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April/May 2018

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Jewish Food Festival

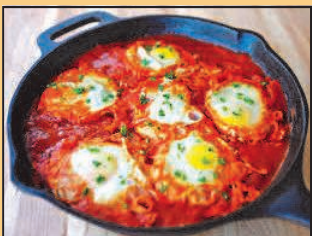
Sunday, May 6

10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

**Arnstein Jewish Community Center
6800 Deane Hill Drive
Knoxville TN 37919**



Learn more on page 7



The Most Fun Under the Sun

2018 Milton Collins Day Camp

Registration is Underway

Visit www.jewishknoxville.org/mcdc
to learn more about
field trips, overnights, theme weeks,
new specialty camps and more.

*Join us this summer for
the most fun under the sun.*

FIRST DAY: May 29

Knoxville Jewish Alliance

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KNOXVILLE
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*Building Community
Enriching Lives*

Strengthening Our Roots! – Campfires & Team Building

By Chip Rayman, KJA President

I'm excited to announce dramatic improvements to our AJCC Campfire area and the installation of a Team Building course.

We had \$2,200 in our budget to improve our GAGA pit. GAGA is Hebrew for touch-touch! For you old folks, GAGA is like dodgeball, only with different rules. You don't pick up the ball and throw it. Instead of just improving our GAGA pit, we are partnering with Dan Grabel, who is making a similar financial commitment.

Dan owns Camp Manitowa and Camp Nadav (a Jewish summer camp) in southern Illinois. He is providing expertise, management and staffing and has been the prime mover behind getting Team Building installed. So with our combined financial resources we are going to:

- 1) Enlarge the fire pit
- 2) Provide new and better benches
- 3) Build a small stage
- 4) Add some playground game equipment
- 5) Repair the fence
- 6) Bush hog the area
- 7) Install 5 or 6 Team Building exercises all within the campfire area, making it convenient and easy to go from one exercise to another
- 8) Improve our GAGA pit

Best of all, we'll complete this in time for our 2018 Milton Collins Day Camp!

Team Building exercises teach critical thinking, teamwork, problem solving, and cooperation toward a goal, leadership development, communication, conflict resolution, and other attributes.

It's not just for kids. It's for adults, too, and we hope to generate some revenue from it by offering it to the community-at-large for a fee.

We're making this investment in your children and our camp, so think about an investment in the Knoxville Jewish Alliance/ Arnstein Jewish Community Center.

With your pledge to our Annual Campaign, we want to continue to expand Team Building exercises next year and provide funding for camp scholarships in 2019.

So, let's roast some marshmallows, sing some songs, and team build – around the campfire.



KJA President Chip Rayman with the Rev. Harold Middlebrook at a February 25 community-wide Vigil for Florida hosted by the Tennessee Valley Unitarian Universalist Church. Attendees mourned and prayed for the victims, families, and community surrounding the Parkland, Florida school shooting.

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Join Our Community Via Membership at the AJCC

Annual AJCC Members enjoy:

- ◆ Programming Discounts
- ◆ Cultural/Social Event Discounts
- ◆ Camp Discounts
- ◆ Building Rental Discounts
- ◆ Free Notary Public Services
- ◆ Pool / Fitness Center Use
- ◆ Pool Guest Passes
- ◆ and so much more!

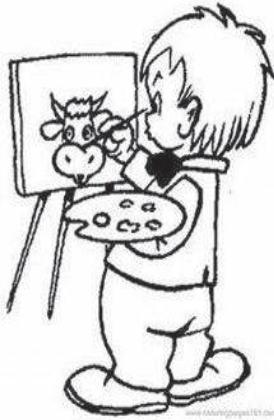
Summer AJCC

Members enjoy:

- ◆ Camper Pool Release
- ◆ (10-15 year old MCDC Campers)
- ◆ Pool/Fitness Center Use from Memorial Day to Labor Day
- ◆ Cultural/Social Event Discounts

Applications are available at www.jewishknoxville.org, on our KJA Happenings email blast, and at the AJCC.

9th Annual Preschool Art Gala Fundraiser



The Black & White Affair

Wednesday • April 11, 2018

5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Arnstein Jewish Community Center
6800 Deane Hill Drive
Knoxville, TN



Silent Auction • Children's Artwork
Local Vendors

Hors d'oeuvres • Wine Bar



RSVP by Friday March 30

psadmin@jewishknoxville.org

865.963.8001

Black & White Casual Attire Optional

Esther Sitver Art Exhibit Opens May 10 at the AJCC

The Knoxville Jewish Alliance will host an art exhibit featuring the work of Knoxville native Esther Sitver, winner of the 2015 Knoxville Museum of Art Student Show and two Dogwood Arts Student Shows. The exhibit will be featured in the Schwarzbart Gallery at the Arnstein Jewish Community Center, 6800 Deane Hill Drive, beginning May 10.



Sitver is an illustration major at the Ringling College of Art and Design in Sarasota, Florida. The rising junior is

co-president and treasurer of Ringling's figure drawing club. As a Bearden High School student, Sitver attended the Governor's School for the Arts and the Memphis College of Art's Summer Academy. Her work has been shown in 25 galleries, including the Frist Center for the Arts, Belmont University, Maryville College, the Knoxville Museum of Art, and Ringling College. Sitver is the daughter of Joe Sitver and Anita Kay, and the sister of Lilly.

Community members are invited to an opening reception hosted by the KJA on **Thursday, May 10** from 5:30-7:00 p.m. at the AJCC. Attendees can meet the artist, view her works, and purchase cards and prints. Please RSVP to the KJA at office@jewishknoxville.org. The exhibit will be open for viewing Monday-Friday, 9:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

2018 Yom HaShoah Community Observance

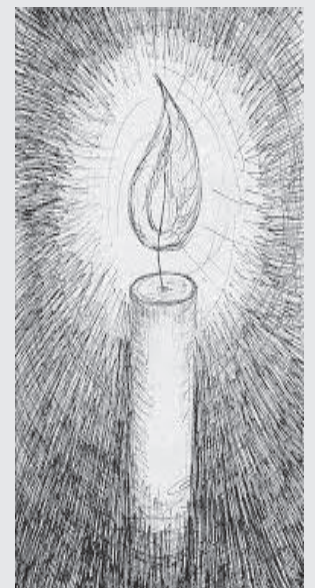
Sunday,
April 15

3 p.m.

Temple Beth El
3037 Kingston Pike

All are welcome

Heska Amuna Synagogue
Knoxville Jewish Alliance
Knoxville Jewish Day School
Temple Beth El



KJA Welcomes UTK Hillel Director

The Knoxville Jewish Alliance welcomes Tara Bain as our new UTK Hillel director.

Tara moved to Knoxville to attend The University of Tennessee and after graduation made Big Orange Country her permanent home. She shares her love of animals, the UT Vols, and the Chicago Cubs with her husband, Brad, their son, Justen, and their daughter, Keara, as well as two dogs and a guinea pig.

Tara has been an active member of our Jewish community for many years. For 12 years, she has taught religious school classes at Temple Beth El and currently teaches the teen Chai class. She also is TBE's assistant religious school director. Tara holds positions of board member and member of the School and Youth Committee at TBE.

Aside from her Jewish life, Tara has been a successful entrepreneur. For 18 years, she has owned a successful transcription business. She also has an extensive background of working with students including an ADHD Coach, a homeschool teacher, a Girl Scout Leader, and a Teen Connection co-leader. With her extensive background as an entrepreneur and her significant experience with youth, Tara looks forward to sharing her enthusiasm and leadership with the UTK Hillel program. She looks forward to building relationships with the UT community, our Jewish community, and our Knoxville community. Hillel International provides pathways for Jewish students to connect to Judaism through religion, social justice, education, and culture.

If you would like to contribute to the success of UTK Hillel in any way, please contact Tara at UTKHillel@Jewishknoxville.org. Tara and the students welcome ideas to strengthen their Jewish foundation and connections with you to continue to make their organization a successful affiliate in our community.



Bain



2018 AJCC Summer (Pool) Membership \$300

(Includes all household members and 6 guest passes)

Applications available on-line at
www.jewishknoxville.org
or by contacting the KJA Main Office at 865.690.6343



MCDC Parents Info Night—AJCC
Tuesday, May 22 — 5:00-7:00 p.m.
www.jewishknoxville.org/mcdc

KJA Welcomes Arneson as VP Administration

Leah Arneson has worked in nonprofit fundraising for over five years. She currently serves the dual roles of associate director - Knoxville and interim director - Nashville for Community Shares TN. Community Shares TN is a non-profit organization that raises money through workplace giving for 36 local non-profits that are working for long-term solutions to many issues in Tennessee today including poverty, inequality, pollution, unemployment and access to healthcare and education.

Leah started her fundraising career at the Museum of Science and Industry in Chicago, IL where she worked with their membership and gift processing teams. From there she moved back to her hometown of Minneapolis, MN where she worked in annual and employee giving at Allina Health, a non-profit healthcare system, for several years before relocating to Knoxville in 2017. Leah received a B.A. in Environmental Geology from Beloit College.

The words 'Jewish Community Center' elicit many happy memories from Leah's childhood - art classes, attending plays, the friends she made through BBYO, and countless hot summer days spent by the pool. Leah is excited about the possibility of being able to give back to another Jewish community organization as a board member; to support an organization similar to one that had such a positive impact on her life.

Cleaning Closets?

Please donate **gently-used children's clothing (infant-young adult sizes), toys, and games** to the AJCC Preschool.

Items are sold at a consignment event and the proceeds benefit our preschoolers. Collection bins are located in the AJCC Gym.





KJA Invites Friendshippers, Community Members to Enjoy Private Tour of Nashville's Violins of Hope Exhibit

Thursday, April 19—Bus will leave from AJCC

The Violins of Hope are a collection of restored instruments played by Jewish musicians during The Holocaust. These instruments have survived concentration camps, pogroms and many long journeys to tell remarkable stories of injustice, suffering, resilience and survival. Participants who attend one of these tours will have the opportunity to hear a local Tennessee survivor or their descendant share their testimony. This will allow visitors to draw parallels between the violins themselves and the stories of the individuals that survived the Holocaust. The exhibit is housed at the Nashville Public Library. (See page 9 for more info on the Violins of Hope exhibit.)

If interested in learning more about this Nashville day trip, please contact Laura Berry at lberry@jewishknoxville.org or (865) 690-6343 x18 for information. Cost depends upon number of individuals attending and bus rental fees.



Knoxville Jewish Alliance Activities

- ◆ Archives
- ◆ B'nai Tzedek Teen Philanthropy Program
- ◆ BBYO/BBYO Connect
- ◆ Camp K'TonTon
- ◆ Camp Tikkun Olam
- ◆ Community Relations
- ◆ Cultural & Social Events
- ◆ Educational Events
- ◆ Friendshippers
- ◆ Global Day of Learning
- ◆ AJCC Golf Tournament
- ◆ *Ha'Kol* Newsletter
- ◆ Indigent Burial Fund
- ◆ Israel P2G Partnership
- ◆ Jewish Book Month
- ◆ Jewish Family Services
- ◆ Milton Collins Day Camp
- ◆ Missions to Israel
- ◆ Mitzvah Day
- ◆ AJCC Pool & Tennis
- ◆ AJCC Preschool
- ◆ PJ Library
- ◆ Sundown in the Sukkah
- ◆ BBYO Connect
- ◆ University Swim Club
Smokin' Salmon Swim Team
- ◆ UT Faculty Lectures
- ◆ UT Hillel
- ◆ YJAK (Young Jewish Adults of Knoxville)
- ◆ Yom HaShoah Event
- ◆ And so much more!

DONATE TODAY!

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 Knoxville, Tennessee 37919
 (865) 690-6343
www.jewishknoxville.org
office@jewishknoxville.org

May Friendshippers

Our **May Friendshippers program** features the music of Michelle Monet is a vocalist, guitarist, and impersonator who has toured internationally. She is also a visual artist.

Friendshippers meets **Wednesday, May 16**, with lunch at **noon** with our program starting at **1:00 p.m.** All are welcome. *You don't have to be 55 and up; we don't card at the door!*

Sherrill Hills Retirement Community,
 271 Moss Grove Blvd, Knoxville 37922

Lunch is \$8.00, with no charge for the program only. Please RSVP to Laura Berry at 690-6343 x18 or email her at lberry@jewishknoxville.org. Need a ride? Contact Laura by the Monday before the program.



Michelle Monet as Barbra Streisand

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Passover Picnic in the Park



Join us for an afternoon of running and playing in the beautiful outdoors with yummy Passover treats! Special prizes for those who can find the hidden Afikomen!

DATE: Tuesday April 3rd, 2018

TIME: 4:30- 6pm

LOCATION: Lakeshore Park
6410 S Northshore Drive,
Knoxville, TN 37919

For more information contact
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KJA Community Contributions

Donations made as of February 22, 2018

AJCC Preschool Art Gala

Rainforest Adventures, Wonder Works, Pilot Corp., Children's Museum of Oak Ridge, Allyson Weiner, Jason's Deli, Ripley's Aquarium of the Smokies, Alcatraz East

Knoxville Jewish Alliance

Contribution toward purchase of a Keurig coffee maker

Brian and Megan DeBolt

Donation in memory of Carole Harris

Bernard and Barbara Bernstein



Knoshville

JEWISH FOOD FESTIVAL

Sunday, May 6 — 10 a.m.-4 p.m. (or until food sells out!)
Arnstein Jewish Community Center, 6800 Deane Hill Drive

Admission free; food and beverages available for purchase.

DINE IN OR TAKE OUT!

- ★ All food dairy or *parve* (neither meat nor dairy)
- ★ Pre-packaged foods available for purchase
- ★ Minimum \$10.00 food ticket purchase

Co-Chairs: Alex Jordan & Anna Iroff-Bailey

BAGELS, LOX, CREAM CHEESE: Bagel is a bread product that originated in Poland in the 17th century, shaped in a ring, first boiled for a short time in water, then baked to create a dense, chewy bread product. The word *lox* is derived from the Yiddish word *laks* for salmon. Lox is brined salmon and traditionally is served on a bagel with cream cheese, and often garnished with slices of tomato and red onion, and sprinkled with capers.

BLACK AND WHITE COOKIES:

These cookies originated in the U.S. and are sometimes referred to as a “New York” snack. Typical New York City cookies have a vanilla cake base with fudge and white frosting.

BUNDT CAKES:

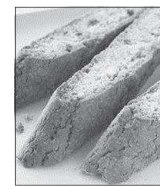
These cakes are baked in Bundt pans, shaping them into a distinctive ring shape. Members of the Minneapolis Hadassah Society approached the Nordic Ware cookware company about creating a modern version of a traditional cast iron German dish. The company designed and manufactured an aluminium version in 1950, which became a best seller when featured in *Good Housekeeping* magazine. Some of the original pans are in the Smithsonian collection!



KUGEL: A *kugel* is a baked pudding or casserole, which is most commonly made from egg noodles (*lokshen kugel*) or potatoes. The first *kugels* were made from bread and flour, and resembled a savory bread pudding. About 800 years ago, German cooks began to replace the bread with noodles or farfel. Eggs were incorporated later and soft cheese and/or milk were added to create more custardy treats. Somewhere around the 17th century, Hungarian cooks with a demanding sweet tooth introduced sugar and sour cream into the *kugel*. Cinnamon and sweet farmer’s cheese got added later in Poland and *kugels* found their way into the dessert course.

LATKES:

The word *latke* is derived from the Russian word ‘*ladka*.’ They are associated with many European traditions and are most commonly associated with Chanukah festivities. Latkes are potato pancakes of grated potato, flour, and egg that are sometimes flavored with grated garlic or onion and seasonings, then fried. Toppings often include sour cream or applesauce or they can be served by themselves.

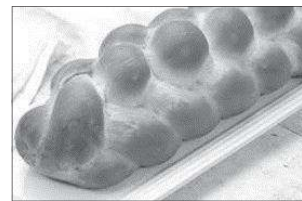


MANDELBRODT:

Mandelbrodt is Yiddish for *almond bread*. A first cousin to biscotti, it has almost as many spellings as Hanukah - mandelbread, Mande Bread, Mandel Brodt, Mandel Broit, Mandelbrot, and more!

SHAKSHUKA:

The word *shakshuka* means “a mixture” and is of Tunisian origin. It is a savory dish of eggs cooked in a sauce of crushed tomatoes, onions, and peppers, usually served with bread to mop up its delicious sauce. This dish can be spiced with garlic, paprika, salt, and sometimes cumin. Shakshuka was introduced to Israel by Tunisian Jews who migrated there in the 1950s.



CHALLAH:

Challah is a special Jewish braided bread eaten on Shabbat and Jewish holidays. Its main ingredients are eggs, white flour, water, yeast, sugar, and salt.

ISRAELI SALAD:

A chopped salad of finely diced fresh tomato, cucumber, and onion that is dressed with either fresh lemon juice, olive oil, or both. Some add chopped peppers, carrots, parsley, or scallions. In Israel, Israeli salad can be a side dish or can be stuffed in a pita with falafel or shwarma.

KNISH: A traditional *knish* is a golden pastry filled with seasoned mashed potatoes and fried onions. The knish came to prominence on Manhattan’s Lower East Side and Brooklyn’s boardwalks around 1900, via Jewish immigrants from Eastern Europe who sold it from pushcarts and baskets.

.....AND MORE!

Check the KJA Facebook page and Sunday email blasts, plus other area Jewish group communications.

KNOXVILLE

Pollock Named Greater Smoky Mountains Council Boy Scout of the Year

Leo Pollock, son of Howard and Janice Pollock, was named the 2017 Great Smoky Mountain Council Boy Scout of the Year.

Leo is a 13-year-old Star Scout with Troop 757 at Webb School of Knoxville. He has learned through his scout activities the importance of values, responsibility and having fun along the way. One of Leo's close scout friends was Ernest Trotter, a classmate and fellow wrestler who died unexpectedly last year.

In an *WATE* interview, Leo describes Ernest as "a great kid. Super nice to everyone." As Leo was about to turn 13 and celebrate his bar mitzvah, he decided that his mitzvah project would be raising money for scouting in honor of Ernest. Leo's generosity raised several thousand dollars which will be used for scholarships to help Scouts go to Buck Toms summer camp and get items that they need for scouting.

Suzy Snoops

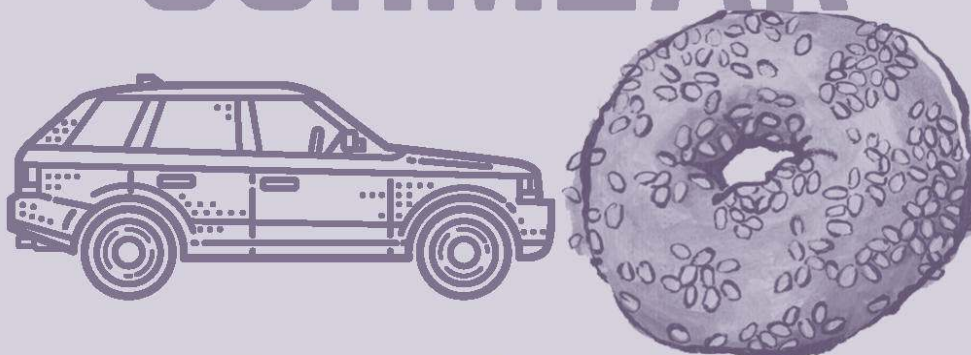
Ha'Kol welcomes your good news. Please send information to jjork@jewishknoxville.org or to the Ha'Kol newsletter, c/o Knoxville Jewish Alliance, 6800 Deane Hill Drive, Knoxville, TN 37919.

- ★ Mazel tov to **Ron Sebold** and **Vicki Myers** on the birth of granddaughter, Sloane. Parents are Shayne and Jake Taylor who live in Nashville.
- ★ The **Knoxville Jewish Day School** was featured in a March article of Chabad Lubavitch News about successful small day schools. Learn more: <http://lubavitch.com/news/article/2079849/Can-An-Underfunded-School-Actually-Transform-a-Community.html>
- ★ **Abigail Zucker Schlaff** and her husband, **Robert**, were honorees at last month's annual gala of Congregation Habonim in New York City. Abigail's volunteerism was cited as "embodying the spirit of community." She serves on the Board of Trustees and has been a member of various committees including the Sisterhood. Abigail is the daughter of **Tony and Jeanne Zucker**, and grew up in the Temple Beth El community.
- ★ Congratulations to **Linda and Neil Feld** on the birth of grandson, Isaac Lev Feld, son of Eric and Ashley Feld.

WINICK AZA

Have a bagel & schmear while we wash your car!

WASH N' SCHMEAR



Sunday, April 15, 12:30-3:00

6800 Deane Hill Drive

CAR WASH IS FREE BUT DONATIONS ARE APPRECIATED!

H A P P E N I N G S

Violins of Hope Nashville Cultural Events

The Nashville Symphony is leading a community-wide partnership to bring the *Violins of Hope*, a rare collection of restored instruments to Nashville **March 26-May 27**. Two dozen cultural and religious organizations will present performances, lectures and a free exhibit of these instruments that survived the Holocaust and have been restored to playing condition.

The *Violins of Hope* – the majority of which were played by Jewish musicians living in ghettos and interned in concentration camps during the Holocaust – will arrive in Music City from Israel in mid-March 2018. They have been restored and refurbished by Israeli luthiers Amnon and Avshalom Weinstein. The instruments are the subject of a best-selling book by James A. Grymes and a critically acclaimed documentary, *Violins of Hope: Strings of the Holocaust*. The Nashville Public Library exhibit will be the first time that these instruments have been exhibited to the public completely free of charge in the U.S. The display also will be accompanied by a small-scale re-creation of the Weinstein's workshop in Tel Aviv.

In addition to an opportunity to see these remarkable instruments up close and connect with their individual stories, their contemporary significance and powerful, resonant message will be communicated through dance, visual art, performance art, choral and symphonic music, educational programs, and religious service.

Noteworthy Events—Violins of Hope

- Violins of Hope Exhibit – free and open to the public (**March 26-May 27**) For KJA April 19 group tour info—see page 5
- *We Shall Overcome: Civil Rights and the Nashville Press 1957-1968*, photo exhibit (**March 30-October 7**, Frist Center for the Visual Arts)
- **April 10:** THE SOUND OF SILENT VOICES—Vanderbilt University Central Library. Ton Beau String Quartet performs music based on poetry written by children of the Holocaust. Free.
- April 12-14: BACH, MOZART & ELGAR—Schermmerhorn Symphony Center, featuring Pinchas Zukerman and the Nashville Symphony
- **April 18:** MUSIC OF THE HOLOCAUST FOR STRINGS AND WINDS - Blair School of Music. Chamber music with violist Dan Reinker & others. Free & open to the public.
- **May 9:** JOSHUA BELL WITH THE NASHVILLE SYMPHONY—Schermmerhorn Symphony Center. Featuring Bruch's First Violin Concerto
- **May 15:** ANNE FRANK: A LIVING VOICE—Ingram Hall, Blair School of Music,. Featuring Blair Children's Chorus & Vox Grata Women's Choir. Free & open to the public.
- **Through June 24:** NICK CAVE: FEATURED EXHIBIT. Frist Center for the Visual Arts
- Visual art exhibit exploring issues of identity and social justice.
- **Through October 8:** THE JOSEF GANZ STORY, Lane Motor Museum. The surprising story of how a Jewish engineer's work helped create Hitler's Volkswagen

Event Information:

Website: <http://www.violinsofhopenashville.com/>



The poster features a purple and white color scheme. At the top, there are two decorative icons: a tallit (prayer shawl) on the left and a tiara on the right. Below these icons, the title "Tallits & Tiaras" is written in a large, elegant serif font. Underneath the title, "BBYO PAGEANT SHOW" is written in a smaller, sans-serif font. The date and time, "Sunday, April 22, 2018 7:00 p.m.", are prominently displayed in a large, bold, sans-serif font. Below the date, the ticket prices are listed: "Adults: \$12" and "Children under 12: \$6". The address "6800 DEANE HILL DRIVE KNOXVILLE, TN" is written in a smaller, sans-serif font. At the bottom, the contact information "PREORDER AND RSVP: WEINSTEINBBG@GMAIL.COM" is provided. The entire poster is framed by a decorative border with small floral motifs at the corners.

Tallits & Tiaras
BBYO PAGEANT SHOW
.....
Sunday, April 22, 2018
7:00 p.m.

Adults: \$12
Children under 12: \$6

6800 DEANE HILL DRIVE
KNOXVILLE, TN

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APRIL 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>1 Passover</p> <p>9:30a Passover service-HA 1-3p Pickleball Open Play-AJCC Gym</p>	<p>2 Passover</p> <p>7a Morning Minyan-HA 9-10:30a Mommy Meet Up-The Empty Cup 9:30a Tai Chi-JCOR 6-9:30p Fencing-Gym</p>	<p>3 Passover</p> <p>10:15a Yoga-JCOR 4:30-6p Passover Picnic in the Park-Lakeshore Park 6p Exec Comm-TBE 6-9:30p Fencing-Gym</p>	<p>4 Passover</p> <p>9:30a Tai Chi-JCOR 5-7p STEM Scouts-AJCC BBYO Rm 6-9:30p Fencing-Gym 7p Talmud Study-HA</p>	<p>5 Passover</p> <p>7a Morning Minyan-HA 11a Adult Ed/Torah Study-TBE 6p GKAlSA Meeting-AJCC Orwitz Room 7:30-9:30p Israeli Dancing-Gym</p> <p style="text-align: right;">7:43 p.m.</p>	<p>6 Passover</p> <p>AJCC Preschool closed-Passover 4:45p JFS Shabbat Service-Sherrill Hills 6:30p Sunset Minyan-HA 7p Shabbat Service-TBE 7:15p Shabbat Dinner-HA 7:30p Shabbat Eve Service & Dessert Oneg by Men's Club-JCOR</p> <p style="text-align: right;">7:44 p.m.</p>	<p>7 Passover</p> <p>9:30a-Passover Service with Yizkor-HA 9:30a Shabbat Service-JCOR</p> <p style="text-align: right;">8:42 p.m.</p>
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Shalom Y'all

By Rabbi Erin Boxt

As a graduate of the University of Georgia, I often wear the colors red and black – after all, they are my favorite colors. Up until recently, I wore the same red and black kippah for over 11 years...it started to fray, so now I have a new red and black kippah!

Sometimes, people ask me why I wear my kippah all the time. My response is the same every time - I always want to be reminded that no matter how good of a person I try to be, no matter how good of a life I try to live, I will never reach Godliness. My kippah is a reminder of humility...to always keep pushing to be the best person/rabbi/friend/father I can be.

Why is it so important for us to be better or to do better? Our sacred texts challenge and encourage us to help others and take care of those less fortunate. We may not always agree with what is going on around us...we may really be challenged by the ideas or actions of others. It is at those moments when we must strive even harder to be better. I am a rabbi because I want to lead by example, while at the same time observing and learning from others. I am a rabbi because I want to help others. I am a rabbi because I love the Jewish people. I am a rabbi because I want to teach and learn from others about being Jewish. I am a rabbi because I truly do love waking up in the morning and being given the opportunity to do all of the above. I love being the rabbi at Temple Beth El in Knoxville, Tennessee.

Sometimes, and this is one of those times, I need your help. I want to be a better rabbi...and I want my congregants to be a part of that – actually the biggest part. If I can better serve you as your rabbi, please tell me. Come talk to me, call me, reach out – I really want to know. When you think of Erin Boxt, don't just think of the Red Kippah. I want you to think of Erin Boxt as your rabbi - one who loves you, the Jewish people and the opportunity to be better, to do better.



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Temple Topics

By Howard Pollock, TBE President

Every summer there are many things that keep our congregants busy. Some will head out of town for family vacations and many enjoy all that our area has to offer. For our teachers and any UT or area faculty, the pace may be a bit slower than during the year. Others will have children home from college and some might be sending kids to camp. I recently reflected on some of my own camp experiences when I learned the director of my camp passed away at the age of 95. "Uncle Stan" was a true gentleman and part of a family who worked tirelessly to ensure all who attended had wonderful experiences. When we learned of the news, it was nice to reminisce with some friends about our time at camp even if it was many years ago.

Times have certainly changed and options are far more plentiful for summer activities whether in or out of town. The AJCC has wonderful programs as part of Milton Collins Day Camp for specific age ranges. Many lessons can be learned from any type of camp experience. If the opportunity is available, attending an out of town camp can also be very special. Our kids, and others from Knoxville have enjoyed their experiences at Camp Barney which is affiliated with the Atlanta JCC. Rabbi Boxt is a strong supporter of Jewish camping and spends time each summer at Camp Coleman with his family as Charlie is a returning camper. Camp Coleman is affiliated with the URJ. Other congregants also have family members who have attended Camp Coleman or other URJ Camps. Camp Nadav also has long ties to the Knoxville community with many campers from our area.

Whether considering a camp through the URJ, AJCC or BBYO, there are many wonderful options as camp memories and friendships can last a lifetime.



Temple Beth El Religious School April/May 2018 Update

By Norma James normajames@tbeknox.org

Zoe Feldblum becomes Bat Mitzvah Saturday, April 14 at 10:30 a.m.:

We are delighted to announce that Zoe Feldblum will be called to the Torah. Zoe is the daughter of Al and Gina Feldblum and sister of Alex. Al and Gina are the chairs of our School and Youth Committee, and Gina teaches 6th grade. Zoe has worked very hard preparing for this important service. Her Torah coach is Deborah Roberts and her chanting coach is Norma James. Rabbi Boxt will officiate. For her mitzvah project, Zoe and her father are volunteering with animal rescue, and Zoe is running a special drive to collect items for these adoptable pets. Zoe loves working with animals. I hope you will join the entire Feldblum family in this beautiful life cycle simcha.

April 22 B'yachad will be at Heska Amuna.

The theme for this month is Israel. Israel Fest is in the afternoon, so this is perfect timing! **May 6 is our year-end celebration.**

Look for more details to come!

B'yachad is sponsored by Temple Beth El and Heska Amuna at no charge to members and nonmembers. It is open to all children age four and under. Every session includes stories, crafts, songs, activities, and the sweetest T'filah you will ever experience. For more information contact Norma 865-719-2614 or email Anna Iroff-Bailey at byachadknoxville@gmail.com. You can also find us on Facebook.

Sleepover for 4th - 6th grade at Temple on Saturday, April 28:

Join us for a special event for our 4th-6th graders. We gather at West Town Mall at 5:00 p.m. for dinner in the Food Court. Then we will go to a family-friendly movie. After the movie, we head back to Temple for Havdalah, ice cream sundaes, and more fun before lights out. I am excited to invite our current 4th graders to their first Temple sleepover.

Our students will conduct Shabbat service at 5:45p.m. and 7:00 p.m. Friday, April 20.

Please see the schedule below:

- K-3rd grades conduct a short family service at 5:45 p.m. in the sanctuary
- Class Shabbat dinner 6:15 p.m. for families of K-5th grades (RSVP please!)
- 4th-5th Grades conduct the regular Shabbat service at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary

Parents of 4th-5th grades will host the oneg after the 7:00 p.m. service. (K-3 parents bring dessert for the dinner.)

Noah and Gabriel Ribakove will be called to the Torah on Saturday, May 5 at 10:30 a.m.:

It is a double simcha for Everett and Christine Ribakove as their twin boys share the bima. The Ribakoves are relatively new to our congregation, but they have jumped right in as full participants! Liz Gassel is the Torah and chanting Coach for both boys. Rabbi Boxt will officiate. Noah will conduct most of the service and will be assisted by his brother Gabriel who has autism. They will each read Torah. Both of these boys are quite remarkable and work beautifully as a team. This will be a wonderful experience for all who attend. We hope that all of you will support this family by attending this Shabbat morning service.

Grace Margulies will be our third spring B'nei Mitzvah on Saturday, May 12 at 10:30 a.m.:

Grace is the youngest daughter of Aaron and Imelda Margulies and sister to Rachel, Ben, and Reuben. Dr. Aaron has long been a teacher in our religious School. It is hard to believe that this will be the final Margulies B'nei Mitzvah! It has been a regular spring event for many years. Grace's Torah coach is Deborah Roberts and her chanting coach is Norma James. Rabbi Erin Boxt will officiate. Grace is volunteering at FISH Pantry for her Mitzvah Project. This is an organization that has long been an important one to this family. Don't miss this grand finale Bat Mitzvah!

Last Day of Religious School is Sunday, May 6.

This will be a day of celebration and fun at Temple Beth El!

We will have early dismissal so that everyone can go to **Knoshville** at the AJCC for a wonderful lunch!

See Norma James for more details.

Confirmation Friday, May 18.

Rabbi Boxt has studied with two students for Confirmation this year. Ben Margulies is a 10th grader who has been a TBERS student since he was very young. Lauren Dryzer is a 12th grader who has joined us this year as a madrichah and made a decision to be a part of our Confirmation class. Both are outstanding students with a strong Judaic background and a firm commitment to Judaism. We congratulate these two young people. They are both excellent role models for our students. Please show these young people that you appreciate their study and their service to TBE by attending this lifecycle event.

Zoe Feldblum to Celebrate Bat Mitzvah April 14

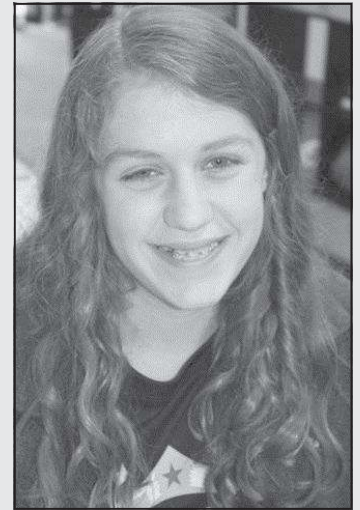
Zoe Irwin Feldblum will be called to the Torah on Saturday, April 14 at 10:30 a.m. at Temple Beth El. Rabbi Erin Boxt will officiate. The weekend will begin with Shabbat service on Friday, April 13 at 6:00 PM. An Oneg Shabbat will be hosted by the Feldblum family.

Zoe is the daughter of Al and Gina Feldblum and sister to Alex. Zoe is very appreciative for the assistance and support of Ms. Norma James, Dr. Aaron Margulies, and Ms. Deborah Roberts.

As a current 7th grader at the Karns Middle School, Zoe enjoys all her classes and her wonderful friends. She is a member of ProjectU which is a student led group that focuses on building unity and promoting kindness. Zoe is also a member of the student group LinkUp which assists incoming 6th grade students transition from elementary to middle school.

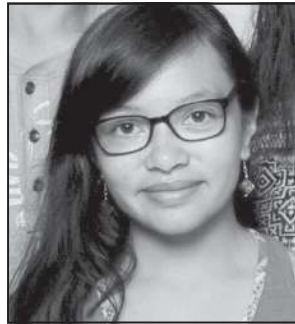
Zoe has been a competitive swimmer since she was 7 years old. She is a member of the Tennessee Aquatics year-round swim team as well as the Gulfwood Gators and Hardin Valley Middle School swim teams. Her favorite strokes are backstroke and freestyle.

In 2013, the Feldblum family adopted a dog from Small Breed Rescue of East Tennessee (SBRET). Since that time, Zoe has had a best friend in Millie. For her Mitzvah project, Zoe is choosing to give back to SBRET. She is collecting puppy toys so the SBRET foster families can help their rescues adjust a bit easier before they are adopted. Also, Zoe will be volunteering at the Humane Society of East Tennessee. Zoe is extremely excited to welcome friends and family to her Bat Mitzvah weekend!



Join Grace Margulies as she Celebrates Bat Mitzvah at TBE

Grace Rebecca Garcia Margulies will become a bat mitzvah on Saturday, May 12, at 10:30 a.m. at Temple Beth El. Grace has been part of the Temple Beth El family since 2006 and has been a student in the Temple Beth El Religious School since she was a wee little girl. Grace is currently an honors student in the 7th Grade at Farragut Middle School, where she runs cross country and performs in the Winter Guard.



Grace is an avid reader and a fervent Harry Potter fan. She enjoys hanging out with friends and traveling with her parents and three older siblings. Grace has recently acquired her first pet, Doug, who is a fun loving, energetic little creature. Grace's bat mitzvah project is to feed the homeless in many of the shelters in the Knoxville area. She is preparing several centerpieces that will be a basket of food to feed a family of four for a full day.

Grace's Torah portion comes from B'chukotai (Leviticus 26:3 - 27:34), in which Moses informs the Israelites what good will happen when they follow God's laws (chukotai) and what tragedies will befall them if they do not follow His laws. We invite the whole community to pray with us as Grace blesses the reading of the Torah, chants the parsha and shares with us the wisdom that she has gained from study. We thank Tory Frankel for helping Grace learn to read the Torah, and we thank Norma James for teaching Grace to chant the Torah. We are grateful to be part of the Jewish community of Knoxville and we invite you and your family to join us immediately following services for a Kiddush luncheon in Grace's honor.



Ribakove Twins to Celebrate Simcha

Noah and Gabriel Ribakove are fraternal twins who were born in Charlotte, North Carolina on May 2005. In February 2016, the boys moved to Knoxville, TN with their father, Dr. Everett Ribakove and step-mother Christine Ribakove. Also living with them are their dogs, Maxwell, a Great Pyrenees, and Bella, a German Shepard.

The boys attend Temple-Beth El Religious School and are hard at work preparing for their bar-mitzvah on May 5, 2018.

Noah is a 6th grader at West Valley Middle School and previously attended Charlotte Jewish Day School then North Shore Elementary. Because of his Jewish day school experience, Noah is fluent at reading Hebrew and blowing the Shofar on the High Holidays. Gabriel, who is autistic but high functioning, is mainstreamed as a 5th Grader at Northshore Elementary School. The boys are active in Boy Scouts where they enjoy camping. They also enjoy golf, movies, traveling, air hockey and pool. Noah has participated in the swim team at Gettysview Country Club and has taken sailing lessons. Gabriel loves animals and enjoys horseback riding.

TBE Sisterhood Happenings

By Tammy Stone, Sisterhood President

A wonderful time was had on February 18 by those who helped bake Hamantashen for our annual sale. Thank you to all those who participated: Kathy Young, Meredith Jaffe, Brenda Sherman, Sari Kagan Simone Metzger, Karen Smith, Karen and Alan Smuckler, Ebbie Sandberg, Lesley Krakauer, Renee' Hyatt, Linda Zaretzki, Lucy Barkan, Liz Gassel. Special thanks to Steve Frank and Beverly Frei, and Joshua and Caleb, for their help.

Sisterhood Goes Out will be on Thursday evening, **May 17** and will be our closing event of the year. Watch for more information in upcoming Blasts.

April 6 will be Sisterhood Shabbat. Please save the date and plan on attending and participating in this special service. Baked goods will be needed for the Oneg that night.

Our next Sunday morning program will be on **April 15**. Watch for details.

Thank you to all who continue to make our bimah look beautiful on Friday nights through the Beiler Flower Fund and to those who add sweetness to Oneg Shabbats by being a host. You help make Friday night services more meaningful for all!

It is never too late to check us out. All are welcome (men and women) at any event. We are also looking for people to serve as board members and chair people for the next few years. Feel free to contact Kathy Young or Karen Smith if interested.

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2018 Trivia Night and Silent Auction

Thank you to everyone who attended, donated, purchased an item or volunteered at this year's 13th Annual Auction (2nd Trivia Night). The Auction committee worked extremely hard to create both a social and fundraising event. It was wonderful to have 80 members and non-members attend March's Auction event. Equally as impressive to this year's attendance was the \$12,000 raised from the Silent Auction and monetary donations.

The measurement of a successful event isn't purely funds raised, but also the fun and social aspects of the evening. And boy, did we have fun! The laughter, smiles and competitiveness inside the Social Hall among the 13 teams added for a memorable evening. Thank you to Phyllis for searching all the questions & answers and covering lots of topics to reward knowledge instead of just guessing. Hal Rosenberg, a last minute replacement as the MC for trivia portion spoke clearly, improvised where needed and added his quick wit! Phyllis outdid herself this year by baking eight different type of scrumptious cookies (over 600 cookies).

Congratulations to our Trivia Winners! Bragging rights for our **1st place winners** went to Charlene & Joe Oleinik, Mark & Lucy Barkan, Larry Markel and Ivan Brody. Just one point behind our **2nd place winners** were Chip & Brenda Rayman, Mary & Fred Seals and Patti Austin. **3rd place**, losing in a tie breaker Melinda & Tony Gibbons, Aaron & Imelda Margulies, Tara & Brad Bain and Christine & Everett Ribakove. Awesome job to tall 13 teams!

This event could never have happened without the help of our co-chairs and volunteers: Phyllis & Ken Hirsh, Hal Rosenberg, Hayley Goldfeld, Barbara Winston, Missy Noon, Sari Kagan, Shelley Mangold, Sandy Parker, Steve Beber, Deborah Roberts, Eric & Tammy Stone, Tina Fleeman, Stephanie, Jamema and Nancy & Martin Light (C.A.V. team). Thank you to Alan & Karen Smuckler for donating the cash prizes for the money bags. Congratulations to Aron & Hayley Goldfeld, Melinda & Tony Gibbons and Phyllis & Ken Hirsh for picking the lucky bags.

A very special thank you to our generous donors for making the event possible. Please see our list of all donors, including TBE Congregants and non-members of the Knoxville Community (I apologize in advance for inadvertently leaving out or misspelling a donors name).

Once again, thank you to everyone who helped make this event hugely successful!: Wes & Norma James - Mike Pardee & Liz Gassel - Harold & Shirley Freedman - Phyllis & Ken Hirsh - Diana & Bill Steinfeld Hicks - Susan & Jeff Arbital - Missy & Chuck Noon - Janice & Howard Pollock - Cheri and Robert Pollack - Susan Baker - Ellen & Steve Markman - Elaine & Bob Freeman - Jeff & Kaye Goodfriend - Alan & Karen Smuckler -

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Chip and Brenda Rayman, Freddie and Mary Seals and Patti Austin



Larry Markel, Lucy and Mark Barkan, Charlene Oleinik, Ivan Brody and Joe Oleinik

The German Girl. 2016 by Armando Lucas Correa

Review by Dr. Henry Fribourg

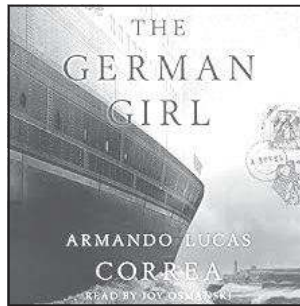
A stunningly ambitious and beautiful novel, perfect for fans of *The Nightingale*, *Schindler's List*, and *All the Light We Cannot See*, about 12-year-old Hannah Rosenthal's harrowing experience fleeing Nazi-occupied Germany with her family and best friend, only to discover that the overseas asylum they had been promised is an illusion.

Before everything changed, young Hannah Rosenthal lived a charmed life. But now, in 1939, the streets of Berlin are draped with red, white, and black flags; her family's fine possessions are hauled away; and they are no longer welcome in the places that once felt like home. Hannah and her best friend, Leo Martin, make a pact: whatever the future has in store for them, they'll meet it together.

Hope appears in the form of the SS *St. Louis*, a transatlantic liner offering Jews safe passage out of Germany. After a frantic search to obtain visas, the Rosentals and the Martins depart on the luxurious ship bound for Havana. Life on board the *St. Louis* is like a surreal holiday for the refugees, with masquerade balls, exquisite meals, and polite, respectful service. But soon ominous rumors from Cuba undermine the passengers' fragile sense of safety. From one day to the next, impossible choices are offered, unthinkable sacrifices are made, and the ship that once was their salvation seems likely to become their doom.

Seven decades later in New York City, on her twelfth birthday, Anna Rosen receives a strange package from an unknown relative in Cuba, her great-aunt Hannah. Its contents will inspire Anna and her mother to travel to Havana to learn the truth about their family's mysterious and tragic past, a quest that will help Anna understand her place and her purpose in the world.

The German Girl sweeps from Berlin at the brink of the Second World War to Cuba on the cusp of revolution, to New York in the wake of September 11, before reaching its deeply moving conclusion in the tumult of present-day Havana. Based on a true story, this masterful novel gives voice to the joys and sorrows of generations of exiles, forever seeking a place called home.



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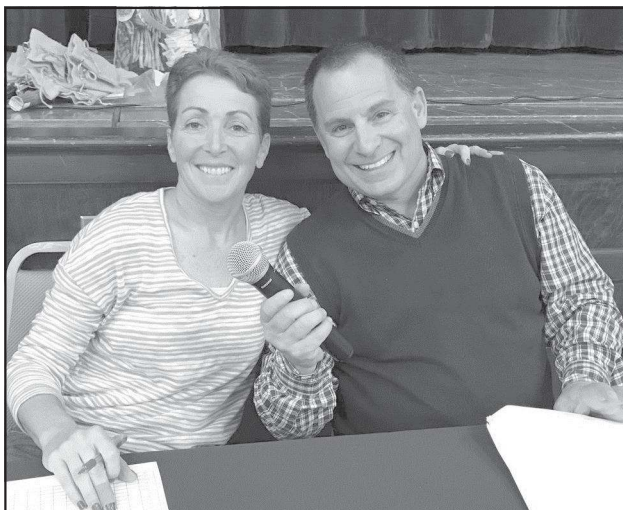
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HaShofar



Nothing Is Something Worth Doing

By Alon C. Ferency

"You only do two days in the joint/ the day you get locked up and the day you go home."

Clifford Harris, Jr. & Christopher Gholson

During my work with convicts, I am often surprised by the ways in which they see themselves to be free. Obviously, their meals are at set times, their movements are restricted, and they live in confined spaces. Nonetheless, they speak of freedom within those circumscribed circumstances – a mental freedom, if you will. Theirs is the choice of what to do in cramped quarters. The choice of what to eat among limited choices. The moral freedom to become a convict in mind or only in body. What sort of training or mental fortitude could lead one to experience freedom instead of privation while incarcerated? How do people survive stress, distress, even the inhuman? Are there lessons therein for lives of relative ease?

In a modern, peaceful, liberal society, the stresses we experience are often mild in comparison to an incarcerated convict, though the physiological responses are similar: dilated pupils; constricted peripheral blood vessels; increased heart rate; activated adrenal glands; enhanced metabolism. As is established, such fight-or-flight responses had value to our hunter-gatherer ancestors but prove paralyzing in an office park. In general, things that serve us during acute stress are deleterious in chronic conditions (e.g., inter-office politics, the daily commute, children's persistent school trouble). Moreover, the long-term effects are near-catastrophic: heart disease, diabetes, auto-immune or inflammatory disease.

It's unlikely that our pre-modern, urban ancestors of Bible and Talmud were naïve about stress. Shabbat observance seems clearly designed to alleviate the stresses of our modern world. What is the effect on the practitioner? Why was Jewish Shabbat practice so demanding? Why did Jewish *halakhah* (practice-ways) become so exacting? What does it portend, and intend to teach us?

Among other things: rest takes effort. Nothing is something worth doing. And, rest transforms our focus.

Shabbat teaches mindfulness. Shabbat creates the ability to focus and charge the mind, thereby drawing the mind to what truly matters. Shabbat teaches us to be, rather than do. There is a ring structure to Shabbat: we prepare for the experience; we experience Shabbat; and, we carry the experience of Shabbat through the week. If rest is something both necessary and undervalued, then how might one cultivate rest through a deeper commitment to Sabbath?

Work and rest are two sides to the same coin. Sabbath and labor are both commandments. Speaking on the Decalogue, *Mekhilta*, an early collection of *midrash*, says "This is a separate commandment," just as Israel is commanded to observe Shabbat, "so too, daily labor." Rest is hard work. If nothing is something worth doing, doing it right is actually a practice that requires forethought. Rest is not simple. Just as work has requirements – a tie, an alarm clock, an email address, a pencil sharpener – so, too does rest....

Excerpted from the forthcoming *V'Shamru* (New Paradigm Matrix)



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SAVE THE DATE!

Heska Amuna's Annual Congregational Meeting

Sunday, June 3 – 10:00 a.m.

Heska Amuna Synagogue Rosen Social Hall

Tradition! Tradition! Tradition! Family Shabbat Dinner – Heska Amuna Synagogue

We are excited to announce a new Shabbat Dinner program for the first Friday of each month which offers a most welcome addition to celebrating Shabbat. This program is inspired and catered by Marilyn Burnett and Pat Rosenberg and has been underwritten in part by the Sam and Esther Rosen Community Enrichment Fund. In addition to dinner, we will continue to have our monthly Sunset Minyan (Kabbalat Shabbat service) at 6:30 p.m., delightfully led by Jack Love. Dinner will follow services at 7:15 p.m. For dinner, reservations are required since seating is limited. Contact the Heska Amuna Synagogue office or click on “Shabbat Dinner” on our website homepage (www.heskaamuna.org) for more information or to make your reservation. Dinners and services will continue this spring and summer will be held on on Fridays **April 6, May 4, and June 1**. Come and celebrate Sunset Minyan, Shabbat dinner on into summer —with us!

Join Us for Shabbat Dinner



Raising the Bar

By Mary Ann Merrell, Heska Amuna Synagogue President

At a recent Rabbi and Religious Services Committee meeting, we had a most intriguing, multi-hour lightning-round brainstorming session to gather ideas for ways in which we can make services more meaningful to *everyone* in our congregation – for those who attend regularly as well as for those that do not. There were no constraints on what could be suggested – no laws of physics, fiduciary sensibilities, or financial realities were imposed. The flow of ideas filled page after page and the array of ideas was as delightfully varied as those that offered them. (Full disclosure and not wanting to confuse you by the title of this article: the idea of adding a full-service bar was *not* an idea that was offered; however, an idea that perked some interest was a tradition noted at another congregation where they offered a *coffee bar* break after Shacharit to enjoy a cup of joe before Torah service begins).

Many of our ideas circled common themes that included creating a stronger culture of welcoming to all and more fully recognizing those in our congregation who make our kallah what we are – by their presence at our services, through leadership roles they provide, birthdays and anniversaries and other significant personal events they share with us, and the multitude of ways in which we grow to become a stronger, caring community beyond Adon Olam.

Some of the most resounding themes centered on enhancing our approach to music – increasing *ruach* and meaning by integrating favorite camp melodies, adding musical instruments, creating an informal family choir, or Baby Musicah – as well as changing the spaces in which we worship – Havdallah by the River, moving the Amidah outdoors, removing the pews in the Robinson Chapel and replacing them with comfortable chairs. Some ideas focused on ways in which we can enhance our liturgy to lead to relevant, personal practice. We heard ideas easy to achieve with no financial requirements and other that were more complex, medium- and long-term considerations for which significant resources would be necessary.

Having thought of these same questions to those in my family, it was interesting to note how their ideas often melded with those from the meeting. My mom, Judy Rattner’s, favorite notion (more English readings) was echoed by others; our daughter Jennye’s number one idea (not surprisingly, make services shorter) was also oft heard. My husband Bryan would like to find the time to learn Torah readings and to learn them more easily. (And no, I did not pay him to say that.)

So, now it is YOUR turn. What are your ideas we should be considering? I have created a 2-minute survey, “*My Two Cents, but worth much more...*” available on our homepage (www.heskaamuna.org); there are paper copies in the foyer, too. The survey is anonymous, fast, and free. We aren’t going to track your clicks or follow up to see what you buy at the check-out; we aren’t going to validate your data by multiplying your answer times how many times you have come to Shabbat since your Bar or Bat Mitzvah. But to be clear: the best ideas for meaningful change will be *yours*, not mine or those of R&RS. For us to enhance our spiritual space so that it resonates for you, your ideas are the secret ingredient and put simply and truly, invaluable and essential. R&RS is listening. Tell us what you have to say.



Women's League at Heska Amuna: Finding Hope at the Seder Table: Learning How to Love the Stranger

By Barb Levin, President

Each year the holiday of Passover takes millions of Jews through an exercise in liberation and rebirth. The Seder experience, which is celebrated by more Jews than any other holiday, is a reenactment of the Exodus: remembering the bitterness of slavery and the uncertainties of freedom. The story of the "wandering Aramean" is not a triumphant tale of military success and might; it is the story of the cosmos itself rejecting oppression of the weak. As Martin Luther King taught, "The moral arc of the universe may be slow, but it bends toward justice."

In her book, *Hope in the Dark*, Rebecca Solnit discusses the impact of individual and group efforts to effect surprising changes in the course of history. No one expected that the Israelites would come forth from Egypt. Similarly, the coming down of the Berlin wall was startling, but with a difference. It was a product of public dissent and actions, as well as historical currents. While the story of Exodus is flavored with powerful interactions between Moses and Pharaoh, and the direct intervention of God to release the Israelites after 400 years of bondage, there was something miraculous about the freeing of the East German people after decades of captivity. Solnit uses many other examples of the need to seek hope in the darkest of places. In her words, "I want to illuminate a past that is too seldom recognized, one in which the power of individuals and unarmed people is colossal, in which the scale of change in the world....is staggering. To recognize the momentousness of what has happened is to apprehend what might happen."

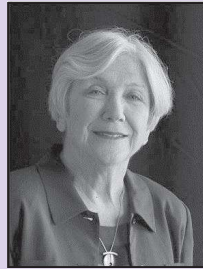
Exodus is the central story of the Jewish religion and goes beyond the telling of a story of oppression and liberation. Deliverance and freedom bring responsibility and obligation. After crossing the Red Sea, Israel journeys to Sinai, to learn God's requirements for a positive life, how to act toward others, and the beginning of liturgy. Yet it is important for Israel to keep and maintain the memory that "we were once slaves" in Egypt. The Seder reminds through multiple symbols, such as the bitter herbs and matzah, of the bitterness of slavery. The key remembrance is that we were once strangers, and as we are reminded again and again; we should treat the stranger well because of this experience.

How important is this concept today! As we face daily challenges to the idea that "we are one tribe," the message of the Exodus and the Seder is made more vibrant. Somehow in the confusion of everyday existence, there is a need to stop and remember, and to act to support and protect the stranger. The Passover experience reinforces this need to be involved and to respond to the present threats to our nation of immigrants. How to do this in such a highly politicized world? The importance of each individual's actions becomes more important. Who are the vulnerable among us? What are their needs? What is happening in Knoxville, and what can be done about it?

When the outlook is most dreary, Solnit reverts to the words of Vaclav Havel, one of the activist of the Velvet Revolution in Czechoslovakia, who wrote from prison: "Hope is not a prognostication, it is an orientation of the spirit, ...it transcends the world that is immediately experienced and is anchored somewhere beyond the horizons. Hope ...is not joy that things are going well ... but rather the ability to work for something because it is good, not just because it stands a chance to succeed."

It is this powerful message of hope that is transmitted each year at the Seder table, from parent to child. Believe and act... we were slaves and we have been liberated. The future is uncertain, but ours to create.

Chag Sameach. Enjoy this holiday of rebirth and renewal, and find a new sense for your own hopefulness.



Barb Levin

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Add Names of Those in Your Thoughts for a Misheberach on Shabbat

If there are names of family and friends that you would like for us to include in our Shabbat program, or if you would like for us to include your name when we say the misheberach on Shabbat, please let us know.

You can call the office at 522-0701 to have names added; or, we now have a link from our website homepage (www.heskaamuna.org) so you can easily send us names to include.

What's Up at Heska Amuna Religious School?

By Betty Golub, Director of Youth and Family Programming



Another school year is entering its final months at HARS.

Our Gan Gadol Class will finish the study of Israel by reading the *Great Israel Scavenger Hunt*. Moreh Nathan's class has been hard at work compiling their *Perkei Avot* books! Using the original Hebrew, they are expanding their knowledge of the letters and language that makes up a book of great wisdom!

Morah Catalina's class has been studying the *Avot* and the *Gevurot* prayers. The students have been learning the Hebrew vocabulary of the prayers and continue to work on reading fluency.

On the Hebrew calendar this year, we will celebrate **Passover** during the month of Nisan as well as commemorating **Yom Ha Shoah**-Holocaust Remembrance Day. By using age appropriate stories, our students will hear tales of rescue and resistance. The students will light six yellow candles in memory of the six million who perished.

The Hebrew month of Iyar follows Nisan. It is both a sad and happy time during the new month. We will remember the fallen of Israel but immediately celebrate Israel's birthday with **Yom Ha'atzmaut**. This year, our children will have the opportunity to mark the 70th birthday of Israel. Anna Iroff-Bailey and Women's League will conclude this year's **JLAH** series on Sunday, April 15 with an Israeli program.

Our students will hold our last **Kabbalat Shabbat School** for the year soon. Through this program, our students have learned how we welcome Shabbat as a class, a service and, of course, enjoying a wonderful Shabbat meal together! We will have an **open house** on Sunday, April 22 and invite everyone to come and learn about what our school offers and to experience our school firsthand.

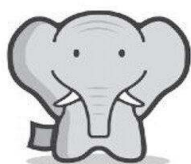
There is so much to celebrate with our HARS students. **Shabbat Chinuch** is the Educational Shabbat and will be held on Saturday, May 5. Our future 2nd and 3rd grade students will receive their own Siddur and Thomas Scott will be confirmed at this Shabbat Chinuch. We are so proud of their accomplishments this year!

I want to thank our staff Anna Iroff-Bailey, Martha Iroff, Lev Comstock, Nathan Light, Catalina Izaguirre, and Rabbi Alon Ferency for their dedication and caring of our students. We wish Moreh Nathan only the best as he prepares for his final year at UT. He has been a wonderful addition to our HARS Family! Our staff shares their love of Judaism with our students; they truly care about imparting the joy that Judaism brings to each of us.

Come and experience HARS. Our school offers hands-on experiential learning to all of our students. Judaism comes alive in our classrooms. The new 5779 school year will begin with our annual Pool Party. For more information please contact me at morahbetty@heskaamuna.org or (865) 522-0701.

Religious School Dates to Remember

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| • Sunday, April 1 | No School – Passover |
| • Wednesday, April 4 | No School – Passover |
| • Sunday, April 8 | School |
| • Wednesday, April 11 | School |
| • Sunday, April 15 | School & JLAH |
| • Wednesday, April 18 | School |
| • Sunday, April 22 | School & Open House |
| • Wednesday, April 25 | School |
| • Sunday, April 29 | School |
| • Wednesday, May 2 | School |
| • Saturday, May 5 | Shabbat Chinuch |
| • Sunday, May 6 | Last Class |



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JLAH: Israel Independence Day

Sunday, April 15

9:30-12:30

All are invited to celebrate and learn together at JLAH.

JLAH is a community learning program

presented by Heska Amuna Women's League. We learn all about Israel Independence Day!

There are classes for adults, children, and families. Lunch is also provided. Something for EVERYONE!





Join Us for *Havdalah* by the River

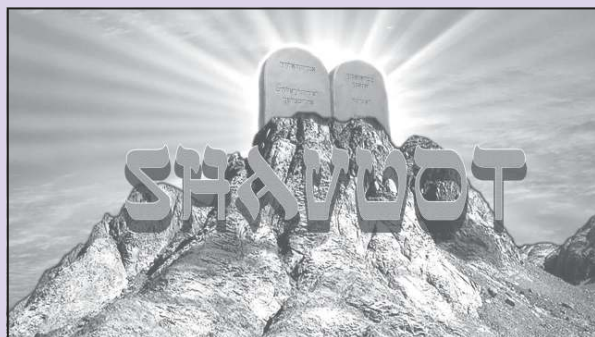
Snacks, songs, and stories

Saturday, April 14

8:00 p.m.

(rain date: April 21)

Cherokee Boulevard fountain (at Talahi)



Tiqqun Leil Shavuot Saturday, May 19 9:00 pm - midnight

Our ancestors stayed up all night in anticipation of receiving the Ten Commandments; this year, we are once again offering **LATE NIGHT WITH RABBI FERENCY AND FRIENDS**, a 21st century approach to Shavuot.

Don't stay home watching TV in bed! Come to our Shavuot Tiqqun and join our interactive Live Studio audience for an evening of premiere late night programming

OUR LATE NIGHT LINEUP INCLUDES:

- Women's League: Special Edition
- Rabbi Ferency: Late Night Season II
- *Judaism and the Law* with special guests (not to be missed!)
- And of course, the Game Show Channel's Jeopardy! testing your wisdom of *Jewish Crooks, Thieves, and Gangsters* starring Raphe Trebek (also known as the one and only, Dr. Raphe Panetz)
- And of course, a little nosh.

Join us!

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The Heska Amuna Religious School is most appreciative to the following for their sponsorship that enabled everyone in our congregation to enjoy a Mishloach Manot this year:

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Thank you to Kimberly Ault, Jenny Parker Wood, Pat Rosenberg, Shuli Mesa, and Peggy Littmann for all of the baking of the yummy hamantaschen; Mary Ann Merrell for helping with deliveries; Shannon Martindale and Beverly Wilcox for maps and labels.

Mighty Megillah Readers

Thank you to our readers of the whole megillah this year (twice!). In a dizzying array of languages from Greek to Hungarian to Arabic, we still heard Haman's name 54 times. Thank you to our Wednesday night readers: Rabbi Ferency (Arabic), Markus Eisenbach (Greek and Latin), Gilya Schmidt (German and Hebrew), Miriam Weinstein (Spanish), Ernie (Hungarian); Mary Ann Merrell (Yiddish), Michael Burnett (Russian), Raphe Panitz (Hebrew and a few verses in a dead tongue or two), Jack Love (Hebrew) and to everyone who read again on Thursday!



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Outstanding Opportunity Ahead: Workshop for Torah Readers – April 29

It doesn't get any better than this! Josh Gettinger is offering a workshop for Torah readers at Heska Amuna, **Sunday afternoon, April 29, 10 a.m. to noon**. The workshop is designed for beginning and advanced torah readers. A working knowledge of *te'amei hamikra* [trope], a half-hour of homework, and a desire to be engaged in a great workshop are the only prerequisites.

This workshop will *not* involve learning new melodies; instead, you will be asked to bring *your* melodies. Each participant will be asked to bring a 2-3 verse "favorite" or challenging passage to present to the group. The first part of the workshop will be a brief interactive didactic session covering:

- ★ The basic concept of reading - retrieving chant as an ancient artistic tradition, combining words and music with the aim of bringing words to life
- ★ Hearing the trope as flowing melodic lines
- ★ Using the melodies to learn the intricate grammar of the chant

In the second hour, students will break into *chevruta* and practice the pieces brought to the workshop and incorporate their new insights into melody and grammar. Everyone will then reconvene to present the polished pieces to the entire group for constructive feedback. A relaxing "schmooze and nosh" will follow the workshop.

There is no charge for Heska Amuna members to attend the workshop but registration is required; please let Mary Ann Merrell (HAPresident@heskaamuna.org) know you wish to attend, sign up from our home page, or call the office at 522-0701.



Purim Carnival Fun for All!



Students (and parents and teachers, too!) enjoyed a festive Purim Carnival this year.

Thank you to our friends at Temple Beth El for hosting such a fun-filled day!

Light Your Shoah Candle, April 11

In concert with the Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs, and with thanks to an anonymous donor, Heska Amuna members are invited to participate in a program to light one million memorial candles to remember the more than one million children who died in the Holocaust. One candle per family has been purchased so that each of us can participate. The candles are available from the synagogue office now through April 10. Each candle container includes a photograph of young people visiting the Auschwitz-Birkenau concentration camp; it is hoped that the photograph provides a way to reflect on the importance of teaching our youth the lessons of the Holocaust while also remembering the Six Million. The candle's yellow wax serves to remind us of the yellow arm band which Jews were forced to wear during the Nazi regime.



Please light your yellow remembrance candle at sundown on Erev Yom HaShoah (April 11). Discuss the Holocaust with your children and grandchildren. It is our responsibility to continually create awareness of our fight against the evils of all forms of bigotry as well as anti-Semitism. We encourage you to light your yellow candle at sunset on Yom HaShoah with your family in solidarity with a million other families. If you are unable to come to the synagogue for a candle, let Bryan Merrell know (BMerrell2000@yahoo.com) and we will bring a candle to you. Zachor!

Join Heska Amuna Synagogue for a Traditional Family Shabbat Dinner
 Passover—April 6 **** Mediterranean—May 4
 Shabbat Hootenanny Cookout—June 1 at 7:15 p.m.

Come Early and join us for Sunset Minyan at 6:30 p.m.

*Adults (12 years and over) \$8; Children \$4; Family Cap (2 adults 3 children) \$25
 First Year Members—Free (one time only)*

Dinner Reservations are required and must be made no later than

WEDNESDAY, PRIOR TO EACH SHABBAT DINNER

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Bunching Donations as a Means of Coping with the New Tax Plan

By Abraham Brietstein, PhD, KJCFF President

In a previous article, I expressed concerns, which were echoed by the President/CEO of the East Tennessee Foundation, Michael McClamroch, about how the new tax plan might affect charitable giving. Briefly, while the new tax plan does not eliminate the deduction for charitable giving, it makes it less attractive by doubling the amount for the standard deduction, thus making it less likely that people will itemize deductions, thereby significantly reducing the number of people who give to charity.

In a recent *New York Times* article (<https://nyti.ms/2oY4fC8>), provided to me by Wendy Besmann, who with her husband Ted, started the donor-advised Besmann Family Fund for Social Justice and Spiritual Enrichment, the author discusses how individuals might consider “pooling their gifts in certain years to beat the expanded standard amount and maximize their tax savings through itemization.” To further explain, it is what is referred to as “bunching,” or postponing charitable giving in certain years and combining or “bunching” several years of donations to a donor-advised fund into one year, taking the tax deduction that year, then having the fund pay out the gift annually in equal mounts in subsequent years. As a result, the charity gets the same amount each year, even in years when the donor did not itemize deductions.

Donor advised funds, such as those within KJCFF, are seen as “an ideal solution” for the changes in the new tax plan, by allowing the taxpayer to bunch or pool money set aside for charitable giving in alternate years rather than making smaller amounts of charitable donations to a favorite charity or institution each year. Thus, regardless of any changes to the tax codes, there remain tax advantageous options to consider for charitable giving by utilizing donor advised funds such as those within KJCFF. As a result, I hope you will consider starting such a fund or adding to an existing fund. If so, please give me a call at (865) 803-8246.

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In Memory of Logan Brown

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Jewish Congregation of Oak Ridge



Holocaust Remembrance Service

Jointly Sponsored by

Jewish Congregation of Oak Ridge (JCOR)
Oak Ridge Unitarian Universalist Church (ORUUC)

Sunday, April 15, 2018

3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

In the JCOR Sanctuary

101 W. Madison Lane



Program includes Candle lighting ceremony led by Mira Kimmelman
Readings, Song, and Prayers

Standing Up Against Hate

An Oak Ridge Interfaith Partnership Event

Holocaust Memorial Candles will be available to attendees for pick-up at the Service
Candles Donated by JCOR Men's Club

JCOR April Programming

April 14, 2018

Rabbi's Study Session: "Menachem Begin"
(after the morning Services)

Menachem Begin was an Israeli politician, founder of the Likud Party and the sixth Prime Minister of Israel.

April 21, 2018

Jewish Film Series: *Hershele*

Israel, 1977, NR, 1hr 30m

An educated European immigrant to Israel (Mike Burstyn) teaches local, less privileged neighbor children how to play the clarinet. His lessons catch fire, and when the kids begin to display real talent, the neighborhood works to form an orchestra. Burstyn won the Israeli equivalent of the Best Actor Academy Award for his affecting performance about the power of music to transform young lives.

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JCOR's Saturday morning service begins at 9:30 a.m.
For the Friday evening service schedule, please
contact JCOR at office@jcor.info or call (865) 483-3581.

www.JCOR.info



Manny Herz was honored for his contributions toward building the new Lobby, on its 10 Year Anniversary



Avigail Rashkovsky (left) is congratulated by Anne Greenbaum, for being honored as a Light of Torah recipient.



Miguel gets food ready for JCOR's Super Bowl Party.

Yahrzeits

- ★ *Ida Fine, Ken Volkin & Manny Volkin* from Karen Brunner
- ★ *Martin Katzman* from Arlene Katzman
- ★ *Richard Handler* from Eileen Handler
- ★ *Sadie Shapiro* from Jim & Ronnie Bogard
- ★ *Max Kimmelman & Benno Ryczke* from Mira Kimmelman
- ★ *Dorothy Silverman* from Bobbie Limor
- ★ *Leon Yehuda Toledano, Esther Toledano, Beni Toledano, Lily Toledano, Jacob Solomon*
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- ★ *Esther Kitzes* from Judith Kitzes
- ★ *Carlos Bamberger* from Elena Bamberger
- ★ *Milton Carey & Solomon Chodorkoff* from Ellen Appel
- ★ *Stanley Cantor* from Bobbie Cantor

JCOR Hosts and Hostesses

April 7	Anne & Eli Greenbaum, Judi & Len Gray
April 14	Edith & Mel Halbert, Elena Bamberger
April 21	Peggy & Randy Laxton, Gery & Vicky Osowiecki
April 28	Shelby & Mark Kaye, Meir Niad
May 5	Vera & Leon Maya, Ilan & Moshe Siman-Tov
May 12	Hilary Shreter, Nona & Sam Poole
May 19	Fran Silver, Jill & Stu Chasan, Karen Brunner
May 26	Patti & Bill Segal, Avigail & Victor Rashkovsky

Donations

- ★ *In Memory of Marvin Abraham* from Eileen Handler, Barbara Landau, Rnie & Laura Bowles
- ★ *In Memory of David Scholze* from Barbara Landau
- ★ *In Memory of Grace Langfur* from Jim & Ronnie Bogard
- ★ *In Memory of Fran Sturm* from Louise Spector
- ★ Scott Axelrod
- ★ Deborah Bowman & Robert Foshee
- ★ Tracey Tjo
- ★ Sien Kie
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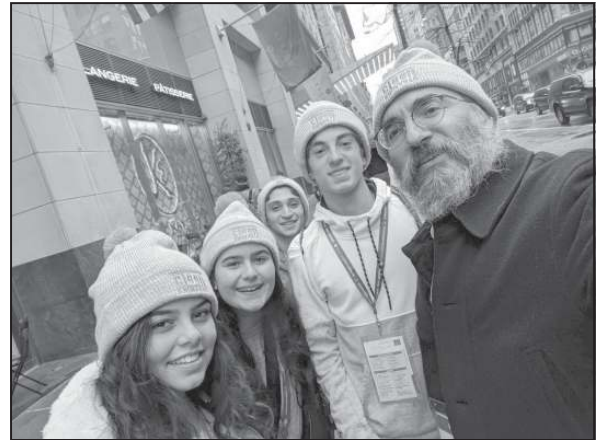
Reflections from the CTeen Shabbaton in New York

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Transcending the Tide...

... I had really high expectations considering the numerous videos I had seen, yet I did not know exactly what to expect. Coming back, the Shabbaton has surpassed my already high expectations by a mile. When coming off our flight to Knoxville, I had come home with a number of new Jewish friends, a stronger connection with those in my community, a stomach filled with delicious kosher foods, memories of dancing in Times Square with thousands of Jewish teens, and an enhancement of my Jewish identity... From being one of the only Jewish kids in my school, to being surrounded by thousands of teens just like me, was an incredible feeling and a huge eye opener. This year's Shabbaton theme was transcending the tide. Coming from a very small Jewish community, it can be easy to get caught up in the tide. So, the following day I wore my CTeen Shabbaton hoodie to school in order to share my amazing experience with others and to show "I'm a Jew and I'm proud" ...

(Gaby Guigui, Freshman at Farragut High School)



... At first I was really nervous going on a trip on my own without my parents to a place I have never been to with people who I wasn't very close with. Then I realized how everyone was so nice and helpful, I'm a very shy person and many people made me feel right at home. I enjoyed the food so much!! This trip didn't just help me connect more with my Judaism and other Jewish people from all over the world it connected me more with my Jewish friends right here in Knoxville, and I couldn't be more thankful for that. We were there for only three days, but those three days impacted how I see things in life now. It showed me how happiness doesn't come from money... I saw how people were happy to be just simply Jewish ...

(Danielle Harre, Freshman at Harden Valley Academy)



SAVE THE DATE

SHAVUOT COMMUNITY CELEBRATION

Sunday, May 20, 2018

4:30 p.m.

The Lawn @ Chabad, 7148 Wellington Drive

JAHRZEIT

Heska Amuna Synagogue

April 7

Lawrence Abrams ♦ Peggy Ades ♦ Michael Belaief ♦ Mickey Billig ♦ Bennie Deitch ♦ Abe Emelfarb ♦ Louis Ettin ♦ Israel Farkas ♦ Isadore Finkelstein ♦ Martin Ginsburg ♦ Charles Goldstein ♦ Minnie Isaacs ♦ Bernard Landis ♦ Golda Margolies ♦ Rebecca Mendelowitz ♦ I.W. Nathan Millen ♦ Nathan Millen ♦ Esther Panitz ♦ Jacob Sandweiss ♦ Bessie Silverman ♦ Louis Sturm

April 14

Joseph Ades ♦ Ilene Edelman ♦ Molly Fayonsky ♦ Claire Gettinger ♦ Mindy Goldberg ♦ Pyna Greenbaum ♦ Marilyn Greenfield ♦ Bert Gurwitch ♦ Nathan Handler ♦ Gussie Joffe ♦ Charlotte Kayser ♦ Max Kronrad ♦ Celia Lipson ♦ Margaret Miner ♦ Esther M. Rosen ♦ Mildred Rosenblatt ♦ Rose Shagan ♦ Rose Sherman ♦ Tillie Slovis ♦ Joseph Strauss

April 21

Gerd Abeles ♦ Bernard Belaief ♦ Samuel Billig ♦ Shirley Chasan ♦ Charlotte Cooper ♦ Marilyn Cornez ♦ Gordon Dischler ♦ Claire Evans ♦ Rosa Frumin ♦ Israel Gruenberg ♦ Fannie Leibowitz ♦ Isaac Levin ♦ Ella Levison ♦ Sarah Lipshin ♦ Ada Manas ♦ Bessie Millen ♦ Ruth Oleshansky ♦ Allen Rosen ♦ Celia Rosenblatt ♦ Rose Rosenthal ♦ Morris Ross ♦ Abraham Schorr ♦ Selma Smullian ♦ Mariam Stein, David Stein

April 28

Joseph Bernard ♦ Rose Dischler ♦ Ruby Euster ♦ Freda Friedman ♦ Anna Gitman ♦ Joseph Goldman ♦ Harriett Herbin ♦ Bertha Hoor ♦ Lionel Kay ♦ Tybee Millner ♦ Mary Posey ♦ Abraham Radlaski ♦ Murray Rosenblatt ♦ Jacob Schwartz ♦ Frieda Schwarzbart ♦ Joseph Sherman ♦ Charles Siegal ♦ Pauline Viener

May 5

Pearl Austin ♦ Carolyn Bertram ♦ Hymie Billig ♦ Sharon Brietstein ♦ Paul Cawn ♦ Isaac Cooper ♦ Lillian Drutz ♦ Stanley Duhan ♦ Max Friedman ♦ Howard Greenbaum ♦ Sandra Levinstone ♦ Sidney Licht ♦ Esther Millen ♦ Gary Miller ♦ Sarah Miller ♦ Hannah Moskowitz ♦ Nat Nisenson ♦ William Russler ♦ Lottie Siegel ♦ Benjamin Weinstein ♦ Sanford Weinstein

May 12

Isadore Abrams ♦ Sam Abrams ♦ Sidney Burnett ♦ Linda Cohen ♦ Rachel Davis ♦ Jacob Ellin ♦ David Garber ♦ Brayne Geller ♦ Samuel Grusin ♦ Ruth Kahan ♦ Bessie Kaplan ♦ Samuel Lavine ♦ Mary Milford ♦ Frank Robinson ♦ Sylvia Saroff ♦ Bernard Schanowitz ♦ Yachel Wender

May 19

Lester Berry ♦ Ellen Chayet ♦ Philip Chazen ♦ Sam Danenberg ♦ Julia Eichwald ♦ Anne Fuson ♦ Bernard Iroff ♦ William Jaffe ♦ Sam Nius ♦ Isaac Resnick ♦ Ethel Rosenberg ♦ Sachs ♦ Benjamin Togonal ♦ Sarah Weinstein ♦ Melba Werfel ♦ Reva Zussman

May 26

Sylvia Allen ♦ Edward Balloff ♦ Murray Beber ♦ Louis Bobroff ♦ Ida Brown ♦ Bek Hurvich ♦ Abraham Jacobs ♦ Alice Landis ♦ Sol Leeds ♦ Leon Leibowitz ♦ Lillian Millner ♦ Rachel Resnick ♦ Nathan Robinson ♦ Morris Rosenblatt ♦ Nettie Secaul ♦ Claire Shulman ♦ Amelia Strauss ♦ Hyman Strauss ♦ Louis Tobe ♦ Morris Werner ♦ Parril Zeff

JAHRZEIT

TEMPLE BETH EL

April 6

Pearl Ades ♦ Joseph Bernard ♦ Harry Karl Blatt ♦ Sam Chandler ♦ Stuart Bowen Elston ♦ David Fleischman ♦ Morris Goodfriend ♦ Arthur Pais ♦ Gladys Steinberg ♦ Simon Sunshine ♦ Sydney Tessler ♦ Victor Thomas

April 13

Samuel Arbutal ♦ Irene Blatt ♦ Anna Bohn ♦ Dinah Feldman ♦ Freida Freedman ♦ Sarah Goldfarb ♦ Walter McCoy James ♦ Charlotte Kayser ♦ Julian Lewis ♦ Golda Margolies ♦ Rebecca Mendelowitz ♦ Berta B. Moss ♦ Lucien Oury ♦ Donald Pardee ♦ Mitchell Plachter ♦ Hartley Polasky ♦ Allen Scheff ♦ Morris Siegel

April 20

Infant Altschuler ♦ Julius Anger ♦ Samuel Haber Brody ♦ Rosa Deitch ♦ Blanche Farmer ♦ Sam Ginsberg ♦ Harvey Golden ♦ Mayme Goodfriend ♦ David Burnett Johnson ♦ E. Norman Kagan ♦ Sidney Katz ♦ Rita Kelleher ♦ Arthur Marchand ♦ Evelyn Dresner Nash ♦ Joan Porter ♦ Gerald Ribakove ♦ Stan Sherman ♦ Tillie Slovis ♦ Louis H. Sturm ♦ Jane Taubman ♦ Mildred Wohl

April 27

Rae Allen ♦ David M. Baker ♦ Gregg Arthur Bissom ♦ Ruth Block ♦ William Derrington ♦ John Martin Elston ♦ Sylvain RC Fribourg ♦ Seymour Gassel ♦ Bessie Green ♦ Richard Johnson ♦ E. Joan Kagan

Allen Kravitz ♦ Joseph Levitt, Sr. ♦ Stuart Moss ♦ Bertram Raskin ♦ Louis Sackron ♦ Naum Saforo

May 4

Joseph Ades ♦ Adell Robinson Bernard ♦ Flora Brody ♦ David Bush ♦ Erwin Coleman ♦ Mary Lillian Dees ♦ Abraham Factor ♦ Dorothy B. Goldberger ♦ Mary Ella Hicks ♦ Mathilde Wolff Levi ♦ Hannah Licht ♦ Mark Ian Simon ♦ Rose Kipnes West

May 11

Morris Goldfarb ♦ Daniel Goldstein ♦ Shirly B. Goodfriend ♦ Maurice Phineas Greif ♦ David Nathan Koffman ♦ Milton Lebovitz ♦ Robert Lewis ♦ Alma Moss ♦ Gilbert H. Parish ♦ Dorothy Sachs ♦ Ruth Kronenberger Sherrill ♦ Carl Silver ♦ Nick Wadsworth ♦ Harry Walowitz ♦ Bess Zipser

May 18

Althea Almeda Brakebill ♦ Louis Brenner ♦ Joice Brown ♦ Verne Canner ♦ Saralee Cohn ♦ Margaret Crohn ♦ Lucie A. Fribourg ♦ Sam Kadison ♦ Hymen T. Kern ♦ Thelma Leitson ♦ Rosa Ostrovskiy ♦ Marjorie Pardee ♦ David Prial ♦ Ethel Rosenberg ♦ Sheldon Rosenberg ♦ Bessie Teitelbaum ♦ Cecelia Zimmerman

May 25

Lawrence Arnold Allen ♦ Jeanette Hyatt ♦ Bea Jaffe ♦ Anny I Marx ♦ Jakob Marx ♦ Frances Dickey Patton ♦ Minnie Victor

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THE WOMEN'S ZIONIST
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Hadassah's Got Talent!

**Known as the WOMEN WHO DO...
Hadassah ladies do more than meets the eye.
Sure we build towers, raise millions of dollars, and party
like it's 1999...
But we also...
sing, dance, write, create amazing works of art in various
shapes and forms and the list goes on and on...
Come see what really goes on behind closed doors on
Sunday, April 29 at 6:00 p.m.
at the _____
Wine and Cheese included with entertainment.
Your \$36 check secures your spot amongst the stars...
the Hadassah STARS!**

**For Questions and RSVPs by Wednesday, April 25
contact: Shuli Mesa at shulime@gmail.com**

KNOSHVILLE 2018: Get Your Bundt Cakes Sunday, May 6

A Bundt is more than just a cake. A cake by any other name is not the same. Everything is delicious! Our Bundt cakes are made by hand and come from our love of baking. Hadassah Knoxville has got their Bundt on!

Join us at the Knoxville Jewish Food Festival. The Bundts are back again for the third year! Come purchase and enjoy the best Bundt cakes by the best bakers. Cakes will be sold whole and by the slice.



President's Message



By Andrea Cone, President

Thank You Revital Ganzi and your team MaryAnn Merrell, Laura Floyd, Anita Kay, Shuli Mesa for a beautiful Hadassah Shabbat weekend. It was a big success! At Temple Beth El Friday evening Rabbi Erin Boxt was wonderful at making our Hadassah ladies feel part of the congregation as they participated in the service. Laura Floyd's talk about Henrietta Szold, Hadassah and Purim was lovely. Saturday at Heska Amuna, Hadassah women and men led all aspects of the service. We had a wonderful turnout, a fabulous speaker, Rabbi David Ellenson (cousin of Hadassah member Karen Robinson), who knew all about Henrietta Szold and the origins of Hadassah, and an amazing lunch prepared by Kim Ault.

Saturday night we had our *A First Hand Look at Israel Today* program. We thank our chef Rafi Sagiv for his homemade pita bread, hummus and falafel. They were to die for. What a wonderful turnout from our community with fabulous food and a great presentation by our

guests on their visits to Israel. A special thank you to our speakers: Jenny Wood, Miriam Esther Wilhelm, Revital Ganzi, Rabbi Boxt, Vanessa Rodriguez and Barry and Jake Cone. Thank you to all our guests that came and huge thanks to all our Hadassah Women (and Men) Who DO for the yummy, delicious food to share.



Rafi Sagiv



Vanessa Rodriguez, Jake Cone, Barry Cone, Rabbi Erin Boxt

Hadassah Members Help Susannah's House

By Kathy Franzel

Thank you to everyone who give of their time and brought donations of food and needed items for our recent Susannah's House luncheon sponsored by Hadassah. Cooking took place at Kathy Franzel's house, where delicious chicken and spinach lasagnas were made. Kathy and Peggy Littmann then joined the luncheon on Wednesday, where everyone, including the little ones, seemed to enjoy this home-cooked meal.

A tour of the facility followed lunch and it was inspiring to see how mothers recovering from addiction, as well as their children, are loved and taken care of at Susannah's House.

This is a wonderful project to become involved with, that doesn't require much time but is so very rewarding. Contact Kathy Franzel at katrinafl1@gmail.com for information on how to get involved. For information on Susannah's House, visit www.susannahhouse.org.



Kathy Franzel and Peggy Littmann prepared lasagna for a Susannah's House luncheon hosted by Knoxville Hadassah.

Hadassah Large Certificates Program

We gratefully acknowledge donations received:

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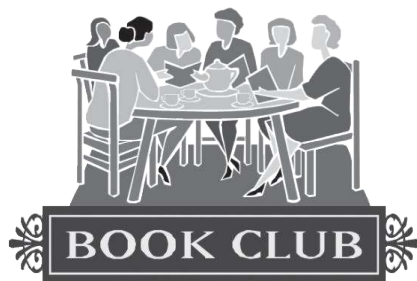
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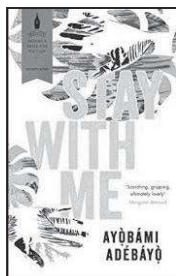
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Hadassah Book Club News

All Jewish women of the greater Knoxville area and friends are welcome to join us.



Hope to see everyone for our **Tuesday, April 17 Hadassah Book Club meeting.** We meet in the evening at 7:30 p.m. at the Barnes and Noble Bookstore on Kingston Pike in the coffee shop area. This month we'll be discussing *Stay With Me* by Ayobami Adebayo.

Please contact Peggy Littmann at plittmann@comcast.net or (865) 776-1013 with questions.

Hadassah Welcomes New Member

Brenda Rayman: Married for 49 years, Brenda Rayman and husband Chip moved here from Phoenix, Arizona. Their son Seth and daughter-in-law Jennifer reside in Knoxville and send grandson Jackson to the AJCC Preschool. Brenda retired from UT's academic catalog editor for graduate and undergraduate catalogs and curriculum coordinator for the Office of the University Registrar. Brenda worked before as an assistant registrar for the Phoenix Art Museum and earned a bachelor of arts and master of arts in Art History. Chip retired from UT as Facility Services assistant director and now serves as the KJA president.

Originally from Jackson, Tennessee, the Raymans still support Congregation B'nai Israel where Brenda volunteers as webmaster, communications chair, and historian. Brenda's hobbies include gardening, genealogy, reading, tai chi, visiting art museums and galleries, antique shopping, and visiting Pawley's Island for its beaches and seashells. After attending Hadassah's *Soup Goes Nuts* recent program, Brenda joined Hadassah because it advocates for important women's issues.

Upcoming Knoxville Hadassah Programs

Tuesday, April 17 BOOK CLUB** *Stay With Me* by Ayobami Adebayo
Sunday, April 29 Hadassah's Got Talent (Light Cheese and Wine)
Sunday, May 6 Knosville: Hadassah BUNDT Cake specialty booth
Tuesday, May 15 BOOK CLUB**
Sunday, June 3 HAWAIIAN LUAU: Barbeque / Bonfire
Tuesday, June 19 BOOK CLUB**
JUNE AND JULY POP UP PARTIES: Stay connected: Brain freeze & Bunco, or Game day or Laughter and Cosmos OR....



Hadassah Highlights

Knoxville Chapter of Hadassah

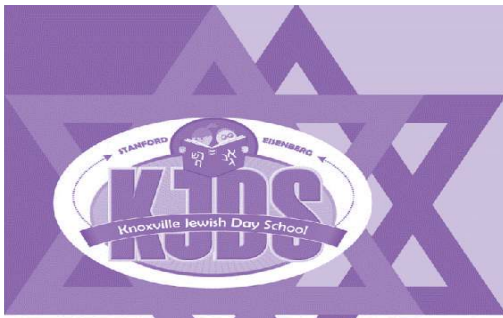
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Engineering Design Across Disciplines

At KJDS, we have an unwavering commitment to getting students to solve problems. One method that requires problem solving skills across all grade levels in the engineering design process. Students in the 4/5 classroom work through many design challenges during the year. But, learning to think like an engineer begins as early as kindergarten. This year our K/1 class began an interdisciplinary learning journey focused on animals and their habitats. They started by reading the story, *Ferdinand*. The students recognized that Ferdinand, a fictional bull, liked resting under the shade of a tree. So, Ms. Lusk challenged each student to build a shelter that could accommodate a miniature bull. The students planned and built structures, then tested them by placing ice inside and outside of the structure, then observing which ice cube melted first.

The K/1 class then took their thinking about animal shelters into research projects. Each student read about a specific animal and its habitat. They then constructed a model of the animal's habitat. The k/1 class shared their habitats with the school and their parents at Shabbat Party, explaining how their animal used its natural surroundings to create a living space that met its needs. During the project, students enhanced their reading, writing, planning, building, and reflection skills while immersing themselves in learning about animals and their habitats.

The 2/3 class at KJDS also spent time practicing the engineering design process through an interdisciplinary project. While learning about Asia, the students read a fictional book about a boy in Nepal who was trying to help his family. In *Suman Crosses the Karnali River*, the main character tries to figure out how his family can cross a river during the rainy season to help his grandmother. The students in the classroom had to propose methods to cross the river. They eventually settled on a tarpul, a type of cable car. Students then tested a variety of soil types, to decide where along the river bank to build the tarpul. By the end of the story and the experiments, the second and third graders had planned, revised, and tested a tarpul, strengthened reading comprehension skills, and learned about culture and geography in Asia.

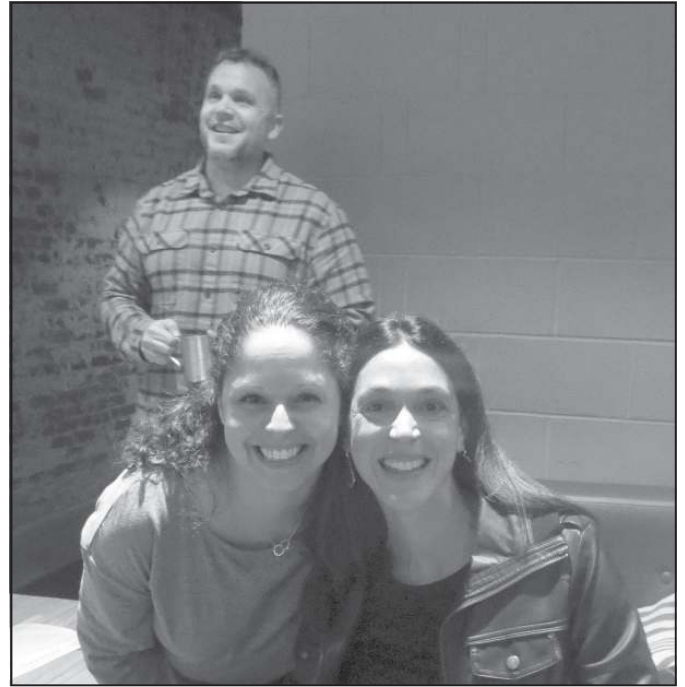
Bringing the engineering design process into the classroom helps students be active learners as they have authentic opportunities to solve problems. It also fosters perseverance as the process requires planning, attempting, reflecting, revising, and trying again. Most importantly, these design challenges are engaging! The students enjoy the process as they gain knowledge and skills.



Working hard on her shelter, this First Grader decided to build her shelter in a cylindrical design.



The Second and Third Graders meet about how they are progressing in their construction of tarpuls. Test and re-design are an important steps of the Engineering Design Process.



KJDS Builds Community

A KJDS education is a family experience! We expect a lot from our parents and we see how dedicated they are to their children's education. We believe that intentional and deep relationship-building amongst parents, and between staff and parents is a critical part of the KJDS formula for success. The parents have unparalleled access to teachers and staff because they are willing to be present whenever we ask. On a recent Saturday night, parents and staff were invited for a fun night out at Maple Hall- the trendy bowling spot downtown. What better way to come together than to bowl, laugh, cheer each other on, and take a few risks on the lanes. As the bowling ball hit the pins, new friendships began, connections were made and a grand time was had by all.

Left: Mrs. Lusk (with her husband) and Mrs. Wulf enjoy visiting with parents in a social setting.

Above: Our parents are like family. They had a great time cheering each other on.

Festive Purim Activities

Purim is a festive time at KJDS. We make a lot of noise, we eat Hamentashen and we dress up with our Dads. We combined a special Dads' Breakfast with Purim this year for a wonderful morning of games, delicious food and Megillah reading. This morning with our dads is special because often the dads do not get to spend a lot of time at our school. Events such as this gives the staff and students a chance to visit with the dads in a fun way. The scrumptious spread was prepared by Marilyn Burnette and Pat Rosenberg and started off the event perfectly. Teams were first put to a Top 10 trivia quiz about the holiday and about



our school, the First and Second Grade Hebrew class sang songs, groggers were decorated and each class held its own activity. The pinnacle of the morning was "Minute-to-win-it" type games based on the four Mitzvot of Purim. While each of the games were fun to watch, seeing the dads peel potatoes while talking on the phone and holding a baby (doll) was a sight to behold. Rabbi Yossi then read the Megillah. When we bring in all members of a student's family, the school truly becomes a second home.



Above Right: The First and Second Grade Hebrew class performs a Purim song.

Left: These dads are playing the game of their lives- peeling potatoes, while holding a baby and talking on the phone. They all did a fantastic job!

Student Led Conferences

According to one KJDS parent, “Student-led conferences are my favorite day of the year!” And, it is easy to see why. This special event allows students to truly showcase their learning. Every student begins the process by reflecting on their learning from August through February. They then conference with their teacher to share their thinking and receive feedback. From there, the students carefully craft presentations designed to showcase their growth both academically and socially during the year. They find artifacts to support their claims. And, they also consider areas of challenge. They turn their challenges into goals that they will monitor alongside their teachers for the rest of the year.

During the student-led conferences, we heard about learning in a variety of ways.

“One text-to-self connection I made was that in the book *Suman Crosses the Karnali River*, an American was teaching the kids in Nepal how to play tether ball. And, tether ball is my favorite game at camp!” – 2nd Grader

“One reading skill I am working on is using my schema. That means using my past experiences to understand the book.” – 3rd Grader

“Writing Workshop is a time to think back on good memories.” – 1st Grader

“Now we are trying to answer the question, how does war impact society?” – 4th Grader

“I like Math because it’s like a riddle.” – 1st Grader

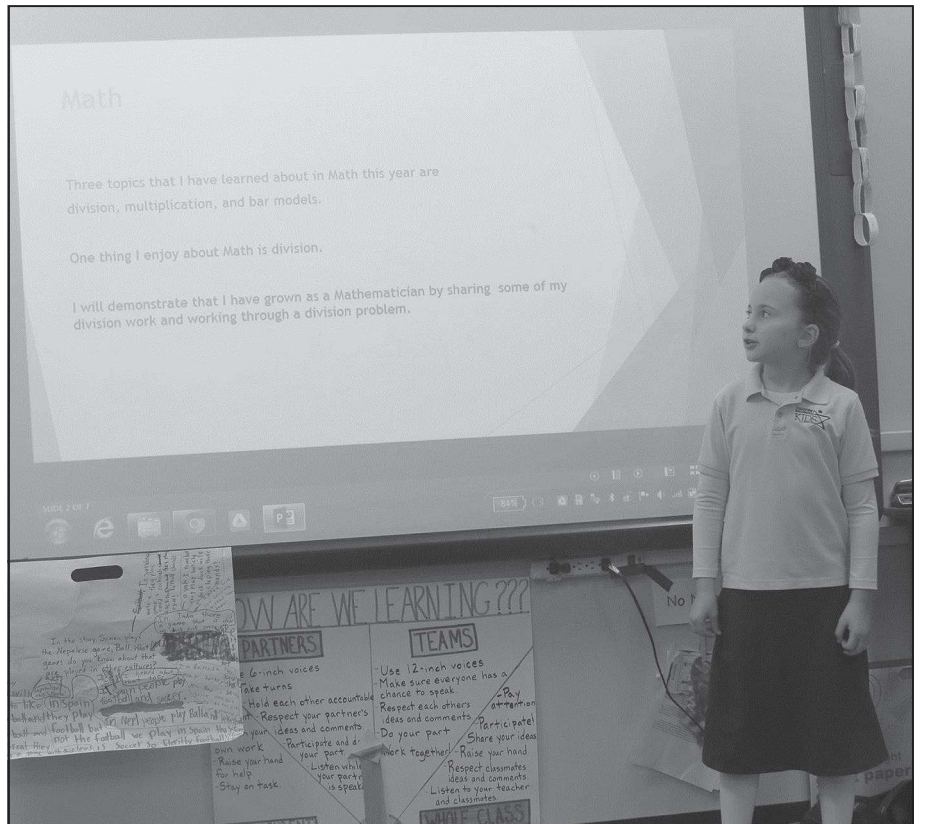
“This is my hope for the learning in the spring: to produce higher-quality work by slowing down and thinking about what I am doing, and making myself do my best work.” – 3rd Grader

“Reaching my ‘SMART’ goal was a great feeling. I have already made a new goal for the next month, I feel confident I will reach it!” – 4th Grader

The conferences are empowering for the students as they truly become responsible for owning and communicating about their learning. More than a showcase, the conferences help our students look back at their growth and look ahead with clear goals and the knowledge that they own the steps needed to reach those goals.



This Kindergartner was a little apprehensive about his conference but he did a great job explaining all he has learned so far this year. He was beaming at the conclusion of his presentation.



This Third Grader leads her conference with a PowerPoint presentation. This slide describes her Math acquisition. She then walked her parents through a division problem explaining the steps along the way.



From Purim to the Parent Talent Show, the Galanti family is involved in school functions. The two girls are doing so much better than "fine" at KJDS.

In Their Own Words

By Julia and Todd Galanti

We visited KJDS multiple times throughout our first few years in Knoxville. We were always impressed and amazed by the teachers, curriculum and students. Todd and I had numerous discussions regarding our daughter Stella in public school and the situation was "fine" ---we grew up going to public school, so that was always our plan for our children. Time and time again the topic would come up and it always led to --well, maybe fine isn't enough. We agreed these early school years are the only ones we have to nurture creativity and expand mindful curiosity. This was not being fulfilled for Stella. It needed to be overflowing. We knew this would be the case at KJDS. In addition, Stella's strong Jewish roots started to surface in daily conversations. She would continually ask, "Why am I the only Jewish person in my school?" Again, we knew this wouldn't be the case at KJDS.

It took a few years, but once the timing was right we enrolled Stella at KJDS. Ileana soon followed. As a family, we love the comfortable, family-like environment for our children to learn and grow as students. At KJDS, they gain life lessons and values to be community-builders. We are always amazed with the community draw when attending KJDS events; especially the annual play in mid-January. The play gives the students an opportunity to showcase their talents in ways sometimes parents didn't think possible. KJDS challenges and inspires our kids as individuals to be the best version of themselves in the most innovative and interactive way. My children take the initiative to be leaders, help friends and the community in need, and are passionate about their Jewish identity.

For all these reasons and countless more, we turned "fine" into OUTSTANDING!



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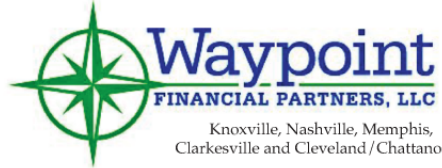


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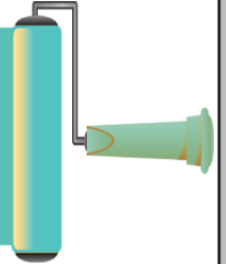
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YMHA Camp

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Sam and Mel now live in Knoxville, but in 1933 their families lived in LaFollette.

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