



# Ha'Kol

COMMUNITY NEWS FROM THE KJA, HESKA AMUNA & TEMPLE BETH EL

February 2018

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## Strengthening Our Roots

### Community-Wide Mitzvah Day 2018

Sunday, February 11 — 9:30-12:30

Arnstein Jewish Community Center

*A day of community service by children and adults.*

*Details on page 24 and [www.jewishknoxville.org](http://www.jewishknoxville.org).*



# Knoxville Jewish Alliance

# Ha'Kol

## Come Share Shabbat with KJA

We look forward to seeing you at this month's Knoxville Jewish Alliance Shabbat services. Friday's February 2 KJA Shabbat at TBE features post-B'nei Mitzvah teens conducting the service. Volunteers helping with the KJA-sponsored kiddish luncheon are Renee' Hyatt, Marilyn Wohl, and Brenda Rayman.

The KJA will celebrate Shabbat at Heska Amuna Synagogue on Saturday, February 3 and will host the oneg after services.

We look forward to being together at these Shabbat services as the KJA kicks off its annual fund raising campaign. Please join us.



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## MCDC FUN DAY

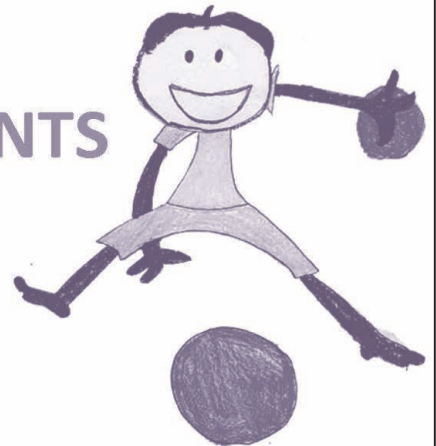
## DODGEBALL & GAGA TOURNAMENTS

SUNDAY February 25

1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

AJCC Caller Auditorium

RSVP: [Office@jewishknoxville.org](mailto:Office@jewishknoxville.org)



AJCC Members  
FREE  
Non Members  
\$10.00

## KJA President’s Remarks

### The Jerusalem Symphony Orchestra

By Chip Rayman, [chiprayman@gmail.com](mailto:chiprayman@gmail.com)



A decision has been made regarding the Jerusalem Symphony Orchestra. We will **NOT** be hosting the orchestra.

For those who are not aware, your Knoxville Jewish Alliance was offered the opportunity to host the Jerusalem Symphony Orchestra by the Consul General of Israel to the Southeast United States, Ambassador Judith Shorer.

The concert would have been held at the Tennessee Theatre on April 16, 2018, in celebration of Israel’s 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary. To bring this internationally acclaimed orchestra to Knoxville, the entire Jewish community needed to be “all in.” We were not “all in.”

Because of the required commitment, risk, our limited resources and person power, those of your Board of Directors who voted, voted 10 to 5 against hosting. Other established leaders of our Jewish community expressed reservations. We had no one willing to chair the event, which would have required a huge commitment of their time and energy.

The orchestra was offered to us at no charge, but the cost of putting on the event was in the \$55,000 range. Tickets were to be \$70 to honor Israel’s 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Other cities that are on the orchestra’s schedule, which I know about, have Jewish populations in the 8,000 – 10,000 range. Knoxville’s is considerably less.

Thank you everyone for your comments, suggestions, support, and forthrightness in helping reach this decision. I know some of you are very disappointed. It would have been a wonderful opportunity to enjoy a world-class orchestra. But going forward, let’s focus on those things we can do together (with consensus) to make us a better and more vibrant Jewish community.



*Jewish community members enjoy seeing friends and making new acquaintances at Knoxville’s 2018 Martin Luther King, Jr. Luncheon held in January.*

### MICHAEL TWITTY: THE COOKING GENE

Wednesday,  
February 7  
7:00-8:00 p.m.

International House  
Great Room, UT Campus



Michael W. Twitty, author of the award-winning book *The Cooking Gene*, is a recognized culinary historian and independent scholar focusing on historic African American food and folk culture and culinary traditions of historic Africa. He is one of the few recognized international experts of his craft—the re-construction of early Southern cuisine as prepared by enslaved African American cooks. He is the webmaster of [www.Afroculinaria.com](http://www.Afroculinaria.com), the first website/blog devoted to the preservation of historic African American foods and foodways. Twitty is a Judaic studies teacher from the Washington DC metro area whose interests also include food history & culture, African-American history, and Jewish cultural issues.



### Eboo Patel: Interfaith Leadership

Monday, February 12  
7:00-8:00 p.m.

Strong Hall Auditorium,  
UT Campus

Eboo Patel founded Interfaith Youth Core on the idea that religion should be a bridge of cooperation rather than a barrier of division. He is inspired to build this bridge by his identity as an American Muslim navigating a religiously diverse social landscape.

For over 15 years he has worked with governments, social sector organizations, and college and university campuses to help make interfaith cooperation a social norm. Patel holds a doctorate in the sociology of religion from Oxford University where he was a Rhodes scholar.




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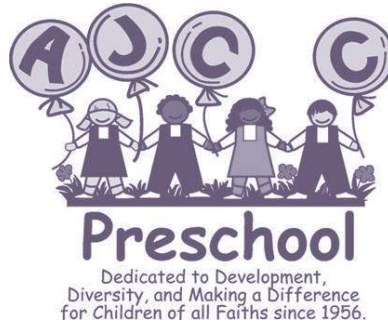
# Milton Collins Day Camp — Most Fun Under the Sun

## 2018 WEEKLY SESSIONS

DATES, THEMES, ACTIVITIES		AGES & PRICING	
 <b>Week 1</b> May 29 - June 1 <b>NO CAMP MAY 28</b>	<b>MOST FUN UNDER THE SUN</b> Pump it Up Fieldtrip	<b>MCDC Camp:</b> Rising K - 6 <sup>th</sup> grade	
<b>Week 2</b> June 4 - June 8	<b>SUMMER SAFARI</b> Late Night/Overnight Zoomobile Program	<b>TAPS</b> <b>(Teen Adventure Program)</b> Rising 7 <sup>th</sup> - 9 <sup>th</sup> grade Includes: team building, leadership & community service opportunities	
<b>Week 3</b> June 11 - June 15	<b>TENNESSEE ROAD TRIP</b> 4 <sup>th</sup> & Up - Heritage Center Fieldtrip K-3 Museum of Appalachia Fieldtrip Song & Dance Party with Bob Grimac		
<b>Week 4</b> June 18 - June 22	<b>KIDVENTURE</b> Late Night/Overnight Michael Messing Program Karate Program		
<b>Week 5</b> June 25 - June 29	<b>WATER WEEK</b> 4 <sup>th</sup> & Up - World's Fair Park Fieldtrip K-3 McFee Park Fieldtrip Waterslide Inflatable	<b>WEEKLY SESSION FEES:</b> 1 week: \$ 285.00 2 weeks + : \$ 250.00 per week (registered at same time) <b>Does not apply to Specialty Camps</b>	
 <b>Week 6</b> July 2 - July 6 <b>NO CAMP JULY 4</b>	<b>AMAZING RACE</b> Late Night/Overnight 4 <sup>th</sup> & Up Bowling Field Trip	<b>DISCOUNTS:</b> <b>AJCC Annual Members 5%</b> (session fees only) <b>Sibling Discount 5%</b> (does not apply to 1 <sup>st</sup> child registered)	
<b>Week 7</b> July 9 - July 13 	<b>MAD SCIENTISTS</b> 4 <sup>th</sup> & Up Oak Ridge Public Pool Fieldtrip K-3 Children's Museum & Cedar Hill Park Fieldtrip July 10 <sup>th</sup> - Kaleidoscope Making with Bob Grimac Science & Magic Show Friday - Star Wars Day		
<b>Week 8</b> July 16 - July 20	<b>COLOR WARS</b> Late Night/Overnight		
<b>Week 9</b> July 23 - July 27	<b>SPORTS MANIA</b> Putt Putt Golf & Games Late Night & Camp Finale Soccer Program with Chris Carroll	<b>EXTENDED CARE:</b> 7:30 - 9:00 a.m. & 3:00 - 6:00 p.m. \$20.00 per hour / \$120.00 weekly	
<b>SPECIALTY CAMPS</b>	Specialty Camp 1 <b>Horseback Riding</b> Blue Point Stables, Lenoir City	<b>Session 1:</b> June 4 - June 8 <b>Session 2:</b> June 25 - June 29	8 years old and up \$ 425.00 per session
	Specialty Camp 2 <b>Camping Adventure</b>	June 18 - June 22 Overnight Camping 2 Days	4 <sup>th</sup> grade and up \$ 315.00
	Specialty Camp 3 <b>STEM Camp</b>	July 9 - July 13	2 <sup>nd</sup> - 5 <sup>th</sup> grade \$ 315.00
	Specialty Camp 4 <b>Mini Adventure Camp</b>	July 30 - August 3	Open to all grades \$ 315.00
	Specialty Program 1 <b>Running</b> with Alex Goldberg	<b>Weeks: 2 3 4 5 7</b> 7:30 - 8:30 a.m.	\$ 25.00 per session Parents welcome to run as well

# Vendors Wanted

## for the 9<sup>th</sup> Annual AJCC Preschool Art Gala Fundraiser



The AJCC Preschool will host its 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Art Gala and are looking for vendors to showcase their arts and crafts. (Knitted Items, Art Work, Pottery, Scented Oils, Bath Bombs, etc.)

**DATE:** Wednesday, April 11, 2018

**TIME:** 5:00-7:00 p.m.

**LOCATION:** The Arnstein Jewish Community Center  
Caller Auditorium  
6800 Deane Hill Dr. Knoxville, TN 37919

If you are interested in receiving more details or participating, please contact  
psadmin@jewishknoxville.org or  
(865) 963-8001.



## 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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[www.jewishknoxville.org](http://www.jewishknoxville.org)  
[office@jewishknoxville.org](mailto:office@jewishknoxville.org)

## February Friendshippers



The **February 21 Friendshippers program\*** features a trivia "competition" emceed by the one and only Marty Iroff.

Our fun-filled program meets on **Wednesday, February 21**, with lunch at **noon** and our Trivia Game starts 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](mailto:lberry@jewishknoxville.org). Need a ride? Contact Laura by Monday before the program.

*\*January's snowstorm led us to postpone this program until February.*

## Contributions to KJA Funds

Visit [www.jewishknoxville.org](http://www.jewishknoxville.org) to learn more about the Knoxville Jewish Alliance.

### AJCC Preschool

Gale and Peggy Hedrick, Helene Sinnreich and Wesley Johnson,  
Peter and Briana Rosenbaum, Chip and Brenda Rayman-sand for  
AJCC Preschool playground

### KJA Archives

Will Holman, Sam Balloff, Larry M. Roth  
*In honor of Nicki Russler*  
Deborah Roberts

### Bill Brody Fund

Frank Wilson

### Gordon Brown Youth Recreation Fund

*In memory of Carol Harris*  
Scott Hahn

### Jewish Family Services

Barbara Isenberg, Anonymous  
*In memory of Edwin Schnoll and in thanks to his JFS visitors*  
Ellen Schnoll and Terry Haywood

### Jewish Family Services Emergency Fund

Martha and Marty Iroff, Adam and Angie Brown

### Knoxville Jewish Alliance

Mary Linda Schwarzbart-sale of Talmud proceeds;  
Bryan Goldberg-donation of light fixtures for the AJCC  
Joe and Charlene Oleinik-donation to purchase refrigerator  
*In memory of Edwin Schnoll*  
Stephen and Kim Rosen, Harvey and Marilyn Liberman, Scott Hahn  
*In memory of Carol Harris*  
Rick and Nancy Zivi, Stephen and Kim Rosen, Richard and Sheila  
Jacobstein, Gene and Pat Rosenberg, Harvey and Marilyn Liberman,  
Trudy Dreyer, Arnold Cohen  
*In memory of Dina Kramer's father, Sandra Parsons, Marcia Silverstein*  
Stephen and Kim Rosen  
*In honor of Deborah Oleshansky for all her contributions  
to the Knoxville Jewish community*  
Trudy Dreyer, Mark and Betty Siegel

### Miles & Zelda Siegel Fund for the Knoxville Jewish Elderly

*In memory of Carol Harris*  
Cindy and David Shepler

### Russian Dinner

Stephen and Kim Rosen; Richard and Shirley Licht-donated tickets

### Schwarzbart Gallery

*In honor of Rich Kaplan's recovery*  
Edna Blier

### Sundown in the Sukkah

Chip and Brenda Rayman

### UT Hillel

Paul Rubin, David and Sharon Icove, Gregory and Amy McCoy,  
Scott and Renee Geltzer, Marcia Edelman, David and Sharon Icove-  
UT Hillel & AEPi Event donation

## Cleaning Closets Can Be a Winner for AJCC Preschool

Please donate your **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.

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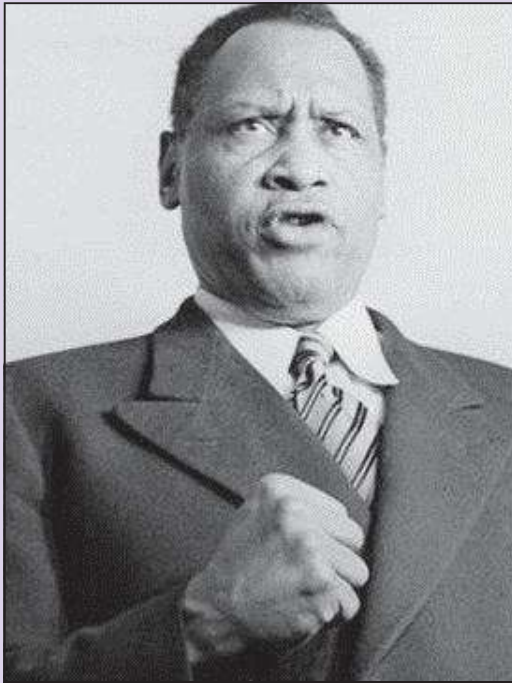
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# FEBRUARY 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><b>MOMMY MEET UP</b>  <i>New to town or want to meet new people?</i> Meet PJ Library friends every <i>First Monday (9-10 a.m.)</i> and <i>Third Wednesday (3:30-5 p.m.)</i> for a cup of coffee and some smiles!</p> <p>The Empty Cup, 9111 Executive Park Drive                      Knoxville, TN 37923</p>  <p>A program brought to you by the                      Knoxville Jewish Alliance</p> <p>Contact Ally Wiener                      program@jewishknoxville.org</p>				1	2	3
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25	26	27	28	1	2	<p><b>Have you registered your child for Milton Collins Day Camp?</b></p> <p>See page 4 for sessions!</p>

# K N O X V I L L E



*Enjoy listening and learning about*

## Paul Robeson: Cantor

**Sunday, February 11 — 3:00 p.m.**  
*Tabernacle Baptist Church*  
 2137 Martin Luther King, Jr. Avenue  
 Knoxville, TN 37915

This program features an exploration of relationships between the African American and Jewish communities with live performances of Paul Robeson's Yiddish and spiritual selections. The live performers include the UT Chamber Singers, Brandon Gibson, Maurice Hendricks, Dr. Olga Welch, and Dominick White. Manny Herz will provide keyboard accompaniment and Jack Love will speak about the life of Paul Robeson.

*The Knoxville Jewish Alliance will host a dessert reception following the program.  
 The program is free and open to the public.*

## Suzy Snoops

*Ha'Kol welcomes your good news. Please send information to [nyork@jewishknoxville.org](mailto:nyork@jewishknoxville.org) or to the Ha'Kol newsletter, c/o Knoxville Jewish Alliance, 6800 Deane Hill Drive, Knoxville, TN 37919.*

- ★ Mazel tov to **Marcia** and **Moshe Shloush** and **Laurie** and **Steve Natelson** on the birth of grandson, Ezra Leland Olsen. Proud parents are **Jessica** and **Matt Olsen**.
- ★ **David Icove**, PhD, the Underwriters Laboratory Professor of Practice in UT's Tickle College of Engineering, was featured in a new online series, *Meet Our Volunteers*, produced by the University of Tennessee. The *Fire Forensics* article can be enjoyed at [www.utk.edu/volunteer\\_stories/fire-forensics](http://www.utk.edu/volunteer_stories/fire-forensics).
- ★ Mazel tov to **Margy** and **Mitch Goldman** on the birth of granddaughter Marie Louise Goldman. Proud parents are **Lindsey** and **Matt Goldman** and proud brother is Will.
- ★ It was a very Happy New Year for the Burnett family as grandmother **Marilyn Burnett**, great uncle **Michael Burnett**, and great aunt **Evelyn Silvey** celebrated the birth of Adrian Cid Espinoza Burnett on January 1, 2018. The proud parents are **Lenny** and **Karla Espinoza Burnett** of Seattle.
- ★ **Brian Salesky**, Knoxville Symphony Orchestra executive director and conductor, received the 2018 MLK Award in the Arts category for his contribution towards the betterment of the City of Knoxville and surrounding areas. During his 13 years in Knoxville, Salesky has not only conducted operas, he helped start the popular Rossini Festival and developed an extensive education/outreach program, taking opera to schools, churches, and communities throughout the area.



*Jewish community members Chip Rayman, Andrew Seidler, Caitlin Seidler, Shelly Mangold, Athanasios Bayiates, Brenda Rayman, Renee' Hyatt, and Paul Irwin braved 28 degree weather to honor Martin Luther King, Jr.'s legacy at Knoxville's 2018 MLK, Jr. Parade.*

# HAPPENINGS

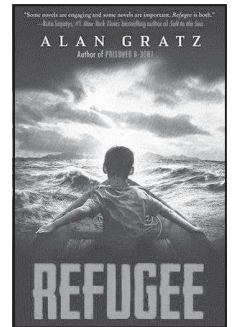


## Former Knoxville Wins 2017 National Jewish Book Award

Mazel tov to former Knoxville Alan Gratz, who won the 2017 National Jewish Book Award in the Young Adult category for his historical fiction book *Refugee*, which follows the lives of three families—German Jews in World War II, Cubans under the Castro regime, and present-day Syrians. This book also recently won the Sydney Taylor Book Award.



Alan Gratz.  
Photo by Wes Stitt



Gratz was born and raised in Knoxville. He attended the University of Tennessee, where he earned a College Scholars degree with a specialization in creative writing, and, later, a Master's degree in English education. He now lives with his wife Wendi and his daughter Jo in Asheville, North Carolina.

These books awards cover a variety of categories, from poetry to history. For a list of 2017 winners and finalists, visit [www.jewishbookcouncil.org/awards/2017-national-jewish-book-award-winners-and-finalists](http://www.jewishbookcouncil.org/awards/2017-national-jewish-book-award-winners-and-finalists).

THE KAREN AND PACE ROBINSON  
LECTURE ON MODERN ISRAEL

## From Brandeis and BG to Bibi

Thursday, February 22, 2018, 7 PM  
McCLUNG MUSEUM AUDITORIUM



**SPEAKER: DAVID ELLENSON**  
Director of the Schusterman Center for  
Israel Studies, Brandeis University

David Ellenson is a distinguished scholar of Judaism and Chancellor-Emeritus of Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion where he served as president from 2001-2013. He is author or editor of seven books and over 300 articles and reviews in a wide variety of academic and popular journals and newspapers. His newest book, *Jewish Meaning in a World of Choice*, appeared in September 2014 in the University of Nebraska Jewish Publication Society's "Scholar of Distinction" series.

A reception will follow the talk.

This lecture is made possible through the generosity of the Karen and Pace Robinson Endowment for Modern Israel.

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Department of Religious Studies  
Middle East Studies program



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**Winick & Weinstein Annual Formal Dance**  
**Saturday, March 24—Lead-outs at 7:30 p.m.**  
Donations appreciated. Please make checks to Winick AZA.

# Heska Amuna Synagogue

# HaShofar



## Tradition

By Alon C. Ferency

Once, visiting cousins South of Jerusalem, my wife taught them to play Cat's Cradle with a spool of yarn. Then, they taught her to play Chinese jump-rope (known in Britain as elastics), which is like hopscotch with string. Aside from the basics of four-square, I have no capacity for these games. I'm horribly uncoordinated, and I can't remember the order of the moves for the life of me.

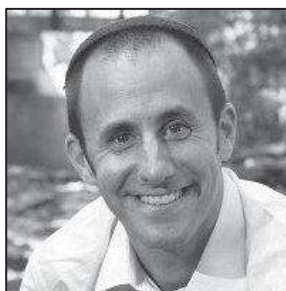
As I watched, I wondered: How can a game be the same in different countries? How do people remember all these moves? It's as if there was a hard-drive out there, with all these wild bits of information. But it's not out there, it's in us. It seems that people have an amazing capacity to remember complicated moves, and to pass the order along to friends and family members. We carry it forward and move the information along.

That seems to be how the Bible (and the Talmud, the Vedas and the Gospels) got to us. It was a group memory, like the sequences of Cat's Cradle or a family recipe. First re-told as campfire songs in the desert, it became elaborated, recited and turned into a massive ritual, hundreds of thousands of verses long. How did people remember so much? How could they not? People can still hold on to the bizarre moves of Cat's Cradle, even with all the modern distractions: the Internet, cell phones, fast cars and music videos. In a time before electronics, people had a lot more "bandwidth" to store great stories.

Remember, humans are built for stories. We thrive on narrative. Thousands of years ago, the narratives that formed the core of the Bible helped us to make order of the world, and listening to them around a fire helped us to cope with the fears that inevitably come in the coldness and the silence of the desert. Then, something changed. We moved to towns and cities, and lost our memory. We had to write down what we knew because our lives were shifting. It's no wonder that the Talmud, millions of lines of Jewish oral law and legend, was written down as Jews migrated and urbanized. It's harder to hold on to memories in cities. There are more distractions.

A funny thing happens when humans write down these oral memories. We start to forget them. That was the experience of anthropologists trying to catalog Yugoslavian epics in the twentieth century. Even as the scientists tried to copy out the epics, the story-tellers began to forget them. And these were tellers who remembered hundreds of thousands of verses by heart. On another side, writing things down seems to take away the personality of the story-telling. There's less vitality and originality, because the subtle variations of the individual teller are ironed out of the story. Think about a joke that gets written down into an email. It may be good on screen, but it lacks the punch of a gifted comedian.

Singers and other musicians know this already. Fela Kuti, the great African pop musician, refused to play songs again once he had recorded them onto albums. Spontaneity in concert wouldn't make sense at that point. An audience wouldn't be able to hear his songs freshly, but would expect the album version. I wonder if that's happened with Scripture. Have we lost something vital about the religious experience now that the words are frozen on a page? What's happening to other human knowledge, now that it's being stored on Wikipedia? Will we forget our traditions and our ways? Now you can find instructions for Cat's Cradle on the Internet.



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The Religious School would like every family to have a **Mishloach Manot** this year! You can pick up your Mishloach Manot after the Megillah reading on Wednesday, February 28; after the Megillah reading on Thursday, March 1; or stop by the office on Thursday or Friday or during religious school on Sunday, March 4. If you cannot pick up your Mishloach Manot before school is out on March 4, the bags will be delivered to you later that day.

**Order Form on Page 16  
Deadline is February 23**

## Being (More) Jewish

By Mary Ann Merrell, Heska Amuna Synagogue President

In a review of a book written by Avraham Infeld, *A Passion for a People: Lessons from the Life of a Jewish Educator*, Stephen Donshik highlights a key theme of the book that addresses ways in which to strengthen Jewish communities to ensure the future of the Jewish people. Donshik distills the book with a compelling summary: "We must come to terms with the reality that there is no single truth about how to be Jewish. We must believe that, by enabling people to have access to the various components of Jewish Peoplehood, they will find a place they feel comfortable with, one that expresses their sense of who they are and enables them to maintain a connection with other members of the extended Jewish family." (*eJewish Philanthropy*, 12/11/17)

When I first read this, I thought how straight-forward and right the premise (there is no single truth) and how simple Infeld's approach (keep people connected). The latter still rings true but I do think there very well might be a single truth about how to be Jewish.

Recently I sent an email to congregants who lived near where a shiva minyan was being held; it was cold and it was winter and I was worried that we might not have enough people for the family to be able to say Kaddish. There was barely enough room for everyone that came. (And in truth, I don't think it had a single thing to do with my having sent that email; our congregants, borrowing from Hadassah's great slogan, are simply Jews Who Do.)

Hal Manas often reaches out to many of you to assure a minyan at times when he knows someone will be attending that wants to say Kaddish; I see reply after reply saying, "I will be there." So, perhaps there *is* a single truth about how to be Jewish and it is simply the idea that we are actively committed to the ideals and value upon which our tradition is rooted - that what "we see" and what "we do" embracing our own personal expressions of how to be (more) Jewish we naturally extended to what "we see" and what "we do" for each other.

## Leader's Day Shabbat: Saturday, February 17

On President's Day weekend, we will hold our second annual "Leaders of our Tribe Shabbat," a delightful service to honor our elected leaders of our Board of Trustees, Women's League, and Men's Club. This annual recognition will also salute those who were initial donors of our "*Defenders of the Faith*" fund. This restricted fund is dedicated to the repair, replacement, or embellishment of items used for religious observances, prayer, or Torah study such as Torah scrolls, our Holy Arks, and other ritual or religious items. Funds will be seen in action in 2018 as new tallitot are purchased and new booklets are created for our High Holiday supplemental readings.

We offer heartfelt gratitude to those who have made donations to this fund during the inaugural year of the fund:

Marilyn Abrams, Jeffrey & Shelly Abrams, Barry & Heidi Allen, Jeff & Nancy Becker, Bernard & Anne Bendriem, Bill & Ellen Berez, Bernard & Barbara Bernstein, Ted & Wendy Besmann, Kenneth & Susan Brown, Rick Brown, Marilyn Burnett, Markus Eisenbach, Marc Forman, Jeremy Headrick, Richard & Jacki Imbrey, Marty & Martha Iroff, Jared & Anna Iroff -Bailey, Ron & Barbara Isenberg, Eytan & Mari Klausner, Harvey & Marilyn Liberman, Mark & Peggy Littmann, Hal & Ann Manas (in memory of Arnold Schwarzbart), Bob & Carole Martin, Bryan & Mary Ann Merrell, Jeffrey & Anita Miller, Steve & Evelyn Oberman, Evan & Jenifer Ohriner, Raphael & Susette Panitz, Steve Beber & Sandra Parker, Marilyn Presser, Gene & Pat Rosenberg, Gilya Schmidt, Mary Linda Schwarzbart, Jeff & Serina Scott, Mark & Betty Siegel, Miriam Weinstein



**Donations are always welcome to this fund and can be made online at [www.heskaamuna.org](http://www.heskaamuna.org) or by contacting the office.**

## Women's League at Heska Amuna: Keeping Mitzvot Alive: The Concept of Everyday Holiness

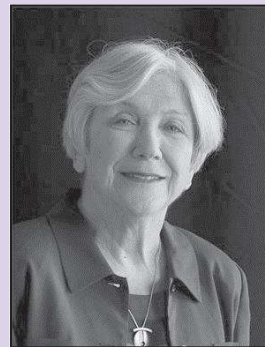
Each February, the Knoxville Jewish community, led by the Knoxville Jewish Alliance, designates a special day for community service. The idea is to focus on specific community problems and to provide support to help solve those problems. While this dedicated day is a good idea, the concept of mitzvot in the Jewish tradition does not require a special day. *Mitzvah*, literally "commandment", is something we are supposed to encounter each day. The difference between these daily activities, and the Ten Commandments, which are called "The Ten Utterances" in Hebrew, is clear and establishes the basis for the concept of *daily* service.

The confusion between the literal meaning of the word, *mitzvah* (commandment) and its common usage to mean "good deed" is understandable. Jews are commanded to do good deeds, to find ways to serve our community and the greater universal good. In his work, *Sefer Hamitzvot*, Moses Maimonides catalogues 613 *mitzvot* from the Torah. The number 613, came from the number of bones in the human body (248) plus the number of days in the solar year. 613 was a good mnemonic for the physician/Jewish scholar that the Rambam was. However, there is no exact account of those 613 requirements; Rambam's is only one of several listings. But whatever the list, the importance of daily activities and specific acts of charity and kindness are included.

This year the Women's League is working with other community groups in Knoxville to support **Mitzvah Day on Sunday, February 11**. The focus is on supporting women in the community. In particular, Women's League nationally is involved with the **Support the Girls** organization, which provides women's undergarments and feminine sanitary needs for women who are homeless or in shelters. This organization was started by Dana Marlowe, a young Jewish woman in Washington, D.C., who identified a need and stepped up to solve it. Working with others across the country, Support the Girls has assisted thousands of homeless women, The Knoxville Chapter has been asked to join us in the Mitzvah Day activities. (See the Support the Girls website: <http://isupportthegirls.org/>)

Beyond this, Women's League will focus on another tragic problem involving women, at the Rosh Chodesh gathering for Adar. On **Thursday, February 15**, a speaker from the Community Coalition against Human Trafficking will speak at the Rosh Chodesh event.

Reach out and make a difference. Find something that speaks to you – a charity, a community service project, or a favorite mentoring event. One's own life is enriched through the sharing with others; this is the true meaning of *mitzvah*.



Barb Levin

### Rosh Chodesh Adar

**Thursday, February 15, 6:00 p.m.  
at Heska Amuna Synagogue**

Our Rosh Chodesh event features a light supper at Heska Amuna followed by a speaker from The Community Coalition Against Human Trafficking.

Their mission: Uniting and equipping our community to end modern-day slavery. The Community Coalition Against Human Trafficking is the only counter-trafficking organization in upper East Tennessee that works to unite and equip our community to end modern-day slavery while providing survivors of human trafficking with individualized, relational care through our direct services program, *Grow Free Tennessee*.



What Can We Learn from the Jewish Experience in Cuba?  
*An Invitation to the Knoxville Community to Join us for*

## A Movie, A Discussion, and (why not?) A Little Nosh

**Sunday, March 4 — 12:30-2:00 p.m.**

**Lunch will be served beginning at noon**

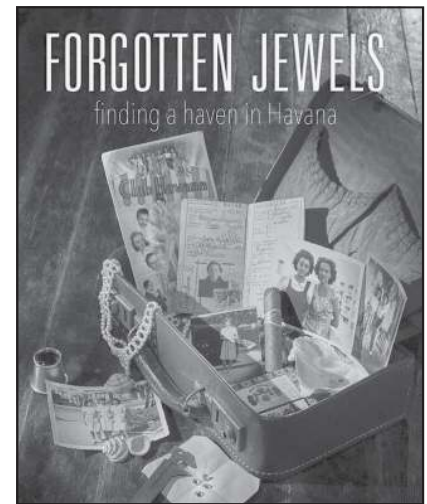
**Heska Amuna Synagogue – Rosen Social Hall**

**Suggested donation \$10 Adults; Children 18 and under \$5; Family Cap \$30 to support the work of the National Center for Jewish Film and to the artists and filmmakers devoted to capturing our history.**

Heska Amuna Synagogue, Hadassah Knoxville, and the Women's League present the Knoxville screening of *The Forgotten Jewels*, a documentary that captures the experiences of Holocaust survivors who escaped to Cuba during World War II.

Excerpts of this documentary, distributed by the National Center for Jewish Film at Brandeis University, were shown at Selichot. We are grateful for the opportunity to show the full documentary and to have Trudy Dreyer once again join us for providing commentary on her experiences as a refugee during World War II. We also will have a diverse panel that highlights the more recent experiences of several families that travelled to Cuba this past year on a mission trip sponsored by Hadassah. Stephen and Kim Rosen, Sandy Parker and Steve Beber, and Lisa and Jeff Jacobson will share insights they gained from their travels to Havana, Shabbat in the countryside, and views of the ways in which Judaism is kept alive in modern-day Cuba.

**Because seating is limited, please make your reservation to attend by Thursday, March 1.** Reservations can be made online from a link on our homepage ([www.heskaamuna.org](http://www.heskaamuna.org)) or by calling the synagogue office at 522-0701. Child care will be available for you if noted on reservations received by March 1.



## Some Thoughts about Purim

By *Raphe Panitz, Ph.D.*

Most know the basic plot of the Purim holiday- it commemorates the saving of the Jews of Persia from the evil Haman who devised a scheme to annihilate the Jews. The story is set in the Achaemenid Persian empire and is told in Megillat Esther, the Scroll of Esther. The heroine is Esther, the hero is Mordechai, the dim-witted king is Ahasuerus, and the bad guy is Haman.

Purim is mentioned in the history of the third century (BCE) writer Berossus as well as the Jewish historian Josephus in the first century CE. Josephus follows the traditional book but adds other information found in the Greek version (the Septuagint). He identifies Ahasuerus as Artaxerxes and mentions Persian persecution of the Jews. In *The Josippon*, a tenth century CE compilation of Jewish history, Purim follows the biblical account as well as including material from both the Greek and Josephus. Brief mention of Purim events is also found in ninth century CE Persian literary works.

In rabbinic sources, Purim is found in the Megillah, the last of the 24 books of Tanach to be canonized. According to the Talmud, the author of the Megillah was Mordechai. The laws of Purim are found in the Tractate Megillah, and the accompanying Gemaras can be dated to 400 CE (Jerusalem Talmud) and 600 CE (Babylonian Talmud). Tractate Sanhedrin also mentions idolatry related to Haman. The key issue is that the name of God nowhere appears in the Megillah. Perhaps that is one reason why of all the books of the Hebrew Bible, only the Scroll of Ester has NOT been found among the Dead Sea Scrolls.

Most modern biblical scholars agree that Purim is historical fiction. Many argue that Mordechai is the Hebraized form of the chief Babylonian god Marduk and Esther the Babylonian goddess of fertility Ishtar. In his *Four Strange Books of the Hebrew Bible*, Elias Bickerman makes a very strong argument for dating Purim and the Megillah to the second century BCE, written by a Jew living in the Persian capital of Susa. Bickerman contends the author of Esther combined two tales with two plots: how Esther the Jewess becomes queen and saves her people from Haman and destruction and how Mordechai, hated by Haman, is honored by the Persian king for his services for the king. The common denominator here is Haman. Bickerman also demonstrates many parallels between the Megillah and Oriental literature, written in both Aramaic and Persian, whose themes include palace intrigue, issues involving the king's harem, hidden identities, and adoption.

In the end of the Megillah in the canonical version, the Jews win a military battle over their enemies, who remain nameless. However, all who read the Megillah understood that Haman was descended from the Amalekites whom the Jews were commanded to destroy. So, according to Bickerman, the Jews' victory over a new Amalek became part of their history. He also points out that even though the Megillah contains no reference to Eretz Yisrael, it was translated into Greek and was brought to the Jews of Alexandria.

The rabbis never afforded a "holy day" designation to Purim (we do not recite Hallel on that day); yet the Megillah was a hit and its reading was a great success. It is the only part of Scripture that can be read in any language in the Synagogue. While some of Bickerman's ideas did not remain unchallenged, the Megillah is a fascinating work of literature whether you believe it literally or as a work of historical fiction, a fairy tale written to encourage Jewish identity and survival in a foreign environment.

# PURIM BY THE NUMBERS

54 chances to make VERY LOUD noises on hearing Haman's name

225 CALORIES IN A HAMANTASHEN

10 CHAPTERS OF THE BOOK OF ESTHER (THE WHOLE MEGILLAH!)

14TH DAY OF ADAR

180 Days of King Achashverosh's Party

AND \*TWO\* AWESOME OPPORTUNITIES TO HEAR THE MEGILLAH!

4 verses of redemption in the Megillah

## Chag Purim Samgach

### A Four-in-One Mitzvot Opportunity

Wednesday, February 28 & Thursday, March 1

Enjoy the whole megillah (twice!)

#### #1: HEAR THE MEGILLAH: *Lismoa' Megillah*

- **Wednesday, February 28** - Dinner: 5:30 p.m./Megillah reading: 6:15 p.m.
  - ◇ Come in costume!
  - ◇ Groggers aplenty!
  - ◇ Enjoy lively readings in Greek, Yiddish, French, and more (but don't worry - Haman is always Haman)
- **Thursday, March 1** - Traditional Hebrew Megillah reading. 7:00 a.m.

#2: **ENJOY SEUDAT PURIM:** the festive Purim meal following the reading on Thursday morning.

#3: **GIVE GIFTS TO THE POOR: *Matano L'Evynim*:** Donate to the *Community Coalition Against Human Trafficking*, a local non-profit, at either reading.

#4: **ENJOY MISHLOACH MANOT,** sending gifts. Everyone attending either service will receive one!

RSVP by Friday, February 23 for dinner (reserve online or call the office at 522-0701)

\$10 Adults, \$5 Children 18 and under; Family Cap \$30

## What's Up at Heska Amuna Religious School?

By Betty Golub, Director of Youth and Family Programming

This is the month we can let down our guard and celebrate the holiday of Purim. We get to make noise and eat lots and lots of hamantaschen. Purim will begin on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of Adar 5778/February 28. Every family has their own traditions concerning Purim. Have you ever wondered how Purim was celebrated around the world centuries ago?



In Germany on the eve of Purim, gun powder was ignited during the reading of the Megillah. In Italy, children threw nuts at each other and an effigy of Haman would be burned. In Algeria, candles were lit for the Purim Seudat - the required meal and the children were invited to light the candles. In Afghanistan the synagogue carpets were picked up and the congregants trampled the floor in case Haman was hiding. Children drew pictures of Haman on planks or cardboard, made as much noise as they could, and then trampled the pictures of Haman. In Bukhara (a city found in Uzbekistan) a Haman snowman was built. After the Purim feast, a large fire was started and everyone watched as Haman melted.

In ancient times, the Jewish communities made annual contributions of a half a shekel during the month of Adar to take care of the Temple's maintenance. Today, it is customary to make a charitable donation. We call this *Matanot La Evyonim* - gifts to the poor, thus fulfilling one of the mitzvot of Purim. And don't forget to fulfill the other three mitzvot: hear the Megillah, give Mishloach Manot, and enjoy a feast!

Come join in the fun at Heska Amuna Synagogue (see page 14 for details!) and create new traditions as we celebrate the holiday of Purim! Chag Sameach!



### February Dates to Remember

Sunday, February 4	School
Wednesday, February 7	School
Sunday, February 11	Mitzvah Day at the AJCC
Wednesday, February 14	School
Friday, February 16	Kabbalat and Tot Shabbat and Dinner
Sunday, February 18	No School
Wednesday, February 21	School
Sunday February 25	<b>Joint School Purim Celebration</b> at TBE for B'Yachad, Gan Gadol & Grades 2-7
Wednesday, February 28	<b>Purim Palooza</b> begins at 5:00 (Dinner included for students) Costume Parade Megillah reading

**See Page 16 for your Mishloach Manot order form!**

## 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.

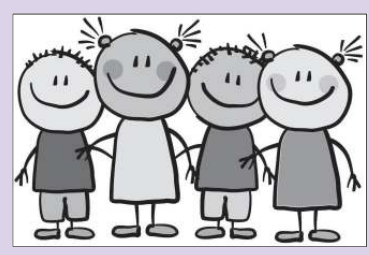
In 2018, all B'yachad programs will be hosted at Heska Amuna Synagogue, except on Mitzvah Day where we will all be at the AJCC. Our next program is **Sunday, February 11 at the AJCC (Mitzvah Day!)**

Find us on Facebook, email at [byachadknoxville@gmail.com](mailto: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 as we grow Jewishly together!



**Join Us at B'yachad 2018**  
**Heska Amuna Synagogue, 3811 Kingston Pike**

- ★ March 25
- ★ April 22
- ★ May 6



# Order Your Mishloach Manot - Purim Treats

## Help Support Heska Amuna Religious School



### To All Congregants:

The Religious School would like every family to have a Mishloach Manot this year! You can pick up your Mishloach Manot after the Megillah reading on Wednesday, February 28; after the Megillah reading on Thursday, March 1; or stop by the office any time Thursday or Friday – or stop by the office during religious school on Sunday, March 4. If you cannot pick up your Mishloach Manot before school is out on March 4, the bags will be delivered to you later that day.

### Enjoy the Mitzvah of Giving Mishloach Manot!

For \$18.00 send a Mishloach Manot to any 2 families/individuals with a Knoxville zip code. Or, be a "Megillah Mensch" sponsor and for \$72 add your name to the Mishloach Manot for everyone in our congregation.

Only 1 gift goes to a household, but each gift can be sponsored by many friends. All sponsors' names will be included on the card which will be designed by a HARS student. **To order, send this form to the office, go to our online order form at [heskaamuna.org](http://heskaamuna.org), or call the office.**

**Deadline to order Mishloach Manot is February 23.**

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone or email: \_\_\_\_\_

Send a Mishloach Manot to (name, address, and any special wishes to add to the card):

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I would like to be a sponsor for the HARS Purim Fundraiser: By being a sponsor you will help HARS make sure every congregant receives a Mishloach Manot bag and thus fulfill one of the mitzvot of Purim.

By being a sponsor you will help HARS make sure every congregant receives a Mishloach Manot bag and thus fulfill one of the mitzvot of Purim.

\_\_\_\_ *Megillah Mensch*                      \$72.00  
\_\_\_\_ *Great Gragger*                      \$54.00  
\_\_\_\_ *Happy Hamantaschen*              \$36.00  
Total Due: \_\_\_\_\_ Bill my account \_\_\_\_\_ Check enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

**On behalf of HARS, we wish you a Chag Sameach - Happy Holiday!**

**Thank you for your continued support of HARS!**

## Contributions from Caring People

*Donations received as of January 15, 2018*

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*In Memory of Samuel Forman*

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### Religious School

*In Memory of Selma Vogel*

Nancy and Jeff Becker

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## FACES OF REDEMPTION: A Midrash of Tile

*This midrash, and the artwork that so beautifully captures it, were both created by Arnold Schwarzbart, z"l, and are shared with us through the generosity of Mary Linda Schwarzbart. The mask shown here is the Purim tile.*

### The Midrash

For a show of masks, Purim is a natural response and the seed of an idea. The Purim story, the redemption of the Jews of Persia, is unique in that the name of God does not appear in the Book of Esther. Pesach, the redemption of the Jews from Egypt is unique in that the Haggadah does not mention Moses. The third face represents the personal redemption of every Jew on Yom Kippur.

The first two holidays begin with the letter PEH and according to a traditional pun, Yom Kippurim may be read as three words: Yom Ki Purim, meaning 'a day like Purim' when our heavenly lot is cast. (Haman cast lots to determine which day the Jews would be killed.)

The large face-like image in each tile's center is the letter PEH, which is the first letter of the Hebrew word for redemption as well as the first letter of the three holidays discussed. In the mouth of each large PEH appears one of the holidays. It is traditional for letters in the Torah to have crowns: so the crown of the PEH of Purim is Esther; the crown of the PEH of Pesach is the name of God; the crown of Yom Kippur (when he returns to God) is man (Adam). The three crowns, then, are God, woman, and man,

The text that runs around the top of all three tiles (beginning on the Pesach tile) read: 'And you shall be unto Me a kingdom of priests, and a holy nation' (Exodus 19:6). To me, this verse is central to the reason for our continued redemption.



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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

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# TEMPLE BETH EL TIMES



## Shalom Y'all

By Rabbi Erin Boxt

Last month, I wrote about the right to question God. I know it might have been difficult for some to read – or to even think about. This month, however, I wanted to share with you something that was a hot topic for me early in my rabbinate, as I am sure it is for many rabbis. How do I want to be addressed? Is it Rabbi Boxt, Rabbi Erin, Erin, or what?

You see, at Hebrew Union College, I was given mixed messages. Some professors said one thing while others said something completely different. So, let me lay it out – You may call me whatever it is that makes you comfortable. If you prefer to call me Rabbi Boxt, go for it! If Rabbi Erin seems more comfortable, great! And, if you would prefer to call me Erin, kudos! As long as we all respect each other, that is all that matters.

Our Torah teaches us that we all take on a variety of names throughout our lives. Abram was husband, then Abraham, then father, etc. Sarai was wife, Sarah, then mother, etc. Our names change in life as our roles change. At Temple Beth El, I may be any of the names I listed above. At home, I am Abba. I am the same person – however, my role has changed. This is true for every one of us.

Let me end with a poem by the poet Zelda:

### EACH OF US HAS A NAME

*Each of us has a name  
given by God  
and given by our parents*

*Each of us has a name  
given by our stature and our smile  
and given by what we wear*

*Each of us has a name  
given by the mountains  
and given by our walls*

*Each of us has a name  
given by the stars  
and given by our neighbors*

*Each of us has a name  
given by our sins  
and given by our longing*

*Each of us has a name  
given by our enemies  
and given by our love*

*Each of us has a name  
given by our celebrations  
and given by our work*

*Each of us has a name  
given by the seasons  
and given by our blindness*

*Each of us has a name  
given by the sea  
and given by  
our death.*



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### Temple Topics

By Howard Pollock, TBE President

I want to express my thanks for all in our community who helped Temple Beth El celebrate the installation of Rabbi Boxt during the weekend of January 12-14. It was a special experience for our congregation. We were joined by Cantor Yvon Shore of HUC-Cincinnati, a close personal friend of Rabbi Boxt, who performed the actual installation. Our hard working Social and Ritual/Worship Committees helped in so many ways. Special thanks to our event Chair, Sari Kagan, who did a wonderful job. Rabbi Boxt was welcomed by friends and family who travelled to Knoxville for the weekend.



Our Temple calendar has some exciting activities that are open to the community. Question – What is a wonderful way to spend time with friends, bid on a number of silent auction items and support Temple Beth El all at once? Answer – Our 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Trivia Night scheduled for March 3.

Information will be sent and is available on the Temple website and by calling our office at 524-3521. Please mark your calendars for our traditional 2<sup>nd</sup> Night Seder scheduled for March 3.

## Temple Beth El Religious School February 2018 Update

By Norma James [normajames@tbeknox.org](mailto:normajames@tbeknox.org)

**Friday, February 2 Chai Class conducts service for KJA Shabbat:** For our KJA Shabbat this year, we have called upon our wonderful Chai Class of teens to conduct the service. Tara Bain's post B'nei Mitzvah class always does a wonderful job of taking us deeper into Torah. You will be amazed at the skills these young people have. The oneg will be hosted by KJA in honor of KJA Shabbat.

**Avigail Laing becomes Bat Mitzvah on February 10.** Avigail will be the first of this year's B'nei Mitzvah class to be called to the Torah at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday morning. She is the daughter of Geoffrey and Heather Laing and the sister of Nathanael. Avigail has studied Hebrew with Dan Smith for many years, and he is now her Torah coach. Rabbi Erin Boxt will assist as Avigail conducts the service, reads Torah, and delivers a d'var torah she has prepared. This young lady is an excellent student and will be well prepared for her big day. We hope you will join the Laing family for this important simcha.

**Mitzvah Day is February 11 at the AJCC.** All religious school students will report to the AJCC instead of Temple Beth El. We will have on-site activities for our PreK through third grade students that includes a special visit from the Fire Department complete with a fire truck! Our students in fourth through tenth grades will have off-site trips. Parents are invited to stay with their children or attend adult activities that day. Look for more information to come. Parents are urged to attend!

### February has Double Programs in February!

**February 11 B'yachad is at AJCC for Mitzvah Day!** B'yachad always goes where the action is, so of course we will be at the AJCC with a Mitzvah Day theme! The time is still 10:00-11:30 a.m. and the program is still done by the amazing Anna Iroff-Bailey. Actually it is because of the great turnout at last year's Mitzvah Day, that we created our community B'yachad.

**February 25 B'yachad will be back at Temple Beth El for our Purim Carnival.** There will be a special program for our tots prior to the 11:15a.m. carnival. This is always a big hit with families.

B'yachad is sponsored by Temple Beth El and Heska Amuna at no charge to members and non-members. 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](mailto:byachadknoxville@gmail.com). You can also find us on Facebook.

### We will have Religious School on Presidents' Weekend, February 18.

**RS Purim Carnival February 25!** Tara Bain, our RS Assistant Director, will again head up the Purim carnival with lots of new ideas. Again, this year we have invited the students from HA, JCOR, KJDS, and AJCC Preschool. We will still have an interactive Megillah Reading, the Brotherhood Hotdog Café, and the Sisterhood Hamentashen Sale. We encourage everyone to wear costumes. Shekels will be on sale in the lobby 3/\$1 or 16/\$5. There will be a special café serving lunch, which includes a hotdog (veggie dogs & kosher buns available), chips, and a drink for \$3. (Cash is preferred for lunch, but shekels are accepted.)

### Here is the schedule for the event:

**9:30:** All students arrive at Temple and go to classrooms for Purim activities.

Four- year-olds will join the Kindergarten class.

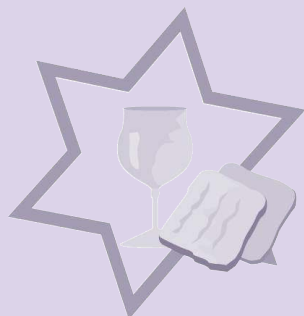
**10:00:** Anna Iroff-Bailey will lead B'yachad activities.

**9:30-10:45:** *7<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> graders and parent volunteers set up Carnival.*

**10:15:** Megillah reading and songs in Sanctuary with Rabbi Boxt and Norma.

**10:45:** Purim Carnival in social hall and front lobby.

**12:00:** Dismissal and clean up. Help is wanted for clean up!



PLEASE SAVE THE DATE

# TBE 2<sup>nd</sup> Night Seder

March 31, 2018 – 6:30 p.m.

*Details to follow*



## & Silent Auction

**Saturday, March 3, 2018**

**7:00 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.**

**Temple Beth El Social Hall  
3037 Kingston Pike**

***Test your knowledge while supporting TBE's annual fundraiser.  
Tables reserved for teams up to 8 people. Everyone is welcome.***

We are seeking donations from our congregants and local merchants for gift certificates or merchandise to be used as auction items.

### ***Auction Item Ideas***

- |                  |                              |
|------------------|------------------------------|
| * Gift Cards     | * Restaurant Certificates    |
| * Wine           | * Manicures or Haircuts      |
| * Sports Tickets | * Movie or Theatre Tickets   |
| * Jewelry        | * Attraction/ Museum Tickets |
| * Themed Baskets | * Artwork                    |

For more information about the event, to volunteer, or to make a donation, please contact either Amy at [Rockybergs@gmail.com](mailto:Rockybergs@gmail.com) or Phyllis at [Phyllishirsh24@gmail.com](mailto:Phyllishirsh24@gmail.com)

Thank you in advance for your help!  
We certainly appreciate your support.

## TBE Sisterhood Happenings

By Tammy Stone, Sisterhood President

Hag Purim! It's that time of year again for our annual Hamantaschen sale. Last year we sold out. Did you get the flavor(s) you wanted? Did you even get any? We do NOT take pre-orders so please be sure to come to the Purim Carnival on Sunday morning February 25 to get yours.

Thank you to all who continue to donate to the Beiler Floral Fund for Friday night Bimah flowers as well as to all our wonderful Oneg Hosts.

It is time to look for new faces to serve on our board for the next few years. Please contact either Kathy Young or Karen Smith if interested.

## Contributions to Temple Beth El Funds

Donations listed were received as of December 28, 2017

### CARING COMMITTEE FUND

Donation by: Honerlin Del Moro

*In memory of Faye Raymon*

By: Rob and Beth Heller

*In memory of my grandmother,  
Ricka Licht Goodfriend*

By: Gary and Linda Johnson

*In memory of Boris & Basia Shusterman*

By: Maria Shusterman

*In memory of Marcia Silverstein*

By: Becky Winston

*In memory of Sam, Pearl & Ben Salky  
and Bessie Weinstein*

By: Becky Winston

*In memory of Betsy Coleman*

By: Laura Johnson

*In memory of Irma Hill*

By: Neil Moss

*In loving memory of Marcia Silverstein*

By: Larry, Debbie and Mitchell

Silverstein & Beverly Geller

### ENDOWMENT FUND

Donation by: Jay and Valerie Frankel

### ERMA GERSON COMMUNITY FUND

*In memory of Jack Misner*

By: Bernice Gerson & family

### HERMINA BEILER FLORAL FUND

*In memory of Nachum Barkan*

By: Mark and Lucy Barkan

*In memory of Louis Pollock*

By: Howard and Janice Pollock

*In memory of Harold Winston*

By: Becky Winston

### SISTERHOOD TRIBUTE FUND

*In memory of Marcia Silverstein*

By: Renee' Hyatt and Paul Erwin

*In memory of Marcia Silverstein*

By: Rebecca Keefauver Alexander

*In memory of Marcia Silverstein*

By: Becky Ammons

*In memory of Marcia Silverstein*

By: Linda Bolt

*In memory of Marcia Silverstein*

By: Deborah Roberts

*In memory of Marcia Silverstein*

By: Larry, Debbie and Mitchell

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*In memory of Marcia Silverstein*

By: Mike and Cindy Baker

### FRIBOURG-BRUNSCHWIG HOLOCAUST FUND

Donation by: Henry and Claudia  
Fribourg

### LIBRARY ART GALLERY FUND

*In memory of Emily Weiss Keisler*

By: Chuck and Missy Noon

### GENERAL FUND

*In memory of Frances Brody*

By: Ivan Brody

*In memory of Ricka Goodfriend*

By: Bob and Wendy Goodfriend

Donation by: Bob and Wendy

Goodfriend

*In memory of Sheila Belensen*

By: Marcie Gross

*In memory of Ann Liebeman*

By: Marcie Gross

*In memory of Edith Hecht*

By: Lewis Hecht

*In memory of Oliver Childress*

By: Mark and Susan Leitson

Donation by: Barbara Pollock

*In memory of David Rayman*

By: Chip and Brenda Rayman

*In memory of Jean Gudis*

By: Deborah Roberts and Don

Mossman

*In memory of William Rockmaker*

By: Steve Rockmaker

### LIBRARY FUND

*In memory of Jean Gudis*

By: Leona Spritz

### PRESERVATION FUND

Donation by: Susan Baker

*In memory of Iva Jean Wadsworth,  
Zane Jordan and Anna Gassel*

By: Liz Gassel and Michael Pardee

Donation by: Dick and Sheila

Jacobstein

Donation by: Anonymous

### RABBI'S CIRCLE FUND

Donation by: Norma and Wes James

### RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

*In memory of Ruth Brown*

By: Leonard Brown

*In loving memory of Marcia Silverstein*

By: Susan, Frank, Lani and Michael

Derby

*In memory of Allen Wolinsky*

By: Laura Johnson

### SUPPLEMENTAL CARING FUND

Donation by: Honerlin Del Moro

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Dankie Gracias شكراً  
Спасибо Merci Takk  
Köszönjük Terima kasih  
Grazie Dziękujemy Děkojame  
Ďakujeme Vielen Dank Paldies  
Kiitos Täname teid 谢谢  
**Thank You** Tak  
感謝您 Obrigado Teşekkür Ederiz  
Σας ευχαριστούμε 감사합니다  
Bedankt Děkujeme vám  
ありがとうございます  
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## Temple Beth El Celebrates Chanukah with Special Community Dinner

Special thanks to Amy Rosenberg, Phyllis Hirsh, and volunteers for planning and creating such a fun and meaningful Temple Beth El event.



*Norma James prepares to light the menorah at the Temple Beth El Chanukah Dinner.*



*Charlene Oleinik, Wendy Graziani, and Alan Gassel*



*Gabe, Josh, Cherine, and Brody Perrin*



*Chuck Dickey, Becky, and Kent Kidd*



Sophie, Howard, and Janice Pollock at the 2017 TBE Chanukah Dinner

## TEMPLE BETH EL TIMES

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**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.

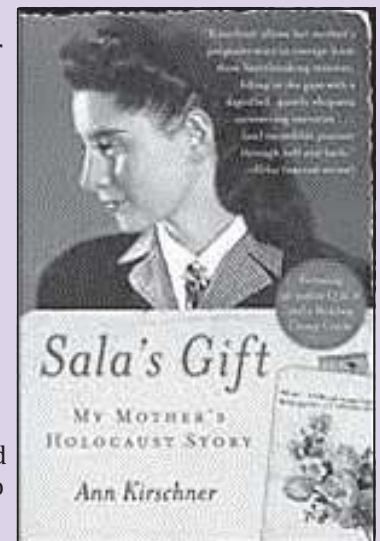
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## **TBE HOLOCAUST BOOKSHELF REVIEW by Henry Fribourg**

*Sala's Gift: My Mother's Holocaust Story* by Ann Kirschner. 2007. Free Press.

For nearly 50 years, Sala Kirschner kept a secret: she had survived five years as a slave worker in seven different German camps. After WW 2, living in the US, she kept hidden from her children more than 350 letters, photos, and her diary, never saying a word of her travails. But then in 1991, scheduled for heart surgery at age 67, she suddenly gave all these mementos to her daughter Ann, offering to answer any questions Ann asked.

When 16-year old Sala Garncarz first reported to the Geppersdorf camp in Germany, to substitute for her frail elder sister Raizel, it was supposed to be for six weeks, according to the notice. Five years later, she was still a slave, and two of her sisters were the only ones left alive of an extended family of fifty. "Organization Albrecht Schmelt" in the Eastern Upper Silesian region of Poland was the money-making property of the SS, a partnership among bureaucrats and businessmen and Jewish leaders set up by the Heinrich Himmler to profit from the slave labor of Polish and other Jews. The slaves made defense and other materials from over 17 factories (one of those belonged to and was run by Oskar Schindler) operated with hundreds of slaves – these Jews were not tattooed, they were meant to survive and be productive, at least as long as they survived the brutal, inhumane conditions. Sala worked at seven German, Polish and Czech camps until she was liberated by Russian soldiers, surviving by her wits and with the help of an older woman, Ala Gertner, who was later hanged for being part of an uprising at Auschwitz. The letters between Ala, Sala, Raizel, and over 75 other family members and friends are testimony to the extreme suffering of Polish Jews created by the Jew-haters/exploiters. After the war, Sala married a G.I. and immigrated to the U.S. Ann, their daughter, has skillfully interspersed her mother's documents -- although perhaps too many are cited -- into an informed and powerful history of the war, a kaleidoscope of fear, loneliness, despair, and sometimes hope for tomorrow.





## Strengthening Our Roots

### Community-Wide Mitzvah Day 2018

**Sunday, February 11**

**9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.**

Arnstein Jewish Community Center  
6800 Deane Hill Drive

We need your help with hands-on projects for adults and children of all ages. Please contact Laura Berry at [lberry@jewishknoxville.org](mailto:lberry@jewishknoxville.org) to volunteer.

### ACTIVITIES

There will be projects and learning opportunities for all ages—from preschool to adults. All can perform mitzvahs!

Please wear appropriate clothing and shoes for some “roll up your sleeves and work” projects. We have painting, deep cleaning, preparing challah for preschool/UT Hillel/Jewish Family Services; Archives work, yard work (weather permitting), and more!

### DONATION ITEMS

#### Area Veterans

- Chapstick
- Winter hats and gloves
- Reading glasses
- Slippers

#### Susannah's House (Hadassah Knoxville)

- Baby and toddler items (diapers, wipes, clothing, bibs)
- Women's toiletries

#### Second Harvest Food Bank

- Non-perishable food items
- Protein items—peanut butter, tuna, canned chicken, beans, Soups—pull-off lids please
- Please try to bring healthy foods (low sodium for example)

#### Support the Girls—women in homeless shelters (Heska Amuna)

- Women's undergarments
- Feminine sanitary supplies





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## Knoxville Jewish Community Family of Funds

*A Supporting Organization of the Knoxville Jewish Alliance and the East Tennessee Foundation to preserve and strengthen the Jewish Community of Knoxville*

### The New Tax Plan and Charitable Giving

*By Abraham Brietstein, PhD, KJCFE President*

Congress, in its wisdom, has passed a new tax plan that will undoubtedly provide more benefits for corporations and the super wealthy at the expense of those who are most vulnerable and most in need of tax breaks. Government services are likely to be reduced or cut as a means of paying for the tax breaks given to those who least need it. Regardless of your political persuasion, the new tax plan will also undoubtedly have consequences for those who make charitable donations and the charitable organizations who depend upon those donations. While the tax bill does not eliminate the deduction for charitable donations, the fact that it doubles the amount for the standard deduction will significantly reduce the number of people who itemize deductions, thereby significantly reducing the number of people who give to charity.

In a recent letter to East Tennessee's philanthropic community, Mike McClamroch, the President and CEO of East Tennessee Foundation, warned that passage of the bill would result in a decrease in charitable giving of \$20-\$24 billion annually, largely because the bill "severely weakens the charitable deduction and more than cuts in half (46 million to 20 million) the number of taxpayers allowed to take it." This means that charitable organizations and social services will be dealt a double whammy because there will be less money in the budget for those services in order to provide tax breaks for the wealthy and corporations, and less money available to charitable organizations because of the erosion of the deduction for charitable giving. If there is such a thing as a silver lining in this situation, it is the fact that the bill does not take effect until 2019, which means donors have the option to speed up their giving until then so as to get the greatest tax benefit for their charitable donations until then. As a result, charitable giving is likely to increase significantly in 2018. Despite concerns about the new tax bill, this is an excellent time to add to your donor advised fund, if you have already established one, or to start one. The Knoxville Jewish Community Family of Funds is happy to help you do so. As always, my blessings to you and your families.

#### Donations

- ★ **Bernard E. & Barbara W. Bernstein Charitable Fund**  
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- ★ **William "Bill" Brody Fund**  
Frank Wilson
- ★ **Gordon Brown Youth Recreation Fund**  
*In Memory of Carol Harris by Scott Hahn*
- ★ **EAR Fund**  
Sondra Markoff
- ★ **JFS Fund**  
Richard & Jacki Imbrey
- ★ **Sylvia Robinson Memorial Fund**  
*In Honor of Harold Diftler's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday*  
Ronda Robinson
- ★ **B'nai Tzedek Fund of Arielle Rosen**  
Alexandra Rosen

- ★ **B'nai Tzedek Fund of Tifannie Rosen**  
Alexandra Rosen
- ★ **Nathan Rosen Donor-Advised Fund**  
Alexandra Rosen
- ★ **Miles & Zelda Siegel Fund for Knoxville's Jewish Elderly**  
*In Memory of Carol Harris, by Cindy & David Shepler,*  
Alan & Karen Smuckler

#### Grants

- ★ Heska Amuna Synagogue received a grant from the **Cohen-Presser Designated Fund** for handicap accessibility improvements.
- ★ The **Sam & Esther Rosen Community Enrichment AJCC Fund** made a grant to the Knoxville Jewish Alliance to pay for the installation of 106 drop-in light fixtures.

### KNOXVILLE JEWISH COMMUNITY FAMILY OF FUNDS BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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The Board of Directors of the Knoxville Jewish Community Family of Funds thanks the Knoxville Jewish community, the Knoxville Jewish Alliance staff, and the East Tennessee Foundation for their support and encouragement. The KJCFE encourages you to help insure the healthy future of our Knoxville Jewish community by including a commitment to the KJCFE in your financial and estate planning.

To learn more about KJCFE philanthropic opportunities, call 690-6343 or visit [www.jewishknoxville.org/kjcf](http://www.jewishknoxville.org/kjcf)

# Jewish Congregation of Oak Ridge



## Upcoming JCOR Events

**Saturday, February 3, 7:00 p.m.**

### **Jewish Film Series**

#### ***Above and Beyond***

USA/Israel, 2015, NR, 1hr 27m

Chronicling a little-known slice of history, this absorbing documentary looks at a diverse group of veteran World War II pilots who defied the U.S. Neutrality Act and volunteered to fly for Israel at a critical moment in its battle for independence.



**Sunday, February 4, 8:00 a.m.**

### **World Wide Wrap 2018**

The Mensch Club invites all men to join us as we lay Tefillin together with our fellow men from all over the world. We will be on a live video call with other clubs in our region. Bagel breakfast will be served.

**Sunday, February 4, 5:00 p.m.**

### **JCOR Super Bowl Party**

Join us on Super Bowl Sunday, in the JCOR Social Hall to watch **Super Bowl LII** (52), starting with the pre-game show. Watch the game projected on the big screen while you enjoy vegetarian chili, chips, dips and soft drinks (or you may bring your own beverage). The cost is **\$25 per person** over 18; kids eat free.

**RSVP by Friday, February 2**, to Jim Bogard at (865) 806-8069; bogardjs@comcast.net.

All proceeds benefit the **JCOR Building Fund**.

**Saturday, February 10—after morning services**

### **Rabbi's Study Session**

*Hillel and Shammai*—In the 1<sup>st</sup> century c.e., when many things were going wrong for the Jews, the sages Hillel and Shammai defined what was going right.



**Jewish  
Congregation  
of Oak Ridge**

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.

## Donations to Oak Ridge Hadassah

- ★ Condolences to Reeva and the entire Abraham family on the death of Marvin, from Mira Kimmelman
- ★ HMO card to Blanche Dresner on her birthday from Mira Kimmelman

## 2018 Hadassah Youth Aliyah Concert Audition Times Set

Hadassah Youth Aliyah Concert auditions will be held **Sunday, March 11** at the First United Methodist Church of Oak Ridge, 1350 Oak Ridge Turnpike, Oak Ridge, TN 37830 between 2:00-5:00 p.m. Young music students (of any age but must not have yet graduated high school) are invited to register online at <http://yaconcert.org>. Students should audition on only one instrument, and students of voice are of course welcomed. The deadline for registration is **February 20, 2018**. Students/teachers who do not have access to the internet may call Anne Greenbaum at 927-4488.

For over 50 years Oak Ridge Chapter Hadassah has sponsored this annual concert giving talented young musicians from across East Tennessee an opportunity to perform a variety of music. Students are invited to audition before a panel of esteemed judges, including Maestro, cellist, and Director of the Oak Ridge Symphony **Dan Allcott**.

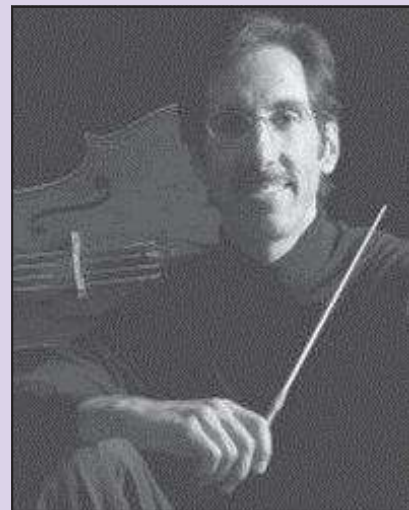
Dan Allcott is an Associate Professor of Music at Tennessee Tech University where he is Director of Orchestras and Instructor of Cello. He is also Music Director of the Bryan Symphony Orchestra and the Oak Ridge Symphony Orchestra and Chorus.

Proceeds benefit children worldwide, many of whom are refugees, come from troubled families, or have very specific physical and emotional hardships.

### Hadassah Youth Aliyah Concert: April 8

The Hadassah Youth Aliyah Concert concert will be held **Saturday, April 8** also at the First United Methodist Church of Oak Ridge and is free to the public. Donations for Youth Aliyah will be accepted at the door.

**More information:** (865) 927-4488 or <http://yaconcert.org>.



Dan Allcott

## Donations to JCOR

### Yahrzeits

- ★ Lena Zion Alper from *Mel Sturm*
- ★ Leonard Polonsky, Clara Polonsky Feldman, & Rose Feldman from *Alice Feldman & Al Good*
- ★ Shmuel Levitin from *Victor & Avigail Rashkovsky*
- ★ George Berger from *Stephen Berger*
- ★ Rose Kravit from *Jim & Ronnie Bogard*
- ★ Sarah Levine Braunstein from *Catherine Braunstein*
- ★ George Schwartz from *Frank & Shirley Schwartz*

### Donations

- ★ In Memory of Marvin Abraham from: *CW Nestor, Cabell Finch, Penny Lukin, Jim & Ronnie Bogard, Dorothy & David Wilt, Bruce Tomkins, Alice Feldman & Al Good, Tricia McClam & Robert Greer, Lawrence Kaplan, Frank & Shirley Schwartz*
- ★ In Memory of David Scholze (son of William & Patti Segal) from *Penny Lukin, Jim & Ronnie Bogard*
- ★ In Memory of Marion & David Dragoon from *Penny Lukin*
- ★ In Memory of Barry Beck from *Penny Lukin*
- ★ In Honor of Mel Sturm from *Alice Feldman & Al Good*
- ★ Get Well Wishes for the Speedy and Full Recovery of Zane Bell from *Mel Sturm*

## JCOR Hosts and Hostesses

<b>February 3</b>	Fran Silver, Jill & Stuart Chasan, Karen Brunner
<b>February 10</b>	Gery & Vicki Osowiecki, Avigail & Victor Rashkovsky
<b>February 17</b>	Carolyn & Julian Stein, Rhonda & Ron Sternfels
<b>February 24</b>	Mel Tobias, Bruce Tomkins
<b>March 3</b>	Yardena & Moshe Yair, Sarah & David Stuart
<b>March 10</b>	Reeva Abraham, Ronnie & Jim Bogard
<b>March 17</b>	Linda & Zane Bell, Becky & George Charles
<b>March 24</b>	Catherine Braunstein, Jeannette Gilbert
<b>March 31</b>	Alice Feldman & Albert Good, Brenda & Sig Mosko

## JEWISH CONGREGATION OF OAK RIDGE

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*An Evening of  
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**PURIM DAY / THURSDAY**  
**MARCH 1, 2018**  
@ 5:30 PM  
LIGHTHOUSE KNOXVILLE  
6800 BAUM DRIVE

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**SEASIDE OPEN BAR (FOR THE ADULTS)**

Before Feb. 26:  
Adults \$15 Children (5 & up) \$10  
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*FOR MORE ON THE PURIM HOLIDAY: CHABADKNOXVILLE.ORG/PURIM2018*



# JAHRZEIT

## *Heska Amuna Synagogue*

### February 10

Louis Balloff ♦ Joseph Billig ♦ William Brotman ♦ Ethel Shirley Brown ♦ Logan Brown ♦ Harold Brown ♦ Ida Brown ♦ Yetta Burnett ♦ Isaac Cohen ♦ Mark Dischler ♦ Albert Fadem ♦ Abraham Fay ♦ Jack Feld ♦ Max Finkelstein ♦ Verne Gilbert ♦ Chaya Goodstein ♦ Louis Joffe ♦ Isadore Kleg ♦ Frances Klein ♦ Katie Manachoff ♦ Clarence Mann ♦ David Rabin ♦ Leibe Roodine ♦ Mollie Saroff ♦ Gertrude Wolf ♦ Harry Ziskind

### February 17

Monte Arthur Abrams ♦ Molly Emily Botnick ♦ Gerson Corkland ♦ Isaac Corkland ♦ Gertrude Danziger ♦ Herbert L. Davis ♦ Rose Delinsky ♦ Elizabeth Farkas ♦ Samuel Green ♦ Helen Gries ♦ Leonard Handler ♦ Carole Kramer ♦ Rose Leeds ♦ Alfred P. Levin ♦ Florence Lieberman ♦ Barnett Mackta ♦ Esther Mann ♦ Robert Moore ♦ Harry L. Moskowitz ♦ Nathan Oleshansky ♦ Kenny Palmer Isadore Presser ♦ Miriam M. Ring ♦ Max Robinson ♦ Yenta Roodine ♦ Doris Rothbart ♦ Ethel S. Rywell ♦ Randy Schwartz ♦ Morris Leonard Shagan ♦ Roslyn Shamitz ♦ Marilyn Shorr ♦ Abe Slovis ♦ Roberta Smith ♦ Anna Yetta Snyder ♦ John Walton ♦ Ethel Wittenberg ♦ Jeanette Ziskind

### February 24

Maida Bendes ♦ Lillian Ellin ♦ Charles Euster ♦ Sol Foster ♦ Sophia Geller ♦ Joseph Gluck ♦ Zelda Levin ♦ David Levine ♦ Herman Linke ♦ Rita Louise Nichols ♦ Fannie Pearce ♦ Paula Rader ♦ Ruben Robinson ♦ Nathan Samet ♦ Dave Scott ♦ Toby Slabosky ♦ Rita Solomon ♦ Aaron Wise ♦ Norman Wolf

### March 3

John Abrams ♦ Sarah Berry ♦ Hattye Bobroff ♦ Pauline Botnick ♦ Edith Brotman ♦ Lucille Bruskin ♦ Max Burnett ♦ Rudolph Deitch ♦ Geraldine (Gerry) Diftler ♦ Samuel Fayonsky ♦ Debby Freeman ♦ Mary Ginsburg ♦ Pearl Goodstein ♦ Albert Goodstein ♦ Annie Green, Leah Herz ♦ Ruth Kaplan ♦ Esther Kisilinsky ♦ Louis H. Klinkowstein ♦ David J. Leibowitz ♦ Bessie Liberman ♦ Edwin Markoff ♦ Yetta Nadler ♦ Ida Nius ♦ Oscar Pfeffer ♦ Elsie Rattner ♦ Morris Rattner ♦ Sam Rosenblatt ♦ Barney Schiff ♦ Elsie Shorr ♦ Esther Strauss ♦ Razelle Toronto ♦ Rae Weisberg ♦ Herman Werner ♦ Leah S. Wise ♦ Mayer Zucker

# JAHRZEIT

## TEMPLE BETH EL

### February 2

Albert G. Bessel ♦ Leo Diamond ♦ Gustave Dreyfuss ♦ BettyAnn Feldblum ♦ Frank Heart ♦ David Lee ♦ Paul Lee ♦ Regina W. Lippner ♦ Charlotte Loebel ♦ Harry Marshall ♦ Michael Massing ♦ Morris Reich ♦ Helen M. Siegel ♦ Bernard Silverstein ♦ Oscar Sisman ♦ Fannie Spiro ♦ Jeanne Daily Vogelfang ♦ Tom Watson ♦ Carolyn S. Ziegler

### February 9

David Bessel ♦ Mathis Bush ♦ Clarence Cole ♦ Julius Glassman ♦ George Gudis ♦ Robert Hyatt ♦ Helen Hyman ♦ Rose Imbrey ♦ Lela Lippner ♦ Harold Markman ♦ Bobby Mintz ♦ Doris Plachter ♦ Bettie Bloom Reich ♦ Phillip Herbert Robinson ♦ Dennis Silver ♦ Abe Slovis ♦ Frances Sturm ♦ Martin Traugot

### February 16

Rose Friedman ♦ Ira M. Jacobs ♦ Yetti Liebman ♦ Mariya Luchanskaya ♦ Dorothy Scott Moiger ♦ Roy Mostov ♦ Bertha Oleinik ♦ Kenneth Palmer ♦ Sam Pollack ♦ Inez Rayman ♦ Randall Schwartz ♦ Anne Simon ♦ Joan Berna Tumpson-Rivlin ♦ Samuel A. Wender

### February 23

Della Mae Childress ♦ Daniel Davis ♦ Herbert Davis ♦ Rabbi Matthew Derby ♦ Gussie Dresner ♦ Benjamin Epstein ♦ Jeffrey R. Epstein ♦ Leopold Fleischmann ♦ Deborah Rabin Freeman ♦ Yvonne Fribourg ♦ Jacob Joseph Gelber ♦ Erma Gerson ♦ Jerome S. Gerson ♦ Riva Golden ♦ Rose Greenberg ♦ Lucas Helm ♦ Blanche K. Jacobs ♦ Bertram H. Joseph, Jr. ♦ Hyman Kligman ♦ Yetta M. Konigsberg ♦ Sylvia Miller ♦ Isadore Misner ♦ Harry I. Moskowitz ♦ Sarah Nechamkin ♦ Eleanor Radoff ♦ Henrietta H. Samuel ♦ Annie Rebecca Striner

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## Hadassah Welcomes New Officers

On January 7, 2018, Hadassah Knoxville installed its new slate of officers for the 2018-2019 term. We met at the Airport Hilton and had a lovely buffet luncheon. Bonnie Boring, regional president, did a wonderful job discharging the old board and installing the new one. Our new president, Andrea Cone, got a lovely surprise in that all four of her children and her son-in-law came in from out of state to be there for this momentous occasion. We are excited for Andrea and her new board as they take off for 2018. Andrea and the Programming VPs, Shuli Mesa and Jean Begue, have put together quite a number of fun and informative programs in the coming months. Look for email, *Ha'Kol* reminders and notices on Facebook about all these activities. You can find the entire board list in this section of *Ha'Kol*.

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*New 2018-2019 board members from left to right: Shuli Mesa, VP Programming; Jenny Pfeffer, treasurer; Anita Kay, VP Membership; Harriet Cooper, recording secretary. Shown here with regional president Bonnie Boring who installed the board.*



## WHAT'S COMING UP 2018

### HADASSAH KNOXVILLE CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2018 Passion to Action

**Sunday, February 11**

**Wednesday, February 14**

**Thursday, February 15**

**Tuesday, February 20**

**Friday, February 23**

**Saturday February 24**

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**MITZVAH DAY, Arnstein Jewish Community Center, 9:30 a.m.**

**Executive and General Board meeting\*, AJCC, 7:00 p.m.**

**Women's League has invited Hadassah for Rosh Chodesh program with the director of the Community Coalition Against Human Trafficking, Heska Amuna Synagogue**

**BOOK CLUB\*\* Barnes and Noble Book Store on Kingston Pike, coffee shop area , 7:30 p.m.**

**HADASSAH SHABBAT, TBE, 7 p.m.**

**HADASSAH SHABBAT, Heska Amuna Synagogue, 9:30 a.m.**

**A First Hand View of ISRAEL TODAY**

**(potluck bring your favorite Israeli dish) FALAFEL BAR**

**TBD, 7:00 p.m.**

*\*Executive and General Board Meeting Generally, 3rd Wednesday of each month, some changes have been made.*

*\*\*BOOK CLUB Generally, 3rd Tuesday of each month, Occasionally dates and venues change, so check the community calendar, or the Hadassah page on the KJA website.*

More Hadassah Installation Highlights



Above: Yasher koach and thank you to the exiting board of 2016-2017: Harriet Cooper, recording secretary; Jenny Pfeffer, treasurer; Barbara Mintz, VP Membership; Laura Floyd, president; Andrea Cone, VP Programming.

Right: Hadassah Regional Vice President Bonnie Boring installs new board members on January 7.



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## Mazel Tov! Layette Opportunities Abound!

Lots of opportunities to celebrate new babies in our community. To contribute to our layette program or learn how to open and start a layette account, please contact **Judi Abrams** — [Judi.abrams@gmail.com](mailto:Judi.abrams@gmail.com) or (865) 617-6455.

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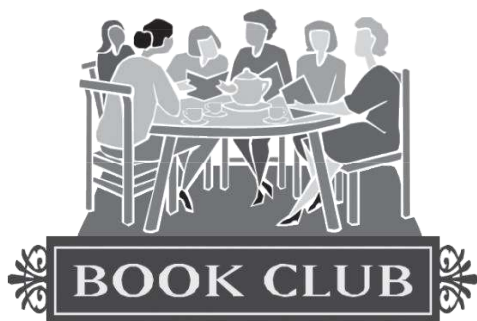
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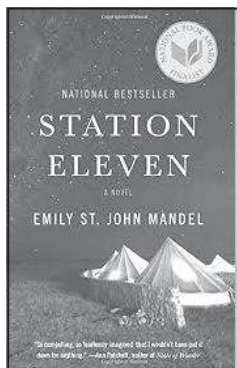
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## Hadassah Book Club News

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

Hope to see everyone for our **Tuesday, February 20, 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 *Station 11* by Emily St. John Mandel. (We postponed our January meeting due to snow and ice).



**Synopsis:** An audacious, darkly glittering novel set in the eerie days of civilization's collapse, *Station Eleven* tells the spellbinding story of a Hollywood star, his would-be savior, and a nomadic group of actors roaming the scattered outposts of the Great Lakes region, risking everything for art and humanity.

One snowy night a famous Hollywood actor slumps over and dies onstage during a production of *King Lear*. Hours later, the world as we know it begins to dissolve. Moving back and forth in time—from the actor's early days as a film star to fifteen years in the future, when a theater troupe known as the Traveling Symphony roams the wasteland of what remains - this suspenseful, elegiac, spellbinding novel charts the strange twists of fate that connect five people: the actor, the man who tried to save him, the actor's first wife, his oldest friend, and a young actress with the Traveling Symphony, caught in the crosshairs of a dangerous self-proclaimed prophet.

Sometimes terrifying, sometimes tender, *Station Eleven* tells a story about the relationships that sustain us, the ephemeral nature of fame, and the beauty of the world as we know it.

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

**March Book:** *The Red Tent* by Anita Diamant  
**April Book:** *Stay With Me* by Ayobami Adebayo



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# Hadassah Highlights

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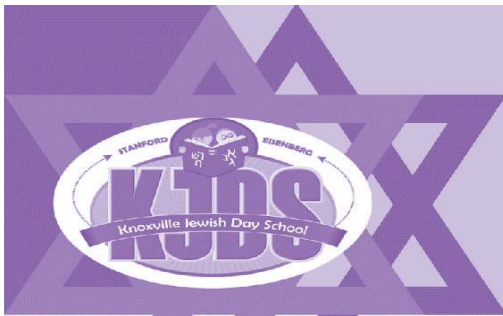
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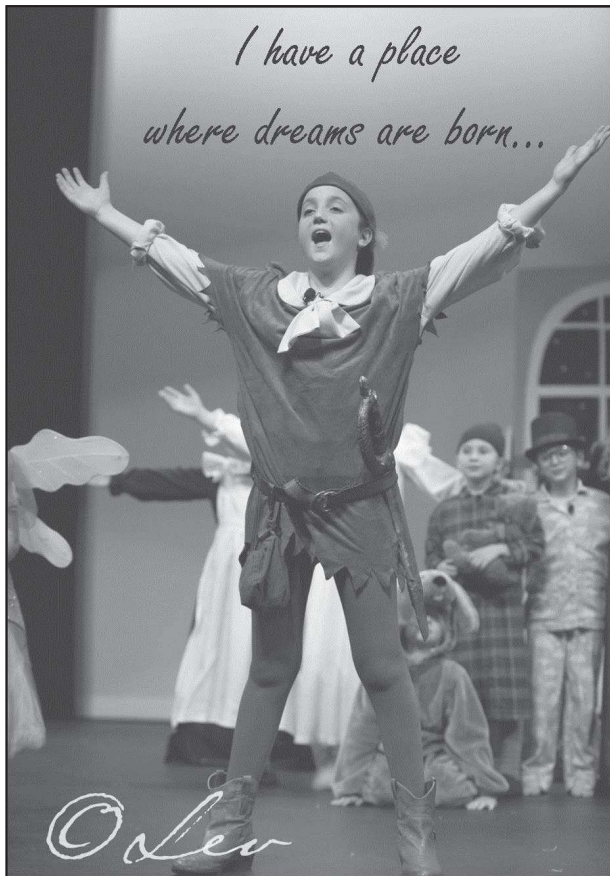
## STEAM Into Service Project Focuses on Sustainability

Prior to the winter break, students at KJDS wrapped up their STEAM Into Service unit on sustainability. During the unit, students became aware of why and how humans need to take care of the earth. And, their learning is evident everyday at school. The youngest students, from kindergarten through second grade, have been very focused on making improvements within the school. The students are making sure lights are turned off, even our youngest students have shared, very seriously, with the Head of School that, "There are too many Energy Hogs in the school!"

They created a tray for the workroom to encourage teachers to recycle paper. The students are now adamant that everyone use both sides of the paper. In addition, KJDS has seen a decrease in food waste as the students are weighing wasted food each day and graphing the weights. Wonderfully, the downward trend is consistent. Finally, the students organized a carpool day to decrease carbon emissions. Through this unit, students in kindergarten through second grade were truly empowered. They recognized that they can make changes that make a difference. When asked why we should take care of the earth, one first grade student responded, "because it is the only one, and I am part of it!"



*A group of K-2 students present to their friends their plan for carpool day to reduce our KJDS carbon footprint.*



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## Peter Pan, Jr. Performance Highlights

The KJDS performance of *Peter Pan Jr.* was well received by a packed house. Throughout the stages of preparing for these performances, our students master much more than acting skills. They gain confidence in public speaking, learn how to collaborate, learn to accept feedback and criticism, learn how to meet challenges, and they learn how to shine.

And at KJDS, we continue to nurture these skills long after the curtain calls.

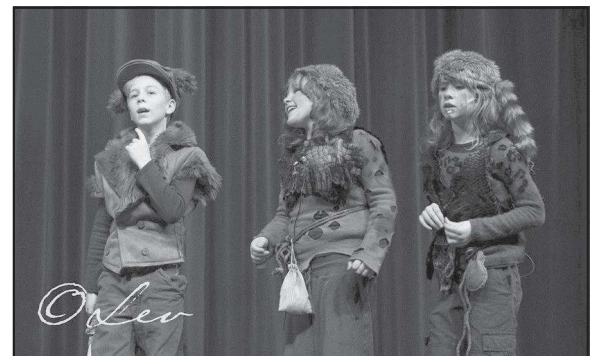
We've asked our leads how they felt about the play and here is what they had to say:

*"These plays helped me find my talent. I knew I liked to act but didn't realize I can perform at this level. KJDS has given me opportunities that have brought me other opportunities, like singing at the Eva Schloss event and being invited to sing with Dor L'Dor."* — **Stella**, Peter Pan

*"It was extremely fun to play Wendy and be on stage most of the time. I was nervous at first since I had so many lines. So many people helped me great ready. My friends helped me get ready. We'd practice together in the library at school and I'd go to their house and we'd practice. I am so excited that we actually did it and the crowd liked it!"* — **Sara**, Wendy

*"After the play i was like, Wow - I did that. I was so proud when people came to tell me what a great job I had done. I hope I get another such opportunity."* — **Liora**, Captain Hook

*"I was nervous as the show began, but once on stage I got into the play, I forgot about the audience and I had so much fun! This taught me that if there is something you want to do - Just do it!"* — **Cora**, Tiger Lily



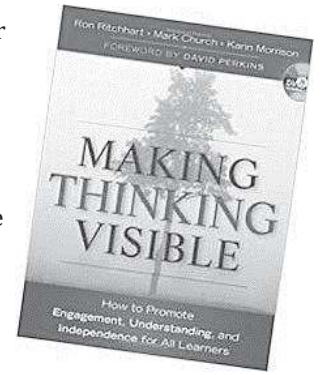
## KJDS Develops Critical and Creative Thinkers

A year long journey started when we put the book *Making Thinking Visible* into the hands of our every creative, self-reflective and lifelong learning staff. Committed to developing our students into creative thinkers and independent learners we've found the Thinking Routines in this book to be a great vehicle towards our goal.

Ms. Wulf, our 4-5 teacher, describes her students' experience with routines: "Learning to think critically is definitely a process; it's not something that happens overnight. As we embed thinking routines into the fabric of our learning, I see students take a step back and look at the bigger picture before responding, I also see them explore a question from various angles instead of settling with the first response that comes to mind. Kids tend to get stuck in a rut of seeing the world through their specific lens. Our goal is to get them to look at a given situation from varying viewpoints."

This is a long-term commitment to developing patterns of behavior in our students that will make them the deep and creative thinkers we know they can be. Thinking routines have been introduced in all subject areas including our staff professional development.

**Zoom In:** Students thought creatively using the Zoom-In routine in Hebrew class as they studied about the Torah. Students were shown a small portion of an image – after noticing details and hypothesizing what the image may be an additional portion of the image was revealed. Throughout the exercise students were asked to explain how their hypothesis had changed from the previous idea and what lingering questions remained around the image. By revealing only parts of the image at a time the students notice detail and components of the image they would have missed if they were looking at the entire image. It also demands of the learners to act as detectives to build up meaning in what they are seeing and justify their hypothesis.



**Tug of War:** Our staff used the routine called Tug of War before committing to integrating the Thinking Routines. The staff identified the two opposing sides of the dilemma, generated "tugs" for each side, determined the strength of each "tug," and made a well thought-out decision with everyone's voice heard.

## Students Travel Around the World to Ring in 2018

As 2017 came to end, our KJDS students traveled around the world to explore and learn about New Years traditions.

Students enjoyed making wooden dolls for good luck in Bolivia, decorated costumes and participated in a Junkanoo parade in the Bahamas. In Denmark, students learned about the tradition of smashing chipped or unwanted dishes in front of your buddy's home. In China, they looked at the zodiac and discovered what animal was associated with the year they were born, received a red envelope and enjoyed a dragon dance. In Israel, students celebrated the familiar New Year – Rosh Hashana. They reviewed their Rosh Hashana knowledge, baked honey cookies, pinned the shofar on the ram and of course, ate some apples dipped in honey.

In each country, students found the country on a map and learned about what makes each country unique. Our new year celebration supports more in depth geography and cultural studies our K-3<sup>rd</sup> graders are doing in their home room classes.



*Above: Students receive a red envelope as part of a Chinese New Years tradition.*

*Left: It is a New Years tradition in Denmark to smash chipped or unwanted dishes in front of your buddy's house.*



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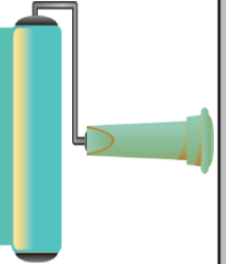
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