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Temple Beth El
cordially invites you to join us

Friday, January 12, 2018
6:00 p.m.

As we join together to celebrate the

Installation of
Rabbi Erin C. Boxt

Shabbat evening dinner, services,
and installation ceremony.

Celebratory Dessert Oneg to follow.

Additional details for the weekend will be mailed to congregants
and included on our website www.tbeknox.org

TEMPLE BETH EL TIMES



Shalom Y'all

By Rabbi Erin Boxt

It is very easy to get bogged down and lost in our everyday lives here in Knoxville. Often in life we are unaware of our contributions to the greater Jewish world outside of our little "Orange Haven!" Sometimes, though, we may stumble across an opportunity to make an impact on others inside and outside of our community. One amazing benefit of being a rabbi is being connected to thousands of other rabbis all over the world...and even better yet, I can connect with professional Jewish educators, cantors, professionals and even Jewish liturgists! One of these liturgists is Alden Solovy – a wonderful soul that I quoted in my rabbinic thesis at Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion in Cincinnati, Ohio.



Recently, I was made aware of an opportunity to participate in something that would take the Temple Beth El name/brand not only outside of Knoxville, but even outside the United States! Beginning in November, just last month, at HUC-JIR in Jerusalem, first-year rabbinic students were offered a new class, a five-week elective entitled "*Introduction to Creative Liturgy*." It's at HUC-JIR and will be taught by Reform Liturgist Alden Solovy. We're pleased to participate in this groundbreaking new class. Temple Beth El is helping to underwrite the books given to the students, a set of all three of Solovy's works for each participant.

In parallel, I will use the same books this year as part of the Confirmation class curriculum: "Jewish Prayers of Hope and Healing," "Haggadah Companion: Meditations and Readings" and "This Grateful Heart: Psalms and Prayers for a New Day." It is my hope and intention that this new partnership with Solovy/HUC-JIR is only a beginning. I look forward to having my Confirmation Class students share with our community their own thoughts and insights regarding Jewish liturgy/prayer. While each confirmation student will be given copies of the books we will be reading and studying, there will also be copies of all three of Solovy's books in our library. Please stop in and check them out!

What a wonderful first six month beginning we have had together at Temple Beth El. The future does look very bright at TBE and the Boxt family is delighted and blessed to be a part of this amazing future. May 2018 be a year full of blessings, happiness and love for each and every one of us!

If you would like to order copies of Alden's books:

- "This Grateful Heart: Psalms and Prayers for a New Day": https://www.ccarpress.org/shopping_product_detail.asp?pid=50380
- "Jewish Prayers" and "Haggadah Companion": <http://tobendlight.com/product/jewish-prayers-of-hope-and-healing-haggadah-companion/>

13 Kislev-13 Tivet

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Wishing All a Happy Hanukkah

from the
Temple Beth El family
to yours!

Temple Topics

By Howard Pollock, TBE President

With very little time to spare, we move past the wonderful memories of Thanksgiving and begin our preparations for Hanukkah. Regardless of age there are special memories and traditions each of us have this time of year. I've been told I was a generally inquisitive child trying to guess what might be part of each year's Hanukkah celebration, especially if it involved a gift or two. I'm pleased to say this has not skipped a generation in our family.

The memories of Hanukkah also included a very special latke dinner on a Sunday night during Hanukkah at our Temple. These dinners were usually quite festive and attended by a large number of congregants. The tables were filled with applesauce and sour cream and no brisket within 70 miles was safe from a delicious presentation. The highlight of the meal by far was the prolific number of latkes produced by a dedicated group of volunteers. The spirit and smell of Hanukkah truly lasted for many days or at least until the next Bingo Night.

As I have mentioned describing some other holidays, our traditions offer many chances for unique family memories. In our house, my Mom worked diligently to prepare the brisket and latke mix and without hesitation my Dad took over the final cooking of the latkes and they always came out just right!

I am hopeful that each of you can join us on December 15 for our Chanukah Latke Dinner prior to Shabbat services. Please review the *Blast* for specific information.

Our family also would like to wish everyone a Happy New Year.



Mah Jongg Madness Reigns at Temple Beth El

Temple Beth El Sisterhood's annual Mah Jongg Madness on Sunday, October 15 was enjoyed by more than 50 women. The afternoon consisted of mah jongg, food, conversation, and a silent auction with more than 20 prizes.

Sisterhood thanks co-chairs Karen Smith, Beverly Schultz, and Sandy Parker for planning and organizing the afternoon. They were assisted by the many women who donated snacks and desserts. Helping on October 15 were Pat Rosenberg, Lesley Krakauer, Barbara Leeds, and Wilma Weinstein-Lomax. Special thanks to Scorekeepers Grace Lewis and Brenda Sherman.

Plans are underway for next year's Mah Jongg Madness! Watch for an announcement about a "save the date" in late spring 2018.



TBE's annual Mah Jongg Madness tournament attracts players from throughout the East Tennessee area. If you know of game fans, please tell them about this annual event. All are welcome.



TBE Sisterhood congratulates the 2017 Mah Jongg Madness tournament's high scorers:

*Minki Feigerle—1st place,
Beverly Schultz—2nd place,
and Lois Tripoli—3rd place.*



Temple Beth El
Invites the Knoxville Jewish community to join our

CHANUKAH LATKE CELEBRATION

Friday, December 15, 2017

Dinner begins at 6:00 p.m.

Followed by **7:00 p.m.** Shabbat Services



Traditional latke dinner with all the extras.

MENORAH CRAFT STATION

DIY Menorah Kits (*must pre-order with Amy by December 10 - \$6 per kit*).

Great opportunity to create a new Menorah for Chanukah.

Fun for both kids and adults.

Dinner Cost: \$8.00 per person (\$10 non-member)

**Your payment is your RSVP and must be received
by Monday, December 11**



Sisterhood Happenings

By Tammy Stone, Sisterhood President

2017 has been a great year for TBE Sisterhood! We hosted some Social Justice programs, worshipped together, and we ALWAYS have fun! We started 2017 by decorating t-shirts and collecting school supplies for kids affected by the Gatlinburg wild fires. We then had our Hamantaschen bake and sale. We collected food for those less fortunate when we held our Shabbat for Hunger and Sisterhood Shabbat. We have gone out to eat together, had tea together, Israeli danced, and most recently played Mah Jongg (see page 3). We also hosted a Sharsheret Go Pink Shabbat for Breast Cancer Awareness. This is just a little of what we have done this year.

If you have not checked us out yet, please do so in 2018. You are sure to find something that is a fit for you. Remember, if you are new to TBE, your first year membership dues are waived. It is not too late to join!

Thank you to everyone who continues to ensure we have beautiful flowers for services by donating for our flower fund. Also, Oneg Hosts play a vital role in Shabbat services and enrich the Friday night experience.

TBE Sisterhood will host the Sisterhood³ Rosh Chodesh Tevet gathering on **Sunday, December 17**. Come for brunch at 10:00 a.m. and Torah Study in the library.

Our next full Sisterhood program will be Sunday morning, **January 21, 2018**. Please watch next month's *Ha'Kol* and future Blasts for more information.

Happy Hanukkah and Happy New Year!

Contributions to Temple Beth El Funds

Donations listed were received as of October 20, 2017

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By: Boris & Bella Budik

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In memory of Mabell Anthony

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TZEDAKAH (RS) FUND

By: Anonymous

Not the Germans Alone: A Son's Search for the Truth of Vichy **(Memoir Holocaust Studies) Paperback – May 21, 2001 by Isaac Levendel**

On the eve of D-Day, Isaac Levendel's mother left her hiding place on a farm in southern France and never returned. After 40 years of silence and torment, he returned to France in 1990 determined to find out what had happened.

This is the story of how, with perseverance, luck, and official help, he gained access to secret wartime documents laying bare the details of French collaboration-and the truth about his mother's fate.

Review by Henry Fribourg



TBE Religious School December 2017 Update

By Norma James, Religious School Director, normajames@tbeknox.org

December 3 is our 16th Annual Maccabiah! I cannot believe that this is our 16th Maccabiah. We are holding our event earlier than usual so that Rabbi Erin can participate before we leave for the Biennial the following week. Last year the Madrichim and our younger teachers planned everything, and it was spectacular! Our entire school is divided into four teams (Shin, Hay, Gimmel, and Nun) that prepare all morning for the wacky competitions. It is as much fun to watch as it is to participate. We need parents to help us with the latke luncheon and to be an audience for the Maccabiah. We welcome our entire congregation to come at 11:15 to watch the fun. Attending the Maccabiah is a great way to see our students in action. **NOTE: School will extend until 12:30 on this day, but lunch is included.**

Norma and Rabbi Erin will attend the URJ Biennial December 13-17.

We are looking forward to another amazing gathering of thousands of Reform Jews from all over North America. I will go a day early to begin rehearsals with the wonderful Biennial choir. I love the opportunity to sing both new and familiar music with so many talented cantors and choir members from other synagogues. I will bring back new music for our Shabbat choir and our religious school students. This conference is packed with workshops and speakers who will provide a wealth of valuable learning opportunities and inspire us in better ways to engage our Temple Beth El family. I look forward to bringing back new ideas that can make our Religious School better and better.

Hannah Klegon from ISJL joins us for Chanukah festivities,

December 15-17. We have another high-energy, super talented ISJL Fellow again this year. Rabbi Erin will be out of town for the weekend, so Hannah will help Norma conduct our special Chanukah Shabbat service. She will give the D'var that night as well. On Saturday night Hannah will lead a special Chanukah Havdalah evening program for our families. Look for more information from Norma's emails and our TBE Blast. On Sunday Hannah will do a day of special programming for our Religious School students.

Latke Supper December 15. We are looking forward to a terrific Chanukah Shabbat this year. We will once again have a big latke supper for our entire congregation. We want everyone to bring your menorahs with you so that we can light our 4th night of Chanukah candles together. We will have a craft station for students to build their own menorahs. Menorah kits will be ordered by families in advance and constructed at the dinner event. We will have supper and dessert at 6:00 followed by a shortened service at 7:00 conducted by Norma James and Hannah Klegon. (Rabbi Erin is out of town.) This is a perfect event for all ages of children. We hope all of our Religious School students and parents will attend. Remember, participating in holiday services is part of your Hebrew education as well.

December 17 is B'yachad at Temple Beth El. Chanukah and little children—it's the perfect combination! Anna Iroff-Bailey will once again do her magic with this program that just keeps growing. The parents have also enjoyed getting to know each other. If you have not yet participated, **PLEASE bring your little one this month.** 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. For feedback on the program, ask any family who attends. We have a blast!

Religious School Winter Break

Wednesday, December 20 - Sunday, January 7.
Religious school starts back on Wednesday, January 10
with Midweek Hebrew.

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Temple Office Hours:
Monday – Friday:
10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Our Mission

To inspire individuals to know, live,
and shape our Jewish legacy.

In fulfilling our mission, we value our place in
the chain of traditions, the diversity of those
who seek to join us in our venture, and the
kindness essential to a sacred community.

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SAVE the DATE

March 3, 2018

7:00- 9:30 p.m.

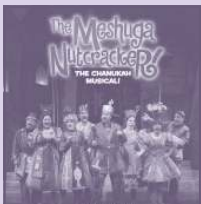
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Contact Phyllis Hirsh 307-0015
or Amy Rosenberg 356-6830
to volunteer

Additional information to follow.

DECEMBER 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
 <p>It's Not Too Late! Come to a Funtastic Reunion Saturday, December 2—6:30 p.m., AJCC</p> <p>If you've been an MCDC camper or counselor or are an AJCC Preschool alum or staff member, come schmooze with friends and family! Let us know you're coming at office@jewishknoxville.org</p>					<p>1</p> <p>4:45p JFS Shabbat Service-Sherrill Hills 6:30p Sunset Minyan-HA 7p Shabbat Service-TBE 7:30p Shabbat Eve Service & Dessert Oneg by Men's Club-JCOR</p>	<p>2</p> <p>9:30a-noon Worship Lab Service-HA 9:30a Shabbat Service-JCOR 6:30-9p MCDC/AJCC Preschool Reunion-AJCC Caller Auditorium</p>
<p>3</p> <p>AJCC Orwitz Room unavailable 9:30a minyan-HA 9:30a Rel School Maccabiah-TBE 9:30a Rel School-HA 1-3p HMO Luncheon-Kitchen 19 4:30p Lights & L'Chaim Holiday Blast-HA</p>	<p>4</p> <p>7a Morning Minyan-HA 9:30a Tai Chi-JCOR 1:30p <i>Monkey Business</i> Student Expo & Film Screening-UT Hodges Library 6-9:30p Fencing-Gym 7:30p Brian Berkowitz Lecture-AJCC Orwitz Rm</p>	<p>5</p> <p>4:30-6p Private Rental-AJCC BBYO Rm 6p Exec Comm-TBE 6-9:30p Fencing-Gym 7-9p Martial Arts-AJCC</p>	<p>6</p> <p>9:30a Tai Chi-JCOR 4-6:30p Rel school-HA 4:30p Mid-Week Hebrew-TBE KJDS Board 6-7:30p STEM Scouts-AJCC BBYO Rm 7-8p Talmud Study-HA</p>	<p>7</p> <p>7a Morning Minyan-HA 11a Adult Ed/Torah Study-TBE 7:30-9:30p Israeli Dancing-Gym</p>	<p>8</p> <p>12:30p Mens' Lunch-JCOR 5:30-7p Tot Shabbat-HA 7p Shabbat Service-TBE</p>	<p>9</p> <p>9:30a-noon Shabbat Service-HA 9:30a Shabbat Service-JCOR 7-9:30p CTeen Chanukah Event-Chabad 8p Tennessee Schmaltz-Laurel Theater</p>
<p>10</p> <p>9:30a minyan-HA 9:30a Religious School-TBE 9:30a HARS Hanukkah Happenings-HA 2-3p KJA Annual Mtg-Orwitz Rm 3-5p Winter Festival & Hanukkah Party-AJCC Caller Auditorium</p>	<p>11</p> <p>7a Morning Minyan-HA 9:30a Tai Chi-JCOR 6-9:30p Fencing-Gym</p>	<p>12 Erev Chanukah</p> <p>6-9:30p Fencing-Gym 7-9p Martial Arts-AJCC</p>	<p>13 Chanukah</p> <p>9:30a Tai Chi-JCOR 4-6:30p Rel school-HA 4:30p Mid-Week Hebrew-TBE 6-7:30p STEM Scouts-AJCC BBYO Rm 6-9:30p Fencing-Gym 7p Talmud Study-HA</p>	<p>14 Chanukah</p> <p>7a Morning Minyan-HA 11a Adult Ed/Torah Study-TBE 6-9p Latkes and Vodka 7:30-9:30p Israeli Dancing-Gym</p>	<p>15 Chanukah</p> <p>Caldera Café w Special Friends-KJDS 6p Chanukah Latke Dinner-TBE 6:30p Sisterhood Shabbat & Potluck-JCOR 7p Shabbat Service-TBE</p>	<p>16 Chanukah</p> <p>9:30a-noon Shabbat Service-HA 9:30a Shabbat Service-JCOR 5:30p Hanukkah Party-JCOR 7-9p CTeen Cut Throat Kitchen-Chabad</p>
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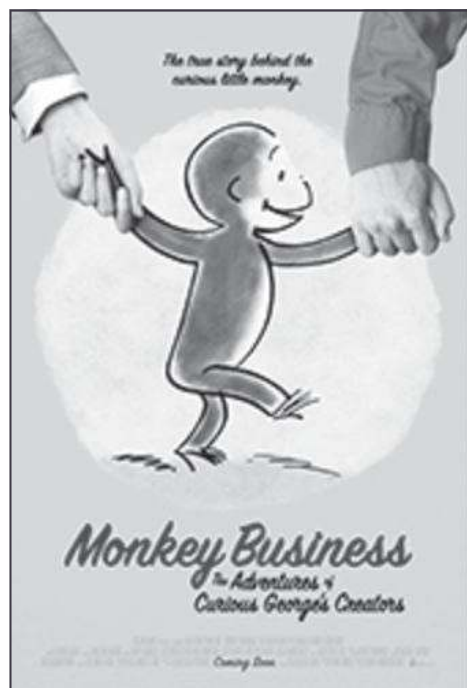


Celebrate Chanukah with a Musical Movie: *The Meshuga Nutcracker!*
 Tuesday, December 19 — 7:00 p.m. — Regal West Town Mall, 7600 Kingston Pike

The Meshuga Nutcracker! is a musical comedy featuring the wonderfully silly sensibilities of the folklore of Chelm (a fictional town of fools) underscored by an invigorating Klezmer-ized orchestration of Tchaikovsky's *Nutcracker Suite*, with original lyrics that celebrate Chanukah. Judah Maccabee's triumphant saga and accounts of perseverance during the Holocaust and the celebration of the first Chanukah in the new state of Israel emerge with a genuine sense of wonder as the Chelmniks tell eight stories that pay tribute to the holiday.

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The Fern and Manfred Steinfeld
Program in Judaic Studies presents



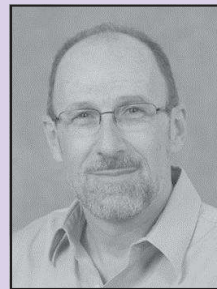
Student Exhibition and Film Screening

**"MONKEY BUSINESS:
Curious George's Creators
Escape from Nazi Europe"**
Monday, December 4—1:30 p.m.
John Hodges Library, Room 253

No Monkey Business with Judaic Studies Monkey in the Museum Class

UT's Judaic Studies program offered a first semester course called the *Monkey in the Museum* for first-year students. Throughout the course, students worked to create an exhibition about H.H. and Margaret Rey, creators of *Curious George*, and their escape from Nazi-occupied France. During the course, students learn about Jews and Judaism, the Holocaust, exhibition design, and an adorable monkey named George. Students spent time in the exhibition space at McClung Museum to learn how exhibitions are created.

The Rey exhibit will be displayed during the first two weeks of December at the John C. Hodges Library. It opens December 4 and includes the 2:00 p.m. screening of *Monkey Business* and a reception.



Water Everywhere: Is There Enough to Drink? Professor Brian Berkowitz

Professor, Earth and Planetary Sciences,
Weizmann Institute, Rehovot, Israel

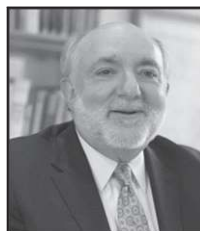
Monday, December 4 — 7:30 p.m.
AJCC Orwitz Room

Arguably, fresh water is becoming our most valuable commodity. Where once we could expect to turn on the tap and receive a never-ending supply of fresh, clean, safe water — climate and contamination are threatening to upend this reliability. Prof. Brian Berkowitz's research centers around the experimental analysis and computer modeling of fluid and chemical transport with particular emphasis on groundwater systems. He and his colleagues are developing methods for environmentally-friendly treatment of contaminated water and industrial contaminants.

Prof. Berkowitz who was born in Canada, received his BSc and MSc degrees in Applied Mathematics in 1980 and 1982, respectively, from the University of Alberta. He completed his DSc at the Technion - Israel Institute of Technology. He joined the faculty of the Weizmann Institute in 1993.

This lecture is free and open to the public.

Please mark your calendars for the Karen and Pace Robinson Lecture on Modern Israel



From Brandeis and BG to Bibi: End of An Era in Israel-Diaspora Relations?

David Ellenson, Ph.D.
Director, Schusterman Center for Israel
Studies, Brandeis University

Thursday, February 22, 2018
7:00 p.m.

McClung Museum Auditorium, UT Campus

A reception will follow this event.

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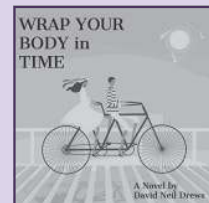
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REGIONAL BLOOD CENTER

Donate blood to help others during the winter months.

Suzu Snoops

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

- ★ **Leo Pollock** is the Great Smoky Mountain Council's Boy Scout of the Year. The Council has more than 10,000 youth. John Tipton, Toqua District Executive, nominated Leo for his act of kindness. Leo, who is a Troop 757 member, asked for donation to the Ernest Trotter Fund at the Great Smoky Mountain Council instead of receiving gifts for his bar mitzvah. \$5,000 was donated to this fund to support Scouts in the council who may need assistance or wish to go to Camp Buck Toms. Leo is the son of Howard and Janice Pollock.
- ★ Mazel Tov to **Virginia and Larry Kessler** and big sister **Esther** who are celebrating the birth of Leah Claire Kessler.
- ★ Mazel tov to area community business owners and professionals for recognition in *Cityview Magazine's* Best of the Best 2017. **Harold Silber**, DDS, received second place for Family Dentistry; **Jason Messing's** Juicebeats Photography received third place in the male wedding photographer category; Markman's Jeweler's (Steve Markman and family) continues its reign as the number one jewelry store; and Winston's Eye & Vision Center earned the top spot for Eyeglasses Shop with **Barry Winston** voted as the top Optometrist. AgriFeed Pet Supply, owned by **Melissa Sturm**, was the top Pet Store.
- ★ **Robert Heller**, UT School of Journalism and Electronic Media professor, had his "Living On" photographic portraits of Tennessee Holocaust Survivors and Liberators exhibited at the UT Downtown Art Gallery this summer. The project was created by the Tennessee Holocaust Commission in 2003 and resulted in an exhibit shown around Tennessee and multiple cities in Poland, and a book published by UT Press in 2008. In conjunction with the "Violins of Hope" project, the "Living On" exhibit will be on display in Nashville at several locations, beginning in January 2018. Lean more at violinsopenhopenashville.com.
- ★ Mazel tov to **David Drews**, a long-time community member who served as Tikkun Olam chaperone to Israel for several years. He has published a novel, *Wrap Your Body in Time*, available on Amazon.com.
- ★ Mazel tov to **Judy and Harvey Kaufman**, on the birth of grandson, Ander Henry Saldivar. Parents are **Amy and Hector Saldivar**.



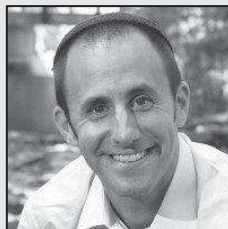


Channukah Miracles and Grateful Blessings

By Alon C. Ferency

The story of Channukah is founded upon the miracle of oil.

Yet, gratitude does not always require miracles. It may be as simple as acknowledgment of God’s grace manifest in one’s life. Even apparently trivial happenstances can be received as instances of God’s loving kindness. Holy moments – what the Celts called “thin places” – are not only found at the mountaintop. They may also be found in a child’s laughter, in the unexpected selection on Pandora, or in a new-grown awareness with one’s spouse. Conversely, we are not permitted to deny God’s role in the happy events in our lives. We are not at liberty to reject such gifts, to detour around the thin places, as one might reject a suitor’s gift with the anodyne “Oh no, you shouldn’t have.”



By the same token, our relations to each and every other thing around us – mother, brother, sun, song, J.M.W. Turner, and John Coltrane – could be expressed arithmetically through a ledger of gratitude. Gratitude is the bedrock currency of human expression: we give gratitude for inputs, and we receive gratitude for our outputs. And the sense of gratitude inherent in such giving and receiving is akin to the sense of gratitude articulated in Jewish blessings: whether Channukah “miracles, redemption, mighty deeds, and victories [of the] Hasmonians,” the beauty of the natural world we see around us (such as rainbows), or the food we eat every day. Just as our tradition teaches that one who eats without blessing is a thief, so too did Yeruham Levovitz (Poland, 1873-1936) write: “Gratitude is not just a nice gesture or a worthy personal quality, it is a real obligation like any other in the code of law. If you withhold it, you are a thief!”

The conception of gratitude as obligation is marvelous. So many people are reticent to express charitable thoughts, compliments, or a simple kindness for fear that such gratitude might place them in a subservient position viz-a-viz the object of gratitude, as though gratitude were to imply an irredeemable debt toward the object of the gratitude. How such narcissism might be upended if we understood gratitude not as an imposition of debt, but rather as debt’s repayment! “Indebtedness is given with our very being,” says Abraham Joshua Heschel, “Its content is gratitude for a gift received.” What if social debt, so to speak, was not perceived of as a problem, but rather as a form of stock or investment in society?! Gratitude is a measure of our indebtedness; it is likewise a quantization of our embeddedness in the world in which we live.

Finally, gratitude is the epiphany that God speaks in the language of surprises, and that the world still has the power to surprise us. Essentially, this cultivates a form of what Max Kadushin called “normal mysticism,” or what Heschel called “radical amazement”: it elevates the mundane to the realm of the holy. God can offer a gift with nothing expected in return, and you can, too. What you are, do, and possess is already blessing.

13 Kislev-13 Tevet

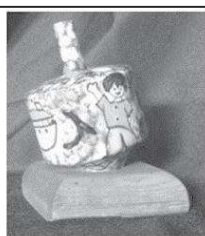
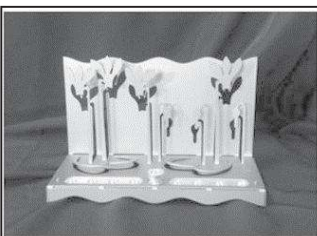
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WHY SHOP ANYWHERE ELSE FOR HANUKKAH? THE WOMEN’S LEAGUE JUDAICA SHOP HAS IT ALL!

Light up your festival with a beautiful new menorah. (Many are shown throughout this edition of HaShofar!)

Add exquisite handmade candles, dreidels, and some delightful gelt, too!



Heska Amuna, Kallah Weekend, Cumberland Falls State Park
November, 10-12, 2017



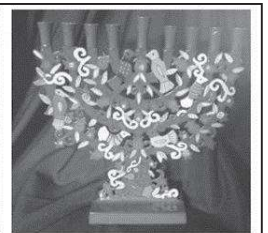
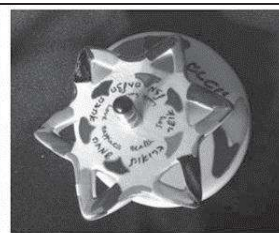
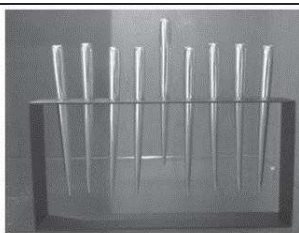
It was truly a grand and magical weekend of community - special for the nature that surrounded us, the provocative teachings, and the insights we shared (Joseph, Oedipus, and the Moral Arc of the Universe! a floating synagogue! a synagogue on Mars!). We relaxed, we were refreshed, and we definitely were inspired. If you were not able to come to Cumberland Falls with us, we hope you will join us at our next Kallah!

One more time, because you can never say thank you enough...our most sincere thanks and appreciation goes to...

- Each and every one of you who attended – you made us the magnificent community we are
- Marilyn Burnett who, although she was not able to join us this time, was in charge of the weather and did a GREAT job
- The Kallah Project and Rabbi Barb Moskow (mentor extraordinaire)
- The Sturm family and the Bradley Sturm Memorial Fund (for providing funding for ALL 28 of our children to attend)
- The Besmann Family Fund for Social Justice and Spiritual Enrichment (for providing funding for the Kallah Tikkun Olam project originated by Zach Scott)
- The Women's League (for providing endless support for programming, providing childcare, not to mention awesome hospitality bags – and a special shout-out for those to Martha Iroff, Jared and Anna Iroff-Bailey and Shannon Martindale)
- And to the spectacular babysitting trio Sarah Siegel, Carly Thomas, and Grace McClean who are the new "loves of their life" of many of our children now.
- Thank you to our inspiring thought leaders and activity leaders: Bernard Bendriem, Bernie Bernstein, Ted Besmann, Rabbi Ferency, Frank Floyd, Josh Gettinger, Josh Hedrick, Marian Jay, Barb Levin, Harvey Liberman, Marilyn Liberman, Bryan Merrell, Deborah Oleshansky, Adam Rowe, Serina Scott, Zach Scott, Bella Wolitz, and David Wolitz
- Thank you to our outstanding organizing, program, and logistics committee members: Nancy Becker, Bernard Bendriem, Jeannie Bobroff, Rabbi Ferency, Janet Gurwitsch, Kim and Josh Hedrick, Barb Levin, Rabbi Moskow, Jenifer Ohriner, Shannon Martindale, Beverly Wilcox, Bella and David Wolitz - and to our official Kallah photographer Jack Benhayon!

To all we say heartfelt thanks and "Kol HaKavod!"

Kallah Co-Chairs, Betty Golub and Mary Ann Merrell



Women's League News

Breaking the Cycle of Resolutions: Become Involved in 2018

As we approach the beginning of the calendar year, the days shorten and the weather is less encouraging. The resolutions of the fall's High Holiday cycle are a distant memory. Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur, Sukkot....promises, commitments, new plans – all are on hold. This is definitely time for a personal shake up; let's get things moving before there is a new set of resolutions to forget.

Heska Amuna Women's League has changed its calendar to force a restart in December. Rather than adding one more thing to the busy fall season by doing a membership campaign in September, the group decided to run memberships on a yearly secular calendar timing. This change not only makes the Holiday season less stressful, but this also allows for better programming and budgeting.

Women's League is asking each woman at Heska Amuna to join, but membership is NOT limited to individuals who belong to the Synagogue. The National Women's League has encouraged unaffiliated women who are supportive of the mission of the organization to join and to participate in programming.

Heska Amuna Women's League has three distant goals: 1) Education and enrichment of our members' Jewish learning. 2) Support, both monetary and volunteer time, for Heska Amuna's growth and development. 3) Outreach into the broader community to support community needs and interaction with other similar religious and social justice organizations.

Your membership is important because it is the financial foundation for all activities, but more important is your time and your expertise in growing activities and programs at Heska Amuna. There is so much that can be achieved together – working to develop a shared educational program, enhancing the lives of all members in the congregation, and supporting important initiatives in the community.

The goal of personal growth, the core of all resolutions, according to the Mussar tradition, is *shleimut* (wholeness) and *kedusha* (holiness). The work of the Women's League at Heska Amuna is a step toward meeting some part of these lofty objectives. Membership assures affiliation, but we are requesting involvement and commitment. Join us to make both your 5778 and 2018 more exciting and fulfilling.



Barb Levin



Many thanks to Serina Scott and all of the helping hands she coordinated that made our Simchat Torah celebration such a delight!

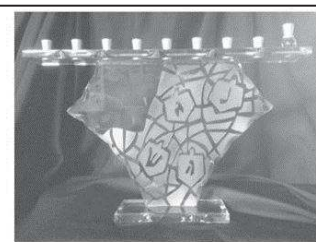
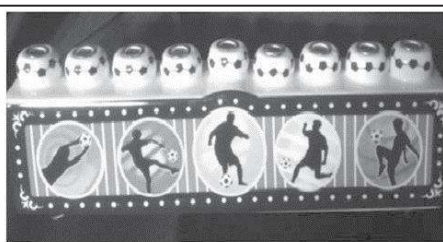
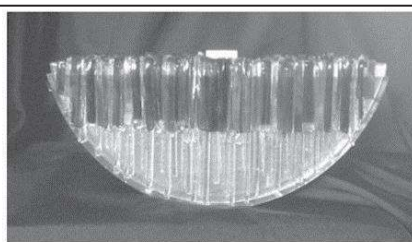
Special thanks to our honorees Ernie Gross and Jared and Anna Iroff-Bailey, and their families and friends who celebrated with us.

And thanks to Shuli Mesa, Marian Jay, Jared, Jeannie Bobroff, Rabbi Ferency, Betty Golub, Beverly Wilcox, and Barb Levin and the Women's League for helping with so many of the details - and to Gabe Spenser and his kitchen volunteers for a most memorable feast.

Beautiful Menorahs Available in Heska Amuna Judaica Shop to Celebrate the Festival of Lights!

Add our beautiful handmade candles to one of these or your own! Now you can make your holiday as beautiful as it can be for you and your loved ones with the great gifts you'll find in our shop! Whether you're looking for candles, dreidels, gelt, party supplies and decorations or any other gift, we've got them all!

And if you want a menorah, we have the biggest selection around: ceramic, glass, metal and unique artistic menorahs. We are your local Chanukah store and when you shop with us you support Women's League of Heska Amuna Synagogue! **The first night of Chanukah begins December 12.**



What's Up at Heska Amuna Religious School?

By Betty Golub, Director of Youth and Family Programming



The month of Kislev is filled with lights of all shapes and sizes. This month we will begin our Hanukkah celebration with a concert by Dor L'Dor featuring our very own Stella Galanti. This is a fund raiser for all of our Heska Amuna Religious School students. I know that everyone will show their support for our students, teachers, and families by joining us on **Sunday, December 3** for the concert!

And the celebrating continues as we welcome Hanukkah beginning on the 24th of Kislev (December 12) with the lighting of the first candle. Many, many years ago, actually over 2,000 years ago, Rabbi Hillel and Rabbi Shammai had a disagreement on how to light the Chanukiah-Chanukah Menorah. Rabbi Shammai wanted to start the holiday on the first day by lighting eight candles and decreasing the number by one each night, down to one candle on the eighth night to represent the amount of oil that lasted for eight days but decreased each day. Rabbi Hillel said that we should add a candle each night for eight nights. This is the tradition we follow today. The candles symbolize how we can increase the amount of light and faith that we spread with each flame. It also symbolizes our responsibility as Jews to continue to share the meaning of Chanukah with its ideas of hope and freedom into the world.

Did you know that lighting the chanukiah is a mitzvah? Some families light one chanukiah and others provide a chanukiah for every family member. We place the chanukiah near a window to be able to publicize the miracle and we are not to do any work. So moms or dads, leave the dishes in the sink! But, have you ever wondered why we should publicize the miracle?

Babylonian Talmud Shabbat 21b: "It is incumbent to place the Hanukah lamp by the door of one's house on the outside; if one dwells in an upper chamber; he places it at the window nearest the street. But in times of danger it is sufficient to place it on the table."

Babylonian Talmud Shabbat 22a: "Rabbah said: The Hanukah lamp should be placed within the handbreath nearest the door. And where is it placed? Rabbi Aha son of Raba said: On the right side: Rabbi Samuel of Difti said: On the left hand side. And the law is, on the left, so that the Hanukah lamp shall be on the left and the mezuzah on the right."

So, in this season of miracles, place your chanukiah in a window and enjoy the holiday! And don't forget to eat lots of latkes!

Chag Semeach, Betty



HARS School Dates to Remember

Sunday, December 3	School & Dor L'Dor Concert
Wednesday, December 6	School
Friday, December 8	Tot Shabbat
Sunday, December 10	School
Wednesday, December 13	School
Sunday, December 17	School & (B'Yachad-at TBE)
Wednesday, December 20	No School – Winter Break
Wednesday, January 10	Classes resume

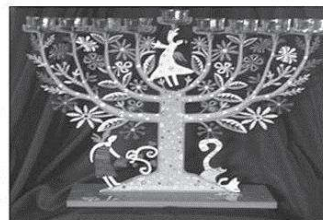
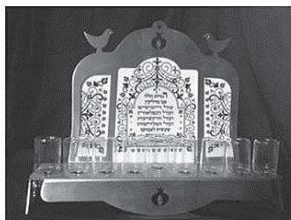


DON'T MISS

Heska Amuna Religious School's Hanukkah Happening
Sunday, December 10—9:30 a.m. -12:30 p.m.

- Quiz Show
- Wordle Creations
- Cookie Decorating
- Delicious Chanukah Treats
- Music!
- And...a special Hanukkah surprise for everyone!

Our Hanukkah Party will take place during regular Religious School hours.



The Heska Amuna Gallery Reception: One Enchanted Evening

From delectable sweets to the wonderful guided tours of our esteemed docents (Barbara and Bernie Bernstein, Michael Burnett, Nicki Russler, and Mary Linda Schwarzbart), Marilyn Burnett and Pat Rosenberg planned a perfect evening for our community to tour many a hidden treasure of our synagogue. It was a grand celebration of our history and the art that surrounds us. As we continue to catalogue our art, look for a virtual gallery exhibit on our web site one day soon!



Thank You!

We would be remiss if we did not thank our expert kitchen crew, Jessica Sexton and Barbara Handler, for their organizational skills, Max Filipsson for photographing the event, Bryan Merrell for moving furniture, and Ernie Gross for always responding to our many calls for his expertise.

A special "thank you" to Rabbi Ferency for his vision of establishing a Gallery theme throughout the synagogue and trusting us to accomplish his idea.

Pat Rosenberg and Marilyn Burnett,
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**Sunday, December 3
4:30 pm**

Heska Amuna Synagogue

General Admission: \$25 (kids under 13: \$10)

includes: concert & reception

Concert Package: \$40

includes: concert, reception, & CD

Total Concert Experience: \$75

includes: all above plus premium seats & a hat or t-shirt

VIP Package: \$125

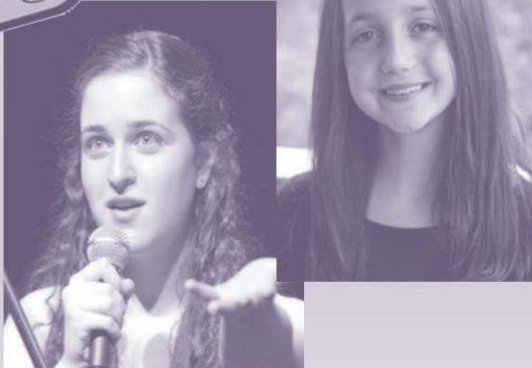
2 premium seats, 1 reserved parking spot, CD, & VIP gift!

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Kick off the Hanukkah season with us!

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Permanent Schedule

Friday Night Services.....Varies

Saturday Morning Service.....9:30 a.m.

Sunday Minyan.....9:30 a.m.

Mon. & Thurs. Minyanim.....7:00 a.m.

Evening minyanim for members can be arranged by contacting the President one week before.

For a list of Heska Amuna's services, events, and other information, please visit www.heskaamuna.org

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B'Yachad-Toddler Time is Special for Children Age 4 and Younger, Parents

Families with children ages 4 and younger can enjoy a joint educational/social fun program. Our program is called **B'yachad** – a Hebrew word meaning “together.”

This FREE program is open to *all* Jewish families as a chance to learn, play, and grow Jewishly *together!* **B'yachad** is a collaborative early learning program for Jewish children ages 4 and younger with their parents. This once-a-month program is for preschoolers who are not attending a weekly religious school program. It is co-sponsored by Temple Beth El and Heska Amuna Religious Schools and led by Anna Iroff-Bailey.

Each B'yachad class will include stories, music, visits from a rabbi, snack, and Jewish toddler activities– crafts, games, singing, dancing, and more! This program is open to all Jewish families, regardless of congregation affiliation or non-affiliation.

Our next program is **Sunday, December 17 at TBE at 10:00 a.m.** In 2018, all B'yachad programs will be hosted at Heska Amuna Synagogue.

Find us on Facebook, email at byachadknoxville@gmail.com or call Anna Iroff-Bailey at 335-0459, Betty Golub at 522-0701, or Norma James at 719-2614 for more information. Come join us and we grow Jewishly together!



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Please Join Us!

KJA Annual Meeting
Sunday, December 10
2:00-3:00 p.m.
AJCC Orwitz Room

The community is invited to join us for



Winter Festival & Hanukkah Party!
Sunday, December 10
3:00-5:00 p.m.
AJCC Caller Auditorium

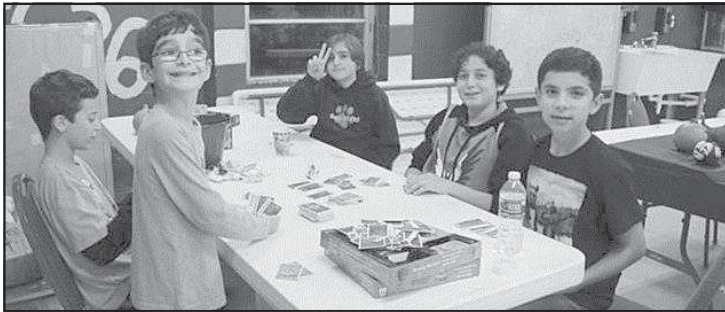


See page 22 for more details

Teens Not Bored with Board Game Night

Board games, pumpkin decorating, and ghost stories ruled at BBYO Connect's Board Game Night, held at the Arnstein Jewish Community Center.

This Jewish social group is for middle school kids in grades 5-8. If interested in learning more about BBYO Connect, please contact Shelly Abrams at shellylynnm@aol.com.



L-R: Jake Javors, Owen Davis, Carly Boxt, Segev Koenig, Jack Abrams



L-R: Owen Davis, Jack Abrams, Segev Koenig, Jake Javors, Carly Boxt, Abigail Abrams, Samantha Abrams-Cohen



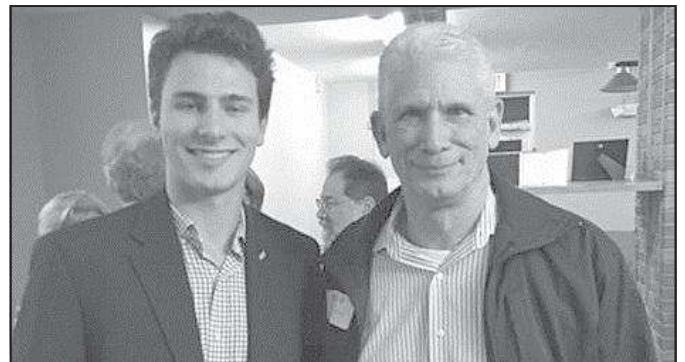
Knoxvillians Reunite at Nashville BBYO Event

BBYO local chapters and regional activities build lifelong friendships. Arielle Rosen joins Weinstein BBG alumni Bryna Oleshansky, Jordan Hirschhaut (sp), and Megan Roberts Koller, and Arielle's sister, Tiffanie Rosen at the 2017 Nashville BBYO Semi-Formal.

AEPi Hosts Annual UT Jewish Faculty-Student Reception

The AEPi fraternity graciously hosted the KJA's annual UT Jewish Faculty-Student Reception, which provides opportunities for faculty to welcome and support Jewish students on the UT campus. Attending faculty included Dr. Terry Lee, Dean of Arts and Science, Dr. Lou Gross, Dr. Mark Littmann, Dr. Sharon Toedte, Dr. Andy Kramer, Dr. Helene Sinnriech, Dr. Gilya Schmidt, Dr. Heather Hirschfield, Lee and Sue Hume, Jack Love, Rob Lieberthal, and Greg Stein.

Thank you to student leaders Jaime Marquis, Benji Ballin, Emily Schulman, and all the AEPi brothers for their help with the event.



AEPi President Benji Ballin and AEPi Brother and Advisor Dr. David Icove.



Dr. Rob Lieberthal and Sarah Brock



UT students and faculty members enjoy connecting and networking in the relaxed atmosphere of the AEPi House on Fraternity Row.

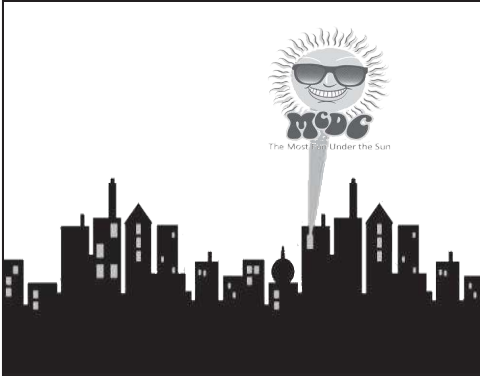
REUNION

Saturday December 2, 2017

6:30 - 9:00 p.m.

Special surprise at 7:30 p.m.!

AJCC Caller Auditorium (Gym)



- ◆ All past, present, and future **MCDC** campers & counselors; and all
- ◆ **AJCC** preschoolers; and their families are invited to our reunion.

Come see all your old friends and co-workers.

- Good Eats
- Fun for All Ages
- Cash Bar



Over 21 After Party begins at 9:00 p.m.

Donations received by November 28 will be acknowledged at the event

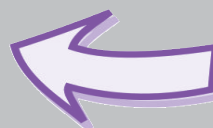
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Nostrovia to Russian Dinner Hosts Mark and Lucy Barkan

Yasher koach to Mark and Lucy Barkan, who shared their love and joy of Ukrainian food, culture and VODKA and went above and beyond in their cooking and celebratory hosting – Nostrovia! The event benefitted the KJA Jewish Family services program.

L-R: Mark and Lucy Barkan with one of many special and beautiful Ukrainians desserts.

Mark Barkan welcomes Donald Cooney, Alexandra Rosen, and Stephen Rosen, who were among the community members enjoying the borsht, blinis, caviar and vodka at the event.



Israeli Ambassador Visits Knoxville

Knoxville Jewish Alliance leaders were invited to join Ambassador Judith Varnai Shorer, Consul General of Israel to the Southeast, for an informative lunch meeting in November.

Left to Right: Deborah Oleshansky, Arnold Cohen, Carole Martin, Chip Rayman, Jenifer Ohriner, Renee' Hyatt, Bryan Goldberg, Ambassador Shorer, Dr. Bernard Rosenblatt, and Lucas Dear.

AJCC Preschool Inclement Weather Policy

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For weather-related closings,
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for public announcements.



Special Thanks to Special Volunteer

Kelsey Brooks has generously shared her time, creativity, and spirit in her service as the AJCC Early Childhood Liaison for the past three years. Her son Logan has attended the AJCC Preschool since his Aleph years and is currently in our Dalet classroom. Kelsey and her husband Doug will welcome a second child to the family in the coming weeks.

We thank Kelsey for her endless energy on behalf of our school and look forward to welcoming "baby Brooks" to the AJCC Preschool in 2019.

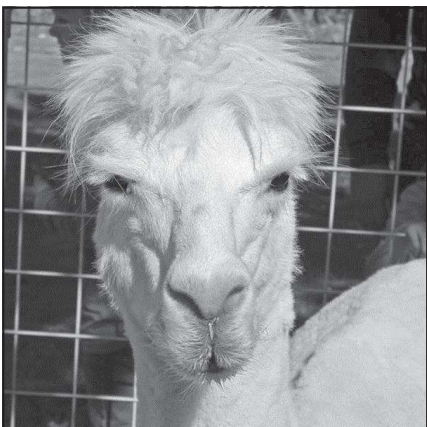


Kelsey Brooks with Logan at the AJCC Preschool.

KJA FRIENDSHIPPER FANS:

Please watch your KJA email blasts and mail for news about the December Friendshipper program.

PJ Library’s Little Bakers Create Challah, Enjoy Stories and Crafts



PJ Library’s Zoo Visit Lots of Fun

Community members and friends gather at the PJ Library’s Noah’s Petting Zoo at the AJCC “island” on a beautiful October afternoon. Toddlers got to see and pet small animals, play at sensory stations located under a colorful canopy, and enjoy looking at picture books with their parents and friends. PJ Library activities are made possible by donations to the KJA annual campaign. Thank you!



Join us for a family-friendly, community-wide

WINTER FESTIVAL & HANUKKAH PARTY!

Sunday, December 10 3:00-5:00 p.m.

Arnstein Jewish Community Center, 6800 Deane Hill Drive

Fun activities for all ages

Join us for holiday fun!

- ★ Doughnut Decorating
- ★ Dreidel Painting
- ★ Menorah Making
- ★ Face Painting
- ★ Latke Tasting — Yum!
- ★ Schmoozing
- ★ ...and Lots of Fun!



Toy drive: Bring a new educational toy or book to restock the Houston JCC
 Please let us know you're coming! Email program@jewishknoxville.org

KJA President’s Remarks

By Adam Brown, Adam@TennesseeSchoolofBeauty.com

As I write my last Ha’kol article I’ve been reflecting on the past two years during which I’ve had the honor of serving as your KJA President. Several thoughts come to mind that I’d like to share if you’ll allow me a couple minutes of your time:

As I’ve said and written before, I think I’ve gotten much more out of serving as President than I’ve given.

It’s wonderful to know just how much people care about this Community. We have many people who have been extremely generous with their time, money, or both and only want to make this community better.

Deborah Oleshansky has been a true blessing and an absolute joy to work with. We are all going to miss her but I know she is leaving the KJA/AJCC better than she found it and she’s done a wonderful job getting people re-engaged with our community. Scott Hahn, Mary Linda Schwarzbart, and Stephen Rosen have been terrific sounding boards for me and they have helped me in my role as President more than you can imagine.

The entire AJCC staff, especially Ed Hunter, ReNee’ Pelicano, Kristen Cannon, and Laura Berry do more for us than most people will ever know. They made my job much easier than it should have been and we are very fortunate to have them on our staff.

I want to thank Adam Friedman, Anne Greenbaum, Judith Rosenberg, and Marilyn Wohl for their time and leadership while serving on our Exec Board. I especially want to thank Marilyn who has served on the KJA board for at least 15 years and will be sorely missed.

We have some fantastic new leadership coming onto the board for 2018-19. These people are the future leaders of our community and I’m 100% confident will lead us in the right direction for many years to come.

Manny Herz has been a terrific past president and I hope I can help our next president as much as Manny helped me.

Our next nominee for president, Chip Rayman, is the perfect person for the job. Besides having numerous years of experience running small businesses, Chip has the personality, energy, smarts, and knowledge to lead us for the next two years. I’ve been so impressed with his attention to detail and his ability to get things done as I’ve watched him in his various roles with the KJA and I know I’m leaving the KJA in great hands.

I hope I’ve made my father and grandfather, who both served as President of the AJCC, proud of the job I’ve done as KJA President. It’s been an honor following in their footsteps and I hope one day my son Stephen will get the honor of serving as President and keeping the Browns tied to “the Center.”

Lastly, I want to thank you for allowing me to serve as your President. My goal was to “go back to the Future” and make the AJCC a gathering place that people are proud of and want to be a part of. I honestly feel like we were able to bring some much-needed energy, make some much-needed improvements, and bring back some of the “good ole days.” I walk away knowing that I tried my very best.



Knoxville Jewish Alliance Activities

- ◆ Archives
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- ◆ 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
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- ◆ 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
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- ◆ Yom HaShoah Event
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The KJA is collecting new and gently-used Halloween costumes for an Israeli children’s home so the youngsters can enjoy dressing up during Purim.

Please bring costumes for children and teens of all ages to the AJCC on your next visit. No scary, gory, or horror-themed items, please.



The Home We Build Together

By Deborah Oleshansky, KJA Executive Director

The KJA Annual Meeting on December 10, 2017 from 2:00-3:00 p.m. in the Orwitz Room of the Arnstein Jewish Community Center marks the transition from the current KJA Board to the incoming 2018 KJA Board. We hope many of you will join us at the meeting to thank our outgoing leadership and welcome our incoming leaders.

Thank you to Adam Brown for his leadership, vision and passion for everything related to the work of the KJA, especially as it relates to supporting the Arnstein Jewish Community Center. During his term he completed the Arnold Schwarzbart Gallery and lift project which have transformed the look of the AJCC Lobby area. Adam's sense of tradition combined with his "back to the future" attitude will leave a lasting legacy. Adam is a third generation leader and few in the community have spent as much time here over the years as the Brown family. He now moves to the coveted role of Immediate Past President and will serve as advisor and mentor for our nominee for President, Chip Rayman.

The slate of nominations for the 2018 KJA Board represents experienced and enthusiastic leaders. The group is a balance of veteran and new members, all of whom are excited for the challenge. We are especially grateful that all three conveners of the "Share the Dream" process will stay integrally engaged. Mary Linda Schwarzbart has graciously agreed to provide training and orientation for the incoming board. She has deep experience with KJA specifically and non-profit work in general, and has already connected with the Alliance for Better Nonprofits for their assistance in this effort.

If you are reading this I know you care about Jewish life in our community. Our tradition teaches we all have a responsibility to each other. God does not want us to rely on miracles, and does not want us to be dependent on others. We are expected to be partners in the work of Tikkun Olam, repairing the world. We are given gifts, but it is us to each of us to choose what we do with those gifts.

We have been given a gift of purposeful leaders. It is now up to each of us to work with them on behalf of Jewish life and community. Please take your part. Come to a program and bring a friend. Serve on a committee. Host a college student for Shabbat dinner. Read a book at the AJCC Preschool. Visit a senior adult. Make a monetary donation to help others.

Come. Join us. Be part of building our Jewish future.

Inspired by: <http://rabbisacks.org/terumah-5774-home-build-together/>

Nominations for New Incoming 2018 KJA Board Positions*

President: Chip Rayman
VP Jewish Community Services: Bryan Goldberg
VP Public Relations: Wes Johnson
VP Education and Culture: Jean Begue
At Large: Brad Holtz
At Large: Britt Sturm
Long Range Planning: Stephanie Kodish
Israel Partnership: Renee' Hyatt
Cultural Arts: Raphe Panitz
Membership: Lev Comstock

*The full slate of nominations for the 2018 KJA Board will be presented at the KJA Annual Meeting Sunday, December 10 at 2:00-3:00 p.m. in the AJCC Orwitz Room. The annual meeting will be followed by the Winter Festival & Hanukkah Party from 3:00-5:00 p.m. at the AJCC.

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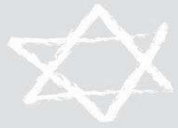
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“You Must Not Remain Indifferent”

By Carole H. Martin, KJCFF President

“If you see your fellow’s ox or sheep gone astray, do not ignore it; you must take it back to your fellow. If your fellow does not live near you or you do not know who he is, you shall bring it home and it shall remain with you until your fellow claims it; then you shall give it back to him...and so too shall you do with anything that your fellow loses and you find; you must not remain indifferent.”

Deuteronomy 22:1-3

You must not remain indifferent. This small phrase belies the extraordinary impact of the actions that it demands. The Biblical verse stems from a time and a place that no longer exists, but the obligation carried to us in the present is clear. Woven within these verses, and throughout this parsha, are responsibilities and guideposts for our lives. We have a mandate to action; we must not be idle bystanders in this world. Think of this parsha as an inspiration to contribute your time and hard-earned money to those in need, be it your neighbor, your local community or those suffering in a far-off land.

The Knoxville Jewish Community Family of Funds is proud of its partnership with local fundholders in making an impact on our Jewish and secular communities. I urge you to consider creating a fund if you have not done so. You choose the causes that matter to you most and I assure you, your action will impact our community immensely. You must not remain indifferent!

This is my last column as President of the Knoxville Jewish Community Family of Funds. I have enjoyed the opportunity to bring the KJCFF and its mission to you, especially in encouraging you to make a difference in the world around you by creating your own fund.

Translation: *Tanakh: The Holy Scriptures*, The New JPS Translation. Jewish Publication Society. New York, New York. 1988. Page 308.



2017 Mitzvah Day: Planting seeds

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- ★ The **Harry & Mollie Brietstein Memorial Fund** made a grant to the Simon Wiesenthal Center for general support.

- ★ The **Sharon Brietstein Memorial Fund** made a grant to the Mental Health Association of East Tennessee in honor of their work on behalf of the prevention of mental illness.

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Sisterhood Enjoys Pre-Hanukkah Celebration

JCOR Sisterhood's pre-Hanukkah event on November 19 was so much fun! Thank you to: Eileen Nober and her latke team; to Judi Gray and Alice Feldman and their team for the Judaic shop display and sales; to Penny Lukin for a joyful Hanukkah sing-a-long; Rebecca Charles and team for children's activities; to Faye Campbell and her folk dancers for spirited Israeli dancing; to Dr. Larry Dresner for his presentation about Hanukkah and the Maccabees; and to EVERYONE from the community who came and played and learned and shopped and enjoyed! Season's Greetings and Todah Rabah!



Rebecca Charles, co-President of JCOR Sisterhood (L) and Penny Lukin, Folk singer and guitarist (R), stand before a Gift Shop display featuring seasonal holiday gifts offered at JCOR's November 19 Pre-Hanukkah Event.

Brothers Without Borders

By Meir Niad

I've just returned from my second FJMC's Leadership Development Institute retreat, held this year in Reisterstown, Maryland. LDI is a three-day conference of learning and davening with the top male leaders of the conservative movement from all over the US and Canada. It is not possible to leave an FJMC event without feeling energized and eager to implement new ideas. I say "Brothers Without Borders" because there is a network that we can tap into, make connections, and bring value back to Oak Ridge. I attended a Saturday morning Meditative service that I hope to start at our shul. Together with the other "young" leaders I will be participating in a think tank about the growing nationwide issue of the unaffiliated 20-40 age bracket. I've spent time getting to know the new executive director Rabbi Andy Shugerman, whom I believe is going to lead us forward in new and exciting ways. It's time for my local guys to start thinking about joining me at Camp Ramah on the February 18 weekend for our next regional retreat. Rabbi Andy will be in attendance and celebrating his 40th birthday with us. This year's theme is "Stepping Out of your Jewish Comfort Zone."

JCOR Hanukkah Party

Bring Your Menorah and Join Us!

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The Obligation to Illuminate the World

A letter from the Lubavitcher Rebbe

By the Grace of G-d
On the eve of Chanukah, 5741 [1980]
Brooklyn, NY

To all Participants in the Public
Lighting of the Chanukah Menorah
in the USA

Greeting and Blessing!

Chanukah, the Festival of Lights, recalls the victory—more than 2,100 years ago—of a militarily weak but spiritually strong Jewish people over the mighty forces of a ruthless enemy that had overrun the Holy Land and threatened to engulf the land and its people in darkness.

The miraculous victory—culminating with the dedication of the Sanctuary in Jerusalem and the rekindling of the Menorah which had been desecrated and extinguished by the enemy—has been celebrated annually ever since during these eight days of Chanukah, especially by lighting the Chanukah Menorah, also as a symbol and message of the triumph of freedom over oppression, of spirit over matter, of light over darkness.

It is a timely and reassuring message, for the forces of darkness are ever present. Moreover, the danger does not come exclusively from outside; it often lurks close to home, in the form of insidious erosion of time-honored values and principles that are at the foundation of any decent human society. Needless to say, darkness is not chased away by brooms and sticks, but by illumination. Our sages said, “A little light expels a lot of darkness.”

The Chanukah Lights remind us in a most obvious way that illumination begins at home, within oneself and one’s family, by increasing and intensifying the light of Torah and Mitzvos in the everyday experience, even as the Chanukah Lights are kindled in growing numbers from day to day. But though it begins at home, it does not stop there. Such is the nature of light that when one kindles a light for one’s own benefit, it benefits also all who are in the vicinity. Indeed, the Chanukah Lights are expressly meant to illuminate the “outside,” symbolically alluding to the duty to bring light also to those who, for one reason or another, still walk in darkness.

What is true of the individual is true of a nation, especially this great United States, united under G-d, and generously blessed by G-d with material as well as spiritual riches. It is surely the duty and privilege of this Nation to promote all the forces of light both at home and abroad, and in a steadily growing measure.

Let us pray that the message of the Chanukah Lights will illuminate the everyday life of everyone personally, and of the society at large, for a brighter life in every respect, both materially and spiritually.

With esteem and blessing in the spirit of Chanukah,

[Signed] M. Schneerson

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December 16

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December 23

Frances August ♦ Bonny Barsky ♦ Mamie Berry ♦ Helen Billig ♦ Irene Binkley ♦ George Busch ♦ Simon Deitch ♦ Ben Diftler ♦ Alvin Ellin ♦ Robert Geller ♦ Ida Glazer ♦ Louis Glazer ♦ Liebel Goldstein ♦ James Greenfield, Idell Harris ♦ Helaine Jacobs ♦ Minnie Kramer ♦ Joseph Krinsky ♦ David Mandell ♦ Elise Meyerhoff ♦ Madelyn Millen ♦ Rose Mintz ♦ Samuel Mintz ♦ Renee Perl ♦ Samuel Rosen ♦ Sophie Rosenthal ♦ Morris Schneider ♦ Jeanette Scyefsky ♦ Julius Siegel ♦ Bernard Simon ♦ Minnie Slovis ♦ Henry Sturm ♦ Florence Woolf ♦ Benjamin Zwick

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December 8

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Hadassah HIGHLIGHTS

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The 2017 Hadassah Southern Region Fall Board Meeting, hosted in Knoxville, was a lot of fun, learning and planning for next year. We're cooking up some good stuff for Hadassah Knoxville!



Fall Board Meeting attendees: Bonnie Boring, Mary Evars-Goan, Andrea Cone, Jill Weinstein, Laura Floyd, Jenny Pfeffer, and Jean Begue. Not pictured: Shannon Martindale.



Winners of the Grassroots Fundraising Awards at the Southern Region Fall Board Meeting: Left to right: Hadassah Chapter Presidents Laura Floyd, Knoxville; Charisse Sands, New Orleans; Barbara Minsky, Dothan; and Judy Sacksman, Chattanooga.



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President's Message

By Laura Floyd

Here I am at the end of my tenure as Hadassah Knoxville chapter president. In the past two years we have had many wonderful programs, fundraisers and fun gatherings. We have been following our passion, Hadassah, and showing we are the Women (and Men) Who Do. We raised much needed funds through elegant HMO luncheons, our indispensable directory and no-show events in addition to our continued fundraising through layettes, large certificates, cards and tree and water certificates. We increased our annual giving by adding several new Chai Society members. We had a blast baking, selling and eating Bundt cakes at Knosville, twice! Book club continued on as a constant that our members look forward to and enjoy. We learned about the opiate addiction problem in East Tennessee and the wonderful Susannah's House that creates a safe space for pregnant women and new mothers to get off and stay off these drugs and give their babies a better life. We cooked and delivered lunch for them several times and enjoyed visiting with the staff and the clients. We donated items to their 'store' so the mothers could get items they needed for themselves and their babies. We invited a cuddler from East Tennessee Children's Hospital to come speak to us about cuddling and soothing the drug dependent babies they see at that facility. We learned about reclaiming rain water. We also had a lovely program about Cuba and heard from three women who had travelled there as part of Hadassah missions, gaining insight

into the Jewish community in Cuba. We had membership events where we talked about women's health equity and how to be our own best advocate. We had fun events where we made hamentaschen and went to Breakout Knoxville to see if we could work as a team and make it out in time. We did!

The above is a rough overview of the last two years. Forgive me if I left a program out. I want to now thank my board. I have had so many people come up to me and tell how nice this event or program was, and it was due to my board and the volunteers who put the events/programs together. They are the wind beneath my wings. Corny perhaps, but it's true. I can't take credit for everything just because I am the president. I want to thank all of the board members and the volunteers over these past two years for making me look good. I was very lucky to have so many friends step up to be part of my presidency and I do appreciate all of you. I also have to thank my husband Frank for supporting me through all the meetings and events and pitching in where needed. He's a great Hadassah husband. It was a pleasure to serve Hadassah Knoxville in this capacity. You will still find me at events next year and in years to come. Hadassah will always be my passion.

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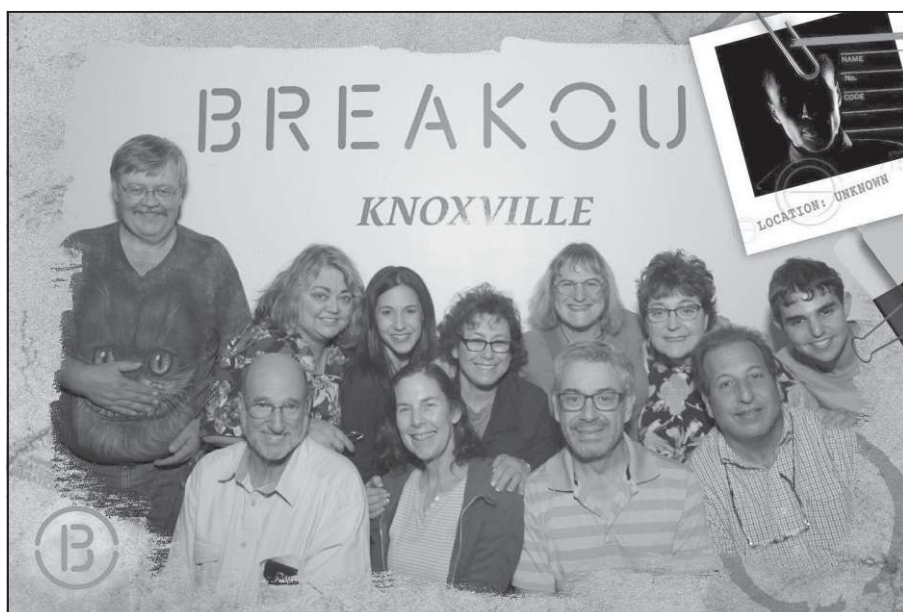
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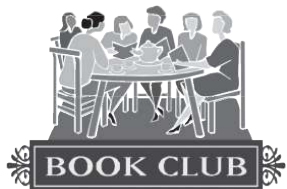
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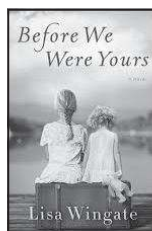


Hadassah Book Club News

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

Hope to see everyone for our **Tuesday, December 19 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 *Before We Were Yours* by Lisa Wingate.

Synopsis: Two families, generations apart, are forever changed by a heartbreaking injustice in this poignant novel, inspired by a true story. Memphis, 1939. Twelve-year-old Rill Foss and her four younger siblings live aboard their family's Mississippi River shantyboat. But when their father must rush their mother to the hospital one night, Rill is left in charge—until strangers arrive. Wrenched from all that is familiar and thrown into a Tennessee Children's Home Society orphanage, the Foss children are assured that they will be returned to their parents—but they soon realize that the truth is much darker. At the mercy of the facility's cruel director, Rill fights to keep her sisters and brother together—in a world of danger and uncertainty. Based on one of America's most notorious real-life scandals—in which Georgia Tann, director of a Memphis-based adoption organization, kidnapped and sold poor children to wealthy families all over the country—Wingate's riveting, wrenching, and ultimately uplifting tale reminds us how, even though the paths we take can lead to many places, the heart never forgets where we belong.



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

Future Books: **January 16:** *Station Eleven* by Emily St. John Mandel
February 20: *The Red Tent*, Anita Diamant

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Stanford Eisenberg Knoxville Jewish Day School

Empowering Students with STEAM

The fall semester of our *STEAM into Service* has students learning about how they can positively affect the environment through sustainable practices. The K-2 students especially enjoyed a visit from Beardsley Farm focused on the food web and composting. Using worms or “vermiculture” is an easy way to create organic nutrient-rich material. Students were both intrigued by and leery of this natural process.

We have been providing students differing examples of ways to “green an organization” (cities, restaurants, gardens, etc.). Our long-range goal for exposing them to all of these ideas is for them to create a plan to reduce the school’s carbon footprint. This is a two-fold goal: One - for them to learn about these efforts and Two - to let them see that they are able to impact our environment. Even though they are young, students can choose small steps to reduce waste in our world.

Students in Grades 3-5 have researched climate change, the greenhouse effect, and air pollution, as well as ways humans can mitigate these issues. They have written articles to create a brochure for The Mayor’s Office on Sustainability. The students were especially excited to host community artists Laurie Barocas, Cheri Pollack, Harriet Glasman, and Shelley Mangold, who taught the students how to create visual images to support their writing.

Looking ahead, KJDS is excited to participate in CanStruction. Through STEAM Into Service, students will build a menorah using more than 2,500 cans, all of which will be donated to Second Harvest Food Bank. The students look forward to applying their engineering skills to create an artistic symbol of Chanukah and giving.

The kindergarten and first grade students gave Khann Chov , Beardsley Farm’s Urban Agriculture director, their full attention when she pulled out the “vermiculture” box.



Local artists visited the school to help our students create pictures with impact on their "Carbon Footprint" brochures



Illuminating Art

Ms. Annie, our professional artist and art teacher, brings many unique concepts to our students through art class. This year the Fourth and Fifth graders have a year-long theme of "light." They started the year off with how light relates to color, studying shades and creating "new" colors. They moved onto shadows and our biggest form of light, the sun. Using special solar-activated paper, the students saw how light can leave impressions. By means of charcoal, the students created pictures from shadows, experimenting with depth and shading. Currently the class is producing multi-layered pictures using paint and electronic lights. Annie is also one of our STEAM facilitators, so mixing Art with Technology is second nature for her.

When many schools are limiting their children's exposure to art, we are investing more into our Arts Education. Motor skills, language development, inventiveness, visual learning, decision making are all proven benefits of teaching art in the elementary years. With the help of Ms. Annie, we are giving our students an Art-ful education.

These Fourth Graders are using charcoal to shade their shadows during a recent Art class.



A Jules Muck Original

KJDS was given an exceptional opportunity when distinctive artist Jules Muck offered to create a mural for our school. Thanks to her friends, KJDS parents Cat Coffin and Odysseus Bostick, Jules was visiting Knoxville and was inspired to create something just for our school.

With support and generosity of community members, we were able to commission this unique piece of art. This impressive mural has been hung in our multipurpose library space. The art will be able to travel with us if we grow into a new school space in the future. We feel surrounding our students with authentic artwork will inspire them to create and appreciate art in all of its forms.

Thank you to all who brought this project to fruition: Alex Rodriguez and Arleen Vincent; Harold and Susan Silber; Sylvia and Jan Peters; Bonnie and Van Boring; Cat Coffin and Odysseus Bostick; Jenny and David Wood; Frank Floyd and Rick Robbins.



This Jules Muck original mural hangs in our KJDS library space.

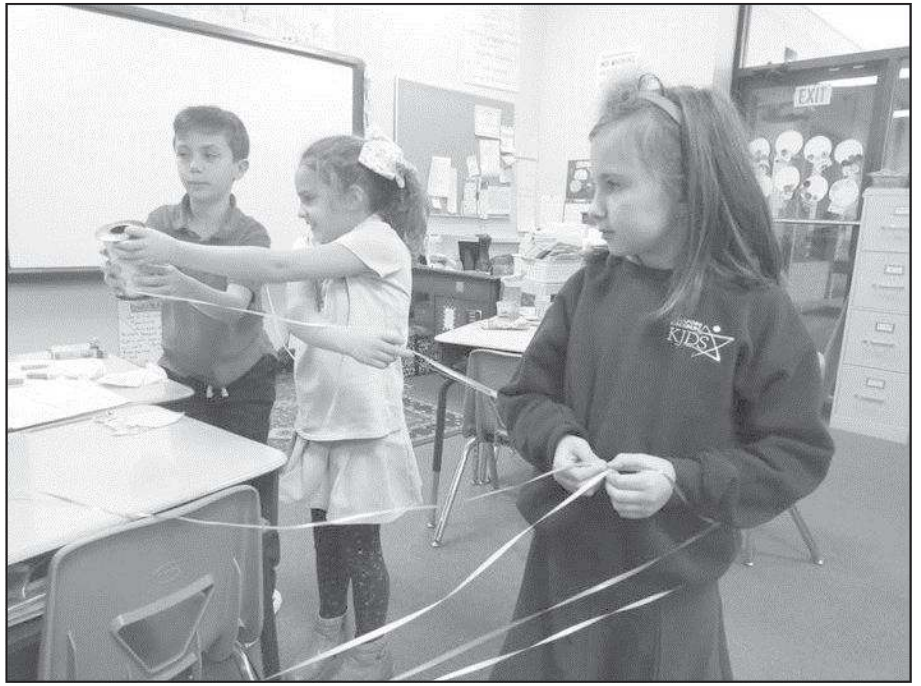
The FUNdamentals of Math

Many adults say “I am not a Math Person” or “I never did well in Math Class”. These are not statements you will hear from Mrs. Blanchard’s students. Our Math classes are based on Singapore Math –which “focuses on not just learning but also truly mastering a limited number of concepts each school year. The goal is for children to perform well because they understand the material on a deeper level; they are not just learning it for the test.” This is not the Math many of us grew up with- maybe that is why we feel unsure of our Math proficiency even today.

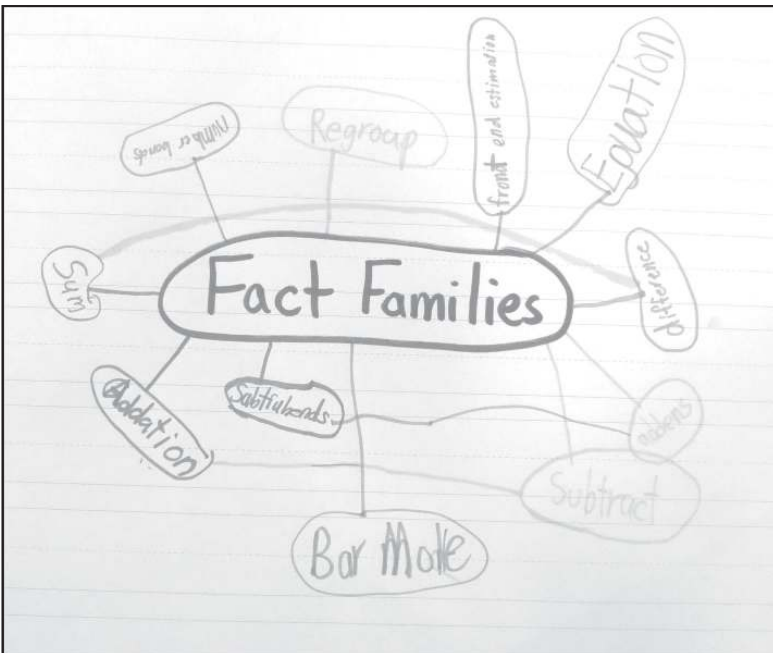
Mrs. Blanchard was recently teaching her students about fact family properties. To help students truly understand these concepts, she made several physical representations of them. The second and third grade years are very important due to their foundational work.

Often it is in these grades that students will start to fall behind if they do not have true mastery of

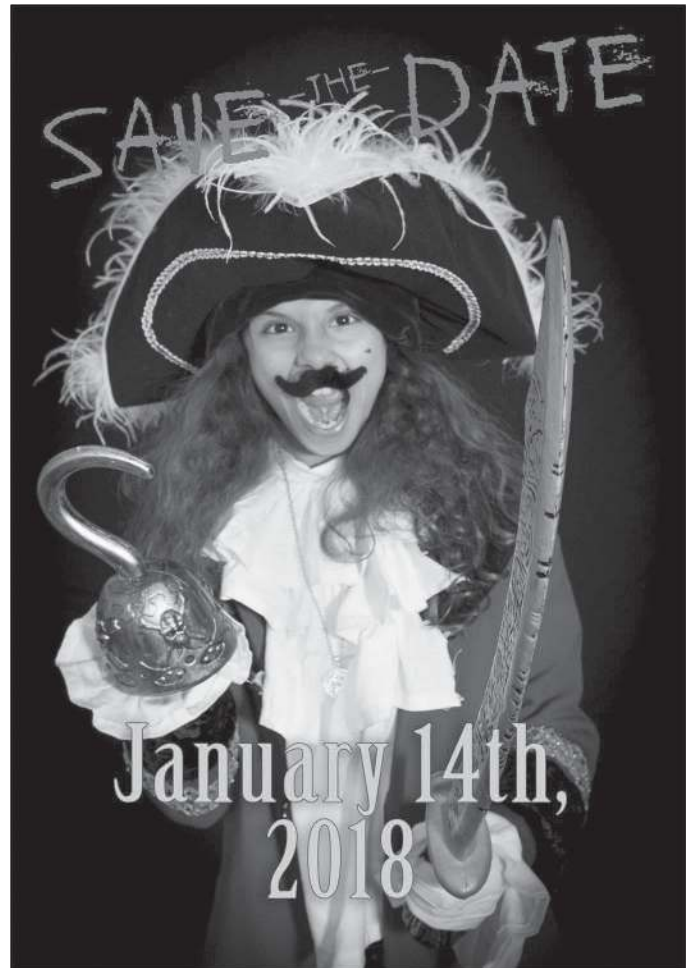
these ideas. On paper they used a thought map to show how the different functions related to the fact family. For a hands-on representation, they used several pieces of string to link the functions and show their interconnectivity. Because students learn in various ways, showing the same information in many ways ensures all will comprehend the topic. But if you ask the students they will tell you that Mrs. Blanchard just makes Math fun.



Students answer questions regarding “their” role in the fact family.



For the visual learner, this word map helps reinforce the concepts being studied.





Lisa and Dan are often sharing their many talents with the school. Their "Parent Talent Show" debut was perfect!

In their own words...

Why Did You Choose KJDS for Your Child?

Only 35 kids? And in a retail center? With no formal grades? Before stepping foot inside Knoxville Jewish Day School, we certainly had questions.

But when we visited, and our daughter sat right down with the teachers and kids as if she had always belonged there, we knew it was the place for us. A place where her love of learning would be nurtured and encouraged. Where her creativity and confidence would grow and flourish. Where her Jewish spirit would find expression in a home away from home.

In our fifth year as part of the KJDS family, we can't imagine a better school for giving our daughter the personal, academic, and creative foundation from which she'll continue to grow as she ventures on to middle school and beyond.

~ Lisa Reyes Mason and Dan Grabel, parents of a 4th Grader

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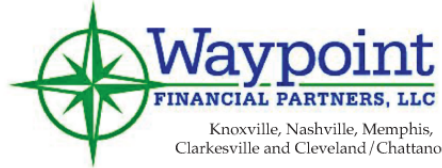
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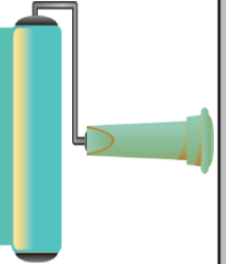
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Elyse **Messing** still lives in Knoxville, where she's a BBG advisor. To see the list of parents who live in Knoxville or environs, go to www.jewishknoxville.org/archives. Thanks to Bryna and Deborah **Oleshansky** for the photograph and the identification.

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