



Ha' Kol

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

January 2018

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Rabbi Erin C. Boxt Installation at *Temple Beth El*

Community invited

Friday, January 12

Dinner at 6:00 p.m.

Shabbat & Installation

Service at 7:00 p.m.

Celebratory dessert *Oneg*
to follow service



Temple Beth El

For more information,
dinner cost, and
to RSVP for dinner,
please contact the
Temple Beth El office at
(865) 524-3521 or email
secretary@tbeknox.org

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FOR MORE DETAILS.



TEMPLE BETH EL TIMES

13 Kislev-13 Tivet

Shalom Y'all

By Rabbi Erin Boxt

January? Really? Weren't we just in the summer? I really have been so blessed to have been able to spend these past 6 months with you. We have prayed together; we have cried together; we have celebrated together. And, there is so much more to come. Last month, in my article I excitedly explained about the partnership TBE has now with Reform Liturgist, Alden Solovy and Hebrew Union College. At the URJ Biennial in Boston, I was able to spend some time with Alden and celebrate the partnership. He is excited about it and we are too!!!



Well, this month, you will be able to celebrate with the "Boxt 5" as I am installed as your new rabbi. Although we have already had some great AND some really challenging experiences already, the Installation of a new rabbi makes it real! That's right - it will be official! My family and I are so excited to call TBE home and to see you as our extended family!

Every morning, right after I wake up, after my eyes have adjusted to the light, I think about all of the blessings I have in my life. There are times, however, I find my mind wandering and reflecting on the times in my life in which I may have questioned God's existence. I think of the death of my mom or of my best friend Mike Massing. I think of the funerals (too many) I have officiated here as a rabbi - here and at Temple Kol Emeth, my first congregation. You see - even rabbis question God. Even rabbis argue with God. It's ok - why? Simple: even in our disagreements or arguments with God, we are relating to God.

I believe with every essence of my being in a God that allows for each of us to wonder, to question when we do not understand. Sometimes, we may never find answers to our questions. This is ok, too. Part of the wonder of our world is the unexplained or unexplainable. Maimonides taught that we are to search for the answers to questions. Granted, Maimonides also taught we should observe all of the commandments of Torah, even in our searching for answers. I believe Maimonides was right - sometimes we do things and we really are not able to understand why. However, we should still seek answers to those questions.

In 2018, I hope we are able to continue to grow together as a loving, familial community. May each of us wake up every day, thank God for the wonders and miracles in our lives, *and* reflect on those things that we are unable to explain. Always continue to have the conversation with God and with each other. As always, remember my door is open and I am available to speak with you whenever you need.

Dear friends - remember to stay warm and tell your family members you love them every day!

B'Shalom,
Rabbi Boxt

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TBE Installation Weekend Schedule

Friday, January 12

6:00 p.m.

Dinner / Installation service with dessert *Oneg* to follow

Saturday, January 13

10:00 a.m.

Torah Study with Cantor Yvon Shore, Director of Liturgical Arts and Music, Hebrew Union College/Jewish Institute of Religion, and Rabbi Boxt



Cantor Yvon Shore

6:00 p.m.

Havdalah Services - Led by Cantor Rosalie Boxt

Sunday, January 14

9:30 a.m.

Activities for TBE Religious School Students



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

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

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

Temple Topics

By Howard Pollock, TBE President

It is hard to believe just over a year ago I sat down and tried to write my first article for *Ha'Kol*. It was a bit unfamiliar since my writing experiences were generally limited to a much smaller audience. Since then, some of the topics flowed a bit naturally and others required a bit more exploration. All who contribute to this wonderful publication share stories related to a specific time of year, events within our own organization or tales of a more personal nature. Thank you for reading!

Temple Beth El was certainly busy this year. The energy and dedication of our congregants was on display at all times. We were delighted to welcome Rabbi Erin Boxt in July and have learned a great deal from him. We also welcomed new members to our Board and Executive Committee. Our Religious School has welcomed new students and appreciates the involvement of their families. Thank you to our new members. We look forward to you being part of Temple Beth El.

I have enjoyed developing new relationships as well as learning from others with far more experience than what I have. We are fortunate to have a number of dedicated volunteers all trying to keep the focus on serving the needs of our congregants. As a volunteer led organization there continue to be ways for each of you to participate and preserve the spirit of Temple Beth El.

A highlight of the upcoming year will be the installation of Rabbi Boxt on January 12, 2018. This is a very meaningful event for our congregation and Rabbi. There are a number of activities scheduled throughout the weekend. Please contact our office at 524-3521 or visit our web site at www.tbeknox.org for additional information. Best Wishes for a Happy and Healthy 2018.



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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.

www.tbeknox.org

Membership Committee Welcomes New Folks

We start off 2018 by wishing everyone a Happy and Healthy New Year! Temple Beth El is a small, friendly congregation of about 190 households. TBE is a spiritual and cultural centerpiece of Jewish life in East Tennessee. We have a vibrant and active religious school for children in pre-K through high school.

We would like to welcome and thank our newest members for joining TBE:

- ★ **Susan Millman** previously resided in Vancouver, WA and currently lives in Tellico Village. Susan has attended several Shabbat services, events and is looking forward to joining Sisterhood.
- ★ **Brenda & Barry Sherman** recently moved from Houston, TX. They currently reside in Loudon and are part of Tellico Village. They have looking forward with getting involved in the Jewish community.

We always encourage members, both existing and new, to become more involved by either volunteering at an event, joining a committee or joining the Board of Directors. We need your help to keep TBE strong; it's time **To Be Engaged!**

Three great resources to learn what TBE has to offer include:

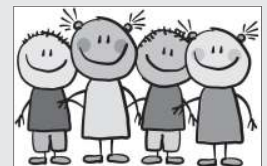
- TBE website at www.tbeknox.org
- *TBE Blast* every Tuesday via email
- *Ha'Kol* – monthly newsletter detailing happenings within the entire Knoxville Jewish community.

It is our sincere wish that you enjoy your time at Temple Beth El!

TEMPLE BETH EL WISHES OUR FAMILIES AND FRIENDS A HAPPY NEW YEAR

Please note that the
Temple Beth El Office
will be closed on
Monday, January 1
in observance of
New Year's Day.

Temple Beth El offers **COMPLIMENTARY** child care for young children *at every Shabbat Service*. Child care will begin at 6:45 p.m. and end approximately 8:15 p.m. (or at the end of services). All children must be picked up after services and are welcome to join us at the Oneg.



TBE Sisterhood Happenings

By Tammy Stone, Sisterhood President

I hope everyone had a wonderful Hanukkah and a Happy and Healthy New Year! We have a lot of great programs coming up this year.

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.

Remember, if you are new to TBE, your first year membership dues are waived. It is not too late to join! 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.

Our next program will be Sunday morning, January 21, 2018. Please watch future *Blasts* for more information.

Contributions to Temple Beth El Funds

Donations listed were received as of November 24, 2017

CARING COMMITTEE FUND

In memory of Lowell M. Dryzer

By: Scott and Lynn Dryzer

In memory of Meyer Weintraub

By: Ed and Linda Weintraub

CLARENCE STRASBURGER MUSIC FUND

In memory of my beloved father, Sol Richer

By: Nancy Jane Richer

ENDOWMENT FUND

In memory of Edith "Missy" Dickey

By: Chuck Dickey

ERMA GERSON COMMUNITY FUND

In memory of Ethel Misner

By: Bernice Gerson & family

GENERAL FUND

In memory of Ben Altshuler

By: Nancy and Dan Altshuler

In memory of Mimi Brody, Isadore

Brody, Zane Jordan & Marcia Silverstein

By: Ivan Brody

Donation by: Sari and Eric Kagan

Donation by: Anonymous

In honor of friendship with

Bob & Elaine Freeman

By: Shirley and Harold Freedman

In memory of Louisa Sasson

By: Grace and Steve Lewis

In memory of Robert Patrick Moss

By: Neil Moss

HERMINA BEILER FLORAL FUND

In memory of Jacqueline Selk

By: Hayley and Aron Goldfeld

In memory of Sam Ginsberg

By: Brenda and Barry Sherman

In memory of Khava Barkan

By: Lucy and Mark Barkan

In memory of Helen Epstein & Marvin Miller

By: Ron, Melissa & Rachael Feinbaum

In memory of Ida Markman

By: Ellen and Steve Markman

In memory of Bertha Lees

By: Barbara Winston and Marilyn Wohl

In memory of Elise H. Levy

By: Richard Licht and Shirley McGuire

LIBRARY ART GALLERY FUND

In honor of David Fleischmann exhibit

By: Brenda and Chip Rayman

MARX FAMILY EDUCATION FUND

In memory of Marcia Silverstein

By: Ellen and Steve Markman

PRESERVATION FUND

In honor of Leo Pollock's Bar Mitzvah

By: Renee' Hyatt and Paul Erwin

In memory of Marcia Silverstein

By: Karen and Alan Smuckler

Donation by: Anonymous

In memory of Murray Weinstein

By: Wilma Weinstein-Lomax and John

Lomax

Donation by: Anonymous

RABBI'S CIRCLE FUND

Donation by: Norma and Wes James

Donation by: Sari and Eric Kagan

RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

In memory of Frederick B. Millis & David Hiller

By: Jean and Susan Millis

In memory of Frank Moiger

By: Anita Worsham

In memory of Ken Brehne

By: Sandra Richard

Donation by: Nancy and Rick Zivi

SISTERHOOD TRIBUTE FUND

Donation by: Honerlin Del Moro

In memory of Harold S. Bernard

By: Maurice Greif

In memory of Marcia Silverstein

By: Karen and Brian Smith

In memory of Marcia Silverstein

By: Missy and Chuck Noon

In memory of Marcia Silverstein

By: Elaine and Bob Freeman

In memory of Marcia Silverstein

By: Geneva Scott

In memory of Marcia Silverstein

By: Delpha Bradley and Robert Tannert

In memory of Marcia Silverstein

By: Ava and Fred Radoff

In memory of Marcia Silverstein

By: Steve Ahillen and Linda Lange

In memory of Marcia Silverstein

By: Liz Gassel and Michael Pardee

In memory of Marcia Silverstein

By: Ebbie and Ron Sandberg

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Donation by: TBE Sisterhood

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Dankie Gracias شكراً
Спасибо Merci Takk
Köszönjük Terima kasih
Grazie Dziękujemy Dëkojame
Đakujeme Vielen Dank Paldies
Kiitos Täname teid 谢谢
Thank You Tak
感謝您 Obrigado Teşekkür Ederiz
Σας ευχαριστούμε 감사합니다
Bedankt Dëkujeme vám
ありがとうございます
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Temple Beth El Religious School January 2018 Update

By Norma James, Education Director, normajames@tbeknox.org

Midweek Classes Resumes January 10 and Religious School resumes January 14

TBERS Honors Rabbi Erin on Sunday, January 14 (MLK Sunday)

We will top off a wonderful weekend of celebration honoring Rabbi Erin's official installation as our new rabbi. We invite all of our families to join us for a breakfast at 10:00 a.m. followed by a brief program and presentation by our students and staff. We also welcome Cantor Yvon Shore who will be here to install Rabbi Erin on Friday evening. Remember, we always have Religious School with a social justice theme on MLK Sunday. As you know, social justice is very near to Rabbi Erin's heart, and we will have some special activities planned for this day. Our school day will still be 9:30 a.m.-noon as usual.



B'yachad Moves to Heska Amuna January 21

Temple Beth El hosted B'yachad for our first semester. Now Heska Amuna will host this wonderful program during the second semester. B'yachad still meets 10:00 a.m.-11:30 p.m. and the program is still done by the amazing Anna Iroff-Bailey. Anna's theme will be *Tu B'shevat*, the celebration of trees and our environment!

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 at (865) 719-2614 or email Anna Iroff 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!



Havdalah Hangout Returns January 27!

This was a huge success last year. We had 40 parents and students of all ages participate in this totally fun, totally relaxed evening. The program will be 5:00-7:00 p.m. with activities for all ages. Parents can relax and schmooze with each other while your children have a blast. This year we will have an easy potluck dinner followed by games, and of course, an ice cream Havdalah. Put Saturday, January 27 on your calendar.

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. Parents of the Chai class will host the oneg.

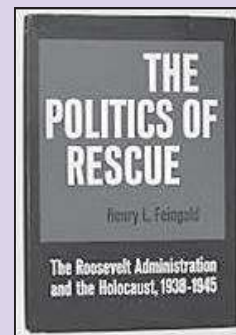
The Politics of Rescue: the Roosevelt Administration and the Holocaust, 1938-1945, 394 pp. by Henry Feingold (reviewed by Dr. Henry Fribourg)

Although Henry Feingold has written numerous books on the Holocaust, this book, written in 1970, is by far the most informative on policies about the refugee crisis of the late 1930s. Even though it centers on what the American government under FDR was attempting to accomplish about the Jewish crisis in Europe, the book also describes the actions and inactions of other governments in Europe and the Americas.

The Department of State, led by Cordell Hull, Sumner Welles, and Breckenridge Long, enforced strictly the rigorous quotas enacted by Congress in 1924, not even granting the number of authorized immigration and tourist visas; Long in particular led the efforts to exclude Jews and encouraged other countries to follow suit and delay the process until 1944, when it was almost too late to save but a few thousands. Some Jewish groups attempted to influence the State Department, Congress, and the President, with little effect. This was due to the fact that the numerous Jewish agencies and associations were unwilling to compromise their principles and present a united front in support of resettlements, particularly if potential havens were to be elsewhere than in British-controlled Palestine.

Aware of the vocal xenophobic isolationists among the unconcerned and apathetic public, FDR did little to counteract these actions and inactions. He was concerned that the support for exclusion of alien refugees by powerful politicians in and out of Congress and in the War Department, could have severe political consequences and limit his covert efforts to prepare for the conflict which he felt was inevitable for the US. Most Americans were unconcerned and did not realize the extent of the on-going catastrophe to European Jewry and other minorities under way in the Third Reich, abetted by numerous collaborators in the conquered countries.

Those with interest in the Holocaust, whether in high school or beyond, should find this book rather useful; although the book might be considered old (published in 1970), the information within it is still relative to the world today.



JANUARY 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<p>1 New Years Day</p> <p>KJA Office closed HA & TBE office closed 9a Morning Minyan-HA</p>	<p>2</p> <p>9a-4p AJCC Preschool Optional Winter Program- <i>Registration Required</i> 6p Executive Comm-TBE</p>	<p>3</p> <p>9a-4p AJCC Preschool Optional Winter Program- <i>Registration Required</i> 9:30a Tai Chi-JCOR 5-7p STEM Scouts-AJCC BBYO Rm 7-8p Talmud Study-HA</p>	<p>4</p> <p>7a Morning Minyan-HA 9a-4p AJCC Preschool Optional Winter Program- <i>Registration Required</i> 11a Adult Ed/Torah Study -TBE 7:30-9:30p Israeli Dancing-Gym</p>	<p>5</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>6</p> <p>9:30a-noon Shabbat Service-HA 9:30a Shabbat Service- JCOR 7p Jewish Film Series <i>Norman: The Moderate Rise and Tragic Fall of a New York Fixer</i>-JCOR</p>
	AJCC Preschool—Winter Holiday — AJCC Preschool Closed					
<p>7</p> <p>9:30a minyan-HA 9:30a Religious School- HA 9:30a Adult Hebrew-HA 11:30a Hadassah Knoxville Installation- Airport Hilton 1-3p Pickleball Open Play -AJCC Gym</p>	<p>8</p> <p>AJCC Preschool First Day of School After Break 7a Morning Minyan-HA 9:30a Tai Chi-JCOR 11:30a JFS Comm Mtg- Orwitz Rm 6p KLA Exec Comm- Orwitz Rm 6-9:30p Fencing-Gym 7:15p KJA Board-Orwitz Rm</p>	<p>9</p> <p>6-9:30p Fencing-Gym 6:30p Board-TBE 7-9p Martial Arts-AJCC</p>	<p>10</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>11</p> <p>7a Morning Minyan-HA 11a Adult Ed/Torah Study -TBE 7:30-9:30p Israeli Dancing-Gym</p>	TBE Installation Weekend	
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KNOXVILLE

Join the Jewish Community as We March in Knoxville's MLK MEMORIAL PARADE

Monday, January 15

Line-up will be at 8:30 a.m. — Step-off will be at 10:00 a.m. from the Midway Chilhowee Park, 3300 E. Magnolia Avenue, Knoxville TN 37914

The purpose of the parade is to offer the community a visual and audible display in tribute to the life and works of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Many groups, organizations and individuals will be marching and you're invited to join us! The Knoxville Jewish Alliance registered for a place in the parade; we learn where we will be within the parade once we arrive.

The parade route and start location has changed this year, so contact either **Shelley Mangold** at smango500@gmail.com or **Renee' Hyatt** at renee.j.hyatt@gmail.com if you or your group plan to march with us.

The MLK Parade will begin at Midway (Chilhowee Park) which is located at 3300 E. Magnolia Avenue, Knoxville 37914. The Midway Chilhowee Park entrance is directly off of North Beaman Street, parallel to Martin Luther King, Jr. Avenue.

The MLK Parade route will end at Harriet Tubman Street, where the Memorial Tribute Service will take place at Overcoming Believers Church located at 211 Harriet Tubman Street, Knoxville 37915.

For more info, please visit www.mlkknoxville.com/2018

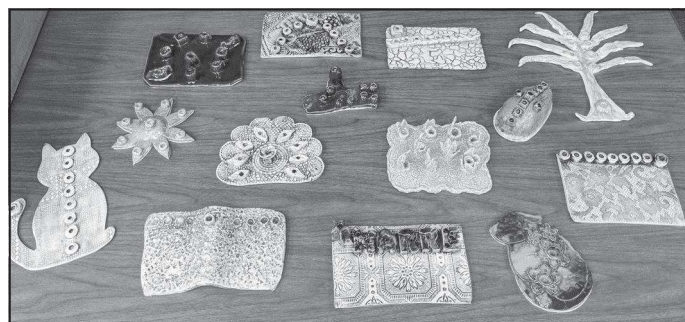


2016 MLK Parade marchers.

DIY Menorah Making Class Great Fun



Alexandra Gellis led a DIY menorah-making class at the Knoxville Arts and Fine Crafts Center. Participants created clay menorahs and selected glazes, which were applied and fired by Gellis. Thanks to Karen Ferency for organizing. Suggestions for potential future classes welcome! Above: Emily McCutcheon and son Jake Goldberg; top right: Carole Martin; and bottom right: Finished pieces are glazed And ready for pick-up— just in time for Hanukkah.





Knoxville Jewish Alliance

Ha'Kol

New KJA Board Welcomed; Former Members Honored

January 2018

The December 10 KJA Annual Meeting was bittersweet as attendees welcomed a slew of new officers and board members, while saying farewell to KJA Executive Director Deborah Oleshansky, who will be moving to Nashville and to Vice President Marilyn Wohl, who has served as an executive board member for more than 15 years. In addition to Wohl, outgoing officers include Adam Friedman, Judith Rosenberg, and Manny Herz.

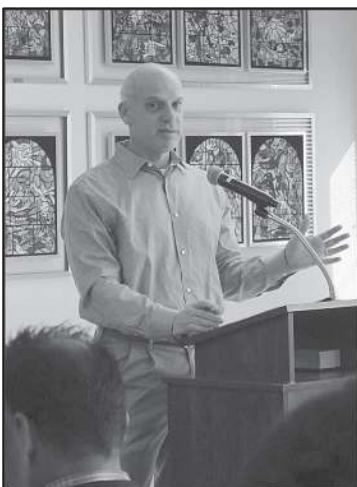
The KJA welcomes Chip Rayman as president; Bryan Goldberg as vice president of Jewish Community Services; Wes Johnson as vice president of public relations; vice president of education and culture Jean Begue; and at large board members Brad Holtz and Britt Sturm. Stephanie Kodish will chair long-range planning; Renee' Hyatt will chair Israel Partnership; Raphe Panitz will chair Cultural Arts; and Lev Comstock will chair Membership.

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L-R: New and former KJA Board members: Jake Cone, Britt Sturm, ReNee' Hyatt, Daniel Messing, Adam Brown, Adam Friedman, Wes Johnson, Chip Rayman, Martha Iroff, Bryan Goldberg, Debbie Abrams-Cohen, and Marilyn Wohl.



L-R: KJA Treasurer Daniel Messing discusses the financial news during the December 10 KJA Annual Meeting.

KJA Executive Director Deborah Oleshansky thanks outgoing Vice President of Community Services Marilyn Wohl for her 15-plus years of service on the KJA Board and for volunteering to bake delicious challah for years of UT Hillel campus Shabbat dinners.

KJA President's Remarks

By Chip Rayman, chiprayman@gmail.com

When I left the meeting with Deborah, Adam and Mary Linda, I called my wife, Brenda. I told her, after a little emotion, that I was going to be the next President of the Knoxville Jewish Alliance and - that I was scared to death!

And we are going to do this without an Executive Director for a while – particularly the most wonderful Executive Director – Deborah.

I don't know a lot of you in the community. That's my fault.

When we came to Knoxville, we did not affiliate, moved away, affiliated with a small congregation in West Tennessee, and then came back to Knoxville.

I felt bad about not being a part of Jewish life in Knoxville. So for the past 5-6 years, Bren and I have been trying to make up for that by joining, doing, and paying. We are attending as many functions as possible and the calendar can be overwhelming. You will see us a lot, together. Where I am lacking in computer skills, she has them. Where I am lacking in social skills, she counsels me. Where my English falters, she's the editor.

I will make some mistakes. Hopefully not like the time serving on the Temple cemetery committee, I buried someone in the wrong plot. Don't worry. We fixed it, but it was a \$1,200 mistake and it still haunts me (pun intended). I will give back to them someday.

I will make some people mad. Like the time, as Rosh Hashanah parking "Overseer," I denied a congregant the place he wanted to park. But after some Russian vodka and a few *Nostrovias*, all was good.

You know I will have some "Larry David" moments.

Our only child, Seth, has been teaching at Hardin Valley Academy for 10 years or so. He still has a passion for teaching. He has been nominated almost annually as one of four "Teachers of the Year" from Hardin Valley. His wife, Jennifer, is East Tennessee Coordinator for Project Brain and Curriculum Coordinator/Trainer for the State of Tennessee for Project Brain.

Our only grandson, Jackson, attends our 3 Star rated - in all categories - AJCC Preschool! He's a delight and a whole lot of fun!

My background has been mostly managing small business, some my own business, some for others. Mostly, I've been a paper pusher. Our last 15 years we were at UT. I retired as an Assistant Director of Facilities.

Bren retired as Graduate and Undergraduate Catalog Editor and Curriculum Coordinator. She produced the undergraduate and graduate catalogs each year and managed undergraduate and graduate courses and programs in the curriculum system.

Before retiring, she accomplished her goal of moving from printed catalogs to an on-line catalog management system.

All I promise is great effort!

So let's start this journey and see how I do.



January Friendshipshippers

TRIVIA

CHALLENGE

The **January 17 Friendshipshippers program** features a trivia "competition" emceed by the one and only Marty Iroff.

Our fun-filled program meets on **Wednesday, January 17**, with lunch at **noon** and our Trivia Game starting at **1:00 p.m.** All are welcome. *You don't have to be 55 and up; we don't card at the door!*

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

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



Yasher Koach and Thank You to Special AJCC Preschool Volunteers

AJCC Preschool parents Bryan Goldberg, Brian DeBolt, and Fain Perrin rolled up their sleeves one fall weekend and built a retaining wall for the AJCC Preschool Playground. This is volunteer country and we appreciate their willingness to help with some needed repairs.

Please join us in extending our appreciation for their willingness to help us with an important project.

MCDC/AJCC Preschool Reunion Celebrates Superheroes, Friends

The December 2 Milton Collins Day Camp/AJCC Preschool Reunion celebrated current and former staff students and campers. Hundreds gathered to schmooze, re-aquaint themselves with friends and to surprise Mr. Rodney with a special "Superhero Award."



Current and former AJCC Preschool staff join Mr. Rodney in celebrating decades of "The Most Fun Under the Sun."



MCDC summer counselors enjoy schmoozing. Many were former campers.



KJA Executive Director Deborah Oleshansky, Mr. Rodney Monroe, and AJCC Early Childhood Director Kristen Cannon



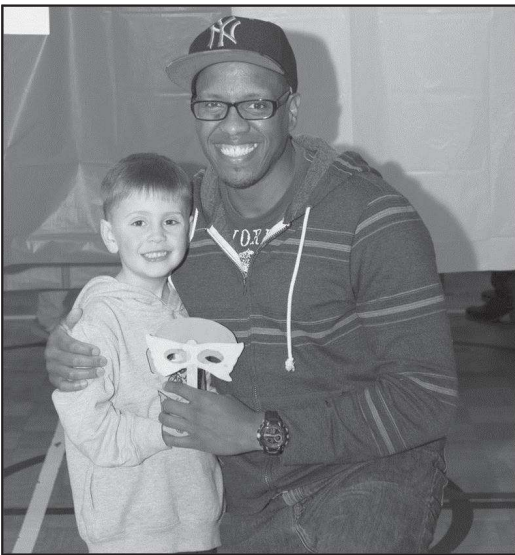
A special thank you goes to Archivist Nicole Russler and the Archives Committee, which rounded up photos and scrapbooks for guests to browse through and in some cases, help identify people in the photos.

Karen Robinson, Pace Robinson, and Stephen Rosen look through one of the scrapbooks at the MCDC Reunion.

Special thanks to Lev Comstock and Michael Messing for reunion photographs.



David Oleshansky's cotton candy was a big hit at the MCDC/AJCC Preschool Reunion!



Mr. Rodney's a superhero to many.



Katey Humes Marina and son enjoy Petro's at the MCDC Reunion.



Budding superheroes—young and older—enjoy Petro's and cotton candy at the MCDC/AJCC Preschool Reunion held on December 2 at the AJCC.

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!

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Hundred Enjoy KJA WinterFest & Hanukkah Fun

The scent of hot latkes and sweet cotton candy, excited whoops of children playing, and the intently focused children creating special artwork and menorahs were part of a special afternoon enjoyed by hundreds at the Arnstein Jewish Community Center on December 10. Thank you to all the groups and volunteers who made this a special afternoon for families and friends.



*L-R:
Children enjoy
decorating
doughnuts, crafts,
and face painting.*

*Kalisa Parsons helps
youngsters paint
menorahs at a craft
table.*



L-R: Holiday crafts were very popular WinterFest activities. Children could color, create menorahs and dreidels, decorate doughnuts and more at eight stations throughout the AJCC Gym.

Rachel Zemel Ortiz's daughter Zahava is dressed in her Hanukkah finery.



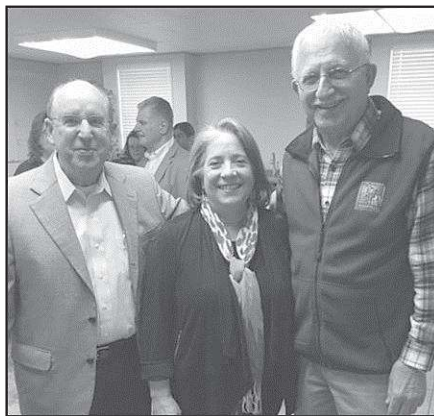


BBYO Connect middle schoolers enjoy Premier Athletics and Pizza at a recent outing. Jewish youth grades 5-8 are welcome to join us. For information on 2018 activities, please email Shelly Abrams at Shellylynnrn@aol.com to join the BBYO mailing list.

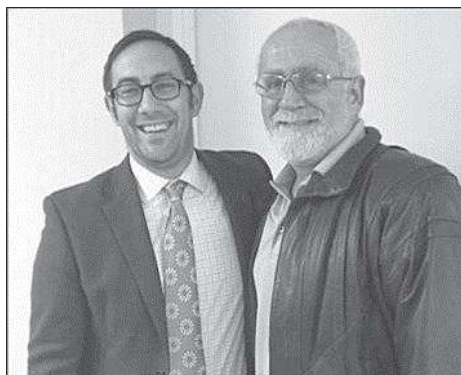
Mayor Rogero Shares Israel Trip Insights

Mayor Madeline Rogero joined other U.S. mayors on a trip to Israel sponsored by the American Jewish Congress’ Project Interchange, which is an educational institute that brings opinion leaders and policy makers to Israel for a week of intensive travel and learning. Participants experience Israeli society, connect with their Israeli counterparts and learn about Israel’s extensive contributions in their fields.

Chip Rayman, Knoxville Mayor Madeline Rogero, and Bernie Rosenblatt chat after Mayor Rogero’s November 29 talk about her recent visit to Israel. The talk was hosted by the Knoxville Jewish Alliance.



Dov Wilker, AJC Regional Director, and Alan Krichinsky visit at the Rogero talk. The AJC sponsors Project Interchange, which coordinated Mayor Rogero’s trip.



January PJ Library Events

Community Dinner

Friday, January 5

Details: program@jewishknoxville.org

Mommy Meet-Ups

January 8* & 17 First Monday 9-10:30 a.m. and third Wednesday 3:30-5 p.m. at The Empty Cup, 9111 Executive Park Drive. *Please note we’re meeting January 8 because New Year’s Day falls on January 1.



MLK, Jr. Day: PJ Library Party & Story Time

Enjoy Kindness to Others theme and pizza dinner

Monday, January 15, 4:00-6:00 p.m.

AJCC Orwitz Room



PJ Library Tu B’Shevat Program

Sunday, January 28

Check online calendar for time






Please “LIKE” PJ Library Knoxville on Facebook for event details, photos, and information or contact Ally Wiener at program@jewishknoxville.org for information.



Milton Collins Day Camp — Most Fun Under the Sun

2018 WEEKLY SESSIONS

DATES, THEMES, ACTIVITIES		AGES & PRICING
 Week 1 May 29 - June 1 NO CAMP MAY 28	MOST FUN UNDER THE SUN Pump it Up Fieldtrip	MCDC Camp: Rising K - 6 th grade
Week 2 June 4 - June 8	SUMMER SAFARI Late Night/Overnight Zoomobile Program	TAPS (Teen Adventure Program) Rising 7 th - 9 th grade Includes: team building, leadership & community service opportunities
Week 3 June 11 - June 15	TENNESSEE ROAD TRIP 4 th & Up - Heritage Center Fieldtrip K-3 Museum of Appalachia Fieldtrip Song & Dance Party with Bob Grimac	
Week 4 June 18 - June 22	KIDVENTURE Late Night/Overnight Michael Messing Program Karate Program	
Week 5 June 25 - June 29	WATER WEEK 4 th & Up - World’s Fair Park Fieldtrip K-3 McFee Park Fieldtrip Waterslide Inflatable	WEEKLY SESSION FEES: 1 week: \$ 285.00 2 weeks + : \$ 250.00 per week (registered at same time) Does not apply to Specialty Camps
 Week 6 July 2 - July 6 NO CAMP JULY 4	AMAZING RACE Late Night/Overnight 4 th & Up Bowling Field Trip	DISCOUNTS: AJCC Annual Members 5% (session fees only) Sibling Discount 5% (does not apply to 1 st child registered)
Week 7 July 9 - July 13 	MAD SCIENTISTS 4 th & Up Oak Ridge Public Pool Fieldtrip K-3 Children’s Museum & Cedar Hill Park Fieldtrip July 10 th - Kaleidoscope Making with Bob Grimac Science & Magic Show Friday - Star Wars Day	
Week 8 July 16 - July 20	COLOR WARS Late Night/Overnight	
Week 9 July 23 - July 27	SPORTS MANIA Putt Putt Golf & Games Late Night & Camp Finale Soccer Program with Chris Carroll	
Specialty Camp 1 Horseback Riding Blue Point Stables, Lenoir City	Session 1: June 4 - June 8 Session 2: June 25– June 29	

SPECIALTY CAMPS

Specialty Camp 2 Camping Adventure	June 18 - June 22 Overnight Camping 2 Days	4 th grade and up \$ 315.00
Specialty Camp 3 STEM Camp	July 9 - July 13	2 nd - 5 th grade \$ 315.00
Specialty Camp 4 Mini Adventure Camp	July 30 - August 3	Open to all grades \$ 315.00
Specialty Program 1 Running with Alex Goldberg	Weeks: 2 3 4 5 7 7:30 - 8:30 a.m.	\$ 25.00 per session Parents welcome to run as well



The AJCC Preschool playground provides a fun and safe place for outdoor play and fresh air. If you know of parents of three- and four-year-olds who are interested in an outstanding Three-Star-rated preschool program, please ask them to contact Kristen Cannon at kcannon@jewishknoxville.org.

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Did you know....

The AJCC Preschool offers after-school Tennis, Soccer, Dance, Basketball and so much more...

For more information, contact the following:

- Tennis – www.clubsports4kids.com
- Soccer – www.carrollsportsacademies.com
- Twinkle Toes – www.gotwinkletoes.com
- TOTS – www.teamsoftomorrow.com



AJCC Preschool Inclement Weather Policy

PLEASE REMEMBER:
 For weather-related closings,
 refer to www.wbir.com or
www.wate.com
 for public announcements.



Cleaning Closets Over Winter Break?

Please donate **gently-used children's clothing (infant-young adult sizes), toys, and games** to the AJCC Preschool. Items are sold at a consignment event and the proceeds benefit our preschoolers. Collection bins are located in the AJCC Gym.

We also collect **children's costumes** for an Israeli children's home for their Purim celebrations. (No gory or horror themes, please!).

Heska Amuna Synagogue

HaShofar



What a Great Weekend!

By Alon C. Ferency

Nearly 100 people joined us for our 5778 Heska Amuna *Kallah!* Everyone had an amazing time at Cumberland Falls State Park.

We arrived early on Friday. Several kids sang along with me for an amazing Choot'nanny. Then, we had a great dinner and a wonderful mixer organized by Marilyn Liberman. All the kids went to bed, and the adults stayed up for the Rabbi's *Tisch*: learning the Jewish History of Bourbon, singing songs, making toasts over small-batch whiskeys (thanks to Ashe's Wine & Spirits), telling Chassidic tales, family stories, and jokes.

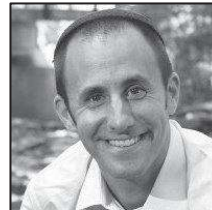
Saturday morning, many people went on a beautiful nature walk to see the local falls. (I'm told you can see a moonbow if the moon is just right.) Nancy Becker led a wonderfully spirited worship while Bella Wolitz and Betty Golub organized a kids' service. The afternoon was filled with many options; I wasn't able to attend them all since I was busy entertaining many of our children, but I heard that Josh Gettinger's lecture on *Joseph, Oedipus, and the Moral Arc of the Universe* was spectacular. The panel on *Judaism and the Law* went amazingly well, thanks to Bernie Bernstein, Josh Hedrick, and David Wolitz. Bernard Bendriem led a moving havdalah service, and then we had a heartily laugh-inducing activity to plan the Synagogue of the Future – open, inclusive, mobile – which results you can see in the Synagogue foyer display case. Saturday evening concluded with a warm bonfire and s'mores, and then many people retreated to watch *The Force Awakens*.

We woke up happy, stuporous, and relaxed, then had one final breakfast before organizing care packages for the local city homeless. In our closing circle we shared some of the special moments and words that the retreat made us think of: nature, happiness, relaxation, peace, family, community. We all sang a beautiful *shechehiyyanu*, and wistfully returned home.

Hearty thanks and *mazal tov* to: Mary Ann Merrell and Betty Golub, who made planning, executing, leading, and enjoying a retreat look easy and seamless; our grantor and mentor The Kallah Project and Rabbi Barb Moskow; the Cumberland Falls State Resort Park staff; the Sturm family and the Bradley Sturm Memorial Fund (providing funding for all 28 of our children to attend); The Wendy and Theodore Besmann Fund (funding for the *Kallah Tikkun Olam* project originated by Zach Scott); The Women's League (for childcare and hospitality bags); activity leaders Bernard Bendriem, Bernie Bernstein, Ted Besmann, 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; and our organizing, program, and logistics team: Nancy Becker, Bernard Bendriem, Jeannie Bobroff, Janet Gurwitch, Kim and Josh Hedrick, Barb Levin, Rabbi Moskow, Jenifer Ohriner, Bella and David Wolitz; babysitters Sarah Siegel, Carly Thomas, and Grace McClean – and our official *Kallah* photographer Jack Benhayon!

If you're thinking of coming next year, ask participants about their experience. So far, feedback has been overwhelmingly positive. We hope you will decide to join us next time!

During a festive evening at the Kallah, we recreated the tribes of Israel to "compete" for the most outstanding design of what the synagogue of the future would be. From the tribe of Zebulun comes the design of a synagogue that will be built on Mars; note that we are still located near a church where overflow parking will be! The image was designed in the shape of Arnold Schwarzbart's masterful shtender. From the tribe of Asher comes a masterful design of an under-the-sea synagogue, designed for both narwhals and our hearty defenders of the faith alike. To see the creative synagogues of the future from all of our tribes, just take a look in the display cases in the foyer.



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Jewish Life at Home

JLAH:
Tu B'Shevat
January 28,
9:30-12:30

All are invited to celebrate and learn together at JLAH: Tu B'Shevat! JLAH is a community learning program presented by Heska Amuna Women's League. We will learn all about Tu B'shevat – the rituals, texts, food, decorations, music and how to celebrate this fun holiday in your own home! There are classes for adults, children, and families. Lunch is also provided. Something for EVERYONE!

What I Think of When I Hear “The Pride of the Southland”

By Mary Ann Merrell, Heska Amuna Synagogue President

I used to automatically hear “Rocky Top” or see a “Power-T” in my mind’s eye when I heard the words, “the pride of the Southland.” But now, I see a brilliant image of Heska Amuna Synagogue and our congregants who ventured into the role of Torah readers on Simchat Torah.

You can always sense the pride we share in watching our religious school children step to the bimah as they navigate leading services in preparation for their bar or bat mitzvah. But at Simchat Torah this year, as a congregational family, we shared a collective moment of wide-open pride (and even cheers) as readers of all ages stepped forward and chanted Torah, many for the very first time. For any congregation, sharing the first time anyone reads Torah is a special moment, but Simchat Torah at Heska Amuna Synagogue was a veritable feast for us all.

Yasher kochachem! Students from the religious school who prepared readings included Jonah Mesa, Elizabeth Floyd, Eryn Mesa, Remy Langer, Avi Rowe, and Liora Rowe. But it doesn’t stop there! Rick Brown, Jeannie Bobroff, Paul Mareth, Shannon Martindale, and Adam Rowe also shared their adventurous spirits and newly-honed skills of chant with us. (And special thanks to Janet Gurwitsch who shared the idea of the children chanting Torah to celebrate Simchat Torah with us).

We hope to enroll these trailblazers into our **Yad Squad** – and we want to enroll you, too! The **Yad Squad** is a program suggested by a gentleman who often enjoys Shabbat with us; it is designed to encourage, promote, and recognize those who lend their talents to our services.

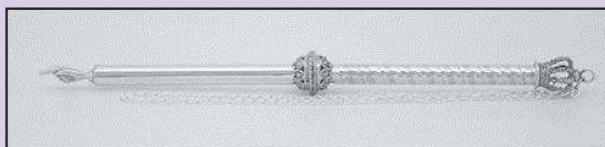
“Hey, are you talkin’ to me?” You bet I am!

In addition to a variety of recognitions, program participants reaching the highest level also will receive their very own yad. Recognition levels are:

- 10 Points – Bronze Yad - ברונזה
- 15 Points – Silver Yad - כסף
- 20 Points – Gold Yad - זהב
- 25 Points – The Yad - יד



Celebrating our future members of the Yad Squad, from left, Elizabeth Floyd, Eryn Mesa, Jonah Mesa, Avi Rowe, Adam Rowe, and Liora Rowe.



How are points earned? It doesn’t get easier than this!

- Torah reading – 2 points; Haftarah reading – 4 points
- Leading a service (minyan, Shabbat, or holidays) – 3 points per service
- Celebrate your Bar/Bat Mitzvah anniversary by re-reciting your haftarah; (you don’t have to give your thank-you speech again, unless you want to) – 5 points!
- Don’t know Hebrew? Not a problem!! Offer a D’var Torah for 5 points!

Points can be accumulated individually or as a family, too. We look forward to celebrating you with you!

We all have a role to play to assure that our Heska Amuna Synagogue traditions and ritual expressions remain vibrant for all generations to come. And if perchance you might be thinking you don’t have time or you don’t know how to do this or that, just remember: we have a more-than-willing cadre of teachers and congregants that welcome the opportunity to share their know-how with you. Consider the possibilities!

Sign up by contacting the Rabbi & Religious Services committee at RRS@heskaamuna.org or hop online to the **Yad Squad** “Sign Me Up” form at www.heskaamuna.org.

Women's League Shabbat at Heska Amuna: Expanding Our Mission with a Fresh Perspective

Friday and Saturday, January 19 and 20

Each year the women of Heska Amuna celebrate in January with a special Shabbat service. In earlier times before the 1990's, this was the only time of the year when women could participate fully in the services by reading Torah and davening. As an egalitarian congregation, the newness of this experience is sometimes forgotten because of the ease with which so many women congregants now participate. Women's League Shabbat celebrates this change and remembers those who worked to make this possible.

This year, 2018, as part of the new goals for Heska Amuna Women's League, the invited speaker for the weekend comes from the world of academia. Professor Rachel Gordan will present her work on mid-twentieth century American Judaism as part of a Shabbaton for Women's League members, all Heska Amuna congregants, and the broader Knoxville community. Heska Amuna Women's League (HAWL) anticipates active discussion and input from those who attend. It is an opportunity to broaden our viewpoint on where we came from and where we are going. (See attached schedule for Dr. Gordan.)

The National Women's League has set aside this Shabbat, **January 19 and 20, 2018** as a time to remember the woman who organized Women's League in 1918, Mathilda Schechter. Mathilda Schechter was the wife of Solomon Schechter, the first president of the Jewish Theological Seminary. This Shabbat is a continuation of the 100-year anniversary for the Women's League. As part of the national agenda, the concept of *Mah Tov* (How majestic are your tents, O Israel!) has been chosen as a theme. Special recognition of the work of women who contribute to the care and beautification of the synagogue will be part of the celebration. Heska Amuna will also recognize those who have contributed to making the "tent" of the synagogue more home-like and congenial. At Heska Amuna, the Women's League recently replaced 30+ year old ovens with new ones, which will be marked with festivity during this weekend. (See related story.)

Heska Amuna Women's League has a busy schedule planned for the coming months. Don't miss the **Jewish Learning at Home (JLAH)** session scheduled for **January 28** or **Mitzvah Day** in February. Membership renewals for Women's League went out in December and will be due by the end of January. Join us for the opportunity to learn with Dr. Gordan and to work together for Heska Amuna and the broader Knoxville community.

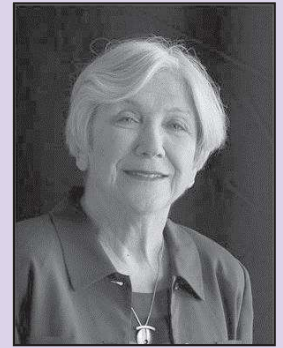
Women's League Shabbaton Schedule: Exploring Modern Jewish History with a Guide

Professor Rachel Gordan of the University of Florida Religious Studies and Jewish Studies Departments will join the Heska Amuna Women's League for a weekend of study and sisterhood.

Dr. Gordan is a historian who has focused on the Jewish experience in the 20th century. Besides her thesis work on the development of Judaism as a modern American religion, she has also published critiques and reviews on movies and writers of that period. She is a graduate of Yale, where she majored in American studies and wrote about the Hadassah organization in the 1950's for her senior thesis. She has a master's from Yale Divinity School, and her Ph.D. is from Harvard's Committee on the Study of Religion. She was a postdoctoral fellow in religious studies at Northwestern University and was a Ray D. Wolfe Postdoctoral Fellow at University of Toronto. Professor Gordan is an alumna of the Bronfman Youth Fellowship and recently presented on her work to the Bronfman Alumni Reunion in New York.

Professor Gordan will present a D'var Torah at **Shabbat services on January 20** and will also lead an informal movie review session on **Saturday evening** following Havdalah. The topic for the evening discussion will be the 1947 Academy Award-winning movie, *Gentlemen's Agreement*, starring Gregory Peck, which is about anti-Semitism. The book upon which the movie is based was written by Laura Z. Hobson, a daughter of Russian-Jewish immigrants. On **Sunday morning**, she will discuss why the mid-twentieth century was the era when Judaism became an American religion which is the topic of her book-in-progress. She will be joined by a panel of local discussants, including Mary Linda Schwarzbart. The session will include break-out groups for a discussion of this topic and its impact on daily life in Knoxville.

Please plan on joining Heska Amuna Women's League in welcoming Rachel Gordan to the community and enjoy this refreshing historical perspective on where we are as Jews in America now.



Barb Levin



Professor Rachel Gordan

What's Up at Heska Amuna Religious School?

By Betty Golub, Director of Youth and Family Programming

I like to delve into the meaning of our Tefillah. There are prayers that absolutely resonate to me. I admit that the Shema & Ve'ahavta are my favorite prayers. The Shema is between you and God and between you and your child. It is an expression of belief and affection. Feel free to express love for your child as you express love for G-d. Show your affection visibly. I explain to our children that we should all recite the Shema not only we get up each morning, but especially at night. Ritual is an important part of what holds us together as a family and as a Jewish family. We all have rituals that touch our lives. The purpose of a Jewish ritual is to provide us with a sense of connection with the Jewish people and to infuse into our lives a sense of belonging. This is an important value to pass onto our children.

Bedtime can be frenetic but it also can be turned into a family ritual. We can create Jewish rituals at bedtime that will create lasting memories for your child. Transforming bedtime into Jewish time lets your child understand that being Jewish is a way of life and a source of comfort. You can begin by just reciting the Shema or looking at colorful books. Books are tools that we can use to pass on our beliefs, family stories and values to our children in a pleasing and inviting way. Our Library is a wonderful resource for you to utilize. You can borrow books on holidays, bible stories, mitzvot, etc. You may also want to create a family album with help from your child. *Shutterfly.com* is a great resource to create your photo album. You can talk about your family tree and tell family stories at bedtime. You may want to include grandparents or other relatives in this new family tradition.

If we review the day we can make it holy since time is sacred. It gives us the opportunity to make the world a better place. Ask your child if he/she helped someone today or someone helped your child. Share with your child the highs and lows of your day. Together, you can make bedtime a very special Jewish time.



January Dates to Remember

Wednesday, January 10	Classes Resume
Sunday, January 14	School
Wednesday, January 17	School
Sunday, January 21	B'yachad at Heska Amuna & School
Wednesday, January 24	School
Sunday, January 28	School & JLAH

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, January 21 at Heska Amuna at 10:00 a.m.** 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!



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

- ★ January 21
- ★ February 11 – Mitzvah Day at the AJCC
- ★ March 25
- ★ April 22
- ★ May 6 (Location TBD)



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Lights & L'Chaim: A 🎵 Note 🎵 of Thanks

By Frank Floyd, Programming Vice Chair

The Lights & L'Chaim, A Holiday Blast on Sunday, December 3, was an evening filled with great music and food enjoyed by more than 225 people — and a huge success for Dor L'Dor and our religious school. First and most importantly, I want to thank Ken Brown for bringing forth his idea of giving a concert to benefit the religious school and donating Dor L'Dor's time, talent and love to this event. It was Ken's vision that launched this endeavor and inspired so many of us.

So how did we pull it off? First a committee was formed, meetings started and everyone involved began contributing their ideas, talents, time and hearts to this event. It is those contributions that I wish to recognize here. I extend my sincere thanks to Anna Iroff-Bailey for chairing our committee, a job that had so many facets that I can't begin to name them all - not the least of which was herding all us cats for many months. Thank you very much Anna. Thanks to Judith Rosenberg, Jared Iroff-Bailey and again Anna for their work on marketing and PR, Marty Iroff for keeping our books, Barbara Mintz for procuring volunteers and serving as liaison to Heska Amuna Religious School (HARS), Rabbi Alon Ferency and Bryan Merrell for securing so many generous donations from our corporate and private sponsors, Rick Brown for handling security and parking, Betty Golub, Jenny Parker Wood, and Julia Galanti for all the beautiful decorations, Beverly Wilcox and Shannon Martindale for happily letting us pile on more work for them in addition to their regular duties and Shannon for being our house manager, Marilyn Burnett and Pat Rosenberg for their gifts of food and time to prepare it, Stella Iroff for making her special baklava, everyone who worked the day of the event with merchandise, tickets, crowd control, kid control, trips to the store and on and on.

A huge thanks to my platoon of kitchen helpers, a group of almost 30 people who volunteered their time before and after Thanksgiving to prepare all of the delicious food. I wish I could list you all by name but I would need another half page of *Ha'Kol* that I don't have. Please know I do appreciate each and every one of you. Thank you to Marion and Larry Bayer for getting me through those intense hours in the kitchen before and after we began serving. There is no substitute for a pro in the kitchen. Thank you to all the runners who kept the food flowing from the kitchen to the buffet tables.

A special thanks to Laura and Elizabeth Floyd for allowing me to be absent from home for so many evenings leading up to the event. Thank you to Rick Brown, Virginia McClure, Shain Raley, Jeremy Headrick and Linda Kutsobos for delivering L & L treats to our homebound members. Thank you to Gabe Spencer for letting us take over the kitchen for two weeks. An apology to Jenny Wood for breaking your menorah. So, so sorry.

Thank you to Bernie and Barbara Bernstein for making a donation in honor of the musicians and all the volunteers that made Lights & L'Chaim a very special night. Thank you as well to our generous donors who helped us attain our goal in supporting HARS. A very special thanks to Mary Ann Merrell for having my back at every turn and to Mary Ann and Bryan Merrell for volunteering for absolutely everything. The spirit of volunteerism is alive and well at Heska Amuna. Please forgive me if I've failed to mention anyone's name or contribution to this event and know that I value everyone's time and talent. This was an event that was truly filled with Lights & L'Chaim and we all had a blast.



Shannon Martindale, Judith Rosenberg, and Anna Iroff-Bailey



Bryan Merrell and Marty Iroff

Dor L'Dor Klemzer Band Items Available for Purchase

Looking for belated Hanukkah gifts or a unique gift idea? Want to share Dor L'Dor's innovative magic of traditional and modern Klezmer music? Looking for a way to support Heska Amuna Synagogue and Jewish culture in Knoxville?

The answer is the large selection of Dor L'Dor t-shirts, CDs, totes, and hats, available at the Synagogue office through the end of January.

All items are \$15 (except long-sleeved shirts which are \$20). Shirts are available in sizes S-XXL. Proceeds support the Heska Amuna Religious School.

The office is open Monday-Friday. Email admin@heskaamuna.org and we can have your purchase ready for pick-up.



Dor L'Dor CDs, t-shirts, long-sleeve shirts, tote bags, and hats are for sale at Heska Amuna. Proceeds benefit Heska Amuna Religious School.

Thank You To Our Women's League!

Our awesome **Women's League** donated a new gas range and two new gas convection ovens on November 21, to make Synagogue cooking easier, tastier, and more efficient.

These appliances were immediately put to use by delighted *Lights & L'Chaim* cooking volunteers and Gabe Spenser, our kitchen supervisor.

We appreciate the Women's League for acting on the need for a major update to our cooking and baking equipment. They researched, negotiated, and had it installed. Special thanks to Lisa Jacobson and Jeannie Bobroff for seeing the project through to completion.

The new kitchen equipment will be dedicated on **January 21**, at 10:00 a.m.



New kitchen appliances purchased for Heska Amuna Synagogue by the Women's League bring smiles as delicious foods are prepped for an upcoming program.

Contributions from Caring People

Donations received as of December 5, 2017

Yahrzeit Fund

In Memory of Raye and Morris Panitz
Barbara Leeds
In Memory of Lillian and David Liberman
Harvey and Marilyn Liberman
In Memory of Peter Dreyer
Trudy Dreyer
In Memory of Leah Berez
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Abraham and Judy Brietstein
In Memory of Celia and Milton Shaw
Genevieve Shaw
In Memory of Bruce Kingsley, Rebecca Mazur, Myra Weinstein and Jacob Corkland
Douglas and Jill Weinstein
In Memory of James Lowe
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In Memory of Eugene Gross
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Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

In Memory of Rhea Silber and Edwin Schnoll
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In Honor of our Simchat Torah Honorees
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In Honor of Rabbi Ferency, Nancy Becker, Mary Ann Merrell, Barb Levin, & Jack and Judith Benhayon
Gilya Schmidt

Education Fund

In Honor of Peggy Littmann for her Outstanding Commitment and Dedication to Adult Education
Anonymous

Cemetery Fund

In Memory of their Grandparents, Minnie Kramer, George Kramer, Betty Billig, and Louis Billig and of their parents, Helen and Joe Billig
Suzi and Jerry Candy

Lights & L'Chaim

Steve and Evelyn Oberman; Hal Manas; Marilyn Burnett; Pat and Gene Rosenberg; Bob and Missy Moody; Barb Levin and Josh Gettinger; Sandy Parker and Steve Beber; Marilyn Abrams; Bill Merrell; Knox County Mayor Tim Burchett; City of Knoxville Mayor Madeline Rogero; Knoxville City Council; Knox County Commission; Knox County School Board; Eddie Mannis & Prestige Cleaners; Visit Knoxville; Knoxville Police Department; Chief David Rausch; Ashe's Wine and Spirits; All Occasion Party Rentals; Aubrey's; Costco; Long's Drug Store; The Plaid Apron

In Honor of Bernard Bendriem's Special Birthday
Stella Iroff
Michelle and Stuart Langer

In Memory of Elaine and Arthur Brown & Marilyn and Bernie Shorr
Marilyn and Harvey Liberman

In Honor of the Musicians & Volunteers that made Lights & L'Chaim such a Lovely Evening
Bernie and Barbara Bernstein

In Recognition of the Hard Work of Ken Brown, Mary Ann Merrell, and the Heska Amuna Leadership for Putting on Lights & L'Chaim to benefit the Religious School Fund
Ted and Wendy Besmann

Sponsored Kiddushim

In Honor of the 10th Wedding Anniversary of their kids, Raina and Nathan Joiner
Abraham and Judy Brietstein
In Honor of her Special Birthday
Janet Gurwitch
In Honor of Michael Burnett's Special Birthday
Marilyn Burnett

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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
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Let Me Introduce Myself

By Abraham Brietstein, PhD, KJCFF President

As the incoming president, let me take this opportunity to introduce myself and how I came to be involved with the Knoxville Jewish Community Family of Funds. My wife, Judy, and I have been longtime members of the Jewish community, including members of Heska Amuna Synagogue and the Knoxville Jewish Alliance. Our children, who now have children of their own, attended the AJCC Preschool, Milton Collins Day Camp, and Heska Amuna religious school, and were Bat Mitzvahed at Heska Amuna.

As we passed through the cycles of life, we lost my sister, who had suffered from mental illness since her early 20s, and later my parents, whom we helped care for at Elmcroft Assisted Living. After considering ways of honoring them following their deaths and learning about KJCFF, I recognized that there was no better way to honor them than to start a memorial fund in their names with the help of KJCFF and the East Tennessee Foundation. Both organizations have already laid the groundwork and provide a template for those like myself and my family to establish a fund in honor of the deceased. In our case, we chose to establish a fund for my sister by directing her fund to be used for the benefit of the mentally ill and for my parents to be used more broadly for the benefit of Jewish causes. Both funds have steadily increased in value, as the East Tennessee Foundation invests wisely at a very low cost to the investor by pooling our money, while still allowing the donors to make recommendations over how the monies are to be designated.

While new to the position of president, I have been on the KJCFF Board for two years and follow humbly in the footsteps of those before me—Carole Martin, outgoing president, as well as previous presidents—who have steadily increased the number of funds associated with KJCFF and the amount of monies invested, which at last count totaled approximately \$3.5 million. So let me encourage those who are reading this article to consider starting a fund in honor of a loved one, knowing that there is no better way to memorialize them.



Donations

- ★ **Hannah and Raymond Landsberger Preschool Scholarship Fund**
In Honor of Mister Rodney Daphne Norwood

Grants

- ★ Heska Amuna Synagogue received grants from the **Heska Amuna Educational Enrichment Fund** and the **Bradley Sturm Memorial Fund** to offset the costs for those attending the 2017 Kallah.
- ★ The **Besmann Family Fund for Social Justice and Spiritual Enrichment** made a grant to Heska Amuna Synagogue for the Tikkun Olam project to provide supplies for the homeless during the Kallah
- ★ The Knoxville Jewish Alliance received a grant for general use from the **EAR Fund**.
- ★ The **David & Deborah Oleshansky Family Fund** made a grant to the Knoxville Jewish Alliance to cover security costs for the Seeds of Abraham poetry slam and to help cover costs for the camp and preschool reunion. The **Ben & Pearl Zwick Fund** also made a grant to the KJA for costs of the camp and preschool reunion.
- ★ The **Zelda & Max Morrison Cultural Enrichment Fund** made a grant to the KJA to support PJ Library programming costs.

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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 KJCFF encourages you to help insure the healthy future of our Knoxville Jewish community by including a commitment to the KJCFF in your financial and estate planning.

To learn more about KJCFF philanthropic opportunities, call 690-6343 or visit www.jewishknoxville.org/kjcff

Jewish Congregation of Oak Ridge



JCOR SISTERHOOD SHABBAT

FRIDAY NIGHT, JANUARY 19

4 Shevat 5778

Part I: Recognizing 100 years of Sisterhood/Women's League

We will honor Avigail Rashkovsky, our worthy *Light of Torah* recipient!

Part II: Recognizing ten years since the building of JCOR's lobby addition

Manny Herz, architect of our beautiful and very-busy lobby,
will be honored upon the 10th anniversary of its opening!

**Friday Night Services begin at 5:30 p.m.
Shabbat Dinner served following services.**

Cost: \$10 per person; Families: \$25

RSVP to Rhonda Sternfels by January 12 resternfels@gmail.com (865) 607-8863

Upcoming JCOR Events

Saturday, January 6, 7:00 p.m.

Jewish Film Series

Norman: The Moderate Rise and Tragic Fall of a New York Fixer; 2016; Israel/USA; Languages: English/Hebrew; Rated: R; 1h 58m

As a small-time "fixer" whose business involves arranging quiet deals among politicians and other power brokers, opportunistic Norman Oppenheimer makes a golden connection when a politician he once befriended later becomes Israel's prime minister.

Cast: Richard Gere, Lior Ashkenazi, Hank Azaria

Saturday, January 27

Rabbi's Study Session: *Ask the Rabbi*
(after the morning Services)

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**.

Donations to JCOR

Yahrzeits

- ★ Abraham Joseph Alper from *Mel Sturm*
- ★ Rose Feld and Harry Kastenbaum from *Marvin & Helen Kastenbaum*
- ★ Simon Braunstein from *Catherine Braunstein*
- ★ Sidney Fine, Leonard Volkin, David Volkin from *Karen Brunner*
- ★ Ethel & Milton Bloom from *Bruce Tomkins*
- ★ Layah Geismar, Jacob Tobias from *Melvin Tobias*

Donations

- ★ Geoffrey Laing

Sisterhood³: JCOR, Heska Amuna, & Temple Beth El Sisterhoods will host a special program for



**Rosh Hodesh
Shevat 5778**

Tuesday, January 16

NOON- 1:30 P.M.

Jewish Congregation
of Oak Ridge

101 Madison Lane,
Oak Ridge, TN 37830

A Floral & Arboreal Study – In Anticipation of Tu B'Shevat

George Charles is a lifetime grower of cactus and succulents and a member of the Cactus and Succulent Society of America. He will give a brief overview of the plants and some interesting cactus and succulent facts. Included will be pictures from a visit to Orly's cactus farm in Israel. He will also display some of his unusual plants. **Rebecca Charles** will offer unique, succulent recipes to compliment the discussion.

Both Men & Women Are Invited.

We begin at noon with our usual warm Rosh Hodesh introduction and then enjoy a delicious lunch. The program will begin around 12:45p.m.

Please RSVP to annegreenbaum@comcast.net

No charge! However donations for the Blossom Center for Childhood Excellence are much appreciated! If you need a ride, please contact your Sisterhood president.

JCOR Hosts and Hostesses

January 6	Peggy and Randy Laxton, Genadi & Vicki Osowiecki
January 13	Shelby & Mark Kaye, Meir Niad
January 20	Vera & Leon Maya, Ilana & Moshe Siman-Tov
January 27	Elena Bamberger, Nona & Sam Poole

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

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Chanukah on the Square

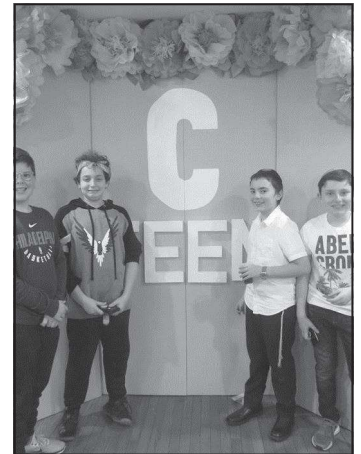
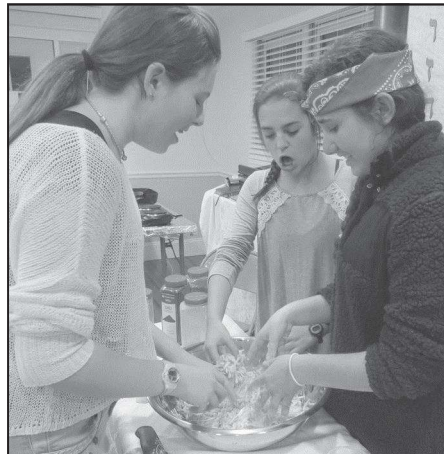
Some 120 adults and children braved the cold and drizzle and came to Market Square to participate in December 17's Chanukah on the Square. After lighting the 5-foot-tall ice menorah in the center of the Holiday on Ice rink, children and adults got to skate around the ice menorah to Chanukah music. Everyone enjoyed the sizzling hot potato latkes and the Chanukah chocolate gelt. Children also got to make Chanukah sand art.

Segev Koenig, Leo Pollock, and Gaya Koenig admire the menorah ice sculpture as they celebrate Chanukah 2017's fifth night at Chanukah on the Square in downtown Knoxville.



Great fun with our community teens for the fifth night of Chanukah! Million Dollar Gelt Drop, Sabotage Auction, and Secret Ingredients made for a fabulous night. Congrats to the pink team, yellow team and blue team for winning awards! Thank You Sarah, Gabby, Danielle, Hallie, Melissa, Mattius and Heidi for planning a fabulous event! **Next Cteen event: Monday, January 15.** Email me@kjds.org for info.

Cteen events bring together our Jewish middle and high school students for a fun social evening around a Jewish topic or holiday. Allowing our middle and high school students to get together keeps old friendships strong, allows new relationships to flourish and primes the stage for our middle schoolers to join BBYO once in high school.



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Heska Amuna Synagogue

January 6

Alice Abrams ♦ Samuel Bebergal ♦ Charles Brown ♦ Edna Cohen ♦ Nathan Deitch ♦ Max Euster ♦ Lieb Gabler ♦ Aaron Glazer ♦ Louis Gluck ♦ Channah Goldstein ♦ Terry Hahn ♦ Adrian Harris ♦ Maurice Lieberman ♦ Manuel Marvet ♦ Sam Milmot ♦ Jeanette Nichols ♦ Leon Saroff ♦ Abraham Schwartz ♦ Helen Shersky ♦ Melvin Shorr ♦ Stephen Sugarman ♦ Selma Tobe ♦ Gregory Waugh ♦ Mary Wolf

January 13

David Abramson ♦ Rafael Anidjar ♦ Mark Balloff ♦ Rose Bart ♦ Joseph Bernstein ♦ Bella Bresoff ♦ Elaine Brown ♦ Seymour Chasen ♦ Nathan Diftler ♦ Issac Ducken ♦ Zelig Frumin ♦ Israel Kauffman ♦ Clarence Mann II ♦ Fannie Moskowitz ♦ Morris Simon ♦ Delia Skalet ♦ Stanley Webster ♦ Ben Winick ♦ Jill Witten

January 20

Celia Berry ♦ Samuel Brown ♦ David Cohen ♦ Romayne Eisenstadt ♦ Bess Fed ♦ Eva Issacs ♦ Annie Joffe ♦ Sam Morrison ♦ Cecil Nichols ♦ Charles O'Brien ♦ Herman Sebold ♦ Milton Shamitz ♦ Mae Stern

January 31

Anne Dolinka ♦ Jacob Goodstein ♦ Gladys Johnson ♦ Lillian Klein ♦ Alexander Licht ♦ Lillian Morrison ♦ Rabbi David Panitz ♦ Hilda Presser ♦ Sarah Rubenstein ♦ Jack Scott ♦ Hinda Scott ♦ Rose Shapiro ♦ Charles Silverman ♦ Harry Tobe ♦ Elias Ullman ♦ Frank Winick ♦ Milton Finkelstein ♦ Helen Hahn ♦ Rose Imbrey ♦ Lela Lippner ♦ Ester S. Rosen ♦ Pearl Rudnick ♦ Harry Strauss ♦ Fran Sturm

JAHRZEIT

TEMPLE BETH EL

January 5

Rosa Bart ♦ Tammie M. Brodie ♦ Harry Bronstein ♦ William Egan ♦ Alexander Feldblum ♦ Jean Fribourg ♦ Ricka Licht Goodfriend ♦ William Haas ♦ Elise Goldberg Hyatt ♦ Ida Feldman Kaminsky ♦ Sam Morrison ♦ Lena Silverman Moskowitz ♦ Pauline Orovan ♦ Robert Oury ♦ Sanford (Sandy) Allen Sachs ♦ Arthur Slome ♦ Lillian S. Weiss

January 12

Isadore Beiler ♦ Marcus Bressler ♦ Minette Jacobstein Clark ♦ Sue Driver ♦ Mildred Erwin ♦ Henrietta Feldblum ♦ Telsie Greif ♦ Millie James ♦ Lena B. Konigsberg ♦ Michael Kostinsky ♦ Edward J. Moss ♦ Marie Noon ♦ Robert (Bob) Dean Parsons ♦ Grigory Targonsky ♦ Samuel Webber ♦ Bella Zavels

January 19

Fannie Liebman Beiler ♦ Walter N Blaufeld ♦ David Farin ♦ Sadie Goldberg ♦ Robert Goldstein ♦ Henry Handler ♦ Milton Heller ♦ Minnie Hohenberg ♦ Mary Kichler Licht ♦ Ella Marx ♦ Helen Sandberg ♦ Jacob Spiro ♦ Beatrice S. Steinfeld ♦ Stanley Webster ♦ Max Zuckerman ♦ Muriel Zuckerman

January 26

Maxine H. Arbutal ♦ Frank Bernard ♦ Mary S. Bernard ♦ Ethel Brown ♦ Joseph Herman Bush ♦ Bill Dillon ♦ Theodore Hecht ♦ Annie Joffe ♦ John Kelleher ♦ Meyer Ostrovskiy ♦ Annie Lucille "Lucy" Rankin ♦ Sarah Vendig Samuel ♦ Irvin Shenkman ♦ Basia Shusterman ♦ Boris Shusterman ♦ Joseph Soss ♦ William Steinberg ♦ Howard Teitelbaum ♦ Evalyn B. Weiss

Hadassah HIGHLIGHTS

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Knoxville

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 Andrea Cone, President

As a rather new resident to the Knoxville Jewish community, I feel very honored to become the next president for our Hadassah Knoxville chapter. Our outgoing president Laura Floyd deserves a huge thank you from all of us for helping carry out all that Hadassah Women Do for our community. Laura will continue to be our guiding light as our Knoxville chapter advisor as well as taking on the treasurer position for the Hadassah Southern Region.



We came from Darnestown, Maryland, just outside of Washington, DC. After all our four children left the nest venturing on to their journeys, my husband Barry and I traveled the United States to explore our next journey in life. We wanted a simpler life. We are both originally New Englanders that were looking for the mountains and water but not the freezing cold the North has to offer, and a place for Barry to continue to ride his horses as well as a strong Jewish community. We felt extremely welcomed by the Jewish community and now consider Knoxville, Tennessee, our new home. I tell my northerner friends Knoxville is a hidden secret and they do not know what they are missing.

We in Knoxville have so much to offer the Jewish community. I hope that our Hadassah Knoxville can continue to help make it a special place for all Jewish women to join in. I hope I can help bring us together to learn, support, and continue to build Jewish values and carry out not only for our Knoxville Jewish women but as well as for Israel and continue the Hadassah Mission.

During the next two years we hope to bring lots of excitement to all Jewish women in the community. Your input

is very important! Please contact **Jean Begue** at begue@hotmail.com or **Shuli Mesa** at shulime@gmail.com to help our programs be strong for all of us.

Calendar of What's Coming Up 2018-2020

- Game Day
- Chili Cook-off
- Coffee and Conversation
- Mitzvah Day
- Hadassah Shabbat
- Retro Mahj
- Laughter and Cosmos
- Knoshville (BUNDT Cake specialty)
- A First Hand View of Today's Israel
- Barbeque / Bonfire
- Book Club (monthly)
- Progressive Dinner and Topics
- Theater Party
- Hadassah Has Talent
- Panel Discussion on Health
- Follow the Dollar Bill through Hadassah
- Brain Freeze and Bunco
- Hadassah Medical Organization (HMO) Luncheon Fundraiser for Hadassah –showcasing an informative & timely medical topic
- 2018 Membership Directory, Shopping Guide & Datebook

Please do not forget that Hadassah has available for purchase:

Mahj Jongg Cards, Greeting, Condolence, Get Well, Sympathy cards, Certificates in memory or in honor of loved ones, JNF Tree and Water Certificates, and Layettes.

I look forward to getting more involved with the community and if I have not met you, I look forward to meeting you soon.

You're Invited to Celebrate with Us at the Installation of the 2018 Hadassah Executive Board

Please join us at the Airport Hilton on **Sunday, January 7, 2018, at 11:30 a.m.** as we install our 2018-2020 Hadassah Knoxville Executive Board.

We'll have a delicious buffet lunch and our own Bonnie Boring will be overseeing the installation.

The cost is \$20 per person and you can pay at the door. Please let us know you're coming with an RSVP to Shuli Mesa at shulime@gmail.com.

Hadassah HMO Luncheon

By Andrea Cone, Chair

Our annual HADASSAH HEALTH MEDICAL ORGANIZATION Luncheon was a huge success. On Sunday, December 3, we welcomed over 64 guests to the new, yet to be opened to the public, KITCHEN 919 restaurant. A big thanks goes to all of our members, and a special thank you to Mary Evars-Goan (co chair), Jill Weinstein, Marian Jay, Peggy Littmann, Laura Floyd, and Jenny Pfeffer for their support, humor, and determination to make this event enjoyable for everyone. Special recognition was given to each member who is a Hadassah Keepers of the Gate, Silver Chai Society, Chai Society, and Associates.

Our guest speaker, Dr. Monica Crane, who is the Medical Director of Genesis Neuroscience Clinic, gave a presentation on "Mild Cognitive Impairment." Her observations and knowledge were rewarding and uplifting. Dr. Crane showed us the many possibilities and accomplishments that those who have any kind of cognitive impairment can do for themselves and others. Engaging the luncheon members, Dr. Crane spoke on how to provide a comprehensive evaluation and the treatment options for those who seek to slow or prevent neurodegenerative dementias. We are thankful for Dr. Crane's time and expertise, and her generosity in sharing her time with us.

Kitchen 919 at 5448 Homberg Drive, previously the location of the Orangerie Restaurant, went over the top to accommodate our members for this HMO Luncheon fundraiser. We are thankful to the owner, Mr. Deron Little, and his staff for working so hard and opening his restaurant to have our Luncheon. We Hadassah attendees launched this restaurant. We were their first guests and event. Deron and his staff truly put their heart and soul into making the decor, the grouper, the jasmine rice, vegetables, and the chesnes cake bar superb.

A VERY SPECIAL SHOUT OUT TO Mary Evars-Goan and her husband John Goan for donating our extraordinary door prize that Jenny Pfeffer luckily won.

Complementing the event, everyone said it was wonderful. As with all Hadassah events, we hope that you were inspired and entertained and you rekindled old friendships and discovered some new friends.

Right top: Jenifer Ohriner and Jenny Pfeffer.

Middle right: Sandi Licht, Marilyn Preser, and Stefanie Rich

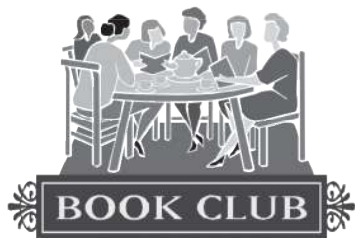
Bottom right: Hadassah Associates Bernie Rosenblatt, Bernard Bendriem, and Rich Kaplan enjoy catching up prior to Dr. Monica Crane's talk at the HMO Luncheon, held at Kitchen 919.

Dr. Monica Crane, Genesis Neuroscience Clinic director, provided a terrific update of research and treatment concerning mild cognitive issues.



Marcia Shloush, Mary Evars-Goan, Andrea Cone, and Bonnie Boring were honored as Keepers at the Hadassah Knoxville HMO Luncheon.





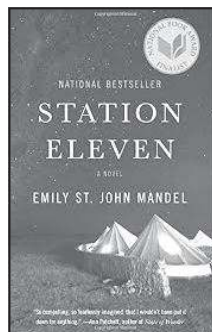
Hadassah Book Club News

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

Hope to see everyone for our **Tuesday, January 16 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.

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 or (865) 776-1013 with questions.

Next Book: February 20: *The Red Tent*, Anita Diamant

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The “Can-orah”

It's a Menorah; it's a structure made out of cans; actually it's both!! This year KJDS entered the official “Canstructure” competition at the Knoxville Convention Center. Thanks to donations by Bush Brothers & Company and ConAgra Foods our eight foot high structure, made of 2652 cans, will eventually feed families in East Tennessee. The large menorah was designed by local architect, Thomas Caldwell.

The competition is held annually downtown with entries from architects, construction companies and UT students. KJDS is the only elementary school to build alongside these professionals. Our *STEAM Into Service* seminar has been building structures made out of cans for four years. We focus on the unique challenges that come with designing and building such a structure. And we discuss why we build. All of the cans will be donated to Second Harvest of East Tennessee when the event is over. Our students are aware of food insecurity in our area and know how important it is to do this mitzvah. The students work hard at the build, focusing on placing the cans in a way that leads to a stable structure. This experiential learning allows students to recognize the engineering process through doing. They see the original plan, and one student acts as the head of the building, reading the plan and instructing others. Students also see that the plan needs to be flexible. They stop the build often to reflect on the stability and aesthetics of the structure, at times, adjusting or rebuilding. Going through this process allows students to experience the engineering design process and it nurtures growth mindsets.

We also want to express our gratitude to all of the community members and parents who helped make this experience possible.

- Sandy Parker
- Ernie Gross
- Lisa Jacobson
- Jeff Abrams-Cohen
- Susan Silber
- Nancy Becker
- Martha Iroff
- Dan Gabel
- Rick Robbins
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- Julia Galanti
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Nancy Becker and Susan Silber were integral mentors with student organization of this project. KJDS students could not have completed this project without community support.



Our Fifth Graders finished the Can-orah. We were very proud of all of the students for giving their all to the building of this can-structure.



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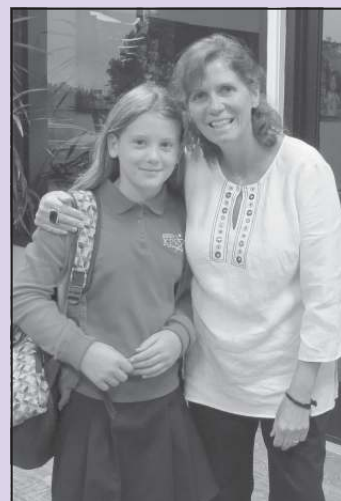
By Ann Ely, KJDS Office Administrator

For the last three years I have watched the students of the Knoxville Jewish Day School grow and learn. As an Administrator at the school, I saw the students' day to day life at school. I was consistently impressed by what the students were learning and how they were learning it. I was surprised by the amount of effort that went into the character building aspect of the school. As I began to see the school as more than a job, I began to see how it was a unique and joyous place for children. Students were happy at school, they were excited to learn and often wanted to show me what they were working on or creating. I wanted this educational experience for my daughter. My daughter had had a great start at Beaumont Magnet – and had really enjoyed the arts program there -but KJDS was just above and beyond. We decided to move Elli though I had some hesitations. My daughter was now entering fourth grade and she had no experience with Hebrew. I was also concerned that she might feel like an outsider as the students have shared so much and are such a close unit.

I really had no reason to be concerned. She took a liking to Hebrew and looks forward to Hebrew class each day. She never felt like an outsider, not even for a minute! In addition, she enjoys coming to school every day and looks forward to it. She is challenged in a more personal way and she has been pushed to grow a lot and that has been so good for her. She does not want to miss school even when she's sick.

The school's flexible, individualized and reflective curriculum allows for each child to be challenged respectfully. The approach to education is thoughtful, purposeful, and child-centered This school is a truly unique place. I honestly can say that my daughter and her classmates are getting a foundation that will last them a lifetime.

It's hard to find the perfect words to articulate what makes KJDS so special. You have to come see it to truly understand.



Elli with mother, Ann

Understanding Landforms

During the Second and Third Grade unit of Culture and Geography, the students learned about landforms. Because we use cross-curricular studies whenever possible, they also studied how the land can affect how a culture develops.

The students created a country of their own with distinct landforms. Using handmade clay, the students brought their countries to life with a variety of different landforms to produce a unique design. The students showed off their map skills by writing directions to a treasure using directional words and the names of their landforms to help us find the buried treasure! The landforms were showcased in their "Shabbat Party" presentation in front of the school and parents.



The Second and Third graders created these "countries" after studying land forms



*Back: Miriam Esther Wilhelm, Cat Coffin, Jenny Wood, Tamara Sturm, Julia Galanti
Front: Nathalie Guigui, Jamie Quartararo, Shani Monis Ben-Ishai, Lisa Reyes Mason*

A 10-Day Journey of the Spirit

By Lisa Reyes Mason

I could tell you about dancing the night away in Tiberias, strolling the artists colony in Tsfat, or floating in the Dead Sea head-to-toe in mud. I could describe the archaeological wonder of Masada, the breathtaking sight of the Old City for the first time, or the majesty of the Kotel.

But what these details of what we saw—magnificent, inspiring, incredible as they were—would not necessarily tell is the story of the spirit that nine Knoxville Jewish Day School mothers took on our recent journey to Israel.

The first night, our Jewish Women's Renaissance Project (JWRP) leader asked, "What if this was your *lech lecha*? Your week to let go and take a journey to your best self?" Could we do it? Could we put carpool, packed lunches, work, service, our worries and stress about home to the side—to discover ourselves, our Judaism, our connection to each other, and our unique purpose in living out Jewish values?

Through 10-day trips like ours, JWRP brings women from around the world to Israel, to empower them to change the world through their families and communities, one candle, one light at a time. With our group, the candle lighting began on our journey. We cried tears of joy with one who received her Hebrew name in the desert. We rallied around another, who was terrified of heights, but showed the will to ascend Masada. We listened to each other as stories were shared about pain, about fears, about dreams, about hopes.

We came back both softer and stronger, at peace and inspired. Each journey was unique, but each was undoubtedly a journey of the spirit, with a coming home to Judaism and Jewish values that we hope will inspire the work, the meaning, the purpose of a lifetime.

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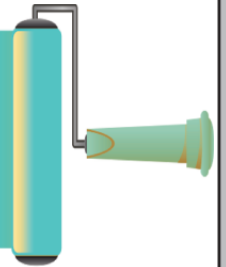
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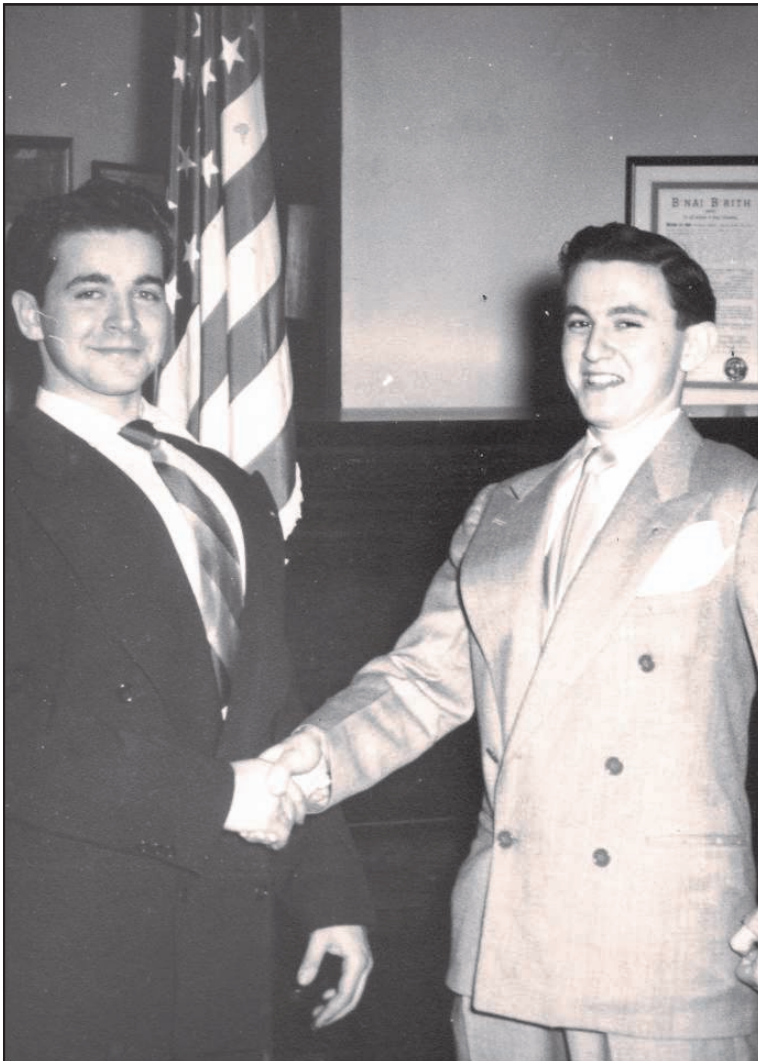


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The Way We Were ca 1946

In the 1940s, Knoxville natives Alfred **Robinson** (left) and Monte **Millen** (right) took up weightlifting at a friend's house. Here they are, dressed in their finest, at the old Jewish Community Center on Vine Avenue, perhaps showing off the results of their efforts.

Both continue to live in Knoxville.

The Archives thanks the family of the late Jerry **Millen** (Monte's brother) for this photograph.

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