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September 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

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

11:00A Torah Study/Adult Ed - TBE

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

7:43P *Candle Lighting*

4:30P JFS Shabbat Service at Sherrill Hills - KJA

6:30P Kabbalat Shabbat - JCOR

7:00P Shabbat Service - TBE

12:00P Mindfulness Practice - HA

6:30P Kabbalat Shabbat - HA

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

8:39P *Havdalah*

10:00A Shabbat Service - JCOR

9:45A Traditional Shabbat Service - HA

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

Congregational Picnic - HA & TBE

4:00P Chaim David Wilhelm

Upshernish - Chabad

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

6:30P Board Meeting - KJA

8:00P Minyan - HA

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

12:00P Executive Mifgash Manhigim - TBE

4:30P Midweek Hebrew - TBE

6:30P Minyan - HA

7:00P Talmud Study - HA

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

11:00A Torah Study/Adult Education - TBE

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

7:33P *Candle Lighting*

6:30P Kabbalat Shabbat - JCOR

7:00P Shabbat Service - TBE

12:00P Mindfulness Practice - HA

6:30P Kabbalat Shabbat - HA

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

8:29P *Havdalah*

10:00A Pooch Plunge - KJA

10:00A Shabbat Service - JCOR

10:00A Contemporary Shabbat Service - HA

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

9:30A Religious School - TBE

10:00A Bagels 'n Ballots - TBE

3:00P Family Fall Bash at Deep Well Farm

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

11:30A JFS Committee Meeting - KJA

6:30P Executive Committee Meeting - KJA

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

8:00P Minyan - HA

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

4:30P Midweek Hebrew - TBE

6:30P Board Mifgash Manhigim - TBE

6:30P Minyan - HA

7:00P Talmud Study - HA

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

11:00A Torah Study/Adult Education - TBE

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

7:23P *Candle Lighting*

6:30P Kabbalat Shabbat - JCOR

7:00P Board Installation/Shabbat

Service - TBE

12:00P Mindfulness Practice - HA

6:30P Kabbalat Shabbat - HA

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

8:18P *Havdalah*

10:00A Shabbat Service - JCOR

7:30P Havdalah Study Session

Selichot - JCOR

9:45A Traditional Shabbat Service - HA

8:00P Selichot Service - TBE & HA

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

Challah Bake

9:30A Religious School - TBE

10:30A Sisterhood Opening Meeting - TBE

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

7:00P JFS presents Jewish Community

in Krakow - KJA

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

6:00P Ways & Means Meeting - TBE

7:30P Book Club - Hadassah

8:00P Minyan - HA

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

4:30P Midweek Hebrew - TBE

6:30P Ritual & Worship Meeting - TBE

7:00P Board Meeting - Hadassah

6:30P Minyan - HA

7:00P Talmud Study - HA

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

11:00A Torah Study/Adult Education - TBE

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

7:13P *Candle Lighting*

6:30P Kabbalat Shabbat - JCOR

7:00P Shabbat Service - TBE

12:00P Mindfulness Practice - HA

6:30P Kabbalat Shabbat - HA

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

8:08P *Havdalah*

10:00A Shabbat Service - JCOR

10:00A Contemporary Shabbat Service - HA

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

Rosh Hashanah begins at Sundown

7:10P *Candle Lighting*

9:30A Religious School Apples

& Honey - TBE

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

Rosh Hashanah

8:04P *Candle Lighting*

8:00A Minyan - HA

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

Rosh Hashanah

8:03 *Havdalah*

8:00P Minyan - HA

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

4:30P Midweek Hebrew - TBE

6:30P Minyan - HA

7:00P Talmud Study - HA

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

11:00A Torah Study/Adult Education - TBE

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

7:02P *Candle Lighting*

6:30P Kabbalat Shabbat - JCOR

7:00P Shabbat Service - TBE

12:00P Mindfulness Practice - HA

6:30P Kabbalat Shabbat - HA

For details on High Holy Day service schedules, please visit www.jewishknoxville.org/calendar or visit the congregations' websites.

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From all the Harvey and
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and sweet new
year!**

Stephanie, Rob,
Noah, Idan & Abe



Shalom Chaverim (Hello, friends)!

By: Shush Carson, Rabbinic Intern/Director of Family Religious Life

I hope that everyone had a beautiful summer break filled with lots of love and family time.

High Holy Day News

Family Services for Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur will be held at the Lighthouse in Knoxville this year. Please look to the Nu News for more information.

We have some big news on the Religious School front!

As some of you may know, there has been a movement afoot for many years to see a combined Community Religious School here in Knoxville. We are about to embark on a trial first year with Temple Beth El in hopes of giving our children the gift of learning in a larger, more diverse community.

We are so grateful to Temple Beth El and Norma James for being open to trying this with us!

This summer we bid a fond farewell to the Klink/Lieberthal Family as they move on to Pittsburg, PA. I know it was especially hard for Josh and Noah Burnelle to say good-bye to their best friends! To Micha, J, Elliot, Laura, and Rob, you will always be a part of our HARS family. We send you off on your new adventure with love and blessings!

B'Shalom V'ahavah (In peace and with love)!

HAWL Sip & Nosh

Sunday, October 16 • 10:30am to 12:30pm

Please join Heska Amuna Women's League for a Sip and Nosh at the Lake hosted by Melissa Sturm! This event is open to all paid-up members. RSVP to Nora Messing at 865-406-5867.

Annual dues are \$40. Checks should be made out to "Heska Amuna Women's League" and delivered to Laura Sadler.

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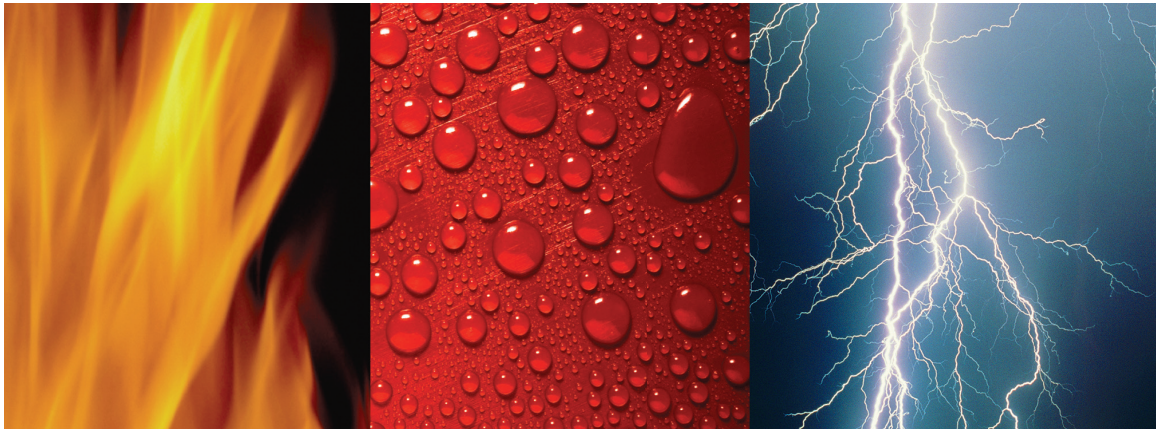
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Rabbi's Message

By: Rabbi Mark Schiftan

Welcome to a wonderful New Year and High Holy Day season at Temple Beth El!

After two years of pandemic induced uncertainty, we're looking forward to gathering together once again, in the strengthening embrace of our sacred congregation.

It's a wonderful time to reflect on our past and to celebrate our future. It's also a time to turn inward, as we take an honest look at ourselves, and take a measure, as well, of the quality of our souls.

How have we treated those we love and cherish in the past year?

How will we rise to our best selves in the New Year ahead?

How will we respond to our better angels?

How will we respond to the prophetic call to act more mercifully, to more vigorously pursue justice, all while attempting to walk more humbly with our Creator?

During these upcoming High Holy Days, we invite you to make Temple Beth El your spiritual home. Together, we will ask these questions and together, we will seek to answer them.

I look forward to sharing these approaching sacred days with you.

May the New Year ahead bring blessings to our people and all peoples, to our ancestral homeland and to our own nation. May we, together, build a better world for our children and for our children's children.

President's Message

By: Kathy Young, Temple Beth El President

The air is lively at Temple Beth El. I hope you all had a chance to read Rabbi Mark Schiftan's message this month. He is only part of the excitement. The rest of the liveliness comes from the members of the Congregation. It is you, the members of TBE, that bring a newfound excitement to the forefront. With Covid precautions now optional, I am looking forward to every seat being filled during the High Holy Days. Friends can now connect with other friends and acquaintances they have not seen in the time the building was closed.

While the High Holy Days are a time for reflection, they also can be a time of reflecting on how you might help with the many needed volunteer efforts. Last year at the Board Retreat, we decided to focus on "small groups", and that brought the Social Action Committee under Steve Lewis' tutelage to go from a few to many members of the committee. Steve is always looking for new members. But, in addition to participating in the Social Justice committee, here are just a few ways to get involved in the upcoming year:

- Join us for dinner before services (contact Kathy Young)
- Form a group of people with similar interests to get together on a periodic basis, such as child-friendly events, movie night, trying new restaurants, discussion groups, group walks or even a tour of Knoxville.
- Join Sisterhood. Offer to help with the shopping, set up, clean up for break the fast. Please contact Wilma Weinstein-Lomax if you can help. Also please pay your membership dues.
- Volunteer to help Tina with the many mailings we receive.
- Attend Friday evening services.
- Host an Oneg Shabbat. Contact Wilma or see the sign-up in the Temple lobby. Other ideas are always welcome.

From my family, Tammy, Eric, Angel, Dan, Dedra Rainie, and me, have a sweet and memorable 5783. May you be inscribed in the Book of Life from this year and the years ahead.

Caring People Wanted

By: Tammy Stone, Caring Committee Chair

As the New Year approaches, perhaps, you are looking for a way To Be Engaged more in temple life. One way to do that is to help the Caring Committee. Although we are considered a committee, there are no meetings to attend and no long-term commitments. We help our fellow congregants in need.

So how do we help? This is typically during or after an illness or a death in their family. We make phone calls to see what needs people have while recovering from an illness or injury and assist, when possible, in getting those needs met. We provide food for families at their time of grief.

We are always looking for more people who can be contacted when the need arises to provide food (home cooked or store bought), delivering food to those in need, set-up/clean-up from a Shiva meal or meal of condolence, or to help make phone calls. Please contact me if interested in being added to this list. It is a great mitzvah and one greatly appreciated by the recipients.

Social Justice Calendar of Events

September 2022

Deaf Awareness Month
 National Campus Sexual Assault Awareness Month
 National Suicide Prevention Month

August 6th	Patriot Day – 9/11
August 9th	Ethiopian Independence Day
August 12th	Beginning of Hispanic Heritage Month
August 13th	National HIV/AIDS and Aging Awareness Day
August 19th	Beginning of International Week of the Deaf
August 23rd	International Day of Sign Language
August 26th	National Bi-sexuality Day
August 28th	National Gay Men’s HIV/AIDS Awareness Day
August 29th	International Day Against Nuclear Tests
August 30th	International Day of the Victims of Enforced Disappearances

Hands On, Hearts On, Minds On Learning

By: Norma James, Temple Beth El Religious School Director

Our Temple Beth El Religious School welcomes the Heska Amuna students to help us create one big Kehillah Kedosha for this school year! We have had a wonderful time learning, playing, and praying together. I want to thank our TBE leadership for making this special year possible with your support from our endowed funds. 2022-2023 has its own special challenges for both Temple Beth El and Heska Amuna, but we have all chosen to make this a wonderful year for our children. This is especially important after two years of a pandemic that isolated our children from each other and even made a return to in person learning tenuous. Thank you, TBE and HA, for working together to make this possible. We do not know what our future school plans will be, but for this year we are one holy community.

How is a shofar made? On September 11th Rabbi Yossi will do workshops for our students to demonstrate how to make a shofar. We even get to keep the two shofarot that he makes, one for TBE and one for HA. Won't that make our Rosh Hashanah extra special!

Mark your calendars! Rabbi Mark Schifftan makes his first visit to Religious School on Sunday, September 18th. Everyone will get a chance to see Rabbi because he makes it a habit to greet all student as they enter the school. Every class will have a visit from the Rabbi, and the B'nai Mitzvah students will have a special session. There will be a reception for Rabbi Schifftan and parents at 9:45 a.m. with a meeting to follow. Rabbi and Norma will lead T'filah at 11:30 a.m., and parents are invited. Our teachers will have lunch with the Rabbi after school.

Apples and Honey on September 25th. Our Sisterhood has a long tradition of serving apples and honey to our children before Rosh Hashanah. Our students love starting off the year with sweetness on their tongues. Thank you, Sisterhood, for all you do for us.

Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur children's services will have a new twist this year. It is difficult to create a service that can engage young children without making older children feel overlooked. Sooooo...

Early childhood service: This year our early childhood guru, Jesse Weckstein will do a special children's service directed at our younger children. Jesse is a master of creativity that made her remote classes amazing and her in person classes incredible. All parents are invited to join us, especially parents of very young children.

Young people's service: Rabbi Schifftan and Norma will lead a service designed for children 4th grade and up. You may decide you prefer to send your 2nd or 3rd grader, but that is totally up to you. For many students this is the only service they experience during High Holy Days. We want to make this a meaningful

experience for them. There is much to learn about T'shuvah, T'fillah, and Tzedakah. This will be an engaging and spiritual experience for all. Parents are invited to join us. But we can't afford to miss regular school during High Holy Days! Believe me, I know how your older child feels; I had two of my own. I will remind you that schools are required to give your child an excused absence for religious holidays. We try to communicate with schools to discourage them from scheduling tests those days. It never hurts for you to let them know well ahead of time. We have set our young people's service for 9:00 to allow you time to get back to school if that is your choice. I want to encourage our older students to attend our adult services this year. Being post B'nai Mitzvah means that you are part of our adult community of worshippers. Our evening services are beautiful and don't require missing school.

But why do you think adults take off work every year to attend High Holy Day services? What is it about these services that pull at all of us? We make time for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur every year, regardless of our secular calendar. There is a good reason for that. Everything about Judaism is contained in these "Ten Days of Awe." We celebrate a new year and a new start with song, stories, and praise. We reflect and question. We ask forgiveness of others, of God, and of ourselves. We pray as a community; we pray alone. We are welcomed by friends; we are comforted by friends. We eat apples and honey, we fast, and we break fast together. Shouldn't we consider including our children in this experience? Setting aside these two weekdays to be holy days as a family can make a beautiful impact on your children, regardless of how many services you attend. Temple Beth El give us many ways to experience High Holy Days. I encourage you to create a Jewish holiday that is meaningful and memorable to your own family.

It's not too late! 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.

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To end the evening, the students were surprised and thrilled to meet our school mascot, the ram, who is being welcomed back to KJDS this year. Credit: Miriam Esther Wilhelm

Back to School Party at KJDS

By: Anna McDonald, Director of Admissions

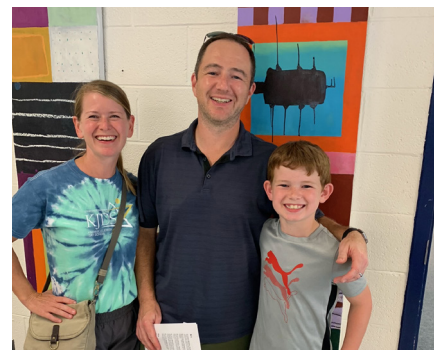
The KJDS community had a blast coming together for our Back to School Color Party in August. It was a great way to kick off the new school year. Students and their families had the chance to meet their eager teachers, see their beautiful classrooms, and reconnect with friends. Starting with a scavenger hunt around the school, to a water balloon group painting project, to an amazing and engaging color science show by Dr. Al Hazari, and ending with a visit from our re-emerged KJDS mascot, the ram, much fun was had by all.



Dr. Al Hazari wowed the rapt audience with his science experiments. Credit: Lev Gross-Comstock



Everyone was in awe watching Dr. Hazari's demonstrations. Credit: Miriam Esther Wilhelm



The Diamondstone Family was excited to be back at KJDS during the Back to School Party.



Smiles were everywhere during the party! Credit: Louise Lindsay



Stella Weinberg and Ella Ben-Ishai were awarded with a rainbow pencil after solving a clue in the Hebrew room during the scavenger hunt.



Miriam Esther helps Leah Kessler throw her paint-filled water balloon on the canvas. Credit: Joelle Adajian

KJDS Ram Mascot Makes a Comeback, Just in Time for the High Holidays!

By: Anna McDonald, Director of Admissions

In 2013, former KJDS student, Dylan Kolnick, campaigned for the school to have a mascot. The ram was chosen because of its horns. The ram's horn is, of course, what a shofar is made from, and the kids felt that the shofar's sound is a winning sound and one that reminds you to be the best you can be, just what we strive for at KJDS. There was no better way for the mascot to make its official debut than at KJDS's first Shofar Factory during that same school year, nearly a decade ago. Rabbi Yossi Wilhelm came to help the kids make real shofars to celebrate the High Holidays during the Shofar Factory.

Fast forward to 2022 where you will find our students continuing to celebrate the High Holidays in many fun and engaging ways. They have also enthusiastically welcomed back our KJDS Ram mascot, who has been in hibernation for the past several years. We are also looking forward to bringing back the Shofar Factory during our Special Friends High Holiday event in late September. Each student will be going home with their own, hand-made shofar. What a way to ring in (or blow in) the New Year!



The KJDS Ram greeted students under a balloon arch during the first day of school Credit: Miriam Esther Wilhelm

Meet KJDS's New Director of Operations



Photo credit: Credit: Lev Gross-Comstock

By: Miriam Esther Wilhelm, Head of School

Sheryl Connelly spent the first fifteen years of her professional career working in the corporate sector. When her youngest started school, she pursued her passion and got involved in education. She was the founding Director of Operations for two charter schools in New York City, the BWC 2 School and the Hebrew Language Academy Charter School. After moving to Maryville ten years ago, Mrs. Connelly went back to school to realize her lifelong dream of becoming a certified elementary school teacher. She has raised six grown children- her youngest is a sophomore at UT and is a grandmother to four grandchildren as well.

In her role as the Director of Operations at KJDS, Sheryl looks forward to empowering our teachers to provide each of our students the strong academic skills, Jewish pride, and desire for Tikkun Olam (healing the world), that she believes is critical for their holistic development as good citizens of the world. She is thrilled and honored to become part of our KJDS team.

Talk about Bashert – an experienced Director of Operations from NY to Maryville to KJDS!

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Knoxville Matters

By: Bryan Goldberg, KJA President

I am penning this article while attending my first National Young Leadership Cabinet Retreat. I wanted to share with the community my impressions, “ah ha” moments, and takeaways from this experience. I arrived at this Federation conference as the first representative of our Knoxville Community in many, many years. Our last voice within the Federation system was Judge Mary Beth Leibowitz, who served with distinction and was someone I looked to for advice before making this commitment. My 2022 class is comprised of roughly 80 Jewish individuals from across the county, and we join a Cabinet comprised of some 350 current members.

The introductions and conversations we have had with the Jewish Federations of North America’s (JFNA) leadership were impressive. JFNA’s Board Chair, National Chair of Campaign, and CEO have all sat down with us to provide valuable insights into JFNA’s current global and domestic work. Leaders from the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee (JDC), The Jewish Agency, and World Ort provided insights into their work across the world, and we had many chances to have side bar conversations. The contributions KJA sends to Federation in turn help fund the Core programs of these agencies. Their combined work includes providing world class education to immigrants, special needs children and others in Israel, and the diaspora; on the ground evacuation, care, and Aliyah to those in need in Ukraine; and covert ongoing lifesaving assistance to the 4500 Jewish people literally stuck in Venezuela. Our breakout sessions have included deep dives into Federation’s Jewish Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion initiative (JEDI), Federation’s work overseas in Ukraine and Israel, Middle East geopolitics, changing dynamics within Jewish Families, and Federations work in civic engagement, including work within State Capitols and DC.

One of the most impactful parts of this retreat has by far been the new connections I have made. The Federation network is sprawling and getting to know who the resources are in person is worth its weight in gold. In Knoxville, I feel that sometimes we spend too much of our precious time trying to imagine and create things solely by and for ourselves. The largest “ah ha” moment I got at this retreat is this...within the larger Jewish community of North America, many of **our** challenges exist elsewhere and mostly in larger communities. It is up to us to forge the connections that will allow us to share in the

combined understanding and problem solving that is going on now.

Pulling back the curtain on that last paragraph reveals some interesting takeaways. The larger Federations by their sheer size and numbers have a louder voice into and within the Federation system, and of course, this is understandable. However, many of those Federations are working extremely hard on engaging a younger generation to create a pipeline of new leaders; **WE also need that!** They are working on tackling the issues of today, such as the JEDI initiative and mobilizing the next generation to promote our Public Policy Priorities at the state and national level, and I know **WE** have community members highly interested in both aspects.

Driving to an offsite event, a JFNA professional and I were sharing our backgrounds and such and the following comment was made to me: ***“Maybe the future of where Federation needs to go will not come from the Larger Federations, but from within the small Network of Communities”***. WOW, what a thought! What she had deduced was that we are all sharing a spectrum of the same challenges and obstacles, but that the need to confront them was dampened by the sheer size of the larger Federations (too big to fail?) and that within the small networks, we literally have no choice but to confront and solve them because the near-term future of our organizations literally depends on it. **Our community’s struggles and triumphs MATTER!** Our problem solving and unique solutions need to be shared, our community engagement can strengthen through collaboration, our wider outreach and Jewish Family Services can be enhanced through collaboration, and how we progress as an organization needs to be communicated because Knoxville Matters!

The opportunity to expand and explore a greater voice at the Federation table for Knoxville anchored my decision to join Cabinet. While my journey has just begun, I hope the 20- to 40-year-olds reading this article find it within themselves to reach out to me to start a conversation. Email me to set it up! President@jewishknoxville.org. The greatest truth in this, is this: I cannot be the only one on this journey. It takes more than one person’s commitment to make our Alliance meaningful for our generation and to set up our children for success. It starts with a conversation and starts with making **CONNECTIONS**.

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By: Renee' Hyatt, Vice President of Campaign

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So this year in addition to dipping your apple in honey make sure to have a blast! Going to Shul on Rosh Hashana is a great way to connect with our community, gain some inspiration and start the year on the right note. However, if for whatever reason you can't make it to shul please stop by Chabad. I, Rabbi Yossi, would be happy to blow the shofar for you. As a chassid of Lubavitcher Rebbe, who's vision was to reach every single Jew and make sure they knew their importance to the community; I spent Rosh Hashana during my yeshiva years walking to blow the shofar, sometimes hours, for Jews who were homebound, in the hospital, in assisted living facilities or Jews who had requested a private blowing as they couldn't make it to synagogue. I've developed my shofar blowing skills and would be delighted to share them with you. To schedule a shofar blowing just email rabbi@chabadknoxville.org before Rosh Hashana (on Rosh Hashana I cannot check by email) or come by Chabad any time after services, even unannounced, and get your personal, tailor-blown blasts. For a full schedule of Rosh Hashana services visit www.chabadknoxville.org.

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By: Stephen Rosen, KJCFF President

KJCFF congratulates KJA on the new Archives Fund

Mazal tov and welcome to KJA's newest fund, the KJA Archives Fund. The purpose of the fund is to provide financial support to the Knoxville Jewish Alliance Barbara Winick Bernstein Archives of the Jewish Community of Knoxville and East Tennessee. The fund was launched by the archives programming committee chaired by Michael Burnett and Mary Ann Merrell. According to Mr. Burnett, "The Archives of the KJA has done a remarkable job of gathering our Jewish community's history. I hope the establishment of the fund will help ensure the longevity of the Archives and will bring more attention to this invaluable resource." Mrs. Merrell gives most of the credit to Mr. Burnett, but shared the following: "I most deeply feel that from my experience of the trip I just took through central Europe where the documented history of thousands of Jewish communities was so desecrated and nearly completely destroyed that the importance of our Archives and the dedication and vision Barbara Bernstein made real is a gift beyond measure."

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Fund of the Month: Heska Amuna Building Fund

By: Stephen Rosen, KJCFF President and Josh Hedrick, Chair of the Heska Amuna Board of Trustees

Heska Amuna Synagogue partners with KJCFF to be the manager and custodian of its endowed funds. One of Heska Amuna's largest funds is the Building Fund. Like most building funds, its purpose is to support the physical presence on Kingston Pike. This is separate from the purpose of other funds that pertain to programming and scholarship support. Ideally, a building fund would have a balance close to the value of the property it supports. This way, the typical 4-5% annual spending could enhance the management of the structure while offsetting its depreciation. Furthermore, a building fund is a "rainy day" (leaky roof?) resource for unexpected expenses.

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President's Message

By: Harriet Glasman, Hadassah Knoxville-Oak Ridge president

Wow! It's already September - Summer 2022 has flown by! We "eeked" our way through the pandemic and we're out on the other side - mostly.... (fingers crossed).

Hadassah Knoxville-Oak Ridge has been very busy this year, and we have more events to look forward to in the coming months. One of our goals this year is to increase our membership. In August, we had a Membership event on Sunday, August 28, at the Casual Pint on Hardin Valley Road. We ate good food and sampled the beverage menu at Casual Pint. We took that opportunity to brag about all the wonderful things Hadassah does in Israel and around the world. It was a fun, well-attended event.

If you are already a member of Hadassah or your husband or sons are Associates, we can't thank you enough for your commitment to this organization, and we have boundless appreciation for your support of Israel.

Next, seven of the Hadassah Knoxville-Oak Ridge members, including myself, are attending the Tri-Region Conference in Atlanta from Sept 9 to Sept 11. We are members of the Southern region and will be joined by the Southeastern and Southern Seaboard regions. Kudos to Jill Weinstein as one of the three organizers of this weekend of immersion in all things Hadassah. I am looking forward to learning a lot and bringing back some exciting new ideas for our chapter.

We are excited to announce that we are hosting our annual HMO luncheon on November 13 from 1-3 PM at Chesapeake's on Parkside Drive with a delicious menu and an informative program. We will be sending invitations out soon! We hope you will plan to join us.

On November 20, we will be showcasing 11 talented artists, most of whom are Hadassah members and Associates. Their amazing work will be sold, and a percentage of their profits will be donated to Hadassah. This event is still in the planning stages, so more information will be coming in the October HaKol.

I am fortunate to work with a creative, productive, and energetic board so expect more interesting, informative, and entertaining programs in 2023!



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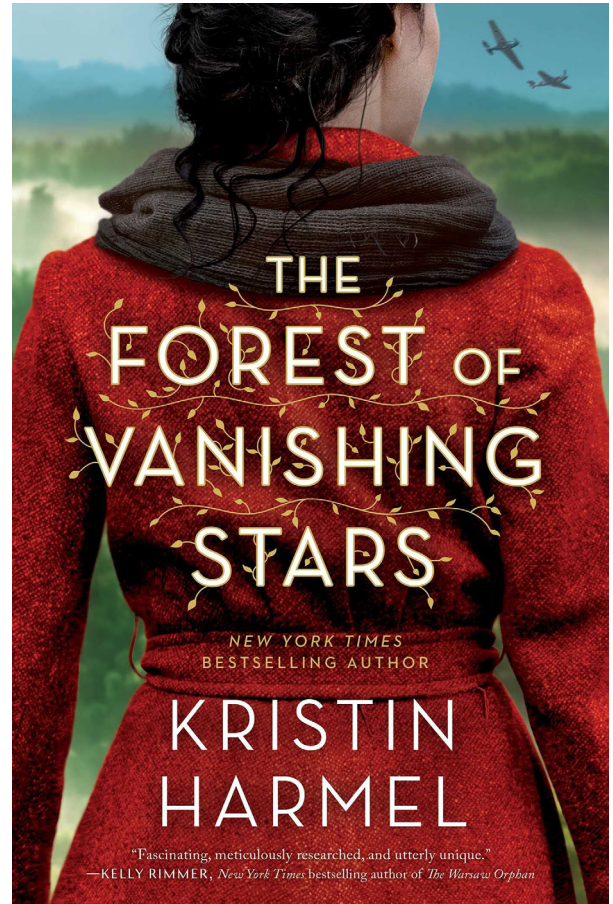
By: Barbara Mintz, Book Club Chair

We welcome you to participate in our next Hadassah Book Club meeting. On September 20 we will be discussing *The Forest of Vanishing Stars* by Kristin Harmel. We will be using a zoom only format for this book club meeting and we will start at 7:30p.m.

***The Forest of Vanishing Stars* by Kristin Harmel**

After being stolen from her wealthy German parents and raised in the unforgiving wilderness of eastern Europe, a young woman finds herself alone in 1941 after her kidnapper dies. Her solitary existence is interrupted, however, when she happens upon a group of Jews fleeing the Nazi terror. Stunned to learn what's happening in the outside world, she vows to teach the group all she can about surviving in the forest—and in turn, they teach her some surprising lessons about opening her heart after years of isolation. But when she is betrayed and escapes into a German-occupied village, her past and present come together in a shocking collision that could change everything.

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.



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September 3

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September 10

Wolf Brody • Gershon Cooper • Andy Frank • Ada Garber • Ruth "Billie" Goldhar • Daniel Goodman • Sylvia Greenfield • Max Hasden • Muriel Littmann • Hannah Nius • Anna Belle O'Brien • Louis Perelman • Robert Zalkin

September 17

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September 24

Irwin Bendes • Louis Billig • Mark Blumenthal • Sally Dyller • Chaya Farbowitz • Hinda Farbowitz • Walter Farkas • Oscar Glazer • Esther Goldman • Sophie Merlin • Barbara Moody • Sylvia Robinson • Isadore Schwarzbart • B. J. Thorp

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The Way We Were in 1995: AZA Sweetheart Dance



Front row left to right: Brad **Sternfels**, Aaron **Sauers**, Daniel **Cohen**, Josh **Hedrick**, David **Radoff**; second row: Elliot **Smith**, Marshall **Goldman**, Cody **Hanford**, Stephen **Kahn**, Joshua **Meyers**, Jacob **Hirschhaut**; standing, third row: Naomi **Gross**, Anna **Gross**, Robby **Hecht**, Philip **Ohriner**, Colin **Gorman**, Abby **Zucker**, Uri **Gamliel**, Noah **Goodfriend**, Adam **Abeles**, Jeremy **Cohen**, Jason **Cohn** (advisor); back row: Stephen **Rosen** (advisor), Jason **Smith**, Andy **Milford**, Lindsay **Vetzner**.

Josh, Marshall, Cody, Anna (now **McDonald**), Noah **Goodfriend**, and Stephen **Rosen** still live in the Knoxville area, as do the parent(s) of Brad **Sternfels**, Aaron **Sauers**, David **Radoff**, Elliot and Jason **Smith**, Jacob **Hirschhaut**, Naomi **Gross**, Robby **Hecht**, Adam **Abeles**, Jason **Cohn**, and Andy **Milford**.

Thanks to Jenifer **Ohriner** for donating the photograph, and to Jenifer, Cody **Hanford**, and Stephen **Rosen** for assistance in identifying everyone.

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Jakob Birnbaum

**1st Class Passenger
Age: 24**

Destination: San Francisco, California

Shalom and welcome. I'm Polish born Jakob Birnbaum, son of a diamond cutter and a member of a large Orthodox family. After finishing school, I became a diamond merchant and moved to New York City to establish the jewelry firm of J. Birnbaum & Co.

I later expanded the business to San Francisco, and within a year was off to Europe on a buying trip. Wrapping up business there, I celebrated Passover with my parents in Belgium before sailing home on *Titanic*. At 24, I was one of the youngest First Class adult Jewish passengers on board.

On the fifth night of my fantastic voyage, disaster struck. I rushed to the lifeboats but was turned away. As the ship began to dip below the surface I jumped for my life, leaving \$100,000 worth of diamonds behind.

**Did young Jakob's story end there?
Find the answer in the Memorial Room.**



Irene Harris

**1st Class Passenger
Age: 35**

Destination: New York City, New York

You could say show business was my life. I lived and breathed it! I'm Irene Harris, a bit player in a large Jewish family who became the wife of Henry Harris, one of New York City's most powerful and talented theatrical impresarios. He built the famous Hudson Theatre on Broadway and managed the careers of several legendary actors and actresses. We've shared a wonderful make-believe world of glamour, sophistication, wealth, and privilege and were absolutely in our element aboard *Titanic*.

However, there was nothing make-believe about the fall I took the day before *Titanic* struck the iceberg. I fractured my right arm, and as the ship sank, poor Henry had to carry me from our suite up to the boat deck. We knew the curtain was coming down on *Titanic* and prayed our roles on the stage of life hadn't run their course.

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