY, MAY 8
6:30P Minyan & Talmud Study - HA
6:30P Board Mifgash Manhigim – TBE
7:00P Annual Meeting – TBE

THURSDAY, MAY 9
10:00A Torah Study – TBE
12:30P Conversational Hebrew – JCOR
7P Board Meeting-HA

FRIDAY, MAY 10
8:13P Candle Lighting
7:00P Shabbat Service – TBE

SATURDAY, MAY 11
9:14P Havdalah
9:15A Text Study – HA
10:00A Shabbat Service – JCOR
10A Youth Shabbat Service & Kids Club-HA

SUNDAY, MAY 12
7:30P Prayer Book Hebrew Class – HA
8:15P Advanced Prayer Book Hebrew Class – HA

MONDAY, MAY 13
Yom HaZikaron
11:30A JFS Committee Meeting – KJA
7:45P Media Group - HA

TUESDAY, MAY 14
Yom Ha'atzmaut
5:00P Hebrew Letters – HA
6:30P Beginning Modern Hebrew-HA
8:00P Minyan - HA

WEDNESDAY, MAY 15
6:30P Ritual & Worship Meeting – TBE
6:30P Minyan & Talmud Study – HA
7:00P Board Meeting - Hadassah
7:00P Book Club – JCOR

THURSDAY, MAY 16
10:00A Torah Study – TBE
12:30P Conversational Hebrew – JCOR
6:00P Beginning Modern Hebrew - HA
6:00P Yom HaShoah - KJA
7P R&RS Meeting-HA

FRIDAY, MAY 17
8:18P Candle Lighting
6:30P TISCH Style Shabbat – JCOR
7:00P Shabbat Service - TBE

SATURDAY, MAY 18
9:21P Havdalah
9:15A Text Study – HA
9:45A Traditional Shabbat Service-HA
10:00A Shabbat Service – JCOR

SUNDAY, MAY 19
4:00P Israeli Cocktail Hour – KJA
7:30P Prayer Book Hebrew – HA
8:15P Advanced Prayer Book Hebrew – HA

MONDAY, MAY 20

TUESDAY, MAY 21
5:00P Hebrew Letters – HA
6:00P Ways & Means – TBE
6:30P Beginning Modern Hebrew-HA
7:30P Book Club - Hadassah
8:00P Minyan - HA

WEDNESDAY, MAY 22
6:30P Minyan & Talmud Study - HA

THURSDAY, MAY 23
10:00A Torah Study – TBE
12:30P Conversational Hebrew – JCOR

FRIDAY, MAY 24
8:24P Candle Lighting
7:00P Shabbat Service - TBE

SATURDAY, MAY 25
9:27P Havdalah
9:15A Text Study – HA
10:00A Shabbat Service – JCOR
10A Shabbat Service in the Round-HA
12:00P Rosen Aquatic Center Opens - AJCC

SUNDAY, MAY 26
Lag B'Omer
7:30P Prayer Book Hebrew Class – HA
8:15P Advanced Prayer Book Hebrew Class – HA

MONDAY, MAY 27
Memorial Day
7:45P Media Group - HA

TUESDAY, MAY 28
Summer Camp Begins – AJCC
5:00P Hebrew Letters – HA
6:30P Beginning Modern Hebrew-HA
8:00P Minyan – HA

WEDNESDAY, MAY 29
6:30P Minyan & Talmud Study - HA

THURSDAY, MAY 30
10:00A Torah Study – TBE
12:30P Conversational Hebrew – JCOR

FRIDAY, MAY 31
8:28P Candle Lighting
6:30P Kavanah Shabbat – JCOR
7:00P Shabbat Service - TBE

Community Passover Greetings

Wishing you a Happy Passover shared with family and friends!

Douglas, Jill,
Brian & Andrew Weinstein

Chag Pesach Sameach

Bernie, A.j., & Neal Rosenblatt

Happy Passover to the Knoxville Jewish Community!

Rosalie and Stephen Nagler and family

Chag Pesach Sameach

from
Kim, Stephen, Nathan, Arielle and Tifannie Rosen

WE WISH YOU ALL A BEAUTIFUL PASSOVER.

Andrea & Barry Cone

Chag Pesach Sameach!

Mary Linda Schwarzbart

Happy Pesach!

Jeff and Nancy Becker
and our children & grandchildren:
Jeffrey Cohen
Dan, Lora, Noah & Benjamin Cohen-Vogel
Debbie, Jeff, Samantha, & Gabe Abrams-Cohen
Rachel, Micah, Sophie & Reuben Becker-Klein
Benjamin, Amy, Harry & Leo Willis-Becker
Sarah Becker & Aminata Dembele

Happy Passover!

All the best,
Wes, Helene,
Nathan and Noah

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Titanic's Officer Buster Shares One of His Favorite Children's Stories!

Ruth Becker

3rd Class Passenger
Age: 12 Years
Destination: Benton Harbor, Michigan

I'm Ruth Becker, eldest child of the Reverend Allen and Nellie Becker. Father was a Lutheran missionary in India. That's where my younger sister, Marion, and my baby brother, Richard, and I were born.

Richard became ill, and doctors in Guntur, India, said he needed special medical treatment in the United States. My mother, sister and I are taking him there, and Father plans to join us later.

Getting from India to England was a challenge. But we finally began to relax after boarding the finest ship in the world.

Everything changed about halfway there. We had to board a lifeboat, then watched the enormous ship rise and slide beneath the water. It was terrifying. Mother never talked about *Titanic* after that. She once cautioned us in a warning whisper: "Don't you dare tell anyone we were on the *Titanic*." I kept that promise most of my life.

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Why were Elsa and Spiderman at KJDS?

By: Miriam Esther Wilhelm, Head of School

When KJDS learners walked into school on Tuesday they got the surprise of a lifetime! Beginning Saturday night and working through the weekend parents and staff transformed the school into Magic Kingdom for a Ron Clark-inspired "Beyond Belief" theme day. From the hallways to the classrooms to the lunchroom the entire school was transformed making for a magical day of Joy, Community, and Exploration.

KJDS is founded on the belief that Joy, Community, and Exploration are integral in developing a deep love of learning and appreciation for the world around us and all of these three were on full display during our Magic Kingdom takeover day.

Joy

The words KJDS learners used to describe the day were surprised, excited, shocked, and happy! A definite highlight was the walk through Space Mountain. As Niv Barak said, "It was glow in the dark, and it was so cool." The Magic Kingdom transformation made for a joyous day full of exciting experiences. It was hard for learners to pinpoint a favorite moment, as there were so many!

One all-time favorite moment for many learners was the Bippity Boppity Boutique. Becoming a princess, pirate, Mickey, or Minnie was a delight and looking in the mirror and being sprinkled with fairy dust was just magical. Weeks later and some of our learners are still coming to school with their crowns! Leah Kessler shared that the surprise snow and visit from Elsa and Spiderman were her favorite moments from the exciting day. Micah Grayson loved getting to exchange buttons of the teachers transformed into princesses. Other students loved being welcomed to school by Mickey and Minnie Mouse. Talia Ganzi-Sagiv was surprised to find her Frozen blanket used as decoration in her classroom and Colette was shocked to find out her mother had spent Sunday at her school and that her old bed canopy became part of the scenery for the 4th and 5th grade classroom, which was transformed into a Peter Pan Neverland world.

KJDS learners are already speculating on what the parents may surprise them with next year. They've suggested some themes for next year like 1970's theme, Candy Land, or Harry Potter.

Arya and Amelia Blanchard and Rochel Wilhelm were excited to discover Minnie Mouse and the Magic Kingdom castle in the KJDS lobby Credit: Miriam Esther Wilhelm

Max Diamondstone, Noah Weinberg, and Avishai Ferency explore Space Mountain Credit: Miriam Esther Wilhelm

The Fairy Godmother (Marie Leavy) adds the finishing touches to Amelia Blanchard's princess makeover
Credit: Anna McDonald

Max McClain shows off his fun pirate makeover
Credit: Anna McDonald

Stella Weinberg gets transformed into Minnie Mouse by Chanie Wilhelm
Credit: Anna McDonald

Community

A “Beyond Belief” theme day can only be pulled off with the power of community. A committee of parents worked for months to pull this off for the kids. Thank you to Sarah Butcher, Marie Leavy, Ilanit Harre, Revital Ganzi, and Shlomit Hava for organizing our amazing group of parents!

Our Special Friends joined us in the “Be Our Guest” dining hall for a wonderful Pre-Purim event. We played Purim bingo, decorated Purim masks, enjoyed Disney-themed desserts, and gave our Special Friends an exclusive tour of the Magic Kingdom transformation. For many of our learners, the Special Friends event was the definite highlight of the day. Colette exclaimed, “I love my special friend!”

During the Special Friends event, Sheila Popkin helps Kenlin Cooper collect all the buttons needed to complete his Disney lanyard Credit: Miriam Esther Wilhelm

A lively round of Purim Bingo was enjoyed by all Credit: Anna McDonald

Exploration

While we were having a blast we were also learning. K-1 learners have been studying the Arctic and in their Frozen wonderland, these scientists designed and constructed dog sleds for their Arctic adventure. Later in the week, they experimented with blubber as they tried to answer the question how does blubber help animals stay warm in the Arctic? In their Encanto-themed classroom, 2-3 students continued to research the rainforests of South America. 4-5 engineers were challenged to design the fastest cannonball run to help Captain Hook get rid of the pesky crocodile. Discussion around kinetic energy and potential energy were part of the design planning. In math class, the learners were presented with a problem: all the shadows want to join Peter Pan’s shadow! The students put their math skills to use to discover which angle of light will produce a shadow closest to a figure’s actual height.

Jacob Callen was thrilled to discover Spiderman at school Credit: Lev Gross-Comstock

Abe Blitt uses his math skills to measure shadows and study angles. Credit: Virginia Kessler

Students were shocked to find it snowing on the playground and that Elsa was at KJDS Credit: Anna McDonald

KJDS Students Shine in Seussical JR Performance

By: Miriam Esther Wilhelm, Head of School

Photo Credit: Lev Gross-Comstock

At KJDS, we understand the unique potential the arts bring in educating the whole child. Each year, our entire student body participates in the full production of a Broadway Junior Musical, developing a wide range of academic, social, and emotional skills. Experiencing the level of commitment and preparation needed for a live performance boosts a child's focus, memory retention, and perseverance abilities. Through singing, acting, and dance, students explore identity, self-expression, and creative thinking while developing life skills in responsibility, collaboration, and teamwork.

This year, our hard-working students pulled off yet another show-stopping performance of Seussical JR at Pellissippi State's Performing Arts Center. Our cast wowed a captivated audience as they came together in a beautiful ensemble to tell the story of Horton who stands alone trying to save Whoville. Mazal Tov to the entire KJDS student body, to Mrs. Natalee, Mr. Lev, Mrs. Anne Marie, and all the volunteers and staff who worked so hard to see this production through.

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Pure Purim Joy! And on to Pesach!

By: Peggy Littmann, Heska Amuna Youth Education Committee, and Mary Ann Merrell and Laura Floyd, Rabbi & Religious Services Committee

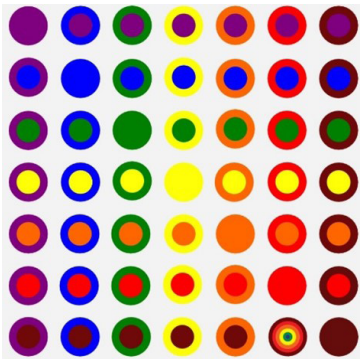
What a great Purim we shared this year. We hope you enjoyed the whole megillah!

We thank all of you who supported the Youth Education Committee's fundraiser by sending mishloach manot to Heska Amuna mishpachah and friends – and thank you to our delivery team, too. The funds raised will support Shabbat, holiday, and other programs for engaging and enriching the lives of our children, families, and all congregants. See our announcement in this month's Ha'Kol on upcoming Shabbat enrichment programs being led by Rabbi Shush Carson, Anna Iroff-Bailey, Betty Golub, and others.

A most special thank you to our Purim megillah and shpiel organizers who gathered a cast worthy of Broadway – to Rabbi Aviva Bass who spent Purim with us as a visiting Rabbi sponsored by Heska Amuna and the Mitchell and Natalie Robinson Community Enrichment Fund and to creative genie, Rivka Soloway, pictured here in one of her many smashing Purim looks. And a thousand+ thanks to Sandy Parker who camped out in the synagogue kitchen for most of Adar (I and II) leading the baking crew that made more than a thousand delectable hamantaschen for us all to enjoy.

Looking Ahead: Join us For Passover
On Sunday, April 28, from 5-7 in the Rosen Social Hall at Heska Amuna, we are hosting a community-wide seder – a very interactive experience you won't want to miss. This retelling of a familiar story will be woven with activities, a contest or two, and a new way to stretch your creative thinking on all things plagues and redemption. Plus, a wonderful vegetarian seder (with all of your favorite seder dishes) delightfully designed by the dynamic culinary duo of Elizabeth and Frank Floyd. Reservations are required; see our homepage at www.heskaamuna.org to save your place at our table.

Counting the Omer from Passover to Shavuot
A few years back, our then-President Jenifer Ohriner envisioned a way to honor congregants, family, and friends who exemplify the seven middot – traits of our souls - we consider as we count the Omer for the 49 days from the second night of Passover until Shavuot. She created a wonderful puzzle where each puzzle piece had the name of someone being honored or remembered who represented the focus of one of the daily meditations during our counting. This year, each week during the counting of the omer, we want to recognize those who model **chesed** (loving kindness and benevolence), **gevurah** (justice, discipline, restraint, strength), tiferet (harmony, beauty, compassion), **netzach** (perseverance, endurance, fortitude, ambition), **hod** (humility, splendor), **yesod** (bonding, foundation), and **malchut** (sovereignty, leadership, nobility). Although Jenifer and Evan have joined their family in California now, R&RS believes great ideas should continue. With thanks to Jenifer, we invite everyone to add your own piece to our puzzle. See our homepage at www.heskaamuna.org to learn how.



My Favorite Holiday

By: Mark Siegel, Chair of Heska Amuna

Passover has always been my favorite holiday. Not just my favorite Jewish holiday. My favorite holiday.

Passover Seder food, frankly, is better than Thanksgiving food. Four mandatory glasses of wine? What's not to like? And I think we can all be grateful that we only have 7 days of matzah instead of 40 years of wandering in the desert with it.

Most importantly, the Passover Haggadah has more significantly shaped my view of the world than any other one thing I can point to, although my family has always notoriously skipped through it selecting only what we considered the best parts.
We have always used The New Haggadah. In this case, though, The New Haggadah was new in 1941. You may notice that date occurred during a particularly significant time for the Jewish people. For instance, on July 31, 1941, under instructions from Adolf Hitler, Hermann Göring ordered a general plan of the measures necessary for the Final Solution of the Jewish question be completed as soon as possible, starting the Holocaust. While Nazi crimes against the Jews had already been going on for years, Jewish Star requirements were extended to Jews in all German occupied areas in 1941. Over 33,000 Ukrainian Jews were massacred at Babi Yar. At least 3 concentration camps were opened.

Explaining why a new Haggadah was needed, a foreword section the Siegel family did not read stated, "The age-old struggle between those who cherish freedom and those who would deny it to their fellow men has become more embittered than ever. In that struggle the Jews are deeply involved. They have a great stake in the ultimate victory of the cause of freedom."

Unfortunately, the themes of tyranny and freedom which are deeply embedded in the Passover story generally, and in The New Haggadah particularly, have never been allowed to lose their relevance. The clarion call for justice of the Haggadah rings far too truly today.

As the New Haggadah says, "The victory over the first Pharaoh reminds us that the time will come when all the Pharoahs of the world will be vanquished, when right will conquer might, when God alone will rule over men, and all men will be brothers."
So, sooner than later, it will be time for the Seder. Eat your matzah ball soup, your brisket or your salmon, and your kugel. Drink your four cups of wine. Find your afikomen and welcome Elijah. But do not forget that the fight against oppression and injustice animates Pesach and should give meaning to all the days of our lives.

Save the Date: HAWL will explore Gardening on April 7. Woman's League will be sponsoring mini lectures following Shabbat Kiddush leading up to Passover beginning April 6. More to come...follow us on Facebook, through Nu News, or by joining HAWL.

Open Zoom Class on Origins of the Passover Seder

Have you ever wondered how we arrived at our current fabulous Passover Seders? Think about it! Exodus 12:11 commands the Israelites: "This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it hurriedly: it is a Passover offering to the LORD." How did we get from there to a multi-course feast reclining (or sprawled) around the dinner table?

Come online and learn for three Sundays prior to Passover: March 31, April 7, April 14 at 5pm. Find the Zoom link on our website HeskaAmuna.org. **All are welcome!**

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Heska Amuna Women's League: Celebrating the Past and Building for the Future

By: Barbara Levin and Dahlia Smith, Co-Presidents

HAWL, previously known as Sisterhood, is celebrating the synagogue restoration by contributing Judaic Shop earnings to the building project. Total funding of $40,000 will be donated with initial funding of $25,000. Our volunteers worked for years to accrue these funds. The Judaic Shop, fabulously managed many years by Melissa Sturm, is the major funding source. HAWL long ago decided earnings should "beautify the synagogue" and restoration projects certainly meet that description. Donating monies to the building enables HAWL to remember and honor the many women over the years who worked for and in the synagogue - bazaars, Israeli cafes, Purim carnivals, family events, and many kitchen hours. We will present the BIG CHECK at the Community Sedar and a memory lane of past women leaders.

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Passover

By: Raina Siroty, Rabbi Cantor

By the time you receive this bulletin, you may be saying to yourself, "Wow, I have so much time to prepare for Passover, isn't it usually in March, why so late?" The answer to that is we got to celebrate not one, but two months of Adar this year because it is a leap year! Although this year Passover starts later in the secular calendar, Passover always begins at the same time, the 15th day of Nisan.

Why does it seem that this holiday is so complicated? Because it is... we cook foods that we don't eat year-round, recipes that have been handed down from generation to generation, that take hours to prepare. What would this holiday be without your grandmother's matzah ball soup or your aunt's famous potato kugel? It also involves reading and singing songs from a wine-stained booklet that we take out of the closet once a year. At least we can enjoy the retelling of the story, rather than physically living it.

The words of the Haggadah talk about our liberation from many years of bondage. We are so fortunate, as Jews of Eastern Tennessee to have the freedom to create a seder and to remember why thousands of years ago our ancestors cried to God to be freed. We read the following words from the Haggadah each year at our Seder..." "We were slaves to Pharaoh in Egypt, and God our Lord took us out of there with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm." With the mighty voices of Moses and Aaron and the quiet strength of Nachshon, our people crossed through that sea of reeds to sing Miriam's song of freedom on the other side.

Pesach is not just about charoset and soup or baked chicken and macaroons. Pesach is about our freedom to eat these foods and tell our story, year after year. Pesach is also about remembering those who are still under bondage, whether spiritual, physical, or emotional. Let us pray that all will be free someday soon.

Happy Holidays from TBE

By: Kathy Young, President

This is a special time of the year when the 2 P's are celebrated. First Purim, with the Hamantaschen, the kids all dressed up in their costumes and the incredible carnival which draws a big crowd every year. Our religious school children represent the future of our Congregation, and it is so wonderful to see how they and their parents support these Holidays.

Passover, a month later, also highlights TBE's children. Find the afikomen, read the four questions, and eat special foods all involve the children.

I want to thank the Religious School staff, and particularly Norma and Tara, who continue to do these amazing programs with our children. A special thanks to Rabbi Siroty for her encouragement and joy in bringing our kids front and center.

Happy Holidays.

Hands on, Hearts on, Minds on Learning

By: Norma James, Temple Beth El Religious School Director

Oh. My. Goodness! There are only five sessions of Religious School left and every one of them has a special event. Don't miss a sing Sunday!

Hand and Hearts on Tikkun Olam April 7th!
TBERS has partnered with PJ Library and KJDS this year for joint programs for children in our Jewish community. Last fall we hosted B'yachad for our Jewish Book Month program last fall. In January we went to KJDS for a STEAM Festival, in February we went to the Muse for Double Leap Year. Now it is our turn to host. We will have a day of turning our hearts and our hands on the important mitzvah of repairing the world. Of course there will be prayer, songs, stories, and crafts. Best of all, we will put our words into action through projects that will help others, including a Book Drive to collect gently used books for children who do not have the blessing of a houseful of books like our children do.

Rabbi Evan Kent is our special guest at Religious School on April 14th. Who doesn't love puppets? Puppets are one of the special talents of our guest Rabbi Kent. He will put a special twist on puppet making that our students, especially our older students, will find very interesting. Of course, we won't leave our youngest students out. We have puppet making activities for them as well. It will be a sensational day!
But wait, there's more! Religious School will dismiss at 11:00 so that everyone can go to Knoshville at the AJCC. Yes, it will be an action-packed Sunday for sure.

Religious School Mock Seder on Sunday, April 21st Rabbi Siroty is totally excited about conducting our Religious School Seder this year. She has a few special things planned for us. Our Seder is one of our favorite events of the year. The students experience a real Seder, learning as we go. Of course, it is filled with songs, Passover food, and finding the afikomen. Rabbi Siroty and the Chai Experience students will lead our Seder this year. We will need many parent volunteers to help. We love to have parents watching the Seder as well. It is really a beautiful event. Look for Norma's food sign-up email!

Religious School ends May 5th with our much-awaited Pancakes and PJ's! We have waited all year for this event, and it will be fantastic. Everyone will wear your PJ's or your favorite lounging clothes and of course your fluffy slippers. Our fabulous parents will be the chefs and servers for the breakfast. There will be songs, stories, games, crazy crafts, and a wonderful family T'filah with Rabbi Siroty and Norma to end the day.

Did I say PJ? We could not have a PJ Day without PJ Library friends. There will be a PJ Library program 10:00-11:30 with little pancakes for snacks!

Thank You Everyone! I want to say a huge "Thank You" to all of you who make our Religious School a great place to be. Additional funds from Temple Beth El and Heska Amuna provide scholarships and additional financial support for our many programs. Rabbi Siroty, you hit the ground running in August and never stopped. You love our children, and they love you. We look forward to many years of learning, singing, and praying with you. I believe our staff is the best anywhere. Tara, Madison, Gina, Leah, Justen, Jesse, Maya, Lilly, Ellie, Jacob, and Jackie, you work tirelessly to make every Sunday and Wednesday a special day. Parents, you bring your children to school with a smile and return with open arms. You always answer our calls for volunteers. You trust us with your heart, your children. We consider that a sacred trust. Students, young and old, you are the reason we are here. You are our future, and we believe in you.

At TBERS, we feel our children are our future. It is our hope that we instill in our students the morals of being a mensch. Acts of kindness and respect for one another are strong components of our new Buddies program, created by Tara Bain, Assistant Religious School Director. Our younger students are paired with a Chai student to learn lessons of Jewish values by reading stories and through activities. This also provides our Chai students with a step toward being Madrichim after confirmation. TBERS – creating mensches on Sunday mornings!

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President's Message

By: Judith Rosenberg, KJA President

You might not know that KJA leads our community's collective advocacy efforts and works hard to ensure we are protected and safe. For me, the days following October 7 underscored the level of detail KJA is committed to in this work. We work quietly and consistently within our larger community and with our not-Jewish neighbors so that when a crisis occurs, not only do we know who to call, we know that they'll take our call. They will listen and they will respond.

Over the past few years, we worked to receive a federal nonprofit security grant through the Department of Homeland Security. The Jewish Federations of North America (JFNA, whose national network we are part of) started this program, advocated for it, and have brought it up to about $320 million. We are currently advocating for more. The funds Knoxville Jewish community organizations applied for – and received – from these grants went to what's called "physical hardening" – the actual hard goods that made our facilities safer. Additionally, JFNA provides free training and education to any institution seeking to improve their grant writing for these funds.

At the state level, we received a religious organization grant through the TN Department of Safety and Homeland Security. We put $10,000 of funds raised from our community into a pot with our sister Federations in Chattanooga, Nashville, and Memphis for advocacy work at the state level. Knoxville received $152,000 that went to Jewish organizations across our community. We have built and sustained these incredibly strong relationships with other Federations across Tennessee, and now we are able to coordinate and act incredibly quickly and efficiently together, when we need to. In fact, our model and our work is the envy of other states. I recently returned from a day in Nashville where we lobbied our legislators as a group, and we feel we are well- positioned to receive this funding again.

When you support the work of the KJA financially, know that you are helping ensure our community is both thriving – and safe.

My very best wishes to you and your families for a zissen Pesach – a sweet Passover!
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The KJA enhances relations locally, regionally, nationally, and internationally and serves the Jewish community in the Greater Knoxville area, in Tennessee, and throughout the World.

In January 2024, Bryan Goldberg, KJA Immediate Past President, joined more than 400 Jewish Federation Activists in Washington, D.C., to advocate for legislation that would support Israel, combat antisemitism, and help secure Jewish communities. To read more, scan the QR code.

In March 2024, the KJA met with University of Tennessee administration and wrote a letter to the House Higher Education Committee regarding concern with the legislation regarding HB 1948. The letter noted how it would negatively impact the support services available to Jewish students at UTK. The bill failed on March 4 in the Higher Education Subcommittee of Education Administration.

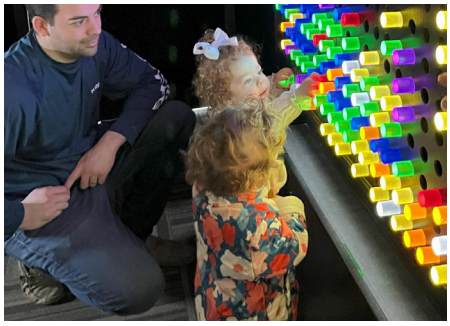
Happy Leap Years!

By: Anna Iroff-Bailey, KJA Director of Jewish Life

We are still smiling at the joy and energy of the Double Leap Year Party last week at the Muse Knoxville. It was truly heartwarming to see so many energetic kiddos and smiling parents learning, playing, and celebrating together.

Save the date for our next family engagement event, Hands and Hearts on Tikkun Olam, happening on April 7 at Temple Beth El, 3037 Kingston Pike. It's going to be a great day of study, music, and meaningful hands-on service projects, and we'd love to have you there!

Special thanks to our community partners at Knoxville Jewish Day School, PJ Library Knoxville, and Temple Beth El Religious School for planning these family engagement events. These programs are made possible through an engagement grant from PJ Library, a program of the Harold Grinspoon Foundation.



Luminous Inks Workshop

By: Shelley Mangold

Enjoying creative time together! Photo by Jared Iroff-Bailey

Enjoying creative time together! Photo by Jared Iroff-Bailey

Using straws to create patterns.

For two Sundays in January and February, eight adult students and I enjoyed a fast-paced, hands-on workshop at the AJCC. They experimented to see what the alcohol inks and rubbing alcohol can do on Yupo "paper" and other non-porous surfaces. I demonstrated and shared several original works showcasing various painting techniques to both returning students and first timers.

Zentangle® with Amy Broady

By: Anna Iroff-Bailey, KJA Director of Jewish Life

Amy Broady, a Certified Zentangle Teacher, offered two classes in this relaxing, meditative drawing method at the AJCC in February and March. Students created beautiful pen and ink drawings based on repetitive structured patterns called "tangles". Amy taught us that there are no mistakes and no erasers. Just like in life, any misstep or unintentional pen stroke is just something that we have to accept and find a way to weave into the bigger picture. Check her out at Pen and Path Studio – or as the art specialist at Knoxville Jewish Day School!

Each student created a tile that we used to form a class mosaic.

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Your Campaign Dollars at Work.....

By: Renee' Hyatt, VP Campaign

Bailey Shams, Class of 2025, is the current Hillel President. She wanted to share what being involved in Hillel at the University of Tennessee means to her.

"The University of Tennessee has felt like home to me for the past three years, and a massive part of that has been thanks to our Hillel and the people in it who make it so great. I have been on the Hillel board for 2 ½ years. Truly, I have found my second home and some of my best friends here. My time spent and memories made are irreplaceable, and I hope to have the same impact on future UTK students of Hillel."

Hillel at UTK focuses on serving undergraduates by providing a Jewish home-away from home and helping them explore and develop their Jewish identity. The Knoxville Jewish Alliance supplies the majority of the financial support for Hillel at UTK which includes the salary of the Hillel Director, Tara Bain, and materials for programming. By making a pledge to the Knoxville Jewish Alliance Campaign, you are connecting with more than 60 Jewish students from across Tennessee and the USA.

Make your pledge **today** to support Hillel at UTK as well as the numerous other KJA programs by:

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President's Thoughts

By: Barbara Mintz, Hadassah Knoxville-Oak Ridge President

Hadassah's medical services have been recognized in several spectacular ways worldwide. I want to point out two of them that are very current and reported in 2023.

Newsweek has included Hadassah Ein Kerem, located in Jerusalem, on its list of the world's best "smart" hospitals for 2023. According to the magazine "The hospitals that appear on the list of the "smartest" in the world are the ones that make the most correct and efficient use of the most advanced technologies. The world's best smart hospitals rank medical centers in twenty-eight countries, leading in their use of artificial intelligence, digital imaging telemedicine, robotics, and electronics functions."

On January 11, the Genesis Prize---aka the "Jewish Nobel Prize" announced its recipients including Hadassah, the Hadassah Medical Organization, and Hadassah International. As soon as bombs started dropping on Ukraine, Hadassah, the Hadassah Medical Organization and Hadassah International together sent the first hospital shipments of humanitarian supplies to refugees. Hadassah instantly sent 15 medical delegations to the Poland/Ukraine border and set up three separate clinics. They brought their expertise in dealing with mass casualties and trauma response where it was desperately needed, and they stayed for five months. Organizations including World Health Organization and Doctors Without Borders have been singing their praises for their extensive and ongoing support and assistance. Hadassah donors raised $1.7 million to make this humanitarian aid possible. In addition, over fifty young refugees were given new homes in Youth Aliyah villages in Israel.

Hadassah is not just a few hospitals in Israel. It truly helps save the world. Please take a look at hadassah.org to learn more about this incredible organization. For local information feel free to contact me. Barbara@bmintz.com

Hadassah Takes Action on Sexual Harassment

By: Barbara Mintz, Hadassah Knoxville-Oak Ridge President

"It's time to speak out louder than ever for the women and girls who were brutally raped and mutilated on October 7 by Hamas terrorists, who used premeditated mass sexual violence and torture as a weapon of war and who continue to sexually abuse the hostages — women and men — they are holding in captivity," said our new National President, Carol Ann Schwartz.

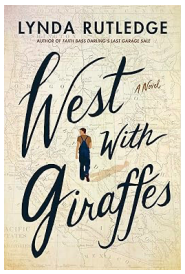
Hadassah has been a voice for action for months, and Hadassah is asking members and supporters to be a part of END THE SILENCE the global campaign to speak out, raise awareness, and demand justice.

As part of the campaign, petitions will be sent to the UN Secretary-General from grassroots activists around the world, amplifying our calls for the UN to speak out about these war crimes, pursue an independent, trauma-informed, unbiased investigation, and seek justice for the victims. They are also working on Capitol Hill including a just held congressional roundtable. They will have launched #EndTheSilence and their new website on social medial in February where you can gain information and get involved.

Hadassah wants to hold Hamas accountable and show the world that rape must never be used as a weapon of war. Not in Israel. Not in Gaza. Not in Ukraine, Ethiopia, Rwanda, or Bosnia. Not anywhere.

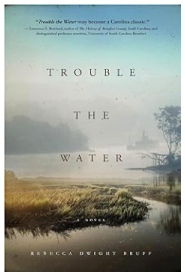
Hadassah Knoxville-Oak Ridge Book Club News

By: Rhonda Sternfels, Book Club Co-Chair



The books and discussions we have are always informative, fun, and exciting.
We welcome you to participate in our Hadassah Book Club meetings, at 7:30p.m, the third Tuesday of every month, Zoom only format, even if you do not read the book.

April 16 - West with Giraffes by Lynda Rutledge Host- Peggy Littmann
Woodrow Wilson Nickel, age 105, feels his life ebbing away. But when he learns giraffes are going extinct, he finds himself recalling the unforgettable experience he cannot take to his grave. An incredible true story of two giraffes who made headlines and won the hearts of Depression-era America.



May 21- Trouble the Water by Rebecca Bruff Host- Barbara Mintz
Real life story of Robert Smalls, born enslaved before the Civil War. When he was twelve, he was put to work loading ships and learning to pilot a cotton steamer. When war begins and his steamer becomes a Confederate warship, Robert attempts a harrowing escape to freedom.

Please contact Rhonda Sternfels resternfels@comcast.net or call: 865-607-8863 if you have any questions, feedback, or want your name and email added to our list of book club members.

Hadassah Knoxville-Oak Ridge Silent Auction Thanks

By: Jill Weinstein

We had a mini silent auction in conjunction with the Hadassah Knoxville-Oak Ridge HMO luncheon.
Adam Rowe donated his original artwork used for the 2023 Hadassah Membership Directory Shopping Guide & Datebook. We thank Adam for creating this special piece in honor of Israel's 75th Diamond Anniversary. Markmans donated a beautiful Evocateur 1.5-inch cuff bracelet with hand-applied 22k gold leaf. Radio Systems Corporation donated assorted dog and cat products. All items generated significant funds that will support Hadassah projects in Israel.

Thank you to our generous sponsors and to our winning donors.

Trees for Israel

By: Laura Floyd

Do you know what Israel always needs? Trees. Give someone you love a JNF Tree Certificate from Hadassah. This will also be a gift to Israel and the Earth. These certificates are $18.00 and for each certificate purchased, a tree will be planted in Israel. I remember how excited and proud I was as a child in religious school to buy a tree in honor of my grandmother, Anna z"l and know there was going to be a tree in Israel with her name on it. Jewish National Fund has planted more than 260 million trees all over Israel, and Israel is the only country in the world that has more trees now than it had 50 years ago. Now that is a breath of fresh air! Tree certificates make excellent wedding, B'nai Mitzvah, and birthday gifts. Won't you consider helping the Earth breathe a little easier by purchasing a Tree Certificate from Hadassah?

Peggy Littmann is our contact for these certificates, and she can be reached by email at plittmann@comcast.net.

CHINESE- Asian Twist Potluck and Havdalah

By: Andrea Cone

We could not have had a more wonderful large turnout of long time, new and prospective Hadassah Members, at our Chinese-Asian Twist Potluck and Havdalah new, and prospective Hadassah Members, at our Chinese-Asian Twist Potluck and Havdalah, done the Hadassah way, if it were not for our host Peggy Littmann. Peggy and Mark opened their home on Saturday, February 10, 2024. A huge thank you to all who attended this program with all the delicious and creative Chinese / Asian dishes to share, as well as appetizers and desserts that were BEYONG YUMMY.

Barbara, Chapter President, enlightened us with the newest information of the happenings at Hadassah Hospitals. Our VP of Education, Shuli warmed us at the end of Shabbat with a beautiful Havdalah service. Eilene Nober (part of our program committee) spoke about the Jews in China, her visit to China and how far back Jews were part of the Chinese Culture. Eilene also spoke about a book that our Hadassah Book Club had read that led us to this discussion.

Thank you to our Program Committee who has been working extremely hard to bring fun and exciting programs your way. Come join our committee and bring all your fresh ideas, programs, and event ideas. **Contact Andrea: hadassahknoxvileac@gmail.com.**

If you missed this wonderful international program on China, set your calendar to attend the next social gathering. **Saturday, May 4th " Cuatro De Mayo, 7-9 pm. "JEWS IN MEXICO"**

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Transformational Philanthropy Happens...How about in Knoxville?

By Stephen Rosen

I'll define Transformational Philanthropy as being when one person, one family or a group of people take it upon themselves to make an investment that creates situational change. Ruth Gottesman is a great example of someone who fits this description. Ruth was a longtime professor at Albert Einstein College of Medicine, the medical school of Yeshiva University in New York City. She focused on learning disabilities, developed screening tests and ran literacy programs. Her husband, Sandy, ran First Manhattan, an investment firm in the city. Sandy had a good friend from the Midwest and made an early investment in his company. Yep, Warren Buffett and Berkshire Hathaway. After Sandy's passing, Ruth thought it was a good idea to convert his insightful investment into her insightful investment. She gave a billion dollars to her favorite medical school for the purpose of eliminating tuition. She saw transformational change in allowing doctors to begin their careers without medical school debt. She also hoped it would broaden the student body to include people who could not otherwise afford to go to medical school. Anyone in Knoxville want to write their own Book of Ruth?

If you have interest in transformational change, please discuss it with Stephen or Laura.

KJCFF ALERT – Fund for Hillel at UT Knoxville Update

By Karen Ferency

We re-run this article as we are in talks to start a fund. If you have interest in this project, please contact Stephen or Laura now.

Recently I took on the role of KJA's VP of Jewish Community Services which includes Hillel at the University of Tennessee. The very first thing I did in the position was meet with Tara Bain, the compassionate and dedicated Hillel Director, to learn more. Throughout our conversation I kept circling back to one question: Why does Hillel at UTK not have a fund through Knoxville Jewish Community Family of Funds? Solely operated by the Knoxville Jewish Alliance, Hillel at UTK is majority funded through KJA's annual campaign with programming support from the Jewish Foundation of Nashville and grants and fundraising efforts through Hillel International. And while Tara's and KJA's relationships with UTK are strong, the University does not provide financial support to UTK Hillel. With the expansion and reputation growth of the University of Tennessee and the present necessity of supporting our local Jewish institutions, now is the time to plan for the future. We need an endowment to ensure a vibrant Jewish presence at Rocky Top. Hillel at UTK provides support, organization, engagement, and community to all Jewish Vols. At Hillel, students explore and embrace Jewish life, develop identities that encompass Jewish learning and values, and gain valuable leadership experiences. Let's secure this greatness for the forthcoming generations of Jewish Vols.

If you have question about how KJA serves our local Jewish university students, please contact Karen at jcsvp@jewishknoxville.org. If you would like to be a Vol for Life and start a fund in Big Orange Country, contact Stephen.

BREAKING NEWS.... KJCFF now accepts online donations for all of our funds!

You can find our link at www.jewishknoxville.org/kjcff, or at the KJA website under the header "Jewish Knoxville"

Connected. Jewish and Proud.

By: Rabbi Yossi Wilhelm

In today's world climate it is so important for us all to reach deep and connect so that we feel a sense of pride and meaning in our Judaism. This month we'll highlight a few of the opportunities for our community to connect.

Bat Mitzvah Club:
Community Bat Mitzvah age girls enjoy monthly gatherings as they study famous Jewish women from our history, learning about their heritage and considering the lessons they can take for their lives today.

Cteen International Shabbaton:
Our Cteen group meets locally for regular programming, enjoying Shabbat dinners and celebrating Jewish holidays. This year 8 teens joined Rabbi Mendel and Mimi for an exhilarating and inspiring weekend in NYC joining thousands of Jewish teens at the Cteen Shabbaton. Hear from them what some of their highlights were:
My favorite part of this year's Shabbaton was definitely getting to meet so many amazing people. I've made some of my closest friends through this trip. - Lia

It was truly such an amazing and unforgettable experience. Being in the same room with so many who identify as Jewish, the same way as me was unreal. Just walking around on Shabbat and everyone saying Shabbat Shalom was really amazing!! - Abigail

What I loved most about the Shabbaton was celebrating my Jewish pride alongside other teens in Times Square. I felt such a strong sense of unity singing about how proud we are to be Jewish. - Headen

I loved meeting new Jewish friends, thousands of them. at the speed-friend event. - Liam

My highlight was meeting my friends from last year and meeting new friends. I love Times Square - the joy and thrill of so many Jewish people dancing and singing together enjoying our Judaism. - Elaina

Monday Morning Minyan: Every Monday men gather at Chabad for the Monday Morning meeting. Thanks to a recommendation from Jeff Hecht the minyan now enjoys a delicious kosher breakfast prepared by Yasmin's Kitchen. The Minyan is an opportunity for spiritual connection and personal connection.

Monthly Community Shabbat:
In memory of community member Vanessa Landua's brother, Ezra Mordechai Landua O.B.M., Chabad now hosts a monthly Community Shabbat. Whether you come for the kiddush, the community, the prayers, Miriam Esther's Challah, the kids program or the Rabbi's inspiring words we are delighted to have you join the warm and welcoming Shul community. Upcoming Dates: April 13, May 11, June 8.

Family Holiday Programming: For Purim we'll celebrate 60's style, for Passover we'll host our community Seder on the first night of Pesach and for Shavuot come join us for a dairy feast as we read the ten commandments from the Torah commemorating the giving of the Torah at Mt. Sinai. Wednesday, June 12th at 5pm.

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In the Passover tradition

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Jewish Congregation of Oak Ridge (JCOR)

101 Madison Lane, Oak Ridge

Sunday, May 5th, 2024

3:00 PM – 4:00 PM

In the JCOR Sanctuary and On Zoom

Candle lighting ceremony

Readings, Songs, and Prayers

City Proclamation

Closing Speaker, Sheila Morton, ORHS Teacher, Holocaust and Human Behavior

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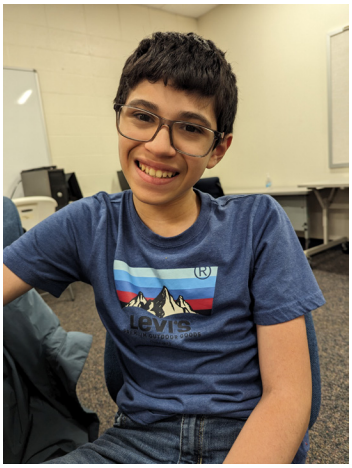
Rabbi's office hours are by appointment Tue-Fri, call 865-483-3581 or
Drop-in at JCOR Tuesday 4-6 PM and Wednesday at Calamity's Coffee 10AM-Noon

Mesa B'nei Mitzvah May 25th

Evyn Rose Mesa



Elijah Rain Mesa

The Mesa family invites you to join them for the B'nei Mitzvah.

Jewish Congregation of Oak Ridge is pleased to announce the B'nei Mitzvah of Evyn Rose and Elijah Rain Mesa on May 25th, 2024-17th Iyar 5784. The Torah portion of Shabbat Behar speaks of the jubilee year and the importance of agriculture and how to take care of the land as well as indentured servitude. Their D'var Torah will touch upon this and several other unique aspects found in their portion. Evyn will chant the Maftir and Haftorah as well as lead services.

As part of Evyn's Bat Mitzvah project, we are collecting art supplies for Israel's Art for Hearts Program for the displaced Israeli citizens located in numerous hotels throughout the country. Within the hotels, most are without creative outlets during these trying times and providing them the necessary tools to freely and artistically express themselves allows them a therapeutic and healing output. Art is an important and necessary media for this very reason. It's both a way to express one's true self in unique ways that words simply cannot but it is also a way to heal oneself.

Evyn is a sophomore at Karns High School where she is working on the AP Capstone and is in the Art and Humanities Academy. Her focus is 2D Art where she has won several accolades including winning 3rd place in the Knox County Fair for 9th grade. Her piece is currently displayed in the high school library. Evyn also loves writing and participated in the Brian Conley Young Writers Institute 2024 at UTK. Evyn is in the National Art Society and National Honors Society and is active in the Gay Straight Alliance, Art Club, and Books and Banter Club. As a 15 year old in Mexican culture, females celebrate a Quinceañera. Evyn will be merging her cultural and religious worlds on this very special Shabbat.
Elijah is a seventh grader at Karns Middle School. Elijah's favorite subject is social studies. His interests include virtual reality gaming, Legos, and Orca whales. Elijah attends therapy at the Speech and Hearing Clinic at UTK and Methodist Therapy where he is steadily excelling. As an individual with Autism Spectrum Disorder, Apraxia, Dyslexia, and other learning disabilities, Elijah has worked diligently to chant his Aliyah blessing for when he is called to the Torah.

Elijah's Bar Mitzvah project is collecting funds for Alut, the Israeli society for children and adults with Autism. To find out more about this amazing community, please visit www.alutfriends.org.

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April 12

Marion Andrews • Samuel Arbital • Barry Austern • Harry Blatt • Irene Blatt • Russell Concors • William Cramer • Sesto Del Moro • Dinah Feldman • Bruce Fishler • Michael Fox • Freida Freedman • Sarah Goldfarb • Nannette Hyatt • Walter James • Marvin Kaplan • Abe Katz • Charlotte Kayser • Julian Lewis • Golda Margolies • Rebecca Mendelowitz • Jean Hiller Millis • Berta Moss • Lucien Oury • Donald Pardee • Mitchell Plachter • Dorothy Salus • Allen Scheff • Morris Siegel • Bernice Soss • Natalie Zivi

April 19

Infant Altshuler • Rosa Deitch • Marjorie Evans • Blanche Farmer • Harvey Golden • Rita Kelleher • Bruce Leimsidor • Arthur Marchand • Evelyn Nash • Joan Porter • Louis Sturm • Mildred Wohl • Shirley Wolfenhaut

April 26

Rae Allen • David Baker • Ruth Block • Robert Brody • William Derrington • John Elston • Sylvain Fribourg • Seymour Gassel • Trena Goldberg • Mayme Goodfriend • Bessie Green • Richard Johnson • Sidney Katz • Allen Kravitz • Bertram Raskin • Louis Sackron • Naum Safro

May 3

Joseph Ades • David Bush • Jeff Cox • Mary Dees • Abraham Factor • Dorothy Goldberger • Joseph Goldman • Mary Hepworth • Mathilde Levi • Joseph Levitt, Sr. • Beverly Simon • Mark Simon • Edmond Tucker • Rose West

May 10

Flora Brody • Arthur Factor • Morris Goldfarb • Shirlie Goodfriend • Joseph Harris • David Koffman • Fannie Kreisberg • Robert Lewis • Hannah Licht • Eva Monina • Rivkah Ovits • Gilbert Parish • Hartley Polasky • Ruth Sherrill • Carl Silver • N. George Tucker • Nick Wadsworth • Harry Walowitz • Bess Zipser

March 15

Anna Kolodkin Bush • Richard Davis • Mark Eisenstadt • Morris Friedman • Jacob Katz • Germain Kern • Leopold Levi • J.R. Miller • Bertha Oleinik • Arthur Pasternak • Jessica Hiller Rosenthal • Fe Serrato • Faye Wansker

May 17

Joice Brown • Verne Canner • Saralee Cohn • Margaret Crohn • Lucie Fribourg • Hymen Kern • Manuel Leimsidor • Marjorie Pardee • Gertie Parelli • Ethel Rosenberg • Sheldon Rosenberg • Rifka Weinamer • Cecelia Zimmerman

May 24

Lawrence Allen • Dan Altshuler • Althea Brakebill • Louis Brenner • Andrew Caylor • Yefim Gutman • Sam Kadison • Anny Marx • Jakob Marx • Frances Patton • David Prial • Minnie Victor

May 31

Uriel Alayev • Katherine Caller • Cecile Feinberg • Florence Gluck • Harry Goldberger • Alexander Gompertz • Carolyn Greif • Rose Gudis • Mary Haller • E. Max Kesselman • Maurice Konigsberg• Stephen Lieberman • Friedel Nash • Frederick Otte • Harold Pomerantz • Joseph Sandberg • Nathan Smith • Harvey Smuckler • Katherine Soss • Charles Strasburger • Annie Taylor • Sanford Weinstein • Flint Wolf • Jasper Wolf • Esther Yadgaroff

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April 6

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April 13

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April 20

Luna Anidjar · Rose Belaiefm · Ben Bernstein · Sylvia Blumenthal · Molly Chazen · Infant Euster · Isadore Ginsburg · Bessie Green · Jeanine Gross · Dale Hasden · David Hecht · Arthur Jay · Esther Kimerling · Samuel Levy · Ronald Rosenblatt · Yetta Rosenfield · Gertrude Roth · Abraham Scott · Phillip Slusher

April 27

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May 4

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May 11

Sarita Adler · Gary Anderson · Gordon Dischler · Anne Ehrenshaft · Molly Fayonsky · Rosa Frumin · Mindy Goldberg · Marilyn Greenfield · Israel Gruenberg · Bert Gurwitch · Charlotte Kayser · Nicholas Kutsubos · Sarah Lipshin · Celia Lipson · Ada Manas · Margaret Miner · Alegra Pasaris · Esther M. Rosen · Allen Rosen · Mildred Rosenblatt · Rose Rosenthal · Morris Ross · Rose Sherman · Tillie Slovis · Mariam Stein

May 18

Gerd Abeles · Marilyn Abrams · Bernard Belaief · Joseph Bernard · Samuel Billig · Charlotte Cooper · Marilyn Cornez · Rose Dischler · Anna Gitman · Bertha Hoor · Lionel Kay · Fannie Leibowitz · Rabbi Isaac Levin · Ella Levison · Bessie Millen · Ruth Oleshansky · Abraham Radlaski · Celia Rosenblatt · Abraham Schorr · Frieda Schwarzbart · Selma Smullian

March 23

Edith Ross · Sol Foster · Shirlee Eisenberg · Annie Green · Lucille Bruskin · Marvin Hecht

May 25

Pearl Austin · Paul Cawn · Isaac Cooper · Stanley Duhan · Ruby Euster · Freda Friedman · Max Friedman · Howard Greenbaum · Flora Hasden · Harriett Herbin · Sidney Licht · Bryan Merrell · Esther Millen · Tybee Millner · Hyman Raskin · William Russler · Joseph Sherman · Charles Siegal · Lottie Siegel · Pauline Viener

The Barbara Winick Bernstein Archives of the Jewish Community of Knoxville and East Tennessee

The Way We Were in the 1920's

An Outing in the Smokies

This group of friends spent time socializing in the Smokies. Left to right, back row: Rose **Bresoff**, unknown man with bow tie, unknown second man, Mary **Lippner**, Harry **Lavine**, Clara **Katz**; front row: Lou **Slovis**, Ben **Winick**.

Rose **Bresoff** and Harry **Busch** were married in September of 1924. Harry **Lavine** and Jean Goldie **Jacoby** were married in May of 1926. Lou **Slovis** and Eva **Blumberg** married in January of 1927; and Clara **Katz** and Ben **Winick** married in August 1927.

Family members living in Knoxville include: Barbara **Winick Bernstein**, daughter of Clara **Katz Winick** and Ben **Winick**; Arnold **Cohen**, grandson of Rose **Bresoff Busch's** sister, Ida Bresoff **Glazer**; and Doug and Jeff **Weinstein**, grandsons of Harry **Lavine's** sister, Gert **Lavine Weinstein**, after whom the local BBG chapter is named.

Lifetime Knoxville residents Marilyn **Slovis Cohen Presser** (z"l) and Norbert **Slovis** (z"l) were the children of Lou Slovis and Eva Blumberg **Slovis**.

Thanks to Barbara **Bernstein** for donating this photograph and identifying nearly everyone.

If anyone recognizes either of the two unidentified men in the photo, or knows more about this group or outing, please contact the Archivist at archives@jewishknoxville.org.

The Archives needs your photographs! Send your photos of "The Way We Were" (identifying who, what, when, where) to archives@jewishknoxville.org, or contact the archivist at (865) 690-6343.

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