



# Ha'Kol

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

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## An Invitation to One and All

Join us for our Heska Amuna Community Seder  
A Most Memorable & Shared Retelling featuring

- Delightful new house-made haggadah
- Great games to engage kids (of all ages)
- Singing - old favorites & a new one or two
- Fresh insights on the Exodus from Egypt
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Friday, March 30

5-8 pm; our Seder begins at 5:30  
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\$40 Adults; \$20 Children (under 18); Hillel students  
or YJAK members

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# Heska Amuna Synagogue

# HaShofar



## An Experience I'd Care to Share

By Alon C. Ferency

At the turn of the year, I had the wonderful opportunity to attend a magnificent conference: the Rabbinic Training Institute. I am grateful for the time to attend and grow from this program, and I hope to share with you the ways in which we can learn and benefit from my experiences there.

"JTS's Rabbinic Training Institute is the premier continuing education program for Conservative rabbis in the field," bringing 50-60 Conservative Rabbis together each winter at the Pearlstone Conference and Retreat Center. "Through five days of intellectual, professional, personal, and spiritual growth, RTI prepares participants to return to their communities rejuvenated in mind, heart, and spirit, and with new skills to serve as even more thoughtful and capable leaders. Participants engage in text study and professional skill building with a faculty of world-renowned scholars and consultants, while also reflecting with peers on individual and shared experiences."

While there, I shared in a professional skills course with Ruth Messinger, past President of American Jewish World Service and Manhattan Borough president. She taught "On Leadership, Moral Courage, and the Pursuit of Justice." We discussed the ways in which to enhance service, social action, and advocacy in our congregations. I am excited to share with you new perspectives on how we can engage with issues of power, gender, and sexuality from a Jewish perspective.

Mornings were given to Torah *lishmah* (learning for its own sake - text study). I sat at the feet of renowned Rabbi Joel Roth, Professor of Talmud and Jewish Law. In his inimitable way, he taught us about "Dina de-Malkhuta Dina: Origins, Evolution, and History." *Dina de-Malkhuta Dina* (lit, "King's law is law") is the Talmudic precept that under-girds all thinking about the boundary between civil and religious law and practice. When must a Jew adhere to state legislation and civil courts? We discussed the issue through a variety of Hebrew texts, many of which arrived at counter-intuitive conclusions. At length, we read about the "N.Y. Get Law," which allowed state courts to offer Jewish divorces. I also studied with Dr. Jeffrey Rubenstein, a Professor of Jewish Thought and Literature at New York University. He taught, "Talmudic Stories and Contemporary Issues," which covered topics such as rule-of-law, women's rights and status, even humor as a means of civic resistance.

In the evenings, we shared in facilitated groups for personal and spiritual reflection. I worked in a group on "Uv'lekhtekha Baderekh: Journeys, Changes, Transitions." When Dr. Mona Fishbane was ill, we gathered with Dr. Sarah Reading, Director of the Mental Health Clinical Center at the VA. There, we shared stories, experiences, and reinforced our strength (*chizzuk*) at the pulpit.

Among all these great experiences, we shared beautiful worship together, heard profound sermons, and offered memorial to Neil Gillman. I want to thank the Jewish Theological Seminary of America for the program, my magnificent classmate Rabbi Julia Andelman and her talented associate Stacy Asch. Thanks to Heska Amuna Synagogue, as well, for giving the time and funds for me to attend.

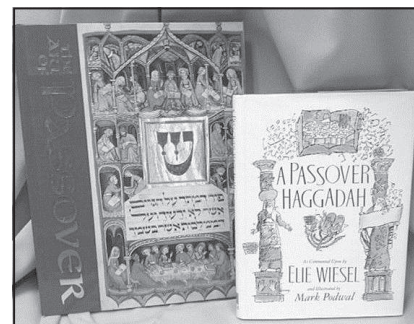
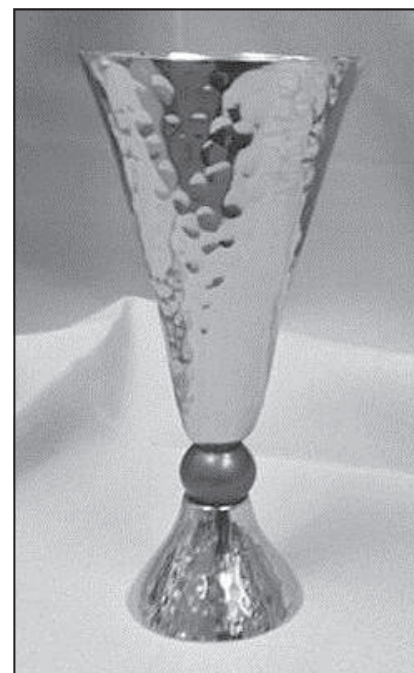
There was a wealth of wisdom in only four days. I'll hope you'll ask me about my experience, so that we can learn from it together!



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## Your Four Questions

By Mary Ann Merrell, Heska Amuna Synagogue President

I grew up hearing “Mah Nishtanah Ha’Lailah HaZeh” all year long, not in the context of Pesach, but with a shrug that usually meant “What else would you expect?”

But it is a great question to pose as we ponder together at the Seder table. Why *is* this night different from all other nights?

Of all holidays we celebrate during the year, it is the experience of the Seder that I suspect may have the strongest pull of tradition, family, and memory for many of us. It is a well-worn path of memory for me with my own four questions which have varied slightly through the years (although as a child the questions probably had more to do with if we would ever eat and if we would ever finish). Yet each question, though without Talmudic weight, somehow reflects the importance of Pesach in its own way.

- My mother, Judy Rattner, who each year asks: Aren't we going to sing “God Bless America” or “America the Beautiful” at the end of our Seder? *The importance of our freedoms today is capsulized admirably by her insistence to make sure we openly acknowledge the immediacy of the significance of this holiday in our lives.*
- Our daughter Jennye who, at the age of five at our family Seder, insisted on singing her impromptu “Passover is a Drinking Holiday” composition: Are you sure you don't remember it? Can't you try to sing it again? *The importance of retelling our story in our own way ties us all together in fundamentally needed ways.*
- All those who ask: Where did you get the recipe for that gefilte fish? The gefilte fish recipe was Dale Hasden's ,ז"ל except that I always sauté the onions first. *The attention to the details of how we carry on our traditions must have personal significance and also be shared.*
- Favorite cousins who often are visiting from out of town: That book you told me to read last year? Best book I ever read. Tell me what to read next.



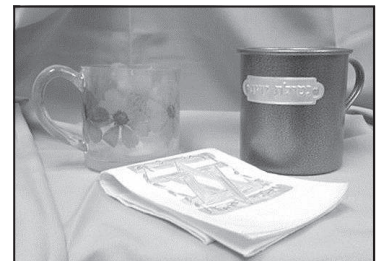
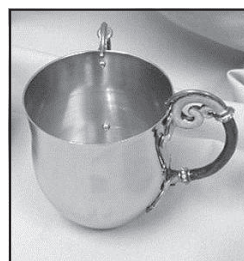
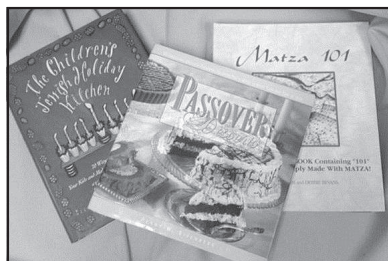
Above: Bea and Sam Cawn among family  
Below: The Sturm Family Seder, Oak Ridge

(Thank you Diane Glass for the latest iteration of this question.)  
*We are all responsible for supporting each other and concretely contemplating our future together.*

Ah! But the shared experiences of a Seder table are not the domain of cousins alone. I invite all of you to our March 30 community seder this year (see *Ha’Kol’s* cover for details). As Heska Amuna Synagogue family and friends, let's contemplate what this holiday means together. (And I promise you won't be up after midnight washing dishes and moving furniture back either!)



P.S: Thank you to Melvin Sturm for the annotated photographs included here of Sturm and Balloff cousins. Without a doubt, our Cousin Mel is the most archivist-minded person I will ever know. With endless gratitude, our family is all the richer for it and my wish for all readers is that you have a Cousin Mel in your family, too. Sam Cawn was my grandfather and Beatrice Cawn, Mel's mother.



## Women's League at Heska Amuna: Being Aware of the World Around Us.... A Commitment to Community Service

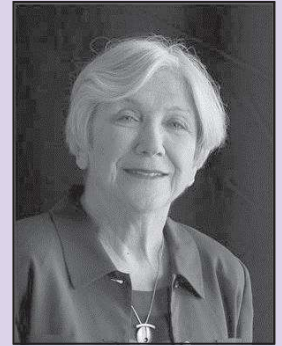
By Barb Levin, President

In the summer of 2016, 25 Sisterhood members sat together and strategized on goals and objectives for the next two years. Three areas of concern were discussed: 1) Supporting the Jewish education of our individual members through informative learning programs; 2) Supporting the growth and development of the Heska Amuna congregational community through collaborative programs and funding initiatives; and 3) Interacting with the broader Knoxville community through appropriate community outreach and service activities.

Over the past year and a half, Heska Amuna Women's League has moved forward on each of these goals with programming to support members and the congregation. This month we have made specific efforts to work with the broader Knoxville community. We were involved with Mitzvah Day at the Knoxville Jewish Alliance, and Rosh Chodesh Adar on February 15 was committed to a local presentation on human trafficking. The meeting with the Community Coalition against Human Trafficking began an ongoing discussion of the needs of this organization and ways to support their efforts.

This month, Women's League will host a meeting with the local chapter of "Support the Girls" which is an organization which national women's league is supporting. A representative of that group will meet with Heska Amuna Women's League to discuss the needs and impact of the local organization. The session will be a workshop partially dedicated to getting the undergarments and feminine supplies that have already been collected by Women's League ready to be sent to the appropriate organizations. The group will also be doing a craft activity at the same meeting.

Reaching beyond our own congregation into the community into areas which are unfamiliar and sometimes disheartening is an important component of community awareness and service. The concept of Tikkun Olam involves more than just our natural environment. Our concerns must include the needs of the "widow, the orphan, and the foreigner" as hammered repeatedly in Torah and prophetic voices. Join us in these events and share with us your own particular community charitable concerns. There are so many needs and so little time. Thank you in advance for your involvement and commitment.



Barb Levin

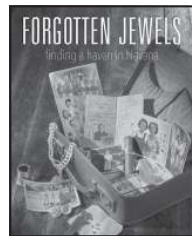
What Can We Learn from the Jewish Experience in Cuba?  
*An Invitation to the Knoxville Community to Join us for*

### 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. Trudy Dreyer will join us and provide commentary on her experiences as a refugee during World War II. A diverse panel will highlight the more recent experiences of several families that travelled to Cuba this on a Hadassah-sponsored mission trip. Stephen and Kim Rosen, Sandy Parker and Steve Beber, and Lisa and Jeff Jacobson will share insights 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.

**Seating is limited, so please make your reservation to attend by Thursday, March 1.** Reservations can be made online on our homepage ([www.heskaamuna.org](http://www.heskaamuna.org)) or by calling (865) 522-0701. Child care will be available for if noted on reservations received by March 1.

## Religious School Dates to Remember

### Saturday, March 3

HARS Participation in Shabbat Morning Services

### Sunday, March 4

School

### Wednesday, March 7

School

**Friday, March 9** Tot Shabbat & a special Kabbalat Shabbat led by Jonah Mesa

### Saturday, March 10

Jonah Mesa's Bar Mitzvah

### Sunday, March 11

No School – Spring Break

### Wednesday, March 14

No School – Spring Break

### Sunday, March 18

No School – Spring Break

### Wednesday, March 21

School

### Sunday, March 25

B'Yachad & School

### Wednesday, March 28

School

### Friday, March 30

Heska Amuna Community Seder

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

By Betty Golub, Director of Youth and Family Programming

This semester at HARS our second through seventh grade students have been diving head first into *Perkei Avot* (*Ethics of Our Fathers*) from the Mishnah with a new curriculum inspired by both our students' boundless creativity and endless curiosity. Each class focuses on individual lessons from the Mishnah and our students are decorating their own copies of a comic book version of this wonderfully educational part of our tradition! By the end of the whole curriculum, not only will our students have a better understanding of the values and ethics that are vital to our community as Jews, but each of them will also have their very own *Perkei Avot*. The students' works will be filled with both beautifully colored artwork and thoughtful responses to questions that they can keep and treasure throughout their lives. Our curriculum is designed to provide opportunities for active learning while participating in an studies which they all enjoy that will bring the lessons of *Perkei Avot* in a meaningful way into their lives. We need to thank Rabbi Ferency and Moreh Nathan for their tireless efforts to create a meaningful curriculum for our students.



Not to be outdone by their brothers and sisters, our Gan Gadol Class led by Morah Martha, are enjoying their unit on Israel in our book, *The Great Israel Scavenger Hunt*. They have learned many facts including just how far away Israel is. (If they left right now, they would not be there until people were sleeping. That would be a long plane flight!) The class put together a puzzle of Israel and can identify many of the roads, desert, beach and mountains. Also, every week our Gan Gadol students study Torah. They have become quite the Torah Scholars.

Morah Cat is working with our students on Hebrew reading and Tefillah. We are using different modalities to make the class exciting that includes getting the students on their feet singing and learning a variety of different prayers.

- **Monthly Kabbalat and Tot Shabbat and dinner:** This semester we are continuing with monthly Kabbalat Shabbat and Tot Shabbat services and dinners. Our 2nd-5th grade students help Rabbi Ferency lead the Friday evening prayers. (This is great preparation for their B'Nai Mitzvah, as will be evident this month as Jonah Mesa leads our Kabbalat Shabbat on March 9 and Saturday morning services on March 10 when he will become a Bar Mitavh!). Our younger students from B'Yachad and Gan Gadol sing their way through our services led by our Morah Anna. We conclude the evening with dinner. This is a wonderful way to welcome Shabbat with all of our Heska Amuna friends and family and we encourage you to join us – **whether you have students in our religious school or not.**
- **Sunday School, Morning Minyan, and Coffee:** Everyone is welcome to join us on Sunday morning for Minyan. Rabbi and the children lead us in prayer. We end the Tefillah with Moreh Lev leading us in Havdalah followed by lots of singing and **dancing on the Bema. And please stay for coffee after minyan.**
- **Mazel Tov:** On behalf of all of our teachers and students we want to wish **Jonah Mesa** a hearty "Mazel Tov!" on his Bar Mitzvah. We are all so proud of Jonah's accomplishments.

**Please join us for all of our programs at our Heska Amuna Religious School.**

**There is always something exciting to do. Come see the world through our Jewish eyes!**

## Mesa to Celebrate March Bar Mitzvah at Heska Amuna

Jonah David Mesa, son of Shuli and Gabriel Mesa, will celebrate his Bar Mitzvah, *Parashat Vayakhel-Pekudei*, on **March 9-10, 2018** at Heska Amuna Synagogue. Jonah will lead services, chant the Haftarah, read Torah, and lead a discussion through a graphic novel. Jonah's favorite hobby revolves around all things Marvel. He loves everything from reading about them in comic books to playing with one-of-a-kind action figures. Legos, posters, and t-shirts all embrace his Marvel addiction. His second love is music, mainly in the form of drums. Jonah is a member of the seventh grade band at Karns Middle School and plays an array of percussion instruments, from the triangle to the beaded gourd. Jonah is also a proud member of the Percussion Ensemble where he marches to his own beat, most often playing a bass drum. He steps to the greatest choreographed moves while competing across the state. Jonah has a huge heart and is a Linked-Up Mentor at Karns where he assists younger students with the transition into middle school, travels to the elementary school to give talks, and works with the school counselors.

Jonah is the brother of Noah, Evyn, and Elijah. Jonah's grandparents are Rabbi Moshe and Jaclyn Elbaz from Valdosta, Georgia and Victoria Nevarez from Muleshoe, Texas. Jonah's great-grandmother, Ruth Goldhar resides in Longwood, Florida. Family from across the country will join in celebrating Jonah's special weekend.

Shuli and Gabriel Mesa invite the greater Knoxville community to join in celebration of their son as he leads Kabbalat Shabbat and Shabbat morning services.



Jonah Mesa

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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,  
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# MARCH 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 <b>First Monday (9-10 a.m.)</b> and <b>Third Wednesday (3:30-5 p.m.)</b> for a cup of coffee and some smiles!</p> <p>The Empty Cup, 9111 Executive Park Drive Knoxville, TN 37923</p>  <p>Program brought to you by the Knoxville Jewish Alliance</p> <p>CONTACT ALLY WIENER  <a href="mailto:program@jewishknoxville.org">program@jewishknoxville.org</a></p>				<p><b>1 Purim</b>                      7a Purim Service-HA                      11a Adult Ed/Torah Study-TBE                      7:30-9:30p Israeli Dancing-Gym</p>	<p><b>2</b>                      11a AJCC Preschool Purim Celebration                      4:45p JFS Shabbat Service-Sherrill Hills                      6:30p Sunset Minyan-HA                      7p Purim Shabbat Service-TBE                      7:30p Shabbat Eve Service &amp; Dessert Oneg by Men's Club-JCOR                      6:14p</p>	<p><b>3</b>                      9:30a-noon Shabbat Service --HA                      9:30a Shabbat Service-JCOR  <b>7p Trivia Night &amp; Silent Auction-TBE</b>                       7p Jewish Film Series  <i>Norman: The Moderate Rise and Tragic Fall of a New York Fixer</i>-JCOR                      7:11 p.m.</p>	
<p><b>4</b>                      9:30a minyan-HA                      9:30a Rel School-TBE                      9:30a Rel School-HA                      9:30a Adult Hebrew-HA                      11a Judaism 101-HA                      1-3p Pickleball Open Play -AJCC Gym                      7:15p Judaism 201-HA</p>	<p><b>5</b>                      7a Morning Minyan-HA                      9-10:30a <b>Mommy Meet-Up-The Empty Cup</b>                      9:30a Tai Chi-JCOR                      6p KJA Exec Comm-AJCC Orwitz Rm                      7:15p KJA Board-AJCC Orwitz Rm</p>	<p><b>6</b>                      6p Exec Board-TBE                      6-9:30p Fencing-Gym                      7-9p Martial Arts-AJCC</p>	<p><b>7</b>                      9:30a Tai Chi-JCOR                      4-6:30p Rel school-HA                      4:30p Mid-Week Hebrew-TBE                      5-7p STEM Scouts-AJCC BBYO Rm                      6-9:30p Fencing-Gym                      7p Talmud Study-HA</p>	<p><b>8</b>                      7a Morning Minyan-HA                      11a Adult Ed/Torah Study-TBE                      7:30-9:30p Israeli Dancing-Gym</p>	<p><b>9</b>                      12:30p Men's Lunch-JCOR                      5:30-7p Tot Shabbat-HA                      7p Shabbat Service -TBE                      6:20 p.m.</p>	<p><b>10</b>                      9:30a-noon Shabbat Service --HA  <b>10a Jonah Mesa Bar Mitzvah-HA</b>                      9:30a Shabbat Service-JCOR                      7:17 p.m.</p>	
<p><b>11</b>  <b>Daylight Savings Time</b>                      9:30a minyan-HA                      9:30a Rel School-HA                      9:30a Adult Hebrew-HA                      11a Judaism 101-HA                      1-3p Pickleball Open Play -AJCC Gym                      7:15p Judaism 201-HA</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>AJCC Preschool — CLOSED for Spring Break</b></p>			<p><b>14</b>                      4-6:30p Rel school-HA                      4:30p Mid-Week Hebrew-TBE                      5-7p STEM Scouts-AJCC BBYO Rm                      6-9:30p Fencing-Gym                      7p Talmud Study-HA                      7-9p Hadassah Board-AJCC Orwitz Room</p>	<p><b>15</b>                      7a Morning Minyan-HA                      11a Adult Ed/Torah Study-TBE                      7:30-9:30p Israeli Dancing-Gym</p>	<p><b>16</b>                      6:30p Sisterhood Shabbat &amp; Potluck-JCOR                      7p Shabbat Service -TBE                      7:26 p.m.</p>	<p><b>17</b>                      9:30a-noon Shabbat Service --HA                      9:30a Shabbat Service-JCOR                      8:23 p.m.</p>
<p><b>18</b>                      9:30a minyan-HA                      9:30a Rel School-HA                      9:30a Adult Hebrew-HA                      11a Judaism 101-HA                      1-3p Pickleball Open Play -AJCC Gym                      2-4p Cteen Passover Event-Chabad                      7:15p Judaism 201-HA</p>	<p><b>19</b>                      7a Morning Minyan-HA                      9:30a Tai Chi-JCOR</p>	<p><b>20</b>                      6-9:30p Fencing-Gym                      7-9p Martial Arts-AJCC                      7:30p Hadassah Book Group-<i>The Red Tent</i> - Barnes &amp; Noble</p>	<p><b>21</b>                      9:30a Tai Chi-JCOR  <b>3:30-5p Mommy Meet-Up-The Empty Cup</b>  <b>4-6:30p Passover Sing-A-Long Seder-HA</b>                      4:30p Mid-Week Hebrew-TBE                      5-7p STEM Scouts-AJCC BBYO Rm                      6-9:30p Fencing-Gym                      7p Talmud Study-HA</p>	<p><b>22</b>                      7a Morning Minyan-HA                      11a Adult Ed/Torah Study-TBE                      5:30p <i>Jewish Mourning and Commemoration in the Postwar Soviet Union</i>-UT Campus                      7:30-9:30p Israeli Dancing-Gym</p>	<p><b>23</b>                      5:30-7p Kabbalat Shabbat School-HA                      7p Shabbat Service -TBE                      7:32 p.m.</p>	<p><b>24</b>                      9:30a-noon Shabbat Service --HA                      9:30a Shabbat Service-JCOR  <b>7:30p BBYO Formal Dance -AJCC Orwitz Room</b>                      8:29 p.m.</p>	
<p><b>25</b>                      9:30a minyan-HA  <b>9:30a Religious School Walk Thru Seder-TBE</b>                      9:30a Rel School-HA                      9:30a Adult Hebrew-HA  <b>10-11p B'Yachad-HA</b>                      11a Judaism 101-HA                      1-3p Pickleball Open Play -AJCC Gym</p>	<p><b>26</b>                      7a Morning Minyan-HA                      9:30a Tai Chi-JCOR                      6-9:30p Fencing-Gym</p>	<p><b>27</b>                      6-9:30p Fencing-Gym                      7-9p Martial Arts-AJCC</p>	<p><b>28</b>                      9:30a Tai Chi-JCOR                      4-6:30p Rel school-HA                      4:30p Mid-Week Hebrew-TBE                      5-7p STEM Scouts-AJCC BBYO Rm                      6-9:30p Fencing-Gym                      7p Talmud Study-HA</p>	<p><b>29</b>                      7a Morning Minyan-HA                      11a Adult Ed/Torah Study-TBE                      7:30-9:30p Israeli Dancing-Gym</p>	<p><b>30</b>  <b>Erev Passover First Seder</b>                      AJCC Preschool closed for Pesach (holiday)                      5-7p Community Seder-HA                      7:38 p.m.</p>	<p><b>31</b>  <b>2nd Seder/Passover</b>                      9:30a-noon Shabbat Service --HA                      9:30a Shabbat Service-JCOR  <b>6p 2nd Night Seder-TBE</b>                      8:35 p.m.</p>	

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# KNOXVILLE

*Winick & Weinstein*  
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*Sweetheart Rachel Margulies*  
*and*  
*Beau Andrew Weinstein*



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# H A P P E N I N G S



## THE VIOLINS OF HOPE

### Nashville to Feature Cultural Event Series

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

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

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

### Noteworthy Events

- Giancarlo Guerrero and the Nashville Symphony perform John Williams' Three Pieces from *Schindler's List* and the world premiere and live recording of Jonathan Leshnoff's *Symphony No. 4 "Heichalot,"* with orchestra musicians performing on the Violins of Hope (**March 22-24**)
- Violins of Hope Exhibit – free and open to the public (**March 26-May 27**)
- "Voices of Hope" youth choral festival featuring ensembles from across Tennessee, presented in collaboration with the Tennessee Holocaust Commission (**March 26**, Schermerhorn Symphony Center)
- *We Shall Overcome: Civil Rights and the Nashville Press 1957-1968*, photo exhibit (**March 30-October 7**, Frist Center for the Visual Arts)
- Live performance by visual artist Nick Cave (**April 6**, Schermerhorn Symphony Center, presented by the Frist Center for the Visual Arts)
- Joshua Bell performs *Bruch's Violin Concerto No. 1* with the Nashville Symphony (**May 9**, Schermerhorn Symphony Center)
- A series of six concerts and lectures at Vanderbilt's Blair School of Music.

### Event Information:

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

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Have a bagel & schmear while we wash your car!

# WASH N' SCHMEAR



Sunday, April 15, 12:30-3:00  
6800 Deane Hill Drive

CAR WASH IS FREE BUT DONATIONS ARE APPRECIATED!

### Suzu Snoops

*Ha'Kol* welcomes your good news.

Please send information to [jjork@jewishknoxville.org](mailto:jjork@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**.
- ★ Mazel tov to **Gabe Spenser** who has been promoted to sous chef at the Knoxville Convention Center.
- ★ Mazel tov to **Alicia Carter**, who celebrated her bat mitzvah at the Western Wall. The former AJCC Preschool and TBE religious school teacher is spending a year in Israel as a volunteer teacher of English, participating in the Masa Israel Teaching Fellows which places young professionals from around the world in Israel's lowest performing elementary and middle schools, where they teach English as a second language. The program operates in 15 cities, including Haifa, where Alicia is teaching for 10 months.



Carter

# TEMPLE BETH EL TIMES



## Shalom Y'all

By Rabbi Erin Boxt

As a Reform Rabbi, I am often asked the following: WHAT is a Reform Jew? Maybe you have heard someone say, "I don't go to synagogue much...." Or "I don't keep Kosher." They will often follow that with, "...because I am a Reform Jew." Well, this is NOT what Reform Judaism is. Reform Judaism began in Europe in the late 18<sup>th</sup> century, early 19<sup>th</sup> century as a response to *Age of Enlightenment*. People began to use logic and reason rather than depend only on tradition and faith. One of the first Jews to think logically was Moses Mendelssohn, who is often referred to as "the Father of Reform Judaism," although he was himself a traditionally practicing Jew.



The beginnings of Reform Judaism in Central Europe brought changes to the liturgy, changes to traditional practice (such as circumcision, Kashrut), and a very *rejectionist* view of Jewish practice. After all, these new progressive Jewish communities were looking to separate themselves from what they thought to be as archaic and rigid traditions. When Reform Judaism came to the United States, there arose a philosophy that we still hold today – *Choice Through Knowledge*.

The foundational principle *Choice Through Knowledge* teaches that as Reform Jews we are responsible for learning the Jewish customs, laws and practices. Once we have attained this knowledge, we are then allowed to build our own Jewish identities – identities based in knowledge, understanding and experience. One example of this is a person may choose not to keep the laws of *Kashrut*, but only after they have learned and studied the reasons why these laws were created. Reform Judaism is not *easy*. As a matter of fact, I teach that being a Reform Jew is much more difficult because we are required to understand the reasons why we choose to live the Reform Jewish lives we live!

**To learn more about Reform Judaism**, check out Dr./Rabbi Mark Washofsky's book, *Jewish Living: A Guide to Temporary Reform Practice*.

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## Temple Topics

By Howard Pollock, TBE President

There are many exciting things going on at Temple Beth. During early March, we welcome the community to participate in our **2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Trivia Night and Silent Auction** on Saturday, March 3. This event isn't possible without the hard work of our Social Committee, many wonderful auction contributors and an eager congregation willing to showcase their trivia knowledge. Last year's event was a big success and important fundraiser for TBE. We will also be hosting a **New Member Social** event on March 17 at 6:30 pm. Please make sure to check the *Blast* for additional details. We are also looking forward to our **2<sup>nd</sup> Night Seder** scheduled for March 31 at 6:30 p.m. This is a special event for our congregants and guests from our community interested in sharing a tasty meal as part of our Seder. Details available at [www.tbeknox.org](http://www.tbeknox.org) or by calling our office at 524-3521.



This is the time of year when we start looking ahead to nominating directors and officers for the next term which begins July 1. There are typically a number of board seats that become open based on staggered 2 year terms for our directors. We also are hoping to fill any openings for committee chairs. If anyone is interested being part of Temple leadership please contact me at [president@tbeknox.org](mailto:president@tbeknox.org).



**& Silent Auction**

Saturday, March 3, 2018 —7:00 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.

Temple Beth El — 3037 Kingston Pike

Test your knowledge while supporting TBE's annual fundraiser. Tables reserved for up to 8 people.

# TEMPLE BETH EL PURIM SHABBAT

**Friday, March 2 – 7 p.m.**



## **TBE Rocks Around the Clock!**

Join your TBE family and friends as we celebrate Purim! We will begin with a service followed by an **ADULT** themed reading of the Megillah.

7 p.m. Service

7:30 Megillah Reading (with adult beverages)

**\*\*Come dressed as your favorite musician from any time period!\*\***

## Temple Beth El Religious School March 2018 Update

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

March starts with our Purim Shabbat and ends with Passover. In between we have spring break. However even though our school seems quieter than usual, there are still many events for our families. Purim Shabbat, TBE Auction & Trivia Night, and our TBE Seder. Take advantage of all of these great family events.

### March 25<sup>th</sup> B'yachad will be back at Heska Amuna.

The theme for this month is Passover. I can't wait to find out what Anna has planned for our young ones! B'yachad is sponsored by Temple Beth El and Heska Amuna at no charge to members and nonmembers. It is open to all children age four and under. Every session includes stories, crafts, songs, activities, and the sweetest T'filah you will ever experience. For more information contact Norma (865) 719-2614 or email Anna Iroff-Bailey at [byachadknoxville@gmail.com](mailto:byachadknoxville@gmail.com). You can also find us on Facebook.

**Spring Break Sunday, March 11 through Sunday, March 18.**  
**Classes resume with Midweek Hebrew on Wednesday, March 21.**

### NEW! NEW! NEW! Walk-Thru Seder Sunday, March 25!

This will be a Passover Seder like you have never seen before. Our guest for Sunday will be Susan Burden (my sister!) who will bring her amazing Walk Thru Seder to our school. Susan presented her program at the ISJL Conference last June, and now all the schools are trying it. Look for more information about this exciting event in parent emails.

**Passover Break Sunday, April 1 and Wednesday, April 4.**



**SAVE THE DATE**

**NEW MEMBER  
SOCIAL EVENT**

**SATURDAY, MARCH 17  
6:30 p.m.**

More details to be published in our Blast  
and displayed on our website

## Membership Committee

Temple Beth El is a small, friendly congregation of about 190 households. TBE is a spiritual and cultural centerpiece of Jewish life in East TN. 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.

**Peter & Karen Covel** recently moved from Massachusetts. They have attended several Shabbat services, events and are excited to be members of the Temple and the Knoxville Jewish community.

TBE is delighted to announce **Honerlin & Robert Del Moro** have rejoined the temple. They have been frequent visitors over the past few months and we look forward to seeing them more.

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](http://www.tbeknox.org)
- **TBE Blast** every Tuesday via email
- **Ha'Kol** - 40-page monthly newsletter detailing happenings within the entire Knoxville Jewish community.

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

## TBE Sisterhood Happenings

By Tammy Stone, Sisterhood President

We had a WONDERFUL time on Sunday morning, January 21 at our Cooking and Conversation program in the Temple kitchen! Thank you to Linda Zaretski for coordinating this Mitzvah project for us. Because of all who showed up to help, we were able to make 35 individual to two person meals for the Caring Committee freezer.

April 6 will be Sisterhood Shabbat. Please save the date and plan on attending and participating in this special service.

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

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

*With the leadership of Linda Zaretski, Sisterhood spent one morning cooking 35 containers of chicken and rice for the Care Committee freezer. Fun for sisterhood and a mitzvah for the Care Committee.*



## Contributions to Temple Beth El Funds

Donations listed were received as of January 19, 2017

### CARING COMMITTEE FUND

*In memory of Elise Hyatt*

By: Paul Erwin and Renee' Hyatt

*In memory of Marie E. Noon*

By: Chuck and Missy Noon

*In memory of Jeanne Daily Vogelfang*

By: Jill Vogelfang and Gerry Milligan

### GENERAL FUND

*In memory of Sandra Parsons*

By: Ivan Brody

*In memory of Mandel Epstein*

By: Tellico Village Jewish Social Club

*In memory of Laura Supman*

By: Arnold Cohen

*In memory of Laura Bohn Supman*

By: Frances Colona

Donations by: Anonymous

*In memory of my dear husband, Stanley Webster*

By: Esther Webster

*In memory of Jean Gudis*

By: Becky Winston

*In memory of Lois Wolpert*

By: Geoffrey and Pat Wolpert

### HERMINA BEILER FLORAL FUND

*In memory of Sandy Sachs*

By: Hal and Amy Rosenberg

*In honor of Rabbi Boxt Installation*

By: Sisterhood and Installation Committee

### PRESERVATION FUND

*In memory of Sadie Goldbert*

By: Harvey and Judith Kaufman

### RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

*In memory of Evelyn B Weiss*

By: Chuck and Missy Noon

*In honor of Rabbi Boxt*

By: Gilya Schmidt

*In memory of Mandel (Mendy) Epstein*

By: Barry and Brenda Sherman

### SCHOOL AND YOUTH FUND

*In memory of Sandy Parsons*

By: Kathy Young

### SISTERHOOD TRIBUTE FUND

*In memory of Marcia Silverstein*

By: Andrea White

*In memory of Harry Jaffe*

By: Jerry and Meredith Jaffe

*In memory of Laura Supman*

By: Kenneth and Audrey Supman

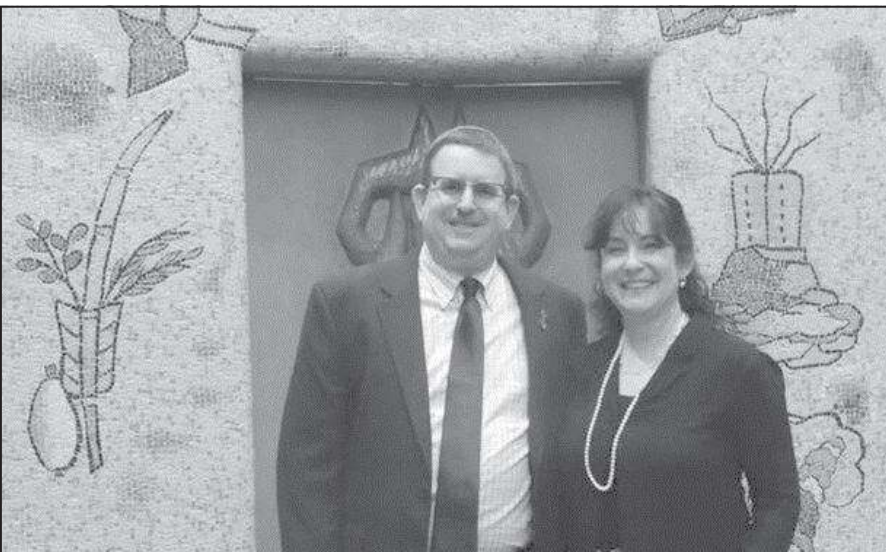
## Rabbi Boxt Installation Weekend



*Rabbi Erin Boxt and family*

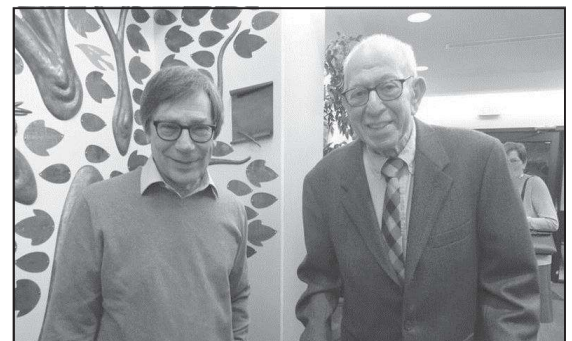


*Cantor Rosalie Boxt*



*Above: Left. Rabbi Erin Boxt and Cantor Yvon Shore*

*Right: Deborah Roberts and fellow celebrants at the installation.*

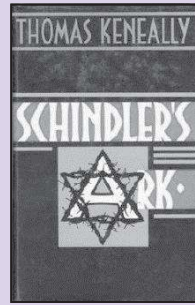


*Larry Winston and Ivan Brody*



## TBE HOLOCAUST BOOKSHELF REVIEW by Henry Fribourg

Schindler's Ark (Schindler's List) by Thomas Keneally, 1982, Serpentine Publishing Co., 429 pp.



Oskar Schindler! A self-made entrepreneur, a womanizer, a bon-vivant, a heavy-drinking profiteer who associates himself with the *Organisation Albrecht Schmelt*, a commercial empire of 177 slave labor camps, to profit from the wealth of the Jews. What a repulsive hero! Thomas Keneally, a successful Australian novelist, was inspired to write *Schindler's Ark* in 1982 by Poldek Pfefferberg, a Polish Holocaust survivor, who with zeal and passion persisted for an hour until Keneally agreed to write this true story. In the US, the book was retitled *Schindler's List* and eventually made into a successful movie by Steven Spielberg.

The book is unbearably moving but never melodramatic. It is not an easy read, especially the first part, because that involves the slow, steady slide into the evils of the Holocaust, as the Jews are transformed from citizens to substandard humans, to being seen eventually as less than beasts. It all happens gradually, though, and so the transformation is grudgingly accepted both by Jews and the few Germans who were upset about what was going on. The book reads better as the author gets into it, and the last half is easy to read and fascinating.

Oskar Schindler is not a good guy. He wants to make money from his many complicated business interests while enjoying an appetizing collection of mistresses. He was born in Sudetenland, a German-speaking part of Czechoslovakia, and he joined the Nazi Party before the war. When the Third Reich invades Poland in 1939, Schindler goes to occupied Kraków, utilizing expropriated slave Jewish skilled labor. His aim: to make money. The Jews have been deprived of their rights and will work for next to nothing to get enough food to keep from starving. The potential is obvious and Oskar had better get hold of this chance before his rivals do! So, he sets up a factory in the suburb of Plaszów. The book is not only about Oskar and his slaves, but also it is the story of Amon Goeth, Plaszów's brutal and venal drunken SS commandant. Schindler starts operating at a staggering profit margin, eventually acquiring millions, and the munitions and armament contract to render his enterprise "essential". The fact that he is away from his wife Emilie who is back in occupied Czechoslovakia is only good news for his romantic life - icing on the cake.

This book is not fiction, even though the author reminds us he is a novelist. Keneally researched and spent time crafting the other characters in the book, the Jewish slave workers and those in the ghettos. They lived as people with their own history and personality. Keneally also moved outside of Schindler, not merely to describe the horrific violence, but to also give life to the people in that violence, the people whom Schindler saved, but who also saved themselves -- and then, who saved Schindler, in more ways than one; in the end saving even his memory.

## TEMPLE BETH EL TIMES

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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.

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## TBE Fund Revisions

By Alan Smuckler, Chair, Funds Finance Committee

Temple Beth El is proud to announce the conversion of "The Henry and Claudia Fribourg Holocaust Memorial Library Bookshelf Fund" to "The Fribourg-Brunschwig Holocaust Memorial Education and Observance Fund.. The purpose of the Fund was amended by the donors as follows:

In memory of our grandparents and other members of our families who were murdered during the 1933-1945 period, the purpose of this Fund is to pay for or supplement observances and educational activities to commemorate the historical events of the 1933-1945 years in Europe, its consequences and aftermaths, known collectively as the Shoah (known in English as the Holocaust), as well as any other historical current or future event or activity in the world which, by word or action, discriminates or persecutes persons of the Jewish faith for their beliefs, values, or ethical teachings. The

monies of the Fund may be directed to Jewish or non-Jewish not-for-profit organizations or education institutions primarily targeting East Tennessee.

Temple Beth El thanks the Fribourgs for their extreme generosity as they have further endowed this Fund.

**IMPORTANTLY**, the Fribourgs will match on a \$1 for \$2 basis further contributions up to a further contribution of an additional \$5,000 by them. Temple Beth El is excited by the further opportunity to raise monies for this important fund and encourages our Temple membership and the greater Jewish community to support this effort. Once again, thank you Henry and Claudia!

# Community Passover Greetings

## Happy Passover to All

LEE MILLER BLOTNER,  
LISSA, SHELLY, and SETH

## Happy Pesach

*Jeff and Nancy Becker  
and our children and grandchildren:*

*Jeffrey Cohen;  
Dan, Lora, Noah, and  
Benjamin Cohen-Vogel;  
Debbie, Jeff, Samantha, and  
Gabe Abrams-Cohen;  
Rachel, Micah, Sophie, and  
Reuben Becker-Klein;  
Ben, Amy, Harry, and Leo Willis-Becker;  
Sarah Becker, Adama and Aminata Dembele*

*Chag Sameach to all  
our friends and family.*

*Heidi, Barry,  
and Eddy Allen*

**Chag Sameach**  
*The Liberman  
Family*

Warm greetings and very best wishes  
to all our good friends in Knoxville

**Peggy & Mark Littmann, Beth, James, Liam,  
& Adele McGinnis, and Owen & Machiko Littmann**

## Hag Sameach

Kim, Stephen,  
Nathan, Arielle, and  
Tifannie Rosen

May you celebrate Passover  
with love in your home,  
Joy in your world,  
Peace in your heart.

The Rayman Family  
Chip, Brenda  
Seth, Jennifer, Jackson

## HOLIDAY GREETINGS

PAM & ERNIE GROSS - NAOMI, SIERRA,  
PHOEBE & BRICE KING - ANNA, HAZEL, &  
MATT MCDONALD - EVA & DAVID BARNETT

## HAVE A JOYOUS PASSOVER

Your friends at  
Heska Amuna Synagogue



**HAPPY PASSOVER**

from the AJCC Preschool staff and families

*CHAG SAMEACH*  
*Jewish Family*  
*Services*

**HAPPY PASSOVER**

Jill, Stuart, Evan,  
 and Aaron Chasan

Temple Beth El  
 wishes a happy and healthy  
 Passover to all



Hag Sameach  
 v Kasher  
 Gilga Schmidt  
 & Family

Chag  
 Sameach



**HAPPY PASSOVER**

Reneé Hyatt,  
 Noah, Jenny, and Paul Erwin

**PASSOVER GREETINGS**

*Barbara & Bernie Bernstein*

**Wishing**  
**everyone a**  
**Happy Passover**

**Adam, Angie, Stephen,**  
**& Robin Brown**

**HAPPY PASSOVER**

from the board and staff of  
 the Knoxville Jewish Alliance

**HAPPY PASSOVER AND**  
**BEST WISHES TO ALL**  
**UTK HILLEL**

With love from  
 the Messing Family

Michael, Joyce,  
 Andrew & Jacob

**HAPPY**  
**PASSOVER**

*Jill, Doug, Brian,*  
*and Andrew Weinstein*

# Knoxville Jewish Alliance

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JEWISH  
ALLIANCE  
*Building Community  
Enriching Lives*

# Ha'Kol

## Strengthening Our Roots! – The Knoxville Jewish Alliance

March 2018

By Chip Rayman, KJA President

Part of our mission is to provide financial means and support and promote the cultural, social and intellectual welfare of the entire Jewish community of Knoxville.



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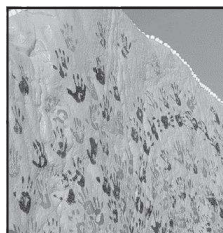
### Our Programs

- ★ **Jewish Family Services** - Laura Faye Berry is our director. In Knoxville, we help local Jews with emergency financial assistance and other services. We recently paid a \$170 utility bill for a family that is struggling.
- ★ With our **Friendshippers** program, we join assisted living residents for lunch and provide programming such as last month's Trivia Challenge led by Marty Iroff.
- ★ These residents could be your parents - your grandparents – or you someday. They were pillars of our community for many years. We owe them a few minutes of our time.
- ★ **AJCC Preschool** - Director Kristen Cannon and Vice President Martha Iroff lead our 3-Star Preschool. For several years we were able to provide fee reduction scholarships to families in need. Enrollment has increased from 37 to 62 and while enrollment has increased, so has the need to assist families. But our budget does not allow it. We have no scholarship money available for Fall 2018. Please help us provide scholarship options!
- ★ **Other Programs** - The programs I mentioned above are just two of many that benefit individuals and families. There is also PJ Library, AZA, BBG, UT Hillel, Young Jewish Adults of Knoxville (YJAK), Archives, the Milton Collins Day Camp, *Ha'Kol*, Israel Partnership P2G, Smokin' Salmon Swim Team, and lectures, community events, and more.
- ★ **KJA Annual Campaign**—If you have given \$100 dollars in the past, give \$150 this year. Consider a step up to \$1,000. You can pay monthly on a credit card. That's only \$80 a month.
- ★ **Arnstein Jewish Community Center Memberships** - Join the Jewish Community Center. Being a Arnstein Jewish Community Center member helps us greatly with our budget and provides families with a fun place to be.
  - A senior couple can belong for only \$160. It's a bargain.
  - An entire family can belong for \$495 for the year.
  - A family can swim all summer for \$300.

Thank you for your consideration, support, and participation.

### The Rock

More than three hundred people, including many from our community, gathered at The Rock on the UT Campus Friday, February 9. Police barricaded Volunteer Boulevard in all directions. It was a beautiful day to protest hate – 60 degrees – sun shining. Professor Beauvais Lyons up on a ladder helping place hand prints in a solidarity move to combat racism. Many stayed for a candlelight vigil at 5:30 p.m.. White, black, Asian, Indian, gay, transgender, cross-dressers, Jewish, Christian, Muslim, Buddhist, etc. – we all sang a song, held our candles – beautiful day, beautiful scene.



May Passover be filled with happy times for you and your family and may the joys you share remain throughout the year.

*KJA Board and Staff*



## 2018 Mitzvah Day Strengthens Roots, Supports Community

Thanks to volunteers who painted, cleaned, and repaired our community’s gathering place, the Arnstein Jewish Community Center. We also appreciate all who collected donations for charities, learned about area homeless and created help bags, donated 18 units of blood to MEDIC, baked dog biscuits for shelters, supported the Gift of Life Bone Marrow Registry, kneaded delicious challah dough, helped with Archives, and more.

Thanks to everyone who answered the 2018 KJA Annual Campaign call. Funds raised ensure our community has a community center, advocates for seniors and persons in need, provides a top-rated preschool and summer camp, supports groups such as Friendshippers, UT Hillel, BBYO, and BBYO Connect, and hosts community programs and events.



*UTK Hillel students are ready to help at Mitzvah Day.*



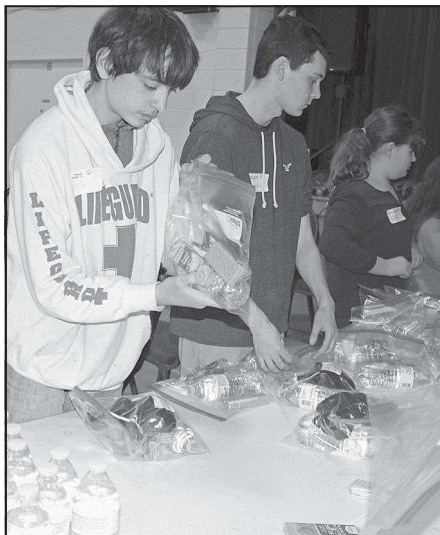
*AZA Winick’s Frank Sturm replaces ceiling tiles in the Orwitz Room.*



*Groups mixed challah dough for the AJCC Preschool and UT Hillel Shabbats, and for JFS Shabbat services..*



*Phyllis and Ken Hirsch taught about HABIT dogs.*



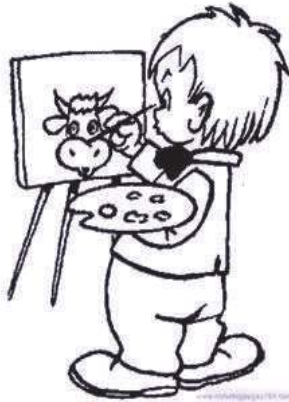
*Left: Teens adopted Zach Thomas’s bar mitzvah project of creating care bags to be given out to area homeless.  
Above: Sheila Michel from Anderson County’s TORCH talks about the hidden homeless and families.*



*Preschoolers sang songs and learned about helpers, then got to meet firefighters from the Knoxville Fire Department and see their fire truck and gear.*

**Thank you to all painters, fixers, cleaners, and volunteers.**

## 9th Annual Preschool Art Gala Fundraiser



### *The Black & White Affair*

Wednesday • April 11, 2018

5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Arnstein Jewish Community Center  
6800 Deane Hill Drive  
Knoxville, TN



Silent Auction • Children's Artwork  
Local Vendors

Hors d'oeuvres • Wine Bar



RSVP by Friday March 30

psadmin@jewishknoxville.org  
865.963.8001

Black & White Casual Attire Optional



## 2018 AJCC Summer (Pool) Membership \$300

(Includes all household members and 6 guest passes)

Applications available on-line at  
[www.jewishknoxville.org](http://www.jewishknoxville.org)  
or by contacting the KJA Main Office at 865.690.6343



### KJA Contributions

*Whether you'd like to honor someone, help a cause dear to your heart like preschool, camp scholarships, seniors, cultural programming, teen leadership, or Jewish community in general, the KJA can help you find the a fund that honors your wishes. Contact us at 690-6343 for information.*

#### AJCC Preschool

Digital Realty Trust donation matching gift

#### Jewish Family Services

*In memory of Sandy Parsons  
Joyce York*

#### KJA General Fund

*Donation in honor of all our past presidents and board members, for their community commitment and spirit, and their generosity through financial support of the KJA and the Jewish community*

Anonymous

*In honor of Jack Love for putting on such a wonderful program for the Knoxville community  
Manny Herz*

**Paul Robeson: Cantor of the People**

Professor Jack Love narrated a program about American icon Paul Robeson, with special musical guests at Tabernacle Baptist Church on Sunday, February 11. After the inspiring program, all enjoyed a reception sponsored by the Knoxville Jewish Alliance.



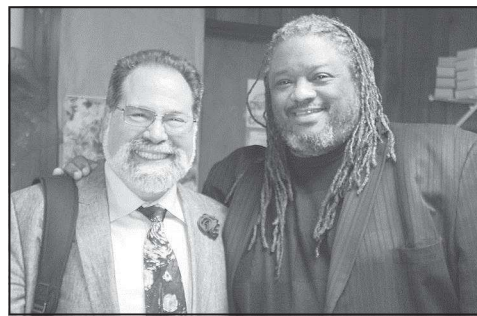
*Baritone Dominick White, accompanied by pianist Manny Herz, sings traditional spirituals once performed by Paul Robeson.*



*The audience enjoys a reception after the Robeson program,*



*UT Chamber Singers sang spirituals Robeson arranged.*



*Above and Right: Jack Love enjoys talking with community members.*



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*BBYO’s Winick AZA chapter elected spring term officers. From left to right: Reuben Margulies (Jewish Heritage Officer), Frank Sturm (Recruiter), Ben Margulies (Vice President), Ryan Gibbons (Secretary), Nathanael Laing (Treasurer), Andrew Weinstein (President).*

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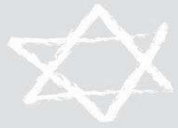





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### Our Partner, East Tennessee Foundation

*By Abraham Brietstein, PhD, KJCFF President*

On January 23, I had the opportunity to attend the annual meeting of the East Tennessee Foundation for the first time, which was an eye-opening experience. Although I've been on the KJCFF Board for the past several years and was cognizant of the relationship between the East Tennessee Foundation and KJCFF, it really took attending the annual meeting to be fully aware of the importance of this partnership and the value of the work that is being done by this extraordinary organization. If you are like me, you may not be fully aware of the significance of this partnership, as well as the extent to which the Jewish community is represented in the leadership within the East Tennessee Foundation. To start, as shown in this picture, Jeff Becker, PhD, former President and one of the KJCFF founders, is now Past President of East Tennessee Foundation, and he is not the only member of the Jewish community who has served in that capacity. Bernie Bernstein and Ellen Markman currently serve on the ETF Board, and Dick Jacobstein and Howard Blum have been long-term members of the Board. In addition, Beth Heller, VP for Scholarship Programs, and Jan Elston, VP for Competitive Programs, were recently honored for their years of service, while Jeanette Kelleher, serves as VP for Operations, just to mention a few.

In addition to the many grants they provide locally in serving the greater community, ETF pools our money and currently has over \$300 million invested, which allows KJCFF to have a much greater return on our investments than we might otherwise have with much lower investment costs. As a result, the Knoxville Jewish Alliance, as well as Heska Amuna Synagogue, the Jewish Congregation of Oak Ridge, and the Knoxville Jewish Day School greatly benefit from the various organizational funds invested within KJCFF, which are being managed by the East Tennessee



*KJCFF President Abraham Brietstein, with East Tennessee Foundation President and CEA Mike McClamroch, and Jeff Becker, a past president of the ETF and KJCFF.*

Foundation, not to mention the various donor advised funds, which also benefit a variety of nonprofit organizations within the Jewish community and abroad. As a result, you can see the exemplary stewardship of our funds, and I hope each of you will consider making a donation to one of the many funds within KJCFF or, better yet, consider starting one of your own. If so, please give me a call at (865) 803-8246.

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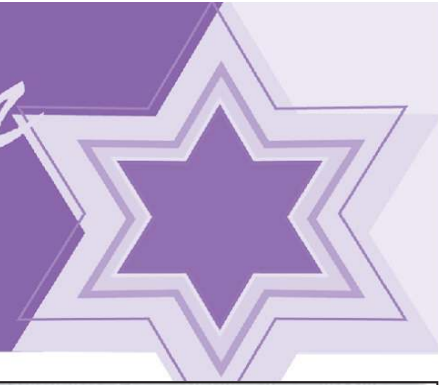
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# Jewish Congregation of Oak Ridge



## The JFNA Annual Campaign Kickoff Program Monday, March 18, 2018, 2:00 p.m., JCOR

JFNA is the major worldwide Jewish charitable organization, operated mostly by volunteers and managed by a small and very efficient professional team. It is ranked as one of the most competent benevolent organizations in the U.S.A. JFNA's Joint Distribution Committee (JDC) offers aid to Jewish communities around the world through a network of social and community assistance programs. In addition, JDC contributes towards disaster relief and development assistance to non-Jewish communities.

Our guest speaker this year is Jeff Scott Goldman, an Emmy award-winning producer and reporter for *CBS News* and the *PBS News Hour*. Until recently, Jeff worked at the White House covering six Presidents over the past 34 years. In that role he traveled the world aboard Air Force One with Presidents Ronald Reagan, George H.W. Bush, Bill Clinton, George W. Bush, Barack Obama and the beginning of the Donald Trump presidency.



*Jeff Scott Goldman*

## JCOR March Programming

**Saturday, March 10**

**Rabbi's Study Session: *Hillel and Shammai***  
(after the morning Services)

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.

**Saturday, March 17, 7:00 p.m.**

**Jewish Film Series: *Distortion***

Israel, 2005, NR, 1hr 43m

A playwright who lives in Tel Aviv, Israel, struggles to find meaning in the strife that's tearing apart his country as well as ensnaring his personal life.

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# CHABAD OF KNOXVILLE

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## Chabad's Mission Statement

By Miriam Esther Wilhelm

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I am sitting on the plane, traveling back from New York where I attended the international conference for Chabad Shluchot. Inspired by an uplifting 48 hours of the conference, I bet some of you wonder what happens at such a conference. Is there an award ceremony for Chabad houses that hosted the largest Purim Party? Is there a display of the largest and newest Chabad buildings? Is there a checklist that we fill out to measure our success? It might be surprising to hear but quite the opposite.

The message shared over and over by speakers was that we need to keep focusing on the Rebbe's mission – to let every single Jew in every part of the world know that they are an integral part of the Jewish people and to bring the joy of Judaism to all corners of the world. The Chabad houses that were applauded at the banquet were the ones in the smallest communities, in the farthest corners of the world. The MC for the banquet was Sara'le Henig, the Chabad Shlucha to Chengdu, China, a city where the Chabad couple had to learn the local dialect quickly because no one speaks English, and the closest mikvah is a three-hour flight away. The roll call was led by four Shluchot, who together with their husbands, recently started Chabad Houses in Reykjavik, Iceland, Podgorica, Montenegro, Nassau, Bahamas and Willemstad, Curacao.

So you may wonder why? Why are young families moving to the farthest corners of the world to open Chabad Houses – what's their goal – what are they trying to accomplish?

The answer is simple, The Lubavitcher Rebbe, Rabbi Menachem M. Schneerson of Blessed Memory, charged us with the mission to reach every single Jew, no matter their background, affiliation or level of observance, and let them know they are an integral part of the Jewish people. After the Holocaust, the Rebbe was determined to fight the devastation with this mission. If Hitler went through great pains to seek out every single Jew, regardless of their level of observance and annihilate them, we, the Rebbe demanded, must seek out every single Jew, regardless of their level of observance and make sure they know how valued they are.

Success – we were reminded at the conference, is not measured by the amount of programs, the number of attendees, the size of a building, or splendor of our menus. Success is making sure we are available for every member of our community however or wherever they may need us.

So if you've been curious about what Chabad is all about, send me an email ([me@kjds.org](mailto:me@kjds.org)) and let's get together. Join us for a Shabbat dinner, a program a class or get in touch and let's meet for coffee, and if you ever need a reminder please know, that exactly the way you are right now is perfect, and you are an integral part of the Jewish people.



*With local schools closed for the flu some of our teens pulled together an impromptu mitzvah program. They baked challahs, wrote cards and delivered them to Jewish residents. Thank you Laura Berry and Jewish Family Services for helping us reach the Jewish residents.*



*Gabby Guigui and Headan Maman are excited to find a fellow Philadelphia Eagles fan while delivering challah to Norma Cohen.*

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## *Heska Amuna Synagogue*

### March 10

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### March 17

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### March 24

Ben Bernstein ♦ Julius David Binder, ♦ Molly G. Chazen ♦ Israel B. Cohen ♦ Pearl Collins ♦ Celia Danenberg ♦ Dale Hasden ♦ Esther Lee Kimerling ♦ David Krauss ♦ Jack Rosenberg ♦ Gertrude Roth ♦ Abraham Scott ♦ Miles Siegel ♦ Lillian Weinbren ♦ Isadore Wender

### March 3

Luna Anidjar ♦ Rose Mildred Belaief ♦ Sylvia Blumenthal ♦ Harry Brietstein ♦ Samuel Haber Brody ♦ Harry Timmy Cohen ♦ Infant Euster ♦ Isadore Ginsburg ♦ Bessie Green ♦ Isaac Greenwald ♦ Arthur Hahn ♦ David Hecht ♦ Dorothy Icove-Krause ♦ Arthur Joel Jay ♦ Gustav Levi ♦ Yetta Licht ♦ Yetta Rosenfield ♦ Norbert Joel Slovis ♦ Phillip Slusher ♦ Don Wittenberg

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### March 9

William Brody ♦ Stewart Crosier ♦ Sally Feldman ♦ Marjorie Freedman ♦ Morris Friedman ♦ Louis Gassel Yulia Ioselev ♦ Ginda Katz ♦ Jacob Katz ♦ Rosa Kern ♦ Dora Kohen ♦ Martin Andrew Koplán ♦ Elaine Lewis ♦ Leonard D. Licht ♦ Julia Markman ♦ George Marshall ♦ Ann Mostov ♦ Ruth Ozaroff ♦ Sylvia Kessler Robinson ♦ Anna Wallace Rosenbloom ♦ Murray Steinfeld ♦ David Solomon Striner ♦ Faye Wansker

### March 16

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# Hadassah HIGHLIGHTS

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## Soup Goes Nuts!

Okay, okay, I'll tell you! It started at Mary's. That's right, at the beautiful home of Mary Evars-Goan. First, it was one, then another, and before we knew it three different types of heavenly soups had manifested! It was nuts! And that's just the beginning. Then came the appetizers! Deviled eggs, orzo salad, even quinoa made an appearance!

If that didn't sweeten our pallets, the sugar certainly did. Desserts lined the tables in various sugary delightful ways!

But it was the people that really sweetened the night! Women and men, and even a few munchkins, came to celebrate Havdalah with us. Anita Kay and Peggy Littmann led us in a beautiful rendition of the short service where we celebrated the end of Shabbat and welcomed the week. Then came the gab and the eating. And eating and eating!! It was a perfect way to begin our 2018! After all, we all deserve to go a little nuts now and again! But that's all you're getting out of me! After all, what happens in Mary's house...stays in Mary's house.



Anita Kay sampling desserts



Knoxville Hadassah President Andrea Cone looks forward to enjoying of the three savory soups featured at Knoxville Hadassah's January 27 Soup Goes Nuts event.



Hadassah Soup Goes Nuts attendees enjoy good food and fellowship.

## President's Message

By Andrea Cone, Knoxville Hadassah President

In January 2018, I became president of Hadassah Knoxville and now I am writing my article for the March addition of *Ha'Kol*. Building a stronger Jewish community is one of my goals.

We started our year with our "Soup Goes Nuts" program. We had a beautiful night socializing, meeting new guests, new members, and current and past members. The soups were outstanding, and the variety of side dishes filled our tummies.

In February at our "First Hand View of Israel Today," our hearts were warmed with so many wonderful stories and experiences that members of our community were involved in as they traveled to Israel. Young, old, and everyone should experience a journey to Israel!

March is Multiple Sclerosis awareness (MS) Month. MS is an unpredictable and often disabling autoimmune disease, where a patient's own immune cells attack the nerve covering—an insulating layer called myelin—of the brain, which disrupts the flow of information from the brain to other parts of the body. Learn more about Hadassah's groundbreaking MS research and how Hadassah is making a difference in people's lives. On **March 18**, our chapter will host a Progressive Lunch. Our event will consist of three courses, three houses, three topics, and the cost will be \$18. We will send a contribution to Hadassah's Health Maintenance Organization (HMO) to further medical miracles and to do our part for a cure for MS.

Wednesday, February 28 Purim begins at sundown through March 1. Purim is celebrated each year of the 14th day of the Hebrew month of Adar. Purim is a favorite Jewish Holiday for me as I love making Hamentachem, and my children love when I send them to them.

Purim has many meanings and is very special to Hadassah because the name Hadassah (Heb. הדסה) was one of the names of Queen Esther, the heroine of the Purim story. The name Esther (Heb. אסתר) is derived from the Hebrew word hester (Heb. הסתר), which means "hiddenness," and corresponds to a spiritual plane representing hidden G-dliness.

Hadassah, Queen Esther, was not afraid to live among non-Jews and to be an example of how a Jew must be proud of his or her inheritance, and to live everyday life with happiness and much success.

Hadassah, the Women's Zionist Organization of America, Inc., was founded over a century ago, before Israel was a state, and before women could vote in the U.S. Since that time, the organization has remained unwavering in its commitment to women's health and well-being, to Israel, and to Jewish values and continuity. But while Hadassah's heritage and mission remain as strong as ever, the role of women and Jewish culture here and in Israel, has evolved over time. The organization, too, has evolved, taking on new challenges and developing new programs.

Hadassah believes in building a world where our Jewish values in action create strong community and an enduring Israel. That's why our entire focus is on connecting and empowering Jewish women to effect change. We've done this for over 100 years and we will do it for the next 100—advancing health and well-being, advocating for women, and building community in the U.S. and Israel. We invite all Jewish women to join in—to put their values into action with us and through our programs.

Thank you. I know we will have a successful and fun year!

## Hadassah Knoxville Welcomes Three New Members

Emma and David Fleischmann moved to Knoxville in 2007 from Miami, Florida and have been married for 26 years. Their son Jason, a senior at MTSU, will graduate in May. While David has worked as a telecommunication administrator at Knox County Schools Central Office for the past 10 years, Emma has been employed as a bookkeeper for Robertsville Middle School in Oak Ridge for 7 years. Born in Cuba, Emma is a native Spanish speaker like her husband who was raised in the Dominican Republic. Emma's interests include dancing, reading, and, her favorite hobby, traveling to Israel, Turkey, Malta, Italy, and Greece. After attending January's *Soup Goes Nuts* plus a strong endorsement from David's cousin Helen, a life member in New Jersey, Emma joined our Knoxville chapter.

Marcy and Mark Frankel along with Marcy's father Murray Weinstein, z'l, relocated from Deerfield Beach, Florida to Knoxville in 1994. Marcy works at Turkey Creek Medical Center as a financial counselor, and Mark is employed as a product merchandiser for SAS. The couple has been married for 31 years. Marcy's hobbies include trying new restaurants, bike riding, hiking, listening to audio books, and traveling, with Alaska being her favorite trip. Like Emma, after attending *Soup Goes Nuts*, Marcy joined our Knoxville chapter to meet new people and become more involved in the Jewish community.

Originally from New York, Nancy O'Hara served previously as Hadassah Membership Vice President and President of ORT for Westchester County. She and her family moved to Knoxville in 1979 with her husband Matt, a chemist at Y12. Nancy continued her teaching career with Knox County schools from 1984 to 1985. Then in 1986, she became a children's social worker at Lakeshore Mental Health Center, working there until the facility closed. From 1998 until her retirement two years ago, Nancy was a social worker for children with special needs for the State of Tennessee. Married 53 years, Nancy and Matt have 3 sons and 1 daughter, 10 grandchildren, and 5 great-grandchildren. Nancy enjoys playing bridge and mah jongg. After visiting Knoxville's Hadassah bundt cake booth in May, Nancy's desire to join our organization was relit. Nancy's support for HMO is coupled with her yearning to become active again in Hadassah and make new friends.

**If you are interested in learning more about HADASSAH and becoming a member, please contact Anita Kay at [anitakay@knology.net](mailto:anitakay@knology.net) or (865) 693-5757.**



## 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.

Call if you have any questions about the program.

Thanks for your support.



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## What is Chai Society?

Chai Society is a way for Hadassah members to set up annual giving on a smaller yet meaningful scale. With Chai Society, you agree to gift \$180 a year to Hadassah. This can be automatically charged to your credit card at \$15 a month, \$60 three times a year or \$180 once a year, whichever way is comfortable for you. You may also send Hadassah a check. This is money that Hadassah can budget for and count on. Of course, you are not limited to giving \$180 a year. Chai Society giving is \$180 to \$359 and Silver Chai Society is \$360 to \$999.



## Why Should I Become a Member?

Being a member of Chai Society is a way to insure one financial commitment to Hadassah every year regardless of other programs and events that happen on the local level. While there are special events and programs throughout any calendar year that raise funds for Hadassah, these events are raising funds for whatever that program is supporting within Hadassah. With Chai Society you can choose where you want your Chai Society contribution to go. There are many different areas to choose from...Research/Hadassah Medical Organization; Youth Aliyah; Men's Health Initiative; Health, Education and Advocacy/US Initiatives; Young Judaea Scholarships; Unrestricted, where the money goes where most needed; Medicine and Healthcare/Hadassah Medical Organization. Being a Chai Society member, you can have the satisfaction of supporting Hadassah in general but also something you are interested in or connected to on a more personal level.

## Honor a Loved One! Buy a Tree/Water Certificate

What better way to celebrate a birthday or special occasion than by purchasing a tree certificate from Knoxville Hadassah? One certificate not only fits all, but honors them with a special mitzvah as Israel is always in need of trees and water. Please by planting a tree or developing water resources today. Since 1926, Hadassah has partnered with JNF to drain swamplands, plant forests, develop water resources and preserve Israel's ecology.

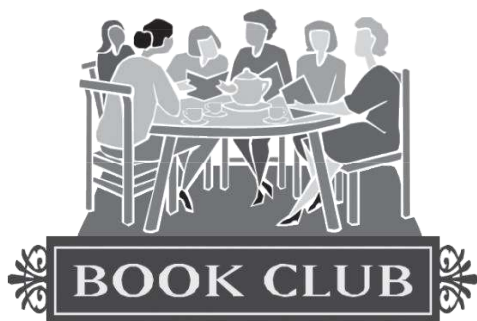
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Contact Joyce York at [joyceyork12@gmail.com](mailto:joyceyork12@gmail.com) to arrange for a tree or water certificate to be sent for you.



## 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, March 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 *The Red Tent* by Anita Diamant.

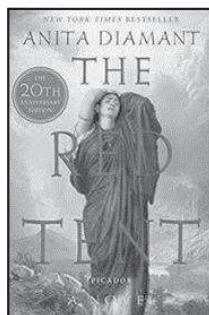
**Synopsis:** Her name is Dinah. In the Bible, her life is only hinted at in a brief and violent detour within the more familiar chapters of the Book of Genesis that are about her father, Jacob, and his dozen sons. Told in Dinah's voice, this novel reveals the traditions and turmoils of ancient womanhood—the world of the red tent. It begins with the story of her mothers--Leah, Rachel, Zilpah, and Bilhah--the four wives of Jacob. They love Dinah and give her gifts that sustain her through a hard-working youth, a calling to midwifery, and a new home in a foreign land. Dinah's story reaches out from a remarkable period of early history and creates an intimate connection with the past.

Deeply affecting,

*The Red Tent* combines rich storytelling with a valuable achievement in modern fiction: a new view of biblical women's society.

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

**April Book: *Stay With Me* by Ayobami Adebayo**



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## Upcoming Knoxville Hadassah Programs

<b>Tuesday, April 17</b>	BOOK CLUB** <i>Stay With Me</i> by Ayobami Adebayo
<b>Sunday, April 29</b>	"NIGHT OF TALENT" (Light Appies and Wine)
<b>Sunday, May 6</b>	Knoshville: Hadassah BUNDT Cake specialty booth
<b>Tuesday, May 15</b>	BOOK CLUB**
<b>Sunday, June 3</b>	HAWAIIAN LUAU: Barbeque / Bonfire
<b>Tuesday, June 19</b>	BOOK CLUB**
<b>JUNE AND JULY</b>	POP UP PARTIES: Stay connected: Brain freeze & Bunco, or Game day or Laughter and Cosmos
	OR....





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*Students feel like family at KJDS. They form close friendships that last beyond their years at school.*

## Is KJDS Neverland?

Neverland is a mythical, magical paradise for children. The boys and girls there want to have fun, hear wonderful tales and be loved. They enjoy time with their friends and a feeling of family. They work together and they never stop believing. Every one of our students took to the stage recently to bring *Peter Pan Jr* to life. Each dressed to represent the spirit of their character – Peter Pan, Captain Hook, brave girls, pirates, lost boys, the Darling family and of course, Tinkerbell. What each one of them did was truly astounding. They gave of themselves for the good of the group; they put aside their individuality to join a team to create a fantasy; they learned to sing and dance; they encouraged each other and helped each other be their best. They rehearsed and rehearsed and rehearsed. And then they rehearsed some more.

The students at KJDS often feel like their school is Neverland. First and foremost, they are loved and treated like family. We have created a culture of belonging and the students feel like a family. The time given to reading and discussing literature is built in to our schedules at every grade level. We stop to notice and celebrate their accomplishments and milestones. Our Drama classes are geared to give them the confidence to be able to perform in front of real audience. So when our students were up on stage, they believed they could recreate a magical paradise for children and they did, beautifully.

## A Beloved Friend

Our school community has been the beneficiary of many volunteers and visitors over the years. But there is one such man that we will always hold in deepest regard one of our most beloved visitors, Mr. Harold Markman. On the occasion of his yahrzeit, we were treated to a special lunch with his family and closest friends. Joining the students and staff on this special day, we heard from Mendel Wilhelm about the weekly visits he and his classmates enjoyed with Mr. Markman. He spoke of the excitement around his visits, with each class vying for his time and company at lunch. Sarah Zemel, Elhanan Ferency and Abby Quartararo read a Mishna and Rabbi Yossi shared the teaching of the Mishna. Steve Markman shared some words about his father, Harold. Remarking about going to see the students was the one thing that could get him to leave work. Then collectively we performed a mitzvah in Harold's name. Together a very special man, was remembered and honored on the day of his yahrzeit by his family and his KJDS kids.



*Family and close friends joined us for a Yahrzeit lunch in memory of our dear friend, Harold Markman O.B.M.*



*Left:  
Students give tzedakah.*

*Right:  
KJDS students read a Mishna in Mr. Markman's honor.*

## Singapore Math Concepts

KJDS use Singapore Math to guide learning in mathematics. This curriculum focuses on developing students who are problem solvers, and all concepts are taught to mastery.

### During Math groups you will see:

- Use of manipulatives
- Drawing models
- Multiple strategies
- Deep practice in Math fundamentals
- Step by step problem solving
- Challenging questions
- Application of concepts to real world scenarios
- Students sharing their thinking

Singapore math requires students to understand how and why math equations work. Students are not just memorizing processes and math facts but also understanding the how and why behind the manipulation of numbers. Another strong component of Singapore math is the visualization of math concepts. After using manipulatives to understand a math concept students are led to the pictorial stage where they will draw a diagram, and only then do they move to the abstraction of lining up numbers in a multiplication equation. Students also learn to model draw to solve word problems, model drawing/ bar models is a great tool to help students decode those sticky word problems.



*Kindergarteners code the Bee Bot to count by 2's as they learn to skip count.*

## KJDS Builds Community

### Four generations under one roof!

On the Monday following our play, we invited the students' grandparents to join us at school. We had a great turn-out for our first event including our wonderful grandparents. There was plenty of coffee, bagels and smiles to go around. One of our families even had a great-grandmother attend.

Our grandparents (and some Special Friends) enjoyed a fashion show by the Fifth Grade Hebrew class. Because the students walked on the runway in Hebrew- we supplied the English translation. It was so fun to see how much the girls learned while studying "local" fashion trends in Israel. Next the cross-generational group headed to the classrooms to see what the students have been studying in their core classes. The students took the lead in explaining what they had been doing by showing their relatives their projects, math and writing.

We are so proud of our students' hard work and it was wonderful for them to be able to share their growth with their extended family. We hope to have more events that bring our community even closer.



*The Fifth Grade Hebrew class showed their command of the language during an "Israeli Fashion Show" performed in Hebrew.*



*The CTeen group was enthusiastic to make their own sushi- it was an involved process but delicious.*

### Alumni Day and CTeen

One of our favorite days of the year is Alumni Day. Every year, the day after our play, we invite our alumni back to school for a day of fun and informative programming. The staff always love to see prior years' graduates in their new role. They walk in school a little taller and greet their former classmates with enthusiasm but a noticeable difference. It is a testament to the uniqueness and community feel of KJDS that middle and high school students spend their day off at their former school.

This year's group was busy from the moment they walked in the door. Joining the CTeen program they played an "icebreaker" game to get to know each other a little better. Then they got busy doing a mitzvah, making pillows for patients at East Tennessee Children's Hospital.

Next they learned how to make sushi. Kumi from Sushi Academy of Tennessee came to provided the group with a short history of sushi and then put them to work creating their own rolls. It was a little harder than some thought it would be- but the results were delicious. After the CTeen program the alumni went on to Laser Tag, with all the enthusiasm of real warriors. While many enjoyed the game, a few were determined to defeat their friends.

As the day wound down, the participation factor grew. They were all given parts in a lip-sync version of *We Are The World*- the 1980s USA for Africa song to end hunger. Each child was outfitted to become the rock star they portrayed in the act. We had Bruce Springsteen, Cindy Lauper, Stevie Wonder, Kenny Loggins, Lionel Richie and many more icons from the eighties. The Alumni all gave it their all and the song was a huge success. Marci Foster, now an Alum-mom, truly outdid herself choreographing and outfitting the students (and staff) on the number and acted as Quincy Jones. The day was a huge success and we are so proud of the people our Alumni have become.

### Parent Talent Show

Few things spark fear into a child's heart as their parents singing or dancing. But at KJDS, we embrace our parents' awkward attempt at "coolness" and put it onstage. Parents commit to doing the talent show to honor the hard work their children put into our annual play. We ask them to get out their comfort zone and be willing to perform in front of their peers, and they rise to the occasion. Our brave moms, dads and teachers put on a memorable show, and secretly they have a blast.

This year we were graced with acts by a little brother, an original song by Lisa and Dan, a comedy duo, a mommy Israeli dance, the teachers attempting to sing *I don't want to grow up* and of course the finale of *Fame!* The Alumni version of *We are the World* was also performed to a standing ovation. Truth be told we have a lot of talent in the KJDS community. The talent show is really all about the students. Seeing them laugh, sing and dance to celebrate their commitment to the play is why we don legwarmers, wigs, Peter Pan hats and lip sync our hearts out.



*Parents always end the show with "Fame." The students join in the dance to bring our day to a close.*

## STEAM Into Service Visits Elmcroft

The Knoxville Jewish Day School is embarking on a new journey in our *STEAM Into Service* initiative. This semester we are partnering with Elmcroft Senior Living to explore how the STEAM subjects support and enhance the lives of elderly members of our community. During this unit, students will strive to consider and answer essential questions.

- Why should we have relationships with elderly members in our community?
- How can we use STEAM to enrich the lives of elderly people in our community?

To kick off this relationship, KJDS students presented portions of the musical *Peter Pan Jr.* to Elmcroft. Many residents had fond memories of the movie *Peter Pan* and were familiar with some of the songs.

The students performed beautifully, eliciting much laughter and applause. We look forward to getting to know individual residents at Elmcroft and helping our students learn about the gifts that senior members give their community as well as exploring how technology has improved the quality of life for people as they age.

*Former Special Friend Mark enjoys seeing the students perform at Elmcroft.*




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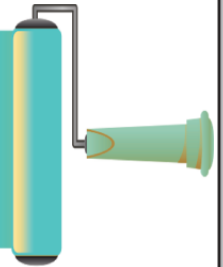
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### The Way We Were in 2011

#### Rosh Chodesh Av at the Knoxville Museum of Art



Gathered at the Art Museum on July 31 for Rosh Chodesh Av, (left to right) \_\_\_\_\_, Anne **Greenbaum**, Sandy **Markoff** (Karen **Robinson's** mother), Natalie **Robinson**, Barb **Levin**, Rebecca **Charles**, Pat **Rosenberg**, Rosalie **Nagler**, Meredith **Jaffe**, docent Naomi **Rowe**, Jane **Cohen**, Marilyn **Lieberman**, Barbara **Bernstein**, Brenda **Mosko**. Most continue to live in the Knoxville area.

Anne **Greenbaum** of JCOR Sisterhood organized this event, viewing of the exhibit of the Chinese artist Weiwei on the destruction, or attempted destruction, of culture.

Thanks to Sig and Brenda **Mosko** for the photograph, and Barbara **Bernstein** and Anne **Greenbaum** for assistance in identification and additional information about the event. Please help us identify a participant.

#### **The Archives Needs Your Photographs!**

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