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Heska Amuna Synagogue

HaShofar



Title of Essay?

By Rabbi Alon C. Ferency

For those of you unable to attend our communal *seder*, I wanted to let you know what a phenomenal success it was! We learned, we shared, we laughed, we prayed, and of course, we ate. We used a new home-made *haggadah* (available on request), and played a *seder* game of "Would You Rather?" Our children all sang the Four Questions together, then engaged in an extended scavenger hunt to find the *afikoman*. We had spirited and meaningful discussions about renewal, compassion, and justice, and concluded with a rousing singing of *Adir Hu*, which Gilya and I led in a happy duet. The evening was almost magical; in the words of one guest: The joy was contagious! I want to give great gratitude to our sponsors: Debbie and Irwin Gordon; Andrea Cartwright and Alan Solomon; and Steve and Evelyn Oberman.

We also had a terrific cadre of volunteers: Our greeters were Caiden Bach, Rick Brown, Elizabeth Floyd, Frank Lawhead, Avi Rowe, and Liora Rowe. As well, Jeannie Bobroff, Deborah Karp, and Dahlia Smith did registration. Our table hosts were Mike Burnett, Hal Manas, Raphael Panitz, and Gilya Schmidt, who all helped prepare our program and activities along with Marty Iroff. Everyone raved about Frank Floyd's brisket, Sam Spenser and Liz Spenser prepared in the kitchen, and Kat Wilcox-Chelimsky helped behind the scenes. I also want to thank Rabbi Yossi Wilhelm, who donated hand-made *shemura matzah* for all of us to enjoy.

Of course, we couldn't have done it without a fabulous staff. I know that each of them worked very hard to make the night as wonderful as it was. Betty Golub led our children to make decorations that were charming and informative, and the educational activities she created with Marty lent humor and inspiration to the *maggid*. Beverly Wilcox and Jennye Merrell devised a room set-up that was the best yet – everything looked, sounded, and felt just right – and ensured that all of the logistical details were solidly in their place. Gabe Spenser created the food – from preparation to plating to service – which was a delight, and everyone praised his delicious chicken. Of course, this is only a sampling of the many, many things that went well and made our *seder* a hit!

In particular, I want to point to the above-and-beyond efforts of Gabe, Beverly and her daughter Kat. Gabe and Kat had been sick before the *seder*, yet each and all put extra time in, coming in evenings and Sundays to sweat out the last details. I cannot express enough my gratitude for their exceptional hard work, and I want our community to know about their singular and remarkable devotion to our Synagogue.

Lastly, I have to add: I really had fun. All our shared communal planning, work, and anxiety paid off. Once the evening began, we relaxed in knowing that all would be well, which I think contributed to the joy of the evening for all participants. I'm eager to do it again with you next year (in Jerusalem, of course)!

You are a blessing for us all – *Amen*.



7 Sivan– 6 Tamuz 5777

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TIQQUN LEIL SHAVUOT
Tuesday, May 30, 8:00 p.m.
A (not quite) all-night observance
to be Shavuot-ready

Our ancestors may have stayed up all night to pray in anticipation of receiving the Ten Commandments, but we are offering a very 21st century approach to Shavuot this year; **Late Night with Rabbi Ferency** with guests Heather Hirschfeld, Terry Lee, and Mark Littmann; Iron Chef – Cheesecake edition, and Bible Jeopardy. Join us!

**HESKA AMUNA
SYNAGOGUE
ANNUAL MEETING**

Sunday, June 25
10:30 a.m.-noon

Rosen Social Hall

Chairman's Thoughts

By Hal Manas, Chairman of the Board of Trustees

Well, my time as your Chair is almost over and I am feeling like a failure. As I am writing this we just had a morning Minyan that had a Minyan. This was the first time in a month that we actually had a full Minyan and it was because I sent out a request to the usual suspects to help me make Minyan for my sister's yahrzeit. When I became your Chair almost two years ago one of my goals was to get the morning Minyan going strong and I have clearly not met that goal. There have been many other situations that can be characterized as successes, but the failures stand out in my mind.

The successes seem to involve financial situations like not having the money to pay our bills, but always finding the money before it becomes a true calamity. We are making progress on improvements at the Cemetery and looking into signs that say no trespassing to attempt to keep children from playing in the Cemetery. We are working on improving our school and funding our school. We are working on the Yizkor boards and their lighting. The roof isn't leaking right now. We have a safety and security committee chaired by Dave Ilove. Looking back on things, we are doing a lot of good. I'm afraid that I can't take credit for any of it, but as long as it gets done who cares.

I want you to know that I have a long list of people who help me in this job in many ways and I would list them all, but I would surely miss someone so I am going to simply say that the people who have always helped continue to do so and many more have stepped up to make Heska Amuna great again. (Sorry, I couldn't resist) I hope you will overlook my shortcomings and try to understand that the things that I have done have been my best effort to help Heska Amuna and if they offended you they were not meant to, they were done to try to improve our Synagogue.

One more thing, if you want to yell at me or complain to or about me, you better hurry. Thank you all for giving me the opportunity to make this effort.



President's Report

By Raphe Panitz, Ph.D., Synagogue President



Shalom to all. My tenure as President of Heska Amuna is ending, and this is my last report for Ha'Kol as President. I would like to provide below a summary of what I have attempted to provide with my monthly communications.

One of the central beliefs that has always guided my Jewish practice is that every Jew should be aware of the rich history of Judaism. In other words, the worst Jewish sin is ignorance of our traditions, customs, literature, ethics, and morality. To combat that ignorance, I have often written about aspects of Judaism not often encountered in everyday life.

Those topics have included the Jewish view of astrology, how Jewish servicemen and women celebrated Passover during WWII, why the Rabbis hated the military aspect of Hanukah, and the various customs associated with Purim.

Other subjects I have sought to shed light on include the Jewish use of the printing press, the origin of the Yiddish phrase "kinnehara," the Jewish attitude toward caring for pets and animals, and ancient Jewish numismatics.

It is my hope that these articles have inspired you to look further into your Jewish traditions and values.

My successor as President of Heska Amuna will be Mary Ann Merrell, who will start her tenure following the Annual Meeting on June 25, 2017.

Scott to Celebrate Bar Mitzvah

Zachariah Scott, son of Serina and Jeff Scott, will celebrate his bar mitzvah on Saturday, June 17 at 9:30 a.m. at Heska Amuna Synagogue. Zach is the brother of Thomas and Joshua, and caretaker of Ba'o, the family cat.

Zach will lead services and read Torah, chant Haftorah, address the congregation, and lead Musaf. His Torah portion is from the book of Numbers, and tells the story of the twelve spies sent to scout the land of Canaan.

Rabbi Ferency will officiate. Services will be followed by a Kiddush lunch sponsored by the Scott family.

Zach is in the seventh grade and is enrolled in the Farm School Satellite Program. His self-selected studies have been as eclectic as his interests, including cellular biology, bioinformatics, physics, chemistry, psychology, world literature, American Indian history, Spanish, architecture, aerospace engineering, digital CPU design, horse management, dog cognition, and jazz.

Zach is passionate about indigenous rights as a part of his Kiowa heritage, as well as the health and welfare of people and the earth. He participated in marches and cultural activities in Knoxville and Washington D.C. opposing the DAPL pipeline project which threatened the water of the Lakota people as well as millions of others who rely on water from the Missouri river system.

Zach greatly enjoys computer programming, and mostly programs in Java, Python, and C#. He mainly programs computer games. He composes music soundtracks for the games he programs, as well as creates the art and designs the levels. His artistic skills are as impressive as his programming skills. He has been very creative since an early age and makes drawings full of personality and character. Zach also enjoys hiking, swimming, biking, bowling, and playing pool.

Please join us for this special celebration of Zach's bar mitzvah.



What's in a Name?

Sisterhood or Women's League

By Barbara Levin, Sisterhood President

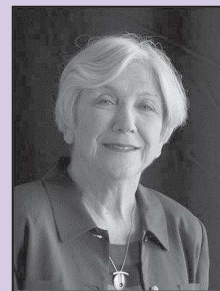
Heska Amuna Sisterhood is meeting on June 11 to discuss a name change. As part of a full membership event, which includes a food demonstration and lunch, the group will review a proposal to change the working name of the organization from Heska Amuna Sisterhood to Heska Amuna Women's League. Just word play? Perhaps, but there is rationale for such a change.

Heska Amuna Sisterhood, which is celebrating its 60th anniversary this year, has been a part of the national organization, Women's League for Conservative Judaism (WLCJ) for some time. WLCJ itself is marking its 100th anniversary with a focus on its accomplishments and its mission. Many individuals at Heska Amuna are unaware of the relationship between the local organization and the national one. WLCJ is reaching out to Jewish women, even those who are not members of synagogues, to join and be part of this group which supports Jewish educational opportunities for women, Conservative Judaism institutions of learning, and a broad national and international agenda for community development and social justice. One of the programs, Keruv, is specifically intended to support intermarried families in our communities.

Shakespeare said "that which we call a rose/ By any other name would smell as sweet." Such semantics takes on more meaning in an age of branding. We live in a world of specific images and labels. We all know what the "golden arches" means, and respond to the multiple advertising messages of icons and titles. What does such a name change for a women's group accomplish?

At the JLAH session this past weekend, Sisterhood Board members presented the pros and cons of this change, and decided to bring the discussion to a full membership meeting. The warm traditions of Sisterhood over the past 60 years need to be honored and protected, but using the new name, Women's League, may clarify the organization's purpose and relationship to the national group. **Please join in on June 11** for an exciting food demonstration, lunch, and the next installment of this discussion

As the present Board completes the first year of their two year term, the focus is not only on the activities for the year ahead, but for the strategic plans for women's activities at Heska Amuna over the next decade.



Barb Levin

April's Jewish Life at Home (JLAH) was All About Shavuot!

Sisterhood education chair, Anna Iroff-Bailey, kept us busy as we took part in **all the traditions of Shavuot**.

Halav - eating dairy - was deliciously accomplished through our Cheesecake "Bake"-Off where teams designed their own cheesecakes. Congratulations to the teams Eryn Mesa & Lira Buraks and Thomas, Zach, & Josh Scott for their winning cheesecakes!

Torah - study included a broad range of classes including "Immigration from the Torah to Now" with Rachel Bonano, "The Ten Commandments" with Martha Iroff, "Torah on One Foot" with Rabbi Ferency, and a Tanakh Photo Safari with Anna Iroff-Bailey. Mazel tov again to the Scott brothers for winning the safari among tough competition!

We studied **Akdamut** with Mary Ann Merrell and wrote our own modern version of the acrostic poem.

Ruth - Jared Iroff-Bailey led a discussion about the rituals and traditions surrounding conversion.

Yerek - decorating with greenery - was a beautiful demonstration of flower arranging by Leonard Palladino from Always in Bloom.

The joy of the holiday was definitely felt through singing with Lev Gross-Comstock, crafts with Morah Betty Golub, and a delicious blintz lunch prepared by Peggy Littmann! If you haven't experienced JLAH then you are missing out on a great time. There's something for everyone - classes, food, and fun



What's Up at Heska Amuna Religious School?

By Betty Golub, Director of Youth and Family Programming



January

- This month may have come in with ice and snow but it did not bother us! We continued with our scavenger hunts and Tefillah.

February

- We celebrated Tu B'Shevat and hoped for warmer weather.
- Every Sunday morning we joined with the Adult Minyan. Rabbi Alon Ferency leads the Minyan beginning with Havdalah. All children take turns holding the Havdalah candle, wine cup and spice box. Following Havdalah, the children help lead the morning Minyan. Rabbi always poses thought-provoking questions to the children.
- We participated in Mitzvah Day at the AJCC. Our Gan K'Tan joined with Torah Tots from Temple Beth El. We were packed in like sardines for a great morning of singing, stories, crafts, and snacks. Our Kindergarten through Prozdor students went out into the community. We visited firehouses to thank our first responders, took care of horses, made new friends with Pond Gap students at the AJCC, entertained seniors, and fed the homeless.

March

- March came in like a lion and we roared with delight while we learned trope and Tefillah. We began our celebration of Purim with our friends at Temple Beth El. Back at Heska Amuna, we decorated Mishloach Manot bags and tried not to eat the goodies.
- We continued our fun by hearing the Megillah read in different languages and enjoyed seeing everyone wearing creative and funny costumes and enjoyed a yummy Purim Lunch. We all had the opportunity to fulfill the Mitzvot of Purim.
- Another great JLAH Program! We learned to bake matzah with Frank and Laura Floyd, sang with Moreh Lev, made matzah puppets with Morah Jeannie and helped get Flat Elijah on his way. Thank you to Morah Anna for a fun filled morning with activities for babies through seniors. Peggy Littmann made sure we had a great lunch after our hard work.

April

- We began with a Passover Program designed by Moreh Nathan with his able bodied assistant Moreh Adam. We built pyramids with sugar cubes and icing, dealt with cattle disease, lice and frogs, and crossed the Sea of Reeds.
- Once again we joined with our Temple Beth El friends to commemorate Yom HaShoah-Holocaust Remembrance Day. We ended May with a Shavuot JLAH Program.

May:

- We celebrated a great year by spending our last class time at IJAMS!

I would like to say Todah Rabah to **Rabbi Ferency, Morah Anna, Morah Martha, Moreh Nathan, Moreh Adam and Moreh Lev** for sharing your love of Judaism with our children. I would like to thank **Dr. Miriam Weinstein** for all of her assistance the last two years as our Education Chair! I would also like to thank our Education Committee for all of their help and support.

Educating Next Generation a Yom HaShoah Focus for Heska, TBE



TBE Education Director Norma James leads a Yom HaShoah service for our youngest community members.



Morah Anna and Morah Martha discuss happy occasions and sad ones during class time with TBE and Heska Amuna students on April 23.

Heska Amuna Synagogue hosted this year's Community Yom HaShoah service on Sunday, April 23. Temple Beth El students joined Heska Amuna students in learning activities, then their families and community members participated in a memorial service in the main sanctuary.

Thank you to the 2017 planning committee for creating a meaningful day so that members of all ages could learn and participate in our community's Yom HaShoah observance.

Contributions from Caring People

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

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

Sunday Minyan.....9:30 a.m.

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 other information, please visit
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JUNE 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 <p>COMING SOON! Two Pickleball courts will be available at the AJCC Tennis Courts.</p>				<p>1 Shavuot 7a Morning Minyan-HA 11a Torah Study-TBE 7:30-9p Israeli Dancing-AJCC Gym</p>	<p>2 4:45p JFS Shabbat-Sherrill Hills 6:45p Yizkor Memorial Service-TBE 7p Shabbat -TBE 7:30p Shabbat Eve Service & Dessert Oneg by Men's Club-JCOR</p>	<p>3 9:30a Shabbat Service--HA 9:30a Shabbat Service-JCOR</p>
<p>4 9:30a minyan-HA 11a-2p KNOXVILLE--Jewish Food Festival-AJCC 5-8p YJAK Hot Dogs & Brews at the AJCC Pool</p> <p>Knoshville</p>	<p>5 7a Morning Minyan-HA 6-7p KJA Exec Comm-Orwitz Room 6-9:30p Fencing-Gym 7:15p KJA Board-Orwitz Room</p>	<p>6 6-9:30p Fencing-Gym</p>	<p>7 Noon-Rabbi's Brown Bag Beit Midrash-HA 6-9:30p Fencing-Gym 7-8p Talmud Study-HA</p>	<p>8 7a Morning Minyan-HA 11a Torah Study-TBE 7:30-9p Israeli Dancing-AJCC Gym</p>	<p>9 7p Shabbat -TBE</p>	<p>10 9:30a Shabbat Service--HA 9:30a Shabbat Service-JCOR 10a Shabbat Morning Minyan-TBE</p>
<p>11 9:30a minyan-HA Noon-3p Pickleball-Gym</p>	<p>12 7a Morning Minyan-HA 4-5:30p KJA Archives Comm-Archives Rm 6-9:30p Fencing-Gym</p>	<p>13 6-9:30p Fencing-Gym</p>	<p>14 Noon-Rabbi's Brown Bag Beit Midrash-HA 6-9:30p Fencing-Gym 7-8p Talmud Study-HA</p>	<p>15 7a Morning Minyan-HA 11a Torah Study-TBE 7:30-9p Israeli Dancing-AJCC Gym</p>	<p>16 1p Men's Lunch-JCOR 5:30-6:30p Tot Shabbat-HA 6:30p Sisterhood Shabbat & Potluck-JCOR 7p Shabbat -TBE</p>	<p>17 9:30a Shabbat Service/Zachariah Scott Bar Mitzvah--HA 9:30a Shabbat Service-JCOR 10:30a Shabbat Service/Simone Friedman Bat Mitzvah-AJCC Orwitz Room</p>
<p>18 9:30a minyan-HA Noon-3p Pickleball-Gym</p>	<p>19 7a Morning Minyan-HA 6-9:30p Fencing-Gym</p>	<p>20 4p Pool Closes for Swim Meet Prep-AJCC Pool 6-p Swim Meet vs. Clinton-AJCC Pool</p> 	<p>21 Noon-Rabbi's Brown Bag Beit Midrash-HA 6-9:30p Fencing-Gym 7-8p Talmud Study-HA</p>	<p>22 7a Morning Minyan-HA 11a Torah Study-TBE 7:30-9p Israeli Dancing-AJCC Gym</p>	<p>23 7p Shabbat -TBE</p>	<p>24 9:30a Shabbat Service--HA 9:30a Shabbat Service-JCOR</p>
<p>25 Teen Connection Party-AJCC Grounds 9:30a minyan-HA Noon-3p Pickleball-Gym</p>	<p>26 7a Morning Minyan-HA 6-9:30p Fencing-Gym</p>	<p>27 3:30-4:30p East Tenn Civil Rights Working Group-Orwitz Room</p>	<p>28 Noon-Rabbi's Brown Bag Beit Midrash-HA 6-9:30p Fencing-Gym 7-8p Talmud Study-HA</p>	<p>29 7a Morning Minyan-HA 11a Torah Study-TBE 7:30-9:30p Israeli Dancing-AJCC Gym</p>	<p>30 7p Shabbat/Ice Cream Social -TBE</p>	

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Friday, August 11

Dinner, services, community, poolside fun

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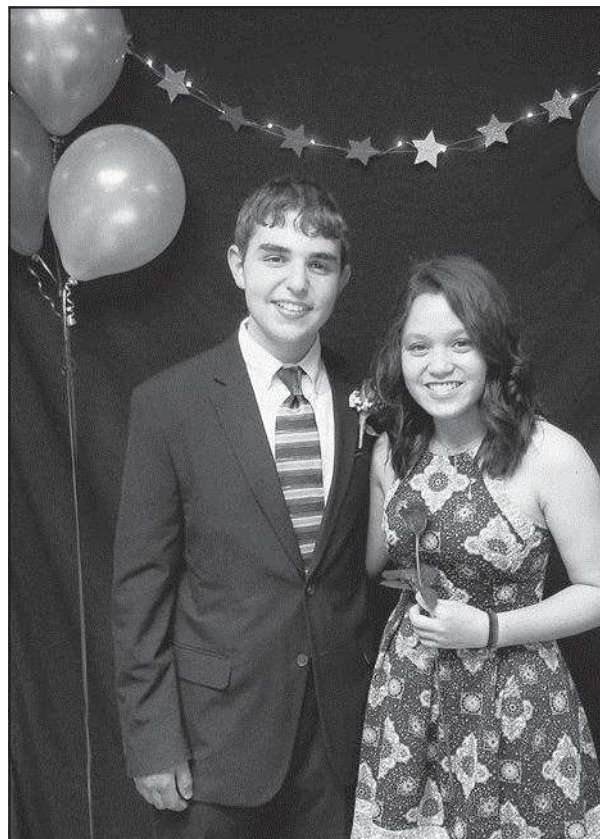
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2017 BBYO Spring Formal

Winick AZA boys and Weinstein BBG girls enjoyed a 2017 Spring Dance at the Arnstein Jewish Community Center.



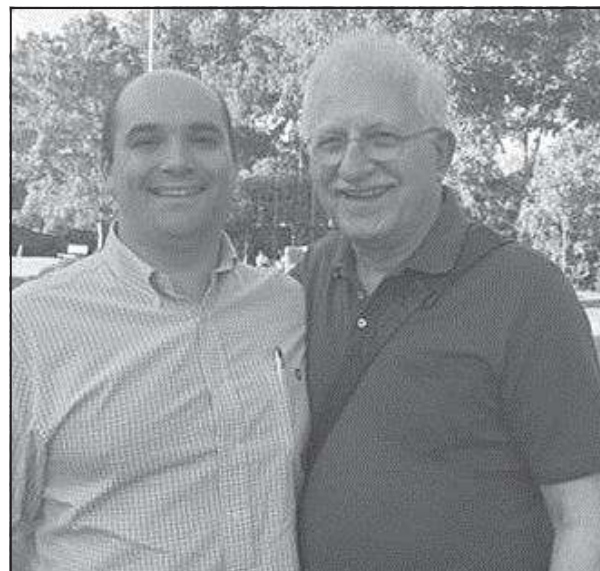
*Weinstein BBG members with 2017 Beau Andrew Weinstein.
Front row: Keara Bain, Paige Quartararo, Yuval Koenig, Haley Boring,
Lauren Dryzer, Elena Reineri, Stephanie Goldfeld, and Andrew Weinstein
Back row: Lauren Shagen, Sofia Tomov, Tiffannie Rosen, Sophie Pollock,
Kalisa Parsons, Lilli Schweitzer, Lilly Sitver, Sarah Seigel, Rachel Margulies*



*2017 BBYO Beau Andrew Weinstein and
Sweetheart Rachel Margulies*



*Winick AZA members with 2017 Sweetheart Rachel Margulies.
Front row: Nathaniel Lang, Rueben Margulies, Rachel Margulies,
Frank Sturm, Ryan Gibbons
Back row: Camden Boring, Justen Bain, Andrew Weinstein, Ben Gibbons,
Justin Frankel*



*Marshall Goldman, head coach and CEO of
Tennessee Aquatics, and Bernie Rosenblatt, retired
KJA director. Goldman will be the 2017 Maccabiah
Games swim coach and will be taking 48 American
swimmers to the July 4-18 event.*

H A P P E N I N G S

Heska Amuna Synagogue and Temple Beth El Religious Schools are opening the school year with a



Please join us on
Sunday, August 13, 2017
AJCC
10:00 – 12:00

Meet friends and make new ones!

Meet your teachers!

Help our schools welcome Rabbi Erin Boxt and his family to Knoxville.

Families with last names beginning with

A-L please bring drinks and cups

M-Z please bring desserts

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Ha'Kol welcomes your good news.

Please send information to

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- ★ **Jason Messing** was part of the creative crew who won Best Picture in a short film contest. You can watch *Canned* by Twin Pines Pictures on YouTube.
- ★ **Michael Dryzer**, son of Scott and Lynn Dryzer, is one of 15 rising juniors at Elon University named as recipients of the 2017 Lumen Prize, the university's premier award that comes with a \$15,000 scholarship to support and celebrate their academic achievements and research proposals. Lumen Scholars will work closely with their mentors over the next two years to pursue and complete their projects. Efforts traditionally include course work, study abroad, research both on and off campus, internships locally and overseas, program development, and creative productions and performances. He is an independent Major in Biophysics and his project is *Exploring the Effectiveness of Non-thermal Electroporation on Deactivating C. elegans Eggs in Wastewater*. 
- ★ **Robert Kronick**, a Department of Educational Psychology and Counseling professor and director of University Assisted Community Schools, was awarded UTK's Excellence in Academic Outreach award.
- ★ **Ellen Markman** has joined the board of the East Tennessee Foundation.
- ★ **Deborah Oleshansky**, KJA Executive Director, graduated Leadership Knoxville Class of 2017. The group was recognized at the Mayor's lunch in May.
- ★ **Stephanie Kodish**, Knoxville Climate March organizer and speaker at the April 24 rally, was quoted in a *News-Sentinel* article. Deborah Oleshansky also led a workshop.
- ★ During the KJDS Washington, DC field trip, **Ellie Foster** located her great-grandfather's headstone in Arlington National Cemetery. He was a high ranking government official under Truman and other presidents. 



Knoxville Jewish Alliance

Ha'Kol



Mazel Tov to AJCC Preschool Dalet Class Graduates!
Wishing our Dalet students the best of luck in kindergarten next year. Watch for delightful Dalet Celebration photos and news in July's edition of *Ha'Kol*.

AJCC Preschool Dalet classmates Avi Finley, Brody Beeler, Caroline Bradford, Rowen Falls, Lauren Haag, Luke Hankins, Kamar'e Jenkins, Elinor Johnson, Nathan Johnson, Oscar Pena, Mackenzie Ramsey, Peyton Ransdell, Nestor Runnels, Hayden Schmidt, Faxton Smith, Sally Tumpson, and Leo Willis- Baker.

Please Join Us This Summer! Most Fun Under the Sun at the AJCC Pool 2017

- ◆ **Summer Suppers** with Ben and Amy Willis-Becker
- ◆ **Water Aerobics** with Jennifer Friedman
- ◆ **Upstander Gatherings**
- ◆ **YJAK Pool Parties**
- ◆ **And More!**

Watch for details in the **Knoxville Jewish Alliance's Happenings**, a weekly email blast of timely Jewish community news delivered each Sunday morning at 9:00 a.m.

Subscribing to *KJA Happenings* is easy!
Simply send your request to office@jewishknoxville.org or call ReNee' Pelicano at (865) 690-6343.

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Goldman Named US Maccabiah Games Swim Coach

Marshall Goldman, Tennessee Aquatics head coach and CEO and former AJCC Smokin' Salmon swim coach, will serve as an American swim coach at the 2017 Maccabiah Games which will be held July 4-18 in Israel.

The Macciabiah is the world's largest Jewish athletic competition and takes place every four years in Israel. The games will host 10,000 athletes from more than 80 countries. Goldman will travel with two UT athletes.

Goldman spoke about this honor at the May 2 Yom Ha'Atzmaut Israeli BBQ, hosted by the Knoxville Jewish Alliance. He is the son of Mitch and Margy Goldman.

Share Your Dream Meeting Draws Crowd

We had terrific, energetic attendance at our first *Share Your Dream: Planning Our Jewish Future* meeting held at the AJCC on Thursday, April 27. The Jewish Community timeline shared at the meeting is now on the wall of the pool table room for anyone to see. But that was just the first step. We have organized the process into three categories, each with a convener and KJA Executive Committee liaison. Conveners with volunteer groups to develop a proposal to share at the next large group meeting on **August 31**.

Thank you to our conveners:

- ★ **Branding/Marketing:** Mary Linda Schwarzbart
- ★ **Moving to We/Community Collaboration:** Stephanie Kodish
- ★ **Venue Development:** Chip Rayman

If you could not join us for the first meeting, we still welcome your input. Please message Deborah Oleshansky to be added to a group.



Cheri Pollack and Rachel Klein connect at the April 27 Share Your Dream meeting.



Left: Jake Cone and Britt Sturm help Deborah Oleshansky share a Jewish community timeline with attendees.

HOLD THE DATE: Next Share Your Dream Meeting Thursday, August 31 7:00-8:30 p.m. AJCC Orwitz Room

Thank you to everyone who came to the Share Your Dream meeting, Thursday, April 27. The Timeline of Jewish Knoxville 1864-2017 will be on the wall in the pool table room – YES we have a pool table – for anyone to view.

We have three groups working on our next steps. If you could not attend the meeting but want to help as we plan our Jewish future, please contact Deborah Oleshansky at doleshansky@jewishknoxville.org



Left: We had a full house in the AJCC Orwitz Room for our first Share Your Dream community meeting on April 27.



YJAK KOSHER HOT DOG & BREWS PARTY

Sunday, June 4 - 5:00-8:00 p.m.
AJCC Pool

Please RSVP via YJAK Facebook page

Young Jewish Adults of Knoxville (YJAK) is for post-college Jewish men and women in their 20s & 30s.

YJAK works to make and strengthen Jewish connections and create opportunities for young Jews to become involved in the Jewish community and in Knoxville Jewish Alliance. Activities include direct service projects, social programs, leadership development, educational programs and meaningful Israel experiences.

Watch for information about **July Friendshippers** In upcoming weekly KJA Happenings

To subscribe to this weekly Sunday morning email, email office@jewishknoxville.org

Knoshville

Jewish Food Festival

Sunday, June 4 — 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

Arnstein Jewish Community Center, 6800 Deane Hill Drive

Parking shuttles available from Bearden Branch Public Library.

Admission free, with food and beverages available for purchase.

DINE IN OR TAKE OUT!

- ★ All food dairy or *parve* (neither meat nor dairy)
- ★ Pre-packaged foods available for purchase
- ★ Minimum \$10.00 food ticket purchase

BAGELS, LOX, CREAM CHEESE: Bagel is a bread product that originated in Poland in the 17th century, shaped in a ring, first boiled for a short time in water, then baked to create a dense, chewy bread product. The word *lox* is derived from the Yiddish word *laks* for salmon. Lox is brined salmon and traditionally is served on a bagel with cream cheese, and often garnished with slices of tomato and red onion, and sprinkled with capers.

BLACK AND WHITE COOKIES:

These cookies originated in the U.S. and are sometimes referred to as a “New York” snack. Typical New York City cookies have a vanilla cake base with fudge and white frosting.

BUNDT CAKES:

These cakes are baked in Bundt pans, shaping them into a distinctive ring shape. Members of the Minneapolis Hadassah Society approached the Nordic Ware cookware company about creating a modern version of a



traditional cast iron German dish. The company designed and manufactured an aluminium version in 1950, which became a best seller when featured in *Good Housekeeping* magazine. Some of the original pans are in the Smithsonian collection!

KUGEL: A *kugel* is a baked pudding or casserole, which is most commonly made from egg noodles (*lokshen kugel*) or potatoes. The first *kugels* were made from bread and flour, and resembled a savory bread pudding. About 800 years ago, German cooks began to replace the bread with noodles or farfel. Eggs were incorporated later and soft cheese and/or milk were added to create more custardy treats. Somewhere around the 17th century, Hungarian cooks with a demanding sweet tooth introduced sugar and sour cream into the *kugel*. Cinnamon and sweet farmer’s cheese got added later in Poland and *kugels* found their way into the dessert course.

LATKES: The word *latke* is derived from the Russian word ‘ladka.’ They are associated with many European traditions and are most commonly associated with Chanukah festivities. Latkes are potato pancakes of grated potato, flour, and egg that are sometimes flavored with grated garlic or onion and seasonings, then fried. Toppings often include sour cream or applesauce or they can be served by themselves.



MANDELBRODT: Mandelbrodt is Yiddish for *almost bread*. A first cousin to biscotti, it has almost as many spellings as Hanukah - mandelbread, Mande Bread, Mandel Brodt, Mandel Broit, Mandelbrot, and more!



PARVE MATZAH BALL SOUP: This soup originated in Central and Eastern Europe. While matzah ball soup is traditionally a chicken soup, vegetarian options abound. This recipe is a delicious vegetarian soup featuring matzah balls, which are a soup dumpling made from matzah meal, eggs, water, and some type of oil.



SHAKSHUKA:

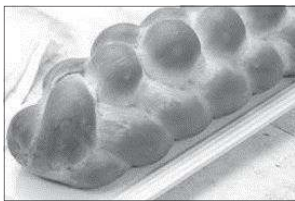
The word *shakshuka* means “a mixture” and is of Tunisian origin. It is a savory dish of eggs cooked in a sauce of crushed tomatoes, onions, and peppers, usually served with bread to mop up its delicious sauce. This dish can be spiced with garlic, paprika, salt,

and sometimes cumin. Shakshuka was introduced to Israel by Tunisian Jews who migrated there in the 1950s.

CHALLAH:

Challah is a special Jewish braided bread eaten on Shabbat and Jewish holidays.

Its main ingredients are eggs, white flour, water, yeast, sugar, and salt.



ISRAELI SALAD: A chopped salad of finely diced fresh tomato, cucumber, and onion that is dressed with either fresh lemon juice, olive oil, or both. Some add chopped peppers, carrots, parsley, or scallions. In Israel, Israeli salad can be a side dish or can be stuffed in a pita with falafel or shwarma.

KNISH: A traditional *knish* is a golden pastry filled with seasoned mashed potatoes and fried onions. The knish came to prominence on Manhattan’s Lower East Side and Brooklyn’s boardwalks around 1900, via Jewish immigrants from Eastern Europe who sold it from pushcarts and baskets.

AJCC Summer Camp Programs

Brian DeBolt, Director

Sarah Price, Assistant Director



9 WEEKLY SESSIONS

4 SPECIALTY CAMPS

- ◆ **Horseback Riding**
- ◆ **Drama**
- ◆ **Krav Maga**
- ◆ **Camp David** (program for campers with autism - *interview required*)
- ◆ **Counselor-in-Training** (rising 10th-12th graders - *interview required*)

AGES

- Rising Kindergarten-6th Grade
- **TAPS (Teen Adventure Program)** Rising 7th-9th Grade—*Includes team building, leadership, and community service opportunities*

COST

1-weekly session: \$285.00
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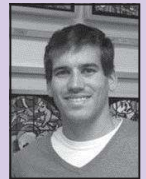
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University Swim Club Smokin' Salmon Swim Team

Home Meets (AJCC Pool)

- June 20 v. Clinton
- July 11 v. Ft. Sanders
- July 18 v. NFC



Swim Team members who would like to take **private swim lessons** should make arrangements with Head Coach Joe Peeden at coachjoepeeden@gmail.com

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Peeden



It's Not Too Late to Join! AJCC Pool Memberships \$385.00

The AJCC Pool is open through Labor Day weekend. Membership is open to all interested families and individuals.

To purchase a 2017 AJCC Pool membership, call the AJCC office at 690-6343 or visit www.jewishknoxville.org to complete an application.

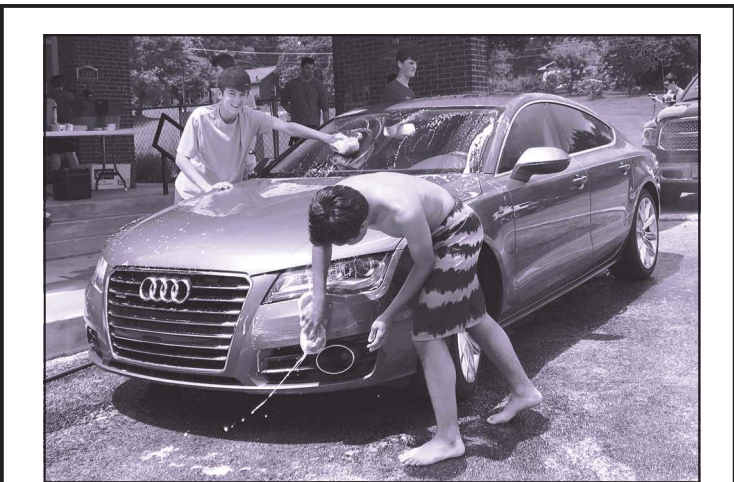
KJA in Action....



UT Hillel students host IsraelFest activities including some delicious noshes along the UT Presidential Walkway.



Firefighters teach AJCC Preschool students about fire safety and show off their fire trucks and equipment. Dalet class students then get some hands-on learning about fire hoses!



Winick AZA members wash cars at the BBYO chapter's Wash 'n' Schmear fund raiser. The Jewish teen group meets at the AJCC thanks to your KJA donations!



Shlomit Hava Bracy (back row, center) organized our community Yom HaZikaron (Israel Memorial Day) commemoration, which was held Sunday, May 1 at the AJCC. Shlomit is joined by UTK Hillel and KJDS students.

AJCC Preschool Art Gala Draws Crowd, Happy Bidding



Silent auction bidders and art buyers converged at the AJCC Preschool Art Gala to enjoy wine and appetizers as they greeted old friends and made new ones. AJCC Preschool “grad” Abigail Abrams provided a soothing ambiance via her guitar. Visitors could also purchase artist Harriet Glasman’s wood cut art and Lev Gross-Comstock photos. Thank you to Michael Burse for providing sound and to Fain Perrin for serving as event bartender.



We want to say a huge THANK YOU to everyone who contributed to the 8th Annual AJCC Preschool Art Gala. We appreciate your support of the AJCC Preschool.

Hannah Blair - TOTS
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 The Casual Pint Fountain City
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 Sherran Lawhorn
 Debbie Abrams-Cohen
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 The Beeler Family
 The Johnson Family
 (Elinor and Josephine)

The Bradford Family
 The Smith Family
 The Haag Family
 The Fitzpatrick Family
 The Hankin Family
 The Johnson Family
 (Nathan and Noah)
 The Coleman Family
 The Runnel Family
 The Ramsey Family
 The Ransdell Family
 The Falls Family
 The Tumpson Family
 The Willis-Becker Family
 The Pena Family
 The Schmidt Family
 The Blitt Family
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 The Butcher Family
 The Johnson Family (Colette)
 The Brooks Family
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 The Di- Salvo Tinley Family
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 The Kessler Family
 The Goldberg Family
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 The Cannon Family
 The Aleph, Bet 1, Bet 2,
 Gimel, & Dalet Class
 Families



AJCC Preschool teachers enjoy a Zoe's catered lunch and a delicious red velvet cake as part of the AJCC Preschool's Teacher Appreciation Week.

Thank you all for the wonderful days of learning and fun you provide our students.

Knoxville Jewish Alliance Activities

- ◆ Archives
- ◆ B'nai Tzedek Teen Philanthropy Program
- ◆ BBYO Support
- ◆ Camp K'TonTon
- ◆ Camp Tikken Olam
- ◆ Community Relations
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- ◆ Educational Events
- ◆ Friendshipshippers
- ◆ Global Day of Learning
- ◆ 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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Community Enjoys AJCC Ha'atzmaut (Israel Independence Day) BBQ – May 2

Thank you to master griller, **Mark Barkan**, and his wonderful assistant, **Lucy Barkan**, for the mouthwatering shish kebobs and grilled veggies, and to **Shlomit Hava Bracy** for creating the salads and sides at our BBQ.

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KJA Welcomes Israeli Medical Delegation

Three Israeli medical professionals visited Knoxville through our P2G Southeast Hadera Eiron consortium. Thank you to their hosts:

- ★ Dr. Mitch and Margy Goldman
- ★ Dr. Mitch and Mary Weiss
- ★ Dr. David and Cindy Newman

In addition to the professional connections, our guests toured the region and joined us for our Yom Ha Atzmaut, Israel Independence Day BBQ at the AJCC. **Janifer Ohriner** serves as our local P2G Chair. All P2G Israel programming is funded by the KJA campaign. Thank you to our KJA donors.

TEMPLE BETH EL TIMES



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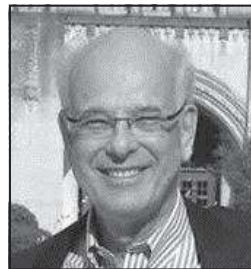
By Scott B. Saulson, PhD, Interim Rabbi

Your cordiality and courtesy, as well as opportunities to grow and learn with you, have blessed my interim tenure here in Knoxville. For that I am grateful. I bid a fond farewell to a community which enjoys dedicated leaders and holds great promise for further spiritual enrichment

As I have tried to model and probe, much of that great promise is linked to a resolve to maximize our resources -- human, structural, and financial -- through intentional and deep collaboration. There are a number of models. Each has its advantages. The successful ones have tapped fond memories and unleashed new energy; they have appreciated the imperatives of Peoplehood; they have embraced confidence in self and respect for others; and, they have understood that all achievements are but steps in a continuous adventure.

Moreover, the resolve is about actualizing a vision, not about populating ad hoc committees to "test the water." Indeed, too much water has gone under that bridge. Herzl was proven correct: -- ואם תרצו אין זו אגדה *If you will it, it's no fantasy.*

As a whole, those who are now affiliated suffice to make one tent in which diversity, not uniformity, is the watchword. I have no doubt that such a tent will easily accommodate those whom our current patterns and practices do not attract. Nothing is gained by begrudging them when they engage spiritually, intellectually, culturally, and socially elsewhere and otherwise. The fault is not in our stars. Our *mazel* is ours to shape.



7 Sivan– 6 Tamuz 5777

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Knoshville

Jewish Food Festival

11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Save the Date

Sunday

June 4, 2017

Arnstein Jewish Community Center
6800 Deane Hill Drive
Knoxville TN 37919

Temple Beth El's booth at Knoshville will feature delicious homemade challah and black and white cookies.





In the meantime, discriminating donors do not chomp at the bit to sustain multiple campuses siting buildings designed with a half-century old mindset and administrative support and programs that are duplicative. In this regard, one campus might be ideal; two campuses will work nicely.

Finally, I have observed that a diet of housekeeping tedium, boilerplate reports, and squeezing blood out of turnips leaves community leaders malnourished. Rather, they are energized when their time and passions are primarily devoted to making personal connections and furthering action-oriented missions. In addition to being ambassadors of Jewish life and upholders of ethical standards, they properly become boosters of creativity and experimentation. This is how they sanctify the legacy of our pioneers.

Next stop: *Davenport, Iowa.*

Temple Topics

By Howard Pollock, TBE President

Rabbi Saulson – On behalf of Temple Beth El I want to thank you for your contributions this past year. Prior to coming to Knoxville, it was evident you learned a great deal about Knoxville, Temple Beth El and many of the possible areas of exploration and discussion.

It was very helpful that you helped organize coffees to learn about our congregants and congregation. This smaller forum allowed for productive dialogue and feedback on topics that were of concern to congregants. Your suggestion to conduct an appreciative inquiry allowed us to gather additional feedback reflecting views of congregants. Over the year you helped us with topics relating to how we're structured, the importance of committees and other issues of governance that allowed for deep discussion and review by leadership and congregants. Perhaps the most important area of involvement was assisting our Rabbinic Search Committee in crafting our application for our settled Rabbi as well as guidance for our interview process. Along with a hard working group of committee members you led discussions in identifying our vision, strengths and weaknesses and ultimately attributes we sought in a settled Rabbi. With your guidance we crafted a unique and appealing application that resulted in our consideration of an array of candidates appropriate to our congregation for now and into the future. It was also meaningful when you led a "debrief" of the committee where all shared their experiences and talked about the connections that were made with their committee members and the importance of their task in helping Temple Beth El.

Other areas of involvement included:

- Adult Education including Torah Study and Musar
- Introducing alternate prayers and melodies for worship services including a new text for High Holidays
- Identifying new ways to maintain communication with congregants
- Introducing the concept of a Preneg in advance of services
- Participating with others in the Jewish community in a Genizah or burial of prayer books and sacred texts
- Coordinating Come Together Shabbats with Heska Amuna
- Participated in numerous Religious School activities including working with Bar / Bat Mitzvah students to enhance their experience
- Ensuring continuation of 2nd Night Seder

You worked tirelessly on our behalf during your time in Knoxville and demonstrated a willingness to take on many tasks with the goal of improving Temple Beth El. We were challenged in our thinking and even if different perspectives existed on specific issues the conversation and debate focused on identifying needs of congregants and what was best for the congregation. For those who required pastoral care or a personal interaction with their Rabbi, you always made time to lend a helping hand. As you now move from the land of Rocky Top to America's heartland we offer our thanks and appreciation for all that you did while in Knoxville. We wish you good health and happiness at Temple Emanuel in Davenport, Iowa.



Knoxville Women's Peace Initiative Visits Temple Beth El

By Karen Smith

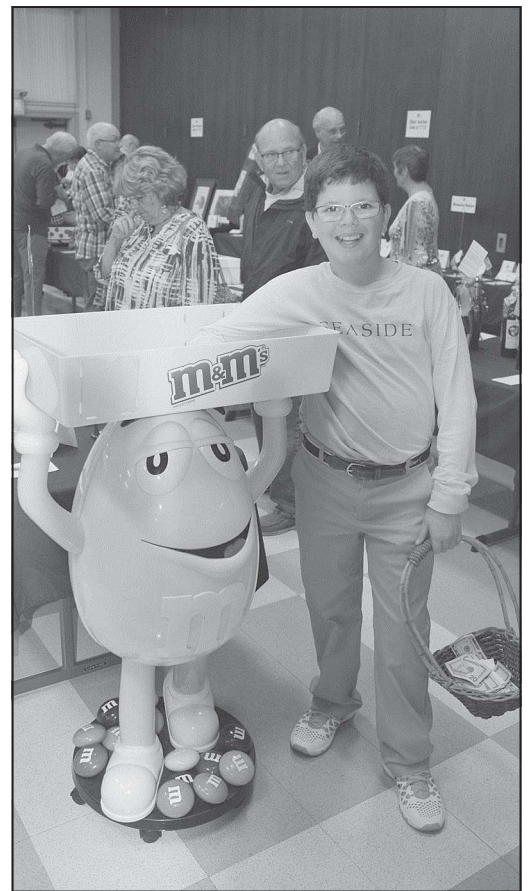
Members of the Knoxville Women's Peace Initiative visited Temple Beth El on Monday, March 20. The meeting was hosted by Temple members Karen Smith and Lesley Krakauer. Following a welcome by Rabbi Scott Saulson, Karen talked about the traditions and foods of Purim and Passover that the group enjoyed.

The Knoxville Women's Peace Initiative was organized in September 2014 by Kate Roos. Karen Smith serves on the Steering Committee. Kate says, "The familiar slogan 'peace begins at home' may be truer than we think." She adds, "If we understand one another, we will respect and care for one another." Kate has been involved in similar projects in Texas and Florida and now lives in Mississippi.

Kate's concept is based on the idea that our faith informs many aspects of our lives from the simplest tasks such as cooking to the most existential concerns such as taking steps to resolve conflict and promoting justice. Through meetings and discussions, the group promotes better self-awareness and greater community understanding and cooperation.

Rabbi Scott Saulson welcomes Knoxville Women's Peace Initiative guests to Temple Beth El to learn about Purim and Passover foods.





The Quizard of Oz Trivia Night & Silent Auction drew a crowd. Here's some participants enjoying the April 22 event. Top Row: Norma James. Ben and Jeff Hirsh. Bottom Row: Sandy Parker and Steve Beber. Phyllis Hirsh.

Leo Pollock enjoys the M&M Display.

Auction Dinner Catered By



Knoxville location

208 Advantage Place, Knoxville, TN 37922

Contact Tim Burress

Restaurant: (865) 694-9990 — Catering Hot Line: (865) 524-9796

2017 Quizard of Oz!

Thank you to everyone who attended, donated, purchased an item and volunteered at this year's 12th Annual Auction. The Auction committee worked extremely hard to create both a social and fundraising event. It was wonderful to have 80 members and non-members attend April's Auction event. Equally as impressive to this year's attendance was the \$17,000 (net) raised from both the Silent and Live Auctions and monetary donations. The bidding wars were exciting to witness as our auctioneer, Alan Smuckler, led the charge at this year's Live Auction. His anecdotes were extremely insightful (funny as well). He was amazing!

Many people volunteered with planning, soliciting, set-up, baking, auctioneering, serving, clean up and behind the scenes to make this event so successful. This event could never have happened without the help of our co-chairs and volunteers: Phyllis & Ken Hirsh, Hal Rosenberg, Hayley Goldfeld, Leo Pollock, Jeff & Ben Hirsh, Heidi Sturm, Susan Baker, Tammy Kropp, Sylvia Witcoff, Barbara Winston, Joan Cohn, Karen Smuckler, Missy Noon, Tina, Terry, Stephanie and especially to our auctioneer, Alan Smuckler. Thank you to Lorie & Jeff Hirsh for donating the beer and wine. A very special thank you to Famous Dave's BBQ's manager, Tim Burress, for catering a delicious meal.

Congratulations to our Trivia Winners! Bragging rights for our 1st place winners went to Renee' Hyatt, Paul Erwin, Rob & Beth Heller and Fred & Marie Seals. Just one point behind, our 2nd place winners are Norma & Wes James, Susan Baker, Tim Abramson and Everett & Christine Ribakove. Awesome job to the remaining teams!

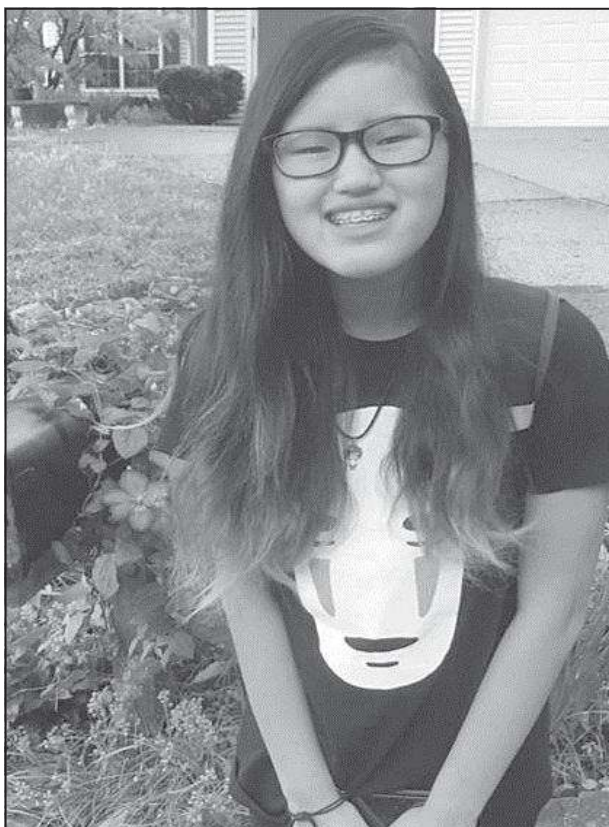
A very special thank you to our generous donors for making the event possible. Please see the below list of all donors, including TBE congregants and non-members of the Knoxville community (I apologize in advance for inadvertently leaving out or misspelling a donor's name). Honorable mention to our Live Auction donors: Susan Arbital's beautiful stained glass, Susan Baker and Lesley Krakauer for their delicious dinner parties, Ellen & Steve Markman/ Markman's Diamond & Fine Jewelry, Wes James for a fly fishing adventure, and TBE for parking spots and lottery tickets. Honorable mention to our members who bid ridiculously high for the annual parking spots in the front row: Alan & Karen Smuckler, Aaron & Imelda Margulies, Jeff & Lorie Hirsh, and Charlene & Joe Oleinik. These spots are reserved for one full year (and yes, this includes High Holiday services).

Once again, thank you to everyone who help make this event hugely successful!

Famous Dave's BBQ
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Cheri and Robert Pollack
Harvey & Judith Kaufmann
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Mark & Lucy Barkan



Friedman to Celebrate Bat Mitzvah

Simone QingLu Friedman will celebrate her Bat Mitzvah on Saturday, June 17 at the Arnstein Jewish Community Center.

Simone is the daughter of Jennifer and Adam Friedman, and older sister to Sammy. She is the granddaughter of Myles and Carrie Friedman, of Clearwater, Florida.

Simone is currently a seventh grade Honors student at West Valley Middle School. She also plays the cello in the school orchestra. Simone is a treasure to all members of her family and close friends, with her quick wit, genuine heart and a kind spirit.

For Simone's Mitzvah Project she is volunteering at the Shangri-La Therapeutic Academy of Riding. The organization's mission is to provide therapy through horses for persons with disabilities. Simone enjoys assisting with the duties required to help the program run smoothly. Simone has attended Religious School at Temple Beth El for four years and has learned and grown so much from that experience.

Hunger takes no breaks.

Please remember TBE has a Second Harvest Food Barrel in the TBE Lobby. Thank you!

Past Volunteers Honored, New Officers Elected at TBE Annual Meeting

At our TBE Annual Meeting in May, the Congregation elected a new slate of officers and directors. I would like to thank the following individuals who will be stepping down from their positions of leadership on the Executive Committee:

TBE Officers

Stu Elston (Financial Secretary)

Jeannine Stanley (Recording Secretary)

Stu was honored at the meeting for his longevity in serving TBE as a member of the Board, Executive Committee and President. Jeannine was very busy the last two years based on a variety of meetings and did a wonderful job in her role.

We are pleased to welcome **Barbara Winston** to the Executive Committee as Financial Secretary and look forward to your service.

TBE Board of Directors

Terms for the following Board Members expired at the Annual Meeting:

Alan Smuckler

Andy Loebel

Deborah Roberts

Ivan Brody

Melinda Gibbons

All of you were assets to the Board in a variety of areas and many will still continue with important roles leading or serving on different Temple committees.

We welcome the following members to the Board:

Julie Braude

Lauren Javors

Kevin James

Steve Lewis

Tammy Kropp

Wilma Weinstein

The following Board members agreed to serve a new 2 year term

Dan Smith

Rich Jordan

We thank our continuing directors who will serve through June 2018

Art Copcutt II

Charlene Oleinik

Greg Kaplan

Susan Baker

Tara Bain

Thank you to all who serve in these roles as well as the very important roles played by many other congregants leading or being part of our committees.

Contributions to the Funds of Temple Beth El

Donations listed were received as of April 21, 2017

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With warm thoughts for Marcia Silverstein, Ellen Markman and Ursula Marx

By: Linda Bolt

In memory of Lucy Wetzel

By: Alan Solomon and Andrea Cartwright

CLARENCE STRASBURGER MUSIC FUND

In memory of my loving brother, Charles C. (Sonny) Strasburger, Jr.

By: Linda Bolt

In memory of Elaine Lewis

By: Steve and Grace Lewis

In memory of my beloved mother, Lillian Silverman Richer

By: Nancy Jane Richer

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In memory of Marcus & Sondra Bressler and in honor of Eric Bressler, Lisa Bressler & Karen Lee

By: Estate of Marcus and Sondra Bressler

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In memory of Stuart Brian Moss and Berta Moss

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In memory of Brian Berman & Alex Blumenfeld

By: Bud and Caren Berman

In memory of Sondra Bressler

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In memory of Leon Potter

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In memory of Ian Kenney, Irwin & Freida Freedman, Max & Johanne Gillman

By: Harold and Shirley Freedman

Donation by: Ralph Freeman

In memory of Morris Goodfriend

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In memory of my grandfather, Morris Goodfriend & my mother, Shirlie Goodfriend

By: Gary and Linda Johnson

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In honor of Meredith Jaffe for a wonderful Sisterhood service

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By: Jennifer Goldstein

Book Review from TBE Holocaust Memorial Bookshelf

AUSCHWITZ – A Doctor's Eyewitness Account by Dr. Miklos Nyiszli
[English translation]. Arcade Pub., NY. 1960. 222 p.

By Henry A. Fribourg

When the Germans invaded Hungary in 1944, they sent virtually the entire Jewish population to Auschwitz. A Jewish medical pathologist and practicing physician, Dr. Miklos Nyiszli was spared from death for a grimmer fate: to perform autopsies and "scientific research" on his fellow inmates under the supervision of the infamous "Angel of Death," Dr. Josef Mengele, the chief supplier for the gas chambers. He survived to give this terrifying and sobering account, one of the first books to bring the full horror of the Nazi death camps to the public in 1947.

He found himself in a position that few humans could ever endure, attempting to survive at one of the places where inhumanity went on full display, a name which will likely be acid-etched into history, *des Dritten Reiches Auschwitz-Birkenau*, and writes an uncensored and unadulterated tale. Whereas many other accounts of concentration camps come from the mouths of prisoners who were starved and tortured, Nyiszli's account comes from a position which renders his book and his memory both invaluable and reviled.

The Nyiszli family arrived by cattle car train at Auschwitz extermination camp in Poland in the first convoy of Jews from Hungary in June 1944. During the "selection" process, Nyiszli was separated from his wife and daughter after volunteering what his profession was, whereupon he was selected by Mengele to serve in the gas and cremation chambers *Sonderkommando* as the primary assistant and autopsy expert. He later found out that each 800-men *Sonderkommando* group, who had a slightly better life than other doomed inmates, was generally executed every four months by the SS, Auschwitz's administrators and chief executioners.

The book is a gut-churning tale with an unflinching narrative manner. Mountains of scorn have been heaped upon him. It is easy to find anyone who would take part in such atrocity as horrible or hate-worthy. Nyiszli held no sympathy to the Dritte Reich - everybody was desperately trying to stay alive - he saw a chance and took it. His concerns while in the camp were the safety of his wife and daughter, and trying to stay alive long enough to later tell the world of the extermination camps. Without his instinct towards self-preservation, the world would not have the intimate knowledge of *Endlösung* (the Final Solution) that we do today.

Nyiszli tried to save a woman who had survived being gassed, he tried to save a colleague who was losing his mind, he saved a hundred inmates from a women's barrack shortly before it was 'liquidated'; he had deep misgivings about reviving a colleague who tried to take his own life. In a world of madness, he managed to keep a sense of self. At the end of the day he was a mortician - perform autopsies, or die. His actions are fairly understandable. No one in the world is qualified to judge or scorn him. In any situation one has to choose an action one can live with. There is no right or wrong way to act, there are just individual choices people make based on their feelings, beliefs and morals. What Nyiszli did was not wrong, nor was it right, it just was. His life, his choice, his conscience - he was able to cope and live to tell the tale of horrors, so the rest of us could learn from it. This book is from a completely different angle, not just in the camps, but in the gas chambers. No one who worked in the gas chambers ever survived - but Nyiszli did. If you have the courage to start reading it, you will be captivated and will not be able to put it down - and you will realize that this all happened, that it was not just an imaginary horror.

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

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

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TBE Friday Shabbat Schedule

- 6:30 p.m. **Appetizers for Body & Soul**
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- 7:00 p.m. **Kiddush Evening Minyan**
- 8:00 p.m. **Sweets for Body & Soul**
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Save the Date!

**Annual TBE Sisterhood
Ice Cream Social
Following Shabbat Service June 30**



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Good Neighbors

By Carole H. Martin, KJCF President

I recently had the honor of hearing Liz Murray speak to members and supporters of The Women's Fund of East Tennessee. Murray is the author of the book, *Breaking Night: A Memoir of Forgiveness, Survival and My Journey from Homeless to Harvard*. Her talk took us on a roller coaster of autobiographical events ranging from the deaths of her drug-addicted parents, sleeping in the hallways of her high school, stealing food to feed herself and her sister, and finally to the remarkable revelation that "I've lost everything, but I'm still standing." She asked herself, "What if?"

The resilience of this young woman was buoyed by high school staff members who encouraged her writing skills and pushed her to complete her neglected high school education in two years. She won a highly competitive *New York Times* Scholarship for needy students (her essay on what she had to overcome in her life until applying for that scholarship must have been a revelation even to that committee!), yet she had never even read one copy of the *Times*. And to Harvard, no less. This scholarship not only paid for her tuition but for ancillary services; Murray had never even been to the dentist before they arranged and paid for multiple visits.

Liz Murray repeated countless times in her talk that none of us in the audience should underestimate the power that we have to affect lives. "NO ONE DOES IT ALONE," she implored. There are a multitude of different outcomes to each person's life. What does it take to change a life? Do what you can and you *will* make a difference. The Women's Fund has taken up this mantle in their mission statement: Every Woman Self-Sustaining. Murray applauded this goal!

The Knoxville Jewish Community Family of Funds is made up of a myriad of funds whose goals are to support organizations locally and even around the world. No one does it alone! Please say, "I can't do much...but I can do that!" We will help you take those first steps! Contact me at KJCFPresident@gmail.com.



Liz Murray

Donations

- ★ **Gordon Brown Youth Recreation Fund**
In Memory of OJ Honeycutt
Stephen and Rosalie Nagler
- ★ **Heska Amuna Cemetery Fund**
For the yahrzeits of Arnold Schwarzbart, Israel Gruenberg, Frieda Schwarzbart, Dan Goodman, David Tomlinson, David Abramson, Fannie Moskowitz, Sam Morrison, Lil Morrison, and Annie Joffe
Mary Linda Schwarzbart

Grants

- ★ The Knoxville Jewish Alliance received grants from the **Sam & Esther Rosen Community Enrichment Federation Fund** and the **Allen, Leibowitz, Pearson Family Fund** to support the Annual Campaign.
- ★ The **Allen, Leibowitz, Pearson Family Fund** made a grant to Congregation B'nai Israel for the Gray-Ramah scholarship fund and a grant to American Friends of Magen David Adom for general support.
- ★ Heska Amuna Syngagogue received a grant from the **Allen, Leibowitz, Pearson Family Fund** for the B's event that was held on May 7, 2017.

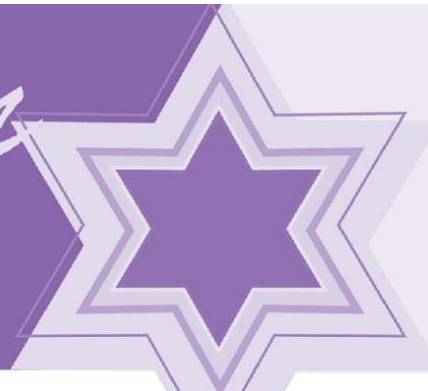
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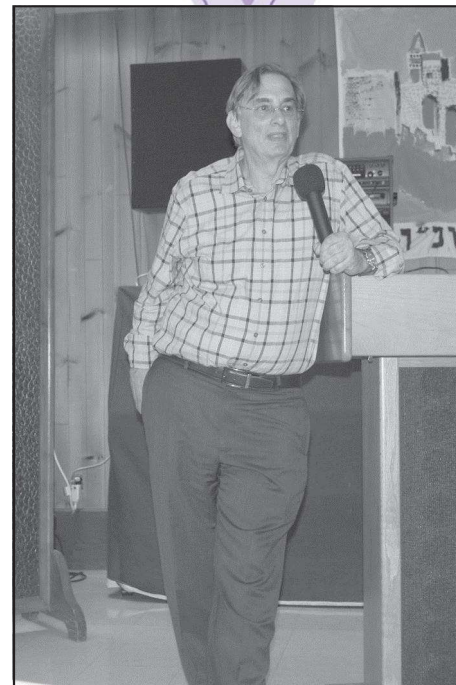
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Jewish Congregation of Oak Ridge



JFNA Fundraiser event



Photos from JFNA Fundraiser event in March with guest speaker Daniel G. Frankel, PhD.



The Landau Family enjoying our Community Seder



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Congregation
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Yahrzeits

- ★ Montague Wickline *from Monty Lewis*
- ★ Pearl Goodstein & Abba Goodstein *from Ellen & Bernard Appel*
- ★ Pauline Liebmon *from Shirley & Frank Schwartz*
- ★ Jocelyn Bursten *from Andrew Bursten*
- ★ Cyrus Feldman, Anna Zacker, Sylvia Cherry, Estelle Alber, Pearl Goodstein, Sam Feldman, Abba Goodstein *from Alice Feldman & Al Good*
- ★ Esther Kitzes *from Judith Kitzes*
- ★ Sarah Kastenbaum, Rose & Cy Feldman, Ruth & Milton Carey, Frances Sturm, Eugene Eichler, Ernest Silver *from Helen & Marvin Kastenbaum*
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- ★ Naomi Levin Bernhardt *from Catherine Braunstein*
- ★ Beatrice & Carl Weitz *from Zane and Linda Bell*
- ★ H. Halbert, Morton Conrad *from Mel & Edith Halbert*
- ★ Ida Horn *from Barbara Horn*
- ★ Samuel Kastenbaum, Leon Kastenbaum *from Marvin & Helen Kastenbaum*
- ★ Louis Henry Sturm *from Mel Sturm*
- ★ Herman Ganz *from Marvin & Helen Kastenbaum*
- ★ Helen Knox *from Judith Kitzes*
- ★ Joseph Landau, Isadore Landau, Morton Landau *from Barbara Landau*
- ★ Bernard Landau, Helen Landau Hayes *from Barbara Landau*

Donations

- ★ In Honor of Bess Carroll's 95th Birthday *from Bruce Tomkins*
- ★ In Memory of Verne Gilbert *from Monty Lewis*
- ★ In Memory of Verne Gilbert *from Frank & Shirley Schwartz*
- ★ Tree of Life Donation in memory of Rose & Cyrus Feldman *from Henry Feldman*
- ★ *Robert J. Simons, Jr.*
- ★ In Memory of Verne Gilbert *from Jim & Ronnie Bogard*
- ★ In Memory of Verne Gilbert *from Mayo & Mary Uziel*
- In Memory of Max & Lester Niad *from Meir Niad*
- In Memory of Rose Feldman *from Gail Landay Moore*

Thank
You

Upcoming June Events



Saturday, June 3, 7:00 p.m.

Jewish Film Series: Woody Allen's summer festival *Radio Days*

USA, 1987, PG, 1h28m

Director Woody Allen's Oscar-nominated comedy set in 1940s Brooklyn draws heavily on his youth -- a time when radio was king. Through vignettes woven together by music from the era, the film focuses on young Joe (Seth Green) and his houseful of relatives. His father (Michael Tucker) craves news from Europe, his aunt (Dianne Wiest) is obsessed with marriage, and his mother (Julie Kavner) is appalled that Joe has bought a secret decoder ring.

JCOR Hosts and Hostesses

- June 3** Mira Kimmelman, Peggy and Randy Laxton
- June 10** Shelby & Mark Kay, Meir Niad
- June 17** Vera & Leon Maya, Ilana & Moshe Siman-Tov
- June 24** Hilary Shreter, Patty & Bill Segal
- July 1** Nona & Sam Poole, Avigail & Victor Rashkovsky
- July 8** Fran Silver, Jill & Stuart Chasan, Karen Brunner
- July 15** Carolyn & Julian Stein, Rhonda & Ron Sternfels
- July 22** Mel Tobias, Bruce Tomkins
- July 29** Yardená & Moshe Yair, Sarah & David Stuart

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In The Desert

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In the desert there are no office buildings or factories. So if you lived in the desert, chances are you wouldn't have a job. There'd be no boss bossing you, and no underlings under you.

In the desert there are no towns or neighborhoods. No old money, no new money, no social climbers and no social climbed-overs.

In the desert there aren't even any department stores or groceries. You'd eat manna from heaven and wear the same pair of shoes for forty years. That is why, say our sages, G-d gave us the Torah in the desert.

Had He given it to us on Wall Street, He would have had to decide whom to appoint to the board and who should retain a controlling interest. Had He given it to us in

the Holy Land, He'd have had to decide if He wants it in religious Jerusalem, mystical Safed or hi-tech Tel Aviv. Or perhaps He'd have preferred a Marxist kibbutz or even a neo-Zionist settlement?

G-d wanted no shareholders in his Torah, no corporate structure, no social or political context. In fact, no context whatsoever. Just us and the Torah.

Wouldn't it have been great to stay in the desert?

But as soon as G-d was sure that we'd gotten the message--that we understood that the Torah is not the product of any particular age, environment or cultural milieu, and that it belongs, absolutely and unequivocally, to each and every one of us--he sent us to the cities and the towns of His world, to its farms and marketplaces, to its universities and office buildings. He told us that now that He's done His part, it's up to us to make His Torah relevant in all these places and in all these contexts.

Still, it's nice to come back to the desert once in a while. At least for a visit.



Jewish Teens Fun Day

After a relaxing afternoon of kayaking in the quarry at Ijams, our BBYO and CTeen kids enjoyed a BBQ style dinner.

Thank you to Sarah Perez, Gabby Guigui, Hallie Boring, Heidi Sturm, Matus Landua, Melissa Guigui and Lilly Sitver for organizing this fun event.



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Heska Amuna Synagogue

June 3

Sylvia Allen ♦ Ida Brown ♦ Lenny Shapiro ♦ Amelia Strauss ♦ Edward Balloff ♦ Sol Leeds ♦ Nathan Robinson ♦ Parril Zeff

June 10

Bek Hurvich ♦ Lillian Millner ♦ Nettie Secaul ♦ Luois Tobe ♦ Morris Werner ♦ Morris Beber ♦ Rachel Resnick ♦ Claire Shulman ♦ Alice Landis ♦ Morris Rosenblatt ♦ Rebecca Forstein ♦ Saul Garber ♦ Ellen Goldberg ♦ Sarah Euster ♦ George Gourse

June 17

Sarah Gershek ♦ Thelka Naumann ♦ Sarah Poloway ♦ George Adlin ♦ Herbert Smullian ♦ Adele Bernard ♦ Frances Sabler ♦ Claude Schulhof ♦ Esther Kay ♦ Max Rosen ♦ Irene Baskin ♦ Harry Lipshin ♦ Samuel Love ♦ Jennie Rosenblatt ♦ Seena Allen ♦ Albert Eisenstadt ♦ Isaac Green ♦ Harry Gurwin ♦ Victor Hanan ♦ Ben Mazur

June 24

Selma Corkland ♦ Louis Edelman ♦ Esther Spiegelman ♦ Doris Weinstein ♦ Scott Wolf ♦ Sylvia Kelman ♦ Edith Rosenthal ♦ Santa Floyd ♦ Robert Sabler ♦ Zelda Siegel ♦ Sylvan Zemel ♦ Sol Berry ♦ Jacob Klein ♦ Murray Baskin ♦ Beatrice Beber ♦ Abraham Collins ♦ George Fayerman ♦ Fannie Russler ♦ Randy Rudnick

June 30

Bernard Marvet ♦ Lily Pincus ♦ Israel Dyller ♦ Homer Kramer ♦ Eli Wurm ♦ Susan Drayer ♦ Carol Glasman ♦ Marvin Ohriner ♦ Morton Simpson ♦ Ida Hurvich ♦ Rose Robinson ♦ Joseph Weinbren ♦ Dorothy Blue ♦ Jennie Friedman ♦ Annie Cohen ♦ Rebecca Fayonsky ♦ Erma Levin

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June 2

Uriel Alayev ♦ Morris Beber ♦ Rhoda Blumenfeld ♦ Marie Nordmann Brunschwig ♦ Katherine Caller ♦ Florence R. Gluck ♦ Grace Goldberger ♦ Harry Goldberger ♦ Alexander Gompertz ♦ Carolyn Greif ♦ Rose Bank Gudis ♦ Jeanette Hyatt ♦ E. Max Kesselman ♦ Stephen Lieberman ♦ Friedel S. Nash ♦ Frederick Lewis Otte ♦ Elizabeth Pardee ♦ Harold Pomerantz ♦ Joseph Sandberg ♦ Harvey Smuckler ♦ Kathrine B. Soss ♦ Charles Clarence Strasburger ♦ Annie S. Taylor ♦ Esther Yadgaroff

June 9

Dorothee Heller ♦ Esther Margolina ♦ Nathan Marks ♦ Julius Orovan ♦ Harold Raymon ♦ Dewey Reich ♦ Ruth Rockower ♦ Edith C. Smith ♦ Herman Teitelbaum ♦ William W. Waxelbaum ♦ Richard Wayburn ♦ Anna Wender ♦ Ron Young ♦ Mose Zavels

June 16

Beatrice Beber ♦ Albert Eisenstadt ♦ William Freedman ♦ Allan Gerson ♦ George Gluck ♦ Virginia Gluck ♦ William Goldberger ♦ Sam Good ♦ Ethel Kaplan ♦ Ian Kinney ♦ Ann S. Klein ♦ Joseph Konigsberg ♦ Helen Nisenshal ♦ Max Rosenstein ♦ Harold Rubin

June 23

Max B. Arnstein ♦ Morris Bart ♦ Adele Stone Bernard ♦ Henry Bloom ♦ Mrs. Sylvia Brenner ♦ Shirley Vivian Cohen ♦ Morris Gluck ♦ Sylvia Hahn ♦ Marjorie Holst ♦ Stephen Kelleher ♦ Max Licht ♦ F. Joseph Miller ♦ Lillian Pomerantz ♦ Orland Porter, Jr. ♦ Samuel Spiro ♦ Bradley Sturm ♦ Mamie Voorsanger ♦ Paula Zatlin ♦ Jennie Grala Zuckerman

June 30

Charlotte Bain ♦ Miriam Blumberg ♦ Ben Brown ♦ Margot B. Brown ♦ Sally Deitch ♦ Elizabeth Handler ♦ Richard M. Hecht ♦ Stanley Hookman ♦ Richard Marchand ♦ Harry Gunter Marx ♦ Margaret Moss ♦ Lowell Nisely ♦ Abraham Plachter ♦ Faye Elizabeth Rule ♦ Sylvia Werner Silver ♦ Dora Silverstein ♦ Jerome Smith ♦ Gertrude Spero ♦ Patricia Zivi

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President's Message

By *Laura Floyd*

Nothing could stop our Hadassah ladies from going to the Hadassah Tri-Region Conference in Charlotte, North Carolina, on April 21-23, 2017. For the pleasure of attending this weekend, six intrepid Knoxville members traveled together through a deluge of rain, winding roads, and waited in traffic for three hours on the side of the mountain to go around a wreck blocking the road.

I, joined by Barbara Mintz, Jill Weinstein, Mary Evars-Goan, Jenny Pfeffer, and Bonnie Boring, our Southern Region President, took this adventuresome road trip. The Conference reinvigorated us. We ate delicious food, shared non-stop laughter, exchanged new ideas and gained more knowledge about the incredible accomplishments and the future endeavors of our Hadassah. We even got in some games of mahjonnng.

"Together We Are One" was our Conference calling. Led by Hadassah National President, Ellen Hershkin; Rabbi Judith Schindler, Director of the Greenspan Center for Peace and Social Justice; and Avi Weinryb from the Israel Action Committee, we learned from their talks about loving your neighbor, changing volunteerism to advocacy, attitude adjusting by using positive dialogue tools, and how Hadassah is promoting healthy eating through the "Every Bite Counts" initiative program.

The most important and inspiring lesson we relearned came from a non-Jewish woman nurse, Julia Gordon Rush. Ms. Rush's presentation to the over 100 attendees proudly affirmed that she was a Zionist, and she was most honored to be a member of Hadassah, the largest women's Zionist organization in the world. Ms. Rush told us her story of going by herself to Israel for the first time to volunteer. She worked in the Hadassah Medical Organization as a nurse for seven weeks. Ms. Rush made all of us proud to be Zionist.

The Conference ended with the "Chai Tea" luncheon, organized by Dana Waxler and Debbie Friedman, our National Board Members. To show the passion and commitment to Hadassah we all hold, Jenny Pfeffer and I stepped up and joined the "Chai Society," which is one of the annual giving opportunities offered by Hadassah.

We thank all of those who worked so hard to make this Conference such a success and as always, we look forward to our next Hadassah adventure. Perhaps you'll join us!



Tri-Region Conference attendees Bonnie Boring, Jenny Pfeffer, Laura Floyd, Jill Weinstein, Mary Evars-Goan, and Barbara Mintz



New Chai Society members Jenny Pfeffer, Marla Kamany (Baton Rouge) and Laura Floyd

Hadassah Large Certificates Program

We gratefully acknowledge recent donations (received since our last published list through February 20, 2017)

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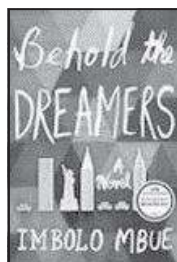
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Hadassah Book Club News

All Jewish women of the greater Knoxville area and friends are welcome to join us.

Hope to see everyone for our **Tuesday, June 20 Hadassah Book Club meeting**. We meet in the evening at 7:30 p.m., at the Barnes and Noble Bookstore on Kingston Pike in the coffee shop area. This month we'll be discussing *Behold the Dreamers* by Imbolo Mbue. Our July book will be, *America's First Daughter* by Stephanie Dray.



BOOK SUMMARY excerpt by Ron Charles: Mbue's novel is about a family from Cameroon living in Harlem on the eve of striking disruption. The United States is about to elect its first black president and descend into the Great Recession. But Jende Jonga, the hero of this tale, has his mind set on only one thing: becoming a chauffeur for Clark Edwards, a hotshot Lehman Brothers executive. Jende and his wife, Neni, have been preparing for the interview for days. They've spent hours googling "the one question they ask at every job interview." With the help of a volunteer at the library, they've written up a résumé that describes Jende as "a man of grand accomplishments": farmer, street cleaner, dishwasher. Mbue is a bright and captivating storyteller, inflecting her own voice with the tenor of her characters' thoughts and speech. She can enjoy the comedy of their naivete without subjecting them to mockery, and this sweet, sweaty-palmed opening immediately enlists our sympathies.

Please contact Peggy Littmann at plittmann@comcast.net or (865) 776-1013 with questions. For last minute updates, visit the Hadassah web page at jewishknoxville.org/hadassah or from the home page of www.jewishknoxville.org - click on top menu choice "Adults", then under Social Action you will find the Hadassah link.

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Exploration

A Challenge of Force

To answer their Essential Question: "How do forces affect energy?" the Fourth and Fifth Graders were given a challenge. They were given instructions to create a very specific roller-coaster. In order to understand the physics behind the construction, they had to start with research. Students read several articles about the forces that affect rollercoasters. They synthesized the information that they learned and then had to apply their new learning to build a roller coaster out of pipe insulators.

The students had one afternoon to work with the supplies and create a blueprint of their rollercoaster design. The next week, students used their blueprints to construct their rollercoasters, this was done as a competition. Students had to construct a marble roller coaster, according to planned blueprint specifications, that would allow a marble to roll down the roller coaster, hit a paper cup at the end of the coaster and move the cup. The winning team would be the group whose unaltered cup traveled the farthest.

Besides having a lot of fun, this activity gave students a reason to synthesize information from multiple texts as well as a reason to learn the information that was written. Applying this information helps students solidify their new learning. When students can read and then do, it provides a deeper understanding of what is being taught.

Above right: Students watch as the first team tests their roller coaster.

Right: Each student had specific tasks to complete for the coaster to be successful.



Volunteer Spotlight- Lev Gross-Comstock

We are very lucky to have so many talented members of our community. We are even luckier that these talented people give so generously of their time to the school. One such person is **Lev Gross-Comstock**. A very talented artist-photography, guitar, piano and vocals-Lev shares his gifts with our school regularly. Lev's photos capture the vision and heart of the school. His talent is showcased in our lobby and adorns our yearly playbill.

You may find Lev taking pictures at one of our school events or leading the sing-a-long during Shabbat Party. You may also find him giving our students vocal direction for our annual play or other formal event. He may help during a filming for a promotional video or for a tribute. He has also given of his time to create a school "Photography Club." Lev is a gifted musician, photographer, and a dear friend and we thank him very much for all he does for the school!

Joy, Exploration, and Community KJDS Takes on Washington, DC

Visiting our Nations' Capital is a truly memorable experience every elementary student should have. For the second time, our fourth and fifth graders joined our friends at the Akiva School of Nashville. Three days of sightseeing, discovery and friendship-making was exhausting and motivating at the same time. This trip was the culmination of a lot of work by the students' families, their teacher, Miriam Esther and the entire school community. Fundraising - including a rummage sale, card making and a bake sale - was key to making the trip affordable.

Seeing the students sing Adon Olam together during morning Tefillah and watching the two schools interact were highlights for the adult chaperones. The students loved visiting the White House and staying in the 4H Center. There was a special moment when students located Ellie Foster's great-grandfather's headstone in Arlington National Cemetery. He was a high-ranking government official under Truman and several other presidents. Other highlights included The Changing of the Guard, the African-American Museum, the Air and Space Museum, The Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. monument, The Capital and the Senate.



KJDS fourth and fifth graders pose with their friends from the Akiva Jewish Day School in Nashville after a tour of the White House.



Pesach Play

"The kids did such a fabulous job I had to pinch myself to realize that this was really happening in Knoxville, TN, - 7- and 8-year-olds performing a 30-minute play all in Hebrew," remarked one of the special friends who joined for our Pesach program.

Every other year, the 2-3 grade class performs a play depicting the Pesach story in Hebrew. The students have minimal time to practice and are required to memorize the lines on their own time and pull on their drama experience to bring this performance together. The students sang, acted, and danced as they told the Passover story entirely in Hebrew. Their understanding of the language was evident in their performance!



Top: Left The KJDS Pesach play is something the students look forward to being part of. Students know when they are in second and third grade, they will be able to perform an entire play in Hebrew.

Above: The play was part of our "Special Friends" Passover program. We always enjoy having our friends in school.

Right: Students took their roles seriously. Each gave an impressive performance. Photos by Lev Comstock.



Joy

Sweat – Shirting

A KJDS hallmark is the joyful atmosphere that permeates our school. One of our joyful KJDS traditions is that when students achieve two weeks of exemplary conduct by following the Kavod Code (honor code), they earn their “shirt.”

Part of the “shirting” process is giving students feedback. We encourage their progression from observer to participant in their education. When “shirted,” a student is picked up on a chair and the rest of the schools dances around singing “Siman Tov U’Mazal Tov.” As one student said when asked how he earned it—“Never give up!”

Mazel Tov.

Above: Shirting is a joyous occasion that the students really look forward to. They celebrate each other's achievement and are encourage to “try harder” if they have not yet earned their shirt.



Students are able to wear their “shirts” in class as part of the uniform.

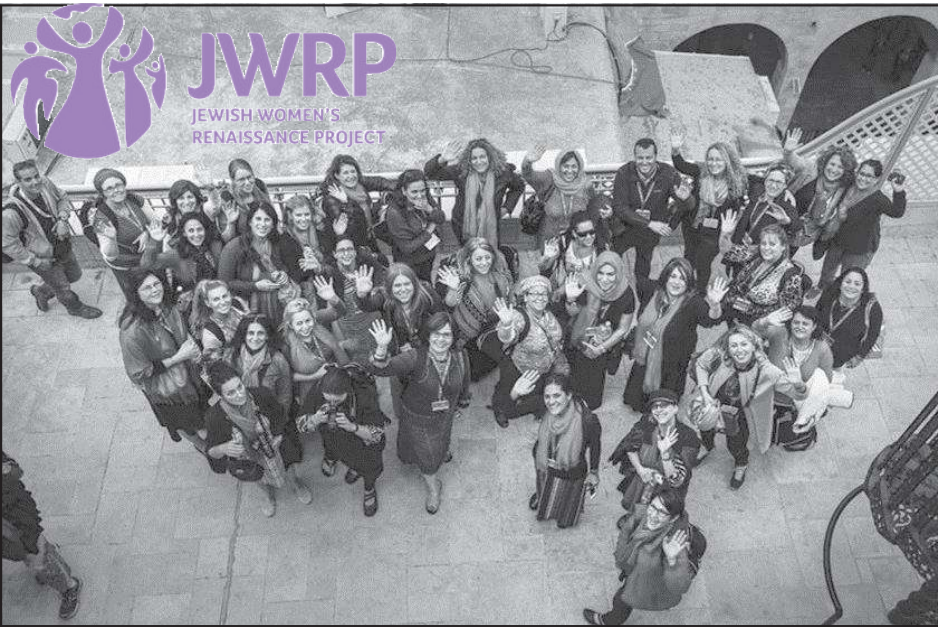
Announcing our New Second-Third Grade Teacher

Rebecca “Bekka” Blanchard began a working relationship with KJDS as an Aftercare Teacher while she was attending college. She was a standout teacher even then, making friends with the staff and families.

Bekka received a BA in Journalism and an MS in Elementary Education from The University of Tennessee. Her passion for teaching, high expectations from her students, and empowering approach were just some of the reasons she was a highly requested teacher during her six years teaching at Karns Elementary School.

Throughout her years at Karns, Bekka participated on committees and projects. She helped create an Action Research project on the use of Science Notebooks in the Primary Grades. Ms. Bekka was specifically interested in how the use of science notebooks in conjunction with hands-on science exploration improved both scientific understanding and written communication. Bekka and her team also worked together to improve Math practice and student enthusiasm about math by using games, centers, and group activities to help students explore important concepts. Bekka is a life-long learner and student of educational practices. While she returns to KJDS as a veteran teacher, we know her enthusiasm and inquiring mind make her the perfect fit to join our KJDS team. We are excited to welcome Bekka back to KJDS!





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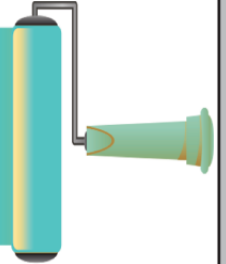
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2 Home address *305 E. Pine St. Knoxville* (No.) (Street) (City) (State)

3 Date of birth *July 20 1894* (Month) (Day) (Year)

4 Are you (1) a natural-born citizen, (2) a naturalized citizen, (3) an alien, (4) or have you declared your intention (specify which)? *two*

5 Where were you born? *Russia* (Town) (State) (Nation)

6 If not a citizen, of what country are you a citizen or subject?

7 What is your present trade, occupation, or office? *Shoemaker*

8 By whom employed? *Boston Shoe Shop*

9 Where employed? *Knoxville Tenn*

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11 Married or single (which)? *married* Race (specify which)? *white*

12 Do you claim exemption (and dual) (specify grounds)? *support of wife*

I affirm that I have verified above answers and that they are true.

Isadore Collins (Signature of registrant)

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1 Tall, medium, or short (specify which)? *Medium* Slender, medium, or stout (which)? *Stout*

2 Color of eyes? *Brown* Color of hair? *Brown* Bald?

3 Has person lost arm, leg, hand, foot, or both ears, or is he otherwise disabled (specify)? *no*

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Isadore Collins' World War I Draft Registration Card

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