



Ha'Kol

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

Welcome to the Heska Amuna Religious School Back-to-School Issue

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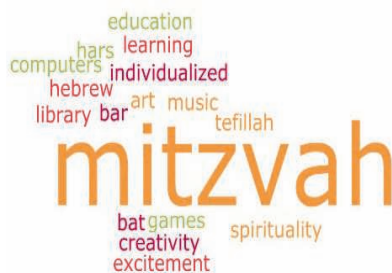


(Left-Right) Edden Rosenberg, Jacob Hale, Andrew Weinstein, and Sarah Siegel with Rabbi Alon Ferency, Prozdor teacher Lev Gross-Comstock, and Heska Amuna Religious School Director Betty Golub. Photos by Michael Messing.

Congratulations to our confirmands!

Read about the special achievements of these amazing young adults on page 6. Learn what the school has in store for our students (and families and adult learners, too) on pages 4-5.

We've got **רוח** (spirit)!



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Uncover Your Roots to Branch Out!



SAVE THE DATE!

Heska Amuna Sisterhood Annual Brunch
Sunday, September 25, 2016, 10 a.m.-noon

Featuring: Nicki Russler
KJA Archivist and Professional Genealogist

Enjoy a delicious brunch and learn more about
the growing family history industry.

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Heska Amuna Synagogue

HaShofar



Wealth

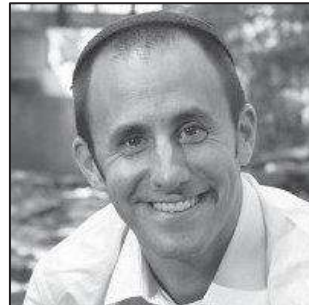
By Rabbi Alon C. Ferency

Before putting on her shoes in the morning, a Jew prays, "Blessed are You, God our God, Ruler of the universe, Who makes for me all I need." This statement - that God provides all we need - is amazing. The prayer doesn't say that God gives us everything we want; just that the clothes we wear should be enough for today. Our needs are fulfilled by God, if only we take a moment to notice. We pray to remember that the basics of food, a home, and companionship are already in place.

In God's world, we are loved, clothed, and protected. I know that many people are hungry, even starving. Others even live in war or as refugees. I admit that their needs are not met, and their desires are crushed. But too many of us live in comfort and still strive beyond. If only we had the faith to admit that God's world can give all that we need.

We have wants and lusts that take us far beyond our basic needs for food, shelter, and company. It's these wishes that trip us up every day. The Mishnah reminds us, "Who is wealthy? He who is glad in his lot." Real satisfaction comes from this place of appreciating what you have and not constantly seeking more. All the other greed for wealth, fame, and power is just perversion. We are tortured by longing for things we don't need.

Real faith shows what God provides: air, mountains, forests, and seas full of the essentials for life. God's world has beauty beyond our very needs. Years ago, I saw a cricket's wing with flaming blues and reds that no human could paint. In fact, one tradition says that when doubters asked Muhammad to perform miracles, he showed them the sunset and birds' songs. Sometimes the simple purr of a cat can remind us that we live in a miraculous world. A world that meets all of our needs.



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Classes & Special Events

Sunday, August 14, 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

- Dr. Josh Gettinger's *Singing Scripture, a Workshop for Torah Readers* at Heska Amuna and also via Skype (see workshop overview)

Sunday, August 14 and August 28, 7:15 p.m.

Bible D&D - explore the world of King Saul!

August 19 - Friday Night

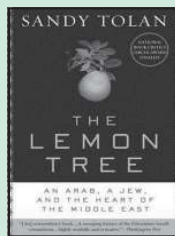
Chill at the Pool.

Tot Shabbat begins at **5:30**, dinner at **6:00**, and services at **7:00**, all at the AJCC Pool.

Sunday, August 21,

7:30 p.m. - Rabbi's

Israeli Book Club will discuss *The Lemon Tree: An Arab, A Jew, and the Heart of the Middle East*, written by Sandy Tolan.



Singing Scripture: Workshop Overview

We are excited to announce that Dr. Josh Gettinger will offer *Singing Scripture, a Workshop for Torah Readers* on **Sunday, August 14**.

This one-day workshop is designed for beginning and seasoned Torah readers who are somewhat familiar with chant. Ability to chant from the *chumash* will be helpful. So, if you have been wanting to learn or improve your chant techniques, this workshop is designed for you! The workshop will provide background, practice, and insights from one of our most accomplished (and captivating) chanters and scholars. The workshop is open to everyone, youth and adult.

The workshop will feature an introduction to the grammar and flow of scripture through the melodies of the chant, and an opportunity to practice passages familiar to the students as a learning exercise. To prepare, bring a 3-5 verse passage with you to the workshop that you are familiar with.

If there is interest, the workshop can be followed by periodic scheduled meetings via Skype to hone skills and prepare new readings. Dr. Gettinger hopes to share his excitement for Torah chant and to help an already excellent cadre of leaders get to even higher levels of expressiveness, accuracy, and musical artistry. Join us! Contact the office at (865) 522-0701 or admin@heskaamuna.org for more information or to RSVP.

Chairman's Comments: Minyan

By Hal Manas

What is a Minyan and why do we need them? A Minyan is a quorum required for public prayer. Saying the Mourner's Kaddish is a public prayer. Those who wish to remember their loved ones who have passed away on the anniversary of their death and those who are in mourning because of the death of a loved one within the last year need a Minyan to do so in the traditional Jewish manner. The term Minyan in contemporary Judaism has taken on the secondary meaning of referring to a Prayer Service. I looked up the requirement for ten adult Jews to make a Minyan and I found it may be based on the ten spies who did not trust God to bring them victory over the people living in Canaan. It may also be from the much older institution in which ten heads of families made up the smallest political subdivision. In Exodus Chapter 18, Moses, on the advice of Jethro, appoints chiefs of tens, as well as chiefs of fifties, of hundreds, and of thousands.

There can be a group of nine of the greatest Jews, men and women who complete all of the commandments and understand the depths of the Torah's secrets, yet they do not have the ability to complete a *Minyan* on their own. However, add to the group the simplest Jew, someone who perhaps cannot properly read the prayers nor really understand what they are saying, yet when they walk into the room they have now transformed the entire group and made them complete—a Minyan. It is because of this Jew that they are now able to recite those prayers that can be read only with a Minyan. Never underestimate the potential of the individual Jew.

Before I became the Chair of the Board of Trustees, I was known as the guy who could notify people if someone needed a Minyan. I made the list when Gilya Schmidt was the President of the Synagogue, at her request. Since then I have used this list countless times to help get a Minyan together when anyone needed one. I keep the list up to date if someone wants to be added or removed. I do this because when my father passed away it was often difficult to get a minyan together to say Kaddish so I just continued coming to Minyanim to help others get enough people together. It sort of became my "thing" at Heska Amuna.

Well, now we have a new system to notify anyone who is willing to agree to come to one Minyan a month or more. For example, if someone agrees to come to the morning Minyan on the second Monday of the month, that person will receive an e-mail a few days before to help them remember and to plan ahead. I can't take credit for this system as it was suggested by Gene Rosenberg and has been used in the past. Still, a good idea is a good idea and we hope it will be very successful. Pick a day and join us at minyan; let me know and I will be sure you get that reminder.



President's Report

By Raphe Panitz, Ph.D.

August is sometimes called the "dog days of summer." With that in mind, I thought it might be appropriate to devote some words to the topic of "Judaism and our pets."

The Jewish view of how we treat our pets is included in the notion of Tz'ar Ba'ale Hayyim, often translated as "cruelty to animals." If we look at our Tanach, we find events in which our heroes and heroines displayed kindness and care to their animals. Jacob, Moses, and King David were shepherds who took care of their animals. Rebecca was also regarded as a person who was kind to her animals. Conversely, both Nimrod and Esau were considered evil because they were hunters.

One should also remember that the great Rabbi of the Talmud, Jehudah Ha-Nasi, was punished with kidney stones because he mistreated his animals. (BT, Baba Mezia, 85a). His punishment brings to mind the biblical laws regarding our animals. They must rest on the Sabbath, they must be allowed to eat while working in the fields, we cannot kill an animal on the same day that we kill its offspring, and you must send away a mother bird when taking her eggs.

According to Talmudic law, one is permitted to violate the Sabbath to save an animal that is suffering or facing death. The Rabbis also said that one cannot purchase an animal unless you can feed it, and that you must always feed your animals before you feed yourself.

Providing food to our animals leads me to a discussion of the Jewish view of pets. It is certainly permitted for Jews to have pets. Some synagogues have instituted an annual "Blessing of the Pets" and there is a popular book entitled *How to Raise a Jewish Dog*.

As I said above, we are obligated to feed our pets before we feed ourselves and our pets are entitled to rest on the Sabbath. Thus, I have heard that if your dog fetches the morning paper on a daily basis, he or she is not required to do that on the Sabbath. While you may feed your pets non-kosher food, some authorities argue that your pets may not eat hametz during Passover.

It's also against Jewish law to neuter a male pet, but it is permitted for female pets. One could also adopt a neutered female pet without violating Jewish law. Jewish law also forbids declawing cats or docking dog's tails, unless physically necessary, because those activities inflict unneeded pain on the animals.

So, the next time you feed your pet or become angry with it, consider for a moment the basic Jewish attitude to our pets: They too are the creatures of God and need to be treated with kindness and care.

Shalom and I encourage you to read *How to Raise a Jewish Dog*.



Heska Amuna Religious School News

By Betty Golub, Youth and Family Programming Director

To RSVP or get more information about any of these Adult Education or Religious School programs, contact director Betty Golub at morahbetty@heskaamuna.org or (865) 522-0701.



Create Your Own Jewish Journey Plan

All of our students are valued members of our Heska Amuna community, each with their own distinctive personality and learning style. We create individualized Jewish Journey Plans that will guide and encourage each student and family to discover greater meaning in their connection to our Jewish traditions. Our students are very much 21st century learners!

Our programs integrate all aspects of our synagogue life. Learning is not restricted to the classroom. Our students are accustomed to using technology and learning opportunities outside of the traditional classroom so we offer differentiated learning for all students to succeed. This approach enables our students to apply their own personal understanding that gives meaning to their Judaism. Our programs also provide great opportunities to encourage our students to incorporate mitzvot in their lives so they can connect in meaningful ways to our local community and the world at large.

Our curriculum for the 2016-2017 school year, *A Thousand Hour Ideal for Jewish Literacy*, reflects not only learning about topics but also mentors active participation and fun-filled experiences surrounding:

- ★ Holiday and Shabbat observance
- ★ Study of Torah and texts
- ★ Life cycle and milestone events
- ★ Social justice
- ★ Communal and individual prayer and spirituality
- ★ Connection to Mitzvot and Jewish values

A Focus on Jewish Family Education

Jewish Family Education is an integral part of our educational program. Each family will learn and grow together in order to bring Jewish traditions into your own family dynamic. Our goal is for families to create lasting Jewish traditions that resonate with each family in their own way.

Shabbat-centered programs for the coming year include:

- ★ Events to encourage family groups to celebrate Shabbat together with Friday night dinners, Friday Night Chill, and other programs
- ★ Shabbaton for students that includes Havdalah and activities to apply learning and boost Jewish ruach (spirit!)
A Family Shabbaton (Kallah) weekend program celebrating Shabbat and community with spiritual explorations, experiential activities, a service project, (and, of course, wonderful meals to contribute to a memorable weekend).

Curriculum

Each month, students will participate in rotating programs:

Week 1: Shabbat School and Family Minyan.

The morning begins with classes for our students and their parents followed by a student-led service. We will rejoin the congregation for concluding prayers in the main Sanctuary followed by a Kiddish Lunch. There are no Sunday classes when we have Shabbat School.

Week 2 & 3: Camp Chaverim for grades Pre K thru Prozdor.

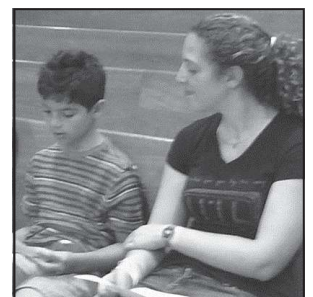
In addition to grade-specific Judaic studies and Hebrew coursework, classes will include music, art, library, computers, community service projects, and outside activities.

Week 4: Family Education and parallel learning for Pre K thru Prozdor.

Programs will offer families an opportunity to learn with, and from, their children!

Wednesday Classes:

Children in grades 3-7 will study with Rabbi Alon Ferency and their teachers. The afternoon will be divided into Judaic Studies, chanting Torah, and Tefillah—and maybe even a little cooking every now and then!



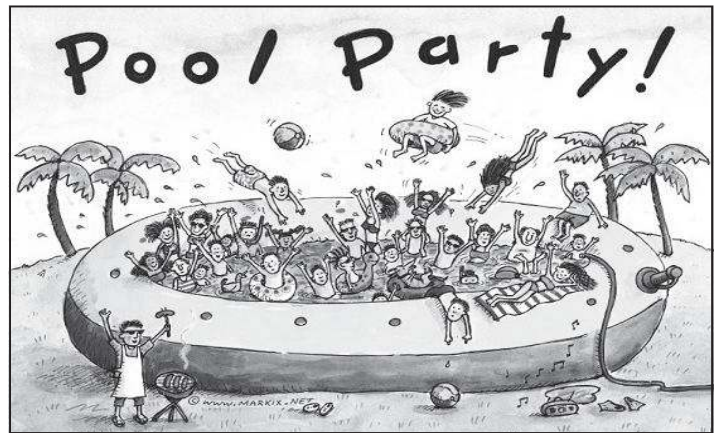
Don't miss out on our brand new EARLY BIRD TUITION SPECIAL!

Pay the following reduced tuition rates for Religious School by August 15 (or contact us before the 15th to set up a payment plan).

There will be a \$50.00 increase per child after August 15, 2016.

Pre K - 2 nd grade students or Prozdor students attending once a week	\$175
3 rd through 8 th grade students attending twice a week	\$275
Bar/Bat Mitzvah Tutoring	\$400
Activity Fee for Pre K - Prozdor	\$50

Back by popular demand!
Sibling discounts!
Take an extra 10% off
each additional child's tuition.



Pool Party at the AJCC

Please join us to kick off the
new HARS School Year
Sunday, August 21, 2016 at the AJCC
10:00-Noon – Rain or Shine – Please RSVP!

Meet old friends! Make new ones!
Meet Your Teachers!

There is no charge, but we ask families
with last names beginning with
A-L please bring drinks and cups
M-Z please bring desserts

Heska Amuna Religious School DATES TO REMEMBER

Monday, Aug. 1 – Thursday, Aug. 4:

Camp Chaverim, 10:00 a.m.–
1:00 p.m. daily

Sunday, August 21: Pool Party
10:00 a.m.– Noon at the AJCC

Sunday, August 28:

HARS Classes begin

9:30 a.m.– Noon for Gan K'Tan through Prozdor

Brunch 11:30 a.m. for students and families

Wednesday, August 31: First Wednesday Class –
Grades 3 -7 4:00 – 6:30 p.m.



Don't Forget! Camp Chaverim

Join us August 1-4

From 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

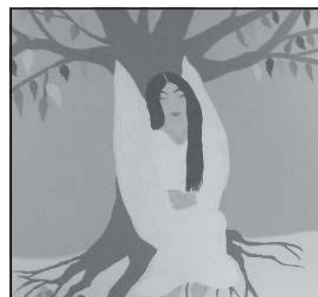
Rising Students in Grades 3 – 6



Campers will review the Alef–Bet, practice Tefillah, and enjoy
arts and crafts, cooking, Torah study, and a Tzedakah project.

There is no charge for the program.
Please send a brown bag – dairy lunch.

Please RSVP!



Heska Amuna Celebrates 2016 Confirmation Class

Confirmation at Heska Amuna requires that each student defines a project that reflects and illustrates an aspect of their education that speaks to them personally. This year's confirmation class presents a wide range of thoughtful, inspiring work.

Jacob Hale, son of Rachel Hale and Chris Hale, captured the experiences that he and his classmates shared through participating in the Hungry Hearts Project, a Knoxville Muslim Community program to make meals and feed the homeless. Jacob created an outstanding documentary to show "how we can help people and accomplish anything we set our mind to." He notes, "By being a part of Prozdor and having the opportunity to go out and help those in need, several other teenagers and I have been able to preserve our Jewish identity. As Jews, it is more than just a Mitzvah to go out and make a difference; it is a commandment." See Jacob's amazing video, *The Hungry Hearts Project* at <https://youtube/DyRjmt6dR1g>.

Edden Rosenberg, daughter of Sarah and Dwayne Rosenberg, focused on how music has been a pivotal component of her expression of Judaism. "In Judaism, we learn our prayers through music. We learn the history of Judaism through music. It develops community and brings religion and individuality together." For her project, she interpreted and recorded three songs that correspond to her feelings towards Judaism and to her identity as a Jewish individual. Follow the link at www.heskaamuna.org to listen to Edden's wonderful compositions.

Sarah Siegel, daughter of Betty and Mark Siegel, chose a project to inspire us to speak out against prejudice. By using examples of situations she experienced in school with students denigrating the experience of Holocaust victims, she has felt the impact of discrimination and desensitization and the dangers they present. "We as the Jewish people cannot let people keep getting desensitized to the Holocaust and turning it into a laughing matter. My goal for my confirmation project is to inspire people to re-educate people on the Holocaust, to make them understand that it is not a joke, and not a laughing matter." And she does indeed inspire us to action!

Andrew Weinstein, son of Jill and Doug Weinstein, created an outstanding exhibit of photographs that reflect the life of a Jewish teenager. He hopes that people in the future will look back and view these photographs as a "time capsule" and gain a sense of what life was like for Andrew and other Knoxville teens in the early days of the 21st century. His work also touched on issues of discrimination he has experienced as well as the importance of community service and social action. His collection also captures how important organizations such as BBYO are in helping teens discover their Jewish identity. We are a fortunate community to have such a gifted photographer and videographer capturing our shared history.

BUTTERFLY BUSH/OUTSIDE BEAUTIFICATION

HOLIDAY BAKE SALE

HESKA AMUNA SYNAGOGUE

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HONEY CAKES \$8.00

(increase due to ingredient cost)

CHALLAH \$6.00

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Be a Mentor! Be a Mensch!

Heska Amuna Religious School seeks one congregant for each student to be a special Savta, Saba, Bubbe, Zayde (Grandmas and Grandpas of any age welcome).

Don't worry, you won't have to put them through college!

The only requirement is you must love children! Enjoy special programs and holiday events with your student throughout the year! [Contact Morah Betty today!](#)



Heska Sisterhood News

By Barb Levin, Sisterhood President



Greetings! I am writing to reintroduce myself to the Heska Amuna congregation and the broader Knoxville Jewish community as the new Sisterhood president. I have been honored to hold this position previously and I would like my reprise to be a time of excitement, transition, and growth for both the Sisterhood and our synagogue.

I believe Sisterhood provides women at Heska Amuna opportunities to engage with each other and to become involved in their own spiritual development. Sisterhood also encourages service to the synagogue and the broader community; these activities continue to be important especially as we mature as an egalitarian congregation.

The enthusiasm of the new Sisterhood Board is obvious as they work together to create a menu of events and opportunities that will appeal to the range of interests and tastes of *all* Heska Amuna women. There are plans for:

- personal spiritual needs assessment
- educational programs and volunteer opportunities targeted toward the identified spiritual needs of Sisterhood women
- a growing effort to become a Community of Caring for all families in the synagogue

I am fortunate to have a wonderful board with whom I am working. There are still openings, and we would appreciate your suggestions for programming and your involvement. If you are interested, please email me at Barb11@aol.com and join us.

Time is a currency of each of our lives; how we spend that time is a personal and potentially life-changing decision. Sisterhood can make our time together interesting, meaningful, and fun. I am looking forward to sharing such special time with each of you.

Contributions from Caring People

Donations received as of June 27, 2016

Visit www.heskaamuna.org for a complete list of available funds.

Butterfly Fund

Thinking of Sam Balloff
from Judith Rattner
In Memory of Ellie Cohen
from Judith Rattner
In Honor of Pat Rosenberg and
Marilyn Burnett
from Jeffrey & Nancy Becker

Bradley Sturm Memorial Fund

In Memory of Bradley and
Frances Sturm
from Louise Spector

Cemetery Fund

Marilyn Burnett
In Memory of Sam Abrams
from Jeffrey & Anita Miller
In Honor of Sam Abram's Pallbearers
from Alan & Marilyn Abrams
In Memory of Rosa Lee Frumin's Yahrzeit
from Joani & Gary Leeds, Ardell
Terry, and Jim Atsrides
In Memory of Sol Leeds
from Gary & Joani Leeds

Change for Future

Marilyn Abrams, Kern Family, Hal
Manas, Judith Rattner, Adam Rowe,
Scott Family

Chesed Committee Fund

In Honor of Anita Miller & the Chesed
Committee
from Alan & Marilyn Abrams

Educational Enrichment Fund

In Appreciation for Rabbi Ferency's
Support
from Dahlia Smith

Freedom Song Sponsors

Bernard & Barbara Bernstein Fund
Bradley Sturm Memorial Fund,
Rosenthal Environmental Fund,

General Fund

Sisterhood, Michael Zemel
In Honor of Barbara Levin's 2016 Phyllis
Grusin Weinstein Award
from Paula Carney
In Honor of Paige Quartararo's
Bat Mitzvah
from Beron & Joan Thompson
In Acknowledgement of Marty Iroff
from Erwin Bloom

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

In Appreciation for Rabbi Ferency's
Support
from Dahlia Smith
In Honor of Rabbi Ferency
from Marilyn Abrams
In Acknowledgement of Rabbi Ferency's
Support
from Irving Gurwitch
In Memory of Bert Larry Gurwitch
from Irving Gurwitch
In Acknowledgement of the large
attendance at a recent Yahrzeit Minyan
from Arnold Cohen

Religious School Fund

Linda Anderson
In Honor of Peggy Littmann
from Shannon Martindale

Yahrzeit Fund

In Memory of Sam Abrams
from Beverly Abrams
from Edith Brown
In Memory of Phillip Chazen
from Eric Chazen
In Memory of Albert Eisenstadt
from Mary Beth Leibowitz
In Memory of Howard Greenbaum
from Eric Chazen
In Memory of Bernard Iroff
from Stella Iroff
In Memory of Ruth Kahan
from Genevieve Kramer
In Memory of Charlotte Kayse
from Gilya Schmidt
In Memory of Leon Leibowitz
from Mary Beth Leibowitz
In Memory of Melvin Nagler
from Stephen & Rosalie Nagler
In Memory of Frances & Robert Sabler
from Stephen & Rosalie Nagler
In Memory of Nettie Secaul
from Beverly Abrams

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Weekly Services Schedule

Friday Night Services.....Varies
Saturday Morning Service.....9:30 a.m.
Mon. & Thurs. Minyanim.....7:00 a.m.
Sunday Minyan.....9:30 a.m.

Evening minyanim for members
can be arranged by contacting
President Raphe Panitz one week
before.

HESKA AMUNA SYNAGOGUE

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Tisha B'Av, the ninth of Av, is the saddest day in the annual Jewish calendar. It commemorates the traditional date of the destruction of the First and Second Temples and the fall of the Jewish fortress of Betar against the Romans in 135 C.E. It also marks the date of the expulsion of the Jews from England (1306), from Spain (1492), the onset of Hitler's Final Solution (1942), and the mass deportation of the Jews from the Warsaw Ghetto (1943). The day is set aside for fasting, praying while sitting on the floor, and chanting the biblical Book of Lamentations, as well as listening to sad dirges known as Kinot. **This year, Tisha B'Av falls on Saturday night, August 13, and Sunday, August 14. We will observe the holiday on August 13, with services at 9 p.m.**

AUGUST 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 10-1p Camp Chaverim-HA 7a Morning Minyan-HA 9:30a Tai Chi-JCOR 4-7p AJCC Pool 6-9:30p Fencing-AJCC Gym	2 10-1p Camp Chaverim-HA 4-7p AJCC Pool 6-7p Water Aerobics-AJCC Pool 6p Exec Board-TBE 6-9:30p Fencing-Gym	3 10-1p Camp Chaverim-HA 9:30a Tai Chi-JCOR Noon Brown Bag Beit Midrash-HA 4-7p AJCC Pool	4 10-1p Camp Chaverim-HA 1-4p AJCC Preschool Open House-AJCC 4-8p AJCC Pool 6-8p Sisterhood: Removing the Clutter from Our Lives-JCOR	5 4-7p AJCC Pool 6p Shabbat/Keara Bain Bat Mitzvah -TBE 6:30p Sisterhood Shabbat & Potluck-JCOR 7p Sunset Minyan-HA	6 9:30a Shabbat Service-HA 9:30a Shabbat Service-JCOR 10:30a Keara Bain Bat Mitzvah-TBE 1-7p AJCC Pool
7 9a Religious School Teacher Workshop-TBE 9:30a minyan-HA Noon-3 p.m. Pickleball-AJCC Gym Noon-7p AJCC Pool	8 Welcome to first day of AJCC Preschool! 7a Morning Minyan-HA 9:30a Tai Chi-JCOR 4-7p AJCC Pool 6-9:30p Fencing-AJCC Gym 6:15p Ballroom Dancing-JCOR	9 4-7p AJCC Pool 6-7p Water Aerobics-AJCC Pool 6-9:30p Fencing-Gym	10 9:30a Tai Chi-JCOR Noon Brown Bag Beit Midrash-HA 4-7p AJCC Pool	11 4-8p AJCC Pool 7:30p Israeli dancing-Gym	12 4-7p AJCC Pool 7:30p Shabbat -TBE	13 Erev Tisha B'Av 9:30a Shabbat Service-HA 9:30a Shabbat Service-JCOR (Rabbi's Study Session following services) 1-7p AJCC Pool 9p Tisha B'Av Service-HA
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Last day to enjoy the AJCC Pool: Labor Day, September 5, 1-7 p.m.

H A P P E N I N G S



Photo courtesy of LMU.

Keeping the Flame Alive!

By Mary Ann Merrell

Once upon a time, a rabbi traveling in the Kentucky mountains stopped at a local grocery store where, because he was wearing a kippah, someone mentioned a Jewish cemetery in town right off Hebrew Road.

Or...once upon a time, there was an adventurous *tzadik* who convinced his wife to move to a small town in east Tennessee that needed his expertise to create a top-notch medical school.

Or...once upon a time, the KJA received an email from the mother of a college student attending Lincoln Memorial University (LMU) in Harrogate, Tenn.; she was interested in talking to someone about a Jewish cemetery she had seen in a YouTube video.

This story deserves to start with all three, seemingly unrelated, beginnings.

Nestled in the Cumberland Mountains, LMU has 4,000 students and the largest medical school in Tennessee. In 2015, the Maimonides Jewish Student Association (MJSA) was established by Howard Teitelbaum, MD, Chair of the Department of Preventive and Community Medicine (the *tzadik*), with the conscientious effort of several students, in particular, Troy Fuller (the rabbi), Jordan Miller (the daughter), and Jarrod Walerstein.

In its inaugural year, the MJSA held Shabbat services and celebrated holidays with LMU faculty, students, friends, and family. The MJSA also raised funds to repair the fencing at the nearby Middlesboro Jewish Cemetery. Jordan's mother, Julie Kogen (the e-mail sender), was a fundraising maven in Florida and a seasoned general contractor who also provided expertise on engineering solutions for the repairs.

Although Middlesboro never had a synagogue, the cemetery was founded there in 1904 when Ben Horr's grandchild passed away; Horr donated the land so that anyone of Jewish faith could be interred there. Melvin and Evan Sturm's parents, Louis Henry and Beatrice Cawn Sturm, and Judith Rattner's mother-in-law, Sadie Sussman Cawn, are interred in the cemetery. Many other Knoxville families have connections to this cemetery as well.

And now, the cemetery has been reinvigorated by the MJSA in concert with the trustees of the cemetery: Melvin, Evan, and Gary Sturm and Mary Ann Merrell. Sam Balloff also added immensely to the project by serving as resident historian and storyteller along with his cousins, Melvin and Evan.

Dr. Teitelbaum created and led a most meaningful service on June 8 to rededicate the cemetery; he was joined by Dr. Michael Wieting, his mentor who envisioned the MJSA, and students including the now Dr. Walerstein and Rabbi Dr. Fuller. More than 30 people attended, including Rabbi Alon Ferency, Judith Rattner, Evan Sturm, and members of the Knoxville Jewish Archives committee (archivist Nicki Russler, Bernard and Barbara Bernstein, Erwin Bloom, Michael Burnett, Mary Ann Merrell, Marilyn Presser, and Melvin Sturm).

Toda Raba and Yasher koach MJSA!

20th Annual Israeli Folkdance Workshop featuring Ruthy Slann Tuesday, August 30 6-10 p.m. AJCC Gym

Cost: \$13.00; AJCC Members \$10.00;
Students \$5.00

Contact Fay at (865) 694-2628 or
faheetagal@icloud.com

Suzy Snoops

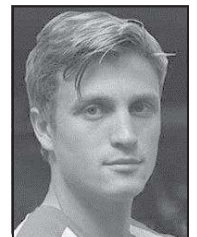
- **Gloria Z Greenfield** was named an Honorary Artist in Residence in Journalism and Electronic Media and Cinema Studies. Gloria brings over 30 years of strategic planning, marketing, and management experience to her current work dedicated to the strengthening of Jewish identity, Jewish nationhood, and the values of freedom and democracy through film.



Since founding Doc Emet Productions in 2007, where she serves as president, her film credits include *The Case for Israel - Democracy's Outpost* (2008), *Unmasked Judeophobia* (2011), and *Body and Soul — The State of the Jewish Nation* (2014). She is currently in pre-production of *Crumbling Towers – Subverting the Western Mind*, which examines—both historically and currently—rising totalitarian movements and their influence in many Western universities and colleges.

- Physical Therapist **Dina Kramer** explained the technique of needling in physical therapy in a July 5 *News-Sentinel* article.
- **Wendy Besmann** was photographed and quoted as an appreciative client.

- Knoxville **Aaron Schoenfeld** is playing for Hapoel Tel Aviv's soccer team and is making front-page news as a scorer in a soccer-crazed city. He's been featured in *The Guardian* and soccer websites.



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Ha'Kol

FRIDAY NIGHT CHILL

Shabbat Dinner & Service
at the AJCC Pool



Friday, August 19 - 5:30-p.m.

- 5:30 Tot Shabbat at the Baby Pool
- 6:00 Kosher BBQ Dinner
- 7:15 Friday Night Chill Shabbat Service
led by Jared and Anna Iroff-Bailey

Bring your lawn chairs and join us
for a joyous Shabbat celebration—rain or shine!

\$10 person; \$36 family cap
*AJCC Members: \$7 person; \$25 family cap
(Dinner price includes the use of the AJCC Pool from 4 p.m. until close.)
No cost to attend Shabbat service only. All are welcome!*

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Sunday, September 18
At the AJCC • 12-3pm

*Musical selections from
Fiddler on the Roof!*

KJA President's Comments

By Adam Brown, KJA President,
adam@tennesseeschoolofbeauty.com



The Good News

One of my main goals when I became KJA President was to make the Arnstein Jewish Community Center exactly that---a Community Center. With the help of a very dedicated board of directors and especially with the programming creativity of Deborah Oleshansky, I honestly feel like we've done just that. I've seen so many people returning to the Center for a variety of programs, especially to the AJCC Pool.

One of my personal highlights this summer was on a particular Sunday when my wife Angie worked out in our new workout room (thank you Rob Heller) with personal trainer Jennifer Friedman, then I watched some of the Pickleball activity (all three courts were full), then I headed down to the pool where we had a very large crowd and everyone enjoyed free ice cream for Shavuot. The pool looked great, there were a lot of new faces, and the icing on the cake was that the majority of the people there were Jewish families. And that was just one particular day. On any given day you can now come to the AJCC and find something to meet your personal needs, whether it's cultural, physical, or even emotional. I'm extremely, extremely proud of how far we've come in just 8 months and look forward to being able to offer even more to our community.

Thank you to everyone who has helped bring the AJCC "back to the future." I look forward to seeing you around the Center.

And Now for the Challenges....

The KJA is so much more than AJCC programming. The KJA provides benefits for our entire community regardless of affiliation.

The KJA campaign supports services that are provided free of charge:

- Jewish Family Services: See Laura Berry's article on page 16.
- Groups such as Knoxville Hadassah, teen and collegiate youth groups such as AZA and BBG, AEPi, and YJAK, Israeli Dancers enjoy complimentary use of AJCC.
- UT Jewish students, through meals and programs, enjoy Jewish home away from home.
- KJA campaign makes Jewish preschool and camp possible for families with financial need
- The entire community enjoys Knoshville, Jewish Book Month, and Yom Hashoah and cultural programming.

Your pledge of support to the KJA makes this possible for everyone. We need EVERYONE to make this possible.

Thank you to all who have pledged. If you are not sure, about your 2016 pledge, message Tamara at tlsplaysafe@comcast.net or text her at (865) 679-7061 and we will let you know.

Make Your KJA Pledge Today! It's Easy!

You can pay by cash, check, or credit card (Visa, MasterCard, Discover, American Express)

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- ★ Send your check (payable to KJA) to KJA, 6800 Deane Hill Dr., Knoxville, TN 37919



Gary and Tamara Sturm,
2016 KJA Campaign Co-Chairs

Knoxville Jewish Alliance Activities

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- ◆ BBYO Support
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- ◆ Educational Events
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- ◆ AJCC Golf Tournament
- ◆ Ha'Kol Newsletter
- ◆ Indigent Burial Fund
- ◆ Israel P2G Partnership
- ◆ Jewish Book Month
- ◆ Jewish Family Services
- ◆ Milton Collins Day Camp
- ◆ Missions to Israel
- ◆ Mitzvah Day
- ◆ AJCC Pool & Tennis
- ◆ AJCC Preschool
- ◆ PJ Library
- ◆ Sundown in the Sukkah
- ◆ Teen Connection
- ◆ University Swim Club
Smokin' Salmon Swim Team
- ◆ UT Faculty Lectures
- ◆ UT Hillel
- ◆ YJAK (Young Jewish Adults of Knoxville)
- ◆ Yom HaShoah Event
- ◆ And so much more!

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AJCC GOLF



TOURNAMENT

Egwani Farms Golf Course

August 21, 2016

Shotgun Start at 8:00 AM

Four Man Scramble

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The community is invited to join us at
an Artist Reception for

David Barnett

Sunday, August 29

5:30-7 p.m.

Schwarzbart Gallery Lobby
Arnstein Jewish Community Center
6800 Deane Hill Drive



David Barnett grew up in Knoxville where spent his Tuesday evenings studying with renowned Judaica artist Arnold Schwarzbart. Barnett currently lives and works in the Catskills, where he enjoys basking in the sun by the Delaware River.

Artist Statement

Barnett depicts moments in his own life, where the emotional atmosphere overwhelms the subject. He allows his paintings to emote rather than conceptualize. Using color and gesture, he situates his thoughts and memories firmly within an emotional context, separating them from progression and reason.

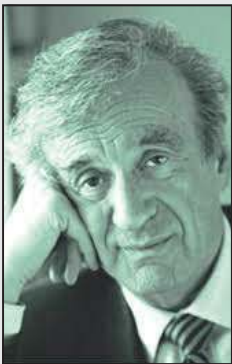
Barnett draws from varied influences, as far-reaching as movie-makers like Charlie Kaufman and Denis Villeneuve, to those more closely related, like Peter Doig and Pierre Bonnard. Visit www.blankwallproductions.com for more info.



YJAK members enjoy a cookout at the AJCC Pool.



Attorney Autumn Brietstein provided a brown bag presentation on Law & Reproductive Rights in 2016. Proud parents Abraham and Judy Brietstein join daughter Autumn at the AJCC.



Our community mourns the loss of
Elie Weisel.

May his memory be for a blessing.

We will honor his life and memory during
our Yom HaShoah remembrance event on
Sunday, April 23, 2017.

Spiritual Preparation for New Year 5777: Introduction to Mindfulness-Based Stress Reduction

Presented by Claudio Barrientos, Director, Mindful Center of Knoxville

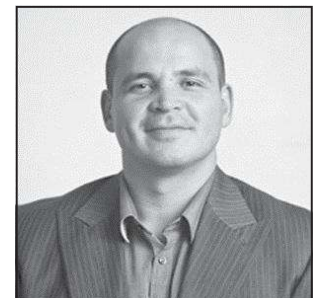
Sunday, September 25 — Arnstein Jewish Community Center

In this one-hour presentation, you will learn about mindfulness meditation: what it is, what it isn't, and how to do it in our daily lives to reduce stress, manage pain, and help with sleep issues, weight issues, healing processes, and much more.

The presentation is educational and experiential, introducing participants to various forms of mindfulness practice, including a breathing meditation.

All teachings are non-religious, and rooted in the science of the mind, body, and brain. Join us and learn about the many benefits of mindfulness meditation!

To register or learn more, contact Deborah Oleshansky at doleshansky@jewishknowville.org



Claudio Barrientos

Milton Collins Day Camp: *Most Fun Under the Sun* Continues



The Force was with Milton Collins Day Campers as they enjoyed a Star Wars Day filled with zany activities.



A unique feature of Milton Collins Day Camp is the inclusion of swim lessons within camp sessions. Free swim time feels great on hot summer days, too.

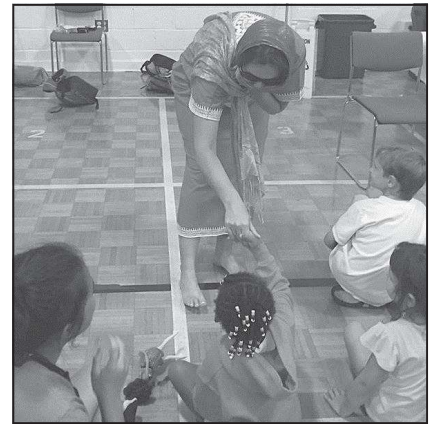


Ava and Simone braid challah for Friday's Shabbat celebration.



(Above) Yum! MCDC campers roast marshmallows and make s'mores at an MCDC overnight.

(Left) Campers learned about the art of puppet-making as Rachel Milford and the Cattywumpus puppeteers taught creative art and drama sessions at MCDC. Campers parade their creations after flag-raising ceremonies.



Miriam was a surprise guest at a Friday Shabbat celebration.

A favorite MCDC field trip is whitewater rafting in the Smokies.

MCDC TAPS Teens Learn about Nearby Community School

MCDC's Teen Adventure Program (TAPS) for rising 7-9 graders is helping with the Pond Gap Community School's summer program. MCDC received the following letter after hosting Pond Gap students at the AJCC Pool.

Hello Brian,

On behalf of all teachers and kids at Pond Gap UACS Summer Program, a huge thank you for graciously hosting our swimming extravaganza at the AJCC pool Friday. Saying the kids had fun is a dramatic understatement. The involvement of the AJCC staff and teens resulted in our kids leaving ignited, excited, and empowered. They were so proud of the progress they made as swimmers.

Best,

Karen C. Holst, Coordinator
University Assisted Community Schools,
College of Education, Health and Human Services, University of Tennessee



MCDC TAPs teens joined rising fifth and sixth graders from Pond Gap and spent an afternoon volunteering at the FISH Pantry.

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AJCC Preschool

In honor of the Naglers' hospitality
By Stephen & Joni Hirschhaut

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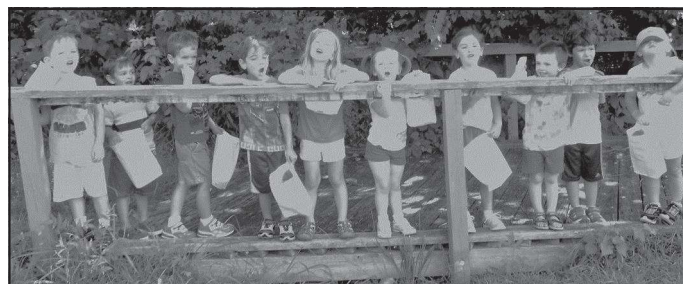
Thanks to Jeff and Gabe Abrams-Cohen for spreading the tree stump grindings
By Ed Hunter

UT Hillel

In appreciation of campus Passover seder
Michael Messing & Joyce York

Zionist of America Fund

In memory of Marvin Hecht
By Renee' Hyatt and Paul Erwin



K'Ton Ton campers got to pick blackberries (yum!) and enjoy a nature hike.

AJCC Preschool Gearing Up for Fun Year

Thursday, August 4 Open House 1-4 p.m.
(come any time and visit!)

Monday, August 8: First day 2016-17 school year



When to Call Jewish Family Services

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

Your KJA pledge supports the assistance provided by Jewish Family Services. Call JFS if:

- ★ You are looking into long-term care options (independent living, assisted living, or nursing homes) for yourself or a loved one.
- ★ You have questions about senior services in the Knoxville area.
- ★ You or a loved one are in the hospital and have questions, concerns, or would just like a listening ear.
- ★ You are recovering from an illness or injury and you would like some *Mitzvah Meals*.
- ★ You need emergency financial assistance for things such as utility bills, rental assistance, food, or other qualifying expenses.
- ★ You need assistance in securing affordable housing.
- ★ You need help with transportation options.
- ★ You need a counseling referral.
- ★ You need in home care or home health care.
- ★ You need job search assistance, including resumé help.
- ★ You would like to volunteer or need community service hours for school credit.
- ★ You're not sure if JFS can help you. We can help you locate the appropriate resources for your situation.



Did you know JFS does not charge a fee for its services? JFS performs the same services for which local for-profit organizations charge substantial fees. The Knoxville Jewish Alliance could not support this service without our community's support of the KJA Annual Campaign.

JFS Director Laura Berry can be reached at 690-6343 extension 18 or at lberry@jewishknoxville.org.

GO VOLS!

Did you know your KJA support helps provide a Jewish home away from home for students at UTK? We provide on campus Shabbat dinners several times each semester, along with High Holiday celebrations, social events, and leadership and networking opportunities.



UT Hillel events are open to ALL interested Jewish college students.

OPENING UT HILLEL EVENT:

FRIDAY, AUGUST 19

Friday Night Chill Dinner & Shabbat Service at the AJCC

Dinner 6 p.m./Service 7:15 p.m.

Transportation will be provided:

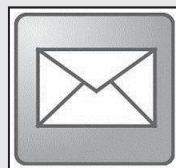
Contact Jacob Geltzer at jgeltzer@vols.utk.edu



Thanks to KJA, UT Hillel students enjoy a delicious Shabbat dinner on the UT campus.

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The AJCC Preschool cordially invites you to an Open House

An informal day to meet next year's teachers and learn more about what our program has to offer.

August 4, 2016

1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

For questions, please call Kristen at
865-963-8001 or email at
kcannon@jewishknoxville.org

AJCC ACTIVITIES

The AJCC Pool will be open through
Labor Day, Monday, September 5.

AJCC Pool Hours

Mon./Tues./Wed./Fri.

4-7 p.m.

Thurs. 4-8 p.m.

Sat. 1-7 p.m.

Sun. Noon-7 p.m.

Pickleball-AJCC Gym

Sundays, Noon-3 p.m.

Water Aerobics

Tuesdays, 6-7 p.m.

\$5 AJCC members

\$10 Non-members

TEMPLE BETH EL TIMES



“Orlando and the Berserk”

By Scott B. Saulson, PhD, Interim Rabbi

What do Omar Mir Siddique Mateen, James Wesley Howell, and Dylann Storm Roof all have in common? One, they are all US citizens. Two, they all sought to murder other US citizens who offended their twisted notions of dispensableness. Two succeeded: Omar Mateen in Orlando, FL, and Dylann Roof in Charleston, SC.



Two were homophobes, James Howell and Omar Mateen. Two professed to be Christians. One professed to be Muslim.

Ah, but does one of the so-called “presidential” candidates reflect seriously on America’s social diseases? Does he call for the banning of all homophobes from entering this country? Does he propose building a wall around Mr. Howell’s home state of Indiana? Does he suggest keeping assault weapons out of the hands of the likes of the Los Angeles predator? Does he insist on surveilling churches of Biblical venom? No! Instead, he doubles down on fanning the flames of indiscriminate loathing. Bullies choose their targets carefully.

No friend of our tribe, nonetheless Shakespeare, through Shylock, reminded his theater goers: “Doesn’t a Jew have eyes? Doesn’t a Jew have hands, bodily organs, a human shape, five senses, feelings, and passions? Doesn’t a Jew eat the same food, get hurt with the same weapons, get sick with the same diseases, get healed by the same medicine, and warm up in summer and cool off in winter just like a Christian? If you prick us with a pin, don’t we bleed? If you tickle us, don’t we laugh? If you poison us, don’t we die? And if you treat us badly, won’t we try to get revenge?” (*Merchant of Venice*, III, 1)

The Semite of the moment is a Muslim.

And let us recall a more serious drama, played out in Paris of 1938. It was there and then that a Polish teenager, Herschel Feibel Grynszpan, assassinated the German diplomat Ernst von Rath. Germany used the incident to publicize that the Jews had “fired the first shot” in a war on the Fatherland. Unlike Omar, Herschel was maddened by a reasonable grievance. However, this was of no matter. The German masses had already been infected with prejudicial hatred and fear of the Jew as the “other.” They were ripe for demagogic perversions.

Perhaps we have forgotten that back in 9/11, an “exemplar” of the “moral majority” also stooped to the occasion: “[T]he pagans and the abortionists and the feminists and the gays and the lesbians who are actively trying to make that an alternative lifestyle, the ACLU, People for the American Way — all of them who have tried to secularize America, I point the finger in their face and say, ‘You helped this happen.’” [Rev. Jerry Falwell] P.S: Pat Robertson concurred.

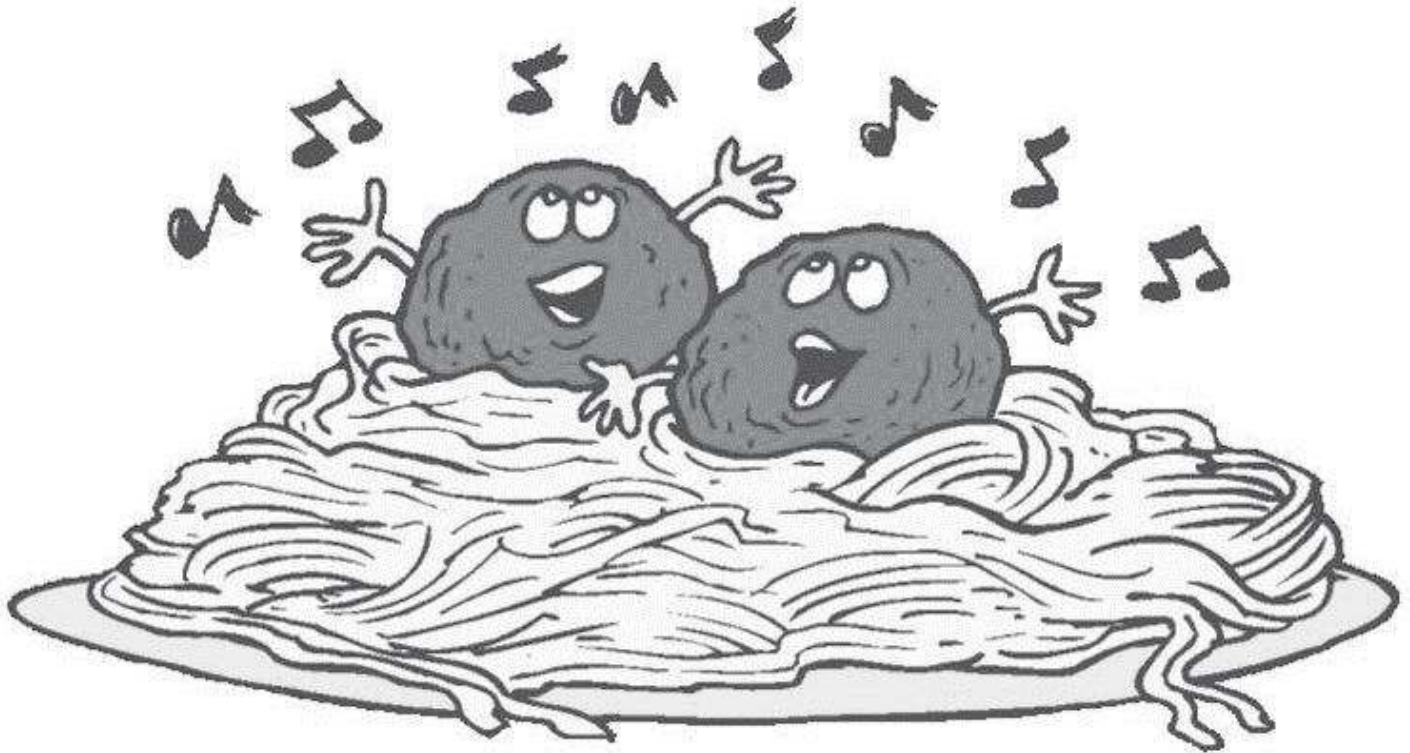
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Please join us for an Italian Shabbat Dinner



Date: Friday, August 26

Place & Time: TBE Social Hall — 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Cost: \$5.00/person

RSVP: MUST RSVP by Monday, August 22.
Please send your check to TBE office or
you can pay at the dinner.

Please contact Amy Rosenberg at Rockybergs@gmail.com or 356-6830 if you have questions or would like to volunteer with setup, serving or clean up.

Save the Date!

MAH JONGG MADNESS

Temple Beth El Sisterhood's Mah Jongg Tournament

Sunday, October 30, 12:30-4:30 p.m. Temple Beth El, 3037 Kingston Pike

\$18.00 entry fee includes Mah Jongg, snacks, and prizes

For more information contact Karen Smith, Beverly Schultz, or Sandy Parker

Temple Beth El Religious School August Update

By Norma James normajames@tbeknox.org

Religious School starts Sunday, August 14—9:30-Noon. Midweek Sessions begin Wednesday, August 17—4:30-6:00 p.m.. A complete school calendar is on our Temple website at www.tbe.org.

Welcome back to Religious School! August is a bit like a secular Rosh Hashanah. As parents and teachers, we take time to evaluate how our last school year went and make goals to improve the coming year. We plan with our children what extracurricular activities they will continue or what new ones they will start. We even decide which ones no longer fit our time schedules or our needs. Our children make goals of their own regarding their academic and social goals for the school year. It is the same with our Religious School staff and families. For several families, there will be a B'nei Mitzvah to prepare, while others will register a child in our school for the very first time. So I ask you to think about this question. What do you want your child's Jewish education to look like? What do you feel is important for your child or children to learn? What experiences can we provide that will make this a positive and productive year for your family? The Temple Beth El Religious School is your school, and the more we hear your thoughts, your values, your goals, and yes, your wishes, the better our school will be for all of our students. This year, I want to make time to speak with each of you about this very topic.

Welcome Rabbi Scott Saulson! We cannot wait to get to know you. I hope you have already had an opportunity to meet Rabbi Saulson at one of our Shabbat social events and B'nei Mitzvahs in July. In case you have not yet had the pleasure, you will have that chance to meet him on our first day of school. Rabbi Saulson is coming to us from several interim contracts in the New England area. However, his home is in Atlanta, and Rabbi is delighted to be returning to the South. Not only will Rabbi Saulson be a regular part of our school and B'nei Mitzvah, he will also help us look closely with that parent/ teacher lens to define what we want and need in our settled rabbi as it pertains to our children, our teens, and our families.

Join us for our first day of Religious School August 14: Every parent will be expected to come in with your child and complete our registration forms at our **mandatory parent meeting** on the first day. Come to the social hall for a light breakfast while you complete your paperwork. We have important information that all parents need. Think of this as that back to school meeting that you dutifully attend every year for each of your children. I promise this will not be the same old meeting.

ATTENTION ALL 6TH & 7TH GRADERS AND PARENTS! PUT SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, ON YOUR CALENDAR.

Rabbi Saulson and Norma will conduct a MANDATORY B'Nei Mitzvah Retreat at Temple for all 6th and 7th graders and their parents. This workshop will help everyone understand the spiritual, logistical, and celebratory aspects of this very important life cycle event. New policies and procedures will be in place for B'Nei Mitzvah students. We are working on a clear and concise guide for parents, students, and tutors. The School & Youth Committee has made a new policy that students are expected to attend a number of Shabbat services prior to their own services as a condition of B'nei Mitzvah. I will have more details soon, but for now, I suggest our 7th graders put Friday night on your family calendars!

ALL STUDENTS IN GRADES 4-5-6-7 ARE EXPECTED TO ATTEND MIDWEEK HEBREW. I am very excited to build on what we started in Midweek Hebrew last year. I want to continue my goal of Hebrew without tears. Thanks to the Hirsh family, we have several new laptop computers. My goal is to make technology a regular part of our Hebrew lesson. I will continue to have special sessions with our B'nei Mitzvah students to work on the chanting of the various service prayers and blessings. Rabbi Saulson will be an outstanding addition to our Wednesday afternoon program. I will have more details at the opening of school. This year our Hebrew classes will be 4:30-6:00 every Wednesday. Please contact me if you have a scheduling conflict.

Mazel Tov to Keara Bain for becoming Bat Mitzvah Saturday morning, August 6 at 10:30. Keara follows in her brother Justen's footsteps as she becomes a Bat Mitzvah. She is the daughter of Brad and Tara Bain, who hope you will attend Keara's service. Keara's tutor is Tory Frankel who also became a Bat Mitzvah at Temple Beth El. For her Mitzvah Project, Keara is putting her love of horses into action, as she becomes a trained volunteer at the STAR Riding Academy. She will be doing the hard job of keeping stables clean, but will also help students with a variety of disabilities learn to ride horses.

We love our Sisterhood! THANK YOU! We received another \$500 donation from our Temple Beth El Sisterhood to be used toward more technology. Thanks to Sisterhood, we have two very nice computers in our computer lab.

We want your little one in our school! There are so many ways to participate in our religious school this year. We tailor the learning to the developmental level of the child. If you even think you *might* like to enroll your child, send me an email. I believe early childhood Jewish education is very important in setting the groundwork for a positive religious school experience.

- **Torah Tots!** This is our fabulous monthly program for parents and little ones ages two to four. Join in the fun with songs, movement, stories, and crafts specially designed to engage our youngest children in the joy of Judaism. It is also a great way for young families to mingle. This program meets once a month 9:45-11:15.
- **Kindergarten & PreK Class:** We offer a wonderful ISJL Kindergarten & Early Childhood program for children who will be attending our class for four and five-year-olds. This group even gets a touch of Hebrew each week.

What's New at the ISJL? Norma James was our TBERS representative at this year at the ISJL Conference in Jackson, Mississippi. She has returned with wonderful ideas for our school.

Sisterhood Happenings

By Tammy Kropp, Sisterhood President

We are already underway with a busy year for Sisterhood! The Ice Cream Social to welcome Rabbi Scott was held after services on July 15 and a great time was had by all. In addition, Lesley Krakauer hosted her annual Chai Tea and it was well attended. Thank you to Lesley and to Marilyn Kallet for reading her beautiful poetry at this event.

Have you joined Sisterhood yet this year? Membership forms have been mailed and it is not too late to join. Remember, men can join as associate members. We are looking for new members this year and would love to add your name to our membership roster. Please keep in mind all the wonderful things Sisterhood does for Temple Beth El and we can't do it without you, our valued members!

Our opening brunch will be held at Temple Beth El on **Sunday September 11** at 10 a.m.

This will be a time to come schmooze with your friends, eat a bagel (or two), and hear Rabbi Scott talk about the very important topic of *How to Develop A Jewish Ethical Will*. This program is designed for people of all ages and both men and women are invited to attend.

If you have a child in Religious School, why not stay awhile and enjoy brunch while your child is in school.



HOW TO CREATE A JEWISH ETHICAL WILL

Sunday September 11, 2016 10:00 a.m.

TBE Social Hall, 3037 Kingston Pike

Come join Sisterhood for our opening brunch as Rabbi Scott talks about how to create a Jewish Ethical Will. You can join for the year at this meeting, but do not have to be a Sisterhood member to attend. Men and women are invited. **This is a program for people of all ages!** Drop your kids off at Religious School and stay for brunch.

Please RSVP to Linda Zaretski at 690-0675 if you plan to attend.

TBE Sisterhood Welcomes New Officers, Chairs

The Nominating Committee of Kathy Young, chair, Diana Steinfeld-Hicks, Renee' Hyatt, Phyllis Hirsh, and Sari Kagan is pleased to announce a full slate of officers and committee chairs for 2016-2018.

Officers:

President: Tammy Kropp
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If you are interested in becoming involved in a committee or in Sisterhood in general, please contact a committee chair or any of the officers.

Musings: Which Bible Version

I read with great interest Tom Humphrey's April 3 *News Sentinel* column on HB615 sponsored by Sen. Steve Sutherland and Rep. Cameron Sexton to declare the Holy Bible as the probably-unconstitutional **Tennessee Official State Book**. Humphrey refers to the critics who oppose the bill on religious grounds and the supporters who defend it on historic grounds. There is a third large group that he omitted: the sponsors and ignorant persons who do not specify which version of the Holy Bible is to be chosen for this sacrilegious status.

Are the sponsors referring to the Old Testament written in several dialects of ancient Hebrew accompanied by the New Testament written in ancient Greek? Will they limit themselves to translations by some authors, but not by others? Will their choice include both canonized and non-canonized books written by which authors at which dates?

As far the English Christian Bible is concerned, which of the following versions is to be selected: the *Douay-Rheims Bible*, the *Authorized King James Version*, the *English Revised Version*, the 1815 Massachusetts printing, the 1611 original or the 1811 edition? the Authorized version? the Great Bible? the Latin Vulgate? the *American Standard Version*, the *Revised Standard Version*, the *New American Standard Version*, the *New King James Version*, the *New International Version*, or the *English Standard Version*?

There actually are many other possibilities to choose from. Which is it they want? Their colleagues in the Legislature, the Governor who may sign the bill if it passes, and the public are all entitled to know.

Thanks,
 Henry A. Fribourg, Ph.D.



KNOSHVILLE Notes: Temple Beth El

The first Jewish Food Festival in Knoxville took place on May 22. Temple Beth El joined forces with Knoxville Jewish Alliance, Heska Amuna Synagogue, Hadassah, Knoxville Jewish Day School and Jewish Congregation of Oak Ridge to create a fun-filled day of Jewish cuisine, culture, and community!

Both inside the Jewish Community and outside the Jewish community had an opportunity to go back to their childhood or taste foods they had never tried before.

Each organization chose an item(s) which they prepared and sold. Items included a variety of Jewish delicacies. Temple Beth El chose to bake one pound loaves of challah and black and white cookies.

This was a big undertaking and many people to thank. A special thank you to Phyllis Hirsh who was the TBE Chair. Many, many thanks to the following people for baking, volunteering day of event, selling challah or black & whites, selling tickets, manning the gift shop, set-up and clean-up: Sylvia Witcoff, Richard Licht, Susan Baker, Joan Cohn, Charlene Oleneik, Tara Bain, Larissa Kaye, Jessica Frankel, Amy Rosenberg, Ken Hirsh, Karen Smith, Diana Steinfeld-Hicks, Kathy Young, Susan Arbutal, Renee' Hyatt, Barbara Winston and Shelley Mangold.

We are already thinking about next year's menu!

Susan Baker, Richard Licht, Shelley Mangold, Ken Hirsh, Karen Smith, Susan Arbutal and Phyllis Hirsh are ready to serve delicious challah and balack-and-white cookies at Knoshville.



Food tickets in hand, Sylvia and Irv Witcoff look forward to purchasing TBE baked goods at Knoshville.

My Life-Changing Trip

By Jake Rosenberg

If I walked up to you and offered you a free trip to Israel (Well, almost free. You will need to get to New York to meet your birthright group, bring money for meals that are not included, and some spending money for incidentals), would you take it? My guess is that you would probably come up with one reason or another to say “no.” So, my question to 18- to 26 -year-old you is, why not? Too busy? Can’t take off two weeks from work or school? Can’t miss your friend’s graduation party? Want to enjoy your “relaxation time” between graduating school and starting work? The excuses go on and on, or at least mine did before I finally gave in and went on the best trip of my life.

As a recent Birthright Israel participant, I can assure you no excuse, like the ones previously listed, should get in the way of you visiting your homeland, the State of Israel. No friends to go with? No problem, by the second day you will have about 30 new ones. It sounds cliché, but you are being offered a once-in-a-lifetime chance to explore Israel, for free. Don’t throw this offer away. I’m not going to lie to you, days are long as you wake up at the crack of dawn and go to bed around midnight but you don’t even mind because you are hanging out with Israelis and learning about the beautiful land of Israel. You get what you want out of this trip. Don’t let anybody force you to go on this trip, go because you want to go.

I finally went, between the end of college and the start of my career as a 22-year-old. I went not for the religious aspect but more for the cultural experience. Israel is very secular, meaning you get as much religion as you want. For me, the greatest part of Birthright Israel is that a few Israelis around your age join the trip for about five days. These kids, students, IDF soldiers, etc., really guide you around and immerse you in their culture. I cannot say enough great things about the Israelis I met. We still chat almost every day. I could tell you about the great sights you visit like Masada or the Western Wall/Kotel (Israelis and people who have been there call it Kotel) or Yad Vashem, but I don’t want to spoil the feelings you get when you go there for the first time.

I can go on all day fighting the excuses you would throw at me as to why you would turn away this life changing trip. Listen, I get it if you can’t take about two weeks to learn about your religion, culture, country, etc., but remember your time is running out. *Birthright Israel is only available until you are 26 years old.* As a final note, step out of your comfort zone, order “chips” in your falafel pita or shawarma (Israelis love to put French fries on everything). But really, how many of your friends can say they rode a camel, floated in the Dead Sea and ate shawarma in Israel with 30-40 new friends?



Jake Rosenberg (back row, first person) and Birthright Israel friends enjoy their Israel experience.

Taglit-Birthright Israel is a not-for-profit educational organization that sponsors free ten-day heritage trips to Israel for Jewish young adults, aged 18–26. *Taglit* is the Hebrew word for discovery.

For information on Birthright Israel, please visit www.birthrightisrael.com.



MARTY'S MISSION RETURNS

As we rapidly approach the Holy Days I once again start to plan our Food Drive for Marty's Mission.

This begins our 11th year. Your support and encouragement have been fantastic. Please start to plan on your non- perishable food donations, as well as check donations made out to Second Harvest or Fish Hospitality.

Thank you in advance for your continued support. Wishing you all La Shanah Tova.

Joyce Traugot

Save the Date!

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Our Vision: We see ourselves as a dynamic congregation promoting Jewish learning, tradition, and values through the tenets of Reform Judaism.

Our Mission: To inspire individuals to embrace their Jewish identity and to engage in our religious community.

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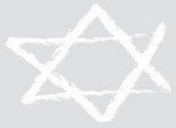
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We Back Pat!

By Carole H. Martin, KJCFF President

As I write this in June, the news of Pat Summitt's death dominates local news channels and social media. Close friends, former players and fellow coaches made pilgrimages to have one last visit with their mentor and each is eager to document their emotional visit on Instagram and Twitter or with a sports media personality. They all go on to share their special stories involving Summitt: her steely-eyed glare, propensity to pull star players off the floor for lack of effort, and expectations of excellence juxtaposed with a seemingly paradoxical maternal warmth and strong personal bond with each student athlete.

Sports fans nationwide are familiar with Pat Summitt's incredible professional records involving number of games won, national championships collected, Final Four appearances earned and 100% student athlete graduation rate. Not many outside of Tennessee may know the way that she tackled her Alzheimer's disease diagnosis with the same fortitude as when she would steamroll an opposing basketball team.

Here is how Summitt put it in perspective: "Competition got me off the farm and trained me to seek out challenges and to endure setbacks; in combination with my faith, it sustains me now in my fight with Alzheimer's disease."

This shift in priorities to create the Pat Summitt Foundation with its important role in bolstering the fight to cure Alzheimer's speaks to her legacy. Dealing with her Alzheimer's diagnosis, just as she tackled each stage of her life, Summitt has been exactly what she's been all her life...strong!

This kind of legacy is also the backbone of who we are at the Knoxville Jewish Community Family of Funds. Fundholders are blessed with the opportunity to make a difference: what a wonderful legacy! If you would like to know more about establishing an individual or family fund, please email me at KJCFFPresident@gmail.com.



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Grants

- ★ The Knoxville Jewish Alliance received a grant from the **Miles & Zelda Siegel Fund for Knoxville's Jewish Elderly** for the JFS Director's attendance at the annual AJFCA conference.
- ★ The **Besmann Family Fund for Social Justice and Spiritual Enrichment** made a grant to the disability Resource Center for the Be a Friend Festival on October 14.
- ★ The **Jeff & Nancy Becker Community Enrichment Fund** made a grant to the Knoxville Jewish Alliance to sponsor the purchase of a picnic table and umbrella.
- ★ The Knoxville Jewish Alliance received a grant from the **Alliance Opportunity Fund** to support the KJA cash flow and revenue shortage for 2016.

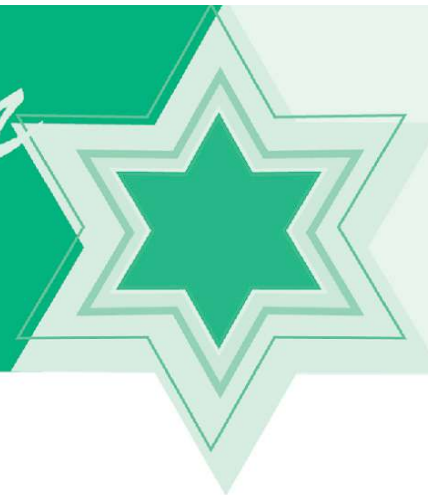
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Jewish Congregation of Oak Ridge



JCOR Holocaust Remembrance Day 2016

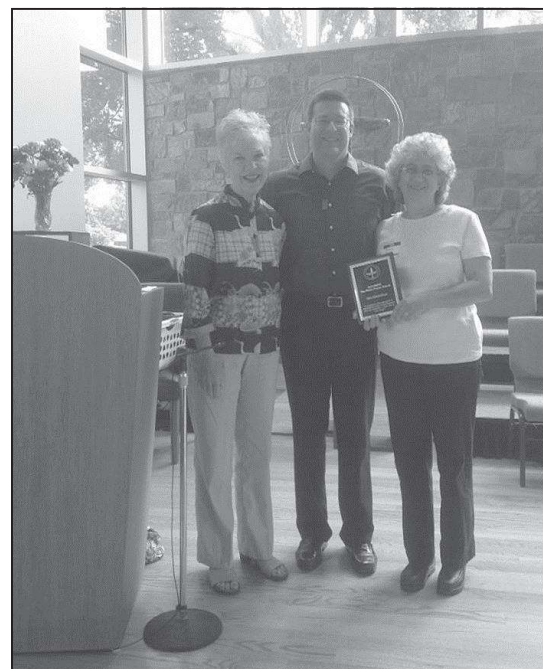
By Ronnie Bogard

The Jewish Congregation of Oak Ridge held its Holocaust Memorial Service in the sanctuary on May 8. The City of Oak Ridge officially proclaimed May 8 as Holocaust Remembrance Day for 2016.

In addition to the City proclamation, there was also Tennessee Senate Joint Resolution 734, honoring the life of Mira Kimmelman. Senator Randy McNally's daughter read and presented the State's moving proclamation as part of the Memorial Service. Mira, a Holocaust survivor, has been conducting the Holocaust Memorial Service for many years, focusing on the importance of teaching children and families.

In the last several years, Ronnie Bogard has joined her in planning the Service. This year the collaboration was expanded to include Jinx Watson, Martha Deaderick, and the Rev. Tandy Scheffler of the Oak Ridge Unitarian Universalist Church (ORUUC). In the month prior to the Memorial Service, Jinx Watson and Martha Deaderick, former educators and long-time teachers of *Facing History and Ourselves*, taught a special multi-generational course looking at the human issues and complexities of the history leading to, during and after the Holocaust. At the end of that study, students, as well as others in the community, were asked to participate as readers in the JCOR Memorial Service. A candle-lighting ceremony was conducted by Mira, as well as song, readings, and prayers conducted by members of the two congregations. The Oak Ridge Chapter of the Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs, led by Meir Niad, donated yellow candles that were made available to attendees to light when they returned home from the Service.

Mira was also honored that same morning at the ORUUC with the Naida Finane Award for Courage and Tolerance. Ronnie accepted the award on behalf of Mira and spoke about her friend and longtime mentor. The partnership between JCOR and ORUUC will continue to encourage the community to come together and remember the Holocaust thereby remembering the consequences of bigotry, persecution and hatred.



Mensch Club members Bruce Tomkins, Meir Niad, Art Dworkin, and Jim Bogard preparing yellow candles for visitors.



Jinx Watson, Mike Raymond (President of the Board at ORUUC), and Ronnie Bogard

JCOR Sisterhood will host the August Sisterhood³ (JCOR, HA , TBE) program

Organizing Our Lives, Part 1: Beginning with our “Things”

Thursday August 4, 2016

Rosh Hodesh Av 5776

Dinner 6 p.m./Program 7 p.m.

Jewish Congregation of Oak Ridge
101 Madison Lane, Oak Ridge 37830

Speaker: Emily Carroll, is the owner of Redd Up Organizers, a local home and business organization consulting company.. Emily's true passion in life is to help people increase their quality of life in all capacities.

RSVP to annegreenbaum@comcast.net or 927-4488

JCOR Hosts and Hostesses

August 6	Mira Kimmelman, Peggy and Randy Laxton
August 13	Shelby & Mark Kay, Barbara & Larry Landau
August 20	Vera & Leon Maya, Ilana & Moshe Siman-Tov
August 27	Brenda & Sig Mosko, Katie Niad & Meir Niad

Donations to JCOR

Yahrzeits:

- Morton S. Conrad from Mel & Edith Halbert
- Gertrude Tobias from Mel Tobias
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- Ruth Carey from Al Good and Alice Feldman (Carey Fund)

Donations:

- In honor of Bonnie Carroll winning “Enterprising Woman of the Year Award” from Jim & Ronnie Bogard
- In honor of Sylvia Goldenberg’s 90th birthday from Jim & Ronnie Bogard
- In Memory of Diana Jacobson from Walter & Pam Hanig
In Memory of Diana Jacobson and Dot Levin from Jim & Ronnie Bogard

Donations to Oak Ridge Hadassah

- To the Gray Family in memory of Diana Jacobson from Leon and Vera Maya
- In memory of my cousin in Israel from Jeanette Gilbert & Family
- Condolences to Moshe Yair on the death of his sister from Carlos and Elena Bamberger from Mira Kimmelman

JCOR Upcoming August Events

August 13, 2016

Rabbi's Study Session: “Chaim Weizmann”
(after the morning services)

August 20, 2016, 7 p.m.

Jewish Film Series - The Mel Brooks Summer Festival:
Silent Movie USA. 1976, 1 hour, 27 minutes, PG

Mel Funn (Mel Brooks), Marty Eggs (Marty Feldman) and Dom Bell (Dom DeLuise) are aspiring filmmakers with a million-dollar idea that goes completely against the modern grain: They want to make a silent film. To make the movie more marketable, they try to recruit several A-list stars to appear. At the same time, the studio's creditors try to quash the movie. The film itself contains only one word of dialogue.

No JCOR Secrets at Secret City Festival

By Meir Niad

JCOR’s third year at the Secret City Festival was a success. In a world with so much hate and violence going on, I am proud of our members who join me each year as we step out of the shadows of the “Secret City” and into the bright sun to share our Jewish community with the entire town.

Visitors to our booth learned about our congregation's history, played dreidel, and heard Jewish music. We had several people interested in our Hebrew classes and fitness classes.



Don Carlson teaches visitors about dreidel.

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Remembering Elie Wiesel

By Rabbi Yossi Wilhelm

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Elie Wiesel perpetuated the memory of the Holocaust, championed international recognition of evil in all its forms and received the Nobel Peace Prize in 1986 for his work. "Wiesel is a messenger to mankind," wrote the Nobel committee. "His message is one of peace, atonement and human dignity. His belief that the forces fighting evil in the world can be victorious is a hard-won belief."

I would like to share a bit of a different perspective on Elie Wiesel. After the Holocaust, like many other Jews who survived the horrors of Hitler, Elie had a choice to live the rest of his life in the survive mode or in the thrive mode, the difference being survive binds you to the past with little hope of the future. Thrive, while you remain connected to the past, it's with the intention of guiding the future which is full of hope and light.

Elie chose the latter, he preserved the memory of the Holocaust but not as an end point, rather as a horrible experience which will now teach, guide and show us the way to a better world through actions of mankind. And most of all he did it as a proud Jew.

Let us live like Elie did, don't just survive the difficult situations you are faced with. Thrive.

From the Sinai Desert to Dollywood

Over 150 adults and children celebrated Shavuot for the 3,328th time. First the Ten Commandments were read, in an authentic Sephardic melody by Asaf Peretz, followed by a gourmet buffet of delicious dairy dishes along with cheese cakes and other dairy desserts customarily eaten on Shavuot. The children (and children at heart ;)) enjoyed the frozen 'dippin dots'.



Holy Bagel

Join us on **Sunday, August 7**
(first Sunday of the month)
for Holy Bagel – Tefillin Club.

Holy Bagel is a men's club that combines spirituality, good food (this Sunday's breakfast special: Cheese Blintzes) and socializing. Men lay Tefillin, recite the Shema, and then enjoy schmoozing over a fresh homemade breakfast.

Holy Bagel is highlighted with a special 15-minute video presentation featuring *The Living Torah* series.

MONTHLY SHABBAT MINYAN & KIDDUSH

Pray, sing, and connect at Chalet @ Chabad. Come and join us as we pray some, learn some, sing a bit, and connect even more. Learn how to transform your prayers into a spiritual vehicle which will blossom into a beautiful connection.

Shabbat Morning, August 20, 2016

At Chalet @ Chabad
10:00 a.m.
Morning services

11:00 a.m.
Children's program

12:30 p.m.
Delicious Shabbat kiddush after an uplifting service.

JAHRZEIT

Heska Amuna Synagogue

August 6

Maria Gruenberg ♦ Leonard Miller ♦ Fanni Goldstein ♦ Evelyn Lowe ♦ Leo Adams ♦ Malvina Alexander ♦ Madge Glidewell ♦ Frances Levin ♦ Avrom Wein ♦ Matilda Corkland ♦ Barbara Fay ♦ Bernard Greenbaum ♦ Bertha Licht ♦ Edward Lippner ♦ Mel Nagler ♦ Edward Mottzman

August 13

Mary Corkland ♦ Cleo Ginsburg ♦ Ethan Goodfriend ♦ Stella Love ♦ Dorina Barnett ♦ Esther Bebergal ♦ Harold Licht ♦ William Gurwitch ♦ Yetta Lipshin ♦ Rose Martin ♦ Samuel Millen ♦ Benjamin Jaffe ♦ Morris Goldman ♦ Sylvia Goldstein ♦ Samuel Merlin ♦ Max Millner

August 20

Leon Hasden ♦ Karl Liberman ♦ Esther Bernstein ♦ Adela Gross ♦ Hyman Levison ♦ Abraham Bart ♦ Muriel Boothman ♦ Jim Nash ♦ Katie Ross ♦ Marian Schneider ♦ Mollie Brietstein ♦ Mildred Dreyer ♦ Harry Fayonsky ♦ Abraham Chaskin ♦ Jacob Green ♦ Janet Krauss ♦ Lester Robinson ♦ Abraham Rosenblatt ♦ Abe Zwick

August 27

David Wender ♦ Hugo Klein ♦ Zeleg Berez * Etta Ducken ♦ Jacob Geller ♦ Jacob Menachem ♦ Barbara Oleshansky ♦ Kenneth Cohen ♦ Sally Moskowitz ♦ Samuel Routman ♦ Judy Schwartz ♦ Esther Balloff ♦ Mervin Horn ♦ Gussie Richer ♦ Jane Rosenblatt ♦ Shoshana Becker

JAHRZEIT

TEMPLE BETH EL

August 5

Garrett Bickman ♦ Jackie Bickman ♦ Marie Elston ♦ Samuel Gelber ♦ Efim Golburt ♦ Harold Karklin ♦ Jeannie Samuel Levy ♦ Edward Lippner ♦ Herbert Nash ♦ Pastor Serrato ♦ Emilie Ehrlich Strasburger ♦ Asya Targonskaya

August 12

Jessica DeCapua ♦ Abram Golburt ♦ Albert Greenberg ♦ Monroe Hecht ♦ Benjamin Herrmann ♦ Marcus Herrmann ♦ Matvei Ioselev ♦ Sara Pais ♦ Alice Palmer ♦ Anne Prial ♦ Emanuel Taylor ♦ Ethel Taylor ♦ Anne Kadison Weinstein

August 19

Zan Tamar Bailey ♦ Jerome Bernstein ♦ Orsella Davis ♦ Daniel Goodman ♦ Gilbert Klein ♦ Marvin Selk ♦ Rose Shenkman ♦ Sidney M. Spero

August 26

Armand H. Abel ♦ Ida Altshuler ♦ Anna H Blatt ♦ Jacob Blaufeld ♦ Wolfe Brody ♦ Charles M. Evans ♦ Jeanette Galloway ♦ Morris Hochenberg ♦ George Palmer ♦ David Sachs ♦ Liliya Safro ♦ Lillian Pollack Sloane ♦ Max Slome ♦ Dora Stein ♦ Helen Webber

Hadassah HIGHLIGHTS

HADASSAH
THE WOMEN'S ZIONIST
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Knoxville

Hadassah Knoxville Presents

No Show



Pool Party

THE NON-EVENT FUNDRAISER OF 2016

- 12 pm Hot dogs and Hamburgers will NOT be grilled
- 1 pm A game of Marco Polo will NOT be played
- 3 pm Watermelon will NOT be cut and served
- 5 pm Synchronized swimming show will NOT take place

Please DO NOT join us for this event and help make the No Show Pool Party a resounding success. Your generous gift will enable the extraordinary works of Hadassah to continue and grow.

"RSVP" Before August 1, 2016

HADASSAH The following information will be made available upon request by writing to Hadassah, The Women's Zionist Organization of America, Inc. at 40 Wall Street, New York, NY 10005 / Attn: Finance Department, or by calling (212) 355-7900: (i) a full and fair description of the program for which the solicitation is being made, and if different, a description of the programs and activities of Hadassah and (ii) a copy of Hadassah's current financial statement. REGISTRATION DOES NOT IMPLY ENDORSEMENT, APPROVAL OR RECOMMENDATION BY ANY STATE/COUNTY.

Help us Continue Our Lifesaving Work!

Thirteen of the twenty operating rooms in the surgical complex at the Sarah Wetsman Davidson Hospital Tower were dedicated on January 10, 2016. The OR complex is located deep underground, fortified to provide a safe operating space, even in the event of conventional, chemical, and biological warfare. It is a myriad of high-tech innovations that allow the surgical team a larger breadth of choices in operating. The most unusual OR is the "hybrid room," a breakthrough concept that contains both a special radiology scan, as well as an operating table. Planned for the most complicated surgery – especially life-saving trauma cases – the room's design allows for many staff members from diverse specialties to do different surgical procedures in parallel.

The Tower has:

- ◆ 500 inpatient beds, 60 ICU beds, and 20 operating rooms
- ◆ Indoor gardens and breathtaking vistas to create a soothing environment for patients and their families
- ◆ A daybed in each room, allowing a relative to stay with the patient overnight
- ◆ Patient rooms with a view of the Judean hills

The Sarah Wetsman Davidson Hospital Tower

It's about healing. It's about compassion. It's about life.

Pour Your Love into the Tower!

It's a fact: the lives we save, the children at risk that we educate, our advocacy for women in the US and in Israel – none of these could happen without the support of generous donors.

Every gift to Hadassah means enhancing lives.
No gift is too large or too small.

THE EVENT IS VIRTUAL,

THE NEED TO FUND THE TOWER IS REAL

I would like NOT to attend the Knoxville No Show Pool Party.

My tax deductible gift includes:

- \$18 I don't need to buy sunscreen or after-sun gel.
- \$36 I don't need to get a spray tan at the tanning salon.
- \$100 I don't need buy a new towel, hat and sunglasses.
- \$180 I don't need to buy a new swimsuit and cover-up.
- \$360 I don't need to purchase swim/diving lessons.
- \$ ___ No trips to the ER for showing off your new diving skills.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

- Check (made payable to *Hadassah*)

"RSVP" Before August 1, 2016 to

Jenny Pfeffer
301 Way Station Trl
Knoxville, Tn 37934-4419

Thank you for NOT attending
The No Show Pool Party



Hadassah Cooking Up A Good Year

Knoxville Hadassah members had a beautiful evening of good weather, good food, and all of us coming together on May 19 at the AJCC for a hot dog BBQ and plentiful side dishes to recognize the closing of the first half of our Hadassah Knoxville Unit year for 2016. It was a great way to bring our members together to celebrate.

Thank you to our organizer Andrea Cone, and all who made contributions and participated in the festivities. We look forward to the exciting second half of 2016 with the programs we are planning.

Under Construction!

2017 Hadassah Knoxville Membership Directory, Shopping Guide & Datebook

Reserve your ad space now thru extended
deadline: **September 20, 2016**

Ad sizes: Full page \$175, ½ page \$105, 1/3 page
\$90, or ¼ page \$75

Memorial/Yahrzeit ad: ½ page \$75
or 1/3 page \$50

Memorial Listings: 2 lines – 32 characters per line \$25

Professional Listings: Name, phone number, category \$36

Introducing Pet Pix! Showcase your pet(s) photo and name for
\$25 on 1/6 page ad sized 2.25" x 2.125"

New for 2017, with your ad placement, professional listings are
½ price at \$18

Advertising in the Hadassah Knoxville Directory:

- Supports Hadassah's many worthwhile projects
- Reaches 500 people with your message year-round

Please direct questions or submit black & white JPEG or PDF ad
copy and art work to: Jill Weinstein jkweinstein5@gmail.com
or Robin Brown rzbrown60@gmail.com.



"CALLING FOR HMO SPONSORS"

As our primary fundraiser, we need Sponsors
for our HMO Luncheon on November 13.

Please send in your check now to have your name
added as a sponsor on the HMO invitation!

For questions, contact Ellen Kern: egkern@gmail.com.

Your support is greatly appreciated!

SAVE the DATE: HMO Luncheon on Sunday, November
13 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. at The Lighthouse

**Siri Khalsa-Zemel, MS, RD, LDN, PhD Candidate, Mind
Body Medicine** is the featured speaker at the Hadassah
HMO Luncheon. As the Eating Disorder Programs director
at Focus Treatment Center, Siri will speak on: *Women,
Eating & Emotion: Understanding our Hunger.*

Many of us eat when we're not actually hungry. The
reasons vary widely. We may eat out of boredom, when
feeling sad, happy or lonely. Come and learn about this
important topic while we enjoy a healthfully prepared
delicious lunch.

We are now seeking sponsors. As a sponsor, your meal
is covered and the balance of your donation supports
Hadassah's Medical Organization (HMO) in Jerusalem: a
world class medical care and research facility. For your
name to be on the invitation, please email Ellen to pledge
and/or send in your donation to Jenny Pfeffer by August
1st!

SPONSORSHIP LEVELS:

Grand Hostess Level \$180;

Hostess \$80;

Associates \$60;

Keepers of the Gate \$1,000 Annually

Note: Minimum Donation: Double Chai \$36

President's Message

By Laura Floyd

Wow! It has been a really hot summer! I hope you have enjoyed keeping cool by the pool, lake, river, mountains or indoors in the AC. This summer we are raising money for the Sarah Wetsman Davidson Hospital Tower through our **No Show Pool Party**. Invitations have been mailed or you may contribute via the convenient form on page 30. (P.S. You don't have to be a Hadassah member to support this wonderful hospital!)

I thank everyone who has already taken the time to write a check for this worthy cause. There's still time to donate! Hadassah women never turn down money! The Tower at Hadassah Medical Center in Ein Kerem is so amazing in that it is a 20-story facility, standing tall with five stories below ground housing the operating room complex. It's not amazing enough to have operating suites underground to provide a safe space even in the event of chemical or biological warfare. There is also another special room, the 'hybrid room.' This includes imaging equipment so that a scan can be done in the same room as the surgery, saving valuable minutes for patients with complex injuries. The Tower was built with funds contributed by Hadassah supporters in America and Hadassah International. Some gave a little, some gave a lot but each dollar does so much.

Again, I thank everyone who has donated to our No Show Pool Party. Knoxville Hadassah is awesome; we are women and men who give, care, do, support, advocate, etc.

Now as we look forward to the fall, we have our HMO luncheon coming up **Sunday, November 13!** If you have agreed to be a sponsor, thank you!! I hope to see a lot of members and associates there as we learn about several types of hunger after a delicious meal. It's going to be an excellent program given by Siri Khalsa-Zemel, Ph.D. candidate.

Please check the *Ha'Kol* each month for more information about upcoming events and seeing what we've been doing.

Hadassah Large Certificates Program

We gratefully acknowledge recent donations (received as of May 17, 2016):

Simcha certificate contributions in honor of:

- **Ms. Shelli R. Cone and Mr. Mark S. Javate, Arlington, Virginia**
- **National Jewish Health, Denver, Colorado**
- **Ronald McDonald House, Denver, Colorado**
Andrea and Barry Cone
- ***The Bat Mitzvah of Tifannie Rosen, daughter of Kim and Stephen Rosen; granddaughter of Alexandra Rosen; and Lea and Allen Orwitz:*** Susan & Arnold Cohen, Lynn & Scott Dryzer, Laura & Frank Floyd, Dina & Andrew Kramer, Carole & Robert Martin, Mary Ann & Bryan Merrell, The Noon Family, Evelyn & Steve Oberman, Mary & John Evars-Goan, Natalie Robinson, Jane Row-Shapiro, Gilya Schmidt
- ***The Marriage of Rebecca Allen, daughter of Heidi and Barry Allen, and Aaron Engel:*** Nancy & Jeffrey Becker, Susan & Arnold Cohen, Dina & Andrew Kramer, Carole & Robert Martin, Mary Ann & Bryan Merrell, Mary Linda Schwarzbart
- ***The Engagement of Shelli Cone, daughter of Andrea and Barry Cone, to Mark Javate:*** Laura & Frank Floyd, Mary & John Evars-Goan, Carole & Robert Martin, Mary Ann & Bryan Merrell, Barbara & Seth Mintz, Mary Linda Schwarzbart
- ***The Bat Mitzvah of Jordan Frankel, daughter of Jessica and Michael Frankel:*** Carole & Robert Martin

Contributions in memory of recent losses in our community:

- ***Martin Shersky, husband of Emilee Shersky, cousin of Monte Millen:***
Ellen & Bill Berez, Marilyn Burnett, John & Mary Evars-Goan, Laura & Frank Floyd, Barbara & Ronald Isenberg, Marian Jay, Judy & Harvey Kaufman, Kay & Larry Leibowitz, Elaine Levin, Carole & Robert Martin, Gilya Schmidt, Mary Linda Schwarzbart, and Jane, David and Matthew Silver
- ***Robert Feinberg, husband of Ruth Feinberg, sister of Helene Pier, father of Susan Feinberg and father-in-law of Cindy Feinberg:*** John & Mary Evars-Goan, Judy & Harvey Kaufman, Carole & Robert Martin, and Marcie Silverstein
- ***Marvin Hecht, father of Jeff (Shelley) Hecht***
Nancy & Jeffrey Becker, Ellen & Bill Berez, Marilyn Burnett, John & Mary Evars-Goan, Margy & Mitch Goldman, Judy & Harvey Kaufman, Dina & Andrew Kramer, Kay & Larry Leibowitz, Carole & Robert Martin, Mary Ann & Bryan Merrell, Evelyn & Steve Oberman; Karen, Eli, Asher & Pace Robinson, Lesley & Bernard Rosenblatt, Gilya Schmidt, Mary Linda Schwarzbart; Jane, David and Matthew Silver, Marilyn & Jerry Solomon
- ***Art Pais, father of Ray (Babyling) Pais, Jeanne Pais (Charles Bernath), Bert Pais, and Wendy Pais (Michael) Baker***
Nancy & Jeffrey Becker, Lee Miller Blotner, Bonnie & Van Boring, Susan & Arnold Cohen, Bobbie Horwitz, Barbara & Ronald Isenberg, Judy & Harvey Kaufman, Dina & Andrew Kramer, Kay & Larry Leibowitz, Marilyn & Harvey Liberman, Shelley & Marc Mangold, Mary & John Evars-Goan, Carole & Robert Martin, Mary Ann & Bryan Merrell, The Noon Family, Judy Rattner; Karen, Eli, Asher & Pace Robinson, Gilya Schmidt, Mary Linda Schwarzbart

Participation in the Large Certificates Program is available to everyone, whether you are a Hadassah member or not. If you would like to receive e-mail notices when certificates are opened, or for more information, contact Mary Ann Merrell at hadassahcertificates@gmail.com.

Help Israel: Purchase Tree/Water Certificates through Knoxville Hadassah

Israel is always in need of trees and water. Please help the forests by planting a tree and helping them by giving them water. Plant a tree today. Since 1926, we have partnered with JNF to drain swamplands, plant forests, develop water resources and preserve Israel's ecology. Giving opportunities include:

One Tree \$18 Ten Trees \$150 (Circle of Trees)
Fifty Trees \$750 (Garden of Trees)

You may designate a name for certificates in memory of someone, sending get well wishes to an individual, in honor of a birthday, anniversary, birth, marriage, engagement or someone's accomplishment.

Contact Joyce York at (865) 384-6177 or joyceyork12@gmail.com to arrange for a tree or water certificate to be sent for you.



Hadassah Book Club News

Our August selection for The Hadassah Book Club will be ***The Japanese Lover*** by Isabel Allende. Please join us Tuesday evening, August 16, at 7:30pm, at Barnes and Noble Bookstore on Kingston Pike.

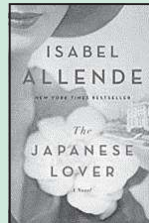


The Japanese Lover moves between present and past, from our era to World War II.

Born in Poland into a Jewish family, Alma is sent by her parents to the United States as the threat of Nazism grows. At her Uncle Isaac and Aunt Lillian's estate, Sea Cliff, in San Francisco, Alma becomes tormented by nightmares. Irina uncovers an emotional triangle that existed between Alma, her cousin Nathaniel and the Japanese gardener's son, Ichimei. As the story is told, Ichimei and Alma fall passionately in love and begin an affair.

From chapter to chapter, the author continues to reveal mysteries. We learn why Alma marries Nathaniel instead of Ichimei and the part racial prejudice plays in that decision. The reader also discovers why, despite Seth's pursuit, Irina finds herself unable to trust any man. Certain revelations are disturbing, but love ultimately helps each woman survive. Like the incomparable storyteller she is, Isabel Allende does not release us from the novel's spell until the last pages, with a brief but bittersweet hint of her famed magical realism.

All Jewish women of the greater Knoxville area and friends are welcome to join us. Please contact Peggy Littmann, plittmann@comcast.net, or cell (865) -776-1013 with questions. For last minute updates, check the Hadassah web site at jewishknoxville.org/hadassah or from the home page of jewishknoxville.org - click on top menu choice "Adults", then under Social Action you will find the Hadassah link.



Hadassah's Knoxville Bundt Cake Cafe Most Successful

Co-chairs Nora Messing and Robin Brown thank the 27 cake bakers who helped make this event a sell out. By 1:30 p.m., all 40 cakes were sold and there were even offers to buy the crumbs on the plates!



Robin Brown, Nora Messing, and Judi Abrams await the start of Knoshville.

Hadassah Highlights

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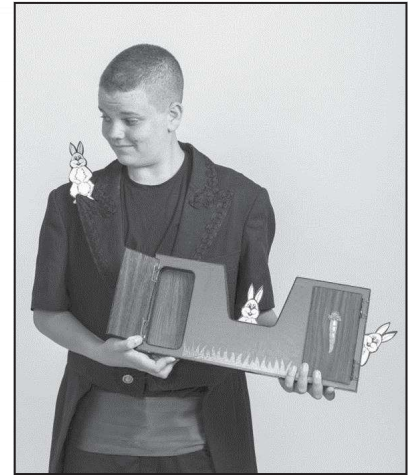
2016-17 KJDS School Year to Begin with a Magical Back-to-School Party

At KJDS, we are known to kick off the year with a bang! And this year our bang will come in the form of a young Israeli magician, Yarden Shalev.

Yarden, a 17-year-old magician began performing as a volunteer in retirement homes and entertaining children with special needs. Over the years he has become known throughout the country, appearing on Israeli TV, featured in newspapers, and at the young age of 13, he won the title of Israel's best kid magician.

Yarden won a scholarship to the KIDABRA magic conference hosted in Pigeon Forge. In August, before going to the conference, he will enjoy spending some quality time with KJDS Alumni Camden and Hallie Boring and will experience some East Tennessee beauty and fun. He is also excited to perform for our KJDS families as we kick off another great year of learning, exploration and fun!

Yarden Shalev



Mazal Tov! KJDS is 10 Years Old Highlights from Year One

In August 2006, The Stanford Eisenberg Knoxville Jewish Day School opened its doors for the very first time. While our program has continued to progress and develop along with the advances in education, and technology, its fundamentals have stayed strong.

Joy, exploration, academic excellence, warm and loving environment, community, dedication to the arts — all in a Jewish environment.



Tefillin and Jewish values



Students learn karate.

Volunteer Gene Rosenbergs reads to students.



In Three Words. Why KJDS?

Answered by Miriam Esther Wilhelm, Head of School

KJDS, Climate, and Culture

The wonderful community of staff, parents, and students that make up our school have developed a KJDS climate and culture that makes anything possible. Everyone is so respectful and supportive of one another. In such an environment, students and staff are comfortable pushing themselves further and are not afraid of failure. Each day at KJDS, I experience the joy of students and staff making the most of opportunities and growing together. The climate and culture are the backdrop for all the transformative experiences and outcomes here at KJDS.



Teachers learned to solder for the first time at an ORAU workshop.

First try at building a robot.

Meet Our Top-Notch KJDS Staff

K-1 Teacher: Mary Alice Griffin

Mary Alice Griffin holds a Master of Education degree and has 26 years of teaching experience. In addition to teaching at Knox County, Schools and Sacred Heart here in Knoxville, she's also taught at international schools in Tokyo, England and most recently, Singapore. In her most recent position she was both a teacher and language arts coordinator and helped the school implement Lucy Calkin's Reading and Writing Workshop. She also has extensive training in Singapore Math, is a Virtues Project facilitator and is a passionate advocate of Inquiry Based Learning.



Mary Alice Griffin



Julie Jolly

2-3 Teacher: Julie Jolly

Julie Jolly comes to KJDS from Thackston School in Knoxville. She holds a Bachelor of Science degree in botany as well as a Master of Science in Elementary Education from the University of Tennessee. Julie has taught prekindergarten, first, second, and third grades. For the past three years she was the assistant principal and worked extensively with Thackston teachers to help ensure the quality of their rigorous and creative curriculum. Julie is known for her ability to listen, understand, and connect with her students. She is strong believer that learning flourishes when the classroom is a safe, caring, and stimulating environment.

4-5 Teacher Tracy Wulf

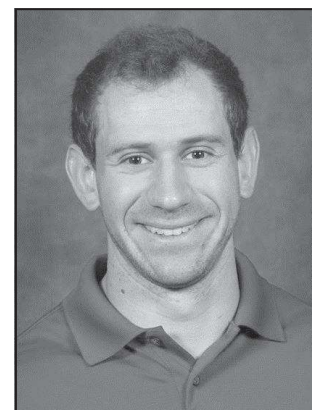
Tracy Wulf holds a Master in Educational Leadership degree and has more than seven years of experience in 4th and 5th grade classrooms. In addition, she was one of three teachers in the district to be accepted as a resource teacher for the Urban Teacher Residency Program where she taught college-level courses to teacher interns and coached teacher candidates and their collaborating teachers on how to provide rich, clinical experiences in an urban setting. While teaching she implemented LEGO robotics into the science and math curriculum and uses design challenges as a springboard for exploratory learning. Ms. Wulf feels strongly that a key to student success is for them to own their learning, be able to discuss it, self-assess, and set measurable goals.



Tracy Wulf

Coach Ian Helling

Coach Ian Helling is licensed trainer who has chosen to focus on kids in fitness. As a staff member at CrossFit KTown and CrossFit Farragut, he has the energy, the knowledge and the ability to help our students achieve a healthier lifestyle. One of Ian's main priorities is teaching children how fitness is a fun activity with physical and emotional benefits. He uses techniques that are proven to help children of every fitness level move forward from where they are. Coach Ian has been a strong asset to our KJDS program, helping our students challenge themselves and progress during their PE classes.



Ian Helling

Drama Teacher Rosina Guerra

Rosina Guerra graduated from the University of Tennessee and is a professional actress who has numerous theatrical credits. She served as the Director of Young People's Programs for the Bijou Theatre where she directed and produced more than 25 productions, including an award-winning production of *The Diary of Anne Frank*. She currently serves as Webb School of Knoxville's Drama Camp director, as well as the Regional and Junior Youth Talent Contest director for the Tennessee Valley Fair. At KJDS, Rosina had directed *Annie Jr*, *the Music Man Jr*. and we look forward to seeing what this year's selection will be.



Rosina Guerra

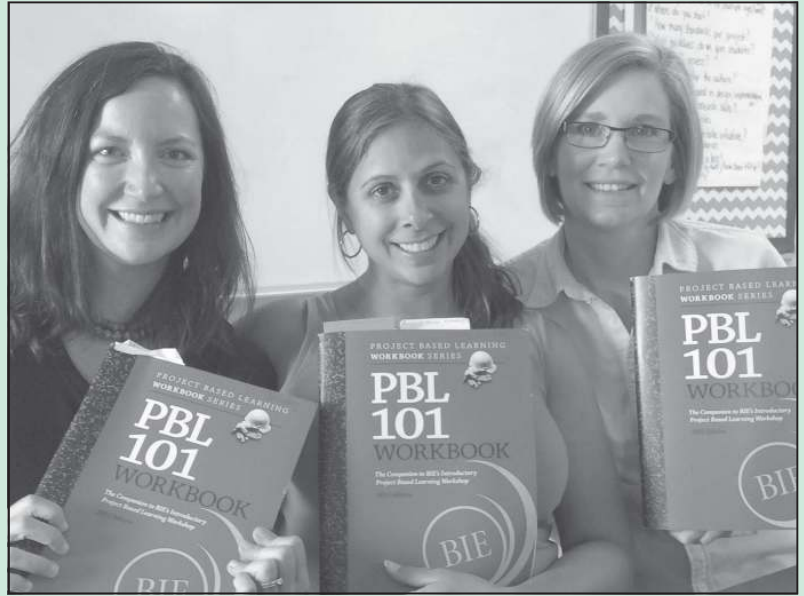
PBL 101: Learning About Project-Based Learning

KJDS staff enjoyed an intense workshop on Project-Based Learning. We've enjoyed implementing PBL units this past year and are excited to perfect our game. Project-Based Learning units are challenging, involve sustained inquiry and authenticity. The authenticity appealed to all of us – as we aim to create learning opportunities where the students aren't just receiving knowledge but they are being given the opportunities to voice their opinion and solve real world problems on a school, local, and global level. It helped us, as teachers, think in new ways about how we could push our students to think more critically, to give them more responsibility in their learning. We also learned some great protocols for giving and receiving feedback and generating questions we feel we can use during project based learning and other classroom opportunities as well.

Most exciting for us was the fact that all everything we learned was strongly aligned with our KJDS philosophy – that students excel when they are interested and excited about their studies, that to succeed students need to collaborate and that students need to apply their learning by problem solving.

Some great ideas came out of the three-day session: In STEAM, we are hoping to apply our learning to help the students grow food to feed our school community. This experience will be used as a stepping stone for larger projects as we investigate ways to help our larger community. The 4th and 5th grade class will be working on a project where they look at the era of reconstruction in America and compare Johnson and Lincoln's plan for reconstruction. They will then propose their plan for reconstruction in a post-civil war America. We hope this lesson will inspire them to write proposals to see changes and improvement at KJDS.

KJDS teachers work collaboratively as they learn how to build Project-Based Units at the PBL101 course.



Ms. Louise (KJDS innovation coach), Ms. Emily (KJDS STEAM teacher) and Ms. Wulf (KJDS 4-5 teacher) enjoyed an intensive three day workshop on Project-Based Learning.



Ellen Kern has been a "Special Friend" of recent KJDS graduate Rylee Kolnick for years, attending holiday functions and being supportive.

Stand Up for Ellen Kern

Our dear friend and school supporter Ellen Kern is our volunteer in the spotlight this month.

Ellen has been a "Special Friend" of the Knoxville Jewish Day School for years, spending many holiday functions alongside recent graduate Rylee Kolnick.

Over the years Ellen has shared her professional talent with our students. Four years ago she worked with our staff and coached our students as they delivered a PechaKucha-style presentation. This year Ellen brought a new level of professionalism to our TED Talks with her public speaking expertise. Ellen coached the students on public speaking skills so that they could stay calm and focused during their presentation. Our students performed like pros and we thank Ellen for giving them tools they can use throughout their educational careers and beyond.

And a big thank you to Ellen for being on the planning committee for our Vodka and Latkes event this year! You are a wonderful asset to our school and our community.

Thank you Ellen!

KJDS Board Wraps Up School Year, Welcomes New Board Members

Stanford Eisenberg Knoxville Jewish Day School Board of Directors met at Nancy and Jeff Becker's home to wrap up its 2015-2016 year, and also to welcome its new members for 2016-2017. We're very excited to welcome Julia Galanti, Gloria Greenfield, Ellen Markman, Susan Silber, and Michael Zemel to the board. Returning board members include Nancy Becker, Jeff Becker, Rob Blitt, Judy Breitstein, Anna Iroff-Bailey, Jonathan Klein, Sandy Parker, Judith Rosenberg, Evan Sturm, Tamara Sturm, Miriam Esther Wilhelm, Rabbi Yossi Wilhelm, and Jenny Wood. We're looking forward to another great year at KJDS!



Knoxville Jewish Day School 2016-17 Board of Directors

Front row: Susan Silber, Sandy Parker, Nancy Becker, Judy Brietstein.
Back row: Jeff Becker, Evan Sturm, Jonathan Klein, Julia Galanti, Ellen Markman, Gloria Greenfield, Michael Zemel, Judith Rosenberg, Rabbi Yossi Wilhelm.

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In the News

Knoxville Jewish Day School

KJDS student Linoy was featured in the community section of a local paper as presented a PechaKucha-style program that Ellen Kern (see page 36) helped students prepare.





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This photo, of Rabbi Abraham **Wolf**, with cousins Barbara ("Babe") **Millen** (later **Fay**) on the left and Ethel ("Sister") **Millen** (later **Brown**) on the right, had to have been taken before November of 1919 (Rabbi Wolf died that October), but late enough that Babe, born in 1914, remembered him.

Babe's granddaughter Allison **Fay** and Sister's daughter Sondra Brown **Brody** and grandson Adam **Brown** live in Knoxville.

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