



Ha'Kol

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

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Thank you,
ED HUNTER

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Knoxville Jewish Alliance

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A Farewell to Ha'Kol


By Bryan Goldberg, KJA President

In January 2009, our community took a great leap towards a new path of togetherness. That month, we launched our first collective community newspaper, Ha'Kol. Prior to Ha'Kol, our organizations had been producing separate newsletters. Fast forward 13 years and we are happy to announce that our community is taking another exciting collective step forward. This will be the last version of Ha'Kol as we've all come to know it. Next month will be the first edition of our reimagined, redesigned and community produced **HaKol**. We've been working diligently over this past year to make this change and I am happy to announce it only took us 11 months to come up with the new name. Seriously, it has been a pleasure working with our staff and volunteers to make this a reality and I am sure everyone will be pleased with the result. Special thanks goes to Helene Sinnreich, Tara Bain and The Thought Bureau who have all done some serious heavy lifting over the past few months. A special thanks also goes to our joint contributors, Temple Beth El, Heska Amuna Synagogue and our newest contributor, the Knoxville Jewish Day School. Together, we are embarking on a cool new journey where advertising efforts are moving "in house" so if you or your business are interested in helping support us, please reach out to hakol@jewishknoxville.org.

KJA Elects New Officers, Board

The Knoxville Jewish Alliance honored past president Scott B. Hahn and elected a new slate of officers at its annual meeting, held Sunday, December 14 at the AJCC. New officers include:

- President, Stephen Rosen
- Treasurer, Adam Brown
- Secretary, Dr. Renee Hyatt
- VP Administration, Karen Robinson
- VP Children and Youth, Seth Schweitzer
- VP Educational and Cultural Arts, Andy Singer
- VP Jewish Community Services, Marilyn Wohl
- VP Public Relations, Mary Linda Schwarzbart
- Immediate Past President, Scott B. Hahn



Stephen Rosen

Board members with a one-year term remaining include Justin Bell, Marilyn Liberman, Rosalie Nagler and Matthew Theriot. Those beginning a two-year term are Barbara Bernstein, Caren Gallaher, Hayley Goldfeld and Janice Pollock.

Many thanks to Nominating Committee members Ellen Schnoll, chair, and Scott Hahn, Janice Pollock, Stephen Rosen and Mary Linda Schwarzbart for their hard work.

Pacesetters 2009

Artist Tobi Kahn will be our featured guest and speaker at the 2009 Pacesetters event, hosted by Lesley and Bernie Rosenblatt. The event that includes dinner and a program by Mr. Kahn will take place at the Knoxville Museum of Art. The Pacesetters event is for Campaign donors with a minimum gift commitment of \$1800 per couple. Dinner is \$75 per person. Call 690-6343 to make your reservation.

New York resident Tobi Kahn is a painter and sculptor whose work has been shown in over 40 solo exhibitions and over 60 museum and groups shows since he was selected as one of nine artists to be included in the 1985 Guggenheim Museum exhibition, *New Horizons in American Art*. Using paint, stone and bronze, Kahn has been steadfast in the pursuit of his distinct vision and persistent in his commitment to the redemptive possibilities of art. He has had five traveling exhibits, Works by Kahn are in major museums, corporate, and private collections.

For twenty-five years, Kahn has been making miniature sacred spaces he calls "shrines." The first full-scale shrine, *Shalev*, is in New Harmony, Indiana. He has created chapels and other spaces for reflection and meditation in Houston and New York.

Kahn was awarded the Outstanding Alumni Achievement Award from Pratt Institute in 2000 and an Honorary Doctorate from the Jewish Theological Seminary in 2007 for his work as an artist and educator.

A graduate of the Pratt Institute, Tobi Kahn also communicates his vision through his passion for teaching. For twenty-eight years, he has taught fine arts workshops at the School of Visual Arts in New York City and created art curricula for many schools. Kahn and his wife, writer Nessa Rapoport, live in New York with their three children.

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Thank you to the KJA Archives for preserving our records so we can share our first joint cover.

How Lucky We are to Have Something That Makes Saying Goodbye So Hard

By Bryan Goldberg, KJA President

I've been aware of having to write this article for over a year now, but the gift of that time has not made this any easier. I honestly feel wholly unqualified to write this, let alone able to capture a snippet of the true sentiment our community feels.

December marks the last month of Ed Hunter's full-time employment with the Knoxville Jewish Alliance. It was both Bernard Bendriem's and my hope that December would be Ed's official retirement, but plans change, and true to his outstanding service to our community, Ed has agreed to continue with us until a suitable replacement can move in full time.

Goodbyes are never easy, but they are almost impossible when an individual gives of themselves in the manner that Ed has over the last 22 years. He has been a source of confidence and support for 10 Knoxville Jewish Alliance Presidents, 2 AJCC Presidents, and 2 Knoxville Federation Presidents. I know his stewardship of our Alliance has made the work of countless Treasurers, Campaign Chairs and Facility Chairs enormously easier. The vastness of his institutional knowledge is quite intimidating, both to replace and to appreciate.

His performance over this past year has absolutely embodied the type of person he is. Ed has gone to great lengths to both work his way out of his position and work collaboratively with our executive group to ensure we succeed when he's gone. He has shown both grace and kindness to so many of us as we attempt to understand processes and systems that no one had to know or understand because he was there. I would be remiss to not mention how much of a true friend he has been to Laura Sadler as she stepped into her new role as Senior Director.

Words alone are insufficient to capture Ed's mark on our Alliance. To show a small token of gratitude, we have bestowed him a lifetime membership to our center and named the KJA office in his honor, but Ed is a true servant leader and one not comfortable in the spotlight, so we have quietly and patiently been waiting to hang it up until this month. Twenty-two years from now, our community will see the plaque bearing his name when they walk into our office as Hunter joins the ranks of recognition along the Orwitz, Caller and Reich families to name a few.

I will miss him terribly when he's fully gone, but more sagely, I am sad that my successor will not have the honor and the privilege to work alongside Ed to appreciate the depths of his loving care for our organization and community.



Knoxville Jewish Alliance ANNUAL MEETING

December 12 at 12:30pm
6800 Deane Hill Drive

Key agenda items include proposed
bylaw amendments &
slate of board officers

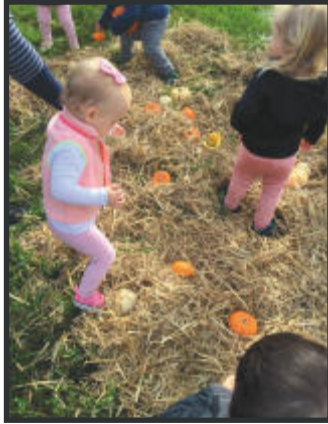
In-person & Zoom options



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THE STRENGTH OF A PEOPLE.
THE POWER OF COMMUNITY.

Preschool at AJCC



FALLing into
Preschool at AJCC



PJ Library

Celebrate Havdalah at Home

The sun goes down, Shabbat is ending - it's time for Havdalah!



Grow Your Own Spices!

Plant a havdalah herb garden! Anything fragrant can work: rosemary, lavender, mint, sage, basil, & lemon balm grow well here



Bejeweled Kiddush Cup!

All you need are plastic wine glasses, glue, and plastic gems to make a personalized cup for grape juice!



SCAN ME

Learn the blessings with a Havdalah sing-a-long video!

PJ Library
in Knoxville



Read PJ Books!

Havdalah favorites include:
Havdalah Sky (age 0-2)
Dinosaur on Shabbat (age 2-4)
Shabbat Hiccups (age 4-5)
The Sabbath Lion (age 7-8)



Edible Havdalah Candle!

Braid candy laces or pull-and-peel Twizzlers to make a sweet, delicious Havdalah "candle"!

Hillel at UTK



Hillel at UTK gathered at Knox CHOP on a chilly, November Shabbat to celebrate. Students shared stories, roasted kosher hot dogs, and toasted marshmallows for an evening under the stars. Knoxville natives, Paige Quartararo (4th from right) and Andrew Weinstein (4th from left), were in attendance.

Students showed their volunteer spirit with Hillel in November, as they cleaned up the Greenway by collaborating with Tyson House. They also wrapped gifts and collected donations for Second Harvest at the AJCC.

December brings a Latkes & Lights Study Break, the appointment of the 2022 Hillel at UTK Student Board, and, of course, FINALS!

Tara Bain, director, will head to Greensboro, North Carolina, for the Hillel International Assembly with other solo professionals.

KJA Gives Thanks!



Thank you to all who stopped by for treats! KJA Gives Thanks was sponsored by the following: Status Dough, Crafted Jolt, homemade challah by Martha Iroff, and Buttermilk Sky Pie.

A 2021 Campaign Thank You

By Renee' Hyatt, Vice President of Campaign

I want to thank all of you who made a pledge to the 2021 KJA Campaign and all of you who solicited pledges for what is predicted to be a successful fundraising effort. Todah Rabah!

You should be aware that this success is due in large part to the professional, tireless, and enduring work of Ed Hunter, Operations and Financial Director. I sincerely can't thank Ed enough for his patience and guidance. I know I have benefitted from his institutional knowledge, and I feel that I can say the same for the scores of other KJA Board members who have worked with him over the past 20+ years. In fact, I know Ed's dedication has contributed to the viability and vitality of KJA and our Knoxville Jewish community.

Please join me in thanking Ed and wishing him and his family all the best as he begins his retirement.

I will miss you, Ed.

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◇ LIGHT UP KNOXVILLE ◇
 ◇ Chanukah Parade & Festival ◇
 December 5
 Shining light and celebrating TOGETHER!

See page 22 for more details or visit ww.jewishknoxville.org/calendar for details.

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Israeli Whiskey Tasting

Live presentation by
Milk & Honey Distillery
Thursday
December 16
5:00 pm

\$25/person
\$40/couple
\$5 discount for members!



Save the Date

**MONTHLY JFS SHABBAT AT SHERRILL HILLS
RESUMES JANUARY 7, 2022 AT 4:30 PM**

Our service is open to anyone. We welcome volunteer leaders for our short service as well. Please contact Nancy Becker or Laura Sadler.

Sherrill Hills Retirement Community
271 Moss Grove Boulevard.





TEMPLE BETH EL TIMES

Shalom Y'all!

By Rabbi Erin Boxt

The winter is coming; the winter is here! Many of us enjoy the snow (when it comes), the wintry weather and/or the changes we see and experience in nature. However, there are also many in our congregational family that dread this time of year. Their reasons vary – some are living in the South for the “warm weather;” some dread the annual “gift-giving” holidays that seemed to have lost their religious or spiritual meaning; and others dread the heating bills! Of course, there are many more reasons to like or dislike wintertime. Rather, though, we should dwell on the blessings and miracles present in our lives. We have homes, warm clothing, food, and family with us.



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As I have written and/or spoken about many times, homelessness is a rampant problem here in Knoxville (and in most cities). There are organizations out there working so awfully hard to provide food, clothing, shelter, etc.; however, there seems to be so much more work to do. Perhaps if we all dedicate time/money/resources to help, there will come a time when these organizations will not be necessary. This is not about lip-service; we should really get out there and do more. Our Sisterhood leads us by example...and we should follow in their footsteps.

There is no shortage found within the Torah regarding how we should act toward other human beings. Deuteronomy 15:11 teaches, “Open your hand to the poor and your neighbors in your land who are in need.” There are many references in the Talmud regarding helping those less fortunate. In the Babylonian Talmud, in *Baba Batra* 9a: “Rav Asi says: A person should never prevent himself from giving one third of a *shekel* a year, as it is stated: ‘And we also established *mitzvot* upon ourselves, to charge ourselves yearly with the third part of a *shekel* for the service of the House of our God’ (Nehemiah 10:33). And Rav Asi says: Charity is equivalent to all the *mitzvot* combined, as it is stated: ‘We also established *mitzvot* upon ourselves.’ A *mitzvah* is not written here, but *mitzvot*.” Rav Asi is teaching us the plural *mitzvot* teaches that charity is equivalent to all the other *mitzvot*!

Maimonides taught about eight levels of charity which should be given anonymously and sensitively, allowing the poor to keep their dignity and learn to help themselves. Of course, the responsibility of helping those in need appear in modern Jewish texts as well. Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel wrote: “The essence of a Jew is his involvement in the plight of others, as God is involved. The secret of our tradition is that God is in every human situation and man must be involved in it...”

As we look out and see God in every human being we see, we recognize the importance of every life. Therefore, the magnitude of importance of our acts is greatly multiplied. Let us consider this as we move forward in these winter months!



Maccabiah Blast from the Past

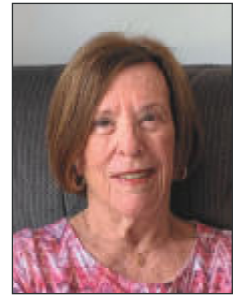
TBERS Maccabiah returns this year!
December 5



TBE President's Remarks

By Kathy Young, TBE President

On Sunday, October 3, 2021, the board of directors had an incredible retreat. What made it so incredible was that we not only came away with tangible goals, but also a plan to implement those goals. We selected the following 3 goals: small groups, volunteering opportunities/new volunteers, and Social Justice/Action. Small groups will encompass finding some common denominators amongst a group, such as Religious School students who want to plan an event with their parents. Volunteering I think is self-explanatory. Social Justice/Action will help us identify ways we can help in the Knoxville community. Each board member will choose one of the goals to work on and we plan to review our progress on a regular basis. So, where do non-board members fit? Please look at the 3 options and volunteer to help us reach those goals. You do not have to chair these groups, although if one appeals to you, please let me know. Just a few hours a quarter would be welcome. Certainly, there is something there that appeals to you. These are very achievable goals, but we need your help to make them meaningful. Won't you consider joining us? We sure could use your input!!



TBE Sisterhood Philanthropic Efforts Continuing through December



SECOND HARVEST FOOD DRIVE

We are holding a food drive for Second Harvest the entire month of November. More and more families are in need of food. Not everyone has the luxury of a full plate of food. Some in our community have suffered lay-offs due to Covid 19. Others have been sick. Let's "Share our Bounty" together to fight hunger.

COAT DRIVE

Winter is coming. In September we began our coat drive so that we can share our extra coats and sweaters with others. Please consider making a donation of a coat or sweater you no longer need.



Shelley Mangold donates coats with Sisterhood President, Wilma Weinstein-Lomax, for the coat drive.

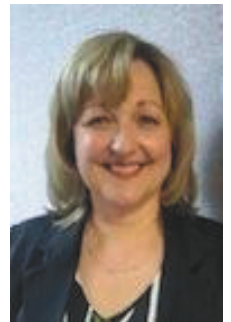
Temple Beth El Religious School Celebrates Sukkot



Hands on, Hearts on, Minds on Learning

By Norma James, Temple Beth El Religious School Director

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



Happy Chanukah to everyone! December is a short month at Religious School because of Winter Break, but we start the month off with one of the favorite holidays for our students—Chanukah! Our community has many opportunities for us to be together for our festival of lights. I encourage you to take full advantage of this happy season. If we have learned anything from this Pandemic, it is that we miss sharing holidays with friends and families. Once again Thanksgiving weekend collided with Chanukah, but this might allow families to light our first candles during Thanksgiving visits.

MACCABIAH IS BACK!!!! Yes, we will have our crazy, wild, totally fun Maccabiah this year. We will need to tweak a few things to fit our protocols, but where there is a will, there is a way. **Our Maccabiah is on Sunday, December 5th which is the last day of Chanukah.** Look for special flyers with the details. I cannot wait!

Thank You So Much RS Family! We are finishing our first semester of in-person school during Covid-19. If you could see what we see on Sunday, you would think these teachers and students never missed a beat. They are so enthusiastic about being back. Even with masks on their faces, you can see the twinkle in their eyes, hear their laughter, and goodness do the younger ones wiggle! Our older students are always ready to lend a hand. The Chai class took the leadership reins during the Sukkot decorating with help from our seventh graders. When we changed our snack plan, the Chai class took care of setting it all up. I am so proud of them!

Parents, you are amazing! You continue to follow protocols to keep everyone safe. You show up on time for drop-off and pick-up. You keep your kids home when they are sick. When I ask for help, you are there. Best of all, you always, always, always greet us with a smile.

Special Thanks to:

Peter and Zach Rosenbaum, and Amir, Maya, and Ely Sadovnik for helping David Butler and Larry Markel put up the Sukkah.

Eric Pasternak, Jesse Javors, Jonathan Walters, and Sebastian Altman for putting up the two new canopies on our patio for Wilma Weinstein and David Butler.

Students, you are the whole reason we are here! We are truly blessed with a wonderful group of young congregants. I leave school every Sunday and Wednesday very happy. Our young people make it a pleasure to come to work. This year we have welcomed so many new students, and they are already completely a part of the family. I look forward to finding ways to do more and more activities with our young people in our broader Jewish community. ***I urge all families to look for community activities that can bring us all together.***



Left: Preschool learns about Abraham and Sarah and welcoming



Right: Chai Class learns to braid challah



Our teachers are beyond the beyond! They are always prepared and make learning so much fun while also being intellectually engaging. One teacher came back from Fall Break telling me how much she missed her students during the break.

A little praise for:

Jesse Weckstein Pre/K who brought a full-size tent to set up when they studied Abraham and Sarah.

Jeannine Mill 1st/2nd helps her class create amazing artwork to match the ISJL lessons. One of the ISJL Themes for this age group is teaching Kindness. There is no person kinder than Jeannine lead this group.

Justen Bain 3rd/4th knows what children love and can always find a game or activity that gets his students up and moving. Our students continue to seek out Justen years after he has taught them.

Leah Faupel and Sebastian Altman 5th/6th meet the challenge of teaching from the actual Tanach by making every lesson meaningful for maturity level of this age. These Hillel students are amazing teachers who can make Torah come to life. This is class also includes our students with special needs. Everyone is important, and everyone is special in this room.

Gina and Al Feldblum tag team 7th Grade and taking daughter Zoe to swim meets. However, they never miss a beat with this group of pre-B'nei Mitzvah students. The 7th grade room walls are covered with post it notes and other papers as these veteran high school teachers combine videos, slides, discussion and writing to the study of Torah and Prophets.

Tara Bain Chai Class takes her students to the heart of the topic through deep discussions, writing, and art. Of course, Tara knows that being a lifelong Jew must include cooking and enjoying Jewish food as well as developing Jewish leadership.

Amazing Madrichim keep everything running!

Grace Theriot is spending her senior year in Knoxville while her family is in Florida. She still finds the time to be a madrichah who can step into any classroom as an aide or a sub. Kudos!

Grace Margulies works with 1st/2nd and teaches them Hebrew. Parents see Grace every week at drop off and pick up. She may be small in stature, but Grace has also been large and in charge in my book.

Troy Lurie is another treasure from Hillel. She is a perfect match for Jesse and the youngest class. No mask can ever hide Troy's smile and love for the children.

Alison Pasternak needed a place to hang out while her sons are in school. Well, what a win that was for our school! Alison is a wonderful madrichah for Justen's lively class. I love the "loving mom factor" Alison brings to this class.

Zoe Feldblum is on class when we need an extra hand. She is a chip off the Feldblum teacher block. I loved watching her with our students with special needs during our Sukkot decorating day. She is always a welcome addition.

Winter Break is Wednesday, December 15th through Sunday, January 2nd.

Midweek Hebrew resumes Wednesday, January 5th.

December 5
Maccabiah at TBERS Returns!

The Temple Israel Schwob Endowment Committee Presents:



Dan Nichols Chanukah Concert Thursday, December 2nd @8:00pm

Dan Nichols is a proud product of the URJ camp movement. He has toured Jewish summer camps and congregations across North America for more than 15 years. A classically trained singer, Dan received his Bachelor of Music degree in vocal performance at the University of North Carolina.

Dan has been featured at conferences and conventions including the URJ Biennial, NFTY Convention, BBYO International, Limmud, and the Wexner Heritage Program.



Temple Beth El



- 1: George Wadsworth, Jeanna Weinstein
- 2: Gerry Milligan, Ebbie Sandberg
- 5: Marla Brody, Michael Goin
- 6: Jesse Javors, Pam Schwartz
- 7: Ellen Markman

- 8: Edmond Lester, Tammy Stone
- 9: Don Mossman
- 10: Megan Sauers
- 11: Anna Friendt
- 12: Dolores Raskin
- 15: Heidi Sturm
- 16: Jeffrey Arbital
- 16: Benjamin Hirsh
- 17: Sara Klugman, Joel Shor
- 18: Susan Shor

- 20: Jill Langer
- 21: Stephen Lewis
- 23: Jeffrey Brown
- 25: Sondra Brody, David Butler, Laura Shenkman
- 28: Marilyn Kallet
- 29: Elizabeth Gassel
- 30: Edward Weintraub

SHABBAT SERVICES at TBE

FRIDAYS at 7:00pm
Live in the Sanctuary - MASK REQUIRED
AND via Live Stream (see link on website)
www.tbeknox.org

You may also access our Services on our FB Page and our YouTube Channel.

<https://www.facebook.com/TBEKnoxville>
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCmAAP9rYVWIOd6IL42JDq8A>

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CARE COMMITTEE FUND

In memory of Roberta Epstein Karp
Linda and Ed Weintraub & Marjorie
and Lou Bornes

For a speedy and complete recovery for
Grace Lewis

Linda and Ed Weintraub
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Servant Leadership

By Rabbi Alon Ferency

In the 20th century, Robert K. Greenleaf developed his theory of Servant Leadership. “A servant leader shares power, puts the needs of the employees first and helps people develop and perform as highly as possible... Instead of the people working to serve the leader, the leader exists to serve the people.” Greenleaf demanded the essential question, “Do those served grow as persons? Do they, while being served, become healthier, wiser, freer, more autonomous?”



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We find Jewish examples of Servant Leadership immediately in the book of Genesis.

Abraham’s household servant, Eliezer of Damascus, was entrusted to return to their homeland of Nahor to find a bride, Rebecca, for Isaac. He serves and he celebrates the event by sharing his experience in two separate retellings. Rabbi Acha said: “The ordinary conversation of the *servants* of the Patriarchs is more beloved before God than the teaching of their sons.” Likewise, Rebecca and Isaac’s great-grandson Joseph become a trusted servant to many leaders in Egypt: Potiphar, the prison Warden, and eventually even Pharaoh himself. So great is Joseph’s service that they lack for nothing, and Evil is turned to Good through God’s graces.

Now, let’s turn the greatest Servant Leader I know in our community: Ed Hunter. Throughout Ed’s tenure at the Alliance, and through his many roles, he has always been a great friend and colleague. He is reliable as a rock, and the source of great comfort, pride, and innovation for me, for us, and for the community entire. It’s clear to me that through Ed’s Servant Leadership and his stewardship of the Center and Alliance, we have all grown “as persons [becoming] healthier, wiser, freer, more autonomous.”

I can’t express enough gratitude for Ed’s role in our community and for his partnership in my own professional life. He’ll be missed and not forgotten. I hope you’ll keep in touch, Ed!



Interested in joining Heska Amuna Women’s League?

For 2022 membership, please send a check for \$40 made out to HAWL to
 Laura Sadler at Heska Amuna
 3811 Kingston Pike

For more information, please contact womensleague@heskaamuna.org.

From the Chair of the Board of Trustees Hanukkah for Heska

By Rich Adlin, President

Local infection rates are decreasing, and though a winter surge is possible, the synagogue is in the process of reopening. Whether this reopening is temporary or not, I am looking forward to being with others again, to connect with them, to sing with them and feel the meditative hum of davening with others. Unlike other houses of worship, we will not be returning to Heska Amuna as we have known it. Even though we will be together, we will not be worshipping in the sanctuary, and the future of our home is uncertain.

Over the course of the pandemic there has been a palpable energy focused on strengthening our programming and innovation. One change that leadership has focused on is aspiring to be more inclusive and welcoming to interfaith families, as well as people of all races and sexual orientations, and those with disabilities. *Rodef Tzedek* (Pursuers of Justice) has brought to our synagogue an effort to engage with the greater Knoxville community to improve the lives of those in need. Having both contemporary and traditional Shabbat services is an innovation that allow people to daven in ways that are most fulfilling to them. The Rabbi's meditation class brings yet another opportunity for spiritual seekers. Our adult education programming has been quite vibrant and engaging, offering more traditional classes in Talmud and Hebrew, but also political and historical ones. Film discussion, hiking, and art classes are also making our synagogue dynamic. The Rabbi & Religious services and Adult Education committees are also working to provide learning opportunities to find ways to make services more meaningful and accessible to those who find them opaque.

There is a great deal to celebrate at Heska Amuna. Not only are we surviving, we are also thriving in spite of a pandemic and uncertainty about the building. And we continue to innovate. Our return to being in person at the synagogue comes at a time when in the year 164 BCE, the Temple was officially purified and rededicated after the Hasmonean victory over Greek Seleucids who had desecrated it. Just as they reclaimed the Temple and their tradition, so are we with our return to the synagogue.



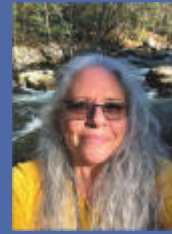
Student Honored in Poland

Ellie Wood, an eighth grader at Clayton Bradley Academy and a member of Heska Amuna Synagogue, just returned from a wonderful trip to Poland! Ellie and her project partner, Katia Beigalski, were invited to present their award-winning documentary on the Ringelblum Archive at the Niepokorni Niezłomni Wyklęci Film Festival. Ellie and Katia created the documentary as a project for National History Day, where they won second in their region, second in the state of Tennessee, and sixth in the Nation. In addition to screening films created by professional filmmakers from around the world, the Niepokorni Niezłomni Wyklęci Film Festival chooses the top student-created documentary films on Polish history and invites the young filmmakers to present their films. The all-expense paid trip to Poland proved to be fantastic! Ellie and Katia were extremely honored to be invited and they had a wonderful experience seeing many documentary films, meeting many filmmakers, and learning an immense amount about the history of Poland.

The Ringelblum Archive is a collection of documents and artifacts that were gathered by Emmanuel Ringelblum and other Jews in the Warsaw Ghetto. Emmanuel Ringelblum and his group were dedicated to creating the Archive, as they wanted the world to understand what they were experiencing. Ellie and Katia are passionate about helping to make the Ringelblum Archive more well-known as they feel that it is an integral part of understanding the realities of life in the Warsaw Ghetto.



Wood and Beigalski being interviewed by a Polish TV reporter.



Shush Carson, Director of Family Religious Life

Light and darkness, night and day .
 We marvel at the mystery of stars.
 Moon and sky, sand and sea.
 We marvel at the mystery of sun.
 Twilight, high noon, dusk and dawn.
 Though we are mortal, we are
 Creation's crown.
 Flesh and bone, steel and stone.
 We dwell in fragile, temporary shelters.
 Grant steadfast love, compassion, grace.
 Sustain us Lord; our origin is dust.
 Splendor, mercy, majesty, love endure.
 We are but little lower than the angles.
 Resplendent skies, sunset, sunrise.
 The grandeur of Creation lifts our lives.
 Evening darkness, morning dawn.
 Renew our lives as YOU renew all time.

Poem from

Siddur Sim Shalom, Evening Service



As we enter the winter months, we must remember that although there is so much darkness surrounding us, the light is increasing every day.

We must strive to be each other's light as well. To live our best, most authentic lives. These are not easy times, but we are blessed to have a beautiful Jewish community.

**As Anne Frank Said:
 "Look at how a single candle can both defy and define the darkness."**

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Mark your calendars...

On January 8, Shabbat School returns to in Person Learning!

We are so excited to have our learning community together in person. Please check your email and the Nu News for details.

REMINDER: HARS Winter Break

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I personally want to thank **Ed Hunter** for years of taking such good care of our Jewish community.

During my years of teaching and doing early care at the JCC, Ed and I would arrive together at the crack of dawn. I will never forget his kindness to myself, the staff and the children of the JCC Preschool.

Enjoy the journey, Ed!

B'Shalom V'Ahavah, (In peace & love)

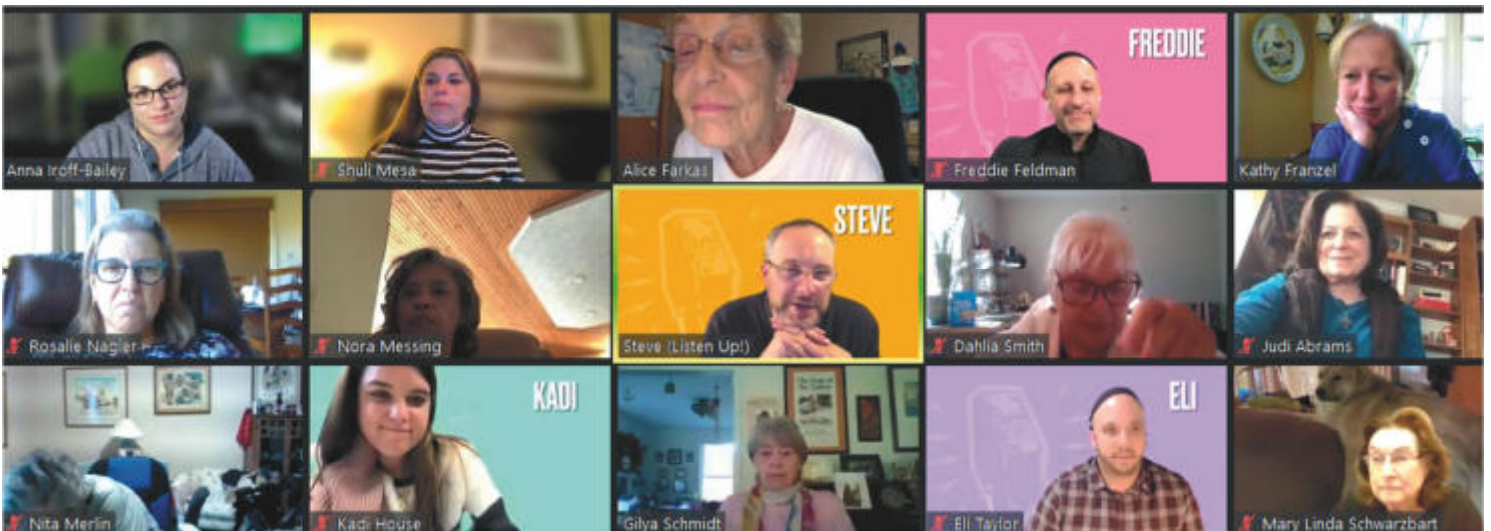
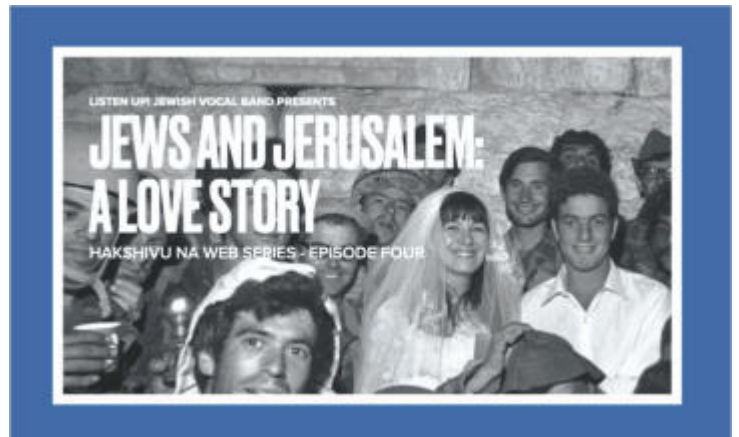
Shush Carson

Director of Family Religious Life
Heska Amuna Synagogue

Membership and Music

By Anna Iroff-Bailey, Heska Amuna Women’s League Co-President

The Heska Amuna Women’s League membership event was an afternoon of musical fun! We owe special thanks to event co-chairs Kathy Franzel and Nora Messing for finding a way to bring us together on Zoom. We were thrilled to welcome back our friends from Listen Up! Jewish Vocal Band to explore a musical connection to Israel. We learned about the historical context surrounding Naomi Shemer’s writing of “Yerusalayim Shel Zahav”. Did you know that the first time she performed it, the audience loved the song so much that they insisted she sing it again!? Then we explored the dramatic rivalry between Ofra Haza and Yardena Arazi to represent Israel at Eurovision with the song “Chai”. It was such a treat to hear Listen Up’s version of these two iconic songs as well as the blessing “Shecheyanu”. They challenged us to think of things – even in the shadow of COVID – that we have had reason to say the Shecheyanu blessing. Several members shared the joy of new family members (births, weddings, and new fur babies!), the excitement of new hobbies, and the blessing of good and/or improving health. It’s a good reminder to look for the silver linings among all the clouds. The band promises their next performance for us will be live in-person! In the meantime, check out Listen Up! on YouTube, Spotify, and their website www.jewishsong.com



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

Minyanim

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

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

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

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

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AJCC needs a campus beautification fund

Would you like to see the AJCC campus on Deane Hill Drive covered in blooms in the spring and leaves in the fall? Maybe you want to create a more beautiful Tu B'shevat or Sukkot? Maybe you want to see an imprint on the community's front lawn but don't have the millions it would take to name the campus? A fund of \$25,000-\$100,000 could have a significant impact on the appearance of our grounds through annual plantings of perennial and seasonal plants and flowers. KJA handles the mowing and maintenance through its annual budget, but it is the small, expensive extras that can make a difference.

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A Small, Strong Community

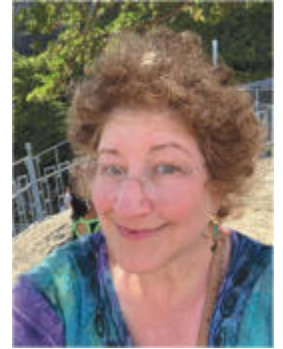
By Cantor Jacqueline Marx, Interim Spiritual Leader

Recently, I accepted the position of Interim Spiritual Leader for Jewish Congregation of Oak Ridge, with gratitude. As I worked with JCOR's lay leadership to enable us to gather for S'lichot, Rosh HaShanah, Yom Kippur, Sukkot, Shmini Atzeret and Simchat Torah, we could all feel the grit and shvitz with which we constructed the tide and flow of our liturgy and the music that enhances the text thereof. We could feel ourselves awakening our *Yamim Nora'im* muscles because, as with any synagogue, the Days of Awe comes once a year for a finite period. For my part, I was beginning to work with a new community. Though I've led High Holy day services in the double digits, this year felt like a first. I wanted to get to know the people and the minhag ha-Makom (local customs). We needed to braid our workstyles, our personas, and our collective experience like a finely plaited challah; and then shape that plait into a round loaf of *kavanah* (spiritual intent).

As I flexed my "S'lichot plexus" and stretched my "Rosh HaShanah Radius," muscle memory kicked in and served me well. As a team, we grew strong for each other and made the High Holies happen by sharing the work, pooling our strengths, and asking good questions. We're a small, strong community. I feel so fortunate. Likewise, the Maccabees were small but strong. Did they achieve their civil disobedience victory against a bigger, more powerful adversary because they knew how to talk to one another when they strategized? Did they collectively figure out, "Here's an area where we excel...Here's another area where we could use a little more work, so let's research."?

I'm sure the Hasmoneans didn't always agree on each step in their campaign. But ultimately, they brought about light, rededication, and a measure of peace and safety. So may we know these miracles in our day: in our families, in our combined Jewish community, and with our friends in the greater community. We can realize such miracles by bringing them about. I'm looking for ways to bring light and peace to those who don't know these gifts as readily as I do. To use a favorite expression of the late U.S. Representative John Lewis, of blessed memory: Let's get into "good trouble" this year and do just that.

Wishing you light and music during the shortest of days.



Welcome New JCOR Members

Beth Applegate has lived in Oak Ridge for 5 years with her 2 children, Zoey and Kieran. Zoey is 14, a freshman at Oak Ridge High School and a member of the color guard with the WildBand. Kieran is 12, a 7th grader at Jefferson Middle, where he plays percussions with the band. The three of them enjoy living on the East end with their pups, Winnie and Finley. It is an exciting time for JCOR to have the next generation in the sanctuary and to have opportunities for inter-generational learning.

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Adult Education

Offering both zoom and in-person options Chabad Of Knoxville launched two new adult education classes. Participants of the JLI class Outsmarting Antisemitism strengthened their Jewish pride and were empowered to combat antisemitism they may encounter.

The monthly women's class, Well Connected, hosted the Knoxville Rosh Chodesh Group in November. We explored the inner dimensions of a Mitzvah and the mystical secrets of the mezuzah. The discussions and learning were perspective changing. We look forward to our future sessions as we explore the power of 7 different mitzvot and the amazing opportunities they can have on our lives. To learn more about the Well Connected classes or to sign up for some of the classes visit www.chabadknoxville.org/Womensclass.

Making a Bat Mitzvah Year Special Despite Covid

Celebrating a Bat Mitzvah during COVID can either mean giving up on a grand party or getting to the bottom of what a Bat Mitzvah is about. A group of Bat Mitzvah girls and moms chose the latter. The Bat Mitzvah Club was launched with a delicious brunch for the girls and their moms. A meaningful morning spent discovering the piece of G-d within each of us, our souls, exploring our priorities, creating a craft and special Mother and Daughter moments as we appreciated the significance that we are adding a link in the chain of Jewish Women. The Bat Mitzvah Club will continue to meet throughout the year as we glean inspiration from Jewish Women throughout the ages.



Special mom and daughter moments were part of the inaugural BMC, as well as enjoying milkshakes!



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December 3

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Many Thanks

By Andrea Cone, Hadassah President

Thank you to all who participated with us for the film and discussion **"The Forgotten Refugees"** October 21st, 2021.

Thank you's to **Revital Ganzi**, (Hadassah VP Education & Advocacy) for organizing the evening and bringing the Arab Jewish plight to the forefront and **Shuli Mesa** (V.P. Hadassah Programing) as our technical support.

One of the beautiful aspects of Zoom is the ability to connect with individuals anywhere. This was true for Hadassah's Forgotten Refugees program which had attendees and speakers from at least 3 different states. We began with watching the movie. A haunting depiction of what the Jews in Arab lands endured and their journey to safety in Israel. We then heard firsthand accounts of some of these events.

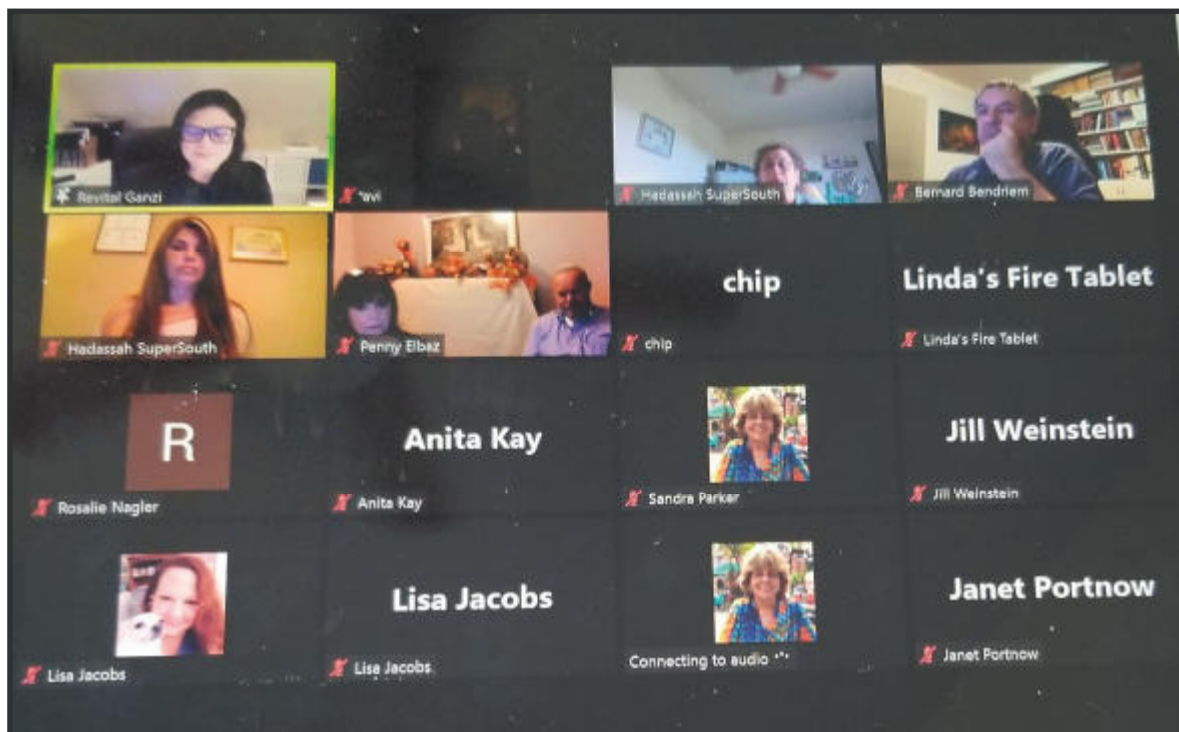
Rabbi Moshe Elbaz from Temple Israel in Valdosta, GA recounted how his family escaped Morocco. From layers of gold bracelets to barter along the route to their arrival in Israel and living in tents. The infrastructure in the newly formed country was weak, so life wasn't easy. Elbaz further spoke about the racism the Sephardic Jews encountered.

Chef Avi Zenatti from the local Mediterranean cafe, **KoPita** also spoke of the racism he encountered as an Arab Jew. He had a similar story as Rabbi Elbaz though his family escaped from Algeria. He learned that his father was receiving a stipend from Germany. European Jews received stipend after the war, and so did his father since he took the French citizenship that was offered to all Algerians, but had been later denied. At his restaurant, **KoPita**, located in downtown Knoxville, he tries to bring in the various Sephardic flavors that he grew up with.

There were lots of questions from our members which further emphasizes the need for education in our community about the rich culture, traditions, rituals and unfortunately, the loss of Jewish communities in the Arab world. We look forward to continuing the conversation.

If you were unable to join us and/or would like to refresh your memory, please find the full documentary on YouTube.

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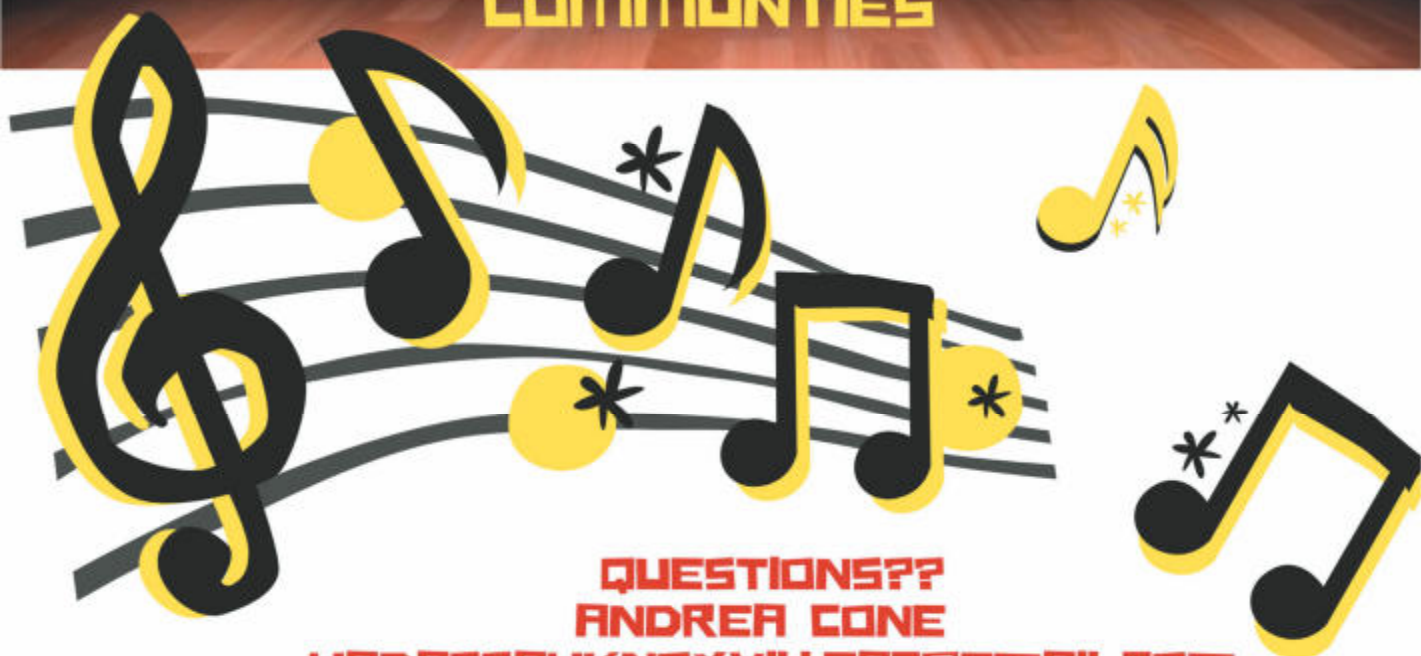
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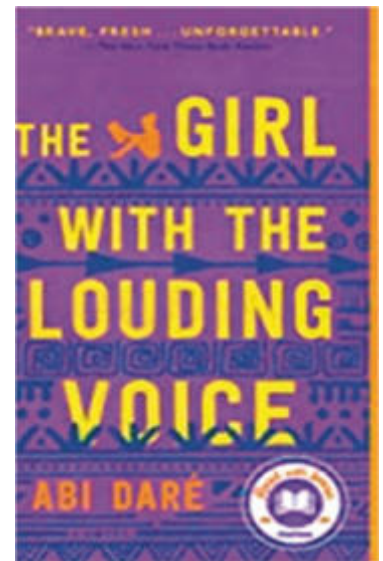
All Jewish women and friends
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We welcome you to participate in our next Hadassah Book Club meeting. **On December 21**, we will be discussing **The Girl with the Louding Voice** by Abi Dare. We will continue to use a zoom only format for this book club meeting. We will start at 7:30 p.m.

The Girl with the Louding Voice by Abi Dare

The unforgettable, inspiring story of a teenage girl growing up in a rural Nigerian village who longs to get an education so that she can find her “louding voice” and speak up for herself, This book is a simultaneously heartbreaking and triumphant tale about the power of fighting for your dreams. Despite the seemingly insurmountable obstacles in her path, Adunni never loses sight of her goal of escaping the life of poverty she was born into so that she can build the future she chooses for herself – and help other girls like her do the same. Her spirited determination to find joy and hope in even the most difficult circumstances imaginable shows us how one courageous young girl can inspire us all to reach for our dreams...and maybe even change the world.



Our future book selections:

- **January 18, 2022: News of the World** by Paulette Jiles
- **February 15: The Emperor of All Maladies** by Siddhartha Mukherjee
- **March 15: The Four Winds** by Kristen Hannah

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By Batya Boxt

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

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

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

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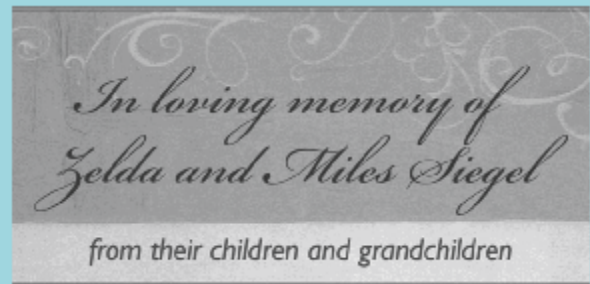
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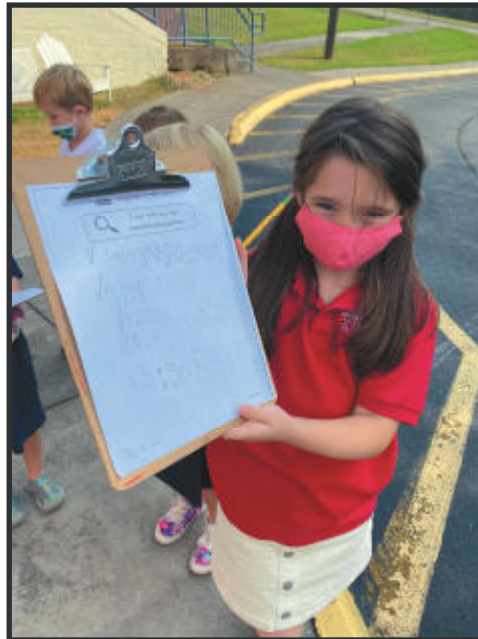
50's Day at KJDS



To celebrate the 50th day of school, KJDS had a super fun 50's themed day! There were lots of great poodle skirts and slicked back hair and the students loved learning about the memorable culture of the 50's and comparing how things have changed since then. A fun day was had by all!



Learning Through Discovery



If you visit KJDS, you may notice kindergartners roaming the halls with clipboards, intently observing their surroundings. They are out to find and document Math in their surroundings. They also observe nature in our wooded areas, and the greater world through weekly photos from National Geographic Kids. These students aren't just having fun, they are learning through discovery. Ms. Lusk, their teacher, lets them know early on that they are scientists, and that scientists are tasked with making observations and collecting data. She approaches Math the same way, asking students what they notice, and then encouraging them to draw conclusions.

Save the date!
Dr. Dolittle Jr.
 Sunday, January 16th, 2022



We all can remember times of discovery, the feeling of excitement when we've figured something out. And, we remember what we discover, because the process leads us to understanding. At KJDS, we encourage students to discover throughout the grade levels. Second and third grade students discovered cultures in African countries through research and were eager to teach their peers about music, folk tales, and food. Fourth and fifth grade students used the engineering design process to build models of dwellings for indigenous peoples and discovered principles of structures and how weather impacts building materials. And, first grade students observed a pumpkin decompose, discovering how living things change. This consistent practice of discovery is empowering for learners, and it helps them understand that we don't come at novelty in the world through a singular lens, but rather we use all of our knowledge to make connections and predictions that begin paths towards understanding.



KJDS students are hard at work preparing for our annual all school musical. You won't want to miss it!

Alumni Spotlight: Heidi Sturm

Being an alumni from KJDS, Heidi looks back at her time there with wonderful, fun and inspiring memories! Heidi is now a senior at Webb School of Knoxville. She has played on the Lady Spartans soccer team for 6 years. She also plays the trumpet in Webb's high school band. She is in the National Honor Society and has earned the Presidential Service award. Heidi has held several positions in the BBYO teen organization and she is currently the president of the Knoxville Chapter. She worked an internship at her father's company, Mortgage Investors Group, this summer learning the mortgage business and made smoothies for two years at Smoothie King. Heidi's next chapter is graduation and attending college, where she is planning on majoring in Marketing and Spanish. Heidi is excited about her future and the fresh baked challah she will get sent to her dorm from Miriam Esther Wilhelm as she stays in touch her Freshman year!



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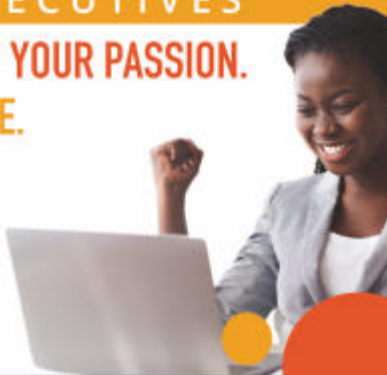


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If you are curious with whom Ed may have been speaking, the Archives has a photo of the people on the other side of this table. Perhaps you can identify them.

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