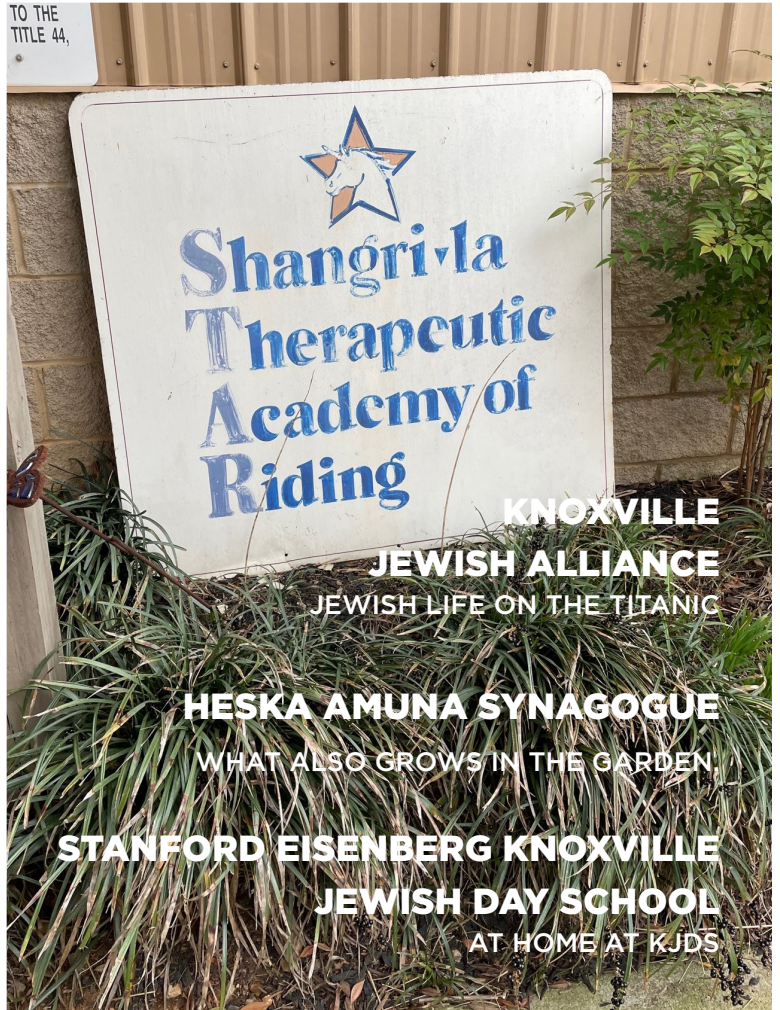


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May 2022 Community Calendar

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

Sunday, May 1

9:30A Religious School Last Day – TBE
11:00A Israeli Dancing – JCOR
11:00A Brunch for Interfaith Families - HA
1:00P Bat Mitzvah - Chabad
4:00P Yom HaShoah - KJA

Monday, May 2

8:00A Minyan – HA
6:30P Board Meeting - KJA

Tuesday, May 3

1:00P Torah chat w/Rabbi – TBE
4:00P Minyan & Torah Chat – HA
7:00P Healing Service w/Rabbi & Steve Lewis - TBE
8:00P Minyan – HA

Wednesday, May 4

Yom Hazikaron
9:00A Midweek Meditation – HA
5:00P Limmud School – HA
6:30P Minyan – HA
7:00P Board of Trustees – HA
7:00P Talmud Study Group – HA

Thursday, May 5

Yom Ha'atzmaut
7:00A Minyan – HA
11:00A Torah Study - TBE
3:00P Minyan & Torah Chat – HA

Friday, May 6

Shabbat Candles 8:09P
9:30A Mommy & Me Playgroup – KJDS
12:00P Mindfulness Practice w/ Rabbi – HA
4:30P JFS Sherrill Hills Shabbat Service - KJA
6:00P Shabbat Service – TBE
6:30P Kabbalat Shabbat – JCOR
6:30P Kabbalat Shabbat w/Jack Love – HA

Saturday, May 7

Havdalah 9:10P
9:30A Shabbat School Last Day - HA
10:00A Shabbat Services – HA
10:00A Saturday Shabbat Services – JCOR
10:30A Millie Braude Bat Mitzvah - TBE

Sunday, May 8

11:00A Israeli Dancing – JCOR
12:30P Confirmation Class - TBE

Monday, May 9

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

Tuesday, May 10

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

Wednesday, May 11

9:00A Midweek Meditation – HA
5:00P Limmud School – HA
6:30P Minyan – HA
7:00P Talmud Study Group – HA

Thursday, May 12

7:00A Minyan – HA
11:00A Torah Study - TBE
3:00P Minyan & Torah Chat – HA

Friday, May 13

Shabbat Candles 8:15P
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 - TBE

Saturday, May 14

Havdalah 9:17P
10:00A Shabbat Hinuxh (Education) Service - HA
10:00A Shabbat Services - JCOR

Sunday, May 15

10:00A Adult Education w/Rabbi – TBE
11:00A Knoshville at AJCC
12:30P Confirmation Class - TBE

Monday, May 16

8:00A Minyan – HA
11:30A JFS Committee Meeting – KJA

Tuesday, May 17

4:00P Minyan & Torah Chat – HA
7:00P Board Meeting – KJCFE
7:00P Healing Service w/Rabbi & Steve Lewis – TBE
7:30P Book Club - Hadassah
8:00P Minyan – HA

Wednesday, May 18

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

Thursday, May 19

Lag B'Omer
7:00A Minyan – HA
3:00P Minyan & Torah Chat – HA

Friday, May 20

Shabbat Candles 8:21P
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 Confirmation Shabbat Service - TBE

Saturday, May 21

Havdalah 9:23P
10:00A Shabbat Services – HA
10:00A Shabbat Services - JCOR

Sunday, May 22

10:30A GKJ Men's Club - KJA
11:00A Israeli Dancing - JCOR

Monday, May 23

8:00A Minyan – HA

Tuesday, May 24

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

Wednesday, May 25

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

Thursday, May 26

7:00A Minyan – HA
11:00A Torah Study - TBE
3:00P Minyan & Torah Chat – HA

Friday, May 27

Shabbat Candles 8:26P
12:00P Mindfulness Practice w/ Rabbi – HA
6:30P Kabbalat Shabbat – JCOR
6:30P Kabbalat Shabbat w/Jack Love – HA
7:00P Shabbat Service - TBE

Saturday, May 28

Havdalah 9:29P
Pool at AJCC Opens Today!
10:00A Shabbat Services – HA
10:00A Shabbat Services - JCOR

Sunday, May 29

11:00A Israeli Dancing - JCOR

Monday, May 30

8:00A Minyan – HA

Tuesday, May 31

1:00P Torah chat w/Rabbi Boxt – TBE
4:00P Minyan & Torah Chat – HA
7:00P Healing Service w/Rabbi & Steve Lewis – TBE
8:00P Minyan – HA

Sustaining a Community Icon

By: *Bryan Goldberg, KJA President*

Underway as you read this HaKol, is **YOUR** opportunity to ensure a long and successful future of our community pool. A treasure trove of devoted community members have tirelessly planned and implemented an amazing retrofit of our pool. You will be awed and amazed at the look and feel of our community's seasonal gathering place this summer. Their work and devotion is a testament to what our pool means and has meant to all of us over the years. Now you and your families can make an impact by helping us sustain the beauty and success of our largest operational cost for many years to come. This capital campaign will solidify the future of our pool for the next generation of our community. On your mark....get set.....**JUMP IN NOW!**



The AJCC Pool Fund

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Dancing while Shush Carson and Norma James lead us in Am Israel Chai

Family Adventure: Israel

A fun, hands-on community learning day

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

On April 3, families from the entire Greater Knoxville Jewish Community joined together for a trip around Israel – no passport needed! With the help of teachers and leadership from Heska Amuna Religious School, Knoxville Jewish Day School, PJ Library Knoxville, and Temple Beth El Religious School, the grounds of the AJCC were transformed into incredible learning stations representing a wide variety of cultural experiences. We danced with Mr. Bob Grimac, went on an archeological dig with Amir Sadovnik, haggled with Shush Carson to buy “stinky beans” in the shuk, cooked pita on a saj, planted ingredients for shakshuka and schug in our kibbutz garden, added prayers to the kotel, created our own windows inspired by Marc Chagall, toured a matza factory with Rabbi Yossi, and so much more. Lev Gross-Comstock took us to Haifa, Tower of David, Masada, and a Bedouin Village (thanks to his green screen set up)! Our teens had a special cooking class and trivia game with Inbal Lev, the shlichah in Chattanooga. All-in-all it was a wonderful of joy and learning! It was hard to return to Knoxville, but thankfully everyone made it home excited and inspired. We’re already looking forward to the next Family Adventure day! L’hitraot!



Martha Iroff flipped pitas on the saj, on generous loan from the Maman family.



Family Adventure: Israel was a joint program with HARS, PJ Library, KDJS, and TBERS. What a dream team!



Rabbi Yossi and the matza factory "staff" showed us how to make matza, and what makes it different than the pita we made.



No way Shush is going to sell stinky beans for only 2 shekels!



The Weckstein family touring the Baha'i Gardens in Haifa

TBE Social Justice Volunteers at “STAR” work day

By: Social Justice Committee

It was quite a scene – 23 humans and one “Angel” descending upon Shangri-La Therapeutic Academy of Riding (STAR) to participate in one of its “Work Days.” That’s when volunteers help this incredible non-profit organization continue its work of bringing new strength, hope, and happiness to members of our community who all too often don’t receive the acceptance and support they deserve.

You see, STAR fosters personal achievement for people with disabilities or other special challenges; they do it through therapeutic experiences using horse-related activities. The trust and friendship these individuals develop with their horses can lead to some amazing growth, and memories that stay with them and their families for the rest of their lives.

This was the first “official” event organized by our newly formed Social Justice committee. Our mission – which we chose to accept – was to help STAR “clean up” for its planned fundraising event the following week. The TBE volunteers included two entire families – the Boxt’s (Rabbi Erin and Batya Boxt and their children Carlie, Danika, and Akivah) and the May’s (Bryan and Sarah and their children Shaughn, Franklin, Michael, Emily, and Daniel); as well as Barry Sherman, David Butler, Tammy and Eric Stone, Eric’s Mom Arlene Stone, and Tammy’s wonderful canine companion Angel; Ed and Linda Weintraub, Lucian and Marjorie Bornes, and Steve and Grace Lewis. And it was truly a “work” day. Our activities included pulling weeds, hauling equipment in and out of the storage area, cleaning helmets and other equipment in the barn, and removing the “nature’s gifts” that had been donated to the grounds of the corrals by the adorable “mini’s.” Yet although we were all exhausted by the end of the day, I don’t think any of us complained. We were very happy to have participated, and the people at STAR were most appreciative – and isn’t that the blessing of doing a Mitzvah?

We look forward to many more opportunities in the future to make a meaningful contribution to the enrichment of our community.



Bryan May and Daniel



Barry Sherman, Rabbi Erin Boxt, Carlie Boxt, Steve Lewis, and Lu Bornes



Welcome to STAR in Lenoir City



Tammy and Eric Stone and Angel - what a team!



Entire TBE volunteer group

Shalom Ya'll

By: Rabbi Erin Boxt

If you have ever been in my office, you might have seen a window in the corner of my office – directly behind me when I am working on my computer. It is a great view of the front of Temple Beth El, which allows me to see what is going on outside our building. I often find it very relaxing to open the blinds and just watch the cars drive by on Kingston Pike. I also have the opportunity to watch the seasons change...and when we get rainstorms, I can barely even see outside! Let me tell you what I have noticed going on outside my window for the past few months.

Thanks to grants we received from the federal government we have been able to enhance our security features. If you have been by our Jewish home anytime in the past few months, you may have felt like our front lawn looked like a construction site. The lawn and front gardens have been dug up to make way for a very important reason. One of the security features we added was to “brighten” our front lawn. The lights that we have now are extremely bright! The first time I stepped outside the Temple at night, I felt like I was attending a football game at Neyland Stadium!

As time has moved on, the landscaping of our front lawn and gardens has become less of an eye sore and more welcoming to all of us. While the new lights shine bright upon our building and our landscape, seeing them is a constant reminder of the importance of protecting our Jewish home and keeping all of us safe. And what is the first visual example of our protection – the Mezuzah we find present on our doors. This precious ritual symbol marks our congregation as a Jewish home dedicated to the values and ideals we find in our sacred scrolls. Come by sometime and check out our building, take a look at our new landscaping and see the beauty present of our Jewish home in Knoxville.

Meet Our Newest Board Member and Membership Chair



By: Kathy Young, President of Temple Beth El

Beth Pline moved to Oak Ridge TN in 2020 after retiring from a career in nonprofit management and clinical social work. She was actively involved in her Temple in Roanoke, VA where she was bat mitzvah in 2019, served on the Board of Directors, the Care Committee, long-term planning committee, sisterhood, and kitchen committee. She is married to her high school sweetheart, Tom Brown, a fly fisherman, and has one daughter Colleen McMillian, who is in the process of relocating from Las Vegas to Durham, North Carolina with her partner.

Take Care of the Stranger

By: Ruth Weinstein, Social Justice

On March 30th the TBE Social Justice Committee met to discuss the emergent needs of the Bridge Refugee Services organization. One of the committee members visited with professionals at Bridge and reported, "The need is enormous: housing, childcare, employment, transportation, food. These families come here with nothing but each other, the clothes they wear and perhaps a teddy or blanket for the children."

The refugees are overwhelmed from language barriers, traveling long distances, witnessing the decimation of their homes, their land, their people and being in fear for their lives. They arrive by assignment to Bridge Refugee Services or another affiliate organization. At the Bridge Refugee Services, they find professionals armed with warmth, hope, respect and knowledge in immigration law."

However, Bridge needs our help. They need people willing to become landlords; people willing to employ and help find employment for the refugees; they need people willing to become childcare providers; and people to transport refugees to their appointments. Further, they need groceries to cover the gap between the application for food vouchers and approval; apartment set-up teams; assistance in signing the children up for school; help in the office at Bridge; bus training; mentoring and translators (registered or casual).

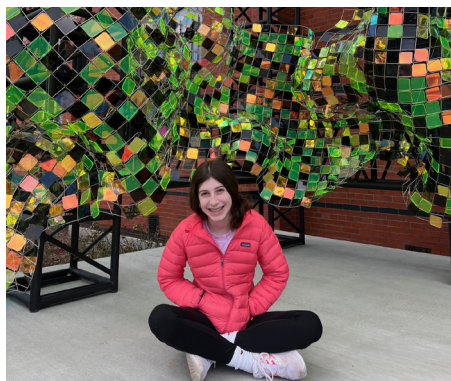
They need gently used furniture, new bedding, pillows, and mattresses (per regulation). They need volunteers who can assist with acculturation, as well as reinforce English as a second language.

Bridge Refugee Services uses gift cards and vouchers for clothing from KARM. If clothing is donated to KARM in honor of the Bridge Refugees, they are turned into vouchers for clothing. In addition, vouchers for clothing can be purchased at KARM for use by Bridge Refugees. These are very important for the successful transition to school, jobs, and community access.

TBE Social Justice Committee has already joined forces with Friends of the Library and their used book-sale. One hundred and seventeen books were delivered, so that each home has their own books to keep and learn from. The committee intends to help in many ways and welcomes joint efforts with other charitable organizations.

Finally, Bridge Refugee Services welcomes donations of money. This is sorely needed as the refugee infrastructure is currently being rebuilt to where it was five years ago. And, they need us all to simply start the process of becoming a volunteer by going to their website at www.bridgerefugees.org and filling out the paperwork.

Millie Braude to Become Bat Mitzvah



Millie Braude will become a Bat Mitzvah on May 7, 2022. A seventh grader at the Webb School of Knoxville, Millie runs track and cross country, participates in Model UN, and appeared in the All-East Middle School Honor Choir.

Millie is very connected to her Camp Thunderbird friends from around the country and looks forward to spending her summers in Northern Minnesota. She loves spending time with family, getting lost in a good book, baking and sampling sweet treats, and collecting new stamps in her National Parks passport.

The Braude family would like to thank all of Millie's wonderful teachers at Temple Beth El, especially Liz Gassel and Norma James, who have patiently worked with Millie on her pandemic-lengthened journey to becoming a Bat Mitzvah.

Hands On, Hearts On, Minds On Learning

By: Norma James, TBERS Director

May has arrived! It is hard to believe that another school year is coming to an end. This has been a great one. We have been in person almost the entire year. The energy our children and teens bring to Temple Beth El is amazing. There are so many people responsible for this joy.

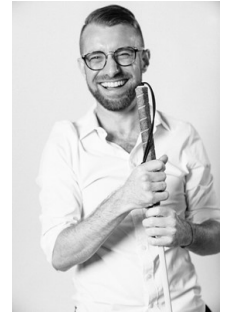
First, I want to express my appreciation the support staff that makes our program run smoothly. Officer Jeff Hamby and the other officers from the Knox County Sheriff's Office provide a safe environment for our students. They are diligent in their duty and friendly to everyone in the building. This year we have been fortunate to have Angel Dingus, who does so much more than housekeeping. She has been an amazing addition to our Sunday staff. Angel goes above and beyond every Sunday. Our office administrator Tina Fleeman makes all the wheels turn at TBE. I could not do my job with Tina's help, patience, and friendly smile!

I am forever grateful for our parents. You have followed our Covid protocols to the letter and always with a positive attitude, even when it means an inconvenience to you. You have been patient, encouraging, and flexible. It means so much to your children that you drop them off with a smile and pick them up with a smile. This communicates to the children and the staff that you support what we are doing.

There are not enough positive words to say about our staff. I honestly believe that nothing throws this crew off balance. Without exception, each staff member gives your all for this school. You cover for each other with someone is absent. You are always there with a hug or kind word if a student or fellow staff member needs that little extra. You plan lessons that engage our students. Best of all, our students know you care about them, and they care about you. Thank you to our teachers: Tara Bain (Chai & Assistant Director), Gina Felblum (7th), Leah Faupel & Sebastian Altman (5th/6th), Justen Bain (3rd/4th), Jeannine Mill (2nd/3rd), Jesse Weckstein (PreK/K) and of course Rabbi Erin, who shares his wisdom and love of Judasim with our children and staff. Thank you to our Madrichim: Alison Pasternak, Troy Lurie, Grace Theriot, and Grace Margulies. Thank you to our substitutes: Al Feldblum and Zoe Feldblum.

Charlie Kramer will lead our End-of-School Celebration! Our students are going to love spending their last day of Religious School with Charlie. This amazing man is a musician, storyteller, and educator who is loved students

of all ages. He also happens to be legally blind, which offer him a unique perspective on experiencing the world in general and Judaism in particular. Charlie will be with TBE all weekend, but we get him all to ourselves on Sunday. Our children who attend Camp Coleman last summer had an opportunity to enjoy time with Charlie. I guarantee our staff and students will leave for the summer with a happy heart!



Millie Braude will become Bat Mitzvah on Saturday, May 7th. You might remember that we announced her Bat Mitzvah as February, but Omicron got in the way. Now Millie and her family are looking forward to a beautiful spring simcha. Millie is the daughter of Adam and Julie Braude and the sister of Evie. Millie has done a wonderful job of preparing for her service with the help of Liz Gassel for her Torah, Norma James for her service prayers, and Rabbi Boxt for her D'var and final prep. Millie is a 7th grade student at Webb School. She has a variety of interests, such as art and track. The Braude family is excited to welcome family and friends for the service and celebration. The service will be in person for family and friends. The service will be streamed for those not attending in person.

Confirmation is Friday, May 20th. We have another wonderful group of young people completing their formal Religious School education this year. In addition to be active members of our Chai class, these teens have been studying with all year with Rabbi Boxt. The Confirmation class this year is Lilly Stanley, Carlie Boxt, Jake Javors, and Alex Feldblum. These students have become close friends and have shown themselves to be strong leaders who are always willing to help in any way. This is also a group who values Judaism, both spiritually and culturally. They embody all that we, their teachers hope to achieve in our students. We hope that you will join us in person at what has become one of our most beautiful services of the year.

June B'nai Mitzvah dates:

Sophia and Jacob Walters, June 11th
Sammy Friedman, June 18th

**Happy Graduation, Grace Theriot.
We are so proud of you!**

Social Justice Calendar of Events

By: Social Justice Committee

Beginning with this month's issue, TBE's Social Justice Committee will be providing a calendar of events and commemorations as a service to our congregation and the Knoxville Jewish community. We hope you will find value in these opportunities to support justice and equality in our community.

May: Jewish American Heritage Month

May: Mental Health Awareness Month

May 3: World Press Freedom Day

May 4: International Stand Up to Bullying Day

May 4: First Freedom Ride Started, 1961

May 5: Special Olympics of East TN; Tennis at West Hills Park

May 7: Youth Pride Festival; First Presbyterian Church Oak Ridge

May 10: Equal Pay Act of 1963

May 17: International Day Against Homophobia,
Transphobia and Biphobia

May 20: Global Accessibility Awareness Day (GAAD)

May 21: World Day for Cultural Diversity for
Dialogue and Development

May 21: World Day of Cultural diversity

May 22: Harvey Milk Day

May 29: International Day of UN Peacekeepers

May 31: Tulsa Race Massacre began, 1921

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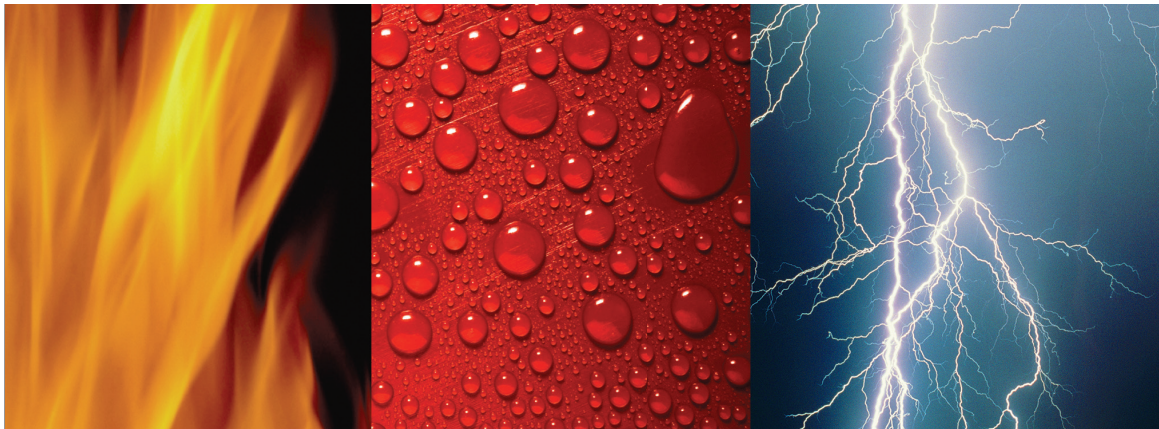
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By: Renee' Hyatt, VP Campaign

I want to thank our volunteer solicitors and the members of our Board of Directors for their work on our 2022 Annual Campaign. I also want to thank all of you who have made a pledge in support of our community and our future.

For those who have yet to be contacted, please call the KJA office, 865-690-6343, or click **DONATE** on KJA's home page, www.jewishknoxville.org. Your pledge allows:

- Jewish Family Services to help those of us who need assistance with financial emergencies
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- The PJ Library to introduce our children to Jewish holidays, stories, and values

You may designate your pledge to any of these programs or any other KJA program you choose.

You may also direct your pledge to JFNA whose mission is to serve the needs of Jewish communities in the US as well as abroad.

Every pledge is important and helps ensure the continued vitality of our Jewish community.

How to Plant a Seed in Many Different Homes

By: Marc Forman, KJA Partnership2Gether Chairperson

I just spent 3 wonderful days planting seeds at my home in Greensboro. While I was there, I also planted seeds in my homes around the world, including Israel. So, you ask, "How did you do all of that?" Sit back, grab a bagel and coffee and I will tell you.

Well, I attended the Joint Steering Committee meeting. What is the Joint Steering Committee, you ask? It is the group of made up of Federation Executives and P2G chairs from all the consortium members, and Israel. We voted on the budget and decided on what our programming would be for the next year. What I did was plant a seed of family. I represented the Jewish community in Knoxville. I gained support for our efforts to grow this community and laid a foundation for members of Jewish Knoxville to visit the Hadera-Eiron Region of Israel.

Almost 14 years ago, KJA planted seeds and allowed me to go on the first ever teacher exchange. I was Jewish, but not to active in either the religion or the community. Two weeks later, when I arrived home, I was more Jewish and more involved in the community. What made the change? P2G made the change. I no longer thought of Israel as the Jewish State. I now felt as though Israel was my home, my place of belonging. I have friends, family, and a life there.

In Israel they say, "I went to America an Israeli, I came back a Jew". I would say, "I went to Israel as a Jew, I came back Israeli". I have a better understanding of the life that my family in Israel lead and the troubles they live with.

As a youth I planted many trees in Israel. Now I am planting seeds. I would like to give you the opportunity to plant seeds also. The P2G committee is always looking for members. I promise it is not much work. I am currently working with a group to determine what Exchange will happen next year. Who knows, maybe you will be on that exchange. You can plant your own seed at our next meeting. This meeting will be held on Zoom. I hope to see you on Thursday, May 12th at 6:30 PM.

The Zoom link is: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86948829343?pwd=YWN1V2JXUGZVNm1KU1g3VHU3RnRsUT09>

You can always contact me at marcforman@hotmail.com or check out the Partnership web site at: <https://www.p2g-hadera-eiron.org.il/>. For now, I must go. I have seeds to cultivate.



JFS Resumes Monthly Shabbat Service at Sherrill Hills

By: Laura Sadler, Senior Director of Development and Jewish Community Services

On April 1, the Jewish Family Services committee held our first monthly Shabbat service at Sherrill Hills since March 2020. It was a joyous but bittersweet reunion. We loved seeing our friends in person who we had not seen in over two years, but we have also had to say goodbye to several of our friends during that time. When we last got together, we had no idea it would be the last time we would see several of our regulars.

If you are interested in joining JFS for our monthly Shabbat services, we meet on the first Friday of each month at 4:30 PM at Sherrill Hills Retirement Community, 271 Moss Grove Boulevard. We welcome volunteer leaders for our short service as well. If you would like to lead one month (or more!), please contact Nancy Becker or Laura Sadler.



Graduation Announcements in June/July HaKOL

It is time to celebrate our graduates! Do you have a high school or college graduate you would like to honor? Share their story in 10 sentences or less along with a jpeg picture by May 1, 2022, to be included in the June/July issue of HaKOL.

Email your announcements to the Editor at hakol@jewishknoxville.org.

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Titanic Museum Honors Jewish Passengers & Crew on RMS Titanic

By: Tara Bain, KJA Director of Community Engagement

Did you know there was a kosher kitchen & a kosher chef on Titanic?

We didn't either! Anna Iroff-Bailey, KJA Director of Jewish Life, and I were invited to tour the Titanic Museum Attraction recently to view its stunning, true facts about the Titanic's Jewish passengers and crew. The Titanic team's extensive, 3-year research has culminated into a beautiful tribute throughout the entire museum.

Every year the Titanic Museum Attraction has created special customized exhibits that focus on the unique differences of passengers and crew on board the RMS Titanic. Mary Kellogg, President/COO and Co-Owner of the Titanic Museum Attractions, designed this year to focus on the ship's Jewish population.

"Every day the Titanic Museum honors the 2,208 passengers and crew who were on board the ship. And, once a year, for the last 14, we've produced special exhibits that paid tribute them. Now, amazing stories and rare artifacts associated with the 69 known Jewish passengers on the ship are giving our museum guests an incredible, in-depth, look into the amazing Jewish Experience on Titanic," Kellogg says.

One story tells of two men on board Titanic who were first to write personal letters on Titanic stationery, unaware that one of them was sadly destined to be a Titanic/holocaust connector. These letters survived and are on exclusive display in the Jewish Tribute Gallery.

"I want to thank our museum staff researchers who conducted the fact-finding search for this exhibit, and for the assistance of the Jewish community, educators, rabbis and private Jewish foundations. The exhibit was designed and constructed by one of the country's most creative exhibition professionals," acknowledges Kellogg.

In July, the Knoxville Jewish Alliance will host speaker, Elie Moskowitz, in collaboration with the Titanic Museum Attraction. We are also planning a day trip to visit the Pigeon Forge exhibit. More details will follow in next month's HaKol.



KJA Directors, Anna Iroff-Bailey and Tara Bain, at the Pigeon Forge Titanic Museum Attraction

The Titanic Museum Attraction ships in Branson, MO & Pigeon Forge, TN open daily at 9 a.m. Reservations are required as many days the Titanic Museum Attraction are sold out: 800-381-7670.

The graphic features a central image of the Titanic ship framed by a blue Star of David. Above the ship is a white banner with the text "TITANIC MUSEUM HONORS" and below it is another white banner with "JEWISH PASSENGERS & CREW". The background is a deep blue underwater scene with sunlight filtering through the water.

Every year the Titanic Museum Attraction has introduced special passenger and crew tributes.

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A House and a Home

By: Rabbi Alon Ferency

A few years ago, Karen and I purchased the venerable parsonage from the synagogue. Since then, and accelerating through the Covid era, we made that house our home: fresh flagstones, a front door and a remodeled kitchen and porch have made it into the home we imagined and desired. It's full of light and life: 2 parents, 4 growing boys, an aging dog, 2 cats and now a bunny. The house is now home, and with the worst of Covid behind us, God willing, we look forward to opening our home to guests again.

A house is made of bricks, mortar, wood and drywall. A home is filled with life: the people (and sometimes the animals). Likewise, a synagogue has walls, glass, classrooms, and offices. A congregation is people, their bodies and souls, memory and experience.

Today, we share a synagogue *and* a congregation. The synagogue has a shaky West wall; the congregation is sturdy. Buildings are built, age, and find need of repair. Congregations, Jews and Judaism are continually reborn. We find ourselves in that process of renewal and growth.

Be clear, growth demands change: change is always uneasy and requires some loss, too. There will be grief ahead, as we navigate facility questions that inform the growth of our congregation. Our synagogue – its walls and beams, roof and ducts – may change, but our congregation can only evolve. And so, we will always be at home.

Minimize aches and pains when in your garden or flower beds with these tips:

Work smarter – use a garden cart to move heavy materials and lift with your knees.

Take breaks – work in short stints before you start to feel any aches or pains.

Don't stop when you're done – end your gardening session with some gentle stretches or a short walk.



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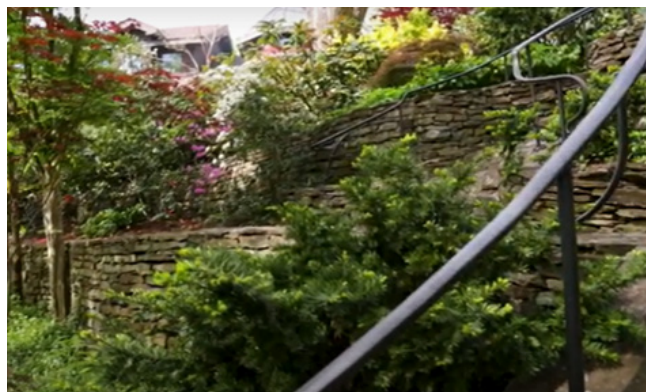
What Also Grows in a Garden? The Gardener



Dr. Solomon



Provided by Dr. Solomon



Dr. Solomon hopes visitors will experience GATOP's spiritual nature and perhaps discover ideas for their own gardens

Gardens not only provide solace and relaxation, but also may help one discover new strengths, skills, and creativity inside ourselves. A wonderful example is a beautiful 18-acre Knoxville Garden called GATOP (God's Answer To Our Prayers). Dr. Alan Solomon purchased the property in 1971 and has spent over 50 years enhancing its natural beauty. More than 400 tons of limestone were used to build walls, walkways, waterfalls, ponds, and meandering streams. Over the decades, extensive collections of native wildflowers and rare plant specimens have been nestled in beds among the native trees. The plantings are complimented by sculptures and sweeping iron railings.

The garden has been a source of serenity and spiritual renewal for Dr. Solomon, who spent his career as a research oncologist at UT Medical Center. GATOP provided him a chance to slow down, enjoy nature and develop "a kinship with the Earth." It also reflects the concept of tikkun olam from his Jewish faith. However, after watching the craftsmen as they worked, he soon discovered a love and ability to work with stone himself. When he is asked "what is your profession," he laughs and replies that "I am a stone mason, and my hobby is medicine." The hundreds of hours he spends designing and building ponds and walls were as renewing as time sitting in reflection of the beauty of GATOP.

Given its horticultural and historic features, GATOP was listed in the Smithsonian Institute's Archives of American Gardens, joined the University of Tennessee as the GATOP Arboretum & Education Center, and is part of the State of Tennessee Botanical Gardens.





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Did we miss your name? Please let us know!

Purim in the Park

Heska Amuna Congregation's Multigenerational Purim Fun

Purim at Heska Amuna is always full of fun and food, and 2022 was no exception. Everyone had a choice of Purim events, 2 outdoors and 1 on zoom. Approximately 70 people celebrated Purim at Lakeshore Park on March 16. For the early reading, groups acted out the familiar story, each in a different genre - from Superheroes to Soap Operas! After a pizza dinner, there was a complete reading of the Megillah for those who are not big fans of groggers. Lots of hamantaschen appealed to all generations.

The next morning there was another reading of the Megillah on Zoom.



Photo courtesy of Serina Scott and Shush Carson



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Before Purim, every member of the Congregation in Knox County received a Mishloach Manot (gift of food). Here are only half of the boxes which were delivered by the Board and Youth Education volunteers.

A very special Thank You to:

Lisa Jacobson & Mary Ann Merrell for supplying pizza dinner for everyone at Purim in the Park!

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JUDAIC STUDIES

At Home at KJDS

By: Louise Lindsay, Innovation Coach

KJDS is a special school that can feel like a second home. Many of our teachers have children here as students, and many students come to school with their siblings. To intentionally nurture a sense of family, older students are paired with younger students as Tefilah Buddies and they begin each morning together. Carefully crafted comfortable classrooms, many opportunities for collaboration, morning meetings that encourage sharing, and welcoming Special Friends and family members to school all make KJDS a place where students and staff feel at home.

When asked what makes KJDS feel like home, fourth grade student Emily shares, "I am comfortable at KJDS. I know I belong, especially since this is the only Jewish school in Knoxville; I don't feel like I stand out being Jewish." Avi, also a fourth grader, says, "I feel safe. Everybody here is seen and noticed." Second grade student Elly also says she feels safe at KJDS too and adds, "I really feel like I fit in here!" And, Lo Presser, mother to third graders, Ansel and Halen describes KJDS as a place where, "my children feel like they can be themselves, their best selves!" Even more than words, laughter, risk-taking, and pitching in to help out are all evidence of the home-like feeling at school.

Faculty and staff feel at home at KJDS too. Ms. Haskins, K/1 Teacher, says she feels supported and at home at KJDS in all of her roles- teacher, parent, and a member of the school community. Ms. Amy, Art Teacher, describes it as, "students share things going on in their lives outside of school whether it be new shoes, a problem to work on, or an exciting family event, there is so much carry over, that it is very clear that school lives and home lives merge together constantly." According to Ms. Lusk, K/1 Teacher, "our entire class is like a family. We live and work together, solve disagreements together, and we make memories and have fun. As a staff member, I appreciate other staff stepping in when someone is in need - whether it's a death, a baby, a two week Covid quarantine, your workload is tough, or you forget your lunch and someone orders food with you or accepts your delivery. We share often. When a staff member asks for something, someone has it, and someone shares it."

The joy at KJDS also encourages a feeling of comfort and family. Charlotte, a second grade student, says she feels at home at KJDS, "because the teachers make the learning fun by doing things like learning outside for Math class". And third grade Adeline shares, "KJDS feels like home because I have such good friends here; I can tell them everything". When students, staff, and community members come together to dress up and celebrate Purim, share Friday Shabbat Parties, or play basketball in the morning before school, they are experiencing bonding moments just like at home.



KJDS Students become Geotechnical Engineers

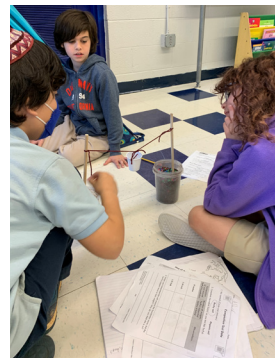
By: Bekka Blanchard, 2nd and 3rd Grade Teacher

The students in the 2/3 class continue their “World Tour” as we wrap up our unit on Asia. The children have been working with groups to learn about Japan, China, South Korea, the UAE, and India. Each student chose an area in which they became their group’s expert and have worked hard to research their topic using multiple texts. After all their learning, they are now creating a magazine to teach their classmates more about Asia! This has allowed them to practice their informational writing skills, as well as helping them gain the confidence to share their knowledge with their peers.

As well as learning about the diversity of the largest continent, the kids have started using their knowledge of the Engineering Design Process to become geotechnical engineers, learning about factors that need to be considered when building a bridge over a river. Through reading a story about a fictional village in Nepal and learning about the real technology of a TarPul bridge, or wire bridge, described in the story, the kids have moved into experimentation with the concepts they read about. They have observed and experimented with different variables, taken data, learned about soil types and erosion, and worked with their engineering teams to begin choosing a site for their own (imaginary) TarPul bridge. We hope to continue using this new knowledge and practice of engineering skills to build a future structure to help solve a problem here in our school community. We love to find creative ways to utilize exploratory, hands-on, and real-world learning at KJDS!



*Students carefully study and measure soil samples to determine the best building site for their TarPul bridge
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*Students test the stability of their TarPul bridge
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Purim Joy

By: Anna McDonald, Director of Admission

Everyone at KJDS had a blast celebrating Purim this year! The festivities were kicked off with a lively costume parade down the hallways of school, as families, board members, staff, and Special Friends cheered on the students. The parade then turned into a surprise flash mob- Purim style!! The students danced in sync to a fun Hebrew song and then invited the rest of the crowd to join in. You could feel the joy and comradery pulsing through the air!

The 4th and 5th grade students independently created and ran a festive and fun Purim carnival, complete with a variety of interactive games and prizes. Several KJDS alumni joined the party too and helped with leading the day's events.

To top off the celebration, KJDS students raised funds to sponsor a Purim Party for the Ukrainian refugee children and staff of the Mishpacha Orphanage of Odessa and Yeka Girls Camp, who are currently being cared for by the Chabad of Berlin. Our joy was multiplied by knowing that others were able to celebrate Purim too, even during a most challenging time.



*The first group of students started off the flash mob with big energy!
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Aviva Lane danced down the hallway in costume during the Purim Parade Credit: Lev Gross-Comstock



Max Diamondstone tried the catapult game during the carnival Credit: Lev Gross-Comstock



KJDS Alumni joined the Purim Party Credit: Lev Gross-Comstock



Children from the Mishpacha Orphanage were able to enjoy a Purim Party, complete with a clown, thanks to donations from KJDS families



Hamantaschen were handmade and savored during the Purim Party for Ukrainian refugee children

President's Message

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

We are days away from April as I listen to the wind helping to bid a farewell to March 2022.

I am completing my third month as Hadassah President of Knoxville-Oak Ridge. We have been very busy. With the help of MaryLinda, we presented a fascinating tour of the Art of Arnold Schwartzbart. We had fun and met new members at the Hamantachen Bake at the home of Andrea Cone.

We're now planning several programs to enhance our minds, creativity, and our health and fitness. How does a book sale, fitness expo, art show and sale and Bundt cake sale sound? Yummy!

The next few months are full of possibilities, which I am excited and privileged to have the opportunity in which to participate.

Join us!



May Book Club News

By: Barbara Mintz, Book Club Chair

We welcome you to participate in our next Hadassah Book Club meeting. On May 17 we will be discussing *Beautiful Country* by Qian Julie Wang. We will be using a zoom only format for this book club meeting and we will start at 7:30p.m.

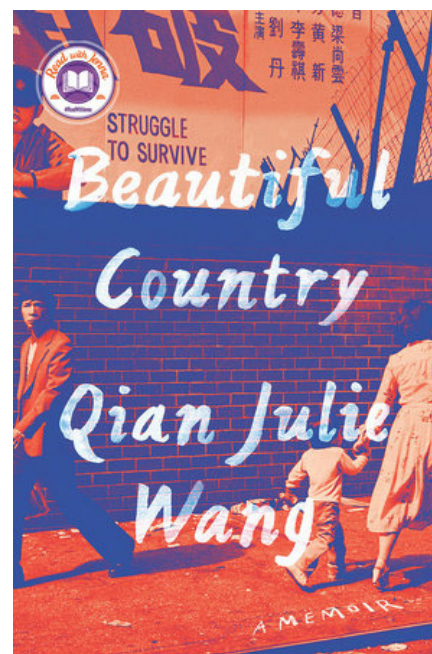
Beautiful Country by Qian Julie Wang

In Chinese, the word for America, Mei Guo, translates directly to “beautiful country.” Yet when seven-year-old Qian arrives in New York City in 1994 full of curiosity, she is overwhelmed by crushing fear and scarcity. In China, Qian’s parents were professors; in America, her family is “illegal” and it will require all the determination and small joys they can muster to survive.

In Chinatown, Qian’s parents labor in sweatshops; they take out their stresses by fighting constantly. Shunned by her classmates and teachers for her limited English, Qian takes refuge in the library and masters the language through books. Events as her first bite of gloriously greasy pizza, weekly “shopping days” when Qian finds small treasures in the trash lining Brooklyn’s streets, and a magical Christmas visit to Rockefeller Center confirm that the New York City she saw in movies does exist after all.

But then Qian’s headstrong Ma Ma collapses, revealing an illness that she has kept secret for months for fear of the cost and scrutiny of a doctor’s visit. As Ba Ba retreats further inward, Qian has little to hold onto beyond her Father’s constant refrain: Whatever happens, say that you were born here, that you’ve always lived here.

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 mailing list.



Future Book Selections:

June 21:

The Night Watchman by Louis Endrick

July 19:

The Stranger in the Woods
by Michael Finkel

August 16:

The Lincoln Highway by Amor Towles

2022 Hadassah Knoxville-Oak Ridge Membership Directory Updates



2022 Membership Directory Shopping Guide & Datebook



Please make a note of the following updates to keep the membership contact information current in your 2022 Hadassah membership directory.

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Updating the Hadassah data base is a year-round activity. If you move or change your phone or e-mail, please notify Barbara Mintz at barbara@bmintz.com.

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Knoxville Jewish Community Family of Funds

By: Stephen Rosen, KJCFF President

Leadership Makes KJCFF Work for Our Community

The Knoxville Jewish community is very fortunate to have a great group of leaders as trustees of KJCFF (if we do say so ourselves). Here is our roster in order of importance: Jeff Becker, Bernie Bernstein, Wendy Besmann, Adam Brown, Arnold Cohen, Bob Goodfriend, Scott Hahn, Jacki Imbrey, Dick Jacobstein, Carole Martin, Mary Ann Merrell, Rosalie Nagler, Howard Pollock, Pace Robinson, Stephen Rosen, and Bernie Rosenblatt. Each and every one of these volunteers knows how to act as a fiduciary, is an ambassador for philanthropy and a cheerleader for our Jewish communal future. They have provided stewardship of our assets and executed our grant-making process. The Knoxville community is better off for their wisdom and wise counsel. To our board members, thank you for your service!

Knoxville Needs a Fund for Volunteer Conference Attendance

Back in the old days of the Knoxville Jewish Federation, the allocation package had line items for travel subsidies to conventions. KJF supported its volunteers and donors if they would go on a mission to Israel or attend the national general assembly. They made an external allocation to the Knoxville chapter of Hadassah to support its members' attendance of their conferences. The idea was that it's smart business to expose our community to the ideas of the outside Jewish world. Some of the best ideas, like the publication you are holding (thanks Scott Hahn), came from someone from Knoxville talking to someone from another Jewish community. Unfortunately, with the pandemic plus the high cost of travel, we have seen this kind of activity diminish. What if we had a fund to provide financial support and/or incentive to get our leaders out in the world?

If you would like to send you neighbors on a trip, contact Laura or Stephen

AJCC Pool Fund is Live!!

(The article below is a re-runit inspired the lead donors of the fund so maybe it will inspire you to jump off the blocks into the deep end)

What is the AJCC best known for? It's the pool! For those of us who can remember, the pool was actually built first. Everyone who grew up here seems to have memories, good and bad, from the AJCC pool. I lost my first tooth when someone jumped on my back in the baby pool. Didn't slow me down! Swim team, tennis, throwing balls against the wall and in the gutters (yes, there were gutters), hot dogs, frozen Charleston Chews, etc. How about the number of people who met their spouses at the pool?!? Pools aren't cheap and we will soon need a new liner that could be \$50,000+ **[Update - the project was completed in April at a cost of over \$100,000]**. Chemicals, lifeguards, wear and tear (the tennis courts probably need resurfacing)...lots of expenses. What if it was endowed? **[Update - it is now but you can join the effort]** The timing is excellent given we have an All-American swimmer as KJA president!

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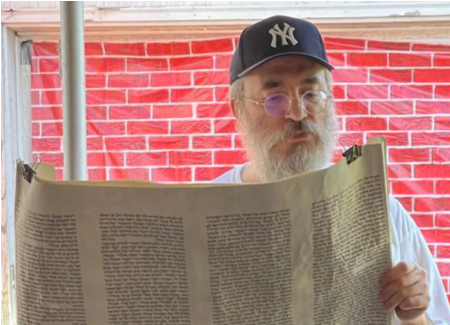
A Home for All Ages

By: Rabbi Yossi Wilhelm

We asked a few community members to define what Chabad means to them in one word. The responses we got were:

Real. Warm, Fun, Delicious, Community, Joyful, Inspiring. Home.

All of these adjectives were on display at Chabad’s Purim party. Rabbi Yossi’s record breaking 16 minute Megillah reading and our Haman Boogie rooted our NYC Purim party with **traditions** and meaning. The community was so happy to be back in person and the **warmth** and the **joy** of being back home was a delight. The NY deli was **delicious** we almost forgot we were sitting in Ktown and not NYC. From the youngest in our community, teens, adults and seniors all felt at **home** and **enjoyed** celebrating Purim together.



Megillah reading



Boogie Haman



Delicious Deli



Fun for all ages



Dressed in Purim costume



Awesome Costumes



Bat Mitzvah Club girls gained inspiration from Miriam and created beautiful alcohol ink Seder plates.



Teens enjoyed getting ready for Passover with a Matzah decorating contest and Escape from Egypt escape room.



It was an inspirational, warm and joyous evening celebrating the first Seder with our Knoxville community!



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Not a Garden of Eatin'

By: Cantor Jacqueline Marx, Interim Spiritual Leader

♪ I'd like to be (woo woo woo woo)
 Under the sea (woo woo)
 In an Octopus's Garden in the shade
 He'd let us in (woo woo woo woo)
 Knows where we've been (woo woo)
 In his Octopus's Garden in the shade ♪

♪ I'd ask my friends to come and see-ee
 That Octopus's Garden with me!
 I'd like to be (woo woo woo woo)
 Under the sea (woo woo)
 In an Octopus's garden...in the shade! ♪
 © 1968 Ringo Starr



There you have it: my very favorite Beatles' song from my very favorite Beatles' album, Abbey Road. The words and music are Ringo's; the "woo-woo's" are from Camp Coleman in the summers of the early 70s (ask me to demonstrate; I'm not shy). I could listen to OG all day. Pre-schoolers love it. Adults dance to it with sweet hiraeth. It's the best Tu B'Shvat anthem ever!

I have a point to all this: I'm not a gardener. I have a purple thumb. Nothing green is safe around me, and if I can't eat it, I don't see the point of growing it. My neighbor gave me a tiny succulent, which I've miraculously managed to keep alive. Anyone who knows me, knows I nurture fauna, not flora. My cats are king. My children are queen. If I want fresh produce, I have access to local farmers' markets whose riches hail from farms and orchards just a few miles away. We live in a woodland condo, and other people take care of what constitutes "the yard."

Still, I have a patch of land outside my home that I'm allowed to cultivate. I've been toying with the idea of goof-proof planting. My rules: it must attract bees; repel mosquitoes, and the deer have to sort of not like it, though that last one is negotiable. And so, while boot-shopping with my youngest in Anderson's Co-Op in Clinton, I happened upon a bag of clover seed.

Not just any clover: Sephardic clover. Okay, Ladino clover. Okay, it's pronounced La-DYE-no, not La-DEE-no. This plant has nothing to do with Spanish, Portuguese, or North-African-based Jews.

Still, there's Torah in here someplace. I bought that seed. I'm planting. I'm trying something new. I'm going outside my comfort zone. I'm open to trying, failing, and trying again. I'll continue to turn my desert into a patch of promised land.

B'vracha.

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The Way We Were in 2014: Joffe Family Gathering



Gathering together in Knoxville for Sybil **Joffe's** 90th birthday in 2014 were (left to right): Paul **Joffe** and his wife Dana, Jennifer **Joffe**, Jerry's wife Patricia Broderick **Joffe**, Mary Linda **Schwarzbart**, Jerry **Joffe**, and Norma Joffe **Horev**.

Paul, Norma, and Jerry are the children of Sybil and Lou **Joffe**. Jennifer is the daughter of Esther and Abe **Joffe**, Lou's first cousin. Mary Linda is the daughter of Sam **Morrison** and Abe's sister Virginia Joffe **Morrison**. They came from Israel (Norma), Maryland (Jennifer and husband Rick **Mazie**), Georgia (Paul and Dana), and Oregon (Jerry and Pat).

Mary Linda continues to live in Knoxville. Thanks to Rick who took this photo and to Mary Linda for donating the photo, identifying everyone, and explaining their relationship.

Photo: Joffe Family

The Archives needs your photographs!

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