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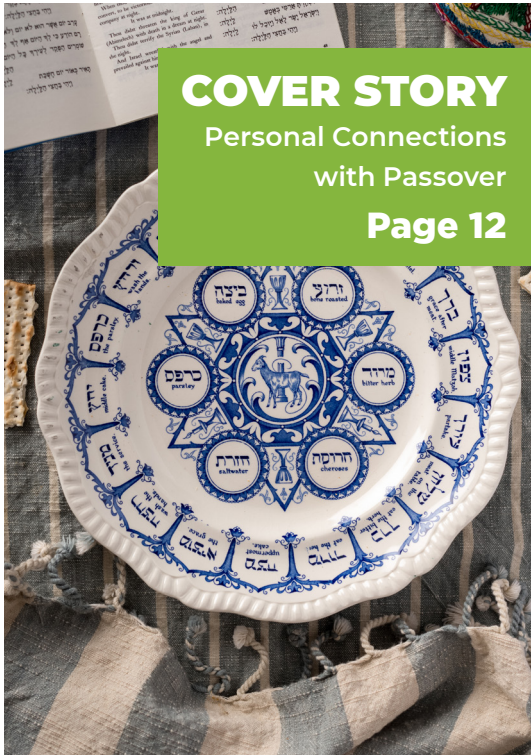


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April 2022 Community Calendar

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

Friday, April 1

Shabbat Candles 7:39P

12:00P Mindfulness Practice w/ Rabbi - HA
4:30P JFS Shabbat Service at Sherrill Hills - KJA
6:30P Kabbalat Shabbat - JCOR
6:30P Kabbalat Shabbat w/Jack Love - HA
7:00P Shabbat Service - TBE

Saturday, April 2

Havdalah 8:37P

9:30A Shabbat School - HA
10:00A Shabbat Services - HA
10:00A Saturday Shabbat Services - JCOR

Sunday, April 3

9:30A Family Adventure: Israel at AJCC - Community
9:30A Religious School Israel Family Day at AJCC - TBE
10:00A Rabbi Arthur Green, Old-New Approach to Jewish Prayer - HA
11:00A Israeli Dancing - JCOR

Monday, April 4

8:00A Minyan - HA
6:30P Executive Committee Meeting - KJA
7:30P Book Club - Hadassah

Tuesday, April 5

1:00P Torah chat w/Rabbi Boxt - TBE
4:00P Minyan & Torah Chat - HA
8:00P Minyan - HA

Wednesday, April 6

9:00A Midweek Meditation - HA
4:30P Midweek Hebrew - TBE
5:00P Limmud School - HA
6:30P Minyan - HA
7:00P Board of Trustees - HA
7:00P Talmud Study Group - HA

Thursday, April 7

7:00A Minyan - HA
3:00P Minyan & Torah Chat - HA
5:00P Healing Service w/Rabbi Boxt & Steve Lewis - TBE
5:30P Robinson Lecture Series: Desert in the Promised Land - Judaic Studies

Friday, April 8

Shabbat Candles 7:45P

12:00P Mindfulness Practice w/ Rabbi - HA
6:00P Shabbat Service - TBE
6:30P Kabbalat Shabbat - JCOR
6:30P Kabbalat Shabbat w/Jack Love - HA

Saturday, April 9

Havdalah 8:44P

9:30A Shabbat School - HA
10:00A Shabbat Services - HA
10:00A Saturday Shabbat Services - JCOR
10:30A Rachel Feinbaum Bat Mitzvah - TBE

Sunday, April 10

9:30A Religious School Passover Seder - TBE
11:00A Gan K'Ton at AJCC - HA
11:00A Israeli Dancing - JCOR

Monday, April 11

8:00A Minyan - HA

Tuesday, April 12

1:00P Torah chat w/Rabbi Boxt - TBE
4:00P Minyan & Torah Chat - HA
8:00P Minyan - HA

Wednesday, April 13

9:00A Midweek Meditation - HA
4:30P Midweek Hebrew - TBE
6:30P Minyan - HA
7:00P Talmud Study Group - HA

Thursday, April 14

7:00A Minyan - HA
3:00P Minyan & Torah Chat - HA

Friday, April 15

Passover begins at sundown

Shabbat Candles 7:51P

12:00P Mindfulness Practice w/ Rabbi - HA
6:30P Community Outdoor Shabbat & Seder - JCOR
7:00P Shabbat Service - TBE

Saturday, April 16

Passover

Havdalah 8:57P

10:00A Passover Service - HA
10:00A Shabbat & First Morning Pesach - JCOR

Sunday, April 17

Passover

10:00A Passover Service - HA
11:00A Israeli Dancing - JCOR

Monday, April 18

Passover

8:00A Minyan - HA

Tuesday, April 19

Passover

1:00P Torah chat w/Rabbi Boxt - TBE
4:00P Minyan & Torah Chat - HA
8:00P Minyan - HA

Wednesday, April 20

Passover

9:00A Midweek Meditation - HA
6:30P Minyan - HA
7:00P Board Meeting - Hadassah
7:00P Talmud Study Group - HA

Thursday, April 21

Passover

7:00A Minyan - HA
3:00P Minyan & Torah Chat - HA
5:00P Healing Service w/Rabbi Boxt & Steve Lewis - TBE

Friday, April 22

Passover

Shabbat Candles 7:57P

10:00A Passover Service - HA
12:00P Mindfulness Practice w/ Rabbi - HA
6:15P Passover Yizkor Memorial Service - TBE
6:30P Kabbalat Shabbat - JCOR
7:00P Shabbat Service - TBE

Saturday, April 23

Passover ends at nightfall

Havdalah 8:57P
10:00A Passover & Yizkor Services - HA
10:00A Shabbat & Yizkor Pesach - JCOR

Sunday, April 24

9:30A Religious School - TBE
10:00A Adult Education w/Rabbi Boxt - TBE
11:00A Israeli Dancing - JCOR
12:30P Confirmation Class - TBE
3:30P Holocaust Remembrance Service - JCOR

Monday, April 25

8:00A Minyan - HA

Tuesday, April 26

4:00P Minyan & Torah Chat - HA
6:00P Long-Range Planning Committee Meeting - KJA
8:00P Minyan - HA

Wednesday, April 27

9:00A Midweek Meditation - HA
4:30P Art Gala - Preschool at AJCC
4:30P Last Day Midweek Hebrew - TBE
5:00P Limmud School - HA
6:30P Minyan - HA
7:00P Talmud Study Group - HA

Thursday, April 28

Yom HaShoah

7:00A Minyan - HA
3:00P Minyan & Torah Chat - HA

Friday, April 29

Shabbat Candles 8:03P

9:30A Mommy & Me Playgroup - KJDS
12:00P Mindfulness Practice w/ Rabbi - HA
6:30P Kabbalat Shabbat - JCOR
6:30P Kabbalat Shabbat w/Jack Love - HA
7:00P Shabbat Service w/Charlie Kramer - TBE

Saturday, April 30

Havdalah 9:03P

9:30A Shabbat School - HA
10:00A Shabbat Service - HA
10:00A Shabbat Services - JCOR

COMMUNITY PASSOVER GREETINGS

Community Passover Greetings

Wishing everyone a joyous Passover and sending a wish for freedom for all who are oppressed.
*Mark & Peggy Littmann
Beth, James, Liam & Adele McGinnis
Owen, Machiko & Leah Littmann*

Happy Pesach to All!
May it be a time to appreciate our freedom and pray for those whose freedom is in jeopardy.
Abraham & Judy Brietstein and Family

Wishing you a Happy Passover shared with family and friends!
*Douglas, Jill,
Brian & Andrew Weinstein*

Hag Sameach!

*Kim, Stephen,
Nathan, Arielle, and Tiffannie
Rosen*

HAG SAMEACH

*The Silber's
Susan, Harold,
Adam, Lance & Kelsey*

Happy Pesach!

*Jeff and Nancy Becker
and our children & grandchildren:
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Debbie, Jeff, Samantha, & Gabe Abrams-Cohen
Rachel, Micah, Sophie & Reuben Becker-Klein
Ben, Amy, Harry & Leo Willis-Becker
Sarah Becker & Aminata Dembele*

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*from Mark Harris and Family
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Robert, Marcy, Alex & Noah Chatham
Melissa, Madeline & Ella Harris*

**Wishing our
community a
Chag Pesach
Sameach!**

The Staff at KJDS

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& Happiness! Chag Pesach Sameach!**

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Sunday, April 24, 2022
3:30 PM – 4:30 PM
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Holocaust Remembrance Ceremony

Author: Anna Iroff-Bailey, Director of Jewish Life

Holocaust Remembrance Day (called *Yom HaShoah* in Hebrew) is on April 28 this year. The Knoxville Jewish Alliance and Tennessee Holocaust Commission invite the entire community to come together to remember the Holocaust, mourn the victims and devastated communities, and re-commit to never again allow hatred and prejudice to overwhelm our society. Never Again.

Come learn about the mission of the Tennessee Holocaust Commission and its work promoting Holocaust education throughout our state. Our own Larry Leibowitz is the Commission Chairman, and he will speak about his experience with the group and how we can help. Ken Gluck, Education Coordinator for the Commission, will tell his father's powerful story of surviving the Holocaust and how that influenced his work as an educator.

Thanks to Alison Vick, Commission Historian and Knoxville-resident, we will also have a 6-week exhibit in the Schwarzbart Gallery to tell stories of survivors and liberators from across Tennessee. This exhibit will include portrait photography from the Living On series taken by Rob Heller, who is also part of our Knoxville Jewish community. The exhibit will be open throughout the month of April into mid-March. We invite you to visit this impactful testimony of how the Holocaust directed affected our community here in Knoxville.

Yom HaShoah
Holocaust Remembrance Day

Sunday, May 1
4:00 pm
Arnstein Jewish Community Center



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WEEKLY THEMES THIS SUMMER!

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| MAY 31- JUNE 3 | THE MOST FUN UNDER THE SUN | FIELD TRIP |
| JUNE 6 - 10 | SUMMER SAFARI | LATE NIGHT/OVERNIGHT |
| JUNE 13 - 17 | CHALLENGE WEEK | FIELD TRIP |
| JUNE 20-24 | WATER WEEK | LATE NIGHT/ OVERNIGHT |
| JUNE 27 - 1 | AROUND THE WORLD | LATE NIGHT/ OVERNIGHT |
| JULY 5- 8 | HOLIDAYS | LATE NIGHT/ OVERNIGHT |
| JULY 11-15 | SUPER HEROES AND VILLAINS | FIELD TRIP |
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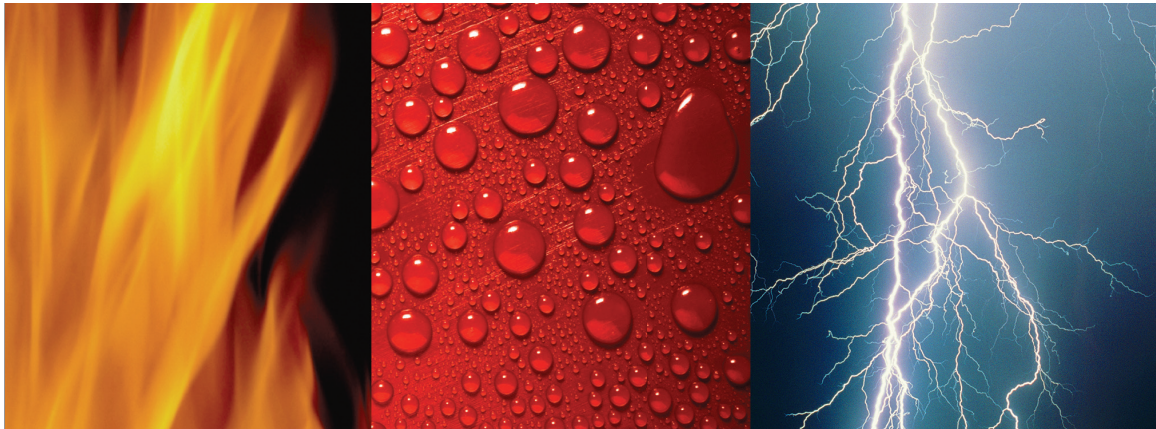
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Passover Love Letter

By: Rabbi Alon Ferency, Heska Amuna Synagogue

Even in the decade before Covid, people have been craving human connection. Now more than ever, social media and virtual interactions can't salve the foundational human need to know each other, personally, immediately, and face-to-face. The seder table is the altar upon which we forge new relationships and deepen older ones. It's a ritual that bridges generations, families and communities. I was supremely moved at Evan Sturm's funeral when his daughter-in-law Tamara beautifully shared how Evan had passed on the traditions and recipes of Passover.

In studies and surveys of American Jews and Jewish Israeli soldiers, the Passover seder was the single most observed Jewish ritual. It is the paradigm of Jewish table as a mishkan (Tabernacle and altar) – a place of shared celebration with family and friends. And the haggadah is a near-perfect curriculum for family learning that touches upon multiple intelligences and learning styles. Passover, with its food, customs and events, is also a touchstone of Jewish memory.

I still carry vivid memories of the sedarim (plural of seder) with my Bubbie and Zayde (my mother's parents) and Nanna and Poppi (my father's folks) at their houses and ours. The drive there in anticipation, a house transformed, tables brought into new spaces where we'd never otherwise eat. The smells of foods, and secret tastes stolen before the meal. The rushed haggadah reading, still with beautiful singing and precocious children showing off their growing reading skills. Special desserts made for grandchildren's wishes, then a cousin pretending to be Elijah. Spending the night or falling asleep in the car home as my parents reviewed the funny or even off-color things people had said at the table.

I carry special moments of a seder in Bat Ayin of the West Bank. Although my aunt was more frantic about the cleaning, my Chassidic uncle and cousins' seder was so much like our own. By then, I knew the prayers and more melodies, and actually drank all four cups of wine. Of course, that led to tipsy late-night shadowboxing at my other cousin's house down the road. At another seder in Los Angeles, an over-eager neighbor brought fresh cupcakes. Then, there have been so many special and meaningful times here in Knoxville. Small sedarim in our house and big ones at the Synagogue, where Marty and I planned great activities and games, or we shoe-horned too many people and too much to do into small classrooms and halls. I recall the great decorations that Bridge and Shannon did, and the haggadot we've made together. (I also recall "dropping the mic" after chad gadya to get a laugh from the table nearby.) It's all the sort of inside-jokes and memories that make things like camp and college so rich, too.

Let's create more special memories together.



A Terry and Jack Love family seder

From Mitzrayim to Matzah Balls

By: Rich Adlin, President of Heska Amuna Synagogue

Since I was a child, my two favorite holidays have been Thanksgiving and Passover. It had something to do with the seasons, and the food. Of course, the family gathered together after much preparation and fanfare. Thanksgiving has often been in New York City, which added to the excitement. I was also born on Thanksgiving so as a kid, that meant extra gifts. (Sometimes Chanukah overlapped or was close!) Nowadays I'm the Passover chef, but not so on Thanksgiving so that gives a slight preference to the latter holiday. Call me strange but I also like matzah, and in my opinion, matzah ball soup beats turkey.

Of course, there are inner gifts to these holidays. Thanksgiving helps to remind us to be grateful. Passover helps us experience both slavery and freedom—the ancient Hebrews and ours. In my go-to book for Jewish holidays, *The Jewish Way: Living the Holidays*, Irving "Yitz" Greenberg eloquently wrote that "slavery is merely an exaggerated version of the reality endured by most human beings." There are too many manifestations of cruelty in the world to list, as well as ways that we feel personally constrained and oppressed in our lives, including psychologically and spiritually. On this concept, a profound insight from the Zohar, a central text of Jewish mysticism, teaches that the literal translation of the Hebrew word for Egypt, *Mitzrayim*, means narrow straits or constrictions. On Passover then, we are literally tasting our ancestors' enslavement in Mitzrayim, as well as reflecting on our own personal Mitzrayim and those of others. No doubt many of us will be thinking of the Ukrainian people this year. The pandemic has been a collective Mitzrayim for most people around the world, from which we are hopefully beginning to emerge. Perhaps we will begin to feel the freedom from this Mitzrayim, which has oppressed us in so many ways, and find a semblance of what life was like before the pandemic. Simply gathering with others for a seder will feel liberating.

A different sort of freedom was the theme of the book of Shemot (Exodus) in the Torah. It was not only the account of finding freedom **from something**, but also freedom **to something**: The Hebrews were freed from slavery in Mitzrayim to be free to serve G-d and enter into a covenant. This is not the same kind of freedom proclaimed by those who defend their right to be able to simply do what they wish, free from any obstacle or constraint. This is more like a juvenile fantasy, or a Pharaoh whose heart is hardened to others. This individual wishes to assert his or her will in spite of its effect on others, or worse, to intentionally dominate them. In *The Ethics of Ambiguity*, the existential philosopher Simone De Beauvoir, also distinguishes different kinds of freedom. She reveals that those who are truly free see that their freedom would not be possible without others, and consequently use their freedom for the purpose of helping others to be free.

For this Passover, may we all find an exodus from our personal and collective Mitzrayim and seek ways to serve those who are in servitude. And of course—enjoy the matzah ball soup!



Anna Iroff, Irwin Iroff, Isha Iroff, Marty Iroff, Phillip Iroff, Alan Iroff, and Stella Iroff; about 1965

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HARS Happenings

By: Shush Carson, Dir. Family Religious Life

The Wednesday Limmud Learners just finished a unit on Brachot with Morah Rachael. They learned the Bracha "Recipe"...

Baruch Atta "Ado- Shem" Elokeinu Melech HaOlam...
Praised are you Lord our G-D, ruler of the Universe...

In the pictures below, the students were having a blast, inventing how to use their bodies to express each of the words in the Bracha Recipe!

The Limmud class continues to be a group of deep thinkers with caring hearts and a love for Jewish learning.



HARS Schedule for April

Limmud - Wednesday, April 6 & 27 with Morah Rachael for "Shalom Learning" and "Hebrew and Harmony"

Shabbat School - Saturday, April 2, 9, and 30
Gan K'Ton - at the AJCC on Sunday, April 10 from 11-noon

(Passover Break - April 11-23)

Gan K'Ton (Preschool) in the Park @ the AJCC

LEARN ABOUT Passover

April 10th, 11-noon

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Shalom Ya'Il



Rabbi Erin Boxt, Rabbi PJ Schwartz and a kindergarten class in Vitebsk



Rabbi Erin Boxt, Rabbi PJ Schwartz, Ilona Dlin and students from the Polotsk Jewish Community

By: Rabbi Erin Boxt

In April 2008, I traveled with forty classmates from Hebrew Union College in Jerusalem to the Former Soviet Union (FSU). Every Pesach, in partnership with the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee (JDC) and the World Union for Progressive Judaism (WUPJ), HUC students join with a translator and embark into a county and culture most of us had yet to experience. I traveled with classmate, Rabbi PJ Schwartz, to the cities of Minsk, Polotsk and Vitebsk in the country of Belarus. Our translator was named Ilona Dlin, and she traveled with us on bus, train, and automobile!

The mission of our trip was to provide meaningful Passover celebrations for thousands of underserved Jews in the region. While there had been an abundance of Jewish philanthropy and development in the FSU since the 1990s, there were, at the time, still only six progressive rabbis to serve over one hundred Jewish communities during Passover. Therefore, our student delegations traveled to more than twenty communities throughout Russia, Ukraine, and Belarus in order to lead Passover Seders, conduct educational programming, to create relationships with Jews of all ages, and to strengthen the Jewish identity of those diverse communities.

The most important lesson I learned while traveling in the FSU and visiting with these Jewish communities was how important we are for each other. There is so much history present in these small Jewish communities, and it is vital that we embrace each other. Their history is our history. So many of us in the West can trace our family trees back to the countries in the FSU – whether it be Ukraine, Belarus, or Russia. And these communities were so appreciative of our visits. They wanted to learn from us just as much as they wanted us to learn from them. The journey to and around Belarus was one of the most important trips/experiences of my life. Please take a look at the pictures I have included in this month's HaKol!

Chag Pesach Sameach!

Passover Memories

By: Kathy Young, President of Temple Beth El

I always have mixed feelings when Passover time rolls around each year. When I think of the times growing up in Chicago where most of my family lived, I have fond memories of the entire family (probably 30 or more of us, all ages) gathered at Aunt Margaret and Uncle Al's home. She was the matriarch of my mother's large family, and she kept a strictly Kosher home. The Haggadah was chanted in Hebrew, read so fast that none of us could possibly keep up. But the food was so delicious it was worth sitting through the entire seder just to enjoy this "stuffed to the gills" meal. Little by little, relatives moved out of town, including Aunt Margaret and Uncle Al, and the seders became a thing of the past, at least as they used to be. Yes, some of us gathered, but it just wasn't the same.

Then I moved and I had no immediate family in town anymore and it was very hard. The kids were young, and we really did not know anyone. We then moved to Cincinnati and in a few years there, my dad passed away. Years later, 2009, I moved to Knoxville shortly after my husband passed away. Here I was warmly greeted by the members of Temple Beth El, some of whom I already knew from previous Sisterhood Regional events. Life changed for me personally. My daughter and son were still hours away by car, but here I found a warm and friendly place to enjoy the Holiday. Fast forward many years and Tammy moved from Alabama to Knoxville and family was here. So, seders changed yet again and I hosted them for anyone who did not have a place to go. It was different from year to year which made it more interesting.

I hope you all have a place to go this Pesach. If not, you can always join me and my family.

Passover From the Past

By: Larry Markel

Passover is a great opportunity to invite friends over for storytelling and dinner. It is a pleasure to open your door – for neighbors as well as for anyone looking for a Seder. We can relax (after all, it is required!) and, along with partaking of the seder foods (is it the three pieces of matzah or the four glasses of wine?), we happily celebrate our long-ago journey to a better land and a better life. I hope this photo of a seder from several years ago, presages community seders soon to come, when our modern plague of COVID is over and we will gather freely again.



*Brownie & Sam Rayman
Credit: Chip & Brenda Rayman*



*Friends for seder
Credit: Larry Markel*

TEMPLE BETH EL

Hands On, Hearts On, Minds On Learning



Confirmation Class 2019 leads the service with Rabbi Bort

By: Norma James, Temple Beth El Religious School Director

As the weather warms, my mind turns to my favorite Jewish holiday, Passover. Even though I know the Passover story and the readings by heart, I never tire of hearing them. There is so much to love about this holiday, the songs, the prayers, the food, the friends and family, and above all the Passover story. I confess that I even love matzah! This year my family will be around the same table at last! Since we have been Zooming Passover Seder with all my sisters and their families across the country, I can only imagine we will want to do that again in some form or fashion. This has been one of the upsides of the Pandemic. I have gotten to see everyone from everywhere at Passover. What a blessing for all our community this year that we can increase the numbers of guests at the table, as it is meant to be. Join TBERS, HARS, KJDS, PJ Library, and KJA for a huge family celebration of Israel at the AJCC on Sunday, April 3rd from 9:30-12:00. This is going to be a total blast with a variety of activities for families to choose from. There will be special activities just for the older students, seventh grade and up. We plan to be outside but will have a plan if it rains. Our planning committee under the leadership of Anna Iroff-Bailey has created this community event for all the children in our community and their families. Look for more information in this HaKol issue.

Rachael Feinbaum will be called to the Torah Saturday, April 9th. Rachael has had a long journey to this day. She was caught right in the middle of Covid and had to

change her date more than once. All her perseverance will pay off as she leads the morning Shabbat service, chants from the Torah, and delivers her D'var. Rachael is the daughter of Ron and Melissa Feinbaum and follows her mother and a host of her relatives past and present in becoming Bat Mitzvah in the Temple Beth El sanctuary. Rachael is an eighth grader at Webb School. She enjoys tennis, art, and horse vaulting. She can explain what the sport of horse vaulting is. Please join the Feinbaum family in person or remotely as they celebrate Rachael's big day.

On Sunday, April 10th, our Religious School will have an outdoor mock Seder so that we can all be present in a safe environment. Last year was about as much fun as we could do on Zoom, but there is nothing like being together and having our Rabbi and Confirmation class lead our Seder. We will need some parent volunteers to help as usual. We have all missed this tradition that goes back to when I was a young student at TBE and probably longer! I cannot wait!

Passover Break for Religious School and Midweek Hebrew is Sunday, April 17th and Wednesday, April 20th.



Karl James & Milo Metzger at the 2019 TBERS Passover Seder



Parents are wonderful Seder helpers every year! Seder 2019



Rabbi Boxt enjoys leading our student Seder 2019

Rachael Feinbaum



Rachael Feinbaum will be called to the Bimah on April 9th for her Bat Mitzvah. Rachael is an 8th Grader at Webb School of Knoxville. Her favorite subjects are social studies, art and enjoys keeping up with current trends and news, She's also a member of the Webb Varsity Tennis team. Outside of school, she's a member of Two-Step Revolution horse vaulting team. In her spare time, she enjoys reading, music, collecting and propagating plants, and Face Timing with her friends from Bluestar Camp.

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Supporting Ukraine



A group of TBE-ers gathered on Sunday, February 27, to support Ukraine by participating in "Borscht for Ukraine," a fundraiser hosted by Potchke Deli. (By the way, the borscht was delicious!)

By: On behalf of TBE's Social Justice Committee

We know that many TBE-ers are anxious to do what they can to support Ukraine during this current crisis, and beyond. Several media outlets have posted lists of charities to which you could donate. There are some overlaps, but each of them has some that are only on their site. Here are the links:

- <https://time.com/6151353/how-to-help-ukraine-people/>
- <https://www.cnn.com/specials/impact-your-world>
- <https://www.npr.org/2022/02/25/1082992947/ukraine-support-help>
- <https://www.yahoo.com/news/5-verified-charities-working-help-185109710.html>

In addition, here are specific sites that may interest you:

- <https://urj.org/blog/appeal-aid-jewish-communities-ukraine> (World Union for Progressive Judaism)
- https://www.pah.org.pl/?enable_cookies=all&fbclid=IwAR3Y2JG6KClNwoUfgJctwZx131ajcDUFUUh8_wq0-y9av59MtcaQ10Isn4o

We know that many of us have grown wary of donating to charities, concerned with where their money is actually going. Here are some links you might use to "check out" any charities you're considering donating to:

- <https://www.charitynavigator.org/>
- <https://www.guidestar.org/>
- <https://www.charitywatch.org/>
- <https://www.consumer.ftc.gov/articles/before-giving-to-charity>

We will work to continue keeping you informed as other opportunities arise.

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Wishing You a Meaningful Passover and a Season of Renewal

By: Bryan Goldberg, KJA President

The month of April helps usher in so much of what we all love about living in East Tennessee. It is always a time in my house where a renewed approach to our allergy medication seems to have started not soon enough. The rush and desire to spend more of our time outdoors is visceral. Our first mowing of the season is typically highlighted through the pungent smell of fresh cut wild onions, our cars get freshly painted with varying shades of yellows and our attire can't figure out if it's July or January.

April...God's reminder that life is a mixture of joy and grief, excitement and frustration, renewal and revisiting.

As we gather together to celebrate the stories and traditions of Passover, I encourage you to ponder these four questions:

1. Who can I invite to my Seder table for the first time this year and who can no longer attend?
2. What exciting news can I share with my friends and what hardships have I struggled through this past year?
3. What new tradition can I add to the life of my Seder and what tradition can I reintroduce to bless the memories of those past?
4. Should I be taking Zyrtec or Claritin?

To truly enjoy this season and the renewal of all the life around us, we must find time within ourselves to reflect on the past (both the good and the bad). I believe if one can find this balance, we are closer to living the lessons of the Passover, not just reciting them.



A Pre-Seder Checklist from PJ Library

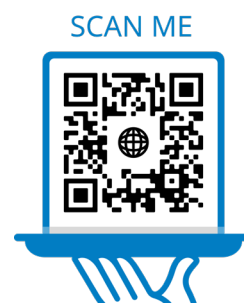
By: Anna Iroff-Bailey, KJA Director of Jewish Life

Are you ready for your family Passover seder? Are you sure?? Here's a quick checklist from PJ Library to help make sure you have everything you need for a family-friendly seder.

1. Wine – and grape juice for the kids. Don't forget, you need four cups per person during the seder.
2. Seder Plate – modern, heirloom, or DIY. Seder plates can be beautiful and decorative, but the purpose is to help teach about the important seder items. You'll also need a green herb like parsley, roasted shank bone (or beet if you're vegetarian), horseradish, charoset, bitter vegetables, roasted egg, and salt water.
3. Matzah – “lotsa” matzah! This flat, unleavened bread is a core Passover food. You'll need a plate or cover to wrap three pieces of matzah for the seder.
4. Afikomen bag – a special pouch for the dessert matzah called the afikomen. The afikomen is hidden and a fun game for the kids!
5. Prizes! A reward for whomever finds the afikomen – small toys, cash, gift card, a new book, even a donation to a favorite charity.
6. Cushions. On Passover, we recline to eat as a symbol of our freedom. Borrow the couch cushions or make your own from old t-shirts!
7. Elijah's Cup & Miriam's Cup. These special guests have their own cups to welcome them to our seder. Head to the dollar store and let the kids decorate a glass for these important people!
8. Delicious Meal! No Jewish holiday would be complete without a bellyful of yummy treats. Ashkenazi traditions include matzah ball soup and brisket, while Sephardic menus often include leeks, fish, and apyo (a Turkish celery root and carrot dish).
9. Haggadah –your seder guide including blessings, songs, and text study. PJ Library has an illustrated Family Haggadah with both interactive and printable versions. There's even a 15-minute seder for the youngest kids, or those with impatient tummies!



Scan here for some family-friendly Haggadah options – including a downloadable version and a “2 Minute Seder”



Check out this article for charoset recipes from around the world to spice up your seder menu!



Heska Amuna Religious School 1901 (Courtesy of Knoxville Jewish Archives)



M Licht's Bottling Works (Courtesy of Knoxville Jewish Archives)

What's in the KJA Archives?

By: Nicki Russler, KJA Archivist

Back in 2011, the Archives began a series of articles under the rubric, "What's in the KJA Archives?". This article, an updated version of the first article, outlines some of the items in the Archives and previews articles to come in future issues.

There are lots of answers to this question...some bring smiles, some bring tugs of memory...and some add to our permanent knowledge of who we are, what we are...and what we were. Here is an overview of some of the most important categories.

- 1. A nearly complete record of our "Jewish Community" history as written in JCC newsletters.** Beginning more than 75 years ago with *The Center Menorah*, continuing through *The Voice*, *Ha'Kol*, and its current name *HaKOL*, careful collecting by the AJCC staff has given us access to a written record of dates, names, and events. Work is underway to place all the issues online. More about this in future articles.
- 2. Oral History Project.** Interviews with "elders," leaders and other members of the community with special interest in Knoxville Jewish life. Audio-taped interviews began in 1983 and became video interviews in the first decade of the 21st century. We presently have over 50 interviews ranging from Jake Corkland and Mary Lippner to the Schwarzbarts, Monte Millen, Arnold Cohen, and Gilya Schmidt. We also have audiotapes of the interviews Wendy Lowe Besmann conducted in her research for her seminal work on Knoxville Jewry, *A Separate Circle*.
- 3. Records of Jewish Institutions and Organizations in Knoxville and East Tennessee.** Incomplete but fascinating documents, minutes, newsletters and events of Heska Amuna Synagogue, Temple Beth El, Hadassah, BBYO, AJCC, Knoxville Jewish Day School, Johnson City and Oak Ridge organizations, etc. etc.
- 4. Photograph Collection.** Photos of individuals, organizations, businesses, events and anything related to the Knoxville Jewish community occupy an important place in the archives.
- 5. Biographical Collection.** Individual files collected by the archives committee and other community members on people and families in the community, including news clippings, B'nai Mitzvah programs, wedding announcements and funeral announcements. Members of the community who have appeared in the newspaper probably have a biographical file.
- 6. Cemetery Records.** The archives has records and photographs of most of those buried in the Knoxville Jewish cemeteries, the Oak Ridge Jewish cemetery, and the Middlesboro, Kentucky Jewish cemetery. Work is ongoing to compile and create databases which will be searchable online and at the Archives.

Be sure to read more regarding these subjects (and others) about the Jewish Community Archives of Knoxville and East Tennessee in articles to follow in *HaKOL*.



By: Jasmine Hubara & Benny Winkelmann, P2G Fellows

We end each Passover Seder with the words, "Next year in Jerusalem". For the past 5 months the P2G Partnership has had two US Fellows in Israel. Here is part of their story.

The last five months that we've been in Israel, we've been able to accomplish so much. We have been working with our students in the schools, teaching about our experiences as American Jews and helping them with their English, and taking part in some amazing community events, from a Sigd Festival in October to celebrate the Ethiopian Jewish holiday to celebrating Tu B'Shvat with our students and planting trees at our schools. And at the end of the year, Benny became a local rockstar by playing the drums at the high school's end of the year arts performance.

We've also met so many people- from families in Pardes Hana to leaders in the community and everything in between. Last month we had a meeting with the head of the local municipality, Hagar Perry Yagur, where we got to present our work in the city and spread awareness of why we came to Israel. Over Hannukah in December, we had the privilege to meet a 103-year-old Israeli man who emigrated here from Romania. He and Benny spoke Yiddish together, and, along with the teachers from one of the schools we work at, we all sang Hannukah songs with him and brought the celebration to him.

As for our American friends, we've been hard at work creating programs that bridge us together across the ocean. Nashim, Jasmine's Rosh Chodesh women's group, had an awesome first meeting on January 30, where we had over fifty women from the Southeastern US, Prague, and Israel come together to learn and connect over the theme of Jewish women's leadership. We had a Red Sofa event on February 13, where we teamed up with Neil Lazarus to discuss antisemitism.

We truly feel the impact that we are making here in the Hadera - Eiron Region. The teachers at our schools tell us every week about how thankful they are that we have come to their school, and our students are so excited to come to our classes. In the community, we feel that we are making lasting connections with the families we get to know- we truly feel at home with them. Even in all of Israel, we feel like we are making a difference- we just had an article written about us in YNET, a major Israeli publication, so now everyone in the country can get to know us and see the amazing opportunity that we have had in coming to Israel.

This is only a small overview of all the incredible things we have done and get to do in the Region. We are looking forward to what the second half of our year in Israel has in store for us!

This article was written by Jasmine Hubara (Charleston, South Carolina) and Benny Winkelmann (Richmond, Virginia). They are the P2G Fellows for the current year.



Jasmine Hebara and Benny Winkelmann in front of the Pardes Hanna-Karkur Local Council building

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Feeling the Joy throughout Adar



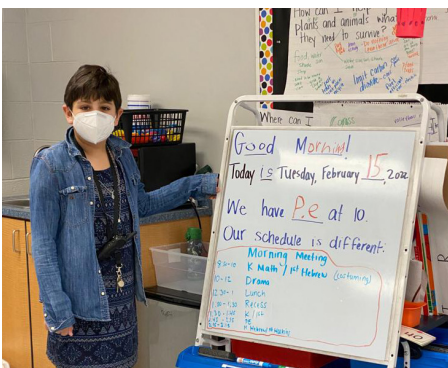
By: Anna McDonald, Director of Admissions

The Talmud tells us that “when the month of Adar arrives, we increase in joy,” which is right up our alley here at KJDS! Throughout the Hebrew month of Adar, we were excited to add in extra fun days to celebrate- from Wacky Hair Day to Dress like a Teacher Day, to Twos-Day (2/22/22). The students and staff had a blast dressing up, being silly, and coming together as the joyous community we are proud to be!

*Ms. Jessica and Rochel Wilhelm show off their wacky hair styles
Credit: Louis Lindsay*



Dylan Smocilac's kippah delicately balances on his spiky hair on wacky hair day Credit: Miriam Esther Wilhelm



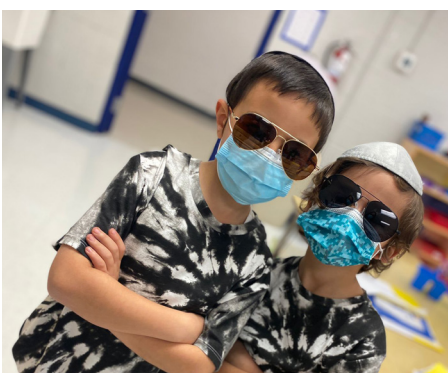
Daniel Maman dressed like kindergarten teacher, Mrs. Lusk, for Dress Like a Teacher Day, and even led their morning meeting! Credit: Katie Lusk



David Ben-Ishai dressed like Coach Chris during PE Credit: Louise Lindsay



Zahava Ortiz celebrated Twos-Day with a fun custom t-shirt! Credit: Brooke Haskins



Micah McClain and Levi Wilhelm dressed as super cool twins in tie-dye Credit: Miriam Esther Wilhelm



4th and 5th grade moms gave a super fun performance of "Fame" during the school cast party Credit: Louis Lindsay



K/1 students performed their opening song and dance as the animal ensemble Credit: Lev Gross-Comstock

Behind the Scenes of Dr. DoLittle

On February 20th, our students wowed a captivated audience with their presentation of Dr. DoLittle JR. The singing was beautiful, the choreography in sync, and the acting had the audience laughing, clapping, and in tears throughout the show. We are so proud of our students for their performance.

What the audience may not realize is the world of theater that takes place behind the scenes. The K/1 students demonstrated self-control and teamwork as they waited silently on the stage for the curtain to open, made transitions in the wings, and moved some of our set pieces. They did all of this with calm, focus, and responsibility. The 2nd and 3rd graders supported each other while in the green room sharing activities, looking out for each other, and encouraging each other. This group also had some very quick costume changes and they learned to change independently and keep up with all the parts of all of their costumes. The 4th and 5th grade students were in the wings or on stage throughout the entire performance. They supported their peers with high fives and thumbs ups as they entered and exited the stage. They made all of the show's set changes, were responsible for the props, and assisted each other and younger students in costume changes. Their double work as both performers and stage crew made Dr. Dolittle possible. There is an entire unseen world backstage that supports a show's success, and part of the magic of the KJDS theater experience is having students learn that world too. There is nothing more empowering to a young, nervous, first-time performer than empathy and encouragement from an older student. Our older students, who are veteran performers, encouraged, supported, and empowered the younger students throughout the show.

The students' responsibility and forward thinking was evident when at intermission 4th grader, Avi Finley, realized an important prop for Act 2, the steering wheel, was missing. He sprung right into action. Behind the curtains he rallied a team to calmly look for the steering wheel. While one group went around looking for the missing prop, another group of students came up with a plan B. They repurposed the wheel of Sophie the Seal's wheelchair from Act 1 to be available should the steering wheel not be found. The responsibility, problem solving mindset and teamwork shown is another gift the "behind the stage" world of theater gives our kids.



Daniel Maman starred as Dr. DoLittle Credit: Lev Gross-Comstock



The circus scene brought lots of laughs Credit: Lev Gross-Comstock



Chanie Wilhelm, Michelle Ben-Ishai, and Emily Guigui wait in the wings Credit: Lev Gross-Comstock



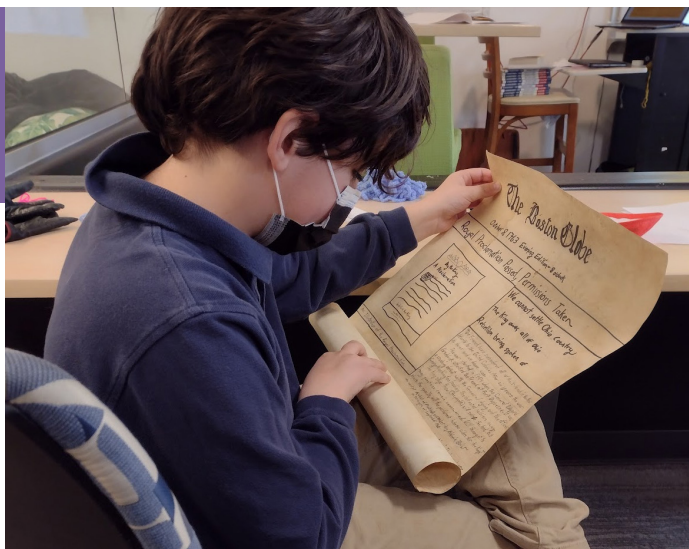
Eli Ferency and Idan Blitt, Assistant Director, were essential in helping out backstage Credit: Louise Lindsay

Revolution Comes to Life!

By: Susan Ehrenclou, 4th and 5th Grade Teacher

Fourth and fifth graders have been studying the events that led American colonists to declare independence from Great Britain. After a day of unfair taxation in class, during which students had to pay taxes for pencils and other essentials and ended up revolting (perfect!), each student was ready to become an expert on one of 13 events spanning from the beginning of the French and Indian War in 1754 to Sybil Ludington's Ride in 1777. Students dug into informational text and created newspaper front pages written as if they were from colonial times: the newspapers had a lead article, a name and headline, and key illustrations and captions about their event. Then, each day for about a week, the newspaper authors presented their work and the rest of the class rotated through stations to learn about the events from their classmates' writing. Our goal was to understand each event's 5Ws (who, what, when, and where of each event, and especially the "why," as we talked about why it mattered to increasingly disgruntled colonists). Finally, students used their packets and the newspaper front pages--displayed like a timeline in the classroom--to synthesize the factors that led up to the Revolution in a formal PEA (Point, Evidence, Analysis) paragraph.

Alongside our nonfiction text reading and writing, our class has been reading four different Revolutionary War novels to dive deeply into stories about boys and girls from that time period. They are re-designing book covers with engaging front illustrations and back summaries that draw a reader in and link the action to the history of the Revolutionary time period. We're finishing up this unit by doing a Readers' Theater presentation acting out excerpts from the actual Declaration of Independence. This will give us a good base to tackle ideas about freedom and liberty (what does it mean? for whom? what responsibilities come with being free?) and drafting a class Constitution based on our ideals.



Students worked hard on creating their newspaper fronts
Credit: Susan Ehrenclou

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Meet the Ullman Family



By: Anne Marie Ullman

Hi! We are the Ullman's- Andrew, Anne Marie, Aoife (7) and Ailis (4). We were first introduced to the Knoxville Jewish Community when I was searching for hamantaschen last Purim. Having recently moved from San Francisco, I didn't know where I could find any in our new city. Anna McDonald, Aoife's amazing kindergarten teacher, put me in touch with Miriam Esther who kindly arranged for us to come by the Chabad and pick up a basket. Miriam Esther answered the door surrounded by happy children in costume. She was so welcoming and really made me feel at home in Knoxville.

That summer at the AJCC pool, we found out what a strong Jewish community Knoxville has, and how revered Miriam Esther is in the community. We heard great things about KJDS over the summer and learned that Anna would be sending her child there for 1st grade. We had Aoife all signed up to attend a public elementary school, and were pretty committed to public schools, but I talked to Anna about KJDS and was impressed with her description of the school and its commitment to respecting child development and researching different teaching and learning techniques.

We went ahead sending Aoife to public, but after a tumultuous first month working with other parents to communicate with district leadership, we decided to apply to KJDS, and we are so happy we did! Aoife was welcomed with open arms into a strong community, which is steeped in fostering academic excellence and social development. The impressive leadership team keeps up to date on research, is willing to evolve, and makes decisions based on best practice. Importantly, Aoife is learning to appreciate and express her Jewish heritage.

As Aoife enthusiastically performed the story of Purim for us last night with puppets she made at school, I reflected on how lucky we are that a year ago we were introduced to Miriam Esther and the Chabad via hamantaschen. We are so grateful and happy to be a part of this school community.

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Knoxville Jewish Community Family of Funds

By: *Stephen Rosen, KJCFF President*

KJCFF is the Jewish Community's Hedge Against Inflation

For those of you who are under the age of 40, inflation means the increase in prices of goods and services. If you didn't know that, it's because it really hasn't been around since you were downstairs at the AJCC preschool. Though it is not KJCFF's job to explain inflation, it is our job to be prepared for it because over time it can erode the impact of our endowments. We invest our funds for the long-term through our partners at East Tennessee Foundation. Over the last 20+ years, this relationship has produced a return of over 7% annually. However, KJCFF has a policy of spending around 4.5%, plus or minus. This small, positive spread between return and spending acts as a savings vehicle that allows our funds to grow slowly while our community benefits from grants. With prudent investment and spending management, even after inflation, we are able to have our cake and eat it too.

If you would like to help bake the cake, contact Laura or Stephen

Fund of the Month: Dolly and Theodore Reback Fund (we re-run this story in hopes of this summer being a travel opportunity for our youth)

Dolly and Ted were long-time Knoxvilleans and both were presidents of the AJCC. Ted was an advisor to Winick AZA for decades and was known and revered on the international level of the organization. After their passing, former AZA member Mark Bernstein initiated a drive to start a fund in their honor. With support from the Reback children and other BBYO alumni and friends, the fund has grown to over \$50,000. The Reback Fund supports Knoxville Jewish teens' attendance at BBYO leadership training programs. In recent years, it has also supported the programming efforts of Cotton States Region BBYO.

For more information on applying for a Reback Fund grant, please contact Stephen or Laura.

Knoxville Needs a Fund for Emergency Overseas Funding

The crisis in Ukraine reminds us that problems in the Jewish world are not on a calendar in your iPhone or Microsoft Outlook. They pop up and require an immediate response. There was a time that the Knoxville Jewish Federation budgeted an annual commitment to an emergency fund that could be tapped to respond to a situation like Ukraine. The fund is long gone but our responsibility to Klal Yisrael continues. We have GREAT partners in the American Joint Distribution Committee and Jewish Agency for Israel that know how to raise money and solve problems on the ground immediately. Ukraine is an example of a place where JDC literally knows where most Jews live and how to communicate with them. What if we had a permanent pool of money available to respond quickly and thoughtfully on behalf of our community?

If you have interest in endowing a fund for emergencies in the greater Jewish world, contact Stephen or Laura

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Laying Tefillin in the airport on the way to NY.

Words and Photos By: Knoxville Teen Participants

9 Knoxville teens had the incredible opportunity to join participate in the International Cteen Shabbaton in NYC, Joining 2,500 Jewish teens from around the world. Through their reflections and the pictures below we hope some of the electric energy and Jewish pride will spread through Knoxville.

"I had such a great time at the New York Shabbaton. Meeting people from all over the world. All of us coming together celebrating our Judaism and spending Shabbat together. It is such an amazing experience I can't wait for 2023."- EF

"I loved meeting the Crown Heights community and being part of a group of so many Jewish kids was crazy! I can't wait until next year...If you are a teen in Knoxville you should come to Shabbaton. You will feel right at home, it's like you just have a huge family." - AH

"I always find myself drifting away from my Judaism, but every time I go to the Shabbaton I find my connection again!" - EF

"Time Square is a definite highlight and spending time with so many other Jewish teens and connecting is a great experience." - SB

"I enjoyed going to Shul and writing letters at the Rebbe's Ohel as well as the concert Saturday Night. The energy was incredible! Overall, that was one of the best weekends of my life." - JA

"My experience at the shabbaton was amazing. I got to meet so many new people, and I left feeling strongly connected to my Judaism. One of my favorite things we did was when we went to Times Square, because I got to celebrate my Judaism with other teens. That night, I felt so proud to be Jewish. Cteen Shabbaton is an experience of a lifetime, and a great way to connect with Jewish teens from all over the world. - HM



Boys and Rabbi Yossi take a picture under the “wherever. Whenever” balloon.



Enjoying time in Manhattan before heading to Brooklyn for Shabbat.



In the subway heading to Havdallah and concert in Times Square.



Meeting new friends and getting ready for the Pre-Shabbat concert which kicks off 36 hours of Jewish pride with lots of singing and dancing.



Posing for picture at the Time Square Takeover



Pizza in Manhattan post-concert.



Singing hineh mah tov with 2,500 Jewish teens was surreal.



Incredible Energy at the NY Shabbaton

Supporting Ukraine

"We've all seen pictures of refugees fleeing for their lives with just the clothing on their back." Rabbi Shloime Wilhelm told Rabbi Yossi in a conversation last week, "Never would I have imagined that I would be one of those refugees".

When Rabbi Shloime and Estee Wilhelm moved to Zhitomer just in time for the High Holidays in 1994 with a three-month old baby. Zhitomer boasted a Jewish population double the size of Knoxville's but totally disconnected from their Judaism. After years of communism the Jews had lost touch. One soul at time with determination and love they revived the Jewish community of Zhitomer. Under their leadership the Zhitomer Jewish Community has between 10-12,000 Jewish. As of February 23rd, 2022 the Wilhelms were running a synagogue, soup kitchen, girls school, girls college, Kosher restaurant, and orphanage, boys Cheder and a bed and breakfast for travelers. All of that came to a screeching halt on February, 24th 2022 when Russia invaded Ukraine. Instead of planning Purim parties and giving Torah Classes Rabbi Shloime and Estee were planning evacuations and supplying necessities for as many of Zhitomer's residents including the 84 children under their care in the Alumim Orphanage. From Israel they will be working to resettle the refugees while simultaneously caring for the community left behind in Zhitomer. The story of the Zhitomer Jewish Community is just one of the many Jewish communities impacted by the current war. To support the Zhitomer community, please visit www.helpjewishzhitomer.com.



Estee and kids on bus: On February 27th Estee, her three younger children, and busloads of community members left Zhitomer for safety.



Goodbye: Rabbi Shloime Wilhelm's heartfelt goodbye to some of his community members as they pray together one last time before he leaves.



Shloime with Torah: After saving hundreds, ensuring insuring their safe evacuation, On March 3rd, Rabbi Wilhelm crossed the border to Romania gripping tightly to his Shul's Sefer Torah.



Welcoming the refugees: Chabad of Cluj-Napoca hosted the Zhitomer refugees caring for providing food, shelter and love. A non jewish community member brought by suitcases for the refugees to pack for their trip to Israel.



Wreckage: Wreckage 300 meters from the Chabad Synagogue in Zhitomir where a bomb fell overnight.



Welcome to Israel: On Sunday, March 14, Rabbi Shloime, Estee the children and staff of the Alumim orphanage landed in Israel and were welcomed by family, friends and government officials including PM Bennet.

Why Is This Column Different From All Other Columns?

By: Cantor Jacqueline Marx, JCOR Interim Spiritual Leader



Chametz: potentially puffy food consisting of BROWS (Barley, Rye, Oats, Wheat, or Spelt) which Jews aspire to purge from our homes, businesses, and our very lives during the festival of Passover. We may not ingest chametz; we may not allow it to be in our residences, and we may not profit from chametz, so we have to let it go. Some people buy out the “kosher for Passover” aisles in Kroger, Publix, and Trader Joe’s. Others simply stick to non-processed groceries from the outer aisles: fruit, vegetables, nuts, seeds, meat, fish. How is this freedom? We can either obsess on what we think we’re missing, or we can focus on letting go of what we do not need. Can we model the rest of our choices on our dietary boundaries? In what ways might we benefit from letting go of chametz that is non-edible?

We could let go of the voice in our heads that tells us we’re not enough of this or too much of that. Voice, you’re fired.

We could let go of the desire to criticize others, or to have that last inflammatory word-dig during conflict resolutions with friends and family.

We could let go of the impulse to buy that extra “want” we really don’t need, and instead give tzedakah with the money we would have spent.

We could let go of the fear of moving forward: Write that book. Earn that degree. Apply for that job. Fall in love. Start that business, or that non-profit organization. Take that class. Or teach the class, for that matter. You don’t need a profound reason.

We could let go of the need to add to the list, because isn’t life stressful enough? We don’t need to let go of everything; let just one burden go this season. Imagine how much lighter we feel when we let go of even one thing that is full of hot air. Now, that’s freedom.

From my family to yours: please have a sweet, healthy, kosher, lighter Pesach.

Chag Same’ach l’Pesach.

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President's Message

By: Harriet Glasman, President of Hadassah of Knoxville-Oak Ridge

It is an honor to serve as the new president of Knoxville-Oak Ridge Hadassah. As a lifelong member of Hadassah, it is important for me to know that I am helping to contribute to the peace and prosperity of Israel. I am immensely proud of the amazing advancements made by Israelis in the fields of science, medicine, healthcare, and especially of the time and generosity members of Hadassah around the world happily give for the continued strength of the Jewish state.

With over 300,000 members around the world Hadassah has left its mark. As a Women's Zionist Organization in America, Hadassah believes in building a world where our Jewish values in action create strong community and an enduring Israel. That's why our entire focus is on connecting and empowering Jewish women to effect change. As an ever-growing community of change 110 years strong, Hadassah's empowerment has prepared and encouraged me to rise into this newest role.

If you are currently a member thank you for your continued support and devotion to Hadassah's many worthy causes. If not, I encourage you to join this empowering organization. Connect with our Book Club or our many energizing and educational programs to learn how we are...Hadassah; the Power of Women Who Do!

The Bundts are Back on May 15th!

By: Nora Messing, Hadassah of Knoxville-Oak Ridge

Despite all the challenges the pandemic presented last May, Hadassah Knoxville Oak Ridge had an incredibly successful Bundt cake sale. And by popular demand, we are thrilled to announce that the BUNDTs are BACK! Mark your calendars and set those reminders because SUNDAY, MAY 15th is when these delicious circles of love will be available for purchase.

But did you know that these delightful baked beauties have a long history with Hadassah? Our panned affliction began in 1950 when women in the Minneapolis Hadassah chapter approached H. David Dalquist, a metallurgic expert, to recreate the traditional kugelhopf, a dense, ring-shaped cake made in Eastern Europe. With their request in hand, Dalquist invented the aluminum Bundt pan you can find in nearly every American kitchen today. He entitled his invention 'Bundt' from the German word "bund" which means 'gathering of people'. Dalquist's company, Nordic Ware, had great success with the Bundt pans particularly in 1966 when the 2nd place winner of the Pillsbury Bake-Off was...you guessed it, a Bundt cake.

You can partake in this lengthy but delicious history on MAY 15th because Hadassah and Bundt cakes are truly a match made in.... Hadassah history. This year, Nora Messing and Robin Brown have honored us by continuing to chair this special event. Make sure to stop by and thank them for carrying on this Hadassah tradition. A huge thank you to everyone who volunteered their time and impressive baking skills to make these amazing Bundt cakes! There will be two sizes available for purchase: large and minis. Let's 'gather' and load up the Bundt on MAY 15th!



New Release!

Volume 76: 2022 Hadassah Knoxville-Oak Ridge Chapter Membership Directory, Shopping Guide and Datebook



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April Book Club News

By: Barbara Mintz, Hadassah of Knoxville-Oak Ridge

We welcome you to participate in our next Hadassah Book Club meeting. On April 19 we will be discussing *The Winemaker's Wife* by Kristin Harmel. We will be using a zoom only format for this book club meeting and we will start at 7:30p.m.

The Winemaker's Wife by Kristin Harmel

Champagne, 1940: Inès has just married Michel, the owner of a storied champagne house when the Germans invade. As the danger mounts, Michel turns his back on his marriage to begin hiding munitions for the Résistance. Inès fears they'll be exposed, but for Céline, the French-Jewish wife of the vineyard's chef de cave, the risk is even greater—rumors abound of Jews being shipped east to an unspeakable fate. When Céline recklessly follows her heart in one desperate bid for happiness, and Inès makes a dangerous mistake with a Nazi collaborator, they risk the lives of those they love and the vineyard that ties them together.

New York, 2019: Recently divorced, Liv Kent is at rock bottom when her feisty, eccentric French grandmother shows up

unannounced and insists on a trip to France. The older woman has an ulterior motive and a tragic, decades-old story to share. When past and present finally collide, Liv finds herself on a road to salvation that leads right to the caves of the famous vineyard.

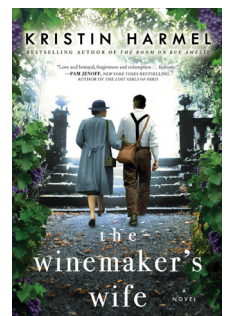
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Here is a list of future book selections:

May 17:
Beautiful Country by Qian Julie Wang

June 21:
The Night Watchman by Louis Endrick

July 19:
The Stranger in the Woods
by Michael Finkel



Yahrzeits



Temple Beth El

April 1

Gordon Brown • Shmulik Dragif •
Stuart Bowen Elston • Irwin Freedman •
Roza Galinskaya • Peter P. Holz •
Nannette Hope Hyatt • Edith Ivins •
Alvin Kirsner • Sarah Hannah Licht •
Lillian Richer • Jack Rosenberg •
Stanley Vogelfang

April 8

Pearl Ades • Harry Karl Blatt • Sam Chandler •
Jessica Cutler • Sesto Del Moro •
Karina Danielle Dunn • David Fleischman • Sarah
Goldfarb • Morris Goodfriend •
Charlotte Kayser • Arthur Pais •
Marley Silverstein Rogers • Dr. Morris Siegel •
Gladys Steinberg • Simon Sunshine •
Sydney Tessler

April 15

Samuel Arbital • Irene Blatt • Rosa Deitch •
Marjorie Evans • Blanche Farmer • Dinah
Feldman • Michael J. Fox • Freida Freedman •
Walter McCoy James • Julian Lewis •
Golda Margolies • Rebecca Mendelowitz •
Mrs. Jean Hiller Millis • Evelyn Dresner Nash •
Lucien Oury • Donald Pardee • Dorothy Salus •
Allen Scheff • Tillie Slovis • Mildred Wohl

April 22

Infant Altshuler • Samuel Haber Brody • William
Derrington • Harvey Golden •
Mayme Goodfriend • Richard Johnson • Sidney
Katz • Rita Kelleher • Arthur Marchand •
Joan B. Porter • Louis Sackron • Louis H. Sturm

April 29

Rae Allen • David M. Baker •
Gregg Arthur Bissom • Ruth Block •
Mr. Robert Brody • John Martin Elston •
Sylvain RC Fribourg • Seymour Gassel •
Trena Goldberg • Bessie Green • Allen Kravitz •
Henry Leitson • Joseph Levitt, Sr. •
Bertram Raskin • Naum Safro • Mark Ian Simon

Heska Amuna Synagogue

April 2

Peggy Ades • Barbara Balloff Heilman •
Michael Belaief • Mickey Billig • Abe Emelfarb •
Israel Farkas • Isadore Finkelstein •
Martin Ginsburg • Charles Goldstein •
Minnie Isaacs • Golda Margolies •
Mary Ruth Martindale • Rebecca Mendelowitz •
Esther Panitz • Hinda Schwartz • Bessie Silverman •
Louis Sturm • Don Wittenberg

April 9

Julius Binder • Molly Chazen • Israel Cohen •
Pearl Collins • Celia Danenberg • Dale Hasden •
Esther Kimerling • David Krauss • David Nathan •
Jack Rosenberg • Gertrude Roth • Miles Siegel •
Lillian Weinbren • Isadore Wender

April 16

Luna Anidjar • Rose Belaief • Sylvia Blumenthal •
Harry Brietstein • Samuel Brody • Harry Cohen •
William Cramer • Bessie Green • Arthur Hahn •
David Hecht • Arthur Jay • Gustav Levi •
Samuel Levy • Yetta Licht • Ronald Rosenblatt •
Yetta Rosenfield • Pesach Slabosky •
Norbert Slovis • Phillip Slusher • Don Wittenberg

April 23

Lawrence Abrams • Peggy Ades •
Barbara Balloff Heilman • Michael Belaief •
Mickey Billig • Bennie Deitch • Abe Emelfarb •
Israel Farkas • Isadore Finkelstein •
Martin Ginsburg • Charles Goldstein •
Minnie Isaacs • Bernard Landis •
Golda Margolies • Mary Ruth Martindale •
Nathan Millen • I.W. Millen • Esther Panitz •
Jacob Sandweiss • Hinda Schwartz •
Bessie Silverman • Louis Sturm

April 30

Joseph Ades • Sarita Adler • Gary Anderson •
Ilene Edelman • Molly Fayonsky •
Claire Gettinger • Mindy Goldberg •
Pyna Greenbaum • Marilyn Greenfield •
Bert Gurwitch • Gussie Joffe • Charlotte Kayser •
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The Way We Were in 1995: Hadassah Conference Honoree



Barbara **Levin**, MD, receives the Myrtle Wreath award at the Myrtle Wreath Banquet of the Southern Region at the Hadassah Regional Conference, held at the Hilton Hotel in Knoxville in 1995. The prestigious award was given to Barb in honor of her devotion to the betterment of humanity.

Presenting the award is Genevieve **Kramer**. To Barbara's left is her husband Joshua **Gettinger**, MD.

After having lived in Madisonville, several miles down the road from Knoxville, for many years, Barb and Josh now split their time between Madisonville and Asheville, North Carolina.

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