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**CARA ROCK-SINGER** | University of Michigan, Ann Arbor  
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### A Political Theology of Hospitality: Reviving a Hasidic Jewish Saint for the Twenty-First Century **THURSDAY, OCT. 16 • 6 PM**

A lecture on an emergent, transnational Hasidic revival movement centered around the Kerestirer Rebbe, Yeshaya Steiner ("Shayeale"), a Hungarian "miracle-worker" from 1851-1925.

**SAM SHUMAN** | University of Virginia  
REGISTER: [tiny.utk.edu/Shuman](https://tiny.utk.edu/Shuman)



### Hannah Arendt's Lessons for an Age of Jewish Power and Fear **THURSDAY, NOV. 13 • 6 PM**

This talk will consider Hannah Arendt's claim from her 1967 preface to *Origins of Totalitarianism* that Zionism is the "only direct consequence of antisemitism."

**JUDAH ISSEROFF** | Washington University, Saint Louis  
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**Chabad of Knoxville**  
www.chabadknoxville.org

**Hadassah Knoxville-Oak Ridge**  
www.hadassah.org/chapter/knoxville

**Heska Amuna Synagogue (Conservative)**  
www.heskaamuna.org

**Jewish Congregation of Oak Ridge**  
www.jcortn.org

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

**Stanford Eisenberg Knoxville Jewish  
Day School**  
www.kjds.org

**Temple Beth El (Reform)**  
www.tbeknox.org



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

## October 2025 Community Calendar

### WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 1

#### **Kol Nidre**

Candle Lighting 7:01P

### THURSDAY, OCTOBER 2

#### **Yom Kippur**

Havdalah 7:56P

### FRIDAY, OCTOBER 3

6:58P Candle Lighting

1:00P HAWL Watercolor

Class – HAS

4:30P JFS Shabbat at

Sherrill Hills - KJA

### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4

7:53P Havdalah

### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5

11:00A Decorate Sukkah

– TBE

1:00P Sukkah Building &

Pizza – JCOR

3:00P Reverse Tashlich -

HAS

### MONDAY, OCTOBER 6

#### **Erev Sukkot**

6:54P Candle Lighting

### TUESDAY, OCTOBER 7

#### **Sukkot**

7:49P Candle Lighting

### WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 8

#### **Sukkot**

7:47P Havdalah

### THURSDAY, OCTOBER 9

Sukkah Hop – KJDS

2:00P HAWL Mahjong –

HAS

3:00P Regional Sisterhood

President Visit - HAS

5:30P Sundown in the

Sukkah - KJA

### FRIDAY, OCTOBER 10

6:48P Candle Lighting

1:00P HAWL Watercolor

Class – HAS

6:30P Sukkot Yizkor

Memorial Service - TBE

### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11

7:43P Havdalah

9:45A Family Shabbat &

Kiddush in the Sukkah -

HAS

### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 12

1:30P Spirits in the Sukkah

– JCOR & PJ Library

5:30P Family Ed in the

Sukkah - JCOR

### MONDAY, OCTOBER 13

#### **Hoshana Raba**

6:44P Candle Lighting

### TUESDAY, OCTOBER 14

#### **Shemini Atzeret**

7:39P Candle Lighting

### WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 15

#### **Simchat Torah**

7:38P Havdalah

### THURSDAY, OCTOBER 16

2:00P HAWL Mahjong - HAS

6:00P Reviving a Hasidic

Jewish Saint for the 21st

Century - UTK Judaic

Studies

### FRIDAY, OCTOBER 17

6:39P Candle Lighting

1:00P HAWL Watercolor

Class – HAS

7:00P Social Justice Service

- TBE

### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18

7:34P Havdalah

### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19

10:00A KJDS Family Hike

11:00A Simchat Torah - TBE

11:00A Women's League

Membership Event - HAS

### WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 22

12:00P L&L: Shinshinim

- JFS

### FRIDAY, OCTOBER 24

6:30P Candle Lighting

### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25

10:30A Forrest Kaplan Bar

Mitzvah - TBE

7:26P Havdalah

### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26

3:00P Chat, Chew & View -

Hadassah

6:00P Community Rosh

Chodesh - HAS

### FRIDAY, OCTOBER 31

6:22P Candle Lighting

## November 2025 Community Calendar

### SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 1

7:19P Havdalah

### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2

11:00A Glass Blowing

Presentation & Potluck

Luncheon - HAS

### THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 6

2:00P HAWL Mahjong –

HAS

5:00P Celebration Garden

Workshop - KJA

### FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 7

5:16P Candle Lighting

1:00P HAWL Watercolor

Class – HAS

4:30P JFS Shabbat at

Sherrill Hills - KJA

### SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 8

6:13P Havdalah

10:00A Family Shabbat -

HAS

### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 9

11:00A HMO Major

Fundraiser - Hadassah

### WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 12

7:00P Semi-annual Meeting

- TBE

### THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 13

6:00P Hannah Arendt's

Lessons for an Age of

Jewish Power & Fear – UTK

Judaic Studies

### FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 14

5:10P Candle Lighting

1:00P HAWL Watercolor

Class – HAS

7:00P Veteran's Shabbat

Service- TBE

### SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15

6:094P Havdalah

6:45P Camping Under the

Stars Night – KJDS

### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 16

10:00A Tshotchke Swap -

HAS

5:00P Ice Bears Hockey

Game – HAS

### TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 18

7:30P Book Club -

Hadassah

### WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 19

TBD Book Club – JCOR

12:00P JFS Learn & Live

(L&L) with Brian Salesky

- KJA

### THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 20

2:00P HAWL Mahjong –

HAS

### FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 21

5:06P Candle Lighting

1:00P HAWL Watercolor

Class – HAS

### SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 22

6:05P Havdalah

10:00A Alyssa McGhee Bat

Mitzvah – TBE

### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23

5:00P Kids' Early Chanukah

Party

### THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 27

#### **Thanksgiving**

### FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 28

5:04P Candle Lighting

### SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 29

6:04P Havdalah



## Calendar Highlights

### Knoxville Jewish Alliance

[www.jewishknoxville.org](http://www.jewishknoxville.org)

#### Sundown in the Sukkah

Thursday, October 9, 2025 | 5:30-7:00pm | Arnstein Jewish Community Center

We would be enchanted for you to join for a little nosh under the Sukkah. This event is all about good vibes and great company. PJ Library will provide programming for our younger guests. Community never goes out of style- come for the Mitzvot, stay for the fun!

Contact Shannon Martindale • [program@jewishknoxville.org](mailto:program@jewishknoxville.org)

### Temple Beth El

[www.tbeknox.org](http://www.tbeknox.org)

Sukkot Shabbat in the Sukkah Friday, October 10, 2025 • 7:00pm | Temple Beth El

Celebrate Shabbat in the Sukkah, embraced by community and tradition. Being together in the Sukkah helps us feel rooted, present, and part of something greater than ourselves. This service will also be livestreamed. Yizkor service proceeding services at 6:30 pm.

### Jewish Congregation of Oak Ridge

[www.jcortn.org](http://www.jcortn.org)

Spirits in the Sukkah October 11, 2025 • 1:30pm at JCOR Sukkah

Following our special Kiddush lunch in the Sukkah there will be a fun program featuring bourbon/wine tasting with Mark Kaye and funny Jewish ghost stories with Rabbi Ahuvah.. Enjoy and laugh and learn together.

Contact Ronnie Bogard • [events@jcor.info](mailto:events@jcor.info)

### Heska Amuna Synagogue

[HeskaAmuna.org](http://HeskaAmuna.org)

#### Family Shabbat Returns in November

Saturday, November 8 | 10:00 am | Heska Amuna Synagogue

Everyone is invited to Family Shabbat, beginning with a short family-friendly service. At 10:30 kids will leave the adults and attend a Shabbat Kids Club Enrichment Program. Last, everyone gathers together for prayers and a kid-friendly kiddush.

Contact Kara Collins • [Kara.losing.it@gmail.com](mailto:Kara.losing.it@gmail.com)

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





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## November is Jewish Book Month

**By: Rabbi Adam J. Rosebaum**

Groucho Marx once said, "Outside of a dog, a book is a man's best friend. Inside of a dog, it's too dark to read."

Books are certainly some of the best friends of the Jewish community. From the centrality of the Torah to the wealth of wisdom passed on by the rabbis in the Talmud and Midrash, from the intense detail of Jewish law codes to the rich characters and language found in Jewish literature and poetry, a thoughtful Jewish life is filled with books. In our tradition, reading books is not merely a pastime; it is an activity that often asks for intense concentration and often leads to great reward.

The month of November is designated as Jewish Book Month. Whereas all months could easily qualify for this title, now is as good a time as ever to remind ourselves of the eternal value of the books in our tradition. In that spirit, I'd like to share a few of the Jewish books that have made a great impact on me (in no particular order).

*The Chosen* by Chaim Potok: It is a novel about two thoughtful boys, brought together by love of tradition and friendship, torn apart by politics and familial rivalry. Potok's prose is both powerful and sensitive.

*The Beginnings of Desire* by Aviva Gottlieb Zornberg: This is a commentary on the book of Genesis that weaves the thoughts of the great medieval Torah commentators with Zornberg's careful literary and sociological analysis of the Torah text. Each page is riveting.

*When All You've Ever Wanted Isn't Enough* by Rabbi Harold Kushner: Arguably the greatest sermon-writer of his generation, Rabbi Kushner's most impressive skill might have



been his ability to address grandiose subjects – life's "big questions" – in a down-to-earth manner.

*Words That Hurt, Words That Heal* by Rabbi Joseph Telushkin: The Jewish rules about proper speech are one of the favorite subjects for this best-selling author, and he deftly explores how language can move mountains, in both negative and positive ways.

If any of these books sound interesting to you, or if the above descriptions inspire you to pick up a book that you've always wanted to start, I hope that November can be a month where you can begin. At a time in which reading books is rarer than ever (a 2023 *Economist* poll of U.S. adults revealed that about half read fewer than two books per year), our access to books is wider than ever due to the proliferation of e-readers and audible books, not to mention our ubiquitous ability to have items delivered to us from anywhere in the world.

I hope you will take this opportunity to avail yourself of the riches contained in Jewish books.

## Welcome to 5786 and the Rest of the Fall Holidays

**Author: Laura Floyd, President**

We have just experienced the sweetness of the New Year and the introspection and atonement of Yom Kippur. We have all been written and sealed in the Book of Life for another year. That in itself is a lot to celebrate.

But wait! There are more Fall Holidays. First, we have Sukkot, the Festival of Booths, to commemorate wandering in the desert for 40 years. We welcome you to join us for services on the first and second days of Sukkot, Tuesday, October 7 and Wednesday, October 8 at 9:30 am and on Saturday, October 11 for Shabbat services at 9:45 am followed by kiddush lunch in the sukkah. Our sukkah will be open during Sukkot if you want to come sit. Please call the office at 865-522-0701 to let them know you're coming.

On Tuesday, October 14 at 9:30 am, we will celebrate Shemini Atzeret, the Eighth Day of Assembly, and Yizkor will be recited during this service. That night, starting with dinner at 5:00 pm, we will celebrate Simchat Torah, which joyously marks reading the end of the Torah and starting again at the beginning, with dancing with the Torahs (Hakafot) and honoring our Hatan Torah, Marc Forman and Hatan Bereshit, William Thompson, whose bios are below. We will complete our Fall Holidays with Simchat Torah services Wednesday, October 15 at 9:30 am.

I hope to see you at some or even all of these Fall Holidays, as we close this High Holy Day season.



*Hatan Bereshit - William Thompson has been a member of Heska Amuna since 2023. He often helps during Shabbat services as a shliach tzibur, gabbai, usher, and Torah reader. He facilitates a text study group on Shabbat morning, has led a teen class, tutors for bar mitzvahs, and offers the occasional d'var Torah. He also serves on the R&RS committee and the Youth Education Committee.*



*Hatan Torah - Marc Forman has been married for 35 years, has 2 grown children, and is expecting his first grandchild soon. After retiring from a career as a high school business and math teacher, he teaches ESL classes online to students around the globe.*

*At Heska Amuna Marc began acting in the Pink Pony Players and helped with Seders, Knoshville, Sukkot, and Hanukkah. He became Programming Vice-Chair in 2023 and has organized creative events such as Summer Camp in January, Southern Shmooze, a Knoxville Smokies game, and the Craft Day and Fair. In his free time Marc also volunteers on the board of the KJA and with Misfit Dog Project.*

## The Knoxville Jewish Community is a Bridge Over Troubled Water

**By: Mark Siegel, Chair of Heska Amuna**

In 1970 the Jewish folk rock duo Simon and Garfunkel released their most popular song, Bridge Over Troubled Water, on the album of the same name. It was a personal song, speaking of being a bridge over troubled water for someone who is weary, down and out, or feeling small.

These are days of troubled water for the Jewish community in America. Antisemitic attacks are spreading and have hit college campuses, city streets, and peaceful gatherings. We have seen murders, fire bombings, and assaults. Let us be the ones lifting each other up in this time of enormous challenge. Let the Jewish community be your bridge over troubled water.

There is great comfort, of course, in services and in prayer, in the rituals of our faith, in calling upon our Creator with time-honored words and melodies, in being together in our sanctuaries with each other. Pure religion, however, is just the beginning of how we can support each other in these days.

There are rabbis in the community who provide pastoral care to those who need it. There are many services and funds in the Jewish community to address needs of a less spiritual nature.

I am Chair of Heska Amuna Synagogue, and I am naturally proud of my congregation, and the ways we serve each other. Rabbi Rosenbaum and I were recently in a meeting with someone from the non-Jewish community, who asked the Rabbi for his impressions of our congregation. He said the welcoming and inclusive nature of Heska Amuna was unlike anything he had ever seen, and he would want to be associated with Heska Amuna even if he were not our rabbi.

We literally provide cradle to grave opportunities for our members. Our Bikur Cholim and Chesed Committees, for instance, help the sick and bereaved. Chevra Kaddisha helps prepare the deceased for burial. We study Torah and Talmud. We have family and educational programs, Hebrew and watercolor classes, Mah Jong, and a movie group among our

offerings. WE have a great Women's League, which gives us many of our programs and runs a fantastic gift shop. We are associated with Justice Knox, a coalition of religious congregations working to improve local government service in areas like public safety, transportation, mental health, and education. We have funds that help our children go to camp and religious school, and enrich our lives in many, many other ways.

I need to be clear, however, that Heska Amuna is certainly not the only place in the Knoxville Jewish community to look for meaningful experiences, companionship, help, or solace. Temple Beth-El and the Jewish Congregation of Oak Ridge are equally welcoming and have much to offer you. The Knoxville Jewish Day School provides educational opportunities for children in its age group that few communities our size can, and it offers a great deal to those who love those children, as well. Chabad has many services and programs.

The Knoxville Jewish Alliance gives us Jewish Family Services, pre-school, summer camp, and the pool, as well as its own programming and a place for the whole community. Hadassah Knoxville-Oak Ridge serves the community through member education, enlightening and fulfilling local programs, and events that support the organization's overall mission of Tikkun Olam.

Whatever your needs and inclinations, the Knoxville Jewish community has something to help you make your days go easy. If you need a friend, find something that works for you.

Don't be isolated, alone or afraid. If we have not found a way to reach out sufficiently to you, feel free to reach out to the community.

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## Together, We Build

**Author: Judith Rosenberg, KJA President**

Dear Community Members:

Tzedakah and tikkun olam are pillars that our Jewish tradition and culture stand on. For me, they run much deeper. They are concepts – and also demands for action – that encourage us to act ethically, recognize that we’re all interconnected, encourage us to mend wrongs and injustice, and work together (and with the Divine) to bring a better future. Our world isn’t finished. And neither is our work at KJA. Let’s build great things together! And, let’s make certain we have the resources to actually build them.

Now, my ask(s):

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Please also consider getting involved on a committee at the KJA, or within our leadership. Yes, it’s work. But it’s also fun, and critical if we want to build a better world. I often think of my father, whose memory continues to remind me that a better world doesn’t happen without people who are willing to work hard for one. As our sign says on Deane Hill Drive, “We Are Open to Everyone.” That includes you, and your family. We welcome your energy, ideas, involvement, participation, and partnership.

I hope to see you (or meet you) soon.



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we are reminded of the blessings of community.  
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connections continue to flourish for all.  
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## A Strong Start: Jewish Life Flourishes at Hillel at UTK

**By: Jonah Hodes, Hillel at UTK VP of Campus Life**

Hillel at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, has returned for another exciting semester. Since the first week back, students have been gathering to meet new friends and reconnect with familiar faces, continuing to make Hillel at UTK a central home for Jewish life on campus.

The semester opened with a Welcome Shabbat, bringing together both returning students and many newcomers. Supported by a grant from the Jewish Federation of Greater Nashville and in partnership with AEPi, the evening created space for students to connect, share a meal, and begin the year as a community. Momentum carried into the next week with a Potchke Bagel brunch, where students enjoyed delicious bagels and conversation while settling into their daily routines.

Hillel at UTK is excited to offer a wide range of engagements from Shabbat dinners to holiday celebrations, social gatherings, leadership development, service projects, first-year programs, and valuable networking opportunities. We even deliver soup to students who are unwell! Each initiative reflects our commitment to inspire students to explore, embrace, and celebrate their Jewish life journey.

With such a strong beginning, the semester ahead promises even more growth and connection. Follow us on Instagram @hillelatutk and help us reach 1,000 followers! Scan the QR code to connect directly and join our community online. Go Vols!



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**as of August 30, 2025**

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## Tzedakah, Tikkun Olam and the Season of Autumn

**Author: Raina Sirotky, Rabbi Cantor**

Autumn arrives in Tennessee with its golden light and crisp air, reminding us that the world around us is in constant transformation. The leaves of crimson, goldenrod, and Pantone 151 (Volunteer Orange) that grace our trees and lawns, blaze with beauty but also whisper of change, endings that make space for renewal. Just as the seasons turn, so too must our hearts turn—toward each other and toward our faith. This turning is expressed through tzedakah and tikkun olam, the twin commitments to give and to repair.

In Deuteronomy 16:20 we read: “Justice, justice, shall you pursue”. Justice is not abstract; it is woven into the fabric of daily life. Autumn teaches us this truth: a harvest does not grow overnight, but through steady, faithful tending. Likewise, justice grows through each coin offered to one in need, each act of compassion, each moment when we uphold another person’s dignity. In this way, tzedakah becomes the seed of tikkun olam, and together they bear fruit. The prophet Isaiah cries: “Share your bread with the hungry, bring the poor that are cast out into your house” (Isaiah 58:7). His words resonate deeply in this season of gathering. As we celebrate nature’s abundance, we are reminded of those whose baskets are empty. Just as the harvest is incomplete until it is shared, our lives are incomplete until our blessings overflow to others. We welcome the outsider, the ushpizin into our Sukkah.

The poet Zelda once wrote: “Each of us has a name given by the turning of the year.” Autumn gives us a name written in amber and gold, and with it a responsibility: to live into that name through generosity and justice. To embrace this season is to embrace our calling to help bend



the world toward wholeness.

Marge Piercy reminds us, “The pitcher cries for water to carry and a person for work that is real.” Autumn’s fleeting beauty presses upon us the urgency of that real work: the sacred labor of tikkun olam. We cannot delay repairing the world any more than the farmer can delay the harvest. Both are matters of life.

As the days shorten, may our hearts expand. May our giving and doing tzedakah kindle light against the gathering dark, and may this season turn us once again toward justice, compassion, and peace—so that we may be co-creators of a world made whole.



## How Volunteering Can Make Your Community a Better Place

**By: Dan McLaughlin, President**

Volunteering isn't just about giving up your free time—it's about making your neighborhood a stronger, happier place to live. When you lend a hand, you're not only helping others, but you're also creating connections that make your community feel more like home.

Think about it: when people come together to serve food at a shelter, coach a youth sports team, or pick up trash at the park, they're doing more than just the task at hand. They're building relationships. These connections matter because when neighbors know each other, they're more likely to support and look out for one another. Volunteering also helps meet real needs. Many local organizations can't run without people willing to pitch in. By sharing your time, you might be helping kids learn, making sure families have enough to eat, or simply bringing some joy to someone who needs it. Each act of kindness,

no matter how small, adds up to something much bigger.

And here's the best part: your actions can inspire others. When people see you giving back, it often encourages them to do the same. Before long, one person's effort can turn into a wave of positive change throughout the community. Volunteering also feels good! Helping others has been shown to boost happiness, reduce stress, and give you a sense of purpose. It's a win-win—you're making a difference for your neighbors while also doing something great for yourself. At the end of the day, volunteering makes your community stronger, kinder, and more connected. So, whether you have an hour or a whole afternoon, consider finding a way to give back. You'll be surprised at how big an impact you can make.

### Volunteers at TBE

The landscaping at Temple Beth El has been getting a face lift thanks to the hard work of some of our members. They spent two Sundays in mid-August dedicating their time to mulching and weeding garden beds and trimming hedges and overgrowth. We are always grateful for any volunteers willing to lend a helping hand. Please be on the lookout for Special Blasts in the future for more opportunities to help Temple Beth El and have fun at the same time.



## Hands on, Hearts on, Minds on Learning

**By: Norma James, Temple Beth El Religious School Director**

### The Fall Holidays continue in October

Our High Holiday season continues with meaningful services and festive celebrations for all ages.

#### Yom Kippur – Thursday, October 2

- **9:00 am** – Young Children's Service (Tots–2nd grade). Parents of tots should plan to attend.
- **9:00 am** – Youth Service (3rd–6th grade).
- Older students are encouraged to attend the regular morning service at 10:30 am.

All services are open to the community—no TBE membership required. Parents and grandparents are warmly invited to join their children.

*Childcare will be available for both evening and daytime services with RSVP.*

#### Fall Break Reminder

There will be *no Religious School* or Midweek Hebrew from October 5–12. Classes resume with Midweek Hebrew on Wednesday, October 15.

#### Sukkot Celebrations

- **Sunday, October 5, 11:00 am–1:00 pm** – Sukkah Decorating Party! Since school is on break, we invite the entire congregation to join us in decorating the sukkah. The Israeli Shinshinim, Yaheli and Avigail,

will help make this a fun and memorable event.

- **Friday, October 10, 7:00 pm – Sukkot Shabbat.** Celebrate Shabbat in the Sukkah! Our festive oneg will take place in the sukkah.

#### Simchat Torah and Luncheon – Sunday, October 19, 11:00 am

Join us for one of the happiest holidays of the year! Together, parents, children, and congregants will help unwrap our Torah and celebrate the joy of learning. We will parade the Torahs through the sanctuary, then unroll one completely to read the closing verses of Deuteronomy and the opening of Genesis. This moving tradition surrounds our students with the beauty of the entire Torah.

#### Looking Ahead – November

As we move into November, we will focus on gratitude and g'milut chasadim (acts of kindness). Through prayers, music, and tzedakah projects, we'll explore many ways to express thankfulness.

- *Thanksgiving Break* is Wednesday, November 26 through Sunday, November 30.

#### Save the Date – Maccabiah!

Attention Teams Gimmel, Hay, Nun, and Shin: Maccabiah will take place on Sunday, December 14. Get ready for a day of fun and spirited competition!

## Forrest Kaplan Bar Mitzvah

### Saturday, October 25 at 10:30am

TBE is thrilled to be celebrating the upcoming Bar Mitzvah of Forrest Kaplan. Forrest is a seventh grader at Farragut Middle School. He loves to hang out with his friends, his two dogs, and baking. He is often near water, either fishing, swimming, or kayaking! We are very proud of how much Forrest has been studying to prepare for this special occasion.



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## Beyond the Classroom: Afternoons of Discovery at KJDS

**By: Sarah Butcher, Administrative Operations Coordinator**

At the Knoxville Jewish Day School, afternoons are alive with curiosity, creativity, and connection. Our aftercare program is designed not just to extend the school day, but to open new doors of discovery—where students explore interests, build meaningful skills, and strengthen their sense of community. One of this year's highlights is Nature School, a program created for KJDS by Jenna Jackson of Cove Farm Tree School. Out in the woods surrounding our campus, children become true explorers—climbing trees, uncovering worms, and collecting leaves, herbs, and natural treasures. They brew tea from plants they've foraged, dig and build in the dirt, and pause to notice the rhythms of the natural world. These afternoons nurture more than science knowledge or craft skills; they cultivate resilience, wonder, and confidence that students carry with them long after class ends. Afternoons also spark innovation. In STEAM Club, students tinker, design, and experiment through hands-on projects that fuel imagination and problem-solving. Our new Innovation Lab expands those opportunities even further,

empowering students to dream big and create real-world projects that impact our school community—whether building a gaga pit, producing a student-led podcast, or designing stage sets for our school play.

This year, we're especially proud to launch a monthly Mitzvah Program. Students visit our neighbors at American House Senior Living, sharing time, laughter, and games with the residents. These intergenerational connections—rooted in kindness, respect, and Jewish values—bring joy to both our students and the seniors they befriend.

We're also delighted to welcome our new Shinshinim, Avigail and Yaheli, into aftercare a few afternoons each week. With their warmth, creativity, and love for Israel, they infuse our program with special energy—leading engaging activities that help our students deepen their connection to Israeli culture and Jewish identity. At KJDS, aftercare is more than a way to pass the time. It is a vibrant space where children grow in confidence, creativity, and compassion—discovering that learning, community, and Jewish living can flourish in every moment of the day.









## Alumni Spotlight: Elizabeth Floyd

**By: Miriam Esther Wilhelm and Elizabeth Floyd**

We recently caught up with KJDS alumna Elizabeth Floyd, whose journey has been shaped by creativity, confidence, and connection. Looking back on her time at KJDS, Elizabeth reflects on how those early years gave her a strong foundation- academically, personally, and Jewishly.

"KJDS allowed me to have an amazing education that set me up for middle school," she shares. "It also gave me the opportunity to learn Hebrew and connect with people who supported me throughout my teen years." Beyond academics, Elizabeth credits her time at KJDS with helping her develop the tools to speak up for herself and grow as a leader.

After graduating from Pellissippi State Community College with an associate's degree in Culinary Arts and a Chef Certification, Elizabeth turned her passion into a career. She now works full time at Family Meal/Private Chef To Go, a role that blends her creativity, skill, and commitment to excellent service.

Throughout middle and high school, Elizabeth remained deeply involved in Jewish life through



CTeen, where she connected with Jewish teens from across the globe. Whether through international events or local gatherings, those experiences enriched her sense of identity and kept her grounded in community.

Elizabeth's story is one of pursuing passions with confidence and staying connected to what matters most. From learning Hebrew to leading in the kitchen, her journey continues to reflect the strength of her roots and the joy of growing into herself.

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## Parents Day Out Preschool Program at KJDS

**By: Anna McDonald, Director of Operations and Admissions**

Knoxville Jewish Day School is delighted to share that our *Parents Day Out (PDO) Preschool Program* is now in full swing! Designed for children ages 3–5, this half-day program meets on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 8:30-12:30.

The PDO classroom has quickly become a place where curiosity and creativity flourish. Each morning, children engage in hands-on activities, outdoor play, music, and art, while also building early literacy, math, and problem-solving skills through age-appropriate exploration. Social-emotional growth is nurtured through routines, friendships, and cooperative play, helping children gain confidence, independence, and a love for learning. Jewish values and traditions are naturally woven into the day, giving children both joyful experiences and a strong sense of identity and belonging.

We are especially grateful to have Mrs. Jami Quartararo leading the PDO program. A beloved member of the KJDS community, Mrs. Jami is an experienced preschool educator and a KJDS alum parent. Her warmth, joy, and deep love for children shine through every day.

To learn more or inquire about availability, please contact Anna McDonald at [amcdonald@kjds.org](mailto:amcdonald@kjds.org) or 865-560-9922.



## Rabbi's Corner

### Tikkun Olam

**By: Rabbi Ahuvah Loewenthal**

Down through the whirling tapestry of Jewish time, the notion of "Tikkun Olam" (often translated as "fixing the world") has had distinctly different meanings. The sages of the Mishna use this phrase in connection with adjusting and clarifying practical civil law rulings, for the sake of domestic order.

In late medieval Lurianic kabbalah, "Tikkun Olam" relates to cosmology: vessels which held divine energy shattered, causing divine sparks to drift down to earth. Entering the profane realm, these sparks accrued protective husks. Through ritual mindfulness, each individual can uncover and release the sparks, returning them heavenward, to incrementally affect the repair of the universe.

In the modern and post-modern eras, "Tikkun Olam" is associated with social action - acts of kindness - or social justice -- political advocacy and action.

Literally translating "Tikkun Olam" as "fixing the world" causes me to reflect on scale. Of the various conceptualizations, the vastest project would be the Lurianic repair of the entire universe. Social justice efforts to create a more equitable civilization also seem wide in scope. The Mishnaic concept is implemented on a regional communal level. Social

action initiatives are often based in neighborhoods. Bringing the focus even tighter, I think of repair of one's own soul. A few months ago, a colleague of mine mused that because this

has been such a difficult year, perhaps our preparing for the High Holy Days would look a little different. Rather than a rigorous examination of our behavior over the past year, he suggested that maybe our spiritual work would consist of regarding our own woundedness and slowly moving towards healing. Our own healing can lay a foundation for stronger and more loving relationships within our families, friend groups, and congregations. May the flow of our Holy Days and festivals bring you clarity, self-compassion, and above all, hope.



## JCOR October Holiday Schedule 2025

<b><i>Sukkah Building and Pizza</i></b>	<b><i>Sunday, October 5, 2025, 1:00 PM</i></b>
<b><i>Shabbat Hol ha Moed Sukkot with Kiddush lunch in the Sukkah</i></b>	<b><i>Saturday, October 11, 2025, 10 AM</i></b>
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<b><i>Family Ed in the Sukkah</i></b>	<b><i>Sunday, October 12, 2025 5:30 PM</i></b>
<b><i>Shmini Atzeret Mincha with Yizkor</i></b>	<b><i>Tuesday, October 14, 2025, 5:45 PM</i></b>
<b><i>Simchat Torah Light Supper</i></b>	<b><i>Tuesday, October 14, 2025, 6:30 PM</i></b>
<b><i>Simchat Torah with Hakafot</i></b>	<b><i>Tuesday, October 14, 2025, 7:30 PM</i></b>

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# Membership Kickoff World Tour


**By: Anita Kay, Membership Vice President**

At our Membership Kick Off on August 24th, 28 intrepid Hadassah members, 3 curious Associates, and 3 prospects discovered what we have in common by playing Jewish Geography. Our travel-themed icebreaker game led to discovering universalities and similarities in under 6 steps. On a trip around the world, we learned what's new with Hadassah, internationally and locally. We applauded and reveled in our chapter's national Alice Seligsberg for Excellence in Jewish Education Award for Shuli Mesa's outstanding work as Education VP in 2024! During our adventure, 1 new member joined our Knoxville-Oak Ridge Chapter!

Todah rabah to everyone who made donations to Hadassah and to our refreshments team: Judi Abrams, Patti Austin, Lisa Chaloux, Mary Evars-Goan, Reba Herzfeld, Carol Ickowitz, Heather Laing, Peggy Littmann, Hilary Shreter, and Vinea. Leesa Kaplan, Heather Laing, Hilary Shreter, Joe Sitver, and Julie Stein; our take-down crew: Marc Forman, Carol and Morris Ickowitz, Joe Sitver, and Julie Stein. Gracias to our registration table hostess, Julie Stein and our photographer, Emily Ben Moshe. Thanks to our Programs VP, Andrea Cone, and our President, Barbara Mintz. And my very special gratitude to my Co-Chair Heather Laing for her generosity, setting up and hosting our event, and going above and beyond in creating and updating the amazing Jewish Geography themed Hadassah facts presentation!




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## OUR CHAPTER WINS NATIONAL EDUCATION AWARD

**By: Barbara Mintz: Chapter President**

You may not know much about Alice Lillie Seligsberg an American Zionist, social worker, civic leader, and Hadassah's second president. She is best known for her leadership in Hadassah, working with Henrietta Szold, as well as her work in social work that led to historic changes in the field. Seligsberg was directly responsible for sending the first group of two Hadassah nurses to Palestine!

**Her importance demonstrates our Chapter's performance.** One national remembrance in her honor is the establishment of the **Alice L. Seligsberg for Excellence in Jewish Education Award**. There are over 700 local chapters in the United States. Hadassah gives this award once a year to only one or two chapters. **This year, one was awarded to our Knoxville/Oak Ridge Chapter/Southern Region.** This award recognizes

incredible programs with Jewish education at their heart that were held in 2024. Three names are listed as honorees: Shuli Mesa, Education VP 2024 and Barbara Mintz, Chapter President and Jill Weinstein, Southern Region President.

We competed with large and well-funded chapters across the nation. Some of our events included a Shabbat Zachor service at JCOR with an international oneg that was entirely led by Hadassah members, unique Havdalah services learning about Jews in Mexico and China, Chai Tea, a mental health panel, our annual membership event, Sukkot and Sushi, HMO brunch, and more. We also had a year full of networking that Alice Seligsberg, as a social worker, would be delighted to have included. **Quite an honor!**

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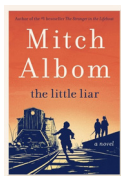
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## Book Club

**By: Rhonda Sternfels**

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

We always select our books. Email book suggestions for next year to Harriet Cooper [spock52@prodqiy.net](mailto:spock52@prodqiy.net)



### THE LITTLE LIAR BY MITCH ALBOM (OCTOBER 2, 2025)

Eleven-year-old Nico never told a lie. When the Nazis invade his home in Greece, the trustworthy boy is discovered by a German officer, who offers him a chance to save his family. All he has to do is persuade his fellow Jewish residents to board trains heading “north,” where jobs and safety await them. Unaware that this is all a cruel ruse, the innocent boy reassures passengers on the station every day. The book explores the perils of deception and the joy of redemption.



### THE LIBRARIAN OF BURNED BOOKS BY BRIANNA LABUSKES (NOVEMBER 18, 2025)

Inspired by the true story of the Council of Books in Wartime—the WWII organization founded to use books as “weapons in the war of ideas”—this book is an unforgettable historical novel, a haunting love story, and a testament to the written word. This is a novel about the fates of three women who believe in the power of books. One is an American who visits Berlin in the 1930s and drawn into a group of resisters. Another is a German Jew who moves to Paris in 1936, and thinks she can counter fascism. A third, an American war widow, waging her own war against a senator who wants to censor books sent to soldiers overseas.

If you have any questions, feedback, or want your name and email added to our list of Hadassah book club members, please contact Rhonda Sternfels [resternfels@comcast.net](mailto:resternfels@comcast.net) or call: 865-607-8863

## Join Our Greater Knoxville area “Israel through Film” Group!

Get ready for an exciting opportunity for Knoxville/Oak Ridge and surrounding areas! Do you want to learn more about Israeli history and culture in an entertaining way, and strengthen social connections with the Jewish community at the same time? Thanks to a generous grant from the Hadar Institute Community Groups program, we will launch a monthly get-together of film, refreshments, and a facilitated discussion at no cost to the participants.

Each month we'll screen one film that has a strong connection to Israel. Some will be Israeli movies (with subtitles). Others will be movies about Israel. Some will be classics and others recent offerings. There will be framing comments and supplementary written materials; popcorn (of course!) and other treats; and a facilitated discussion on issues raised by the film. All costs – film rentals, snacks, materials – will be covered by the Community Groups grant. This will be the second Hadar Community Group for our area, following the highly successful Oak Ridge Jewish Mysticism Study Group. Our local Hadassah chapter is organizing this project and we will begin sometime after the fall holidays. Timing and location will be dependent on what works for those interested in joining. If you'd like to learn more or think you might want to join our group, contact Dale Rosenberg at 917 292-4552 or [DALEQR@gmail.com](mailto:DALEQR@gmail.com).



## Celebrating Milestones and Unity: Bat Mitzvah Club & Annual Challah Bake

**By: Miriam Esther Wilhelm**

Our community was buzzing with excitement these past weeks as we launched two incredible programs that touched hearts and brought people closer together: the very first Bat Mitzvah Club and our beloved Annual Challah Bake. The Bat Mitzvah Club opened in a room that was beautifully decorated and filled with delicious desserts, making each girl and her mother feel truly celebrated. Together, through games and meaningful discussion, we explored what it means to become a Bat Mitzvah. The girls reflected on priorities, the strength of the soul, and the courage it takes to make value-based choices as they step into Jewish womanhood. The highlight of the evening came as the girls created their own vision boards—colorful reflections of their hopes and dreams for the future. The excitement in the room was contagious, and the girls are already looking forward to the next session, where we will learn from Jewish women throughout history and discover the timeless lessons their lives hold for us today.

Soon after, we gathered for the Annual Challah Bake, which brought over 100 women together at our beautiful new venue, Fox Den Country Club. Our fabulous returning MC, Jennifer Miller, JTV show host set the tone for an evening overflowing with inspiration and joy. Women

connected with old friends, made new ones, and shared an atmosphere that was at once meaningful, emotional, and fun. We sang and danced together, lifted by the beautiful voices of Hallie and Mushki.

A delicious spread of food was enjoyed by all, and of course, the centerpiece of the evening was the mitzvah of challah—rolling, braiding, and shaping dough while joining our prayers and intentions together as one.

Both events captured the essence of what makes our community so special: coming together to celebrate milestones, embrace tradition, and strengthen the bonds that tie us to one another and to our Jewish heritage. We extend heartfelt thanks to the dedicated volunteers who helped pre-measure ingredients, set up the space, guide décor, and so much more—their efforts made these evenings as beautiful and meaningful as they were. A huge shout out to JTV for sponsoring jewelry as prizes for our Mitzvah auction.

And the journey continues! The Bat Mitzvah Club will meet monthly, giving our girls ongoing opportunities to grow, learn, and celebrate together. And after the incredible energy at this year's Challah Bake, we're already looking forward to next year—another unforgettable evening of inspiration, unity, and community.





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## Temple Beth El

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Peggy Austin • Carolyn Bush • William Coe • Iolanda Del Moro • Michael Diamond • Gerald Dortch • Steven Feldman • Hans Haller • Ellison Jacobstein • Raymond Landsberger • Ann Marcovitch • Sam Miller • Amanda Morris • Isaac Routenberg • Beverly Shore • Joseph Smuckler • Beatrice Sturm

**October 10**

Leon Bornes • Riva Dvorkina • Bessie Factor • Harold Freedman • Martin Guthman • Lester Hirsh • Albert A. Levy • Emanuel Radoff • Gus Robinson • William Sampson • Cele Stark

**October 17**

Marylou Davis • David Feldman • Louis Fox • Sam Freeman • Lawrence Harris • Marcus Mendelowitz • Gertrude Padoll • Charlotte Pais • Ruth Polk • Leona Popkin-Spritz • Samuel Samuel • Faye Silverman • Shirley Smith • Celestine Yatsko • Jack Zagoren • Pearl Zauber

**October 24**

Janet Baker • C. B. Brown • Max Brunswick • Pam Feldman • Mordecai Heiser • Sara Hirsh • Fera Iancovsky • Morris Levitt • Gene Rosenberg • Louisa Sasson • Suzi Schnittman • Nicole Shenkman • Roberta Shor • Ben Simon • Abbie Smith • Johanna Sonn • George (Bill) Wadsworth

**October 31**

Henry Baerman • Khava Barkan • David Blumberg • Larry Brown • Jack Butler • Gerson Cohen • Joel Samuel Cohn • Helen Epstein • Roberta Epstein • Bernice Gerson • DeWayne Hicks • Zane Jordan • Peter Marchand • Ida Markman • Goldie Marshall • Leland Milligan • Jacob Reich • Mary Sisman • Alexander Zatlín

**November 7**

Mabell Anthony • Morris Billen • Gustav Brunswick • Simone Levi Brunswick • Toni Buescher • Gerson Bush • Agnes Canner • Russell Cyzick • Irwin Deutscher • Joseph Feldman • Harriet Gassel • Nancy Goldberg • Jay Goodfriend • Marvin Miller • Frederick B. Millis • Marilyn Niren • Saul Padoll • Ben Polasky • Yitzhak Rabin • Nathaniel Razansky • Marvin Shey • Page Wallace • Harry Wolfenhaut • Richard Zivi

**November 14**

Jean-Pierre Besman • Samuel Mark Brody • Sam Cawn • Anna Cohen • Ben Cohn • Edith (Missy) Dickey • Robert Frescoln • Max Gillman • Herbert Glazer • Albert Goetz • Bertha Lees • Anna (Annie) Lewis • Fannie Lippner • Ursula Mangold • Charles Margolies • Ethel Misner • Sonia Shey • David Silverstein • Marcia Silverstein • Iva Jean Wadsworth • Richard Wayburn • Murray Weinstein • Myra Weinstein • Jesse Wright

**November 21**

Walter Blaufeld • Mimi Brody • Joseph Dresner • Michael Ecker • Gloria Glazer • Anne Goldstein • David Goodfriend • Hilda Gross • Celia Gutman • David Hiller • Florence Jacobstein • Beulah Lee • Sol Richer • Toby Schwartz • Jacqueline Selk

**November 28**

I. Robert Brodie • Herbert Brody • Isadore Brody • Sarah Bush • Loretta Cohn • Jacob Corkland • Albert Fribourg • Jack Goldstein • Irwin Kipnes • Charles Konigsberg • Belar Koptiva • Shirley Kravitz • Lazarus Lewis • Emanuel Liebman • Harry Mintz • Bernard Schramm • Eva Sturm

## Heska Amuna Synagogue

**October 4**

Louis Bender • Toba Davis • Etka Farbowitz • Sadie Gabler • Harry Glasman • Joseph Green • Anna Gruenberg • Isaac Joffe • Marie Klinkowstein • Sydney Manas • Samuel Schwarzbart • Blima Schwarzbart • Adeline Shersky • Bernard Shorr • Sylvia Slovis • Beatrice Sturm • Louis Winick

**October 11**

Sam Balloff • Lena Busch • Amy Beth Cohen • David S. Cohen • Joseph Dryer • Alex Eichwald • Herman Forstein • Jeffrey Ginsburg • Frederick Horowitz • Bertha Krauss • Sarah Millner • Morris Skalet • Samuel Wise • Horace Woolf

**October 18**

Ralph August • Aaron Berry • Peter Dreyer • Hinda Duhan • Theresa Fadem • Mark Fleishman • Joseph Goodstein • Mordecai Heiser • Kathryn Martin • Francis Rosenzweig • Isaac Routenberg • Herman Shamitz • Leonard Shersky • Joseph Solomon • Sarah Tobe

**October 25**

Benjamin Berson • Morris Bresoff • Jean Brown • Leonard Brown • Isadore Collins • Vaughn Cooper • Jennie Cooper • Isaac Coplan • Ignatz Frank • Moe Golub • Carol Krosin • Phillip Krosin • Morris Rosen • Philip Seif • Alexander Shapiro • Morris Shersky • Rose Shersky • Rhea Silber • Leo Vogel • Esther Winick

**November 1**

Dora Brody • Gerson Cohen • Roslyn Cohn • Milton Collins • Dora Brody • Gerson Cohen • Roslyn Cohn • Salo Engel • Zelda Finkelstein • Sam Freeman • Clarence Glidewell • Jay Goodfriend • Gertrude Gourse • Harriett Gourse • Joe Gurwitch • Bruce Kingsley • Abraham Leeds • Anna Leibowitz • Robert Martin • Virginia Morrison • Rebecca Orr • Arden Rogers • Aaron Shagan

**November 8**

C. B. Brown • Gertrude Cohen • Jennie Glazer • Anna Kaplan • Julius Krauss • Jacob Licht • James Lowe • David Moskowitz • Rachel Perelman • Alex Presser • Etta Renert • Gene Rosenberg • Salome Slovis • Flora Stollin • Pesach Werner

**November 15**

Ilse Abeles • Leah Berez • Rose Eisner • P. L. Fuson • Gunsa Glazer • Blume Goldstein • Bernyce Gurwitch • Elsa Klein • Josephine Klein • Alex Lavitch • Bertha Moss • Natan Naumann • Nathan Ratner • Harold Rosenthal • Elka Sanders • Celia Shaw • Rachel Slovis • Ben Slovis • Margaret Soloway • David Tomlinson • Myra Weinstein • Clara Winick • Pearl Zwick

**November 22**

Rebecca Benbenisty • Rose Busch • Anna Cohen • Jacob Corkland • John Gergely • Sadie Ginsberg • Nancy Lawhead • Regina Levi • Monnie Millen • Hilda Nisenson • David Oleshansky • Libbye Perelman • Carmen Pfeffer • Hannah Poster • Marilyn Presser • Ronald Richer • David Rosen • Robert Shersky • Fannie Taylor • George Weisberg

**November 29**

Harry Becker • Lois Boiarsky • Mattie Corkland • Fannie Diamond • Rose Diftler • Mike Gettinger • Sadye Jacobs • Janette Kanfer • Lillian Liberman • Charles Margolies • Alan Merlin • Helen Presser • Sol Richer • Dora Shersky • Ida Siegel • Nathan Slovis • Eva Sturm





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

### The Way We Were in 1948 : AZA-BBG convention in Knoxville



The 1948 AZA-BBG regional convention was held in Knoxville. Pictured here outside the Jewish Community Center on Vine Street, from left, are attendees Norman **Goldberg** of Nashville and Fay **Robinson (Gluck)**, Robert (Buzz) **Brody**, and Norma **Shagan (Wolf)** of Knoxville [Norma was too young to be a BBGer, according to her good friend Barbara **Winick Bernstein**, who was very surprised to see her in this photo]. Convention organizers included General Chairman Alfred **Robinson**, vice-chair

Shirley **Robinson (Mandel)**, Monte **Millen** (treasurer and registration), Fay **Robinson** (dating), Shirley **Robinson** (culture), Sanford **Singer** (secretary and publicity), Esther **Slovits (Webster)** (housing), Eric **Chazen** (transportation), Joyce **Robinson (Diftler)** (final banquet), and Bernie **Segall** (mountain trip). Monte, Norma's children Angie **Sanders** and Todd **Wolf**, Alfred's wife Sandy, Buzz's wife Sondra, and Esther's daughter Ashley **Gale** live in Knoxville. Joyce now lives in California.

Thanks to the family of Jerry **Millen** for making his photos available to the Archives. To learn more about the convention, as well as additional information on these folks and their families, please visit <https://www.jewishknoxville.org/archives>

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



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# The Knosh Spot

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## Pumpkin Squares with Cream Cheese Frosting

*From the Cookbook of Shared Secrets*

### Ingredients

- 16 oz can of pumpkin
- 1 cup of sugar
- $\frac{3}{4}$  cup of brown sugar
- 4 eggs
- $\frac{3}{4}$  cup of oil
- $1\frac{1}{2}$  cup of flour
- 1 cup of uncooked quick oats
- 1 teaspoon of cinnamon
- 2 teaspoons of baking powder
- $\frac{1}{2}$  cup of nuts

### Frosting

Blend a 3 oz package of soft cream cheese with  $\frac{1}{4}$  of a cup of softened butter, then add 1 teaspoon of vanilla and 2 cups of confectioner's sugar.

### Directions

Combine pumpkin, sugar, eggs, and oil. Mix well. Then add flour, oats, cinnamon, and baking powder. Pour into a greased 15x10 inch pan and spread evenly. Bake for 25-30 minutes in a 350-degree oven, until the wooden toothpick comes out clean. Once cooled off, spread the frosting over the cooled bars, and sprinkle with nuts.

