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www.hadassah.org/chapter/knoxville

Heska Amuna Synagogue (Conservative)
www.heskaamuna.org

Jewish Congregation of Oak Ridge
www.jcortn.org

Knoxville Jewish Alliance & Arnstein Jewish Community Center
www.jewishknoxville.org

Stanford Eisenberg Knoxville Jewish Day School
www.kjds.org

Temple Beth El (Reform)
www.tbeknox.org

KEY: HA = Heska Amuna, JCOR = Jewish Congregation of Oak Ridge, KJA = Knoxville Jewish Alliance, KJDS = Stanford Eisenberg Knoxville Jewish Day School, JFS = Jewish Family Services, TBE = Temple Beth El

April 2025 Community Calendar

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| <p>THURSDAY, APRIL 3
6:00P Emerging Voices in Jewish Studies:
Chumie Juni - UTK Judaic Studies</p> <p>FRIDAY, APRIL 4
7:42P <i>Candle Lighting</i>
4:30P JFS Shabbat - KJA</p> <p>SATURDAY, APRIL 5
8:40P <i>Havdalah</i>
10:30A Ely Sadovnik Bar Mitzvah - TBE</p> <p>SUNDAY, APRIL 6
12:30P Women's Chocolate Seder - HAD
1:00P Family Education: Passover - JCOR & PJ Library</p> <p>TUESDAY, APRIL 8
2:30P Lunch & Learn with TN Holocaust Commission & Michael Berenbaum - TBE & KJA</p> <p>WEDNESDAY, APRIL 9
6:00P Emerging Voices in Jewish Studies:
Eli Rosenblatt - UTK Judaic Studies</p> <p>FRIDAY, APRIL 11
7:48P <i>Candle Lighting</i></p> <p>SATURDAY, APRIL 12
Erev Passover
8:47P Havdalah</p> | <p>SUNDAY, APRIL 13
Passover
8:47P Candle Lighting
6:00P Second Night Seder - TBE</p> <p>MONDAY, APRIL 14
Passover
8:48P Havdalah</p> <p>TUESDAY, APRIL 15
Passover
7:30P Book Club on Zoom - HAD</p> <p>WEDNESDAY, APRIL 16
Passover</p> <p>THURSDAY, APRIL 17
Passover</p> <p>FRIDAY, APRIL 18
Passover
7:54P Candle Lighting</p> <p>SATURDAY, APRIL 19
Passover
8:53P Candle Lighting</p> <p>SUNDAY, APRIL 20
Passover
8:54P Havdalah</p> | <p>TUESDAY, APRIL 22
7:00P JFS: Life Transitions with Brandon Cantor - KJA</p> <p>WEDNESDAY, APRIL 23
12:00P Learn & Live: Shinshinim Presentation - KJA</p> <p>THURSDAY, APRIL 24
Yom HaShoah</p> <p>FRIDAY, APRIL 25
8:00P <i>Candle Lighting</i></p> <p>SATURDAY, APRIL 26
9:00P <i>Havdalah</i></p> <p>SUNDAY, APRIL 27
11:00A Plant Swap - HAD</p> <p>MONDAY, APRIL 28
6:00P Yom HaShoah with Rabbi Schifitan - KJA</p> <p>WEDNESDAY, APRIL 30
Yom HaZikaron</p> <p>THURSDAY, APRIL 27
5:00P Art Gala - Preschool at AJCC</p> <p>FRIDAY, APRIL 28
6:12P <i>Candle Lighting</i>
9:30A Kinder & Kin - KJDS</p> |
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May 2025 Community Calendar

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| <p>THURSDAY, MAY 1
Yom HaAtzma'ut
TBD Blue & White Party - UTK Judaic Studies & Hebrew Program</p> <p>FRIDAY, MAY 2
8:06P <i>Candle Lighting</i>
4:30P JFS Shabbat - KJA</p> <p>SATURDAY, MAY 3
9:06P <i>Havdalah</i></p> <p>SUNDAY, MAY 4
11:00A Knoshville - Jewish Community</p> <p>FRIDAY, MAY 9
8:12P <i>Candle Lighting</i>
TBD IPEG Family Shabbat - PJ Library, KJDS, & TBE Religious School</p> <p>SATURDAY, MAY 10
9:13P <i>Havdalah</i></p> | <p>WEDNESDAY, MAY 14
7:00P Annual Meeting - TBE</p> <p>FRIDAY, MAY 16
Lag B'Omer
8:17P <i>Candle Lighting</i></p> <p>SATURDAY, MAY 17
9:20P <i>Havdalah</i>
10:30A Sally Tumpson Bat Mitzvah</p> <p>SUNDAY, MAY 18
1:00P Family Education Day - JCOR & PJ Library</p> <p>TUESDAY, MAY 20
7:30P Book Club on Zoom - HAD</p> <p>TUESDAY, MAY 21
12:00P Learn & Live - KJA</p> <p>FRIDAY, MAY 23
8:23P <i>Candle Lighting</i></p> | <p>SATURDAY, MAY 24
9:26P <i>Havdalah</i>
Pool Opening - AJCC</p> <p>SUNDAY, MAY 25
11:00A Plant Swap - HAD</p> <p>MONDAY, MAY 26
Memorial Day at the Pool - AJCC
6:00P Yom HaShoah with Rabbi Shifitan - KJA</p> <p>FRIDAY, MAY 30
8:28P <i>Candle Lighting</i>
7:00P Confirmation Shabbat - TBE</p> <p>SATURDAY, MAY 31
9:31P <i>Havdalah</i></p> <p>THURSDAY, MAY 27
5:00P Art Gala - Preschool at AJCC</p> <p>FRIDAY, MAY 28
6:12P <i>Candle Lighting</i>
9:30A Kinder & Kin - KJDS</p> |
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Calendar Highlights

KJDS

www.kjds.org

Violins of Hope Performance on April 8 | Exhibit March 5 - April 9 • 7:00 PM
at Performances at Tennessee Theatre • Exhibit at Digital Motif at 108 S Gay Street

KJDS is honored to bring Violins of Hope: Strings of the Holocaust to Knoxville. Violins of Hope is a collection of over 50 restored violins that were played by Jewish musicians during the Holocaust. The Violins of Hope project will feature performances, exhibitions, and educational programs that celebrate the enduring power of music and the human spirit.

Contact Miriam Esther Wilhelm • me@kjds.org • 865-560-9922

Heska Amuna Synagogue

www.HeskaAmuna.org

Second Night Community Seder Sunday, April 13 • 5-7 pm Heska Amuna Synagogue

Led by Rabbi Adam Rosenbaum, Rabbi Shush Carson, Moses, Miriam, and....Everyone is welcome to join us for our very family friendly (and delicious) Passover seder. Reservations are required by April 1. Go to HeskaAmuna.org to reserve a seat at our table.

Contact Mary Ann Merrell • RRS@heskaamuna.org

Jewish Congregation of Oak Ridge

www.jcortn.org

Holocaust Remembrance Program Sunday, April 27th • 3-4 PM at JCOR

Our Holocaust Remembrance Program will be held at the Jewish Congregation of Oak Ridge on Sunday, April 27th from 3:00 PM to 4:00 PM. The Unitarian Universalist Church (ORUUC) Choir, students from JCOR and ORHS, and Oak Ridge City Council will all be represented at the community Holocaust Remembrance Program. The Program will include a candle lighting ceremony, songs, readings, prayers, and Benno Kimmelman, son of Mira and Max Kimmelman, as the closing speaker.

Contact Ronnie Bogard • events@jcor.info

Knoxville Jewish Alliance

www.jewishknoxville.org

Yom HaShoah: Rabbi Mark Schiftan Shares a Family Story
April 28 • 6:00pm East Tennessee History Center (601 S Gay St)

The entire community is invited to commemorate Yom HaShoah (Holocaust Remembrance Day) with a candle-lighting ceremony and guest speaker Rabbi Mark Schiftan as he retells his mother's personal story as a Holocaust survivor and refugee. Attendees will also have the opportunity to explore the exhibit The World Knew: Jan Karski's Mission for Humanity, on loan from the Jan Karski Educational Foundation and on display for the month of April. This program and exhibit are presented in partnership with the Tennessee Holocaust Commission and the East Tennessee Historical Society.

Contact Tara Bain • tbain@jewishknoxville.org, 865-690-6343

For the most updated community calendar, including services, ongoing classes, and programs, please visit www.jewishknoxville.org/calendar or scan the QR code.



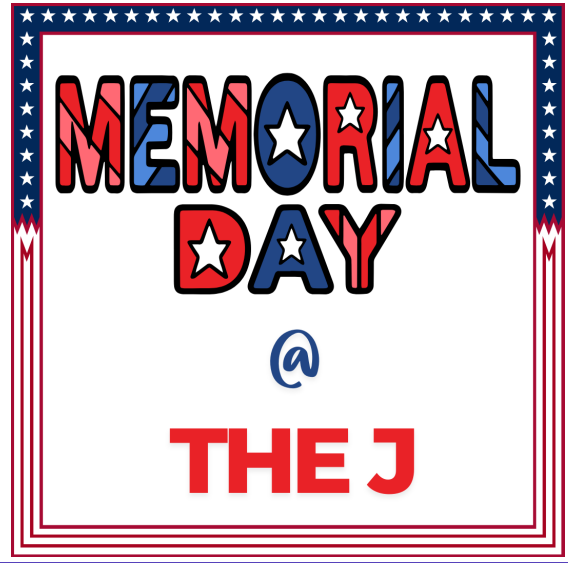
Pool Opens

The Allen Rosen Aquatic Center opens on Saturday, May 24!



Memorial Day Pool Party

Monday, May 26. Time TBD. Check out KJA Connection and the Calendar page for more information.



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Passover

By: Raina Siroty, Rabbi Cantor

The Passover seder. Some people celebrate have one seder, others may attend two, or even more. You may have grown up using the Maxwell House Haggadah, The New Union Haggadah, or recently, one that you can create yourself on haggadot.com. Like Haggadot, Passover traditions can vary widely, and some unique or unusual customs stand out due to their distinctiveness or deep historical roots. Here are a few of the more unconventional Passover traditions observed in different Jewish communities around the world:

In some parts of Poland, it's customary to hold a large communal bonfire to burn chametz, or all your leavened bread before Passover begins. This practice has become a social event. The flames symbolize the removal of chametz from one's life, and people would bring their old bread and other leavened goods to burn, even if they had already been cleared from the home.

In Morocco, the custom of dipping karpas, the parsley into saltwater has taken on a new meaning. Children are told that saltwater has magical properties, allowing it to heal illnesses or protect them from bad luck. The tradition is more than a symbolic gesture; it's also believed to bring a form of blessing or divine protection for the year ahead. In Iraqi Jewish tradition, instead of just dipping the maror into saltwater, they may dip the herbs into honey. This bizarre twist symbolically contrasts the bitterness of slavery with the sweetness of freedom.

In Yemenite Jewish tradition, an unusual practice involves hiding the afikoman—in a very creative way. Instead of just hiding it somewhere at the Seder table for children to find, the afikoman may be hidden in unusual places, like in a loaf of bread or even in the sleeves of the youngest child. It is then held for ransom and is paid by the highest bidder for its return to the table.

Afghan Jews have a Passover tradition involving the egg on the seder plate, they boil the egg and then paint it in bright colors, like Easter eggs. The egg is placed on the Seder plate, which certainly makes the seder plate more colorful. In parts of Russia, there was a unique game during the Seder where the children might "race" to finish drinking their four cups of wine. Each cup was accompanied by a question or riddle that needed to be answered before the

wine could be consumed. The child who finished first—or answered the riddle correctly—could win a small prize. While these traditions may seem unusual or unfamiliar to some, they reflect the diverse and rich history of Jewish communities and their ability to adapt ancient rituals to their local cultures. Each of these customs adds a unique flair to the celebration of Passover, showing how this central holiday can be personalized in creative ways. Wishing everyone a zissen Pesach!

Temple Beth El
2nd Night Seder
Sunday, April 13th
6 pm

- * gefilte fish with horseradish
- * moroccan chicken * beef brisket
- * potato kugel * roasted root vegetables
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Hands on, Hearts on, Minds on Learning

By: Norma James, Temple Beth El Religious School Director

Ely Sadovnik will become a Bar Mitzvah on Saturday, April 5th. (See below)

Sally Tumpson will become a Bat Mitzvah on Saturday, May 17th. (See page 11)

Religious School Mock Seder on Sunday, April 6th Rabbi Siroty is ready to conduct her second Religious School Seder this year. She always has special touches to add to our celebration. 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. It is a wonderful way for parents to learn about how to do a Seder. 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!

Passover Break: There will be no Religious School or Midweek Hebrew Sunday, April 13 through Sunday, April 20th.

Religious School ends May 5th with a celebration of a great year! We will have a day of great activities

for our students as we end our school year. While we are busy with our last day, our Sisterhood moms and friends will be in the kitchen baking homemade bagels! These bagels will be for sale at the end of the day. Religious School will dismiss early so that everyone can attend Knoshville.

Confirmation is Friday, May 30th. Rabbi Siroty has a wonderful group of Confirmation students this year. She has enjoyed preparing them for their Confirmation service this month. Josh Brunell, Michael Fox, Karl James, Jason Pasternak, and Zach Rosenbaum will be our Confirmands. They have studied with Rabbi Siroty all year. We hope you will all join us for our Shabbat Confirmation service.

"Thank You" to all the parents and staff who make our Religious School a great place to be. We appreciate the financial support of Temple Beth El and Heska Amuna. Rabbi Siroty you are a star, and we could not do this without you. Noa and Tsur, our fantastic Shinshinim, you have taught us so much this year. We will miss you so much. Best wishes on your future plans and safe travels back home.

Ely Page Sadovnik to Become Bar Mitzvah

Ely Page Sadovnik will be called to the Torah on April 5th, 2025. Ely is a 7th grader at Bearden Middle School. He is the son of Amir Sadovnik and Margaret Page and the brother of Maya. Ely's current passions include playing soccer as often as possible, ideally 6 days a week and playing bass guitar in a band. For his Mitzvah project Ely is planning to share his soccer passion with athletes with children with special needs by volunteering at TOPSoccer, which is a community-based soccer program for athletes with disabilities. He also loves to travel, laughing with his sister, skiing, and recently learned to surf. He embraces life with enthusiasm. Ely is even enjoying school, especially algebra!



Sally Tumpson to Become Bat Mitzvah

Sally Tumpson will be called to the Torah on May 17, 2025. Sally is a 7th grader at South Doyle Middle School. She is the daughter of Linnette and Toby Tumpson and the sister of Sydney and Sophia. Sally's current passions include playing basketball as often as possible, ideally 8 days a week. She loves to travel, laughing with her sisters and, did I mention, playing basketball? She embraces life with enthusiasm, unlimited energy, humor and focus. Sally is a great student, especially of basketball.



TBE's and Friends Visit Beck Center

By: Steve Lewis, Social Justice chair

The Social Justice Committee organized a tour of the Beck Cultural Exchange Center on Saturday, February 15th. The Center is a fabulous museum featuring a collection of historical photos, artifacts, recordings, and artwork depicting the history of African Americans in Knoxville and the South. We were fortunate to be led by a wonderful tour guide, Kwanbe Bullock, and were given a warm personal welcome by Reverend Renee Kesler, president of the center. The committee presented a mini grant to Rev Kesler during its Social Justice Shabbat service on Friday, Feb. 28th.



From left to right: Reba Herzfeld, Bob Grimac, Patti Austin, Shelley Mangold, David Butler, Steve Lewis.

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President's Message

By: Judith Rosenberg, KJA President

Growing up, I was the only kid in my class that brought matzah in my lunchbox during Pesach. It made me feel different, which means I didn't enjoy Pesach very much. I have grown to love this Jewish observance much more as an adult.

This holiday, this festival, this Feast of Freedom has happened for thousands of years – across continents and political climates, in darkened cellars and in the brightest, sunniest light, on college campuses, in death camps, during plagues and pandemics. I appreciate the opportunity that Pesach gives us to look at our own journeys, to dig into the symbolism, rituals, and text and find the pieces that bring us meaning.

It might be themes of slavery and oppression, of who escapes and who is spared from tragedy altogether. Perhaps it's a reminder that everyone is battling something, even if it's not obvious or loud. Maybe it's an appreciation for the provisions we DO have to

make it through our days, even if they sometimes feel meager. It could be a reminder that, like the maror (bitter herbs) we eat, life can be cruel and bitter and sometimes. But we eat it, and we deal with it. In the Seder, the sweeter stuff comes soon after the maror and hopefully that's how it works in life, too. For me, it's always an appreciation of Spring, and living in one of the prettiest places it happens. East Tennessee is gorgeous right now, blooming and beautiful and promising that Life finds a way to continue.

Life is a mashup of bondage and freedom, of bitterness and hope...and like the best mashups it's sometimes hard to distinguish where one part begins and the other ends. I'm thankful that Pesach gives us an opportunity to reflect on all of it.

My very best wishes to you and your families for a *zissen Pesach* – a sweet Passover!
Chag sameach!

Thank you to Jonathan Branton

By: Martha Iroff, VP for Children and Youth

Jonathan Branton has accepted a new position in Nashville, and he will not be at the Allen Rosen Aquatics Center this summer. Jonathan has power washed, painted, fixed, lifeguarded, donated money and ideas, trained people in important lifesaving skills, and advocated for the campus. I know that we appreciate Jonathan's years of dedication to the KJA.

I don't think he will fully leave us because who can forget where they went to preschool. I know Nashville is lucky to have Jonathan.



Jonathan and his mother, Pam Brody

PJ Library in Knoxville

By: Martha Iroff, KJA VP Children and Youth



Pre-Rosh Hashanah Fall Bash with TBE, KJDS, HA, JCOR in September 2024.



Kids' Night Out and Havdalah with KJDS and TBE in January 2025.



Beatles Bingo and Book Nook at TBE's Purim Carnival in March 2025.

PJ Library provides free monthly Jewish books to children ages birth-12 and family engagement programming to families raising Jewish children in our community, including Knoxville, Oak Ridge, Maryville, all the way to Harriman, Morristown, Greeneville, Del Rio, Athens and Tazewell. PJ Library is the flagship program of the Harold Grinspoon Foundation. KJA is the Implementing Partner for PJ Library in Knoxville, which means that we cover the community responsibility for the program, including cost-share of the books, activity costs, and salary for our Program Professional. Anna Iroff-Bailey has been our local PJ Library Program Professional for nearly four years. You probably know her from our PJ Library family engagement programming and partnership programs with local synagogues and day school. She also handles subscription management, outreach to new families, and sends a monthly e-newsletter with resources and suggestions for at-home activities, links to family events throughout our community, and ways for parents to practice Judaism with children at home. Anna shares PJ Library books through her weekly classes at the Preschool at AJCC.

Two families generously supported the PJ Library Knoxville program. I want to thank the Sulman-Santos and Bailey families for their support of the KJA's PJ Library programming.

Tkiya Gedola Cohort at SLBC

Anna Iroff-Bailey, KJA Director of Jewish Life

Tkiya is an organization that creates joyful Jewish connection through participatory music experiences, mostly early childhood classes. Last year, I participated in the inaugural cohort of Tkiya Gedola, a training program in the Tkiya methodology. Recently, we went to SongLeader Boot Camp, a Jewish Leadership conference to learn strategies for music programs, leading tefillah/prayer, and intentionally building welcoming, joyful Jewish community. Thank you to the Alice Greenberg Fund of KJCFF for generously sponsoring my attendance at SLBC.



A Magical Evening: Knoxville's First Jewish Prom

By: Noa Barak, VP of Community Engagement

On February 8, 2025, our community came together for the **Winter Wonderland Prom**, Knoxville's first-ever Jewish prom! It was a night filled with laughter, dancing, and connection, with a truly special moment when **Hava Nagila** played, and the room erupted into a spirited hora—possibly a first for any prom in Knoxville! Beyond the celebration, the prom was also a huge success as a fundraiser, helping us continue to support and strengthen our Jewish community.

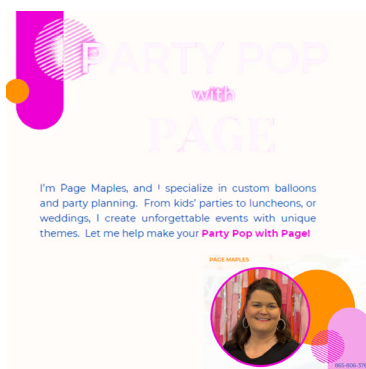
A heartfelt thank you to our incredible **Prom Committee** for making this night possible:

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Thank you to everyone who attended, supported, and danced the night away with us. Here's to many more unforgettable celebrations!

Thank you to our Winter Wonderland Prom Vendors



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Play, Learn, Grow: Discover the Power of Play in Kindergarten at KJDS

Anna McDonald, Director of Admissions

Come play with us in Kindergarten! At KJDS, we believe that play is at the heart of every child's growth and development. When you walk by our Kindergarten room, you'll see it in action every day—students deeply engaged in hands-on learning and creative exploration. Through imaginative play and discovery, we help our little ones develop essential skills that lay the foundation for academic success and personal growth.

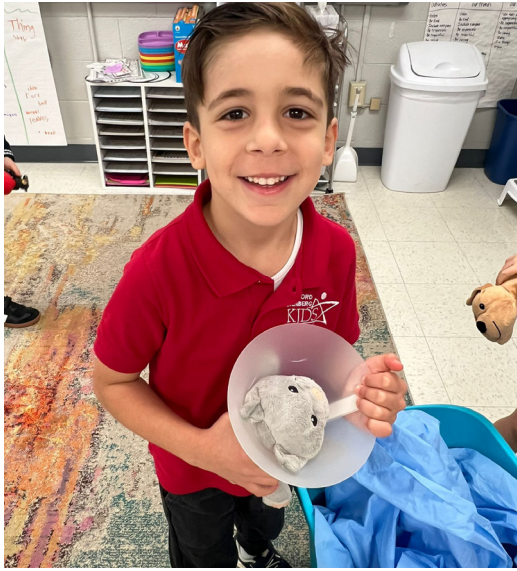
Play isn't just fun—it's an integral part of how children learn. From role-playing in our cozy play kitchen area to building towers and experimenting with new materials, our Kindergarten students are actively exploring the world around them. This type of learning encourages creativity, problem-solving, and critical thinking, all while fostering literacy and numeracy skills. Whether they're sorting shapes, counting objects, or reading a story to a stuffed animal, our youngest learners are constantly encountering new concepts in ways that are engaging and meaningful.

But it's not all about academics! Play also helps our students develop important social and emotional skills. Through collaborative activities, they learn how to share, cooperate, and resolve conflicts with their friends. These interactions build a sense of confidence and autonomy as they explore their interests and learn to express their emotions. Play provides them with the freedom to take risks, make mistakes, and grow in a safe and supportive environment.

Exploratory learning also lays the groundwork for emotional growth. When children engage in playful activities, they gain the skills to navigate their emotions, become more self-aware, and build resilience. It's these experiences that help our students grow into confident, curious learners who are ready to face the challenges of both the classroom and the world beyond. So, what's happening in our classroom? Our students might be found playing "vets" in a pretend clinic, caring for stuffed animals while practicing communication skills as they diagnose and treat their furry patients. They might also suit up as astronauts, exploring the wonders of space and sparking their curiosity about the universe. In the play kitchen, they dive into imaginative cooking, using early math skills to measure ingredients and follow recipes. These fun-filled activities don't just engage our students—they also promote collaboration, problem-solving, and language development, all while making learning come to life!

The importance of play in early childhood development is backed by substantial research. Studies show that children who engage in play-based learning develop better problem-solving skills, enhanced social abilities, and stronger academic skills. By making learning interactive and enjoyable, we give our students the tools they need to succeed in school and beyond. We invite you to come visit us and experience firsthand how we use play and exploration to foster a love for learning in our students. It's not just fun—it's essential for their growth!

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KJDS Students Shine in Madagascar: A Musical Adventure JR.!

Anna McDonald, Director of Admissions

KJDS's annual all-school musical performance in January was truly a night to remember! Our talented students captivated the audience with a lively and colorful production of Madagascar: A Musical Adventure JR.* From the catchy tunes to the unforgettable performances, the show was a spectacular display of creativity, teamwork, and dedication. Be sure to check out the stunning photos that perfectly captured the magic of the evening!

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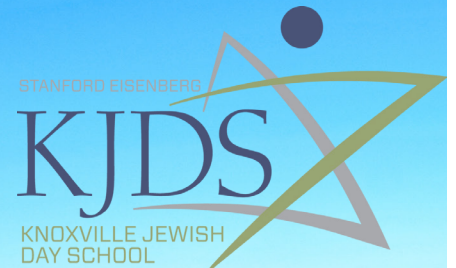
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Happy Passover



Wishing our Knoxville community a Chag Kasher v'Sameach!
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Lessons to take forward with us from Mishloach Manot

By: Mary Ann Merrell, President, and Laura Floyd, President-Elect

Even though we are writing this long before Purim, we delightfully want to share our thoughts with you on the generosity of our members and friends who have joined in the Heska Amuna Youth Education Committee's Mishloach Manot fundraiser this year.

As one of four mitzvot we are asked to do at Purim, giving gifts of Purim treats (Mishloach Manot) is an inviting way to put a checkmark in one of those columns. The Youth Education Committee puts a tremendous amount of effort and energy into considering what constitutes a good Purim treat and this year we focused on the idea of **home** – Heska Amuna as a home, a home where the heart is, a taste of home. We hope you love your Purim treats and your special mishpachup (a newly coined noun meaning a cup from your mishpacha).

The response to this year's fundraiser has surpassed any year we have worked on this (at least ten years and counting). Even though as we write this, the fundraiser is still ongoing, we have received more support in the first two weeks than in all of last year's fundraiser (or any year before that, too). Many familiar names who sponsor Mishloach Manot every year, many new names sponsoring for the first time. Overwhelming support deserves our collective gratitude, but it also deserves our attention for many reasons because, among other things, it clearly shows that:

We are a community that is committed to supporting our Youth Education Committee who works diligently throughout the year on programming for children and families to ensure we have meaningful services and activities for Shabbat and all holidays, excellence in helping our youth prepare for their b'nai mitzvah,

and who also work hard to program for all ages including our special pre-teen and teen programs.

We are a community that is committed to each other. The way our fundraiser works, all of our members will receive a Mishloach Manot gift basket the week of Purim. No one pays to receive one; it is what our fundraiser enables - we make donations to add our names to the Mishloach Manot that others will be receiving. Most of our members make a donation to add their name to **EVERYONE'S** Mishloach Manot – to me, that reflects a generous and beautiful community that cares for each and every one of us.

To this last point, as a community, let's take this spirit into the days far beyond Purim. As President and President-Elect, we are sometimes asked why – as a congregational leader – we didn't reach out to someone in the hospital or someone facing a challenge – or even someone with a simcha not recognized. People often tell us that they did not mention something because they thought we already knew – more times than not, we didn't.

Let's all take this Purim joy and pay it forward. As connected as we feel in this moment, let's stay this connected ahead. If you need something or want to share something with us, let us know. If you know of someone who needs something, let us know. Let Mark know. Let Rabbi know. Let's hold onto this magical Mishloach Manot way of thoughtfulness and let's keep it going and growing. Todah rabah everyone.

Passover: The Feast of Freedom

Author: Rabbi Adam J. Rosenbaum

Passover, our prayer books say, is the Feast of our Freedom. But what does “freedom” really mean? I consulted a few experts:

- * Archibald MacLeish: “What is freedom? Freedom is the right to choose: the right to create for yourself the alternative of choice. Without the possibility of choice and the exercise of choice a man is not a man but a member, an instrument, a thing.”
- * Walter Lippman: “Whereas each man claims his freedom as a matter of right, the freedom he accords to other men is a matter of toleration.”
- * Albert Camus: “Freedom is nothing else but a chance to be better.”
- * Adlai Stevenson: “A free society is one where it is safe to be unpopular.”
- * Samuel Hendel: “The fact, in short, is that freedom to be meaningful in an organized society must consist of an amalgam of hierarchy of freedoms and restraints.”
- * Bernard Malamud: “The purpose of freedom is to create it for others.”

You can probably detect that the opinion of most, if not all, of these statements is that a society based on freedom does not make it a system of anarchy. Rather, it is a society based on a balance between protecting the whole and protecting an individual.

Of course, I would be remiss if I didn’t consult one more expert:

* Passover Haggadah: “In every generation, each individual is obligated to see himself as if he actually went out of Egypt ... therefore it is our duty to thank, praise, laud, glorify, exalt, honor, bless, extol and celebrate the One who did all these miracles for our ancestors and for us.”

I did cut and paste from two adjoining paragraphs on that last quote, but the idea is consistent throughout the Haggadah: Freedom and responsibility go hand in hand.

This idea, however, is not obvious to everyone at a Seder table. When I was in college, I ran a Seder every year, and each of my Seders included at least one person who had never attended one before. While these new guests were always respectful and inquisitive about the evening’s procedures, I couldn’t help but sense that they were, in general, surprised that we could call Passover “the Feast of our Freedom” when the entire evening seemed to be dominated by restrictions.

I think it may have helped when I reminded them that the Israelite path described in the book of Exodus is, at its very core, a process of going from one “boss” to another. When the book starts, the Israelites are subject to a foreign king who is uninterested in giving any sense of freedom, but when it concludes, they are beholden to a Divine ruler who is able to give them a mixture of autonomy and responsibility. Whereas the Pharaoh is only interested in what he can get out of the Israelites, God is interested in both the peoples’ service and well-being. It follows, then, that our Seder reflects both of these values; we are commanded to eat matzah and to tell the story of Exodus, and simultaneously are treated to wonderful food and company, not to mention the appreciation that we can be together another year.



Purim Spiel 2025

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Heska Amuna is hosting a
Second-Night
very Family Friendly very awesome Community Seder
Sunday April 13, 5-7 pm. Join us!

Reservations Required. Please RSVP by April 1
Sign up at www.HeskaAmuna.org
or call the office (865)522-0701 to reserve a seat at our table.

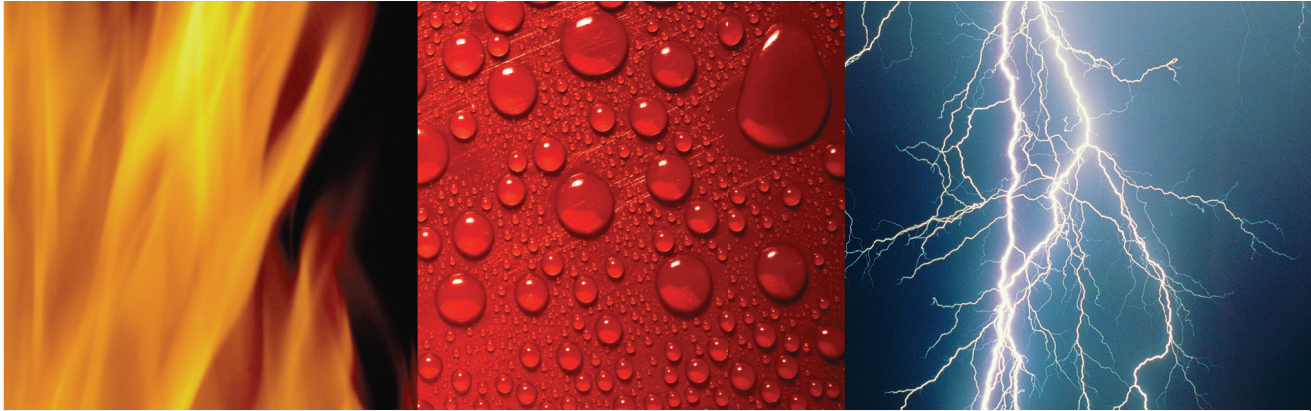
Adults \$30; Children 6-13 years old - \$15, 5 and under, free
Family Cap: \$75

Nonmembers are always welcome at Heska Amuna; please join us, too!
Adults: \$35, Children 6-13 years old - \$20, 5 and under, free
Family Cap \$90

All prices increase \$5 for each reservation received after April 1.

Thank you to our many sponsors including Rabbi Adam Rosenbaum, Jeff & Nancy Becken, Barbara Bernstein, Ted & Wendy Besmann, Abraham & Judy Brietstein, Jenye & Mary Ann Merrell, and Nathan & Jillian Vann.

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Cteen Shabbaton in NYC

By: Miriam Esther Wilhelm

Four thousand Jewish teens from 60 countries spent the weekend @CTeen Shabbaton, standing proud, forging friendships, and embracing leadership. Our Knoxville teens had an incredibly uplifting weekend and came back to Knoxville bursting with Jewish pride! Enjoy a few of the pictures that tell the story of their weekend.



Joined by Jewish teens from all over the world, our Knoxville teens enjoyed a sightseeing cruise around Manhattan.



The light and power in the room at the closing event was spectacular. 4,000 Jewish teens singing Am Yisroel Chai, the leaders of our future.



Teens heading to Time Square for an epic concert following a beautiful Shabbat.



Shopping on Kingston was a treat, a favorite the kosher ice cream store.



Putting on tefillin at the Cteen Shabbaton



The joy and energy of time square was epic!



Subway routes dedicated to the Cteen Shabbaton gave teens an authentic subway experience on their way to the times square concert.

Save the Date
First Seder at Chabad - April 12th

How's your Passover going?

Source Sheet by Rabbi Ahuvah Loewenthal

For each Passover ritual practice mentioned, decide:

- do we still **literally** do this?
- or do we do this in a **symbolic** way? **how?**
- what does it **mean** to us **today?**
- what might it have **meant** to our **ancestors?**



Deuteronomy 16:1

(1) Observe the month of Aviv and offer a passover sacrifice to the Eternal your G-d, for it was in the month of Aviv, at night, that the Eternal your G-d freed you from Egypt.

Exodus 12:3-4

(3) Speak to the community leadership of Israel and say that on the tenth of this month each of them shall take a lamb to a family, a lamb to a household. (4) But if the household is too small for a lamb, let it share one with a neighbor who dwells nearby, in proportion to the number of persons: contribute for the lamb according to what each household will eat.

Exodus 12:7

(7) They shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they are to eat it.

Exodus 12:8-10

(8) Eat the flesh that same night roasted over the fire, with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. (9) Don't eat it raw, or cooked in any way with water, but roasted (head, legs, and entrails) over the fire. (10) Don't leave any over until morning; if any is left until morning, you shall burn it.

Exodus 12:11

(11) 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 G-d.

Deuteronomy 16:3

(3) You shall not eat anything leavened with it; for seven days thereafter you shall eat unleavened bread, bread of distress—for you departed from the land of Egypt hurriedly—so that you may remember the day of your departure from the land of Egypt as long as you live.

Deuteronomy 16:4

(4) For seven days no leaven shall be found with you in all your territory, and none of the flesh of what you slaughter on the evening of the first day shall be left until morning.

Exodus 12:15

(15) Seven days you shall eat unleavened bread; on the very first day you shall remove leaven from your houses, for whoever eats leavened bread from the first day to the seventh day, that person shall be cut off from Israel.

Deuteronomy 16:8

(8) After eating unleavened bread six days, you shall hold a solemn gathering for your G-d on the seventh day: you shall do no work.

Exodus 12:16

(16) You shall celebrate a sacred occasion on the first day, and a sacred occasion on the seventh day; no work at all shall be done on them; only what every person is to eat, that alone may be prepared for you.

Deuteronomy 16:9

(9) You shall count off seven weeks; start to count the seven weeks when the sickle is first put to the standing grain.

Deuteronomy 16:12

(12) Bear in mind that you were slaves in Egypt, and take care to obey these laws.

Exodus 12:17

(17) You shall observe the [Feast of] Unleavened Bread, for on this very day I brought your ranks out of the land of Egypt; you shall observe this day throughout the ages as an institution for all time.

Community Seder



APRIL 12, 2025
(First Seder of Passover)
Saturday at 7:00 pm
JCOR, 101 West Madison Lane, Oak Ridge

Join us for JCOR's participatory and meaningful Passover Seder and meal. Relax and share the holiday celebration with family and friends. Guests are welcome.


Food, Family, Song, and Story
In the Passover tradition
Our Annual JCOR Fundraiser!

Adults	\$36.00
Children	\$18.00
Family	\$108.00



Seating is limited, so make your reservations
With the donation link online
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And select "Community Passover Seder"
Or with check made out to:
JCOR Community Seder
PO Box 5434, Oak Ridge, TN 37831-5434

All reservations (with payment) must be received by **April 6, 2024**



JCOR Invites the Community

Holocaust Remembrance Program -


Yom HaShoah

Jewish Congregation of Oak Ridge (JCOR)
101 Madison Lane, Oak Ridge

Sunday, April 27th, 2025
3:00 PM – 4:00 PM

In the JCOR Sanctuary and On Zoom

Candle lighting ceremony
City Proclamation
Readings, Songs, and Prayers
ORUUC Chorus
Closing Speaker, Benno Kimmelman



Holocaust Memorial Candles will be available to attendees for pick-up at the Service

Tu Bishvat We Had Fun with Songs and Food from Trees



Enter the Mira Kimmelman Contest



The Mira Kimmelman 'Learning from the Holocaust' Contest 2025



Contest Information

Mira Kimmelman challenged students to reflect upon the history of the Holocaust and contemporary examples of injustice for over fifty years. The contest continues her work and legacy, asking Tennessee students to create projects that reflect how the lessons of the Holocaust are relevant to current events and their own lives.

Categories

1st, 2nd and 3rd prize will be awarded in each of the following five categories:

- Community College Visual Arts
- High School Essay
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Please send all application materials in one email to tnholcom@tnholcom.org before June 1st for HS and MS and April 15th for CC.

For Rules and FAQs please go to <https://tnholcom.org/kimmelman-contest/>

Mira Kimmelman:
A Woman of Valor

A Holocaust survivor who endured not only incarceration in Auschwitz, but a deadly and horrific death march to Bergen-Belsen, she turned to volunteering and education after coming to the United States. For over fifty years, she dedicated herself to the Jewish communities of Tennessee and Holocaust education efforts around the state. A twice-published author, she raised her voice in the hope that continuing education and remembrance of this atrocity would ensure that no one should suffer such atrocities ever again.

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KJCFF hits new highs in 2024

By: Stephen Rosen

The Knoxville Jewish Community Family of Funds had a huge 2024! KJCFF made grants totaling \$700,622. The vast majority of these grants helped the Knoxville Jewish Alliance, Knoxville Jewish Day School and Heska Amuna Synagogue. This is an outstanding level of support that helps these organizations meet their goals for providing successful programs while maintaining their highly valued facilities. Further grants were made to Jewish and general philanthropic pursuits in Knoxville, Tennessee, the US, Israel and all over the world. That's the great news...now here's the good news: KJCFF ended 2024 with assets of \$5,740,175, the highest level in our 25-year history. How could we have it all? The excellent stewards of our funds, the East Tennessee Foundation, provided a 13% return on investment. We took a moment to celebrate our success at the 25th Anniversary Chanukkah Concert in December then got right back to work!

KJCFF's past performance is no indication of future performance and our investments can lose money. If you want to take a chance with us, contact Stephen at Stephen.rosen@raymondjames.com.

The Knoxville Jewish Community Needs a Fund for Parties

Yes, you read that correctly. Our community needs an endowment for purely social, fun events. Not community action, social justice, educational endeavors, religious observance, etc... we have a bunch of those kind of funds. I'm talking about good ole' hell raisin' and partyin'. What if we had a fund that would be a stand-by underwriter of social events so the risk wasn't on the sponsoring agency? Some ideas sound great and flop. Some ideas sound goofy and are ragers. Some ideas work for 20 years then the organization loses its budget in the 21st edition. If we had a fund ready to subsidize the budgetary loss, maybe we could try more aggressive events? I have no problem making a case that parties are philanthropy-worthy to our community. How many times have you seen two leaders in a corner discussing something important? How many new people have you met? How many ideas have some out of bottle of wine shared by Knoxville Jewish community members? The payback on this investment could be big and without a hangover.

If you have interest in getting up to help us get down, contact Stephen at 599-1853.

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

If you would like to donate go to www.jewishknoxville.org/kjcff . It is found on the KJA website under the fifth header from the left, "Jewish Knoxville." Click on the third drop down item, "Knoxville Jewish Community Family of Funds." Read our eloquent Mission Statement then scroll down and click on "online donation." You can type a word in Search Funds or scroll to the fund(s) of choice. Or, just call Stephen at 865-599-1853 and he'll walk you through it.

The Fern and Manfred Steinfeld Program in Judaic Studies is the center for the study of Jews and Judaism at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville. It offers a variety of public and academic programs that enhance student learning, promote Jewish Studies scholarship, and contribute to the intellectual life of the Knoxville community and beyond. UT offers an interdisciplinary Judaic Studies as well as several scholarships to support student learning. Courses in Judaic Studies range from the Hebrew Bible to the Holocaust and include both modern and Biblical Hebrew.



JUDAIC STUDIES

President's Thoughts: Detecting Skin Cancer

By: Barbara Mintz, President

Hadassah Medical Organization has reported becoming the first health network in Israel to acquire the state-of-the-art VECTRA imaging system to help detect skin cancer. This non-invasive imaging system utilizes 92 cameras to create a 360-degree picture of a patient's body in 2 minutes!

While traditional skin cancer detection methods utilize multiple appointments, delaying diagnoses, this new technology will enable patients to have a diagnosis during routine exams.

Furthermore, technology will advance over time through the use of artificial intelligence (AI). Compiled in a database with other patient data, the computers will adapt and advance their detection skills and even compare images between patient visits.



The United States has a limited number of these device and Canada has 1 for the entire country. Hadassah's VECTRA system was made possible by the generosity of supporters like you!

entire USA, plus several more in the greater DC area, and only one in Canada where you can get this done!

STAY CONNECTED with Your Local Chapter

We want our Hadassah members to stay current about Hadassah news and our local events. In order to stay connected, please let us know of any address, phone number, and most email changes. Without the updated information, you may not receive our newsletters and special notices. If you are not receiving the newsletters or other Hadassah information, please contact Barbara Mintz at **barbara@bmintz.com**.

Introducing Our Vice President of Education

By: Dale Rosenberg

Hi, I'm Dale Rosenberg, the new VP of Education in our Hadassah Chapter. I thought I'd take this opportunity to introduce myself to the larger community and offer a brief word of Torah.

I'm relatively new to Eastern Tennessee, having moved to Oak Ridge at the beginning of 2024. I'm a Jewish educator and the rebbitzin of JCOR. We moved to Oak Ridge from Worcester, MA when my wife began work as JCOR's rabbi. I've worked in assorted synagogues and colleges and taught at conferences and retreats. Currently I'm teaching a variety of Jewish topics to both Jews and non-Jews in a variety of settings, both local and remote.

Among my current portfolio is a Hebrew reading class being held at JCOR, but open to others. It focuses on reading and understanding the words of our liturgy. Since much of the liturgy comes from our sacred text, it is also useful for reading Torah. Recently, we talked in class about the word **ישראל** - Israel. I stressed that it's a word that has multiple meanings in our liturgy, so we need to look at context to know what is being conveyed whenever we see that word.

ישראל is the name that our patriarch Jacob is given after a divine encounter. It has been given as a name by parents to sons

throughout Jewish history. As Jews, we view ourselves as descended (whether you believe that to be literal descent or spiritual) from Jacob/Israel. So, we are **עם ישראל** - the people of Israel. For close to 2000 years, we as Jews had no homeland where we could go and be granted citizenship, but we knew we had had a land of our own and prayed and hoped it would once be ours again. Few of us lived there for centuries, but we all knew of it as **ארץ ישראל** - the land of Israel. Starting in the 19th century, the Modern Zionist movement worked to make the hope of a place of our own into a reality. The hope became reality with the creation of **מדינת ישראל** - the State of Israel - in 1948.

It's often said that where there are two Jews, there are three opinions. As a people we have diverse theological, political, and social beliefs and ideas. Still the concept of Israel - whether people, physical land, or government entity - binds us together. With all the trials our worldwide tribe has endured over the centuries and with all our differences, we can still say with one voice: **עם ישראל חי** - the people of Israel lives!

HADASSAH KNOXVILLE-OAK RIDGE



ANNUAL PLANT SWAP

Sunday, April 27th, 2025

10:00 am -Noon

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May 4th from 11 AM to 2 PM

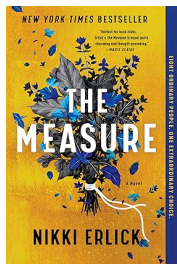
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Book Club News

By: Rhonda Sternfels

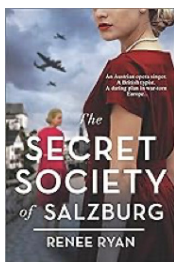
The Hadassah Book Club enjoys selecting books that enable inspiring, informative and exciting conversations. We welcome new members to participate in our meetings, held via Zoom, at 7: 30p.m., the third Tuesday of every month. Please join us even if your busy schedule did not allow you to read the book! We enjoy your company!



The book club happily announces the following book club reads:

APRIL 15, 2025 THE MEASURE BY NIKKI ERLICK

Would you choose to find out the length of your life? In this novel, every person in the world can learn the exact number of years they will live. The book focuses on eight characters whose fates intertwine. This is a story about family, friendship, hope and destiny.



MAY 20, 2025 THE SECRET SOCIETY OF SALZBURG BY RENEE RYAN

Set in London in 1933, Austrian opera singer Elsa meets a young English typist while on tour. They become friends and develop a secret society with one goal: to rescue as many Jews as possible from the Nazis. Elsa becomes Hitler's favorite opera singer, despite her secret Jewish ancestry, making her both a weapon and a target.

If you have any questions, feedback, or want to be added to our book club, please contact Rhonda Sternfels at resternfels@comcast.net or call: 865-607-8863. To suggest books for next year, email Harriet Cooper at spock52@prodqjy.net.

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Sunday, June 8th, 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm

THE LIBERATION OF JERUSALEM, 1967



Paratroopers intended to navigate around the Old City to reach an area where Jewish residents required protection. However, they took a wrong turn due to the lack of maps and encountered intense resistance. Rav Seren (Major) Seth Mintz, was part of the Sayeret Matkal Special Forces; he and several of his men were summoned to provide assistance. Seth's team then joined the fight alongside them. He will share his experiences of the battle, the victory, and the comrades he was closely acquainted with.

Program:
Rav Seren (Major) Seth Mintz was there and will talk about his experience.

Video from Simon Wiesenthal Center on Six-Day War fighting and victory. Our speaker is in it!

We kindly ask for a minimal donation of \$10.00 to go to Hadassah hospitals . Seth and many other soldiers were treated there

Temple Beth El Yahrzeits



April 4

Pearl Ades • Sam Chandler • Karina Dunn • Stuart Elston • Bruce Fishler • Irwin Freedman • Morris Goodfriend • Peter Holz • Nanette Hyatt • Lesley Krakauer • Sarah Licht • Marley Silverstein Rogers • Jack Rosenberg • Gladys Steinberg • Simon Sunshine • Stanley Vogelfang • David Williams

April 11

Marion Andrews • Barry Austern • Harry Blatt • Irene Blatt • Sesto Del Moro • Dinah Feldman • David Fleischman • Freida Freedman • Sarah Goldfarb • Walter James • Charlotte Kayser • Julian Lewis • Rebecca Mendelowitz • Jean Hiller Millis • Lucien Oury • Arthur Pais • Donald Pardee • Mitchell Plachter • Allen Scheff • Morris Siegel • Daniel Siroty • Sydney Tessler

April 18

Infant Altshuler • Samuel Arbibal • Rosa Deitch • Marjorie Evans • Blanche Farmer • Michael Fox • Harvey Golden • Bruce Leimsidor • Golda Margolies • Evelyn Nash • Dorothy Salus • Louis Sturm • Mildred Wohl

April 25

Blanche Abramson • Ruth Block • William Derrington • Sylvain Fribourg • Seymour Gassel • Trena Goldberg • Mayme Goodfriend • Bessie Green • Richard Johnson • Sidney Katz • Rita Kelleher • Allen Kravitz • Arthur Marchand • Joan Porter • Bertram Raskin • Louis Sackron • Naum Safro • Eugenia Spruill • Shirley Wolfenhaut

May 2

Joseph Ades • Rae Allen • David Baker • Robert Brody • David Bush • Jeff Cox • Mary Dees • John Elston • Dorothy Goldberger • Joseph Goldman • Mary Hepworth • Mathilde Levi • Joseph Levitt, Sr. • Hartley Polasky • Mark Simon • Rose West

May 9

Flora Brody • Abraham Factor • Arthur Factor • Morris Goldfarb • Shirlie Goodfriend • Joseph Harris • Fannie Kreisberg • Robert Lewis • Hannah Licht • Eva Monina • Rivkah Ovits • Gertie Parelli • Gilbert Parish • Dorothy Sachs • Ilya Safro • Ruth Sherrill • Carl Silver • Beverly Simon • Edmond Tucker • N. George Tucker • Nick Wadsworth • Harry Walowitz • Bess Zipser

May 16

Fannie Liebman Beiler • Walter Blaufeld • Gerald Adelman • Joice Brown • Verne Canner • Saralee Cohn • Margaret Crohn • Lucie Fribourg • Hymen Kern • David Koffman • Manuel Leimsidor • Marjorie Pardee • Ethel Rosenberg • Sheldon Rosenberg • Sanford Weinstein • Cecelia Zimmerman

May 23

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

May 30

Uriel Alayev • Katherine Caller • Cecile Feinberg • Florence Gluck • Harry Goldberger • Alexander Gompertz • Carolyn Greif • Rose Gudis • Harold Herbst • E. Max Kesselman • Maurice Konigsberg • Stephen Lieberman • Jakob Marx • Frederick Otte • Harold Pomerantz • Joseph Sandberg • Nathan Smith • Harvey Smuckler • Katherine Soss • Charles Strasburger • Annie Taylor • Esther Yadgaroff

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Yahrzeits



April 5

Ben Bernstein · Julius Binder · Amoz Chernoff · Israel Cohen · Pearl Collins · Dale Hasden · Esther Kimerling · David Krauss · David Nathan · Jack Rosenberg · Abraham Scott · Miles Siegel · Isadore Wender

April 12

Luna Anidjar · Rose Belaief · Sylvia Blumenthal · Harry Brietstein · Samuel Brody · Molly Chazen · Harry Cohen · Infant Euster · Isadore Ginsburg · Bessie Green · Jeanine Gross · Arthur Hahn · David Hecht · Arthur Jay · Gustav Levi · Samuel Levy · Yetta Licht · Ronald Rosenblatt · Yetta Rosenfield · Gertrude Roth · Pesach Slabosky · Norbert Slovis · Phillip Slusher

April 19

Barbara Balloff Heilman · Michael Belaief · Mickey Billig · Abe Emelfarb · Louis Ettin · Israel Farkas · Isadore Finkelstein · Martin Ginsburg · Charles Goldstein · Isaac Greenwald · Minnie Isaacs · Golda Margolies · Esther Panitz · Hinda Schwartz · Bessie Silverman · Louis Sturm · Don Wittenberg

April 26

Lawrence Abrams · Gary Anderson · Bennie Deitch · Ilene Edelman · Molly Fayonsky · Claire Gettinger · Mindy Goldberg · Pyna Greenbaum · Bert Gurwitch · Gussie Joffe · Charlotte Kayser · Max Kronrad · Bernard Landis · Celia Lipson · Nathan Millen · I.W. Millen · Margaret Miner · Esther Rosen · Mildred Rosenblatt · Jacob Sandweiss · Rose Shagan · Rose Sherman · Tillie Slovis · Joseph Strauss

April 30

Sarita Adler · Anne Ehrenshaft · Rosa Fruman · Marilyn Greenfield · Nicholas Kutsubos · Sarah Lipshin · Ada Manas · Alegra Pasis · Allen Rosen · Rose Rosenthal · Morris Ross

May 3

Gordon Dischler · Fannie Leibowitz · Bessie Millen · Ruth Oleshansky · Abraham Schorr · Selma Smullian · Mariam Stein

May 10

Marilyn Abrams · Joseph Bernard · Rose Dischler · Ruby Euster · Freda Friedman · Anna Gitman · Harriett Herbin · Bertha Hoor · Rabbi Isaac Levin · Ella Levison · Tybee Millner · Abraham Radlaski · Murray Rosenblatt · Celia Rosenblatt · Frieda Schwarzbart · Joseph Sherman · Pauline Viener

May 17

Pearl Austin · Hymie Billig · Sharon Brietstein · Paul Cawn · Isaac Cooper · Stanley Duhan · Max Friedman · Gail Golden · Howard Greenbaum · Flora Hasden · Sidney Licht · Bryan Merrell · Esther Millen · Gary Miller · Sarah Miller · Hannah Moskowitz · Hyman Raskin · William Russler · Charles Siegal · Lottie Siegel · Sanford Weinstein · Benjamin Weinstein

May 24

Norman Abrams · Isadore Abrams · Carolyn Bertram · Sidney Burnett · Linda Cohen · Rachel Davis · Lillian Drutz · Jacob Ellin · David Garber · Samuel Grusin · Samuel Levine · Barbara Maier-Hopkins · Nat Nisenson · Frank Robinson · Sylvia Saroff · Bernard Schanowitz · Yachel Wender

May 31

Sylvia Bellin · Bernard Bernstein · Lester Berry · Ellen Chayet · Philip Chazen · Julia Eichwald · Anne Fuson · Brayne Geller · Sylvia Golub · Bernard Iroff · William Jaffe · Lucy Lobertini · Sam Nius · Isaac Resnick · Ethel Rosenberg · Sarah Sachs · Benjamin Tegal · Sarah Weinstein · Melba Werfel · Reva Zussman

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The Way We Were in 1972: A Festive Skit Celebrating Hanukkah



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• DEC

Top, seated: Shelly **Miller**, Michelle **Merlin** (now **Banks**), Julie **Brown**.

Bottom: Margot **Hahn** (now **Dunn**), Scott **Liberman**.

Margot **Dunn** lives in Knoxville, as do Scott **Liberman's** parents, Harvey and Marilyn.

Can you help us identify who is standing on the steps or identify the location of this event? Some of those helping us identify the “who, what, and where” in photographs in our collection believe the skit was performed at the AJCC, others recall it being at Temple Beth El. Please share any additional information you can offer.

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



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