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# “i thank you god for most this amazing day”

By Rabbi Alon C. Ferency

12 Cheshvan—12 Kislev

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The following story is told of Israel Salanter (Lithuania, 19<sup>th</sup> century):



Rabbi Israel Salanter once noticed that a fancy restaurant was charging a huge price for a cup of coffee. He approached the owner and asked why the coffee was so expensive. After all, some hot water, a few coffee beans and a spoonful of sugar could not amount to more than a few cents.

The owner replied: “It is correct that for a few cents you could have coffee in your own home. But here in the restaurant, we provide exquisite decor, soft background music, professional waiters, and the finest china to serve your cup of coffee.”

Rabbi Salanter’s face lit up. “Oh, thank you very much! I now understand the blessing of *shehakol* —‘All was created by God’s word’ [the blessing appropriate to drinking coffee]— which we recite before drinking water. You see, until now, when I recited this blessing, I had in mind only that I am thanking the Creator for the water that God created. Now I understand the blessing much better. ‘All’ includes not merely the water, but also the fresh air that we breathe while drinking the water, the beautiful world around us, the music of the birds that entertain us and exalt our spirits, each with its different voice, the charming flowers with their splendid colors and marvelous hues, the fresh breeze—for all this we have to thank God when drinking our water!”

The message is that we must recognize blessing all around us: a simple coffee can be a source of wonderment, if you let it. This should fill you with great enthusiasm and contagious joy. Don’t sleep through life. Being aware of everyday miracles is a practice that begins upon waking, for example by reciting *Modeh ani lifanekha, Melekh chai v’kayyam, shehechezarta bi nishmati b’chemla, rabbah emunatekha*, (“I am grateful to You, living Sovereign, for returning my soul to me as a result of Your overwhelming compassion for me”). So, then: what if you woke up and, rather than slamming your alarm, glaring at the rising sun, and gulping down your coffee, what if you instead said “Yes” to living—by stepping out of bed, making it, and facing the day with eagerness, gratitude to be alive, and willingness to serve your Creator? Rashi says of each living creature in God’s creation: “They were asked if they wished to be created, and they said: ‘Yes.’” I’m reminded of John Lennon’s first encounter with Yoko Ono—a story that makes me unusually inclined to like her:

There was another piece that really decided me for-or-against the artist: a ladder which led to a painting which was hung on the ceiling. It looked like a black canvas with a chain with a spyglass hanging on the end of it. This was near the door when you went in.

I climbed the ladder, you look through the spyglass and in tiny little letters it says “yes.” So it was positive. I felt relieved.

Perhaps an auspicious beginning, one that starts with “Yes,” can lead to greater appreciation for the created world generally.

\* Rabbi Ferency’s headline is a quote by e.e. cummings.



Thank you to Anshei, the Heska Amuna Men’s Club, and many other volunteers for building our awesome sukkah this year.

## Seeking Homes for Our Mahzors of Yesteryear

By Mary Ann Merrell, Heska Amuna Synagogue President

*“This old tear-stained prayer book will I take in my hand ...”*

Like clockwork, every year at the beginning of Rosh Hashanah, my mom, Judy Rattner, would open the mahzor to a poem on the inside cover and hand me the opened book. “Read this, it is so beautiful.” And every year I would, and it was. “The old tear-stained prayerbook will I take in my hand and call upon the G-d of my fathers...And G-d in heaven who has heard the prayers of my fathers, the G-d who gave them power and strength - perchance He will hear my prayer, too...”

Following the end of World War II, a set of the exact same edition of our mahzors, with those words found on the opening pages, were purchased and imprinted with the names of many Heska Amuna Synagogue congregants. These prayer books were eventually replaced and, for decades, were boxed and stored away. When preparing for the ritual burying of our prayer books this past spring in the genizah at the Old Jewish Cemetery, these prayer books were set aside in the hopes that family members of congregants whose names adorned these books would like to keep them.

I envisioned rows and rows of congregants in their High Holiday finery holding these books, counting the pages to the end of the service, losing their places and then finding them again. I wonder if they read that same poem and passed the books to their children to absorb the lyrical opening pages. I wonder if they found solace in the Yizkor prayers that recalled “the martyrs of olden times as well as those of our own day who gave their lives in loyalty to G-d...” “Open the gates - the radiant portals!”

To add these books to the genizah seemed premature. They feel as if they still have life left in them and that within these tattered and worn books you might still hold in your hands a book that carries the imprint of meaningful memories.

Please contact the Rabbi and Religious Services committee (at [RRS@heskaamuna.org](mailto:RRS@heskaamuna.org)) or call the office if you would like for us to set aside any of these for you - or if you can direct us to someone that might wish to have one. (Our apologies for any misspellings; many of the imprints are difficult to read).

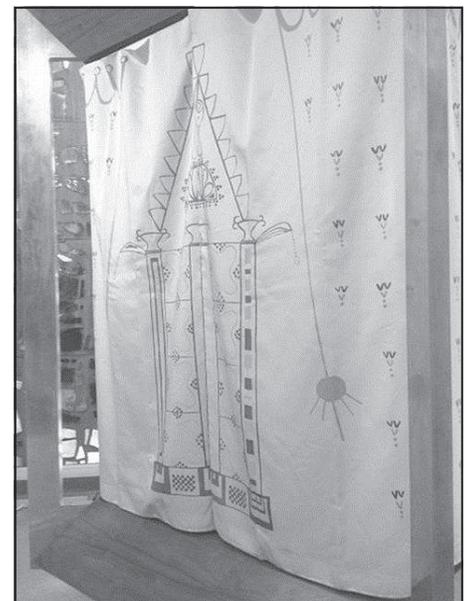
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## Teamwork Restores Ark Curtains to Heska Amuna

Thank you to Marilyn Burnett, Pat Rosenberg, Mary Linda Schwarzbart, and Martin Abrams for being instrumental in bringing these stunning parochet (ark curtains) back to our our High Holiday services this year. The curtains had adorned the ark during the High Holidays decades ago but were packed away when structural changes were made to the ark that prevented the curtains from being hung. Many years ago, Mary Linda came across them tucked away and evaluated options to save them. She gave them to Pat hoping the curtains could perhaps be made into a wall hanging for the chapel. Marilyn and Pat eventually met with Martin Abrams who was able to make some small repairs, and today, these beautiful works of art once again adorn our ark.

These stunning silk-painted curtains were created by Morna McGoldrick Livingston who taught at the University of Tennessee in the 1970s; she currently teaches in the College of Architecture and the Built Environment at Thomas Jefferson University in Philadelphia. She also created the equally beautiful parochet in the Robinson Chapel as well as the parochet we used for many years, year-round, in the sanctuary.

Proceeds from Marilyn and Pat’s honey cakes sale were used to fund the repairs of these curtains — truly illustrating a sweet story in every way imaginable.



## Women's League News

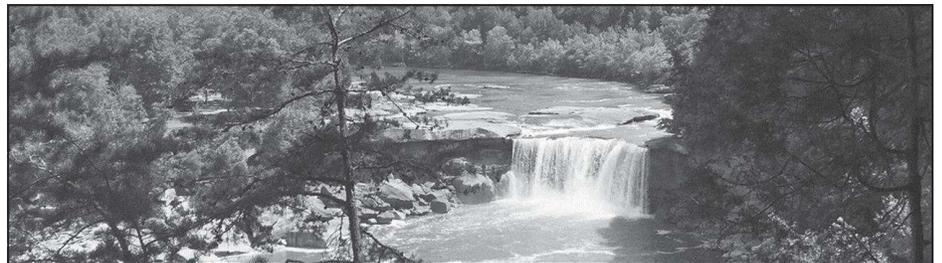
### Coming Together to Learn: Heska Amuna's Kallah at Cumberland Falls

This month many of us will travel to Kentucky to enjoy the fall at beautiful Cumberland Falls State Park. For our synagogue, this is a first, but the concept of a "kallah" comes from the Babylonian period in Jewish history when the teachers of that exiled community came together twice a year to learn Mishnah. Called "*Yarchei Kallah*," these assemblies in the months of Adar and Elul were a high point of the Babylonian academies. Writers of the time exclaimed the opportunity to study together, and explained that: "The greater the attendance at the convention, the greater was the renown of the academy. Hence Abaye says (Ber. 6b): 'The most important part of the Kallah is a crowd.'" (Reference: *Jewish Encyclopedia* <http://www.jewishencyclopedia.com/articles/9163-kallah>)

Centuries later, the Heska Amuna community will come together for a weekend *Shabbaton* of study and play. In some ways, the problems facing the Babylonian Jews are similar to those of our time. Assimilation, loss of interest in tradition, loss of members, and a lack of unity in our communal life challenged both groups. There has been considerable group planning and an attempt to make this event meaningful for a broad spectrum of our members, fun, enjoyable, and productive. Heska Amuna Women's League has enjoyed working with others to plan and prepare for this event.

The idea that bringing a community together as a step in working on these issues is exciting. The word, "community" itself has the same Latin root as the word for communication. The *Shabbaton* is an opportunity to be together, to listen and speak with each other. Its success will depend on the energy and engagement we bring to the effort. In the Jewish tradition, many prophets and scholars went to the "wilderness" to study or to rejuvenate their commitment. The central story of the Jewish people is about forty years of wandering in the wilderness to become one people. The message also echoes the need to leave the civilized world to find new directions and to forge a new commitment, a new covenant. In Exodus, Pharaoh asks, "who's going?" for the three days in the wilderness. And, Moses answered...we are all going: "with our young people and our old people we will go, with our sons and our daughters... for ours is a festival of God."

As we prepare for Kentucky, I am looking forward to the organized discussions and informal chats, and to a weekend of fun. The Kallah has been planned to enhance personal education and to afford time for joint activities. Following in the tradition of the Babylonians, we are hoping for a large and engaged crowd.



Barb Levin

## Reflections on Saying Kaddish

By Evan Ohriner

*Rabbi Alon Fereny offers a standing invitation to all congregants to share our thoughts on prayers that hold special meaning to us. During one Shabbat service, Evan Ohriner reflected on saying Kaddish for his father. The Rabbi and Religious Services Committee is most appreciative that Evan agreed to share his poignant remarks in this issue of Ha'Kol.*

A book by Leon Wieseltier entitled simply *Kaddish* describes the author's daily experience of going to synagogue to say the mourner's Kaddish prayer in the months after his father's death. This he did after having disassociated himself from his orthodox Jewish upbringing and mostly avoiding synagogue prayer for decades. His book also explores the origin and customs associated with the prayer. The prayer originated about 800 years ago and is associated with a legend in which Rabbi Akiva meets a deceased man who can only be redeemed when his son leads the minyan in the Kaddish prayer, one of praise and petition for peace that is part of each Jewish prayer service. The story does explain how it came to be that this Jewish prayer for the dead has no mention of death. The story cannot explain why so many Jews with no connection to its message and only a tenuous relation to Jewish prayer feel compelled to return to synagogue to recite this prayer.

We recall the lives of our deceased loved ones with stories, photographs, and perhaps video recordings, without any need for religion, but it is through religion and its rituals that we remember their deaths. Jews have gravestones and memorial plaques as material markers of loss but seem more attached to those Jewish memorial "constructions-in-time", the week of the shiva, the month of the shloshim, the months of mourning, the annual *yahrzeit*, and the periodic *Yizkor* service, each marked by the recitation of the mourner's Kaddish prayer. Gravestones and memorial plaques are not universally accessible. There are no gravestones for so many Jews murdered in the Holocaust. In our mobile American society gravesites may be quite distant. In other cases, such as that of my father, there is no gravesite because that is what he himself chose. My father, as a child received a Jewish education and had a bar mitzvah, and then sent each of his four sons to synagogue religious school so that later as adults they could "make their own decision." As my father aged he became increasingly distanced from religion and determined that he would not have a funeral or burial, so I do not have the usual material markers by which to remember my father's death. In my case though, there is a T-shirt for that.

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

By Betty Golub, Director of Youth and Family Programming

Hakarot Hatov is the Hebrew term for recognizing the good. It means gratitude or just being thankful for all of the good things in our lives. This value is especially significant during the month of November when we celebrate Thanksgiving. So what's Jewish about Thanksgiving and can we compare the American holiday of Thanksgiving to our recent celebration of Sukkot?

Since Sukkot is a harvest holiday we try to plan our menu with fruits and vegetables that have recently been harvested. This is farm-to-table at its best!

Our holiday of Sukkot resembles the American holiday of Thanksgiving. Before coming to the New World, the Pilgrims lived for a short time among Sephardic Jews in Holland. In fact, our American Thanksgiving tradition may have been indirectly inspired by the Jewish holiday of Sukkot.

Both the Pilgrims and the Jews were victims of religious persecution. The Sephardic Jews were expelled from Spain in 1492; they scattered and eventually settled in different parts of Europe and the Middle East. A small group of Jews made Holland their home. The Pilgrims escaped England in 1608 to avoid the increasing intolerance of their Separatist views by the Bishop of Lincoln and Archbishop of York. Both the Jews and the Pilgrims settled in Holland because of the country's religious tolerance. The Pilgrims only spent a decade in Holland before leaving for the New World but they were certainly there long enough to interact with the local Jewish population; the Pilgrims also would have witnessed Sukkot celebrations while living among the Sephardic Jews of Holland.

This possible tie between Thanksgiving and Sukkot is extremely interesting. There are some particular aspects of Thanksgiving that seem at least loosely connected to Sukkot. The first Thanksgiving meal in 1621 is said to have been outside, which would correspond to the Sukkot tradition of dining outside in the sukkah. Sukkot, like Thanksgiving, is a holiday of welcoming; the Pilgrims welcomed the Wampanoag Native Americans to the original Thanksgiving table just as Jews are encouraged to welcome friends and extended family to dine in the sukkah. This was only fitting; the Wampanoag people and their leader, Massasoit, taught the Pilgrims vital harvesting and life skills after their arrival in the New World; the Pilgrims would not have survived without their help and guidance. The cornucopia, a Thanksgiving symbol of plenty, resembles the Jewish shofar. And of course, there's the food: both Sukkot and Thanksgiving feature bountiful menus of delicious, seasonally-inspired foods.

This year when we sit down at our Thanksgiving feast, we should all remember Hakarot Hatov - gratitude for everything we have!



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## School Dates to Remember

Wednesday, November 1

School

Sunday, November 5

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Wednesday, November 8

School

Friday, November 10

Kallah Weekend – No School

Sunday, November 12

Kallah Weekend - No School

Wednesday, November 15

School

Sunday, November 19

School & B'Yachad  
at Temple Beth El

Wednesday, November 22

No School - Thanksgiving Break

Sunday, November 26

No School - Thanksgiving Break

Wednesday, November 29

School

## Thanksgiving, Sukkot, and the Jewish Legacy

By Raphael Panitz, Ph.D.

Last month, Jews all over the world celebrated the festival of Sukkot. Many built Sukkot, ate festival meals inside, and blessed the lulav and etrog. Important aspects include rejoicing and thanking God for the harvest, which occurs during Sukkot.

In a few weeks, many, if not most American Jews will celebrate the holiday of Thanksgiving. This celebration will be marked by family gatherings, festive meals (turkey for many, tofurkey for vegetarians), attendance at high school football games, participating in services of thanksgiving in various houses of worship, and uttering thanks for all of our bounties. Since both Thanksgiving and Sukkot involve thanking God, one could naturally ask if the Jewish holiday of Sukkot helped create the secular American holiday of Thanksgiving.

The celebration of a holiday called Thanksgiving in what became the United States can be traced to the Pilgrims/Puritans of Plymouth, Massachusetts, in November of 1621. Almost 200 years later, President Washington declared that November 26, 1789 was a day of Thanksgiving to honor the adoption of the Constitution and the new government. Washington did not issue this declaration again and it was not until 1863 that President Lincoln established the last Thursday of November as a day of Thanksgiving "to our Beneficent Father." Congress established the holiday as the fourth Thursday in November in 1941.

While the Puritans in Massachusetts read the Hebrew Bible, they did not build sukkot and they did not believe in establishing an annual holiday. The Puritans accepted some of the laws of the Hebrew Bible, the moral ones. But they did not accept the laws of kashrut, Jewish festivals, and other laws of the Hebrew Bible. They even debated the issue of thanking God for the harvest every autumn, fearing that they might take God's bounty for granted. But by 1690, all the original colonies had set aside a day in the fall for special prayers of thanks to the Creator.

On the other hand, it is possible that the Puritans were influenced to thank God for their bounty by using the festival of Sukkot. They considered themselves the New Israelites, and they followed the biblical commandment of "rejoicing before the Lord during the fall harvest."

Thanksgiving spread from New England to the rest of the country. A woman named Sarah Hale led a campaign in the 19<sup>th</sup> century to make Thanksgiving a national holiday. It should also be noted that because Thanksgiving was often linked to northern Abolitionists, it was not until the end of the 19<sup>th</sup> century that Thanksgiving became popular in the South.

So, we now return to the question that I began with. Did the Puritans knowledge of Sukkot helped create Thanksgiving?

The Puritans did not believe in fixed holidays, so it is hard to draw a direct line from Sukkot to Thanksgiving. But the idea of thanking the Creator for their bounty may have had its origin in the Israelite observance of Sukkot, of which the Puritans were certainly aware. So, as you celebrate the secular American holiday of Thanksgiving in 2017, please remember that the Puritans of Plymouth were conscious of Sukkot and that holiday may have been the inspiration that led to celebrating Thanksgiving.

**Happy Turkey Day!**

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### **Permanent Schedule**

Friday Night Services.....Varies

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

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

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

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

For a list of Heska Amuna's services, events,  
and other information, please visit  
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### **HESKA AMUNA SYNAGOGUE**

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## Kaddish Article continued from page 4

When I last saw my father he was suffering with melanoma and receiving home hospice in my parent's condo in San Diego. When my brother called to tell me that our father had died my first call was to my son Philip, then a rabbinical student. He told me that I needed to make a tear in my shirt over the heart, the ritual known as *keriah*. I wore the shirt through the week of shiva and then hung it in my closet. After a few years my wife saw the shirt and asked if I would like it repaired. I agreed and she closed the tear with coarse black basting stitches. Several more years passed before I felt that I could put on the shirt. The front of the T-shirt shows a cartoon with two professor types standing in front of a chalkboard with one long equation at the top and another long equation at the

bottom. One of the fellows is pointing at the words in the middle of the board, "and then a miracle occurred." The caption for the cartoon reads, "I think you should be more explicit here in step 2." I understand this cartoon as a metaphor for the difference between my father and me in our relation to the Jewish religion. My father saw the flaws in the religion and left it. I do not know that I believe in miracles either. However, my experience is that Judaism, like the world we live in, while remaining to be perfected is still to be treasured. So I have come to "my own decision." At the times of the *yarzheit* and the *Yizkor* services I recall the loss of my father with the words of the mourner's Kaddish. At other times, when I feel the need to remember my loss, I put on the shirt and go for a walk.

# NOVEMBER 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
<p><b><i>Shylock in the Archives</i></b>  <b>Thursday, November 2—3:30-5 p.m.</b>  <b>Lindsay Young Auditorium, Hodges Library, UT Campus</b>                      Dr. Steven Mullaney, University of Michigan, will examine Shakespeare's <i>The Merchant of Venice</i> as a response to the religious, racial, political, and ideological issues that emerged during the 1594 trial and execution of Elizabeth I's converso physician, Roderigo Lopez. <i>Lecture is free and open to the public.</i></p> 			<p>1                      9:30a Tai Chi-JCOR                      3:30-5:30p Mah Jongg-AJCC                      4-6:30p Rel school-HA                      4:30p Mid-Week Hebrew-TBE                      6-9:30p Fencing-Gym                      6:45p Board Mtg-KJDS                      7-8p Talmud Study-HA</p>	<p>2                      7a Morning Minyan-HA                      11a Adult Ed/Torah Study-TBE                      3:30p <i>Shylock in the Archives</i>-UTK                      4-5p Little Hands Challah Bake-AJCC Caller Auditorium                      7:30-9:30p Israeli Dancing-Gym</p>	<p>3                      4:45p JFS Shabbat Service-Sherrill Hills                      7p Shabbat -TBE                      7:30p Shabbat Eve Service &amp; Dessert Oneg by Mens Club-JCOR</p>	<p>4                      9:30a-noon Shabbat Service-HA                      9:30a Shabbat Service-JCOR</p>
<p>5                      9:30a minyan-HA                      9:30a Religious School-TBE                      9:30a Religious School-HA  <b>1-3p MCDC Sunday Fun Day-AJCC</b></p>	<p>6                      7a Morning Minyan-HA                      9:30a Tai Chi-JCOR                      6-7p KJA Exec Comm-AJCC                      6-9:30p Fencing-Gym                      7:15p KJA Board-AJCC</p>	<p>7                      6p Exec Meeting-TBE                      6-9:30p Fencing-Gym                      7-9p Martial Arts-AJCC                      7p Board-HA</p>	<p>8                      9:30a Tai Chi-JCOR                      Noon-1p Rabbi's Brown Bag Midrash-HA                      3:30-5:30p Mah Jongg-AJCC                      4-6:30p Rel school-HA                      4:30p Mid-Week Hebrew-TBE  <b>5:30p Beyond Schindler Inaugural Lecture-UTK McClung Auditorium</b></p>	<p>9                      7a Morning Minyan-HA                      11a Adult Ed/Torah Study-TBE                      7:30-9:30p Israeli Dancing-Gym</p>	<p>10  <b>Heska Amuna Kallah Weekend</b>                      12:30p Men's Lunch-JCOR                      7p Shabbat -TBE</p>	
<p>12  <b>Heska Amuna Kallah Weekend</b>                      9:30a minyan-HA                      9:30a Rel School-TBE                      Noon-Jean Gudis memorial service-TBE</p>	<p>13                      AJCC Preschool/Kar-Ben Book Fair-Orwitz Room                      7a Morning Minyan-HA                      9:30a Tai Chi-JCOR                      11:30a JFS Comm-AJCC Orwitz Rm                      6-9:30p Fencing-Gym</p>	<p>14                      11:45p KJCFF Board-AJCC Orwitz Rm  <b>3:30p PJ Library Celebrates Jewish Book Month-AJCC Orwitz Rm</b>                      6-9:30p Fencing-Gym  <b>7p Semi-Annual Mtg-TBE</b>                      7-9p Martial Arts-AJCC</p>	<p>15                      9:30a Tai Chi-JCOR                      3:30-5:30p Mah Jongg-AJCC                      4-6:30p Rel school-HA                      4:30p Mid-Week Hebrew-TBE                      6-9:30p Fencing-Gym                      7-8p Talmud Study-HA</p>	<p>16                      7a Morning Minyan-HA                      11a Adult Ed/Torah Study-TBE                      7:30-9:30p Israeli Dancing-Gym</p>	<p>17  <b>11a AJCC Preschool/Friendshippers Thanksgiving Feast-AJCC Caller Auditorium</b>                      5:30-7p Tot Shabbat-HA                      6:30p Sisterhood Shabbat &amp; Potluck-JCOR                      7p Shabbat -TBE</p>	<p>18                      9:30a-noon Shabbat Service-HA                      9:30a Shabbat Service-JCOR                      6:30-8:30 Kids Night Out-Pump It Up</p>
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## Day Camp & AJCC Preschool Reunion—December 2

All current and former campers, counselors, teachers, staff, and community welcome! See page 19 for info!

# K N O X V I L L E

## Beyond Schindler: The Other Jews of the Krakow Ghetto

By Helene Sinnreich, Ph.D.

Wednesday, November 8

5:30-7:00 p.m.

McClung Auditorium, McClung Museum

Dr. Helene J. Sinnreich, Fern and Manfred Steinfeld Program in Judaic Studies director, will deliver an inaugural lecture entitled *Beyond Schindler: The Other Jews of the Krakow Ghetto*.

The talk will tell the story of the Jews of the Krakow Ghetto who were not saved by Oskar Schindler.

This talk will be based on Dr. Sinnreich's extensive research on the Krakow Ghetto.

*The lecture is free and open to the public.*



## Water Everywhere: Is There Enough to Drink?

Monday, December 4

7:30 p.m.

AJCC Orwitz Room

Professor Brian Berkowitz

Arguably, fresh water is becoming our most valuable commodity. Where once we could expect to turn on the tap and receive a never-ending supply of fresh, clean, safe water — climate and contamination are threatening to upend this reliability. Prof. Brian Berkowitz and his colleagues are developing new models that realistically describe pollutant migration patterns and methods for environmentally-friendly treatment of contaminated water and industrial contaminants. The models demonstrate conditions under which groundwater contamination can occur, a phenomenon that often happens at a much faster rate than was previously thought.

Berkowitz is the Sam Zuckerberg Professorial Chair in Hydrology in the Department of Earth and Planetary Sciences.



## Community-Wide Mitzvah Day 2018

Sunday, February 11  
9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Arnstein Jewish  
Community Center

**Please help us help others.**

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

## Interested in RUNNING 2TGETHER, the Jerusalem Half-Marathon

with a partner from our sister city in Hadera?

March 4-10, 2018

- \$250 registration fee + airfare
- All land costs covered
- Home hospitality & touring the region
- Shabbat experience in Jerusalem

For more info, contact Deborah Oleshansky at [doleshansky@jewishknoxville.org](mailto:doleshansky@jewishknoxville.org).



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# H A P P E N I N G S



**BBYO Connect will host  
PIZZA AND PREMIER ATHLETICS  
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19  
5:00-6:30 P.M.**

The program cost is \$9/child which includes pizza, drinks, dessert.

**Please RSVP** to Shelly Abrams at [shellylynnrn@aol.com](mailto:shellylynnrn@aol.com)

Premier Athletics  
11250 Gilbert Drive  
Knoxville, TN. 37932



AZA Winick's Top Chef teams were tasked with preparing a three-course meal with just \$10. The winning team of **Ben Margulies, Matias Landau, Thomas Scott, and Mendel Wilhelm** created flattened bread with cheese rolled and grilled with marinara sauce, spaghetti, and double decker super moist chocolate with frosting.

## Suzy Snoops

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

- ★ **Lou Gross** was featured in a *KnoxTNToday.com* article for his work as an audio engineer for Laurel Theater. He teaches an annual workshop in audio basics that helps individuals and non-profits. Gross is a distinguished professor of ecology and evolutionary biology and mathematics at the University of Tennessee.
- ★ **Kim Isenberg** was honored with the 2017 Ambassador Action Leader Award by the American Cancer Society's Cancer Action Network. She was awarded during Cancer Lobby Day in Washington, D.C. Isenberg is a real estate broker with Realty Executive Associates in Knoxville.
- ★ **David Icove** was featured as THE expert in fire forensics in the Fall 2017 issue of UT's *Torchbearer* magazine. Icove, UL Professor of Practice in the Tickle College of Engineering's Department of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science, co-wrote the book *Kirk's Fire Investigation* in 1983 and is now the lead author.
- ★ **Lauren Dryzer**, daughter of Scott and Lynn Dryzer, was named a Commended Student by the National Merit Scholarship Program. Lauren is a senior at Webb School of Knoxville
- ★ **Joani Wilson** is on the Board of Directors for Friends of Hospice of the Lakeway Area. It is the first end of life facility in Tennessee and has served over 125 patients from 9 East Tennessee counties in the past 4 ½ years.
- ★ Mazel tov on **Marshall Goldman's** marriage to Talia Wright Nutting. The Goldman family also welcomes Talia's son Grant to their family. Marshall is the son of Mitch and Margy Goldman and the brother of Mischa, Matt, and Meredith.
- ★ West High senior **Ben Gibbons** is a National Merit Scholarship Semifinalist. He's the son of Melinda and Tony Gibbons.
- ★ Mazel tov to **Marcie and Moshe Shloush** on their new grandson, Alec Leo Natelson. He is the son of Benjamin and Janey Natelson and brother to Arielle Natelson.



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# TEMPLE BETH EL TIMES

## Shalom Y'all

By Rabbi Erin Boxt

I learned many lessons from my parents. The one lesson that has always seemed to be the most important is the Golden Rule: "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you." I have always wondered how one sentence is so hard to learn, then to understand, and finally to enact. It is in our **attempt** to understand these words that will eventually lead us to **live** these words. This ideal is a huge part of my rabbinate and the very essence of my being – Treat everyone you meet with the same respect as you want to be treated.

In June 2011, as I was traveling with the American Jewish World Service as part of a rabbinical student delegation to Senegal, I thought I knew what to expect. When the plane descended into Dakar, Senegal, I began to visualize the images I had in my head of the little African children I had first seen on the cover of the album "We are the World" many years ago. I remembered the first time I understood what Bono of the band U2 was writing about when he wrote "Where the Streets Have No Name." I began to worry about how I would respond to what I would see. After all, maybe for the first time in my life, I was going to be faced with a degree of poverty that I had only read about in the news. Sure, I worked in soup kitchens and homeless shelters in the States. I had participated in many hunger walks and food drives. But, this was going to be different. And, from the moment I arrived at the Baggage Claim in the airport, it was different – far different from anything I could have possibly imagined.

As we were waiting for our bags, we met the men who were going to help us with our luggage to our bus. One of the men, a very nice man who spoke English, saw that I had some garbage in my hand. He said, "This is Africa, man; just drop it on the ground." When I responded to him that I would rather take care of it myself, he said, "Why, this is Africa?" I am not sure even today if he was joking or not. Yes, there was a lot of garbage in many places we went. My first impression of Senegal was not so different than what I had expected. Over the next 11 days, however, my impressions, my feelings, my heart strings and my entire being changed and in many different ways.

Sometimes our ideas or beliefs are based in stereotypes. Too often, we respond one way rather than another because of our experiences in life. What is imperative, though, is that we learn from these moments and try to be better – yes, try to do better. I hope as we move forward, we are able to grasp and understand those things we may not yet...we will make mistakes, for sure, but let's learn and grow!



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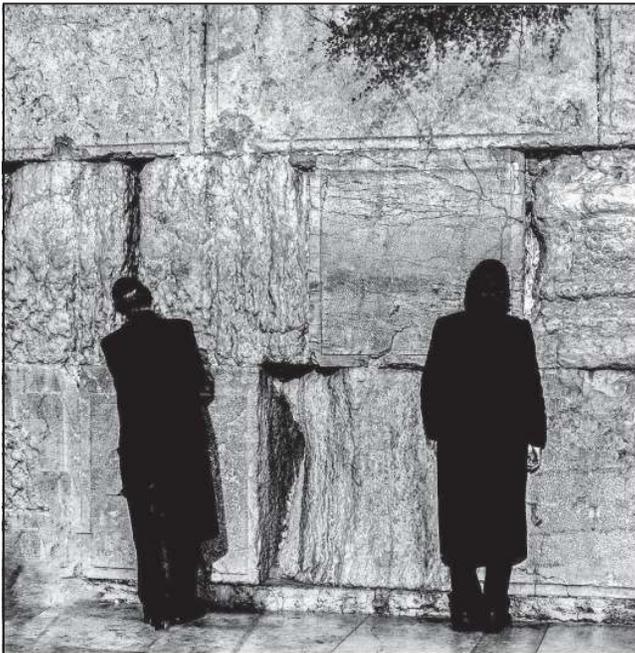
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Temple Beth El offers **COMPLIMENTARY** child care for young children *at every Shabbat Service*.

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.



The community  
is invited to  
meet the artist  
and share in the  
oneg

Temple Beth El Library Gallery Presents

## “This Place, Israel”

Photography by David Fleischmann

Artist’s Reception following Services

Friday, November 10, 2017

TBE Library

## Temple Topics

By Howard Pollock, TBE President

Over the past few months we have been exposed to a variety of very difficult events. There were devastating storms that affected Texas, Florida and Puerto Rico and an unthinkable tragedy in Las Vegas. Despite the impact to so many, there were also uplifting tales of humanity, compassion and courage that can reaffirm our belief in doing what we can to help one another. Many in our congregation and community have donated items and money to the various communities in need. In Las Vegas tales of heroism and bravery from stranger to stranger kept things from being worse.



During the High Holy Days we offered prayers for peace, for health and for understanding. While empathizing with those affected it is still possible to be able to acknowledge the blessings that exist in our own lives. It is meaningful to be part of a community that cares and wants to help others. Enhancing the connections that we all have to Temple Beth El to Knoxville and to our family and friends is so important this time of year. While these pages typically reflect on Jewish holidays, this year, please take the time to enjoy your family traditions during Thanksgiving and cherish the memories as we all have different things to be thankful for.

## Save the Date January 12, 2018

Temple Beth El Celebrates The Installation  
of  
Rabbi Erin C. Boxt

Shabbat evening dinner, services and Installation Ceremony  
beginning at 6:00 p.m.

Celebratory Dessert Oneg to follow.

Additional information to follow

Temple Beth El

Invites the Knoxville Jewish community to join our

# CHANUKAH LATKE CELEBRATION

**Friday, December 15, 2017**

Dinner begins at 6:00 p.m.

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



Traditional latke dinner with all the extras.

## MENORAH CRAFT STATION

DIY Menorah Kits (must pre-order with Amy by December 10<sup>th</sup>, \$6 per kit).

Great opportunity to create a new Menorah for Chanukah.

Fun for both kids and adults.

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

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





# HOLIDAY GIFT TIME!

## HELP SUPPORT TBE'S FUNDRAISER

It's really simple! You purchase gift cards from the Temple at face value, the Temple orders those cards from Great Lakes Scrip Center at a reduced rate. The difference is an instant rebate for the Temple.

Please circle which cards you want, circle the specific increment and write the number you want. Complete and mail the form with payment to the TBE office. Check is the preferred method of payment, but credit cards will be accepted. For credit cards, please call the TBE office.

Scrip cards will be available for **pick-up at the office on the 10<sup>th</sup> of every month.**

A.C. Moore	\$25	# of cards	_____	Ace Hardware	\$25	# of cards	_____
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Panera Bread	\$25	# of cards	_____	Pei Wei	\$25	# of cards	_____
Red Lobster	\$25	# of cards	_____	Red Robin	\$25	# of cards	_____
Regal Movie	\$25	# of cards	_____	REI	\$25	# of cards	_____
Rite Aid	\$25	# of cards	_____	Sam's Club	\$25/\$100	# of cards	_____
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## Membership and Ways & Means Committee

L'Shanah Tovah! As we begin a new year, we reflect on the hundreds of members over the years that have made TBE a spiritual and cultural centerpiece of Jewish life in East TN. Today, it is a pleasure to welcome new families to our TBE family:

**Ilanit & Aaron Harre** and their children **Danielle, Adam** and **Asher** recently moved from Columbus, Georgia and currently reside in the Knoxville area. They have already gotten involved with our religious school and are looking forward to learning more about their Jewish heritage.

**Ed & Linda Weintraub** have joined TBE as a dual member with their congregation in Tamarac, Florida. After spending several summers in Tellico, they are have been attending Shabbat services and wanted to join our TBE family.

We are so excited to welcome back **Ron Sebold & Vicki Myers** to Temple Beth El. Ron is currently serving on the Board of Directors with the Knoxville Jewish Alliance.

**Mark & Susan Leitson** have resided in the Knoxville area for many years. They are excited to meet other members of the Knoxville Jewish community and deepen their commitment and understanding of Judaism.

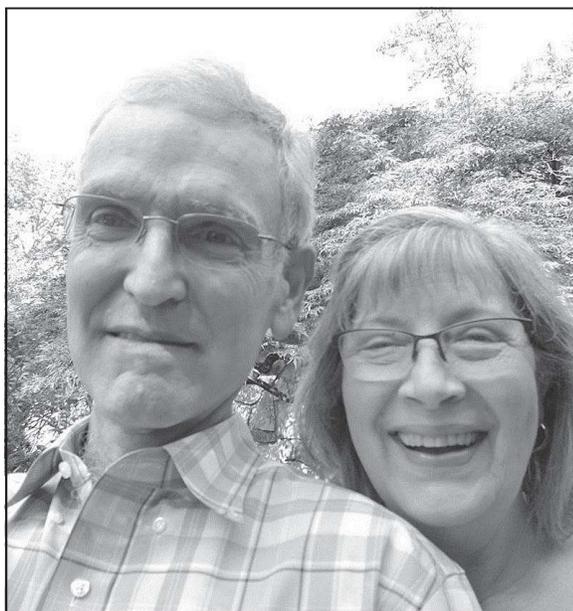
**Jeff & Meghan Markman** and their children, **Owen** and **Meredith** recently moved from North Carolina. Jeff, the son of Ellen and Stephen Markman, has returned back to his Knoxville roots. The family has already gotten involved with our religious school and being active in the Jewish community.



*Asher, Aaron, Danielle, Adam and Ilanit Harre*



*Ed and Linda Weintraub*



*Mark and Susan Leitson*

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!

### TBE Membership Information

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** – 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 Religious School November 2017 Update

By Norma James, Religious School Director, [normajames@tbeknox.org](mailto:normajames@tbeknox.org)

### Daylight Savings Ends November 5.

Don't forget to set your clocks back to be on time for religious school.

**Sixth & Seventh grades will conduct Shabbat service Friday, November 17 at 7:00 p.m.** This will be our first student-led Shabbat of the school year. Leading the service is particularly important to these students because they are all focusing on becoming B'nei Mitzvah. Gina Feldblum's sixth students are Alex Feldblum, Gabby Goodfriend, Lilly Stanley, Thomas Theriot, Sydney Tumpson, Evie Braude, Jake Javors, Noah Ribakove, Carlie Boxt, and Adam Harre. Dr Aaron Margulies's seventh grade students are Zoe Feldblum, Avigail Laing, Grace Margulies, Aaron Shagan, Emma Patterson, Destiny Baily, and Morgan Honey.

Conducting a service is a vital part of our Religious School program from our preschoolers to our Confirmation students. All of our students need the support of the congregation, so please make a special effort to attend any student service. I promise you will be very impressed at the preparation and sincerity of our young lay leaders. There will be a Shabbat dinner for the families of this class at 6:00 PM, prior to the service. There is no cost for the families. The parents of the 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> grade classes will sponsor the oneg.

### B'yachad is bursting with excitement, fun, AND lots of little children! Join us at TBE November 19, 10:00-11:30 a.m..

This month Anna Iroff-Bailey will explore Shabbat with our young families. Just in case you haven't taken the opportunity to join this amazing program, let me give you a little background. Temple Beth El's Torah Tots and Heska Amuna Synagogue's Gan K'tan have combined into a new program 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. 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.



*B'yachad families enjoying Rosh Hashana fun.*

**Thanksgiving Break is Wednesday, November 22 through Sunday, November 26.**

**Attention Teams Gimmel, Hay, Nun, and Shin! Maccabiah is Sunday, December 3.**

## Sisterhood Happenings

By Tammy Stone, Sisterhood President

On Friday evening October 20, Temple Beth El hosted a Go Pink Shabbat in honor of Breast Cancer Awareness Month. This coincided with Rosh Chodesh Cheshvan. Sisterhood hosted a special Oneg after the services as well. It was a moving service and all who attended had the opportunity to pick up some educational resources provided by Sharsharet, a Jewish Outreach Program for Breast Cancer Awareness.

Mah Jongg Madness was a huge success again this year! Thank you to all who helped coordinate this wonderful, fun, event. Many ladies put in many hours to ensure there was food, prizes, goodies, etc. so that the day went smoothly.

November is a time to give thanks. Let's not only think about those less fortunate than us, but also take time to thank a Veteran. We would not have many of the freedoms we have if it weren't for our many veterans who served our country. Happy Veterans Day and Happy Thanksgiving!

**Save the  
Date**

Plan to attend the next  
Sisterhood program on  
Sunday,  
November 12 at  
10:00 a.m.

**BOOK REVIEW: THE TBE HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL BOOKSHELF****God's Jury: The Inquisition and the Making of the Modern World**, Cullen Murphy, 2013

Established by the Catholic Church in 1231, the Inquisition continued in one form or another for almost seven hundred years. Though associated with the persecution of heretics and Jews — and with burning at the stake — its targets were more numerous and its techniques more ambitious. The Inquisition pioneered surveillance, censorship, and “scientific” interrogation. As time went on, its methods and mindset spread far beyond the Church to become tools of secular persecution. Traveling from freshly opened Vatican archives to the detention camps of Guantánamo to the filing cabinets of the Third Reich, the acclaimed writer Cullen Murphy traces the Inquisition and its legacy, showing that not only did its offices survive into the twentieth century, but in the modern world its spirit is more influential than ever.

Murphy puts a human face on a familiar but little-known piece of our past and argues that only by understanding the Inquisition can we hope to explain the present. The book *God's Jury* is an examination of one of the darker episodes in human history.

I'd never really thought of the Inquisition as something that needed to be managed and administered, an activity that generated enormous piles of records that need to be stored and preserved. Murphy writes: "At the time of my first visit, the Inquisition archive--officially, the Archivio della Congregazione per la Dottrina della Fede--spilled from room to room and floor to floor in the palazzo's western wing, filling about twenty rooms in all." Again, making my own comparison to the Nazi regime, I am stunned at the amount of record keeping activities that the inquisition and the extermination of entire populations generate and the compulsive nature of man to record such activities. Murphy does a good job in explaining the two inquisitions, Spanish and Roman. The reader is introduced to the library of the inquisition, the dungeon and torture chambers. The Spanish Inquisition commenced in 1492 when the Jews of Spain were told to convert to the Catholic faith or leave Spain. The activity of the Inquisition was to root out those who openly converted but continued to practice their old faith.

In Cullen Murphy's frightening account, that repressive past was only prologue: The self-propagating bureaucracies of the modern world contain the seeds of inquisitions potentially far vaster and more destructive than anything wrought by the Catholic Church. Murphy seamlessly traces the 700-year history of successive Catholic Inquisitions to expose their underlying mechanisms, to highlight the fundamental similarities between then and now. The "enhanced interrogation" practiced at Guantanamo is not so different from the Roman *rigoros esame* (rigorous examination), he explains. Indeed, modern interrogation techniques as outlined in a U.S. Army manual are eerily parallel to the sophisticated inquisition techniques first outlined in a manual from the 1300s. **Book review by Dr. Henry Fribourg**

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Knoxville Jewish Alliance

# Ha'Kol

## INVEST IN YOUR FUTURE

Thank you to those who answered the call for 2017!



### BUT WE ARE NOT FINISHED WE NEED YOU!

We need 100% participation to meet our 2017 fundraising goal! KJA provides support, services, and connection to Jewish life for all members of our community, regardless of age, background or congregational affiliation. We are the first point of contact for most Jews relocating to the Knoxville area, and a portal to all other agencies in our Jewish community. If you are fortunate enough to not need our services personally, we celebrate your blessing. Please donate so that we can meet the needs of those less fortunate in our community.

PLEASE GIVE TODAY:  
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**CALL** (865) 690-6343

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#### Join Us!

#### KJA Annual Meeting

Sunday, December 10  
1:00-2:00 p.m.  
AJCC Orwitz Room

The community is invited to  
join us for



#### Winter Festival & Hanukkah Fun!

Sunday, December 10  
3:00-4:30 p.m.  
AJCC Caller Auditorium



See page 21  
for details



Families and KJA Friendshippers  
are invited to our annual

**AJCC PRESCHOOL  
THANKSGIVING FEAST**  
Friday, November 17  
11:30 a.m.  
AJCC Gym

Sit back and enjoy a  
special presentation from  
our AJCC Preschool students!  
**Please bring a Vegetarian Dish  
for us to enjoy.**

Contact [psadmin@jewishknoxville.org](mailto:psadmin@jewishknoxville.org)  
for information.

**KJA FRIENDSHIPPERS:**

**There is no cost to attend this program  
but we do want to know you're coming!**  
Transportation is available upon request—  
please have your ride requests in by the  
Monday morning before the program.

**For information or to respond,** please  
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**LITTLE HANDS BAKE CHALLAH**

Thursday November 2, 4:00-5:00 p.m.

AJCC Preschool.

For children age 1-6 years.  
\$5.00 per child. Every child  
will take home their very  
own Challah for Shabbat.  
Reservations required.



**GRANDPARENT READ-ALoud AT THE  
PJ LIBRARY, November 14, 3:30-4:30 p.m.**

AJCC Orwitz Room

**PJ LIBRARY**

\***Volunteers** are needed to **READ** stories at  
programs, **HELP** during peak selling hours for  
the book fair, and **ORGANIZE** library books.

Contact Program Director &  
PJ Library Coordinator Ally Wiener at  
[program@Jewishknoxville.org](mailto:program@Jewishknoxville.org)



*Rabbi Erin Boxt, Lev Gross-Comstock, and Ally Wiener  
lead a rollicking Family Shabbat and Rosh Hashanah  
Celebration at the AJCC Preschool. This Friday morning  
treat is a family favorite.*



# REUNION

Saturday December 2, 2017

6:30 - 9:00 p.m.

Special surprise at 7:30 p.m.!

AJCC Caller Auditorium (Gym)



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

*Come see all your old friends and co-workers.*

- Good Eats
- Fun for All Ages
- Cash Bar



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

**ALL DONATIONS GO TOWARD PRESCHOOL & CAMP SCHOLARSHIPS**

Donations received by November 28 will be acknowledged at the event

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# AJCC Preschool Book Fair



Knoxville PJ Library  
located in the Orwitz Room  
AJCC Preschool  
6800 Deane Hill Drive, 37919



November 13th-17th, 2017

M-TH 8:30-9:30 AM & 3:00-6:00 PM

Friday November 17th 8:30 AM-6:00 PM

**\*Special Program Tuesday Nov 14th 3-5 PM**

**For Questions: [PSAdmin@Jewishknoxville.org](mailto:PSAdmin@Jewishknoxville.org)**

\*PJ Library and the AJCC are collecting books to send to Houston PJ Library and JCC Preschool. Please bring in outgrown PJ Library books for donation. Option to purchase books at fair to send to Houston.

Donation box in AJCC lobby.\*



The Knoxville  
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presents



## Israel Through a Visitor's Eyes

Wednesday, November 29

5:00 p.m. — AJCC Orwitz Room

Knoxville Mayor Madeline Rogero will share stories and reflections on her recent trip to Israel. This event is free and open to the public.

Please RSVP to 690-6343 or to [office@jewishknoxville.org](mailto:office@jewishknoxville.org)

## WINTER FESTIVAL & HANUKKAH FUN

Sunday, December 10 3-4:30 p.m.  
AJCC Caller Auditorium

*Fun for all ages. Please join us!*

Donut decorating dreidel painting menorah making  
face painting latke tasting schmoozing  
and more!



*Toy drive for children in need. Please bring new unwrapped toy, game, or puzzle donation.*



## MCDC FUN CAMP DAY

for Kids K-5th grade

Sunday, November 5  
1:00- 3:00 p.m.

Gaga tournament and dance party  
Free for AJCC members  
\$10 for non-AJCC members  
Anyone welcome.

Register: [office@jewishknoxville.org](mailto:office@jewishknoxville.org) by November 2

## AJCC Hosts Tribute to Milton Collins Exhibit

Milton Collins (1915-1972) was born in Knoxville, the eldest child of Eastern European immigrants Isadore Collins and Pearl Berry. He was tall, athletic, and known as Dead Eye for his basketball skills. He developed muscular dystrophy as a young adult, but did not let that keep him from continuing to contribute to the community. He was working for the Deitch brothers when in 1942 Collins was asked to become a temporary part-time director of the Jewish Community Center on Vine Avenue. He remained a part-time director for six years and was named its first full-time director in 1948, working until 1963, when deteriorating health forced his retirement. During his tenure, the Center expanded its activities in many areas. *The Center Menorah* was first published in December, 1943. Milton wrote a personal letter to every serviceman accompanying each issue and received many back, which he kept. A few of those letters are part of this exhibit (the Archives has all of them). Day camp began in 1950,

Sunday Fundays became a regular feature for children and teenagers, speakers, concerts, plays, and preschool represent only some of the activities he began or expanded. With only a high school education, Collins became a social worker and counselor, was the local representative of the Jewish Welfare Board for those in the service, kept up a regular correspondence with the Arnsteins, and was beloved by all who knew him. After his death the day camp was named for him.

The Milton Collins exhibit created by KJA Archives strives to display his life and accomplishments. It includes the resolution passed by the AJCC after his death, biographical material written by Barbara Bernstein with assistance from Monte Millen, photographs, a spot for people to add their own memories of Milton, the draft of a speech he gave, some artifacts, and more. The Milton Collins exhibit, located in the left and right-most panels of the Schwarzbart Gallery, then continuing down the hall and around the corner partway toward the Orwitz Room, opened with a reception and program on September 17. Please stop by the AJCC and see the Milton Collins Exhibit, which will continue until early Spring.



*Bernie Bernstein, Mel Sturm, Alfred Robinson,  
and Sandy Robinson*



## UT Hillel Family Weekend Shabbat

UTK Hillel/Jewish Student Organization hosted Shabbat dinner during UTK Family Weekend. We welcomed both new and returning families for a festive Shabbat meal. UTK Hillel is a program of the Knoxville Jewish Alliance.

UT Hillel leadership elections were held in September. Mazel Tov to **Jaime Marquis**, UTK Hillel President and **Emily Schulman**, UTK Hillel Treasurer.

Yasher Koach to past President **Jacob Geltzer** and past Treasurer **Noah Geltzer**.



Rabbi Yossi Wilhelm blows the Shofar for residents of Echo Ridge during a Rosh Hashanah talk.

## Friendshippers Enjoy Poetry and Holy Day Talks

*UT Professor and poet Marilyn Kallet regaled her audience with quips, stories, and poetry at the October Friendshippers luncheon at Sherill Hills and enjoyed catching up with Jenifer and Evan Ohriner.*

*If you would like to participate in programs such as the social gatherings provided by KJA's Friendshippers or volunteer to help with Jewish Family Services activities, please contact Laura Berry at (865) 690-6343 or [lberry@jewishknoxville.org](mailto:lberry@jewishknoxville.org). These programs are made possible through your contributions to Knoxville Jewish Alliance. Thank you!*

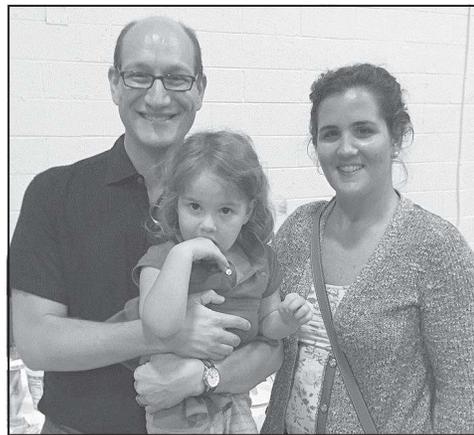
## Downpour Doesn't Dampen Spirits at Community Sundown in the Sukkah



Mischa Goldman (bass) and ensemble play at Sundown in the Sukkah at the AJCC.



Because of fall showers, Sundown in the Sukkah moved into the AJCC Gym where Eytan Klausner, Shlomit Hava Bracy, and Angie Brown enjoy schmoozing. Shlomit catered the festive dinner, which included Sephardic dishes traditionally served during Sukkot.



Rob Leiberthal, daughter Micah, and Chen Agiv enjoy the food, music and friendship at the indoor Sundown in the Sukkah event. Sundown in the Sukkah is an annual event. It is provided free of charge for the community through the generosity of our KJA donors.

## Hillel Fellow Celebrates Sukkot during Ktown Visit

Through our Strategic Initiatives Campus Hillel grant, Israel Fellow Chen Agiv visited our community from October 1-14. During her stay, she helped YJAK build the AJCC sukkah, met with UTK Hillel leaders, facilitated a UTK Hillel Birthright Israel recruiting event, visited HA and TBE, and led a Hebrew lesson at KJDS.

The UTK Hillel Jewish student Organization is a program of the Knoxville Jewish Alliance. Thank you for your financial support.



Israel Fellow Chen Agiv enjoys visiting with families attending TBE's Sukkot program.



YJAK members enjoy noshing on pizza as they decorate the AJCC Sukkah on October 1. Israel Fellow Chen Agiv (back row, right side) joins them.

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## *“For everything there is a season and a time for every purpose under heaven” — Ecclesiastes 3:1*

By Deborah Oleshansky, KJA Executive Director

For more than 25 years, Knoxville has been home for my husband David and me. We raised our children here, David served as AJCC President, I helped resettle Jews from the former Soviet Union, tutored bar and bat mitzvah students, chaperoned our local Jewish teens to Israel for five summers, filled the role of Jewish mother away from home to Jewish students at UTK, and in December 2015, agreed to a two year contract as KJA Executive Director. My contract will end December 31, 2017, and the season will change. David and I are ready to start a new chapter in our lives and plan to relocate from Knoxville.

This is a bittersweet decision. We are happy that we will not be TOO far away and plan to visit often.

Thank you to Adam Brown, KJA President, for providing leadership, stability, commitment and passion for the AJCC and KJA. Thank you to the entire KJA board for their service to our community. Thank you to our Share the Dream committees and to our three extremely talented conveners, Stephanie Kodish, Chip Rayman, and Mary Linda Schwarzbart.

Huge thank you and sincere appreciation to the entire KJA/AJCC professional team: Ed Hunter, Laura Berry, Kristen Cannon and all educators in the AJCC Preschool, ReNee' Pelicano, Joyce York, Nicki Russler, Ally Wiener, Brian DeBolt and Sarah Price. It TRULY takes a village to keep Jewish life vibrant and thriving here – and it is a team effort. Every single member is crucial, and I know both the professional and lay leadership will continue from strength to strength.

If you are reading this, thank you. It means you care about Jewish life in our community. If you have ever expressed appreciation for anything we do here, PLEASE get involved. If you have issue with anything we do here, please get involved. Attend a program and invite a friend to come with you. Host a Jewish college student for dinner. Serve on a committee to plan future programs. Donate money to ensure that the needs of **all members of our Jewish community** are met, regardless of affiliation or background. WE NEED YOU – now more than ever.

Please contact me for additional information about any of these suggestions – my door is always open – literally.

With sincere appreciation, Deborah at [doleshansky@jewishknoxville.org](mailto:doleshansky@jewishknoxville.org)

## **KJA President's Remarks**

By Adam Brown, [Adam@TennesseeSchoolofBeauty.com](mailto:Adam@TennesseeSchoolofBeauty.com)

As my tenure as President comes to a close next month, I just wanted to take a moment to thank everyone for their support. Whether it's been by attending our programs, by your donation of time and/or money, or just by giving me a pat on the back and complimenting the improvements that have been made over the past two years, I've really appreciated it.

However, I'd be remiss if I didn't thank one very special person — Deborah Oleshansky. Although I have known Deborah personally for many years, I have a whole new respect for her after seeing the job she has done as executive director. I have never run across anyone so selfless; someone who everyone from teenagers to UT students to the senior members of our community love so much; someone whose only goal was to bring everyone together and make this community the best it could be. Deborah stepped in at a time when our community desperately needed her and she has gone above and beyond the call of duty. There is no doubt in my mind as Deborah's two year commitment to serve as executive director comes to an end, that she is leaving the Center and our community in a much better position than she found it. Although I hate for Deborah to retire, she was the exact right person at the exact right time and just what this community needed. I may not have done many things right during my tenure, but no one can argue that one thing I did right was hire Deborah Oleshansky.

I, along with our search committee, will do all we can to find the right director and continue to move this community in the right direction. Thank you again for making my time as your KJA president so fulfilling.



## **Knoxville Jewish Alliance Activities**

- ◆ Archives
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- ◆ Cultural & Social Events
- ◆ Educational Events
- ◆ Friendshipshippers
- ◆ 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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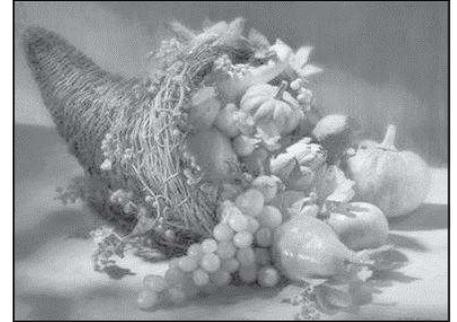
By Carole H. Martin, KJCFF President

My grandkids' favorite toys are Magna Tiles. They love to build garages for their toy cars and construct architectural wonders with its squares and triangles. One day when an especially high tower was being created, an errant elbow collapsed the entire structure. One twin was crushed by this happenstance, but the other comforted her with, "Don't be upset. It's an opportunity!" I loved the sentiment that he had carried from a previous interchange with his Mom in a similar situation. If only we could all carry that attitude in disappointing circumstances and in failure. If only we could embrace giving thanks in hard times for the opportunities they present, instead of feeling gratitude only in times of plenty.

I am inspired by this D'var Torah by Rabbi Benjamin Blech on a verse from Exodus in response to Moses' request to see God: "God told Moses, 'You cannot see My face, for man cannot see My face and live...you will see My back, but My face shall not be seen.' Of course God has no body. It was not His physical appearance that was being discussed. Moses wanted to 'see' - to comprehend - God's ways and His interaction with His creations. What he was told is that with our finite intelligence we can't understand events as they unfold; it is only retroactively that 'You will see My back' and grasp God's infinite wisdom." (Exodus 33:20)

The older I get, the more the perspective of looking back at experiences makes me see them with the thankfulness for every struggle as well as every perceived blessing. It is in that spirit that I make my decisions on supporting a number of fine charities in hopes of helping others push through their struggles to a better life. I hope you will join me in expressing your gratitude by starting your own fund with the Knoxville Jewish Community Family of Funds. We will be with you every step on your way toward granting funds to those causes about which you feel passionate. Join me in that unmatched feeling of thanksgiving when you thank God for your blessings, and your opportunities, by helping others.

"Modern Miracles" by Rabbi Benjamin Blech, Aish.com website, February 20, 2010 edition.



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- ★ **Harry and Mollie Brietstein Memorial Fund**  
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- ★ The **Allen, Leibowitz, Pearson Family Fund** made a grant to Heska Amuna Synagogue for the High Holy Day appeal.
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# Jewish Congregation of Oak Ridge



## Community

By Meir Niad

Rabbi Lord Jonathan Sacks of England once said *"a community is where people know your name and they miss you when you are not there"*. I am reminded of this quote when I think of JCOR. I see it as I watch our members interact with each other. I am proud of it when I see them welcome guests. I see the love and dedication when I drive by and notice a group of cars in the parking lot which I later find out was members of Sisterhood cooking and preparing our delicious Break the Fast meal. I feel the commitment as myself and members of Men's Club meet to construct the sukkah, no matter how long it takes. I am impressed and thankful to have a group of volunteer hazzanim that spend I don't even know how many hours preparing for and leading us in our annual High Holy Days services.

We may be a small community, but we have a lot of heart, we get things done, and we have fun doing it.



Gery and Miguel install the new bamboo roof for the sukkah..



Miguel and Jim hang the sukkah walls..



Come join us at our  
**JCOR Hanukkah Party**  
 Saturday, December 16  
 5:30 p.m.

Enjoy dancing, games, latkes  
 and dinner.  
 \$12 adults, Children free.



*Casting away our sins into Melton Lake at our Tashlich Service & Potluck*

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### Yahrzeits

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- December 9** Catherine Braunstein, Jeannette Gilbert
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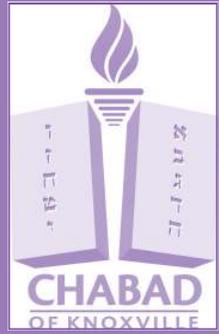
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## Challah Bake:

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100 women baking Challah together....100 women singing together...100 women laughing together...100 women kvelling as three of our community's young ladies delighted us in song...100 women coming together to pray for a happy, healthy, and peaceful year for all. 100 women strong....Mega Challah Bake Knoxville. This year's Challah was dedicated in memory of Mindy Goldberg O.B.M. May her Neshama have an Aliya.

The evening was all it promised and more. Plans are already under way for next year's Pre-Rosh Hashanah Mega Challah Bake. Thank you to our fabulous table captains and everyone who helped make the event possible.

Thank you to Shani Monis and her fabulous team for pre-measuring all the ingredients. Thank you to Amy Hull for outfitting the event with beautiful flowers. And a special shout out to Nathalie Guigui, Gabby Guigiu, Melissa Guigui, Dana Maman, Headan Mamm, Helen Horowitz, Julia Galanti, Dana Wolpert and Morgan Wolpert for helping to set up. Thank you Marian Jay and Mendel Wilhelm for staffing the welcome table.



*Stella, Headan, and Hallie, who are KJDS current students and alumni, delighted the audience with song.*



*Table #13 poses for a picture with table captain Revital Ganzi.*

## Menorah Madness

SAVE THE DATE  
12.17.2017

Look for more info:  
[www.MenorahMadness.org](http://www.MenorahMadness.org)

# JAHRZEIT

## *Heska Amuna Synagogue*

### November 4

Sam Abrams ♦ Mildred Baker ♦ Esmeralda Benhayon ♦ Sasson Benhayon ♦ C.B. Brown ♦ Gertrude Cohen ♦ Milton Collins ♦ Lillian David ♦ Sam Freeman ♦ Jennie Glazer ♦ Harriet Gourse ♦ Anna Kaplan, Bruce Kingsley ♦ Julius Krauss ♦ Jacob Licht ♦ James Lowe ♦ David Moskowitz ♦ Vera Noorily ♦ Rachel Perelman ♦ Alex Presser ♦ Ella Renert ♦ Lilly Stargardter

### November 11

Ilse Abeles ♦ Leah Berez ♦ Loretta Cohen ♦ Gunsa Glazer ♦ Blume Goldstein ♦ Bernyce Gurwitch ♦ Elsa Klein ♦ Josephine Klein ♦ Alex Lavitch ♦ Sylvia Levison ♦ Bertha Moss ♦ Harold Rosenthal ♦ Elka Sanders ♦ Celia Shaw ♦ Rachel Slovis ♦ Salome Slovis ♦ Judy Solomon ♦ Flora Stollin ♦ David Tomlinson ♦ Pesach Werner ♦ Clara Winick ♦ Pearl Zwick

### November 18

Heinz Baerman ♦ Issac Baskin ♦ Rebecca Benbenisty ♦ Nathan Busch ♦ Rose Busch ♦ Anna Cohen ♦ Lowell Dryzer ♦ Bobby Evars ♦ P.L. Fuson ♦ Sol Frumin ♦ Max Hurvich ♦ Arnold Levison ♦ Monte Millen ♦ Nathan Naumann ♦ Hilda Nisenson ♦ Libbye Perelman ♦ Hannah Poster ♦ Nathan Rattner ♦ David Rosen ♦ Faye Simon ♦ Ben Slovis ♦ Fannie Taylor ♦ Myra Weinstein ♦ George Weisberg

### November 25

Harry ♦ Becker Ronald Berry ♦ Lois Boiarksy ♦ Jacob Corkland ♦ Deutsch ♦ Fanny Diamond Rose Diftler ♦ John Gergely ♦ Mike Gettinger ♦ Sadie Ginsberg ♦ David Goldstein ♦ Sadye Jacobs ♦ Buzy Kaplar ♦ Lillian Liberman ♦ Charles Margolies ♦ David Norynberg ♦ Rose Presser ♦ Sol Richer ♦ Jerome Schweitzer ♦ Eva Sturm ♦ Dora Shersky ♦ Robert Shersky ♦ Nathan Slovis

# JAHRZEIT

## TEMPLE BETH EL

### November 3

Mabell Anthony ♦ Morris Billen ♦ David Blumberg ♦ Karen Brown ♦ Tillie Brown ♦ Gustav Brunschwig ♦ Simone Levi Brunschwig ♦ Gerson Cohen ♦ Joel Samuel Cohn ♦ Helen Nachman Epstein ♦ Joseph D. Feldman ♦ Pupa Feldman ♦ Bert Gudis ♦ Maria Lerner ♦ Peter Lawrence Marchand ♦ Marvin Miller ♦ Yitzhak Rabin ♦ Jacob Reich ♦ Marvin Shey

### November 10

Joyce Brown ♦ Toni Buescher ♦ Gerson Bush ♦ Agnes Canner ♦ Betsy Coleman ♦ Irwin Deutscher ♦ Edith (Missy) Dickey ♦ Lowell M Dryzer ♦ Max Gillman ♦ Jay Goodfriend ♦ Bertha Lees ♦ Fannie Lippner ♦ Ursala Mangold ♦ Charles Margolies ♦ Frederick Millis ♦ Ethel Misner ♦ Nathaniel Razansky ♦ Ronald Siegman ♦ David Silverstein ♦ Page Wallace ♦ Gloria Weinstein ♦ Richard Dick Zivi

### November 17

Jean-Pierre Besman ♦ Walter N. Blaufeld, Jr. ♦ Samuel Mark Brody ♦ Sam Cawn ♦ Anna Cohen ♦ Rose Cohen ♦ Ben Cohn ♦ Sigmund Frankel ♦ Herbert Glazer ♦ Celia Gutman ♦ Florence Jacobstein ♦ Robert Moss ♦ Toby Schwartz ♦ Sonia Shey ♦ Richard Wayburn ♦ Cheryl Weinberg ♦ Murray Weinstein

### November 24

Herbert Brody ♦ Mimi Brody ♦ Sarah Sue Bush ♦ Joseph Dresner ♦ Michael Ecker ♦ Rose Eisner ♦ Gloria Glazer ♦ Anne Goldstein ♦ David Goodfriend ♦ David Hiller ♦ Belar Koptiva ♦ Emanuel Liebman ♦ Silvestr Ostrovskaya ♦ Irene Ribakove ♦ Sol Richer ♦ Bernard Meyer Schramm ♦ Jacqueline Selk ♦ Eva Landsman Sturm

# Hadassah HIGHLIGHTS

HADASSAH  
THE WOMEN'S ZIONIST  
ORGANIZATION OF  
AMERICA, INC.

HADASSAH  
Knoxville

## President's Message

By Laura Floyd

Shortly after I became president in 2016, Nora Messing called with an exciting idea for a fundraiser. She had discovered that the Bundt pan had been made popular in the United States in part due to two Hadassah women in Minneapolis, Minnesota, in the 1950s. They approached a metallurgy expert to recreate the fluted metal pans that were popular in Eastern Europe but not found in America. Thus, the Bundt pan was born. This manufacturing company became Nordic Ware.

Nora's idea to have members bake cakes to sell was wonderful and before we could launch this, Knoxville came along and, as they say, the rest is history. Two very successful Knoxville events later, Hadassah Knoxville has baked and sold a LOT of Bundt cakes.

This is in itself is an excellent example of *Hadassah The Power Of Women Who Do*, but there's more to this story. Back to the Minneapolis Hadassah women. That metallurgy expert, David Dahlquist, was so pleased with the success of the Bundt pan that he gave all the seconds from the production to the Minneapolis chapter, which then sold these to raise funds for Hadassah. It is said that the funds raised from the sale of these seconds helped build schools and hospitals in Israel. From cake pans to hospitals! Wow! That's impressive.

My husband Frank was recently watching a show called *Food: Fact or Fiction* and as I walked into the room and they started talking about Bundt cakes! Well, of course I had to watch. They talked about how the pan came to be in America but in this telling of the Hadassah use of funds from sale of the pans, the host, Michael McKean, said that this money was used at the Hadassah Medical Organization to develop a method of detecting a gene mutation that can lead to breast cancer. That was electrifying.

I am writing this to point out that *every time* you donate to Hadassah, your money goes toward wonderful research and other programs helping people across Israel and in the US. The Minneapolis ladies didn't set out to build a hospital or fund breast cancer research when they decided to sell Bundt cakes and then these pans; they just followed their passion and gave to an organization they supported. That's what we do here at Hadassah Knoxville. Thank you for your continued support.

## Save the Date

**Sunday, December 3, 2017**

Hadassah Knoxville Invites You  
to the

**2017 HMO Luncheon**

**1:00 p.m.**

**"Minimum Cognitive Impairment"**

**Dr. Monica K. Crang**

**Kitchen 919**

**5412 Kingston Pike, Knoxville, Tennessee**  
(formally The Orangery Restaurant)

**Double Chai (\$36.00) minimum contribution**

**RSVP with your check made payable to Hadassah**  
**mail to Andrea Cone**

**905 Naples Road, Knoxville, Tennessee 37923**

*Formal invitations will be mailed to all members  
the first week in November.*

*We welcome all community members to this event.*

*Funds raised support the Hadassah Medical Organization in Israel.*

## Thank You to All of Our 2017 HMO Luncheon Sponsors

### Keepers of the Gate

(\$1,000.00 annually)

Bonnie Boring  
Mary Evars-Goan  
Marcia Shloush

### Grand Hostess

(\$180.00)

Nancy Becker  
Barbara Bernstein  
Katherine Goldstein \*\*  
Jacki Imbrey  
Kim Rosen

### Hostess

(\$80.00)

Marilyn Abrams  
Linda Anderson  
Ellen Berez  
Jean Begue  
Robin Brown \*  
Judy Brietstein  
Nancy Britcher  
Marilyn Burnett  
Andrea Cone  
Harriett Copper  
Trudy Dreyer  
Laura Floyd \*  
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Shelley Hecht

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Barbara Isenberg

Judith Kaufman

Dina Kramer

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Barb Levin

Peggy Littmann \*

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Barbara Mintz \*

Rosalie Nagler

Deborah Oleshansky

Sandy Parker

Lesley Rosenblatt

Mary Linda Schwarzbart

Melissa Sturm

Jill Weinstein \*

### Associate Host

(\$60.00)

John Goan, Jr.  
Bernie Rosenblatt  
Van Boring

\*Chai Society  
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## Hadassah Large Certificates Program

We gratefully acknowledge recent donations (received since our last published list through September 2017):

### **Contributions in memory of recent losses in our community:**

#### **Sylvia Zemel, mother of Michael (Seri-Datar) Zemel**

Ellen & Bill Berez; Nancy & Jeffrey Becker; Judy & Abraham Brietstein; Marilyn Burnett; John & Mary Evars-Goan; Laura & Frank Floyd; Carole & Robert Martin; Mary Ann & Bryan Merrell; Mary Linda Schwarzbart

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#### **Mindy Goldberg, mother of Hila and Ilana Blumenthal, daughter of Beverly Goldberg, sister of Andrew Goldberg**

Nancy & Jeffrey Becker; Ellen & Bill Berez; Lee Miller Blotner; Marilyn Burnett; Arnold Cohen; Harriet Cooper; Trudy Dreyer; Lynn & Scott Dryzer; John & Mary Evars-Goan; Alice & Walter Farkas; Laura & Frank Floyd; Harriet & Michael Glasman; Kathy & Donald Goldstein; Janet Gurwitch; Marian Jay; Dina & Andrew Kramer; Kay & Larry Leibowitz; Marilyn & Harvey Liberman; Sandra & Norman Licht; Shelley & Marc Mangold; Carole & Robert Martin; Mary Ann & Bryan Merrell; Shuli & Gabriel Mesa; Anita & Jeffrey Miller; Barbara & Seth Mintz; Missy and Lizzy Noon; Deborah & David Oleshansky; Judy Rattner; Sandy & Alfred Robinson; Gilya Schmidt; Mary Linda Schwarzbart

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#### **Sylvia Saroff, mother of Melanie (Jim) Colley, Rebecca (Michael) Bruce, Dina (Arie) Mirskey, Mark Saroff, and Simmy (Phillip) Barrocas.**

Ellen & Bill Berez; Lee Miller Blotner; Judy & Abraham Brietstein; Arnold Cohen; Peggy & Mark Littmann; Carole & Robert Martin; Mary Linda Schwarzbart

*Participation in the Large Certificates Program is available to everyone, whether you are a Hadassah member or not. If you would like to receive e-mail notices when certificates are opened, or for more information, contact Mary Ann Merrell at [hadassahcertificates@gmail.com](mailto:hadassahcertificates@gmail.com).*

## UNIFYING FOR CHANGE: Because Women's Health Matters Event

Thirty women gathered together in the AJCC Gym for the "Because Women's Health Matters" membership event featuring a presentation by Dr. Barb Levin, a family medicine physician. By the event's end, all of the women present would be members of Hadassah. Many of the women present were also members of the Women's League of Heska Amuna who joined as an event co-sponsor.

Hadassah welcomes all women (and men as associates) who support Zionism and the State of Israel and improved health care. Women from Temple Beth El and Chabad, and women not affiliated with other organizations were all in attendance.

There was the opportunity to learn about many important components of Hadassah. There were displays with some short presentations about our book group, the sale of greeting cards, Youth Aliyah, HMO, certificates that recognize significant life events, layette certificates, and ways to contribute including Chai Society. Cumulatively, we collected \$150.00 that will support Hadassah goals.

Barbara Mintz gave a short presentation on the need to better understand and advocate for gender equity in medicine. Dr. Barbara Levin then spoke on the topic of mindfulness and the need for women to take care of themselves in the moment. She gave the audience a variety of simple activities that they can do throughout their busy day.

At this event, Hadassah-Knoxville welcomed **Debra Ellis** as a new life-member and **Dahlia Smith** as a renewed member. We welcome them both!

*Hadassah has just the right card for you! Shuli Mesa shops for occasion cards with Susetta Panitz at the Hadassah Knoxville membership event at the AJCC. Funds raised support Hadassah Hospital and other charities in Israel.*



*Dr. Barb Levin discusses Mindfulness with group.*



### Under Construction!

## 2018 Hadassah Knoxville Membership Directory, Shopping Guide & Datebook

**Reserve your ad space now thru deadline:  
November 15, 2017**

**Ad sizes:** Full page \$175, ½ page \$105, 1/3 page \$90,  
or ¼ page \$75

**Memorial/Yahrzeit ad:** ½ page \$75 or 1/3 page \$50

**Memorial Listings:** 2 lines – 32 characters per line \$25

**Professional Listings:** Name, phone number, category \$36

Professional listings are ½ price at \$18 for current advertisers with at least ¼ page ad contract  
Advertising in the Hadassah Knoxville Directory:

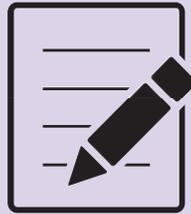
- Supports Hadassah's many worthwhile projects
- Reaches 500 people with your message year-round

Please direct questions or submit black and white JPEG or PDF ad copy and art work to:  
Jill Weinstein [jkweinstein5@gmail.com](mailto:jkweinstein5@gmail.com). Personal page listing information to Mary Evars-Goan at [goan@knology.net](mailto:goan@knology.net).



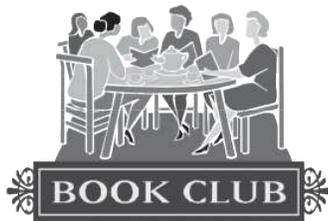
## HELP KEEP OUR RECORDS UP TO DATE

Have you recently moved?  
 Has your phone number changed?  
 Has your name changed?  
 Would you like to update your  
 e-mail address?



We are happy to update your records.  
 Please direct these changes to the Hadassah Knoxville  
 Records Administrator: Jill Weinstein – [jkweinstein5@gmail.com](mailto:jkweinstein5@gmail.com)

**Please note:** If you request Do Not Mail or Unsubscribe from national Hadassah, we lose your information for future directory and Hadassah Knoxville mailings.



## Hadassah Book Club News

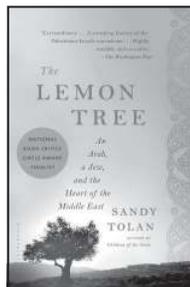
All Jewish women of the greater Knoxville area  
 and friends are welcome to join us.

Hope to see everyone for our **Tuesday, November 14\*** **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 Lemon Tree* by Sandy Tolan.

*\*Normally we meet on the third Tuesday of the month, but because of Thanksgiving, we will be meeting on November 14.*

### The Lemon Tree

In 1967, Bashir Al-Khayri, a Palestinian 25-year-old, journeyed to Israel, with the goal of seeing the beloved old stone house, with the lemon tree behind it, that he and his family had fled nineteen years earlier. To his surprise, when he found the house he was greeted by Dalia Ashkenazi Landau, a 19-year-old Israeli college student, whose family fled Europe for Israel following the Holocaust. On the stoop of their shared home, Dalia and Bashir began a rare friendship, forged in the aftermath of war and tested over the next 35 years in ways that neither could imagine on that summer day in 1967. Based on extensive research, and springing from his enormously resonant documentary that aired on NPR's *Fresh Air* in 1998, Sandy Tolan brings the Israeli-Palestinian conflict down to its most human level, suggesting that even amid the bleakest political realities there exist stories of hope and reconciliation.



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

### Future Books

- ◆ **December 19:** *Before We Were Yours* by Lisa Wingate
- ◆ **January 16:** *Station Eleven* by Emily St. John Mandel

# Hadassah Highlights

## Knoxville Chapter of Hadassah

### EXECUTIVE BOARD

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# Stanford Eisenberg Knoxville Jewish Day School

## Sustainable STEAM

To continue digging deep on this year's *STEAM Into Service* theme of Energy, the entire school participated in a hands-on field trip. Students were able to see sustainable practices in action on their recent STEAM Into Service off campus trip.

Traveling in small groups, they visited Ijams Nature Center, Good Golly Tamale, The Market Square Farmers Market, The Bearden Beer Market, and a watershed in Deane Hill. At each location, they looked for and learned about ways that people reduce their carbon footprints. They noticed solar panels, rain barrels, indigenous flora, and locally sourced food.

This field trip contributed to research on how Knoxville is becoming a more sustainable city. And, it inspired thinking about how KJDS can become a more sustainable school. As the students continue their STEAM journey, they will propose ways to reduce the school's carbon footprint and measure their success.

*Right: Mark Campen, from the Deane Hill watershed, explains how wetlands help the water ways stay clean.*



## Knoxville's Smaller Footprint

KJDS had a special visitor on September 27. Erin Gill, Director, Office of Sustainability for the City of Knoxville, came to share our city's sustainability plan. Knoxville is working on an Energy & Sustainability Initiative "to reduce the greenhouse gas emissions associated with City operations and the Knoxville community each by 20% by 2020 relative to 2005 levels. Based on our most recent inventory, emissions from City operations are down 15.1%, and community emissions have fallen 8% relative to 2005 levels." Ms. Gill was brought in to complement our students' study of alternative energy and sustainability practices used by businesses, communities and families.

Ms. Gill's informative talk broadened students' understanding of how public and private organizations have a role in reducing Knoxville's carbon footprint. The students were able to ask Ms. Gill questions about specifics of the city's plan. The information learned through this exchange will especially help students in grades 3-5 who are working on a brochure on sustainability that they will present to the mayor's office later this fall.

*Erin Gill, Director, Office of Sustainability for City of Knoxville talked to the students about the city's sustainability efforts as part of our STEAM Into Service program.*



## K-1 Writer's Workshop

The Knoxville Jewish Day School is filled with young writers! In Mrs. Lusk's Kindergarten-1<sup>st</sup> Grade classroom, students follow the Lucy Calkins Writer's Workshop curriculum to explore their ideas and bring them to life. Ms. Lusk began the year by teaching her students how to keep a writer's notebook. She guided them to fill it with lists, stories, facts, wonders, observations, and anything else that might be mined for future writing. After using their notebooks to think like writers and build up ideas, they began writing personal narratives. Ms. Lusk guided the young writers through the process of planning, writing, revising, and editing. They learned about what each step entails and why writers go through so many steps prior to publishing. The students created a variety of interesting pieces that grew and changed through the process. Ms. Lusk will continue to nurture her writers this year by teaching them how to conference with each other and encouraging them to choose their own subjects from their writer's notebooks. Ms. Lusk's approach to teaching writing gives even our youngest students the confidence to be authors, builds stamina and demands rigor.



*Mrs. Lusk works with each student in Writer's Workshop as they work through each step of the writing process.*

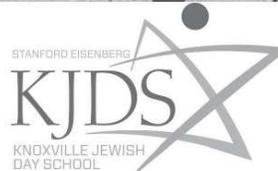
**“Canstruction” — a giant art exhibition and competition with a purpose —fighting hunger**

**KJDS is the only school entering the Holiday Canstruction Exhibit at the Knoxville Convention Center**

Visit our student-built structure  
November 22-December 13

*Take a picture in front of the KJDS structure and upload it to social media with the hashtag #KJDSlights*

## Kindergarten – Fifth Grade



Stanford Eisenberg  
Knoxville Jewish Day School

### KJDS in Action

Friday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> and Tuesday, November 28<sup>th</sup>  
@ 9:30 AM.

See KJDS in action during regular school hours. On your personal tour you will meet our Head of School-Miriam Esther, visit with KJDS parents and have time for questions in a relaxed atmosphere.

To RSVP or schedule an admissions visit  
call Miriam Esther @ 865.560.9922 or email [me@kjds.org](mailto:me@kjds.org).  
Accepting Applications for 2018 – 2019 October - January

Community. Joy. Exploration.

[www.KJDS.org](http://www.KJDS.org)

## KJDS Board of Directors

**Hear from our Directors 1. Why they serve, 2. What they love about our school and 3. Why they think KJDS is an integral part of our Jewish Community**

KJDS sets a standard of excellence and learning Jewishly to produce children who value who they are as Jews and who will hopefully carry that identity forward into adulthood and to produce adults committed to building the Jewish people of the future. – **Nancy and Jeff Becker**



*Jeff and Nancy Becker*



The Knoxville Jewish Day School has given my children, Frank & Heidi, their Jewish identity, their love for learning and the importance of our community. My family has made lifelong friendships that we cherish. Frank & Heidi have the confidence to talk about Judaism, the knowledge to answer questions and happily return to KJDS to visit teachers or to volunteer! Both kids received a strong elementary school foundation resulting in successes in their middle and high school years. My dedication to this amazing school will continue on!! – **Tamara Sturm**

I love that KJDS creates an environment where students have an absolute blast as they're learning. You can feel the energy whenever you visit! KJDS makes learning fun and builds confident, caring Jewish kids. – **Judith Rosenberg**



*Galanti*

I love KJDS because it provides a comfortable, family-like environment for children to learn and grow as students as well as gain life lessons and values to be community-builders. It challenges and inspires each individual student to be the best version of themselves in the most innovative and interactive way. KJDS is making curious minds more curious, leaders better leaders, and passionate Jewish children proud of their identity. – **Julia Galanti**



*Pearl*

I believe KJDS provides not only a stellar education for our students, but also a foundation of Jewish learning that will guide them for the rest of their lives. I love the atmosphere of the school. It is functional, practical, and stimulating. It is a place I would be happy to send my future children to learn. I believe that to whom much is given much is expected. I have been blessed to be given tools that can serve the school for the better. It is my pleasure to lend my suggestions and advice to KJDS so we can continue to provide an amazing house of learning to our students. – **Jacqui Pearl**



*Zemel*

KJDS wonderfully blends Jewish values, excellence in secular studies and a joy-filled environment providing an unbeatable foundation for the next generation. I love the fusion of joy, values and educational excellence. How could anyone not want to be a part of this? – **Michael Zemel**

At a time when Jewish identity and engagement are spiraling downward in communities across the country, the Knoxville Jewish Community is blessed with the vibrancy of KJDS, where our children flourish in a safe and joyous environment, rooted in core Jewish values and devoted to academic excellence.— **Gloria Greenfield**

I love spending time with EVERYONE on the KJDS Board. It is a very focused, organized, well led organization, so it is a pleasure to “serve.” – **Ellen Markman**



*Markman*

I am happy to be on the board of the Knoxville Jewish day school because not only does the school offer a rigorous and progressive secular education it is the happiest environment in which Jewish children can find joy every single day. – **Sandy Parker**



*Brietstein*

What I love most about KJDS: When entering the school, I feel such positive energy. I see students learning in a creative environment filled with questions, critical thinking, problem solving & a love of learning. What great Jewish values of kindness & compassion we are seeing at KJDS. – **Susan Silber**

I love the fact that Knoxville has a Jewish Day School because it gives our children the opportunity to have a positive Jewish identity. In addition, the community is enriched by various programs such as “special friends,” annual plays, and other programs. – **Judy Brietstein**



*Iroff-Bailey*

I could not imagine not giving back to a school that has given so much to my children! My husband David and I feel so fortunate that our children have the opportunity to attend such a fabulous school. From the stellar staff and nurturing environment, to the STEAM into service curriculum, the values that are instilled make my heart warm and the love for learning that emerges is amazing! – **Jenny Wood**

Miriam Esther and I have committed our life mission to preserving Jewish continuity. I am proud to serve an organization that gives our youth the knowledge they need to be committed Jewish adults, and that imbues its students with a joy and appreciation for Judaism. – **Rabbi Yossi Wilhelm**

KJDS is important to our Knoxville Jewish Community because it is a safe place for all young Jews, regardless of denomination, to develop a solid foundation of Jewish identity and connections while receiving a high-quality secular education. – **Anna Iroff-Bailey**



Everyone enjoys eating Marilyn and Pat's dishes during these events.

## Meeting New Friends for the New Year

This year's inaugural "Special Friends" gathering was a joyous occasion. The "Special Friends" are a group of volunteers from the community who are paired with a student for a special friendship that lasts for the student's career at KJDS. This compassionate group, who join us for special holiday events about once a month, are treated as celebrities by our students.



For our Rosh Hashana program, beekeeper Carrie Niceley wowed us with her knowledge of bee life. The students were fascinated with the amount of flowers needed to produce one pound of honey and how far bees actually fly. There was apple dipping in honey and of course, honey cake. The delicious food was made by our tireless volunteers Marilyn Burnett and Pat Rosenberg. The students presented Rosh Hashana cards to their special friends and we all danced to a Rosh Hashana song the students have been singing in anticipation of this event.

Avi dressed in a "Bee Keeper" suit during the Rosh Hashana event. It was his first Special Friends event.

# Stanford Eisenberg Knoxville Jewish Day School

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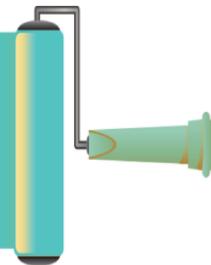
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