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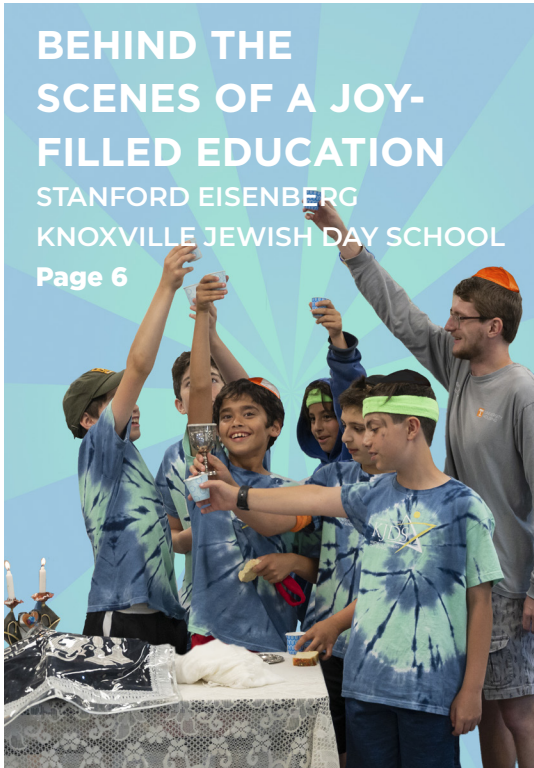


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THE JEWISH *TITANIC* EXPERIENCE

Two Titanic Jewish stories out of sixty-nine on board.



Ruth Dodge

1st Class Passenger

Age: 38

Destination: San Francisco, California

Hello. I'm Ruth Dodge, and it's a joy to share my story with you. I was one of seven kids born in the United States to Polish Jewish immigrants. Papa was a Rabbi and served in congregations across the country.

I was twenty-three when I traveled to Paris to cultivate my singing voice. While there, I married a wealthy diamond mine owner. We had a daughter, and then he passed away. My second marriage was annulled, so I, a hopeless romantic, married Dr. Washington Dodge from San Francisco. Our son, Washington Junior, arrived soon after.

The three of us had gone to France, where my husband received special medical treatment, and we turned the necessary trip into a family vacation. We were all excited to be returning home on *Titanic*. The ship was as advertised, the largest afloat...until she was reduced to lifeboat-size by a rogue iceberg in the mid-Atlantic.

Visit our Memorial Gallery to find the fate of Ruth Dodge.



Master Washington Dodge

1st Class Passenger

Age: 4

Destination: San Francisco, California

I was born as the days of modern miracles dawned. When airplanes, photography, movies and giant steamships were changing the world as we knew it. I'm Washington Dodge, Jr., son of Dr. Washington Dodge, an important San Francisco assessor and politician. My mother, Ruth, was Jewish and socially prominent, and my grandfather was a Rabbi.

Father had taken mother and me with him to Paris, where he received special medical treatment. While there, we found time to explore the magical city before returning home on the grandest modern miracle of them all, the *Titanic*.

I always felt safe with father around, even when he told me to get up in the middle of the night, dress warmly, and follow him on deck. Once there, it dawned on me that *Titanic* was sinking and could take us with her...I didn't feel safe anymore!

Visit our Memorial Gallery to find the fate of Washington Dodge, Jr.



To Book Your Titanic Museum Tickets Visit www.TitanicPigeonForge.com

August 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

MONDAY, AUGUST 1

8:00A Minyan - HA
6:30P Executive Committee - KJA

TUESDAY, AUGUST 2

8:00P Minyan - HA

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 3

9:00A Midweek Meditation - HA
12:00P Executive Mifgash Manhigim - TBE
6:30P Wednesday Minyan - HA
7:00P Board of Trustees - HA
7:00P Talmud Study Group - HA

THURSDAY, AUGUST 4

7:00A Minyan - HA
11:00A Torah Study/Adult Ed - TBE

FRIDAY, AUGUST 5

8:18P Candle Lighting
12:00P Mindfulness Practice w/Rabbi - HA
4:00P Pool closed for Donor Event
4:30P JFS Shabbat Service at Sherrill Hills - KJA
7:00P Shabbat Service - TBE

SATURDAY, AUGUST 6

Tish'a B'Av
9:17P Havdalah
10:00A Shabbat Service - HA

MONDAY, AUGUST 8

8:00A Minyan - HA

TUESDAY, AUGUST 9

8:00P Minyan - HA

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 10

9:00A Midweek Meditation - HA
6:30P Wednesday Minyan - HA
6:30P Board Mifgash Manhigim - TBE
7:00P Talmud Study Group - HA

THURSDAY, AUGUST 11

7:00A Minyan - HA
11:00A Torah Study/Adult Education - TBE

FRIDAY, AUGUST 12

Tu B'Av
8:11P Candle Lighting
12:00P Mindfulness Practice w/Rabbi - HA
5:00P Shabbat at the Pool - KJA

SATURDAY, AUGUST 13

9:09P Havdalah
10:00A Shabbat Service - HA

MONDAY, AUGUST 15

8:00A Minyan - HA
7:00P Relational Judaism & Synagogue of the Future - HA

TUESDAY, AUGUST 16

7:00P Board Meeting - KJCF
7:30P Book Club - Hadassah
8:00P Minyan - HA

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 17

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

THURSDAY, AUGUST 18

11:00A Torah Study/Adult Education - TBE
7:00A Minyan - HA

FRIDAY, AUGUST 19

8:02P Candle Lighting
12:00P Mindfulness Practice w/Rabbi - HA
7:00P Shabbat Service honoring Bar Mitzvah - TBE

SATURDAY, AUGUST 20

9:00P Havdalah
10:00A Shabbat Service - HA
10:30A Luke Javors Bar Mitzvah - TBE

SUNDAY, AUGUST 21

9:30A 1st Day of Religious School - TBE

MONDAY, AUGUST 22

8:00A Minyan - HA

TUESDAY, AUGUST 23

7:00P Healing Service w/Steve Lewis - TBE
8:00P Minyan - HA

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 24

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

THURSDAY, AUGUST 25

11:00A Torah Study/Adult Education - TBE
7:00A Minyan - HA

FRIDAY, AUGUST 26

7:53P Candle Lighting
12:00P Mindfulness Practice w/Rabbi - HA
7:00P Shabbat Service honoring Bar Mitzvah - TBE

SATURDAY, AUGUST 27

8:50P Havdalah
10:00A Shabbat Service - HA
10:30A Eric Waldman Bar Mitzvah - TBE

SUNDAY, AUGUST 28

9:30A Religious School - TBE
10:30A GKJ Men's Club at AJCC - KJA

MONDAY, AUGUST 29

8:00A Minyan - HA

TUESDAY, AUGUST 30

8:00P Minyan - HA

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 31

9:00A Midweek Medication - HA
4:30P 1st Day of Midweek Hebrew - TBE
6:30P Wednesday Minyan - HA
7:00P Talmud Study Group - HA
7:00P Healing Service w/Steve Lewis - TBE

COMMUNITY EVENT
Shabbat at the Pool
5:00P August 12 at AJCC

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**High Holy Day
GREETINGS**

It is time once again to share your wishes for a sweet new year with the Jewish community. Visit www.jewishknoxville.org to complete the HHD Greeting form for our September Hakol issue. Requests must be completed by August 15, 2022.

Summer Highlights at KJDS: Behind the Scenes of a Joy-filled Education

By: Miriam Esther Wilhelm, Head of School

Often when touring prospective parents or community members through the KJDS classrooms and hallways, they will remark on how much fun the learners and teachers seem to be having. We would like to offer a glimpse into what makes learning at KJDS so fun by highlighting some of our exciting summer activities, such various professional development training; STEM grants awarded to KJDS teachers; community building summer get-togethers, and new hires to our amazing KJDS team.

Classrooms with a strong sense of Belonging, Significance and Fun

Often when we think about what kids learn in school we think of math, language arts, science, and social studies. At KJDS, we know that of equal importance to a rigorous academic curriculum, students need to learn a set of social and emotional competencies to be successful in and out of school. These include cooperation, assertion, responsibility, empathy, and self-control. Our focus and commitment to best practice social and emotional learning for our students led us to undertake more extensive training in this essential area.

This summer, all our core teachers and administrators undertook an immersive, 4-day Responsive Classroom training. Responsive Classroom is a dynamic social and emotional learning approach to teaching and discipline. It is a set of research and evidence-based practices designed to create safe, joyful, and engaging classrooms and school communities.

Our goals in becoming a Responsive Classroom school are 1. To ensure that each and every member of our KJDS community, staff, faculty, learners and parents feel a strong sense of belonging, significance and fun throughout the school day. 2. Turn acquisition of knowledge into relevant, meaningful, and deep exploration and 3. Ensure that our learners gain strong skills that lead to endurance and flexibility, which allows them to maximize every opportunity.



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Innovation at the Core of all things KJDS

Mazal tov to KJDS staff on winning four UCOR education mini-grants! These grants are for innovative, STEM focused, project-based learning experiences.

Mrs. Lusk, K/1 teacher, is reading Purposeful Play and Loose Parts as she orders and plans for her grant implementation, Exploration through Play. She is excited to include a Tuff Tray into her classroom and looks forward to offering more open-ended and messy play for her young learners.

Mrs. Haskins, K/1 teacher, won a grant to create a built-in Maker Space, which is a space designed and dedicated to hands-on learning and creativity. She is excited to be able to easily implement STEAM into all subject areas by having a dedicated space for students to explore.

Ms. Jessica, 2/3 teacher, won two grants. She will be building compost bins, a wagon, and collecting compost worms as she prepares to implement her grant, Compost for a Healthier Planet. She also won a school wide grant for a chicken-egg incubation project and has been busy this summer preparing for chicks at KJDS!

Warm Community

When a family joins KJDS they instantly become a part of a diverse and caring community. Students and their families grow up together, forming friendships that will last well beyond graduation. The school truly becomes a center of life for our families with activities, learning, and milestone events that allow them to build memories and traditions to carry with them for the rest of their lives. Even when school is out over the summer, we are still getting together and building community.

Over the summer, we had a couple of family fun get-togethers. In June, we had a blast cooling off and playing at McFee Splash Pad and in July we had a pool party at the AJCC Pool, where much fun was had by all. These were joy-filled opportunities for families to build connections before the start of a new school year.

Community extends to even the youngest members of the family. This spring and summer, we were excited to bring back the beloved Mommy & Me playgroup for little ones and their caregiver. We had so much fun singing songs, blowing bubbles, playing parachute games, shaking pom poms, enjoying take-and-bake mini challahs, and, most of all, having an





KJA representatives (pictured left to right) Chip Rayman, Renee' Hyatt, Shelley Mangold, Caitlin Seidler, Paul Irwin, and Marilyn Wohl marched at Knoxville's Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Parade on June 20. Participants carried banners reading Partners in Diversity and CoExist. The weather cooperated, and all enjoyed getting exercise on such a beautiful and important day.

Smokin' Salmon Swim Team 2022

By: Paige Quartararo, Smokin' Salmon Swim Team Coach

This summer has flown by! The Smokin' Salmon Swim Team this year has done a tremendous job and has grown so much. This season we competed in three duo meets and City Meet. The first swim meet was held on June 16th at the AJCC against the Clinton Sharks. The swimmers learned all four strokes: freestyle, backstroke, breaststroke, and butterfly. I have been having an awesome time coaching this year and am impressed with the continuous improvement of the swimmers.

The assistant coaches were Ethan Griffin, a recent high school graduate, Amelia Brooke, a sophomore at West High School, and Alisa Sieger, a sophomore at West High School. All the assistant coaches did an outstanding job. Kaleigh McVety, the team's KJA representative, has done an incredible job of not only organizing the team and meets but also as a coach. Without Kaleigh the swim team would not be the same. I would also like to thank Jonathan Branton, Brian Debolt, and the rest of the pool staff for their assistance and support throughout the summer.



8 and under Girls Freestyle Event.



11- 12 Girls Backstroke Event.



Swimmers celebrate end of meet with pushing coaches in the pool!

Honoring the Jews of the Titanic

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

The Knoxville Jewish Alliance took a community day trip to the Titanic Museum Attraction in Pigeon Forge to experience their exhibit honoring the Jewish passengers and crew who sailed on the RMS Titanic. What a wonderful day! We started the morning with Status Dough donuts and coffee before boarding a bus to Pigeon Forge. We were greeted upon arrival by our guide, Ginger, who took us on a private tour of the museum. Her stories really brought the whole experience to life! Each of us was presented with a boarding pass of an actual Jewish passenger so we could trace their story throughout the exhibit, concluding with learning their fate at the tour's end. We learned that there was a kosher kitchen and chef aboard the Titanic and saw kosher dishes from the same period as the Titanic. We stood in a replica of a first-class cabin and heard the moving stories of Ida and Isidor Strauss, most notably the most famous Jewish passengers and a personal favorite of Ginger's. The museum has a room dedicated to the Titanic musicians, who famously continued playing to help keep people calm as the boat sank. In this room, the museum also honored the Violins of Hope in a display, as well as an exhibit connecting the passengers and the Holocaust. In fact, many of the Jewish passengers in Third Class were escaping the anti-Semitism of Europe at the time, which then led to the Holocaust a short while later. The museum's talented musician, Josh, even did a special concert for us including Hatikvah and Hava Nagila! After a fascinating and moving tour, we had a picnic at a beautiful park, where the children took advantage of the brand-new playground Mt. Ton of Fun, before returning to the AJCC. This whole experience was generously sponsored by the Zelda and Max Morrison Cultural Enrichment Fund of the Knoxville Jewish Family of Funds.

This special exhibit will remain at the Titanic Museum Attraction in Pigeon Forge until February of 2023, when it will begin touring at various Jewish museums across the country. All of us who went strongly recommend you take a trip to experience the exhibit before it leaves – and be sure to look for Ginger!

Our community owes deep gratitude to the Museum's President and Co-Owner, Mary Kellogg, who had the vision and passion to create this beautiful tribute and to bring two speakers, Joan Adler and Eli Moskowitz, to our Jewish community as well. Thank you, Mary and the whole Titanic Museum team, for an incredible and educational experience!



Community members who boarded the Titanic Museum Attraction of Pigeon Forge for a memorable day trip to honor and remember the Jewish passengers and crew members of the RMS Titanic.

Creative and Committed Teachers



By: Miriam Esther Wilhelm, Head of School

Many of our KJDS teachers have shown their dedication and commitment to their craft by partaking in various professional development (PD) opportunities throughout the summer.

Enjoying a day outdoors, teachers partook in the Sharing Secrets of Outdoor Learning: Engaging Students in the Schoolyard full day workshop. Teachers also enjoyed the Problem Based or Project Based Learning workshop over the summer.

Our second and third grade teachers are working with Jennifer Rosenberg, an Educational Leadership Coach from Michigan, to co-design their learning environment and develop a co-teaching model which will provide a rich learning experience for their students, driven by high quality interactions and deep explorations.

Professional development extends to our related arts teachers too. Lev, our STEAM teacher, has clocked over 25 hours of PD this summer including sessions on 3D printing, coding, and artificial intelligence through the ORAU summer institutes for teachers. He is also working on his Apple Educator Certification and looks forward to expanding his role at KJDS this year by supporting homeroom teachers in integrating tech-involved STEAM projects into their classroom units.

Mrs. Amy, KJDS art teacher, attended the TAB Summer Institute 2022, a virtual PD conference run through the Massachusetts College of Art and Design Professional and Continuing Education Department to further her turnover of the KJDS art room into a TAB studio. A TAB art studio is a highly structured studio environment with clearly delineated expectations for self-directed learning in choices of varied workspaces. Available tools and art materials are introduced to students, who can then access and arrange these materials independently to initiate and explore their artwork.

Retaining and Hiring High Quality Staff

By: Miriam Esther Wilhelm, Head of School

Despite the headlines predicting a mass exodus of teachers from the teaching field, KJDS is proud of our high retention rate. Other than our drama teacher and aftercare director who are moving out of state, we are excited to be welcoming back our full staff and faculty. We are thrilled to welcome a permanent Director of Operations, Mrs. Connelly, welcome Mrs. Avery into her new position of Aftercare Director, and welcome a new Drama Director, Mrs. Natalee.

Meet Mrs. Natalee

Natalee Louise McReynolds holds her B.M. & M.M. in Vocal Performance. She has extensive and varied experiences in both performing and directing. She currently teaches voice privately from her home in West Knoxville and leads several performance classes at Knoxville Children's Theatre. In addition to teaching and performing, Natalee enjoys doing yoga, listening to podcasts, and playing with her baby boys: Isaiah and Gabriel. We can't wait to see what she has in store for our eager performers at KJDS as our new Drama Director!



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Meet our Top Notch Teachers

By: Louise Lindsay, Innovation Coach

As we launch the 2022-2023 school year, we want to celebrate and honor our dedicated and hard-working core teachers. Meet the talented teaching team that makes the magic happen at KJDS!



Mrs. Lusk is a fun and exploration based K/1 teacher. Her area of focus in kindergarten, and she welcomes students into KJDS, teaching them how to be students. She creates unique opportunities for each student to excel at their own pace. And, she provides her students with the foundational skills of phonemic awareness, number sense, friendship, and independence. Mrs. Lusk loves to cultivate young questioners and to learn alongside them. She makes the K/1 experience, and especially kindergarten, a time of exploration and fun. One of her favorite KJDS experiences is celebrating the 50th day of school with sock hops, bubble gum, root beer floats, and finding so many ways to make 50!

Mrs. Haskins is a motivating and resourceful K/1 teacher. She works diligently to craft lessons that engage and challenge her students. They truly enjoy and thrive on the large variety of learning experiences and centers. She consistently promotes questioning and problem solving. She's got an eye for design, creating a classroom with soft hues and places for everyone at every energy level. And she shares books that help students connect to their classroom community and broader world. Mrs. Haskins likes building fun field trips for students, such as an adventure to downtown Knoxville, as an exploratory experience in culmination of learning about community and economics.



Mrs. Blanchard is a book loving 2/3 teacher. She piles immense energy into nurturing her students' curiosity in all subjects through passionate, creative, and hands-on projects like turning her classroom into a French salon, complete with crepes. Her superpower is getting her students excited about grammar. And, her love for everyone she teaches is abundant. It is that love that motivates all who learn from her to meet her high expectations. Mrs. Blanchard loves helping backstage at the annual musical, cheering students on and helping them feel confident as performers.

Ms. Jessica is a warm and calm 2/3 teacher with a passion for service and project-based learning. She was KJDS's very first classroom teacher! And, she is excited to use our campus to the fullest, exploring nature in math and bringing chicken hatching to school. Ms. Jessica loves engaging in novel studies with small groups of students. She is an adaptable life-long learner. And, she really likes the KJDS of Gelt Mart, where she's supported students' learning about goods and services and nurtured their independence through the creation of their very own booths, where they share their talents with students and teachers, selling friendship bracelets and origami, or running games, and so much more.



Morah Dana is our kind, passionate, and creative Hebrew teacher. She crafts engaging lessons that bring joy and excitement to her classroom and create a love for learning. She adores her students, and they adore her! Dana’s superpower is meeting each individual student where they are and shaping her classes around individual needs. She is warm and patient as she guides students through a new language. Dana’s unrelenting belief in her students motivates them to tackle the challenges of a second language. One of her favorite times of year is Chanukah, when she finds beautiful and age-appropriate ways for students to make their own menorahs, shares the meaning and story of the holiday, and helps students celebrate in fun and different ways every year.



Mrs. Erhenclo is an innovative 4/5 educator who pushes her students to grow immensely. She pays close attention to her students’ personal interests and integrates those interests into the curriculum, whether it be creating superheroes that demonstrate animal adaptations or building a project that encourages her students to invent something totally new to improve their lives. She is an outdoor enthusiast and a talented writer, and she brings those characteristics to her students. She is eager to foster opportunities for her students to make real world connections to their academic content. And, she loves pasta, so she’ll be in for a treat when we return to celebrating Sukkot by hopping from one sukkah to the next, and ending at the Wilhelm sukkah for a delicious meal prepared by talented KJDS parents.

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Great Tech Resources from PJ Library and PJ Our Way!

Anna Iroff-Bailey, KJA Director of Jewish Life

We all know that PJ Library and PJ Our Way offer awesome Jewish books for kids ages 0-12! But did you know that PJ also has a ton of digital resources for kids, tweens, and families?

PODCASTS: PJ has three podcasts for kids...with a Jewish twist! Perfect for a long car ride or lazy afternoon, these podcasts are appropriate for the whole family. Each episode of *Have I Got a Story for You* takes a classic Jewish folk tale and gives it a modern twist. In *Afternoons with Mimi*, everyone's favorite grandmother reads a book or Jewish folktale that will capture the imagination! This podcast is geared for ages 2 to 5. PJ Library's newest podcast called *Beyond the Bookcase* is best for listeners 6-12 years old. Follow Miri, Micah, and their friends as they are magically transported to a wonderful land of Mashal, where familiar fairy tales magically come to life.

READ-ALOUDS and AUDIOBOOKS: PJ Library's audio hub and YouTube channel have a lot of read-aloud and read-along stories with a variety of options for preschool and elementary age children. For a limited-time, PJ Our Way is offering audiobooks to borrow via the Libby app, which is the same app the Knox County library system uses.


MUSIC and RADIO: The PJ Library audio hub and YouTube also have great Jewish playlists for holidays, dance mixes, and even sleepy-time tunes. But the Home of Jewish Kids Music is JKids Radio! Available on the JKids Radio app and jkidsradio.com, this fun digital radio station is curated and operated by Judaism Alive (who also has Jewish Rock Radio for teens and young adults!). The music at our June PJ Pool Party was from JKids Radio!

BLOG: The PJ Our Way website is a safe, moderated space that includes book summaries and author biographies, reader-created content and book reviews, and interactive activities. Tweens can take polls and quizzes, participate in monthly interviews and challenges, and read and comment on blog posts about PJOW books, authors and more. Check it out!

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Early Education and Technology

Kristen Cannon, *Preschool at AJCC Director*

Before the COVID-19 Pandemic technology for preschoolers was quite the taboo subject. Every journal and scholarly source discussed the negative effects of screen time in children. Children were encouraged to get out and PLAY instead of burying their faces in technology. Fast forward to 2022, post COVID-19 where educational institutions like the Preschool at AJCC had to quickly adapt to the situation at hand. Online learning, how can you teach a preschooler online? We were forced to incorporate technology into our everyday existence quickly. We went from a regular school day one week to school closed, and we gathered for Shabbat Party via Zoom weekly. We posted learning resources and fun videos via YouTube to keep our preschool community learning over the quarantine all while wondering what school would look like if we continued in a state of shut down. When business resumed, more of our normal day-to-day tasks became digitalized for numerous reasons, but I found that we rely on technology more and more daily in our educator worlds. Those of us who frowned upon excessive screen time now noticed most of the children received excessive amounts of screen time. As a result, it has delayed socialization, decreased physical human interaction, learning delays, behavioral concerns, and a host of other issues. In the midst of having to adapt to a technological setting, we uncovered some necessary flaws within our preschool in regard to technology. The need for updated technology equipment and resources for staff to be able to connect with one another through technology is an ongoing issue that we hope to address as funds become available. Although we stick to our Play-based curriculum and philosophy in the early childhood years, we understand how fundamental technology is becoming in education and the need to adapt to those changes at a rapid speed.



Pandemic Zoom Shabbat Party



Pandemic Zoom Shabbat Party led by Rabbi Ferency



Knox County School students Locke, Esther & Rachel reviewing a lesson with Ms. Kristen



Knox County School student Rachel working on Kindergarten work



Ms. Anna leading Summer Preschool Shabbat after quarantine

Education + Technology = P2G

By: Marc Forman, Israel Partnership2Gether Chair

What does this title mean? It means the Partnership2Gether (P2G) can offer many things to many people using technology. Education has become endless with the aid of technology. You can now travel around the world, get instant news, and even educate people in far away lands. I have a nice side hustle as an ESL (English as a Second Language) teacher with youth and adults from around the world via the internet. I have had the opportunity to travel to 43 countries and never leave my office. What a thrill!

The Partnership offers avenues for all ages to learn and connect to people in Israel, especially our sister region of Hader-Eiron. We are fortunate to have opportunities coming to Knoxville! In late August or Early September for young adults ages 25-45, the Leadership2Gether program matches an American with an Israeli to work and learn as a team. The program's goal is to foster the next generation of Jewish leaders. Laura Sadler, KJA Senior Director of Development and Jewish Family Services, participated in this program. I hope our Knoxville Jewish organizations will assist in recruiting these individuals, as this will provide us all with vibrant Israel-focused programming.

The second opportunity is for high school students as a part of Summer Experience. This is a month-long exchange program beginning with two weeks in Israel for the student to stay with an Israeli teen's family. The journey will conclude with the Israeli teen visiting the Knoxville teen's family for two weeks. This is a true adventure and life-altering experience. Just ask Anna Iroff-Bailey, KJA Director of Jewish Life, who is a former participant. This experience will take place the entire month of July.

Finally, we are looking for a recent college graduate from the Knoxville area to be a P2G Fellow. This is a year long commitment to work in schools and communities in Israel. This is a fun life-changing experience!

For the rest of our community, we will be having more events for the holidays, cooking shows, and live tours. Just be on the lookout for information soon! You can find out more about all of these programs by contacting me at marcforman@hotmail.com or going to the Partnership2Gether website at <https://www.p2g-hadera-eiron.org.il/>. Have a great summer and get ready for a learning and technology-filled year!



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Covid Year 2: How We Made Education Work

By: Serina Scott, Shush Carson, and Beverly Wilcox

Last summer we dreamed of Shabbat School, to bring families together for prayer, food, and community before, during, and after the Shabbat Services. It would consist of time in classrooms with visits to the Shabbat Service to join their families, for younger kids to do what they do best—absorb like sponges—and for older kids to learn prayers being studied in class.

We had to rework that dream many times due to Covid. Despite the uncertainty of the world, we were able to continue due to the adaptability, creativity, and positivity of the teachers and the Director of Family Religious Life, Shush Carson.

Parent Orientation, planned as an in-person Family Havdalah, suddenly became an online event. In a burst of adaptive creativity, a goodie bag was delivered before the event, including DIY Havdalah candles, thanks to Jenny Trope and other education-loving volunteers from the Congregation.

We had family services online for the High Holy days, with options for the different age groups, which were very well attended. High Holy Day bags with mini Chalot (thanks to Martha Iroff!) and other goodies were put together by Jenny Trope and delivered to HARS families by amazing volunteers.

Online Classes with a Twist

We had hoped to return in-person later in the fall, but the Delta variant arrived. Many students were too young for vaccination, so we chose online learning until the spring. To give a strong tactile component to the Zoom experience, we delivered an age-appropriate boxes of materials to HARS families with items they would use for special class projects.

Curriculum already designed for online

Fortunately, HARS had already begun using some curriculum that was specially designed for online learning, including Shalom Learning and Hebrew in Harmony. Teachers and Shush Carson adapted other classes quickly.

Weekday School - Zoom allowed Flexibility and Personalized Attention

In addition to Wednesday afternoon online classes, a flexible schedule was used for one-on-one Hebrew tutors. Every child in grades 3-6 studied Hebrew one session per week at their families' preferred time.



Shabbat School - online together for age-appropriate spans of time (teens joined last in the morning, of course!) that included sharing the screen with parents for the Shabbat Service.

Despite some initial concerns about excess screen time, it seems that the virtual time spent together in class actually fostered new friendships and a deepening of families' connections to Judaism.



Better Technology - Enhanced Air Filtration

Meanwhile the Congregation worked to make meeting in person safer by researching and installing enhanced air filtration for the school wing and for services.

Non-technical Solution - Outdoors

Whether the weather was cold or warm, we had fun and were able finally to be together. We had a Chanukah Family Adventure event at the JCC that was well-attended. There was music, menorah lighting, dreidels, gelt, and sufganiot in the JCC gym. We were together in Family groups, safely distanced.



Family Education Adventure Days were outdoor activities designed to get together safely, about once a month. Our Tu B'Shevat Walk at Lakeshore Park was a success - despite 30-degree temperatures - for 30 participants, some with strollers and pets.

Our outdoor Family Purim at Lakeshore Park was quite festive, with costumes, skits in different movie genres, pizza, and hamantaschen to share before a more traditional reading of the Megillah. Purim was even sweeter than usual, as many Congregants had not seen each other in person since Purim in 2020, our last big event before ceasing all in person events due to Covid. In April we came together with Temple, KJDS and AJCC for Family Adventure: Israel, a community event focusing on Israeli food and culture.

With the strong popularity of the outdoor events, we began offering outdoor Gan K'Ton (preschool) later in the year for our preschoolers so they could maintain a connection to their Judaism and our community.

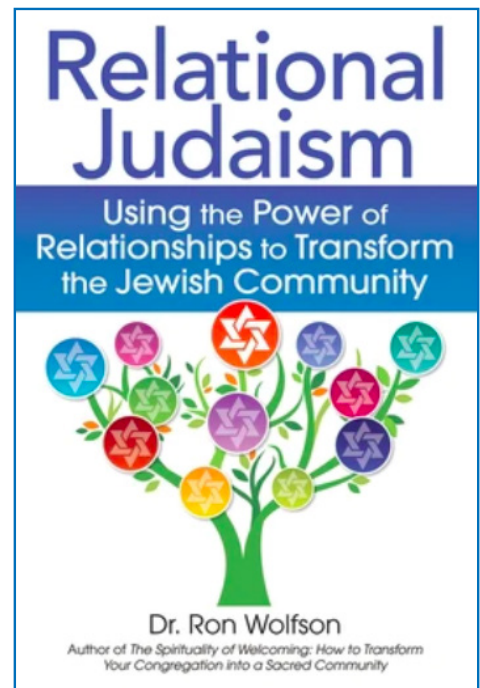
Relational Judaism

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Membership in Jewish organizations is down. Synagogue membership has peaked and is on the decline. Federation campaigns are flat. The fastest growing and second largest category of Jews is “Just Jewish.” Young Jewish adults are unengaged and aging baby boomers are disengaging. Yet, in the era of Facebook, people crave face-to-face community.

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Don't miss this exciting opportunity to hear Dr. Wolfson either at a “watch party” at Heska Amuna or on Zoom.



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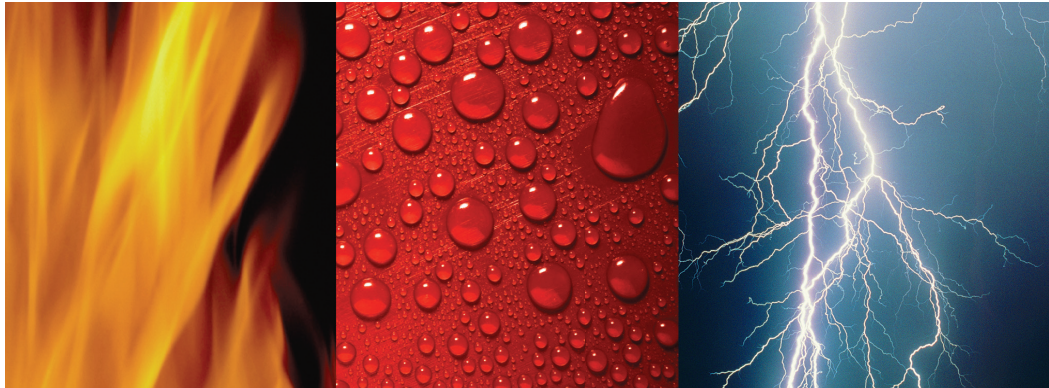
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President's Message

By: Kathy Young

Many years ago, fresh from my college days at Colorado University in Boulder, I knew I would need a whole lot of paper, pens, pencils, and chalk for the old chalkboard to teach my various English classes. My, how things have changed since then. I'm no spring chicken, so learning about the modern-day wonders of technology, frankly, had me a bit concerned. I had to prove that "teaching the old dogs new tricks" was possible, but I must confess I was not sure I totally believed it. I can't tell you how many Zoom meetings were jumbled, how many other meetings I did not attend because I "lost" the link. Slowly but surely, with the incredible patience of my daughter and my awesome son-in-law, I grew more confident and less dependent on them. That is not to say that I don't need their help more than I should, but progress is progress.

Technology has its place. We are now able to connect via Zoom which was a lifesaver during Covid times. Live streaming now can reach so many people who cannot drive at night and allow them to connect with Temple services. But, I admit, to me nothing replaces the skin to skin, face to face contact.

Rabbi Mark Schiftan, Interim Rabbi

Temple Beth El is delighted to introduce Rabbi Mark Schiftan as our interim rabbi for the coming year. Rabbi Schiftan will serve on a part-time basis, with residency in Knoxville twice per month. His first weekend will be September 15-18. We look forward to his experience and guidance for pulpit, pastoral, educational and communal duties.

Rabbi Schiftan recently retired from The Temple - Congregation Ohabai Sholom, in Nashville, Tennessee, after 23 years of service. Rabbi Schiftan received his Bachelor of Arts degree magna cum laude from San Francisco State University. Hebrew Union College of Los Angeles awarded Rabbi Schiftan's Master of Arts in Hebrew Letters, and he was ordained at Hebrew Union College in Cincinnati, Ohio.

Caring Committee

By: Tammy Stone

The Caring Committee is looking for volunteers! We are seeking people who can be contacted when a need arises for a member of our congregation. Tasks could include making a phone call, providing a meal or part of a meal for an ill congregant, or assisting with a Shiva meal or meal of condolence (either providing food or set-up/clean-up). If you are looking for a way to be more involved in TBE this is a perfect way to get involved. There are NO committee meetings, NO long-term tasks to perform, and there is NO long-term commitment. We are simply looking to expand the rosters of who can be contacted should a need arise. We are also looking for ideas on how better to provide care for those in our TBE community.

In addition, if you or a loved one has a need from us, we would love to hear from you. Please feel free to contact me (Tammy Stone at 865-789-6072 or tlsintn@icloud.com), Tina at the temple office (865-524-3521 or secretary@tbeknox.org), or any member of the board. We are here to help you!

Hands On, Hearts On, Minds On Learning

By: Norma James, Temple Beth El Religious School Director

Welcome back to Temple Beth El Religious School! I will begin my 21st year as the Religious School Director, which has given me an opportunity to watch so many of our students grown from tots to adults. This year will be very special because Tara Bain will be stepping up to a much bigger role in running our school. With Tara at my side, I will have more time to devote to teaching Hebrew and preparing students for B'nai Mitzvah. Together, Tara and I are looking forward to making TBERS a wonderful school with a robust learning environment and a joyful atmosphere.

We are very excited to continue in-person learning! We plan to welcome parents back into our building and provide some parent programming as well as adult education with our Interim Rabbi. We want for Temple Beth El to be a bustling place on Sundays! Look for more information on our protocols and our first day programming. Registration will be online again this year. I will let you know when we are up and running for our new session.

The students and staff of Religious School want to thank Rabbi Boxt for all he has done for us. We will always remember his funny Purim stories, his energetic judging of our Maccabiah, playing with us during our TBERS sleepover, and so much more. Rabbi has been a wonderful resource for our teachers and guided many B'nai Mitzvah and Confirmation students through these important life cycle events. Rabbi Boxt has been instrumental in increasing the number of students who attend URJ Camp Coleman. This year eight students went to Coleman and two students went to Coleman in Israel. This is all because of Rabbi's efforts. We promise to continue the tradition he has started. We will miss the entire Boxt family, Carlie, Danika, Akivah, Batya, and of course Rabbi Erin. Best wishes on your next adventure in Ocala, Florida.

Thank you, Jeannine Mill! Jeannine has been a part of TBE Religious School since she was a student. After many years as one of our most beloved teachers, Jeannine is leaving our staff to spend some well-deserved Sunday time with her family. She has made a huge impact on our students and staff. Her love of people shines through everything Jeannine does. Jeannine always brightens up our day, and we hope she will drop in to say hello from time to time. We wish her all the best!

Religious School welcomes our Rabbi Mark Schiftan to our Religious School staff. Rabbi Schiftan will be with us as an interim rabbi this year. In addition to preparing B'nai Mitzvah and Confirmation students, Rabbi will spend time with our whole student body. He also has some great ideas for adult programming such as "Sunday School for Grown-ups." We are excited to have Rabbi Schiftan on our staff!

Luke Javors will be called to the Torah on Saturday, August 20th at 10:30. Luke will begin his 8th grade year at Farragut Middle School. He is the son of Jesse and Lauren Javors and brother to Jake. Luke is being tutored in Torah and prayers by Norma James. Norma will also conduct the service. Luke is an excellent student and loves playing soccer. For his mitzvah project, Luke will be raising money to help the people of Ukraine. Luke has been working very hard to prepare for becoming Bar Mitzvah and even worked on his Torah while at URJ Camp Coleman in July. It has been a delight to teach this talented Hebrew student and all-round great guy! The Javors family hopes you can join Luke in person or on streaming for this important simcha.



We celebrated Consecration with our students and families at a special Tot Shabbat and luncheon.



Charlie Kramer sings with our students on our last day of Religious School.



We say a heartfelt goodbye to Jeannine Mill. She poses with her wonderful class.

Eric Waldman will be Bar Mitzvah on Saturday, August 27th 10:30. Eric is the son of Jennifer Philipps. He is an 8th grader at Webb School where he is an outstanding student. Eric made a personal decision to become Bar Mitzvah last spring and has made incredible progress in Hebrew. In addition to his tutor Norma James, Eric's grandfather has FaceTimed with him from Argentina to practice his Torah. I am thrilled at how quickly he has learned. Like Luke, Eric wants to help the people of Ukraine for his mitzvah project. Norma James is his tutor for Torah and prayers and will conduct his service. Please join Eric's family in person or through streaming as they celebrate Eric's important milestone.

Do you have children ages 4 through rising 10th grade who would enjoy spending time with wonderful Jewish children and amazing teachers? Consider our Temple Beth El Religious School. Norma James would love to talk to you about our program. Contact her directly at normajames@tbeknox.org to set up a meeting, FaceTime, Zoom, or phone call. See flyer.



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Rabbi Boxt poses with TBE students on Shabbat at Camp Coleman.

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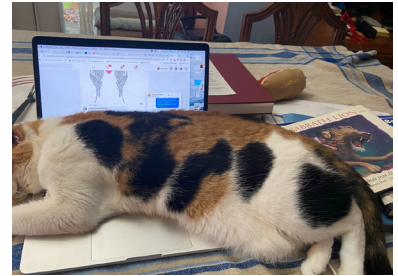
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Zooming into the Future

By: Cantor Jacqueline Marx, Interim Spiritual Leader, Jewish Congregation of Oak Ridge

My favorite childhood cartoon was The Jetsons. Its push-button lifestyle allowed the Jetsons to instantly generate meals, hairstyles, house-cleaning services, wardrobe choices, and eight-hour-day productivity. I dreamed of living that way with loads of time to spare as a result. That came true, but not completely. Today, life indeed progresses at the speed of a button's touch. We conduct meetings, classes, tutorials, doctors' appointments, and business onscreen. Professional and social contacts alike can be summoned on fast dial. But there's no time to spare; we work longer, create more product, and process more information in a day than the human brain can physically download or digest.



Molly the Cat catches the mouse.

I earned two masters' degrees without internet or the web. I typed the thesis for the second master's on an old Mac computer, vintage late 90s. I downloaded the thesis to a floppy disk, took the disk to an upscale print shop in New York's East Village, and had the thesis printed out onto rag-content paper to be turned into my advisor and my seminary. Today we would buy the rag-paper ourselves and print everything out at home, except I don't own a printer because my millennial Mac continually upgrades itself and outgrows any home. No matter: I turn all my rabbinical school papers in electronically.

"Faster" is the new Torah. Today I dream of mastering Sibelius (music-notation, composition and arranging); Garage Band (becoming your own entire orchestra) and A Capella (virtual choir, or part-singing of single voices). The biggest life saver during the worst of the pandemic was and is Zoom. If you learn just one new technology, let it be Zoom. With Zoom we teach and learn; we pray together; even enact tikkun olam, the repair of our world. Zoom makes the remote feel close. It doesn't get much more Jewish than that. This is not a paid endorsement.

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By: Stephen Rosen, KJCFF President

Goldberg-Rosen-Community Relay Team wins Gold in AJCC Pool

When it comes down to it, isn't teamwork the way we get things done in the Knoxville Jewish community? There is no better example than the recent effort to rebuild and endow the AJCC Pool. In October 2021, KJCFF published a call for a pool endowment in our "we need a fund" column. Bryan Goldberg, president of KJA, stepped onto the starting blocks and dove in. Bryan and his family committed to start a pool endowment and we now have the Goldberg Family AJCC Pool Fund. As soon as Bryan "reached the wall" in December of 2021, the pool liner failed (I guess it knew it had an endowment coming). Fortunately, the Rosen Family stepped onto the blocks and took its own dive. Three generations of Rosens from Knoxville, New York, Santa Fe, and Los Angeles stroked checks to the pool and pledged a matching program for endowment funds. You could actually say four generations as KJA also received a grant from KJCFF's Sam and Esther Rosen AJCC Fund. In appreciation, KJA has named the pool the Allen Rosen Aquatic Center. The next leg of the relay was run by dozens of community members who made gifts to the project as well as the endowment. Finally, the anchor leg was swum by the pool refurbishment committee, hands-on volunteers too many to mention here, and the staff who executed the plan to perfection.

If you want to dip your toe in the waters of philanthropy, contact Stephen or Laura.

Sneak Preview.....KJA Archives Fund Coming Soon

The leadership committee of the Barbara Winick Bernstein Archives of the Jewish Community of Knoxville and East Tennessee is putting the finishing touches on a fund agreement. The KJA Archives Fund will support our community's physical archives held at the AJCC, as well as the program the committee delivers. The archives are led by co-chairs Michael Burnett and Mary Ann Merrell and staff archivist Nicki Russler. They do a fantastic job of preserving our history and an example of that can be found on the inside back page of HaKol. You can support the creation of the fund with a gift to KJCFF. If you have interest in the supporting the program directly, you can make a gift to the KJA campaign plus a special donation to the archives. In this manner, KJA can accept charitable distributions from IRAs of donors over 70.5

We Need a Fund for.....AJCC Tennis Courts

You ever notice when you get a new couch it makes the coffee table look old and shaky? The crystal blue waters and elegant stonework of Allen Rosen Aquatic Center look amazing. The new lounge chairs and furniture make you think you are somewhere other than Deane Hill Drive. But when you walk around the back of the fantastic new community room (formerly the snack bar), you see neglected tennis courts in need of love and repair. The courts are still serviceable and get plenty of action during Milton Collins Day Camp, but they look pretty poor next to their gleaming neighbor.

A donor can make a QCD directly to one of those organizations for the benefit of one of their funds, though.

Requirements for Qualified Charitable Distributions from an IRA

At KJCFF, we get many questions about making donations to KJCFF funds from an IRA. Unfortunately, KJCFF cannot directly accept a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) from an IRA. Under the Pension Protection Act of 2006, to qualify as a QCD, the distribution must go directly to a public charity; it cannot go to a private foundation, a charitable supporting organization, or a donor advised fund. While donor advised funds can never accept a QCD, KJCFF's status as a supporting organization also prevents donors from directly making a QCD to a fund of Heska Amuna, JCOR, KJDS, or the Knoxville Jewish Alliance held by KJCFF. However, if a donor wishes to make a QCD directly to one of those organizations for the benefit of one of their funds, that is allowable.

President's Message

By: Harriet Glasman, Hadassah Knoxville-Oak Ridge president

Hadassah Knoxville-Oak Ridge is rolling along and raising money for Hadassah and having fun doing it!

May 5, we participated in Knosville with a Bundt cake sale led handily by Nora Messing and Robin Brown. Each year they move the selection of bakers and submitted cakes efficiently and successfully. It was a great fundraiser.

May 22, we had our first annual Fitness Expo. We had a fantastic group of classes including kickboxing, Zumba, interval training, chair yoga, a children's fun competition, a masseuse, Krav Maga class and a fitness assessment. All went home with a goody bag.

I greatly thank Peggy Littmann for her help with coordinating acquisition of instructors while taking care of her dad. She worked hard! I thank Becky Charles for suggesting we invite Serene to provide soothing massages and Todd Mills for interrupting his time with his family to come and give us a lesson in Krav Maga. I thank our workers: Judi Abrams, Rosalie Nagler, Alice Farkas and Laura Floyd. A special thank you to Dr. Barb Levin for conducting health assessments on her computer. And we greatly thank and appreciate Tara Bain for making the arrangements so smooth for us and all her help. We all had a great time and good workouts.

Now we are looking ahead to putting together our annual HMO Luncheon in October, a membership event to be announced and my passion, the Art Sale in November. I have 7 commitments by local artists, Jewish and others to participate on site to sell their extraordinary art.

It is shaping up to be a great year. We hope the Knoxville Jewish Community will support our efforts. The funds we raise go to Hadassah international expressly to build hospitals in Israel which in truth and not lies, treat All-Palestinians, Christians, and Jews. Hadassah also helps with funding the incredible medical and scientific work that has been achieved in Israel including vaccines, treatments, cures, and many others. Hadassah provides for enormous opportunities in Israel and the world.

Let's look forward to peaceful, healthy, and happy months to come!

The Fitness Expo on Sunday, May 22nd was so much fun—a big THANK YOU to everyone who attended and to our exercise coaches who donated their time. Thank you to our sponsors Peggy Littmann and Barb Levin and to President Harriet Glasman and Peggy Littmann for chairing the event.

Low Impact kickboxing
 Laura Joyce, laura@bullfitgym.com 865-228-2944

Zumba
 Sovanne Ek, <https://www.zumba.com/en-US/profile/sovanne-ek/1599754>
 865-951-4618

Low Impact Functional Interval Training
 Joe Dodgin from BullFit, Fitness with a Purpose, 865-386-8266

Chair Yoga
 Laura Clingan RYT-200, CPT iclingan68@gmail.com.

Children's Activity
 Jolon Williams from West Side YMCA. 865-696-7382

Relaxation
 Bonnie Boring unresources@aol.com

Krav Maga
 Todd Mills, Owner of Battle Rock Krav Maga,
 1318 Karnes Ave, Knoxville, 37917, tgmills21@gmail.com, 865-919-3985.

Massage
 Serene White sereneyoga@comcast.net, 865-789-9731

Healthy Life Health Risk Assessment
 Dr. Barb Levin, Access Medical Care 423-442-8084 11:00 on.

Annual Giving

By: Shuli Mesa

While thinking of how to begin this article, I kept coming back to the term "Annual Giving" and how it has almost a negative connotation - implying that you are somehow forced or coerced into financial obligation. Today, I ask you to reserve that notion and to stretch your mind a bit farther.

One unique aspect to Hadassah is that you can join as a lifetime member. Maybe you hopped on this super charged bandwagon in your late 50's, or maybe you were gifted with a child life membership in infancy, like my children, and will NEVER have to pay annual membership dues. As a parent of four, I can't tell you how remarkable it is to NOT pay. I pay for band, not just every year but each semester, to join the PTSA, various clubs, honor societies, and all of this is simply for the chance to participate, to be counted as a member.

Without taking further 'annual' contributions, groundbreaking medical advancements are being tackled at Hadassah Hospitals in Israel; Youth Aliyah villages have opened its doors to the displaced Ukrainian youth. Meanwhile efforts at home have continued combating rising antisemitism and ameliorating the disparagement of women's health.

So, do I believe in annual giving? Yes. In an organization that stands for so much that really requests so little in return, I emphatically give. And the truly beautiful thing about Hadassah is that you don't have to give at some unobtainable level to make a difference. While yes, we have Keepers of the Gate at \$1000 a year that's not where everyone can be. For as little as \$15 a month, that's \$180 annually, you can become a Chai Society member. But give at any level, any amount. You would pay for your monthly Netflix subscription and your Costco membership. In a world where there is so much turmoil it is truly satisfying and promising to know that my small contributions can make vast impacts. For today, for tomorrow, but most importantly, for their tomorrow. My children's.



HADASSAH OF KNOXVILLE OAK-RIDGE

A Perfect Bundt

By: Nora Messing, Knoxville Bundt Cake Co-Chair

What a truly spectacular Knoxville day we had from start to finish. Hadassah-you are incredible volunteers and because of your dedication and hard work of baking from one to five cakes it was a great success again this year. Robin and I thank you so much for your commitment of time and energy to this important and tasty project. I would also like to thank my donors for their contributions to our success. Shantorra Owens of State Farm in Memphis, Tennessee, Bruce Messing of

Maywood, New Jersey, Terry and Linda Tyler of Knoxville, Tennessee Elaine Mordoh of Chicago Illinois Lynn Kirchner of Knoxville, Tennessee, Eddie Bass and Dierdre Bass of Bass Temporary Apartments of Harker Heights, TX, Dina Kramer & Sara Noorily, Alex Martin of Realty Executives Associates of Knoxville, Tennessee. and to all the individuals who donated beyond the \$28 for the Bundt cakes and \$6.00 for the mini bundlets. Thank YOU!

An extra big thank you to "our Chosen Bakers": Marla Brody, Dina Kramer, Mary Evars-Goan, and Allison Fay for making at least 4 to 5 cakes since 2016. Your continuous dedication and support are inspiring and greatly appreciated. Keep those recipe books and bundt pans handy, we can't wait to see what next year will bring.



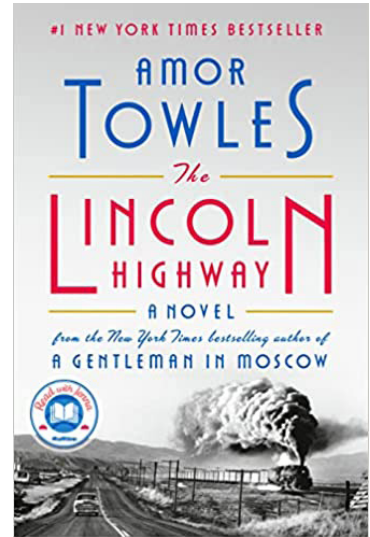
August Book Club News

By: Barbara Mintz, Book Club Chair

We welcome you to participate in our next Hadassah Book Club meeting. On August 16 we will be discussing *The Lincoln Highway* by Amor Towles. We will be using a zoom only format for this book club meeting and we will start at 7:30p.m.

***The Lincoln Highway* by Amor Towles**

In June, 1954, eighteen-year-old Emmett Watson is driven home to Nebraska by the warden of the juvenile work farm where he has just served fifteen months for involuntary manslaughter. His mother long gone, his father recently deceased, and the family farm foreclosed upon by the bank, Emmett's intention is to pick up his eight-year-old brother, Billy, and head to California where they can start their lives anew. But when the warden drives away, Emmett discovers that two friends from the work farm have hidden themselves in the trunk of the warden's car. Together, they have hatched an altogether different plan for Emmett's future, one that will take them all on a fateful journey in the opposite direction—to the City of New York.



Please contact Barbara@bmintz.com if you have any questions or feedback. Also let her know if you have any changes in your email address or if you want to be removed from the master email list.

Future Book

September 20:
The Forest of Vanishing Stars by Kristin Harmel

October 18:
Anxious People by Fredrick Backman

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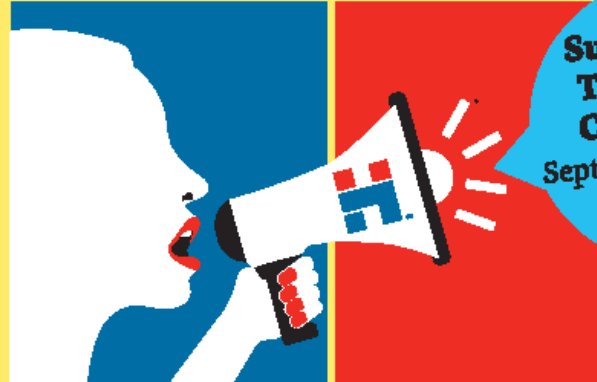
Reservations will be REQUIRED to attend.
Invitations and details to follow.
Questions? Andrea Cone at hadassahknoxvilleac@gmail.com.

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The Rebbe Empowered our Generation

By: Mordechai Lightstone

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For the full article read [13 Ways the Lubavitcher Rebbe Changed the World Forever](#)

Born in 1902 in Nikolaev, Ukraine, the life of the Lubavitcher Rebbe encompasses many of the epochs of the 20th century: The rise and fall of the Soviet Union, the Holocaust, modern Israel, the cultural revolution of the 1960s and the dawn of the Internet age.

The Rebbe believed that every person—regardless of background or knowledge—could be empowered as a conduit to spread goodness and kindness wherever they were. Together, those combined acts could illuminate the world, elevating it and bringing true transcendence.

The following offers a glimpse at how the Rebbe, through great vision, has categorically changed the Jewish world.

1. Speak to the Youth

Judaism has always placed a vital role on education as the key to continuity. The Rebbe, however, clarified the importance of experience and interaction as key to bringing these valuable lessons to future.

Rather than view children as merely unfinished adults, the Rebbe recognized the vigor, openness and pursuit of truth among youth as unique advantages they could teach and inspire their world-weary elders. The Rebbe would dedicate special talks to children, engaging their minds and hearts with Torah.

The Rebbe understood that it was through action that the innate energy of youth could be catalyzed and focused, ultimately inspiring grownups as well.

2. Rebellion Is Revelation

The Rebbe was an orthodox rebel, a traditional radical. In the Sixties, the rest of the Jewish establishment looked on in disdain at what was happening to their youth and cried: Student unrest! Hippies and freaks! This is certainly a deranged and lost generation.

The Rebbe's approach declared: Finally, the iceberg of America is beginning to melt! Finally, its young people are demonstrating that conformity is not the sum of life's goals! They have smashed the idols of false progress; they need now only be led back to the living waters of their heritage.

3. The Power of the Feminine Soul

The Rebbe was once visited by an influential New York politician and his wife. Seeing that the wife, an accomplished lawyer in her own right, was silent during the conversation, the Rebbe turned to her and asked: "Why aren't you saying anything? These are the days of women's rights . . ."

When the world struggled with including women in the rubric of Jewish tradition, the Rebbe had long empowered them to be leaders and thinkers, masters of the Jewish future and bringers of light into the world.

4. Knowing Joy

Joy has always been an essential component of Jewish spiritual life. Yet all too often, the Jewish experience has been associated with the negative, especially when it comes to a history of persecution, made most horrific by the Holocaust.

The Rebbe sought to imbue joy throughout the spectrum of Jewish life. Every moment, every good deed, every experience could reflect a sense of pride and a time for rejoicing. Judaism deserved not to be mourned and eulogized, but to be celebrated.



*The Rebbe greeting dignitaries.
Credit: JEM / The Living Archives*

5. Always Practical

The Rebbe created a 10-point mitzvah campaign focusing on simple, practical and actionable deeds that could be performed anywhere.

Combining his philosophy of taking Jewish action to the streets and understanding the importance of experience, the Rebbe married these two beliefs in the pragmatic request that people do a limited immediate action. Take a moment and put on tefillin; light Shabbat candles; eat kosher. What you did until now—and what you'll do tomorrow—is not the focus. Right here, right now, it's about doing a good deed. That connection, even if seemingly transient, is transcendent and eternal.

6. Identify!

In 1974, the Rebbe introduced the world to the "Mitzvah Tank": trucks or RVs converted into mobile Jewish centers where Jewish pride could be writ large—bold, brash and ready to engage the public. Being Jewish was no longer was a passive experience. Instead, the fight for Jewish identity and continuity was an active one in which every

7. Think Globally . . .

The Rebbe pushed forth the call of Ufaratzta, that Jews should travel to communities around the world, under the principle that 'even if you know just the letter Alef, teach Alef,' affording every last individual access to his or her heritage. Heading this call, some 5,000 Chabad-Lubavitch emissary couples in over 100 countries around the world run 4,000 institutions.

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The Way We Were in 1982: At the Pool



Jonathan **Branton** and his mother Pam **Brody** at the AJCC pool 40 years ago. Jonathan ventured out of Knoxville for several years but has returned and is now the pool manager at the AJCC. Pam, a psychologist, continues to live in Knoxville.

Thanks to Jonathan for sharing this photo.

The Archives needs your photographs!

Send your photos (with identifications of who, what, when, where) of "The Way We Were" to archives@jewishknoxville.org or contact the archivist at (865) 690-6343.



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