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INNOVATION AT HESKA AMUNA

During Our 130th Year!

HESKA AMUNA SYNAGOGUE

Heska Amuna is a member of the Conservative movement, but we are forward thinking and open to change. For the past year, our leaders and our Rabbi have been working on ways to complement our traditions with creative innovation and inclusiveness in an effort to be a more welcoming place for interfaith and diverse families, and a place where worship takes many forms.

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Heska Amuna Synagogue
HaShofar

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Our Wondrous Bodies

By Rabbi Alon Ferency

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Traditionally, we say each morning:

> I gratefully acknowledge You, my Higher Power – eternal and consistent – for restoring my spirit. You are truly loving…
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> Blessed are You, God our God, Ruler of worlds, who formed humankind with wisdom and created within each many openings and many vessels. It is obvious and known before Your Glory Seat that if even one of them would be opened, or if even one of them would be sealed, it would be impossible to survive and to stand before You. Blessed are You God, who heals all flesh and acts wondrously.

What lessons do our bodies teach us about God? Presumably, we are incarnate for a reason. God could have made us of ether, undifferentiated energy, or pure thought. Why arms, toes, lungs, teeth, bone, and sinew? Why a physical form with a limited lifespan? There must be some reason. What might we learn about spirituality from our physicality?

First, that body and spirit are not separate things. There is no duality in our faith tradition. What we are is inseparable from who we are. We are not souls held captive by flesh; rather, our souls grow with our body, and they are embodied by it. My *havruta* (study partner) has a rare enzyme deficiency that makes it painful for him to walk long distances or do strenuous exercise. The year we spent studying amid Jerusalem's hills was nightmarish for him. As he slogged up those hills every day to pray and learn, he displayed outstanding courage and perseverance. His soul expanded as his body grew strong. On the other hand, we can surpass our bodies. A congregant with Multiple Sclerosis found his body drawing ever constricting limits on his movement. As even reading and writing became arduous, another part grew from deep within him. He found inward resources he had not imagined.

Second, the body can be a source of revelation to us. Like lightning-bolts of insight that Maimonides described, our bodies flash messages from God. Another colleague was destined to become a professional dancer, but on the eve of her acceptance to a prestigious New York ballet company, the bones of her foot splintered from repetitive stress. Even after major orthopedic surgeries she could scarcely walk, let alone dance, for months. The experience shattered her relationship with God. For years, she had to reconstruct that Divine partnership, just as she reclaimed her ability to walk. Eventually, she decided to become a rabbi, and help others find their path to God, even when the ways seem barred or scarred.

Third, embodied practice is part-and-parcel of Jewish religion. The Talmud says that when Rabbi Akiva would pray by himself, a person might leave him praying in one corner of a room and come back to find him finishing his prayers in the opposite corner, such was the intensity of his prostrations. Our prayer can reverberate through our flesh. Moreover, we can amplify that vibration with attention and mindfulness. Come share these exercises with me on *InsightTimer* Mondays at 9:00 a.m. and by *Zoom* Fridays at noon, to increase our awe and gratitude for the wondrous workings of our bodies – nervous, vascular, and digestive systems – through attentive breathing, reflection, and other embodied practices.

Has your cell phone, home phone, email address, or home address changed?

PLEASE LET US KNOW!

Contact the Heska Amuna office at *admin@heskaamuna.org*

From the Chair of the Board of Trustees

The Vision of Heska Amuna

By Josh Hedrick, Chairman

I hope that you all had a meaningful and enriching High Holiday season. Let me take a minute to talk to you about vision. We are hard at work on a new building, as we have finalized an agreement with an architectural and design firm to create for us a vision of a new worship space and a new building to serve as our new home. We have worked with the designers to explain our intended uses and our vision as to how a new building can serve our needs now and into the future. I look forward to the completion of the initial design work so that we can begin to share with you all some more concrete ideas of what a new building will mean. I look forward to your feedback about these ideas. The process of envisioning a new home for Heska Amuna will be a long one, but we will be glad for careful, purposeful steps.

A vision for a new home for us would be incomplete without a vision of the congregation itself. I have mentioned before that we must identify who we are as a congregation. One of the things I have heard so often is that we are a welcoming community. I agree, of course, but I have always been here. As a wise older (well, maybe I shouldn't say older) member of the Board recently observed, it isn't for us to say if we are welcoming. I suggest that the first step of building a vision for the congregation's path forward is to first ensure that we are taking steps to be as welcoming as we claim. Your Board is putting together a task force to examine how we can be more welcoming, and I ask two favors of each of you. First, will you please consider letting us know if you think we can be more welcoming in a certain way, and second, will you please consider how you can be more welcoming?

I would like to see a congregation where people of all types are welcome not only because they are accepted for who they are but because we have become a home for all Jews. We must ensure that we are welcoming to Jews of all races or gender identities, and welcoming to Jews of different political ideologies. I like to think of Heska Amuna as a family, and that means that we need not agree with one another to enjoy being with one another. We should also be mindful of the need to be accessible to all 'comfort' levels of ritual Judaism. We intend to work to make our worship services and ritual observances accessible to all, be they "expert" or "novice".

And now I ask you for a favor – send me an email, and tell me what your vision is for the future of Heska Amuna. I look forward to hearing from you, and to seeing you soon.

Innovations at Heska Amuna

By Abraham Brietstein, Adult Education Vice-Chair

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INCLUSIVITY

Recognizing that the majority of recent Jewish marriages include a Jewish and a non-Jewish partner, Heska Amuna is striving to become a more welcoming place for interfaith families. Some of the steps we have already taken include allowing burial of a Jewish and non-Jewish spouse together in our cemetery. Soon, the congregation will vote to expand full membership with voting rights to non-Jewish partners. In addition, we have formed a Taskforce on Inclusion (please see the accompanying article in this issue) that will explore additional ways of embracing interfaith and diverse families. We hope to remove barriers to participation in synagogue life and prayer, such as developing a learner's service to help everyone- Jews, non-Jewish family members, and those seeking a Jewish life- feel more comfortable at services.

INNOVATION

In addition to our traditional service, Heska Amuna now offers a more abbreviated contemporary service that involves musical accompaniment, an outdoor venue, and more singing. The Synagogue has also developed programming for meditation and mindfulness, and Rabbi Ferency is very active on the most popular meditation app, Insight Timer, where he now has 153 followers. There has also been an increased focus on social justice, and the Synagogue has sponsored innovative programs such as, "Wrestling with Zionism," an experiential program led by Rachel Milford and Jake Weinstein. Heska Amuna now also participates in Justice Knox, a social justice program advocating reform along with many other congregations. Other innovations include Shabbat School, a hiking and media club and other exciting adult education programs.

So, as Heska Amuna embraces physical change by proceeding toward selling our building and creating a new home, we are even more excited about the transformational changes that are occurring as we move into our third century in Knoxville and build a more diverse and inclusive synagogue. To learn more about these and other changes at Heska Amuna, please contact our new Chairman, Josh Hedrick (hedrick@knoxdefense.com) or our new President, Rich Adlin (richadlin@adlinonline.com).

HARS
HESKA AMUNA
RELIGIOUS SCHOOL
where Judaism comes to life!

Shush Carson, Director of Family Religious Life

Rachel Brown
Hebrew Specialist

Rachel Brown grew up and became a bat mitzvah at Heska Amuna. She has since completed a bachelor's degree in Vocal Performance (with Minors in German and Judaic Studies) from UT, and she received her Master's degree in Musical Theatre from the University of Central Oklahoma. She has spent the last year living in New York-auditioning, performing, and teaching Hebrew School for all grades at three congregations on the East Side of Manhattan. She is thrilled to be back at Heska Amuna for a 3rd year!

Vanessa Rodriguez
Teacher Gan Gadol

Vanessa began the 2019/2020 HARS school year teaching Gan Gadol. She spent the second semester in Israel on the MASA program where she was an intern at Tel Aviv Global, prior to the pandemic. While in Israel for 6 months, she spent her time travelling all over Israel and taking in its beautiful sights, tasting its marvelous foods, and enjoying a very special birthday there.

Welcome back to a 3rd year at HARS, Vanessa! We are so excited to see what this year brings!

Jennie Frost
Teacher Hebrew High

Jennie Frost was a student at Heska Amuna from 1997-2007 and graduated from Tusculum University is 2016 with a degree in English. They taught English at the University of Mississippi before moving back to the area, where they now live with their wife in Alcoa. Welcome back, Jennie!!

Joseph Roope
Madrich for Gan Gadol / Wednesday Tech

Joseph is the oldest of 3 siblings. He is 21 years old and is great with young children. Joseph considers himself a "Jack of all trades." His hobbies include drawing, music/piano, Magic the Gathering, and video games. Joseph spent two years volunteering at a home school co-op as an assistant teacher in grades K-1.

Congratulations to those who made the Heska Amuna 2021 High Holy Day Appeal a success. Your contributions allow Heska Amuna Synagogue to continue to serve us all.

2021 Honor Roll

Herb & Elise Jacobs
Jean Beque
Judi & Martin Abrams
Serina & Jeffrey Scott
Mark Harris
Alan Merlin
Sandy Parker & Steve Beber
Joan & Gary Leeds
Jerry & Susan Becker
Morris & Carol Ickowitz
Jack Benhayon & Judith Marquand
Wendy Good & Family
Harold & Susan Silber
Besmann Family
Abraham & Judy Brietstein
Hal & Ann Manas
Robin Zalkin Brown
Josh Gettinger & Barb Levin
Jeffrey Tinley & Gina DiSalvo
Anita Merlin
Harriet Cooper
Melissa Sturm
Markus Eisenbach
Joe Sitver & Anita Kay
Michael Burnett
Ben Sulman & Fernando Santos
Michael Messing Family
Marilyn & Harvey Liberman
Michael Eisenstadt & Mary Beth Leibowitz

Jeffrey & Lisa Jacobson
Marian Jay
Raquel & Andrew Karlin
Bob & Carole Martin
Dina & Andrew Kramer
Marilyn Burnett
Barbara Leeds
Jeff & Nancy Becker
Anne & Bernard Bendriem
Mark & Peggy Littmann
Jan Hahn & Heather O'Brien
Larry & Virginia Kessler
Larry & Marion Bayer
Jose Piedrahita-Angulo
Mary Ann Merrell
Alice Farkas
Anonymous
Jeff & Anita Miller
Rosalie & Stephen Nagler
Anonymous
Raphael & Susette Panitz
Charlie & Marie Perelman
Frank & Laura Floyd
Marc Forman
Mitch & Margy Goldman
Lo Presser
Shain Raley
Douglas & Jill Weinstein
Bernard & Barbara Bernstein

Shelley & Jeffrey Hecht
Bob & Sarah Milford
Gale & Peggy Hedrick
Sandy & Al Robinson
Amy & David Hull
Stephen & Kim Rosen
Linda Kutsubos
Ken & Susan Brown
Steve & Doris Raskin
Emily H. Patrick
Joshua & Kimberly Hedrick
Trudy Dreyer
Nicki Russler
Ernie & Pam Gross
Michael & Sharon Poore
Ellen & Bill Berez
Dahlia Smith
Karen & Alon Ferency
Jackie & Richard Imbrey
Marty & Martha Iroff
Steve & Carol Abeles
Anonymous
Linda Anderson
Esther Webster
Janet S. Gurwitch
Gilya Schmidt
Mary Linda Schwarzbart
A Friend
Alan Solomon & Andrea Cartwright

Want to add your name to the 2021 Honor Roll?
Contact Marty Iroff at iroff.marty@gmail.com

Contributions by Caring People

Donations received through through August 31, 2021

Bikkur Cholim
In memory of Stella Iroff
Mary Ann & Jennye Merrell
To fund meals
Jeanne & Will Kidd
In gratitude for their support
Marilyn & Harvey Liberman

Calendar
Alice Farkas

Cemetery Fund
In memory of Harold Diftler
Mary Ann & Jennye Merrell
In memory of Sylvia & Isaac Slovis
Anita Merlin
In memory of Rebecca & Hyman Reznik
Anita Merlin
In memory of Mildred Firetag
Anita Merlin
In memory of Anna Leibowitz
Peggy & Gale Hedrick

Cohen-Presser Fund
In memory of Marilyn Presser
Mary Ann & Jennye Merrell

Educator's Supplement Fund
In memory of Leo Vogel
Nancy & Jeff Becker

General Fund
In honor of Karen Ferency
Carole Grayson
In honor of Frank Floyd (for his tireless efforts to get HH services streaming online)
Susan & Ken Brown
In memory of Alice & Cy Landis and Rosalyn & Hyman Raskin
Doris & Stephen Raskin

Heska Amuna Building Fund
In memory of Missy Moody
Miriam Weinstein
Get Well Soon Harvey Liberman
Marilyn Burnett
In memory of Sylvia & Mark Balloff
David Balloff

Rabbis Discretionary Fund
Jeremy Mitchell
Heather O'Brien & Jan Hahn
In honor of Rabbi Ferency
Dr. Ira Lapides & family

Tuition Assistance
Kimberly & Josh Hedrick

Yahrzeit
In memory of Albert Ring
Susan Ring
In memory of Jennye Grusin
Mary Ann & Jennye Merrell
In memory of Phyllis Levine
Ken Levine
In memory of Walter Farkas
Alice Farkas
In memory of Mark Fleishman
Nataly & Seth Fleishman
In memory of Regina Levi
Judith & Michael Levy
In memory of Mordecai Heiser
Gilya Schmidt
In memory of Anna Leibowitz
Mary Beth Leibowitz & Michael Eisenstadt
In memory of Rachel Perelman
Marie & Charles Perelman

TASKFORCE ON INCLUSION

Heska Amuna has convened a Taskforce on Inclusion that will meet over the next several months. Following a workshop on interfaith families with Dr. Keren McGinity, scholar and interfaith specialist for United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism (USCJ), the Taskforce will now undertake fact-finding and make recommendations on welcoming, including, and supporting members of the congregation and the broader Jewish community. The Taskforce has begun its work with a focus on interfaith marriage and families. This is part of a larger effort by Heska Amuna to be more welcoming for families of diverse and interfaith backgrounds. For questions or to discuss experiences, please contact the Chair of the Taskforce on Inclusion, Abraham Brietstein at abrahambrietstein@yahoo.com.

Heska Amuna Synagogue
HaShofar

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Virtual Services

Friday Night Services.....6:30 p.m.
Saturday Morning Services.....10:00 a.m.

Minyanim

Monday.....4 p.m.
Tuesday.....8 p.m.
Wednesday.....6:30 p.m.
Thursday.....2 p.m.

For Zoom links, see *Nu News* or contact the Heska Amuna Synogague office at (865) 522-0701

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

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

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 8a HA Minyan 4p HA Mincha and Torah Chat 6:30p KJA Board Meeting	2 1p TBE Torah Chat w/ Rabbi 7p TBE Healing Service w/ Rabbi & Steve Lewis 8p HA Minyan	3 4:30p TBE Midweek Hebrew 5p HA Limud School 6:30p HA Minyan 7p HA Board of Trustees 7p HA Talmud Study Group	4 7a HA Minyan 11a TBE Adult Education /Torah Study 12p JFS Virtual Coffee Klatch 3p HA Minyan and Talmud Chat	5 6:18p 7:30a KJA Thanks: Coffee & Donuts 12p HA Mindfulness Practice w Rabbi 6:30p HA Kabbalat Shabbat w/Jack Love 7p TBE Shabbat Service	6 7:15p 9:30a HA Shabbat School 10a HA Shabbat Service 7p Community Virtual Havdalah & Book Talk w/ Dan Grunfeld
7 **Reminder: Time Falls Back** 9:30a TBERS 10a TBE Adult Education w/Rabbi 2:30p HA Women's League Membership Program (Zoom)	8 8a HA Minyan 4p Mincha and Torah Chat 6:30p KJA Executive Committee Meeting 7p HA Women's League Board Meeting	9 1p TBE Torah Chat w/ Rabbi 8p HA Minyan	10 4:30p TBE Midweek Hebrew 5p HA Limud School 6:30p HA Minyan 7p HA Talmud Study Group	11 7a HA Minyan 11a TBE Adult Education /Torah Study 12p JFS Virtual Coffee Klatch 3p HA Minyan and Talmud Chat	12 5:12p 12p HA Mindfulness Practice w Rabbi 4p KJA Thanks: Candles & Challah 6:30p HA Kabbalat Shabbat w/Jack Love 7p TBE Veterans Shab-bat Service	13 6:10p 9:30a HA Shabbat School 10a HA Shabbat Service 10:30a TBE Asher Park Bar Mitzvah
14 9:30a TBERS 12:30p TBE Confirmation Class 1:00p Hadassah HMO Luncheon Fundraiser 3:00p PJ Plays at AJCC Playground	15 8a HA Minyan 4p HA Mincha and Torah Chat	16 1p TBE Torah Chat w/ Rabbi 7p TBE Healing Service w/Rabbi & Steve Lewis 7p KJCFF Board Meeting (Zoom) 8p HA Minyan	17 4p FREE Gift Wrapping w/Hillel at UTK at AJCC 4:30p TBE Midweek Hebrew 5p HA Limud School 6:30p HA Minyan 7p Hadassah Board Meeting (Zoom) 7p HA Talmud Study Group	18 7a HA Minyan 11a TBE Adult Education /Torah Study 12p JFS Virtual Coffee Klatch 3p HA Minyan and Talmud Chat 4p FREE Gift Wrapping w/Hillel at UTK at AJCC	19 5:07p 12p HA Mindfulness Practice w Rabbi 4p KJA Thanks: Pie & Pumpkins 6:30p HA Kabbalat Shabbat w/Jack Love 7p TBE Shabbat Service	20 6:06p 9:30a HA Shabbat School 10a HA Shabbat Service
21 9:30a TBERS 12:30p TBE Confirmation	22 8a HA Minyan 4p HA Micha and Torah Chat	23 1p TBE Torah Chat w/ Rabbi 8p HA Minyan	24 4:30p TBE Midweek Hebrew	25 9a HA Minyan	26 5:05p 12p HA Mindfulness Practice w Rabbi 6:30p HA Kabbalat Shabbat w/Jack Love 7p TBE Shabbat Service	27 6:04p 10a HA Shabbat Service
28 Chanukah: 1 Candle	29 Chanukah: 2 Candles 8a HA Minyan 4p HA Micha and Torah Chat	30 Chanukah: 3 Candles 1p TBE Torah Chat w/ Rabbi 7p TBE Healing Service w/Rabbi & Steve Lewis 8p HA Minyan				

◊ KJA Thank You Days ◊

November 5, 12, 19

Stop by for a special treat...on US!

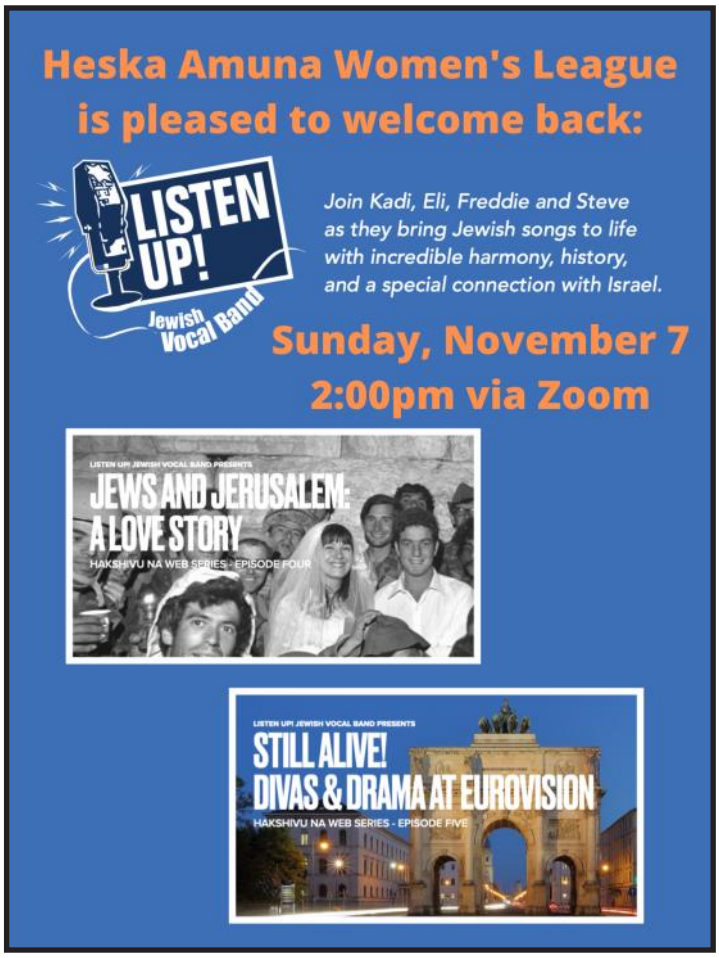
See page 22 for more details!

Need more information on an event? Visit ww.jewishknoxville.org/calendar for details!

KNOXVILLE

Josh Hedrick Announced as a Knoxville Bar Foundation 2021 Fellow

The Knoxville Bar Foundation was pleased to recognize twelve esteemed members of Knoxville's legal community. Each year the Foundation inducts a new Fellows Class, which is less than one percent of the active bar association. Josh Hedrick, Heska Amuna's Chair of the Board of Trustees, received this honor. The Fellows represent quality men and women practitioners in our community who have distinguished themselves in the practice of law and service. The Foundation's board of directors reviews numerous nominations, and determines the inductees who have demonstrated superior legal skills and high ethical standards and service to the community. The Knoxville Bar Foundation is a not for profit foundation established to improve public awareness of the legal system in Knoxville, the administration of justice and the delivery of legal services through the distribution of its funds.



HAPPENINGS

Dan Smith Honored with Ruth Sherrill Award

Temple Beth El has honored Dan Smith with the Ruth Sherrill Award, presented on Friday, October 29. The Ruth Sherrill Award was created in memory of Ruth Sherrill, a devoted member of Temple Beth El, who contributed her time in many areas. The Award is given to recognize someone who has made significant contributions to Temple Beth El. This award is only given when someone truly deserves recognition.

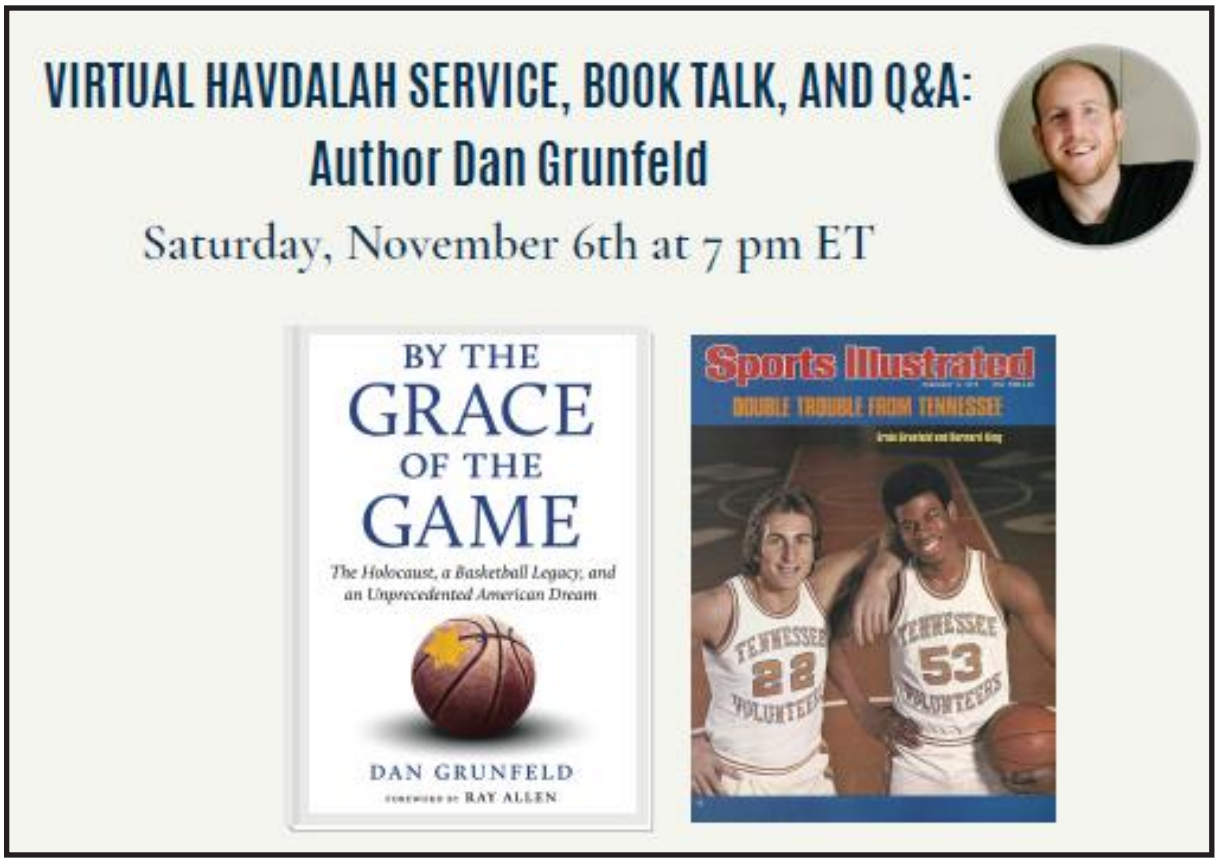
Dan has served Temple Beth El, the Knoxville Jewish Community and the Greater Knoxville community in many ways since he and his wife, Abbie Harris Smith (of blessed memory), moved to Knoxville in the early 1980's.

Dan has been instrumental in all aspects of Temple leadership. As a longtime Board member, he is never afraid to speak up and ask probing questions. He served as President for three years and then as Immediate Past President on the Executive committee for another three years. He has served as either chair or member on Ritual and Worship, School and Youth, Ways and Means, and Funds Financial Management committees. In addition, he has served on several Nominating and Rabbinic Search committees.

Dan has also provided spiritual leadership. With support from Temple Beth El, he trained as Para-Rabbinic Fellow completing Levels 1 and 2. He has led Shabbat services, officiated at funerals, shiva minyanim, and a Brit Milah.

Dan has particularly enjoyed his role as educator. He was a popular B'nei Mitzvah tutor for many years. For 18 years, Dan was the "Rabbi" at Church Street United Methodist Church for their annual "Walk Through Bethlehem" experience. He has guided many church groups and student visitors around our Sanctuary and explained our sacred objects.
Since 2000 Dan has been a Volunteer Chaplain with the Knoxville Police Department. He is now Chaplin emeritus.

Dan regularly attends services and congregational events. All appreciate his quick wit and dry sense of humor. And, he blows a mean shofar. Dan truly deserves this highest honor.



Knoxville Jewish Alliance

Ha'Kol

Paying It Forward

By Bryan Goldberg, KJA President

Our pool was built before the JCC building was. Our pool has been a community gathering spot for at least three generations and going on a fourth. Community members have met, fallen in love, and have gotten married all from a chance meeting at our pool. Our community has hosted birthday parties, graduation events, Galas, and all sorts of summer holiday events at our pool. Innumerous amounts of our children and grandchildren have learned to swim at our pool, with some of them starting lifelong passions of competitive swimming on our Smokin' Salmon summer swim team. Our Milton Collin's Summer Camp stands above the local competition with the breadth and scope of activities our pool can offer its campers. I cannot describe the amount of people, especially those who do not identify as Jewish, who can tie a memory of their childhood to our pool. Our pool holds a unique place within the tapestry of so many of our lives, that one article cannot do it justice.

The sport of swimming and being around a pool is what defined me for more than 16 years. It allowed me to find early personal success as a 19-time Florida state high school champion, it took me to Israel in 2001 and 2005 for the Maccabiah games, it brought me a chance to represent the USA at the 2003 Pan American games, compete at two Olympic Trails and ultimately brought me to Knoxville to swim on the University of Tennessee Swim Team where I became an All American and four-year letterman. Swimming brought me here, where I met my wife Adrienne, and we started a family and our adult lives. Our son, Chase, swam on the Smokin' Salmon swim team this year. Always happy to help, I volunteered to be a stroke and turn judge for our team which brought an enormous amount of humor to my parents. I'd venture to say the amount of time my parents spent participating in my swimming life can only truly be measured in months. They were as devoted a set of parents to a child's passion as anyone can imagine.

Last month, KJCFF President Stephen Rosen sent out a call to start a KJA endowment fund for the pool and I would point you to page 23 to re-read his article. As I read it last month, it dawned on me that it is honestly bewildering that one does not already exist. So it is with great enthusiasm that I am announcing that Adrienne and I, joined by my parents (Alan and Sheryl) and my sister and her husband (Lauren and Jack) have stepped up and agreed to start a KJA Endowment fund for our pool.

In the spirit of paying it forward, I am laying down a challenge for the rest of you. If our pool has played a part in your life, if it has made a lasting impression on you or if your family has benefitted from being members, I implore you to join us in contributing to this fund. If you are new to our community but swimming has been a part of your life, I implore you to join us. If you are interested in the Knoxville Jewish community having a quality pool facility for another four generations to come, I implore you to join us. If at the end of this year, you find your philanthropic ability to contribute expanded, I would kindly ask you to consider helping us kick off this fund. When you are ready to make a commitment, reach out to Stephen Rosen or Laura Sadler and know that all our future children thank you.

From all of us at KJA!

FREE Gift Wrapping from Hillel at UTK

November 17 & 18
4-6 PM
AJCC

Drop off gifts on Wednesday for pickup on Thursday OR stay while we wrap. Monetary and non-perishable food donations will be accepted for Second Harvest.

2021 KJA Annual Campaign $239,634

as of 10/4/2021

Become a Part of History! Record Your Oral Testimony

We are living through exceptional times and the KJA Archives would like a record of your experiences. We would like to ask you to record yourself or find a member of your household or family to record you answering our list of questions. Your recording can be a video or just an audio recording. You can even choose to answer the questions in written format if you prefer. We will then collect your records for safe keeping in the KJA Archives.

At the beginning of the recording, state your name, birth date, place of birth, and where you currently live.

Please answer the following questions and elaborate as much as possible:

- How has the pandemic affected you?
- What was your life like before the pandemic? What were you doing before it started?
- How has your life changed?
- If you were working or going to school, how has that changed?
- What are your days like?
- How are you staying connected to family, friends, work, or school while social distancing?
- What changes have you noticed most in your community? In the environment?
- How have the lives of your family members and those who share your household changed since the pandemic began?
- How has your religious practice changed due to the pandemic?
- Have you participated in any Jewish community events or programs since the pandemic began?
- How do you imagine your life being after the pandemic ends?
- What message do you have for the future about life during a pandemic?

Please email *nrussler@jewishknoxville.org* about sending your recording to the KJA Archives.

GKJ MEN'S CLUB

Greater Knoxville Jewish Men's Club Monthly Events

1st Wednesdays
12:30p.m.
Lunch & Kibitz on Zoom

Monthly Dining Out
Email to request times and locations

For more information:
www.gkjmc.org
Email: GJKMensClub@gmail.com

Celebrate Hanukkah with PJ Library!

Celebrate Hanukkah at Home

PJ Library in Knoxville

Play Dreidel!
A fun way to remember the Hanukkah story. The letters stand for Ness Gadol Haya Sham - a great miracle happened there! The rules are here in Ha'Kol.

Watch Videos!
Scan the QR below for a link to the Shaboom Hanukkah Special. Many cartoon favorites have Hanukkah episodes too - including Elena of Avalor, Puppy Dog Pals, Arthur, and the all-time classic Rugrats!

Hanukkah at School!
Are you the "Hanukkah parent" at school? Check out the blog post "Sharing Hanukkah at School" on pjlibrary.org for great resources and ideas!

Light Candles!
Whether you use candles or electric bulbs, light the menorah each night and say the blessings together!

SCAN ME

Eat!
Latkes, jelly donuts, chocolate gelt, and more - YUM!!

Read Books!
PJ Library has the Ultimate List of Children's Books About Hanukkah for all ages from board books to chapter books. They have books for Sephardic and Interfaith families too.

Happy Hanukkah

Lighting the Hanukkah menorah

The candles are placed in the menorah from **right to left**, with one more candle added each night.

Light the *Shamash*, the helper candle, first. Then say two blessings – one for lighting the candles, and one for miracles.

Baruch ata Adonai,
Eloheinu melech ha'olam,
asher kideshanu bemitzvotav
vetzivanu lehadlik ner shel
Hanukkah

Dear God, Creator of our world, thank You for giving us rules that make our lives special and for teaching us to light these Hanukkah candles.

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יי אֱ-לֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם אֲשֶׁר
קִדְּשָׁנוּ בְּמִצְוֹתָיו וְצִוָּנוּ לְהַדְלִיק נֵר שֶׁל חֲנֻכָּה

Amen

Use the Shamash to light the other candles, starting with the newest candle, on the left.

Baruch ata Adonai,
Eloheinu melech ha'olam,
sheh'asa nisim lavoteinu
bayamim haheim bazman
hazeh

Dear God, Creator of our world, thank you for performing miracles for our ancestors, long ago and now.

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יי אֱ-לֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם שֶׁעָשָׂה
נִסִּים לַאֲבוֹתֵינוּ בַּיָּמִים הָהֵם בַּזְּמַן הַזֶּה

Amen

If it's the first night of Hanukkah, add a third blessing for celebrating.

Baruch ata Adonai,
Eloheinu melech ha'olam,
shehecheyanu
vekiyemanu
vehigi'anu
lazman hazeh.

Dear God, Creator of our world, thank you for keeping us alive so we can celebrate this important moment.

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יי אֱ-לֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם
שֶׁהֶחֱיָנוּ וְקִיְּמָנוּ וְהִגִּיעָנוּ לַזְּמַן הַזֶּה

Amen

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Time: 3:00 PM

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How to Play Dreidel

Supplies:

Dreidel

At least 10 tokens per player (tokens can be any small item — dried beans, chocolate coins, pennies, etc.)

To set up, distribute the tokens evenly among the players.

Arrange yourselves in a circle. Have each player put one of their tokens into the center — the "pot."

Now take turns spinning the dreidel. When it lands, the letter facing up will tell the player what to do:

נ **Nun: Nothing.** Don't take from or add to the pot.

ג **Gimel: All.** Take all of the tokens from the pot.

ה **Hay: Half out.** Take half of the tokens from the pot.

ש **Shin: One in.** Add one token to the pot.

Anytime the pot is emptied, each player puts one token back in before the next person spins. As players run out of tokens, they're out — and the last person remaining is the winner!

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Shalom Y'all!

By Rabbi Erin Boxt

On Thursday, November 25, we will observe the Thanksgiving holiday. In grade school, each of us learns the same stories – the Pilgrims and the Native Americans sitting down together to celebrate the harvest meal. The first nation-wide Thanksgiving was proclaimed on November 26, 1789, by George Washington. In 1863, President Abraham Lincoln proclaimed national Thanksgiving Day to be celebrated on the final Thursday of November. The contemporary date of the fourth Thursday in November was set by federal legislation in 1941! President Franklin D. Roosevelt declared the fourth Thursday (next-to-last) of November to extend the shopping season before Christmas and help bring the country out of the Great Depression.

Thanksgiving is a wonderful holiday which gives us the opportunity to give some serious thought about what we are thankful for. Families gather together, not just for a festive meal, but also to celebrate the memories and beauty present in our lives. While Thanksgiving has deep roots in religious tradition, today it is a primarily a secular holiday. People from across all religious boundaries are able to gather together and give thanks. The Covid 19 Pandemic (of course) affected our celebrations last year. Hopefully this year more and more people will be able to gather together.

Our B'nei Mitzvah students are very well aware that we have a very important Thanksgiving prayer – the *Hodaah* prayer. Our students lead an alternate prayer, called the *Modim Anachnu Lach*. With this sequence of statements, which begin *Modim Anachnu Lach* (We are thankful to You), we recognize the vital role God plays in our lives and in the lives of our families. The translation of the *Hodaah* prayer follow:

We gratefully acknowledge with thanks that You are Adonai, our God, and the God of our ancestors forever. You are the Rock of our lives, and the Shield of our salvation in every generation. Let us thank You and praise You - for our lives which are in Your hand, for our souls which are in Your care, for Your miracles that we experience every day and for Your wondrous deeds and favors at every time of day: evening, morning, and noon. O Good One, whose mercies never end, O Compassionate One, whose kindness never fails, we forever put our hope in You.
For all these things, O Sovereign, let Your Name be forever praised and blessed.
O God, our Redeemer and Helper, let all who live affirm You and praise Your Name in truth. Blessed are You, Adonai, Your Name is Goodness, and You are worthy of thanksgiving.

While we gather together and give thanks, let us also remember those in our community who are less fortunate. Here are a couple of links to organizations in our community:

http://prominentchapterscorpnonprofit.simplesite.com/450360530

https://apattknox.com/

https://www.uwgk.org/

TBE President's Remarks

By Kathy Young, TBE President

November is the month for thanks. No, not the holiday of Thanksgiving necessarily, but a feeling that I can make a difference to someone who needs help but is too embarrassed to ask for it. Helplessness is a feeling that I can't do it myself. But what if there were some small things that could be done, and you could be a part of that? Temple Beth El needs your help. We have so many ideas, but not enough people to fulfill them. If you were asked to help with one thing and one thing only, would you volunteer? How about calling new members and welcoming them? That does not take a huge effort, does not take a long time, but can make a difference between someone feeling welcome and someone feeling VERY welcome. What about a play group or picnic after Religious School to get the children and the parents together? What ideas do you have that you could help us implement? Are you good at something or have a profession that perhaps could be shared on Zoom for a small group of people? We need to expand our horizons and I am asking for you to please help me and your hard-working board find some ways to further connect us. Please consider offering your assistance. This Mitzvah will pay you back many times over.

Hands on, Hearts on, Minds on Learning

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

Religious School classes 9:30-12:00
Midweek Hebrew 4th-7th Wednesdays 4:30-6:00
A complete school calendar is on our Temple Website.

Daylight Savings Ends Sunday morning, November 7th. Don't forget to set your clocks back to be on time for religious school.

This November our theme will be "Turning Thankfulness into Action". As Jewish educators, we strive to teach the value of being thankful for the many gifts we have in our lives. We will do activities that help our students take a deeper dive into understanding the why, what, and how of thankfulness. Then we will put this into action through projects of g'*milut chasadim,* acts of loving kindness.

Asher Park will be called to the Torah Saturday, November 13th at 10:30. Asher will be our first seventh grader to become Bar Mitzvah this year. Fortunately, he has not had to postpone his service because of the Pandemic. Let's hope it stays that way! Asher really loves studying Hebrew and has been a dedicated student. He is looking forward to leading his service, chanting Torah, and delivering his speech. Asher is a seventh grader at Colter Grove Intermediate School in Maryville. He is the son of Dustin Park and Sarah Miller and the brother of Elliott and Dinah. His Torah and prayer coach is Norma James. Rabbi Boxt will supervise his speech and the entire Bar Mitzvah process. Asher's service will be in person (attendance limited) and live streamed. Whether you join us in person or on live stream, we hope you will all support Asher as he celebrates this Jewish milestone.

Thanksgiving Break is Wednesday, November 24th through Sunday, November 28tt.

Maccabiah is December 5th. Maccabiah will look different this year, but it will be just as much fun! We cannot let this Pandemic stop us from having our favorite event of the year. Tara Bain and her Chair class have designed an amazing set of activities that allow us to celebrate our Chanukah tradition at TBERS. I can't wait to see what they have in store for us!

Attention Teams Gimmel, Hay, Nun, and Shin! Maccabiah is Sunday, December 5th.

Asher Park to Become Bar Mitzvah

Dustin Park and Sarah Miller are proud to announce the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Asher Park. Asher will become a bar mitzvah on Saturday, November 13th with Rabbi Erin Boxt officiating. Asher was born in Chicago, IL, the first child of interfaith parents Dustin (Catholic) and Sarah (Jewish). Since moving to Maryville, TN in 2016 Asher has been engaged at Temple Beth El through the wonderful religious school led by Norma James, who also served as his Torah coach. Asher currently is a 7th grader at Coulter Grove Intermediate School. He is an active member of the Tri-Star JV rowing team, where he is a coxswain. He has an insatiable thirst for learning, especially when it comes to history and current events. We are so proud of all the hard work Asher has put forth over the past few years to prepare for this moment!

We love you Asher! - Mom, Dad, Elliott and Dinah

A Tashlich Walk

Contribution by Shelley Mangold

Temple Beth El members had a lovely Tashlich walk and casting of sins and/or regrets to Third Creek during Rosh Hashanah. Thank you, Officer Epperson, for joining us.

Temple Beth El Religious School Celebrates Sukkot

Pictured clockwise (L to R): 1st & 2nd grade hanging decorations; Chai class making lanyards for the sukkah; 5th & 6th grades hanging a chain; Rabbi Boxt teaching about the lulav and etrog; 3rd & 4th grades hanging out under the sukkah; Ms. Jeannine teaching about kindness

1: Bella Safro
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18: Rachel Golden, Deborah Hicks, Joel Rosenbaum, Joani Wilson
19: Rachel Ellis, Seth Grossman
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24: Jessica Weckstein
25: Lucy Theriot
28: Wilbur Wilson
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WINTER IS COMING.

Our coat drive begins this month!
Please consider making a donation of a coat or sweater you no longer need.

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Our Mission

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

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

Learn more about Temple Beth El at *www.tbeknox.org*

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Nov 5

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7:30-10:00 am

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Give Thanks and Give Back!
Bring a donation for Second Harvest Food Bank & receive a FREE coffee!

Nov 12

Candles & Challah
4:00-6:00 pm

Let us help you get ready for Shabbat with FREE Shabbat candles and homemade challah rolls!

Nov 19

Pie & Pumpkins
4:00-6:00 pm

Thanksgiving is coming! Stop by for a FREE mini-pie from Buttermilk Sky Pie and paint a mini-pumpkin!

תודה רבה!
THANK YOU!

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Mazel Tov to Laura Faye and Clint Sadler

KJCFF wishes a hearty mazal tov to Mrs. Laura Faye Sadler and Mr. Clint Sadler on their recent wedding. Mrs. Sadler is a tireless and highly valued senior executive with the Knoxville Jewish Alliance as well as being the lead professional for KJCFF. Mr. Sadler is an IT professional at the University of Tennessee. The lovely couple are still working on honeymoon plans. Siman tov and mazal tov to the wonderful couple!

KJCFF welcomes the new Iroff Family Fund

By Marty Iroff

The Bernard and Stella Iroff Family Philanthropic Fund was established by their children, spouses, and families. Alan & Julie Iroff, Marty & Martha Iroff, and Michelle & Stuart Langer and families join together to honor our parents' ideals: education, family, concern for others, and a sense of humor. The fund will focus support on these areas, with particular focus in the communities in Iowa, Tennessee, and Georgia where their children live. While it is nice to say your parents left a legacy, our intention was to turn dollars into action to bring their legacy to life. By the way, do you know the story of the Jewish guy who.....

BREAKING NEWS... KJCFF will launch fund for the AJCC Pool

Three families have committed to start a fund for the AJCC pool. If you are ready to follow them off the board, please contact Laura or Stephen immediately. If you have interest in naming the pool, KJA leadership is ready to talk. Below is a reprint of an article from October.

The Arnstein JCC, the Caller Auditorium, the Orwitz Room, the Schwarzbart Gallery, and Ed Hunter Offices are permanent features of KJA's presence on Deane Hill Drive. But what is the AJCC best known for? It's the pool! For those of us that can remember, the pool was built first. Everyone who grew up here seems to have memories, good and bad, from the AJCC pool. I lost my first tooth when someone jumped on my back in the baby pool. Didn't slow me down! Swim team, tennis, throwing balls against the wall and in the gutters (yes, there were gutters), hot dogs, frozen Charleston Chews, etc. How about the number of people who met their future spouses at the pool?!? Pools aren't cheap and we will soon need a new liner that could be $50,000+. Chemicals, lifeguards, wear and tear (the tennis courts probably need resurfacing) …lots of expenses. What if it was endowed? The timing would be excellent given we have an All-American swimmer as KJA president!

If you have interest in throwing your money in a hole in the ground and naming the aquatic and/or tennis center, contact Laura or Stephen.

Charitable Term of the Month

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Jewish Congregation of Oak Ridge

Community

By Cantor Jacqueline Marx, guest columnist & JCOR's spiritual leader during the High Holidays

What classifies Jews as a whole? I see us as family. Some folks are born into a family. Some join that family later. Sometimes we argue with our family. Sometimes we feel as if we don't even like our family, but what makes a family is that at the end of the day, we love them. We don't always have to agree. Who is a Jew? What does a Jew look like? What is a Jew's jam? We come from every country, every continent. We exist in every color, every flavor, every gender and sexuality. It's not incumbent upon us to determine who's a Jew. It is incumbent upon us to listen, accept, and welcome all who enter our gates.

Remember the name Marra Gad. Born of an African American father and a white, Ashkenazic Jewish mother, Marra was adopted by a white, Jewish couple at only three days old. Afterwards, Marra's parents had two more children biologically. Together with Marra's maternal grandmother, they all lived harmoniously in a multi-family home in Chicago. There was just one problem: Extended family. Other relatives would visit and treat Marra vastly differently from how treated her siblings. One summer's day, Marra's mom came outside to find an older cousin putting 5-year-old Marra to work emptying her ash trays, while this same cousin held Marra's little sister on her lap. Relatives brought presents for Marra's little brother and sister, but nothing for her. With each act, each word of senseless racism that othered their eldest, Marra's parents banished the perps from their home, until the family pretty much boiled down to the essential supportive immediate members. All of this, and more, appears in lyrical but unsparing detail in Marra's memoir, *The Color of Love: A Story of a Mixed-Race Jewish Girl.*

Worst of all is that, despite the book's success and critical acclaim; despite the legions of fans and friends she has acquired through her personal and professional outreach, Marra Gad still has yet to gain a purchase of welcome in Jewish spaces. She is greeted as a guest at best; a possible threat at worst; and as the hired help all too often in between. Two years ago, Marra Gad visited a large, progressive synagogue in the Hollywood area near her home. It's one of the most open, welcoming congregations. As soon as Marra Gad took her seat in the sanctuary, an usher hurried over to her to ask what she was doing there. This usher questioned her presence, interrogated her as to her purpose, and publicly embarrassed her so badly that she had to leave in tears. Marra Gad's subsequent efforts to reach the congregation's spiritual leader to discuss the incident were all in vain. She has never so much as received a call, much less an apology.

Where are we in all this? If we greet anyone in our midst with anything but "Shabbat Shalom" or "Gut Yontiff", we're doing it wrong. Although we embrace a tradition of welcoming the stranger, we make the grave mistake of calling them "stranger" in the first place. As is often the case, Hebrew comes to the rescue with the word *ger* (rhymes with "bear" and sounds like a nickname for your friend Gary). *Ger* refers to "stranger" on the surface, but so much more: neophyte, interesting foreigner. When we add an infinitive: we have *la-GUR,* "to reside." When we ask in Hebrew, "*Efoh atah gar?*" or "*Efoh at' ga-RAH?*" we ask, "Where do you live?" as in, "Where do you legitimately live, reside, or pass the night?"

Torah teaches no less than 36 times – double *chai* – twice the value of life – not to oppress the *ger*, for we were *gerim* in the land of Egypt.

V'ger LO to-nah, v'LO til-kha-tzen-nu,
ki ger'im ha-yi-tem b'eretz Mitz-RA-yim.

According to 11th-c. French commentator Rashi, the *ger* can turn right around and say back to you, "You also descend from strangers. Do not reproach your fellow for a short-coming that is also your own." But Maimonides gets even closer to the matter by remembering that G-d sees the oppression of the *ger* and the tears of the *ger*; hears the outcry of the *ger* and delivers the *ger* from persecution, as G-d delivered us from Egypt.

Let's reframe our vernacular. Instead of thinking of welcoming the stranger, let's focus on the term "hospitality." Audacious hospitality began when Abraham hurried after three new guests just to welcome them to his tent with a feast… while still recuperating from his own *b'rit milah.* Later, audacious hospitality extended to the late Rabbi Alexander Schindler's exhortation to draw interfaith families close in all aspects of Jewish life. Indeed, it is thanks to the generosity and determination and muscle of the non-Jewish component of many of our families, that we have people in our pews, children in our religious schools, and loving hands doing acts of community kindness. It's all about community: our foibles, our differences, our commonalities, our frenzied, funny, fine family. The more, the merrier in good times. The more, the more comforting, in less good times. Don't pass up the opportunity to welcome the not-so-stranger to your gates. You might miss out on a beautiful, loving family dynamic.

Welcome, Cantor Marx! Thank you for serving as JCOR's Interim Spiritual Leader.

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Simchat Torah with Cantor Marx and Chloe

Eileen Handler receiving Distinguished Senior Award

YKA 5782

As we did last year, we set a goal of $15,000 for YKA fund raising. **We are there as of mid-October! Thank you to all who contributed.** With your support we can meet our goals and continue to raise the spirits of our community.

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When a Tent Becomes a Shul!

With Covid still very real all Chabad High Holiday prayers and events were held outdoors in a huge 20x60 tent. This tent tells the story of the resilience and ingenuity of human spirit.

Chabad Tent Stats for the Hebrew Month of Tishrei:
150 ppl heard the **shofar** being blown on Rosh Hashana
85 shofar **cookies** were decorated
All **5** Yom Kippur **Tefillot** were davened with a minyan
25lbs of Kosher Deli **Meat** were served at the Kosher Pop Up Deli
75 adults and kids **danced** and sang at the Simchat Torah Hakafot!
60 Challahs bagged by our Cteeners were delivered to healthcare heroes
18 Teens enjoyed a Sushi in the Sukkah program
1 lesson we have learned from this Covid experience is that the we can do without the fancy shul, comfortable chairs and even the AC as long as we have each other. L'chaim to a year filled with celebrating our Judaism together as a community.

Cteeners Headan and Melissa deliver the Challah for Heroes to ParkWest Hospital

Teens enjoyed rolling their own Sushi Rolls under the tutelage of Andrea Cohn!

Participants enjoyed visiting the Sukkah and making a blessing on the Lulav and Etrog at the Kosher Deli Pop Up – Sukkot Edition

Yahrzeits

Heska Amuna Synagogue

November 6
Rebecca Benbenisty ♦ Ronald Berry ♦ Rose Busch ♦ Nathan Busch ♦ Anna Cohen ♦ Jacob Corkland ♦ Bobby Evars ♦ Max Hurvich ♦ Nancy Lawhead ♦ Regina Levy ♦ Debra Martindale ♦ Monnie Millen ♦ Hilda Nisenson ♦ David Norynberg ♦ Libbye Perelman ♦ Carmen Pfeffer ♦ Hannah Poster ♦ Marilyn Presser ♦ David Rosen ♦ Robert Shersky ♦ Faye Simon ♦ Fannie Taylor ♦ George Weisberg

November 13
Harry Becker ♦ Lois Boiarsky ♦ Mattie Corkland ♦ Fanny Diamond ♦ Rose Diftler ♦ Mike Gettinger ♦ Sadye Jacobs ♦ Lillian Liberman ♦ Charles Margolies ♦ Helen Presser ♦ Sol Richer ♦ Bea Russotto ♦ Milton Shaw ♦ Dora Shersky ♦ Ida Siegal ♦ Nathan Slovis ♦ Eva Sturm

November 20
Sigmund Bank ♦ Eleanor Belaief ♦ Rafael Benhayon ♦ Arthur Brown ♦ Rose R. Busch ♦ Isaac Chazen ♦ Rachel Chazen ♦ Charles Davis ♦ David Eisenberg ♦ Max Gabler ♦ William Hershey ♦ Irene Hershey ♦ Bessie Hite ♦ George Kramer ♦ Bertha Lamstein ♦ Bella Leeds ♦ David Liberman ♦ Meyer Linkev ♦ Isidor Lippner ♦ Eddie McCoy ♦ Meyer Miller ♦ Norman Nadler ♦ Raye Panitz ♦ Morris Panitz ♦ Toby Schwartz ♦ Murray Schwartz ♦ Thelma Weisberg ♦ Irvin Wolf

November 27
Betty Abrams ♦ Vander Blue ♦ Gustave Deitch ♦ Benjamin Geller ♦ Mordechai Golinkin ♦ Sigmund Green ♦ Sarah Green ♦ Eugene Gross ♦ Carol Harris ♦ Cindy Shepler ♦ H. Waugh ♦ Gertrude Weiner ♦ Fannie Werner ♦ Harold Winston

Yahrzeits

TEMPLE BETH EL

November 5
Mabell Anthony ♦ Morris Billen ♦ David Blumberg ♦ Gustav Brunschwig ♦ Simone Levi Brunschwig ♦ Toni Buescher ♦ Agnes Canner ♦ Helen Nachman Epstein ♦ Joseph D. Feldman ♦ Jay Goodfriend ♦ Marvin Miller ♦ Ted Perlmutter ♦ Yitzhak Rabin ♦ Marvin Shey ♦ Gloria Weinstein

November 12
Jean-Pierre Besman ♦ Gerson Bush ♦ Anna Cohen ♦ Rose Cohen ♦ Loretta Cohn ♦ Irwin Deutscher ♦ Edith (Missy) Dickey ♦ Max Gillman ♦ Herbert Glazer ♦ Belar Koptiva ♦ Bertha Lees ♦ Anna (Annie) Lewis ♦ Fannie Lippner ♦ Ursala Mangold ♦ Charles Margolies ♦ Frederick B. B Millis ♦ Ethel Misner ♦ Nathaniel Razansky ♦ David Silerstein ♦ Marcia Silverstein ♦ Eva Landsman Sturm ♦ Page Wallace ♦ Richard Wayburn ♦ Murray Weinstein ♦ Rickard Dick Zivi

November 19
Walter N Blaufeld ♦ Mimi Brody ♦ Samuel Mark Brody ♦ Ben Cohn ♦ Joseph Dresner ♦ Michael Ecker ♦ Sigmund Frankel ♦ Hilda Gross ♦ Celia Gutman ♦ Florence Jacobstein ♦ Sol Richer ♦ Toby Schwartz ♦ Sonia Shey ♦ Cheryl Lynn Steinfeld-Weinberg ♦ Iva Jean Wadsworth ♦ Meyer Weintraub

November 26
Herbert Brody ♦ Isadore Brody ♦ Sarah Sue Bush ♦ Albert Fribourg ♦ David Friedman ♦ Gloria Glazer ♦ Anne Goldstein ♦ David Goodfriend ♦ David Hiller ♦ Irwin Kipnes ♦ Lazarus Lewis ♦ Emanuel Liebman ♦ Stan Perlmutter ♦ Bernard Meyer Schramm ♦ Jacqueline Selk

Hadassah HIGHLIGHTS

HADASSAH
THE WOMEN'S ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA, INC.

HADASSAH Knoxville – Oak Ridge

Hadassah Knoxville-Oak Ridge
Virtual HMO Luncheon

Resiliency & the Art of Aging

Jeanne Kidd

Sunday, November 14th at 1pm on Zoom

Jeanne Kidd, Hadassah Knoxville-Oak Ridge member, explains how she followed her dreams from Knoxville to Israel & her current installment displayed at Hadassah Hospitals.

Hadassah research updates by Special Guest:
Rachel Schonberger, M.D., National Board Member

Excerpts from Dr. Shiri Ben-David program touching "Keys to Resiliency".
Featured Speaker: Ellen Sichel President of Custom Calm Health & Wellness. as she shares her signature approach "Stop Waiting, Start Living"

Bra Decorations made in October will be featured

Sponsorships available beginning at $36.

Register:
https://hadassahsupersouth.org/HMOLuncheon

Brunch and Bras—Ladies Have it All

Brunch with the ladies is never a bad thing. Add in bras and a little creativity and you have yourself a party. In honor of Breast Cancer Awareness month, we gathered to bring understanding to a disease that affects 1 in 8 women killing 1 in 37. While hot gluing tassels on a bra certainly won't cure cancer, our hope is that we were able to encourage women in the Greater Knoxville area to pay a little more attention to their breasts. Make sure to schedule your annual mammogram if you're over 40 years old and perform routine self-examinations. Early detection saves lives.

Thank you to everyone who joined us and if you missed the program, please feel free to decorate a new or gently used bra and submit to our Facebook group page.

A special thank you to Mill Agent for providing an array of lavish fabrics and to Shuli Mesa for supplying various crafts and doodads. Extra thanks go to Andrea Cone for hosting our creative pop-up event. We will be displaying our decorated bras during the HMO Luncheon on November 14th. You won't want to miss these works of art.

Speaker: Jerry Klinger
The Jewish American Society for Historic Preservation **(JASHP)**

Thank you, Jean Begue, for bringing Speaker: Jerry Klinger from The Jewish American Society for Historic Preservation (JASHP)

Fascinating stories of Jewish Historic Sites in the United States and Israel. He emphasized how important his work is not only for the Jewish people but for all citizens. Anti-Semitism and Jewish Legitimacy is so important as he gave us lots of insight of things we never knew. For those interested in more information visit and contact Jerry at the link below:
http://jewish-american-society-for-historic-preservation....

In this link he references many stories that we all should read about. It ceases to amaze me how much history in the USA we do not know about. Jerry is working hard to put these markers in places where we can view an understand our history.

2022 Hadassah Knoxville-Oak Ridge Directory Deadline Extension: December 9, 2021

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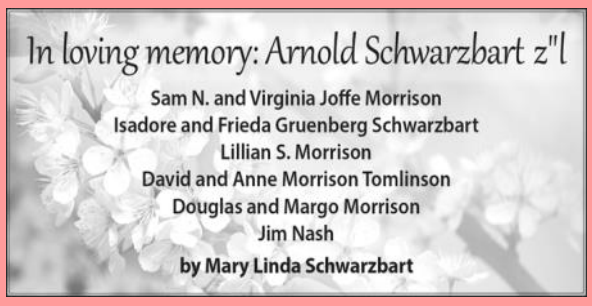


Please direct questions or submit black and white JPEG or PDF ad copy and art work to Jill Weinstein at jkweinstein5@gmail.com.

Have you moved or changed your e-mail address or phone number? Please notify Barbara Mintz at barbara@bmintz.com to update your contact information for the most accurate 2022 Hadassah directory.

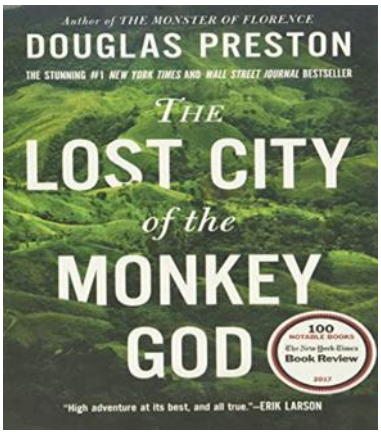
Hadassah members and Associates: You have the right to withhold your information from our directory. We will include your name, address, phone, and email unless we hear from you by December 9th to remove or modify your personal information.

Hadassah Book Club News

All Jewish women and friends of Greater Knoxville-Oak Ridge and beyond are welcome to join us.

We welcome you to participate in our next Hadassah Book Club meeting. **On November 16** we will be discussing ***The Lost City of the Monkey God*** by Douglas Preston. With pandemic numbers increasing again our members requested having zoom only meetings at this time. We will start at 7:30p.m.

The Lost City of the Monkey God by Douglas Preston



Since the days of conquistador Cortés, rumors have circulated about a lost city of immense wealth hidden somewhere in the Honduran interior. Indigenous tribes warn that anyone who enters this sacred city will fall ill and die. In 1940, a journalist returned with artifacts and stories of having found the Lost City of the Monkey God-but then he committed suicide without revealing its location.

Three quarters of a century later, a bestselling author joined a team of scientists on a groundbreaking new quest. He flew in a rickety plane carrying classified technology that could map the terrain under the densest rainforest canopy. He and his team then battled torrential rains, disease-carrying insects, jaguars, and deadly snakes. But it wasn't until they returned that tragedy struck: Many of the team had contracted a horrifying, sometimes lethal-and incurable-disease.

This book is the absolutely true, eyewitness account of one of the great discoveries of the twenty-first century.

Our future book selections:

- **December 12**: **The Girl with the Louding Voice** by Abi Dare
- **January 18, 2022: News of the World** by Paulette Jiles
- **February 15, 2022: The Emporer of All Maladies** by Siddhartha Makheriee

Please contact Barbara Mintz at Barbara@bmintz.com if you have any questions or want to be added to the Zoom registration list. Also let her know if you have changes in your email address or want to be removed from the master mailing list.

Hadassah Knoxville-Oak Ridge

Presents

2022 NATIONAL MAH JONGG LEAGUE CARDS

Members and Non-Members can order:

- Online with credit card at https://tinyurl.com/8muxcprc
- Check along with printed form may be sent to Laura Floyd

Please respond to form questions with the following:

- Which Region are you in? SOUTHERN
- Chapter Name? KNOXVILLE-OAK RIDGE

If you have further questions, please send to hadassahknoxvilleac@gmail.com

Buy a Tree or Water Certificate to Honor a Special Occasion

One Tree $18
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$500

Contact Joyce York at *joyceyork12@gmail.com*
for more information

Celebrate Motherhood with a Hadassah Layette

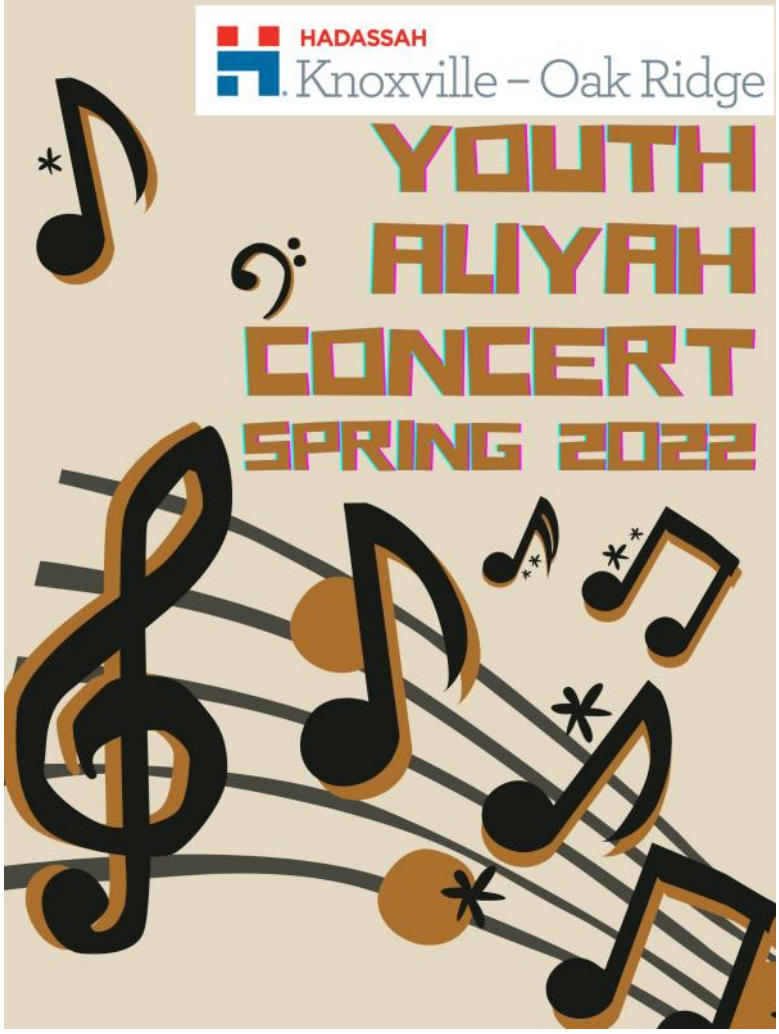
By Batya Boxt

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

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

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

Please contact me at *batyaboxt@gmail.com*.



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To purchase Greeting Cards, visit:
www.hadassah.org/ways-to-give/ecard-marketplace/ecard-main.html

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Knoxville Jewish Day School

The High Holidays are a busy and fun time at KJDS!

Blowing Shofar

Our young shofar blowers sounded the Shofar in the weeks leading up to Rosh Hashana to help us prepare.

Exploring Shofar

Students explored various horns to learn about the Shofar.

Building the Sukkah

Pictured to the right: The joyous atmosphere of sukkot was felt throughout KJDS. With the help of community volunteers, our 4th and 5th grade students built five sukkahs out of pallets for our school community to use.

Sukkah Hop

Our 4th and 5th graders did an outstanding job planning and running this year's on campus Sukkah Hop. Students enjoyed games, a food craft, a Sukkot story, made a blessing on the lulav and etrog and enjoyed a snack in the Sukkah.

Rosh Hashanah Cards in Hebrew

Students created Rosh Hashanah cards for family members and community members. They drew in Mrs. Amy's Art Studio and wrote their Rosh Hashanah greetings in Hebrew.

Enjoy a peek into the Joy, Community and Exploration our students experience celebrating the High Holidays together.

Washing Shirt

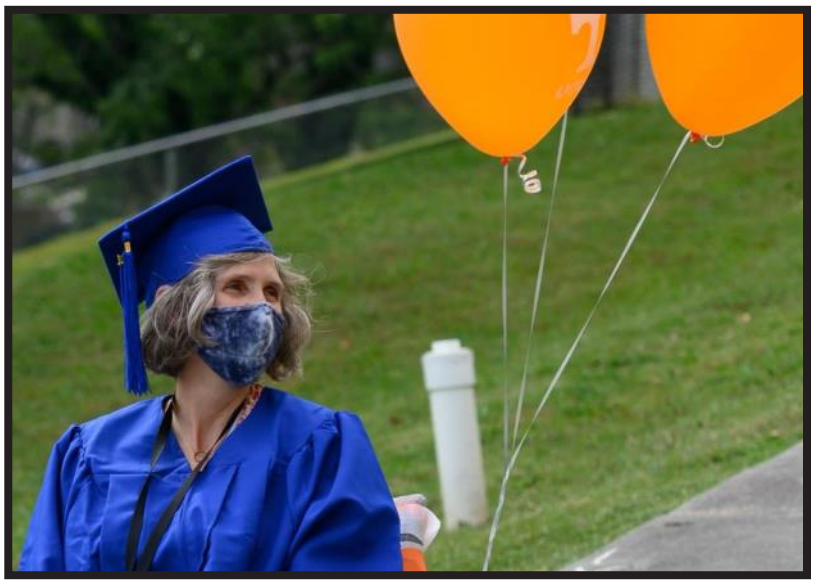
Washing a shirt, students thought about ways to wash away their mistakes. We all make mistakes so learning how to correct them is important.

Jonah and the Whale

Students discussing forgiveness and how we can fix our mistakes. The Story of Yonah (Jonah and the whale) teaches us it's never too late to say sorry!

Ms. Ann graduates from KJDS!

The KJDS community would like to take this opportunity to recognize a loved and valued member of our family who has moved on to the University of Tennessee. Ann Ely, former KJDS Director of Operations, was celebrated in true KJDS style on her last day, October 1st, with a graduation celebration. We honored her many gifts to the school, nurturing it through growth and transition, bringing warmth and humor into the culture daily, and keeping things running smoothly. We miss Ms. Ann very much, but we are excited for her next chapter. And, once a KJDSer, always a KJDSer, so we look forward to seeing her back on campus for community events, celebrations, and productions. Our school was forever positively shaped by Ms. Ann's contribution, and we are grateful!



Welcome, Mrs. Melissa!

We are excited to welcome Melissa Feinbaum as our Interim Director of Operations at KJDS. Melissa is a 4th generation Temple Beth El member and has been involved in the Knoxville Jewish community all of her life. She has been in the professional recruiting business for over 20 years and has created and managed 3 recruiting firms from the ground up. When it came to recruiting for our Director of Operations, she recruited the very best! Melissa has been married to her husband, Ron, for 18 years and they have a 13 year old daughter, Rachael, as well as two dogs and a horse. We are thrilled to have Melissa's vast experience and expertise guiding the operations of KJDS. Welcome to the KJDS family, Mrs. Melissa!

Meet the Butcher Family

Hello! We are the Butcher family – Thomas, Sarah, Noah (5), Josh (3) and Lukas (3).

Two years ago, we moved back to Knoxville from Lancaster, PA to be closer to our families. Thomas is a project manager for the Oak Ridge National Laboratory and Sarah is a stay-at-home-mom and rental property manager. Our family's favorite hobby is hiking local parks and we also love traveling.

This year, our oldest son, Noah, started kindergarten at the Knoxville Jewish Day School and our expectations have already been exceeded. KJDS embodies our ideal school with its small class sizes, focus on the student's emotional and social growth, and the joyous community that is apparent in every interaction. The twins, Josh and Lukas, are already excited to join their big brother in a few years. While we are settled in our home, we still feel new to Knoxville and hope to meet other families and build our community.

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The Way We Were in 1999

70th Anniversary of the AJCC

Celebrating the 70th Anniversary of the Arnstein Jewish Community Center are (clockwise from left) Ellen **Schnoll**, David **Oleshansky**, the late Arnold **Schwarzbart**, Ernie **Gross**, the late Arnold **Elliott**. All held positions of leadership in the Knoxville Jewish community. Ellen and Ernie continue to live here. The Oleshanskys now live in Nashville. Arnold's wife Mary Linda continues to be a mainstay of the Knoxville Jewish community.

THE KJA 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 KJA archivist at (865) 690-6343.