



# Ha'Kol

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## Truth and Fact

By Rabbi Alon C. Ferency

When visiting schools, churches, and other civic groups, I am often asked questions about Scripture. Typically, such queries imply belief in the inerrancy of Scripture, the doctrine that the Protestant Bible "is without error or fault in all its teaching" or at least that "Scripture in the original manuscripts does not affirm anything that is contrary to fact." Of course, there are surely streams of Judaism that hold Torah to be inerrant or literal. As our liturgy declares, "This is the Torah [teaching] as placed by Moses before the Jews, from God's mouth through his [Moses'] hand."

When asked about this by high school students and others, I defer to the great movie *Casablanca*. These characters are similar to historical figures, but they did not exist in fact: there never was a "Rick's Café Américain," Rick Blaine, Ilsa Lund, or Victor Laszlo. Yet, there is truth revealed in *Casablanca* more significant than in any History Channel program on World War II. People do make sacrifices for love; the callow can heal and mature; the world needs saving through acts of courage. *Casablanca* is true but not factual.

Nor should facts get in the way of a good story: consider the problems of Shakespeare's *Richard III*. Historians believe that Richard did not murder his nephews to claim the throne, but *Richard III* is a mesmerizing play nonetheless. As Brad Artson said, "Facts are just a structure in which truth can hang itself."

Conversely, if we accept the principle of inerrant Scripture, why make the assumption that Torah is a science or history textbook? Why would God choose to speak to us in the same voice as Houghton Mifflin? What if it's poetry? Joseph Campbell and Neil Gaiman write and teach about the power of myth – not myth as children's fairy-tale, but Myth as an organizing paradigm of all human life. Myth does not diminish Torah and other Scripture, but rather elevates it. Myth, metaphor, and poetry are the most deeply affecting genres of human history – why wouldn't God address us through art?

As Rabbi Lawrence Kushner says, "Poetry works. Words, like rain, can be soft like morning dew that gently offers itself the earth's vegetation, tending to its growth."



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## Amirim School Builds the Sukkah

Amirim School spent Sunday, September 23 studying about Sukkot. The day began with a Creative Tefillah using the senses and involving the entire body. Rabbi Ferency led yoga and meditation as the opening prayers; then we looked within ourselves to find movements that would wake us up. Lev Gross-Comstock and Revital Ganzi led the *Shema* using a collage of a large number one. Each student added their own picture or word to represent the *Shema*.

Anna Iroff-Bailey led the *Amidah* with body movements, musical instruments, and other props. Martha Iroff led the closing prayers by leading the students to experience the sense of smell with a variety of scents.

The day continued with all of our students making decorations for the Sukkah, learning the blessings and the way to wave our Lulav and Etrog, and learning new music and games led by the staff of Amirim School. Students enjoyed making their own special snack of an edible sefer torah with fruit roll-ups and pretzel sticks.



## Celebrate Hanukkah! Event Tickets on Sale Now!

After much anticipation, *Lights & L'Chaim and All That Jazz 2018* is almost upon us. Dozens of event planners led by Shuli Mesa have been working hard to bring Knoxville a Hanukkah celebration that is a truly unique evening of entertainment, fun, and food. At Heska Amuna on **Sunday, December 2 at 4 p.m.**, we will toast Knoxville's holiday season with the energetic music of **Dor L'Dor**, led by Ken and Susan Brown. Home for the holidays will be their son, jazz bassist Daniel Brown and his wife, violinist Boyeon Selena Brown. Knoxville's own Rachel Brown also returns to fill the sanctuary with her lovely voice, singing with equal facility from Hebrew, English, and Yiddish repertoires. Accompanying Rachel on vocals will be the engaging, not-yet-even-bat-mitzvah-aged Stella Galanti.



Dor L'Dor "Not Your Father's Klezmer Band" has classic roots in Eastern Europe, but with a fresh and exciting modern flair. Whether you've heard them before or are a first-timer, there's no better way to usher in the holiday season than Dor L'Dor's energetic, playful, always surprising arrangements of classic klezmer combined with healthy doses of jazz, rock, gospel, and even Elvis. All of this alone would make for a delightful evening, but this year we'll be adding two very special guests. Joining Dor L'Dor on the *bimah* will be two of East Tennessee's most celebrated jazz musicians, vocalist **Kelle Jolly** and her husband, saxophonist **Will Boyd**. Both Kelle and Will are MLK Award recipients and have served as Ambassadors of Jazz to Muroran, Japan, Knoxville's sister city. Kelle is the host of *Jazz Jam* on WUOT 91.9 FM and is the founder of the *Women in Jazz Festival* which will next be held on March 15-16, 2019 in Knoxville. Will is a member of the Knoxville Jazz Orchestra and has a newly released CD, *Will Boyd Live at the Red Piano Lounge*. Together they bring two lifetimes of talent to our event, and you won't want to miss hearing what happens when these two musicians pool their talent with Knoxville's own brand of *yiddishkeit*.

### Join the Celebration!

Also this year we have many opportunities for individuals, organizations, and companies to purchase **sponsorships** for the event, starting with our \$250 **VIP package**. You'll receive 2 VIP tickets with reserved seating, 2 t-shirts, 2 hats, VIP lanyards, and reserved parking. Bigger packages include your name in our program, holiday gifts, song dedications, company logo in all of our publicity, valet parking, and much more. We also have many opportunities for you to **volunteer** to help us with this celebration. Please visit us on Facebook or the Heska Amuna website for more details and to sign up!

Last but not least, no holiday celebration would be complete without food. After the concert everyone is invited to the Rosen Social Hall for a fabulous feast of traditional Hanukkah foods, southern favorites, and other delicious offerings, all included in your ticket price. Heska Amuna Women's League will provide a cash bar during intermission and after the concert. Frank Floyd and his team of volunteers will soon be hard at work in the kitchen, but this year we have a secret weapon. Chef Kim Ault, our Heska Amuna Kitchen Director, who will add her mad kitchen skills to our event which will take it to a whole new level. Prepare for the best desserts you have ever had.

### Ticket Information

We hope you will join us at Heska Amuna on December 2 at 4 p.m. for *Lights & L'Chaim and All That Jazz*. Seating is limited, so get your tickets now. Tickets (\$45 for adults; \$15 for children under 18, free for children in Heska Amuna Religious School) are on sale in the office, 522-0701, or through our website at [www.heskaamuna.org](http://www.heskaamuna.org). It's going to be a sure-fire, don't-miss great evening of music, food, celebration, and holiday warmth.

Celebrate!
Enjoy!

## Lights & L'Chaim

Enjoy traditional Hanukkah favorites from our 2017 celebration with some new additions this year.

- Traditional Potato Latkes (with a variety of toppings from Apple Sauce, Sour Cream to Mushroom Gravy)
- Cheese Latkes with Maple Syrup
- Potato Cream Cheese Kugel
- Scratch Made Sweet Potato Biscuits with Pimento Cheese
- Salmon Tarts
- Fresh made Baba Ganoush with Pita
- Hummus
- Edamame Salad
- Sufganiyot
- Stella's Baklava

Last, but by no means least...  
an unimaginable array of elegant desserts created by  
Chef Kim Ault

Thank you to Women's League  
who will be offering a delectable assortment  
of wine and beer offerings.



## JOIN US AT THE KALLAH 2019 - MARCH 8-10 CUMBERLAND FALLS (KY) STATE PARK

Our 2019 Kallah will be a wonderful get-away - a relaxing weekend with programs for all ages to celebrate Shabbat and each other.

Please join us again - or join us for the first time!

Your registration fee includes:

- Lodging and meals (dairy/pareve)
- All programs and activities
- Child-care throughout the weekend at no cost

Handicap accesible rooms and cabins are available for all lodging options. View rooms and park information at <http://parks.ky.gov/parks/resortparks/cumberland-falls>

Need a ride? Need financial support to come?

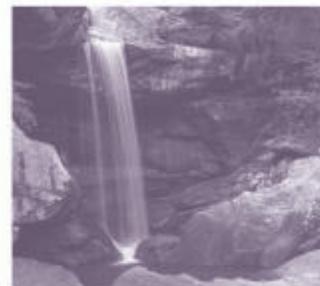
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For more information  
or to share  
your ideas for the  
weekend with us, email  
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Join the organizing  
committee!  
Eat! Pray! Program!

Contact us:  
Frank Floyd  
Mary Ann Merrell



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Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

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Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Adults \_\_\_\_\_ Name and Age of Children \_\_\_\_\_

**Lodging Options (check one):** \_\_\_\_\_ Standard hotel room in the Dupont Lodge  
 \_\_\_\_\_ 1 or 2-bedroom Cottage next to the Lodge  
 \_\_\_\_\_ 2-bedroom Cabin (a short walk from the Lodge)

Sharing an accommodation with others? If so, whom? \_\_\_\_\_

Adult attendees receive a \$50 per person subsidy to attend thanks to our *Kallah Project* grant; this subsidy is built into the fees below. \*If you wish to forego your \$50 subsidy so these funds can offset costs for others without the means to attend, please add \$50 to the cost noted below.

With many thanks once again to the *Bradley Sturm Memorial Fund*, children can attend for only \$25 for the entire weekend when sharing a room with an adult.

### Rates

**2-bedroom Cabin (sleeps 8):** \$225 per adult.

Cabins require a minimum of 2 adults & 4 occupants. Third+ adult: \$125 each.

### Lodge or Cottages:

Single Room	Shared Room
\$250 (Early Bird)	\$175 (Early Bird)
\$275 (After Dec 31)	\$200 (After Dec 31)
per person	per person

Children 18 and under (any room type): \$25 per child

### Payment

Contact Rabbi Ferency ([rabbi.ferency@heskaamuna.org](mailto:rabbi.ferency@heskaamuna.org)) to request financial assistance.

Deposit (50%) due by December 31.

Due to Cumberland Falls State Park requirements, no refunds can be made after March 1.

**TOTAL DUE:** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ Put my deposit on my credit card on file

\_\_\_\_ Check enclosed

## I Hear Voices...

By Mary Ann Merrell, Heska Amuna Synagogue President

All year long, I hear Gilya Schmidt's chanting of Ne'eilah in my head. Sometimes I hear other voices too as the strains of the high holiday melodies carry these prayers forward with me into the year – Elyse Messing leading Psukei D'Zimra or prayers of Shacharit recited by Rachel Brown; Raphael Bendriem, and Jack Love and Josh Gettinger who bring the Torah vibrantly to life. All of our lay leaders who daven the high holy day prayers for us – Anna Iroff-Bailey, Bill Berez, Wendy Besmann, Ken Brown, Michael Burnett, Rich Kaplan, and Pat Messing – add so immeasurably to our worship. And I often wonder, how did Heska Amuna Synagogue come to hold such an abundance of riches?

The picture frames of past board chairs, presidents, and Sisterhood/Women's League presidents are filled to capacity. At some point soon, new frames will be needed to hold the images of those leading us the next hundred years. But these images are not the answer to my question but rather it is the congregation they represent that is.

Year after year, generation after generation, our congregants have sought teachers or perhaps have studied on their own, perhaps in the beginning for their own understanding or seeking their own sense of accomplishment, perhaps always with the desire to lead or who stepped into the role only when circumstances dictated the need. But regardless of the reasons, I find it fascinating that we have what seems at times to be an endless resource. But alas, it is not endless and now is the best time of year to ponder that.

Every congregation needs to be flexible and nimble to maintain its traditions and practices year after year. We have excellent resources for learning Hebrew, Torah reading, haftorahs, our liturgy - I want each of you reading this to understand that this is an invitation to you, not the congregant in the house down the street, not the congregant that is across the table from you, but you. Each of you.

Consider how you can lead, what you can learn, how you can ensure that our traditions of prayer are carried forward. If you learn one prayer a year, in a few years you will be primed to lead Torah service; if you learn two prayers a year, in a few years, you could be leading Torah service \*and\* Musaf. Or Hallel. Or *birkat hamazon*. And if you aren't exactly sure what these mean, even better. Because it means you are still reading this and we have amazing teachers that are here for you.

Be our future, but start now. It's always easiest when you get a good running head start.

## Amirim School at Heska Amuna

### Focus on a Teacher: Lev Gross-Comstock

By Martha Iroff, Education Director & Revital Ganzi, Director of Educational Programs

Lev Gross-Comstock is teaching the Prozdor class this year in the Amirim School at Heska Amuna. He is leading the students to discover where to find information and how to form their opinions in a Jewish context. They will explore a variety of current topics including Comparative Religions, Social Media, Bullying, and Terrorism. The class will have discussion, projects and personal journals.

Lev is a Jewish photographer, musician, and composer. He is the owner of Comstock Photography and Fine Arts. Lev is the Judaica and Music Specialist for the AJCC Preschool and also currently teaches music at the Knoxville Jewish Day School. He has private students in guitar, piano, theory and composition, bass, ukulele, violin, drums, and electronic music; he also runs group workshops in areas such as hand drumming, songwriting, garage band, live electronic dance music, music theory, and more.

Lev has been both an Assistant and Head Song Leader in the Union for Reform Judaism camp system; he was a teacher and band leader for the esteemed *Southern Girls Rock and Roll Camp* based out of Nashville; ran a weeklong, intensive songwriting camp for serious young musicians, and was on staff at Camp Nadav last summer.

Born into a musically prestigious family, Lev's mother studied voice and received a Music Education degree at Transylvania University; his first cousin is lauded choral composer Richard Westenburg, who headed the choral department at Juilliard from 1977 to 1989; and his great grandmother was noted Hebrew Theosophist and Kabbalah scholar, Bozena Brydlova. Brydlova was the author of *The Brydlovan Theory of the Origin of Numbers* and also was a conservatory trained pianist and vocalist who enjoyed performing in her free time.

Lev attended a Visual Arts and Youth Performing Arts high school and in the afternoons was a student in the Prep Conservatory at the University of Louisville. He went on to study music at the University of Tennessee Music School and Middle Tennessee State University where he studied Music Education, with a primary instrument of Jazz Guitar. During college, his studies included a focus on composition, jazz and classical guitar, and voice. In addition to musical study, Lev began playing professionally at age 15 and followed this route for 10 years until arthritic issues in his hands caused him to change paths. Since then, Lev has focused on teaching and specializes in working with children ages 3 through high school. Besides his extensive musical education, experience and ability, Lev also holds a BA in English and Judaic Studies and a BS in Photography and Philosophy.



Martha Iroff



Revital Ganzi



Lev Comstock and students



## FALL SHABBAT DINNER

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 2

6:30 p.m. Sunset Minyan

7:15 p.m.—Dinner

**DINNER RESERVATIONS  
ARE REQUIRED AND MUST BE MADE**

**NO LATER THAN**

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 31**

**Adults (12 years & older) \$10.00**

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### Amirim Religious School

Judith Rattner  
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### Building Improvements (Handicap)

Marilyn Abrams

### Change for the Future

Anonymous

### General Fund

*For the speedy recovery of Barbara  
Bernstein, Marilyn Burnett, and  
Gene Rosenberg*  
Trudy Dreyer

### High Holiday Participation

Alice Farkas  
Mark Homer  
Jeffrey & Anita Miller  
Allison Davis, UTK, *"It means so  
much to have a wonderful  
community to attend services with  
when I can't make it back home."*

### Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

Gerald & Bonnie Cohen

Victor & Patricia Skalet

Marilyn Abrams

### Simchat Torah

*In honor of our Simchat Torah bride,  
Anita Miller & groom, Raphe Panitz*  
Eytan & Mari Klausner  
Doug & Jill Weinstein

### Yahrzeit

*In memory of Sally Dyller*  
Howard & Marilyn Pollio  
*In memory of Max Diamond*  
Charles & Marie Perelman  
*In memory of Abraham Silber*  
Harold & Susan Silber  
*In memory and centennial celebration of  
Bernie Shorr*  
The Frost Family  
*In memory of Elaine and Arthur Brown*  
The Frost Family  
*In memory of Rebecca Mazur*  
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*In memory of Gert Weinstein*  
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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 Presi-  
dent one week before.*

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

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# NOVEMBER 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 <p>The entire community is invited to participate in a Global Day of Jewish Learning <b>Extraordinary Passages: Texts and Travels</b> Sunday, November 11 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Heska Amuna Synagogue — 3811 Kingston Pike <i>All are welcome — Free community event</i></p>				<p><b>1</b></p> <p>7a Morning Minyan-HA 11a Adult Ed/Torah Study -TBE Noon Lunch &amp; Learn- JCOR 7:30-9:30p Israeli Dancing-Gym</p>	<p><b>2</b></p> <p>4:45p JFS Shabbat- Sherrill Hills 6:30p Sunset Minyan, followed by Shabbat Dinner-HA 7p Shabbat Service -TBE  6:21 p.m. Candle lighting</p>	<p><b>3</b></p> <p>9:30a-noon Shabbat Service-HA 9:30a Shabbat Service-JCOR  7:18 p.m. Candle lighting</p>
<p><b>4</b></p> <p><b>Daylight Savings Time</b> 9:30a Morning Minyan-HA 9:30a Religious Sch-HA 9:30a Religious Sch-TBE 10a Adult Hebrew-HA 11a Israeli dancing-JCOR 11a Judaism 101-HA 7:30p Judaism 201-HA</p> 	<p><b>5</b></p> <p>7a Morning Minyan-HA 9:30a Tai Chi-JCOR 11:30a JFS Comm-AJCC Orwitz Room 6p KJA Exec Comm- AJCC Orwitz Room 6-9:30p Fencing-AJCC Gym</p>	<p><b>6</b></p> <p><b>Election Day</b> 10:15a Yoga-JCOR 6-9:30p Fencing-Gym 6:15-9:45p Private rental- AJCC Orwitz Room</p> 	<p><b>7</b></p> <p>9:30a Tai Chi-JCOR 4p Religious Sch-HA 4:30p Hebrew Sch-TBE 6-9:30p Fencing-Gym 7p Talmud Study-HA</p>	<p><b>8</b></p> <p>7a Morning Minyan-HA 11a Adult Ed/Torah Study -TBE Noon Lunch &amp; Learn- JCOR 7p Board Mtg-HA 7:30-9:30p Israeli Dancing-Gym</p>	<p><b>9</b></p> <p>7p Shabbat Service -TBE  5:15 p.m. Candle lighting</p>	<p><b>10</b></p> <p>9:30a-noon Shabbat Service-HA 9:30a Shabbat Service-JCOR 7p Sisterhood Havdallah &amp; Chanukah Mystery- TBE 6:12 p.m. Candle lighting</p>
<p><b>11</b></p> <p>8:45a Breakfast Club-JCOR 9:30a Morning Minyan-HA <b>9:30-12:30p Community- Wide Global Day of Learning at HA</b> 11a Israeli dancing-JCOR 1:30p Congregational Mtg-HA 7:30p Judaism 301-HA</p>	<p><b>12</b></p> <p>7a Morning Minyan-HA 9:30a Tai Chi-JCOR 11:45a KJCF Board- AJCC Orwitz Room 6-9:30p Fencing-AJCC Gym</p>	<p><b>13</b></p> <p>10:15a Yoga-JCOR 6-9:30p Fencing-Gym 7:30p Hadassah Book Club-My Abandonment- Barnes &amp; Noble Booksellers</p>	<p><b>14</b></p> <p>9:30a Tai Chi-JCOR 4p Religious Sch-HA 4:30p Hebrew Sch-TBE 6-9:30p Fencing-Gym 6:30p KJDS Board-KJDS 7-9p Hadassah Board- AJCC Orwitz Room 7p Talmud Study-HA</p>	<p><b>15</b></p> <p>7a Morning Minyan-HA 11a Adult Ed/Torah Study -TBE Noon Lunch &amp; Learn- JCOR 7:30-9:30p Israeli Dancing-Gym</p>	<p><b>16</b></p> <p>11a AJCC Thanksgiving Feast-AJCC Caller Auditorium <b>5:30p Community Shabbat Dinner- AJCC Orwitz Room</b> 7p Shabbat Service -TBE  5:10 p.m. Candle lighting</p>	<p><b>17</b></p> <p>9:30a-noon Shabbat Service-HA 9:30a Shabbat Service-JCOR 11a Artist-in- Residence-TBE  6:08 p.m. Candle lighting</p>
<p><b>18</b></p> <p>9:30a Morning Minyan-HA 9:30a Religious Sch-HA 9:30a Religious Sch-TBE 10:30a B'Yachad-HA 11a Judaism 101-HA 11a Israeli dancing-JCOR <b>Noon-Hadassah HMO Luncheon- Fox Den Country Club</b> 7:30p Judaism 301-HA</p>	<p><b>19</b></p> <p>7a Morning Minyan-HA 9:30a Tai Chi-JCOR 6-9:30p Fencing-AJCC Gym</p>	<p><b>20</b></p> <p>10:15a Yoga-JCOR 6-9:30p Fencing-Gym</p>	<p><b>21</b></p> <p>AJCC Preschool closed for Thanksgiving Break 9:30a Tai Chi-JCOR</p>	<p><b>22 Thanksgiving</b></p> <p>9a Morning Minyan-HA</p> <p>AJCC and KJA offices are closed for Thanksgiving Break.</p> 	<p><b>23</b></p> <p>6p Shabbat Service -TBE  5:06 p.m. Candle lighting</p>	<p><b>24</b></p> <p>9:30a-noon Shabbat Service-HA 9:30a Shabbat Service-JCOR 10:30a Jason Sandberg Bar Mitzvah -TBE 6:04 p.m. Candle lighting</p>
<p><b>25</b></p> <p>9:30a Morning Minyan-HA 9:30a Artist-in-Residence with Religious School-TBE 11a Israeli dancing-JCOR</p>	<p><b>26</b></p> <p>7a Morning Minyan-HA 9:30a Tai Chi-JCOR 6-9:30p Fencing-AJCC Gym</p>	<p><b>27</b></p> <p>10:15a Yoga-JCOR 3:30-4:30p East Tenn Civil Rights Working Group-AJCC Orwitz Room 6-9:30p Fencing-Gym</p>	<p><b>28</b></p> <p>9:30a Tai Chi-JCOR 4p Religious Sch-HA 6-9:30p Fencing-Gym 7p Talmud Study-HA</p>	<p><b>29</b></p> <p>7a Morning Minyan-HA 11a Adult Ed/Torah Study -TBE Noon Lunch &amp; Learn- JCOR 7:30-9:30p Israeli Dancing-Gym</p>	<p><b>30</b></p> <p>6p Chanukah Latke Dinner-TBE 7p Shabbat Service -TBE  5:04 p.m. Candle lighting</p>	

**KJA Annual Meeting — Sunday, December 9 — 1:30 p.m.**

# KNOXVILLE

## Suzy Snoops

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

- ★ **Mitch Goldman** was inducted into the Academy of Master Surgeons at the American College of Surgeons at an event in Chicago.
- ★ **Raeus Cannon** is a member of the Foothills Craft Guild and her work is featured on the postcard for this year's fall show. In September, Raeus was accepted into the Southern Highlands Craft Guild. With a creative community of juried members spanning over nine states, the Southern Highland Craft Guild fosters opportunities for makers to build, market, and maintain their creative livelihood through continuing education, retail outlets, and mentorship. The Guild is invested in helping members achieve their goals and providing them with the resources to refine and sell their craft.
- ★ Mazel tov to **Kay** and **Larry Leibowitz** on grandson Daniel becoming a bar mitzvah. Daniel is the son of Adam and Vanessa Leibowitz.
- ★ An article on *Representing Transgender Students in Knox County Schools* by **Brianna Rosenbaum** was published in the October 2018 issue of *DICTA*, the monthly magazine of the Knoxville Bar Association. She is a professor in the University of Tennessee College of Law.
- ★ Mazel tov! Tennessee School of Beauty, owned by **Adam Brown**, was voted Knoxville's Best Cosmetology School by *Knox News 2018 Best of Knoxville*, AgriFeed Pet Supply owned by **Melissa Sturm** and family was a pet store favorite and the **Markman family's** Markman's Jewelers continues to be best jewelry store.
- ★ The Tennessee Chiropractic Association awarded **Dr. Robert Hacker** with one of the Association's highest honors, Chiropractor of the Year. This award is presented to a Tennessee chiropractor in practice ten or more years who demonstrate a significant commitment to the TCA and the chiropractic profession.
- ★ Congratulations to **Esther Sitver**, whose portrait of *Tammy Miranda* won the Emerging Young Artist Award for Open Show 2018 at the Oak Ridge Art Center. The juried art show will be viewable through November 24 at 201 Badger Avenue in Oak Ridge. Gallery hours are Tuesday-Friday, 9 a.m.-5p.m., and Saturday-Monday, 1-4 p.m.
- ★ Oak Ridge Public Library's November art exhibit features *A Life of Magic, the Photographs of Michael Messing*. For more than 30 years, **Michael Messing** has practiced the art of magic and the art of photography. He has photographed more than 225 entertainers, plus live magic shows and dance programs. The library is located at 1401 Oak Ridge Turnpike.
- ★ The Knoxville Jewish Alliance congratulates Yassin's Falafel House for being named the "Nicest Place in America" by *Reader's Digest*. Owner **Yassin Terou** is a supporter of humanitarian efforts, including Seeds of Abraham which partnered with MCDC to host a week-long summer camp.



Dr. Mitchell Goldman (left)



Raeus Cannon's work featured on cover



Michael Messing at the Oak Ridge Public Library.

## Community Invited to Enjoy a Jewish Music Recital

**Monday, November 19 — 12:05 p.m.**

**Central United Methodist Church, 201 East Third Avenue, Knoxville**

Catherine Greer will present a vocal recital featuring Jewish liturgical music and art song on Monday, November 19 as part of the downtown Noonday Recital Series. A graduate of the Eastman School of Music, Catherine is a former member of the Knoxville Opera Studio and a current PhD candidate at the University of Tennessee in German Studies. Catherine is also a former member of the Temple Beth El choir and specializes in music composed during the Holocaust. The 30-minute recital will feature works in Hebrew, Yiddish, and German by Maurice Ravel, Max Helfman, Stephen Richards, Viktor Ullmann, Max Janowski, Carlo Taube, Lazar Weiner, and Rosalie Gerut, among others.



Greer

# H A P P E N I N G S



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A project of the *Aleph Society*

The entire community is invited to join us for a  
Global Day of Jewish Learning

## ***Extraordinary Passages: Texts and Travels***

**Sunday, November 11**  
**9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.**  
**Heska Amuna Synagogue**  
**3811 Kingston Pike**

There will be topics and activities for learners of all ages—children, teens, and adults. Please join us for this day of learning. We hope you'll join us at this free community day of learning.

For more information, watch your organization's email and Facebook blasts, contact Martha Iroff at [education@heskaamuna.org](mailto:education@heskaamuna.org) or Norma James at [normajames@tbeknox.org](mailto:normajames@tbeknox.org).

The Arnstein Jewish Community Center invites you to:

## COMMUNITY SHABBAT DINNER

Third Fridays @  
5:30 p.m.

AJCC Orwitz Room  
6800 Deane Hill Drive  
Knoxville TN 37919

November 16  
December 21

Family-friendly,  
casual Shabbat  
dinner open to all.

Vegetarian meal  
will be served.

Please RSVP by  
Tuesday prior to event  
date.

RSVP: Rob Lieberthal  
[rlieberthal@gmail.com](mailto:rlieberthal@gmail.com)  
917-756-8508



## **BBYO Convention Builds Jewish Teen Community**

*By Tifannie Rosen*

Gert Weinstein BBG and Winick AZA spent a weekend in Memphis, Tennessee at Olford Retreat Center for the BBYO Cotton States' Fall Regional Convention. There we met up with our best friends from all over Tennessee, Alabama, Louisiana, Arkansas and Mississippi. We heard from the comedian Pam Schuller who spoke about inclusivity, attended programs about leadership development, and worked on our goals for the upcoming programming term for Gert Weinstein and Winick.

We learned how to plan events, recruit new members, and become better leaders within our chapters and daily lives. We can't wait to implement all that we learned into our chapters to have the best year yet!



*Ryan Gibbons, Keara Bain, Hallie Boring, Paige Quartararo, Lilly Sitver, Tifannie Rosen, Sophie Pollock, and Reuben Margulies*

# TEMPLE BETH EL TIMES



## Shalom Y'all!

By Rabbi Erin Boxt

Too many times in our lives we find ourselves completely overwhelmed by the mundane. We tend to worry about things that may seem tedious or not as important to others. Well, that's ok. Yes, there will be times in our lives (daily, weekly, monthly, etc.) in which we worry too much. I am totally 100 percent guilty of this. Think about this, though, God created the Sabbath specifically for these reasons. That 25 hour period (every week) gives us the opportunity to put aside these worries...these mundane thoughts and deeds. I am not suggesting that everyone should forget about those things that cause us to be nervous and worry. Rather, I AM suggesting we take some time on Shabbat to focus on the things that are the most important – our friends, our family and treating all with love and kindness.

When we become parents our lives are changed, drastically. Forget getting a good night's sleep...What we become focused on is not only caring for this beautiful new life, but also ensuring that the other members of our families are loved and taken care of as well. These are the most important aspects of life. Sometimes it takes a major life event to help refocus. The time we spend on maternity or paternity leave gives us plenty of time to be reminded of what is important in life.

Do not think, though, that a major life event is required for us to refocus. Actually, it is that Shabbat, that weekly event (*btw, Shabbat is the holiest of the Holy Days, the most important*) that affords us the opportunity to refocus. Friends, how we celebrate Shabbat is going to be different from household to household. However, what is important is that we focus, focus and refocus on those that are the most important. Let the mundane go...even for just 1 day a week!

You may think that 1 day a week is a lot of time. But, in the grand scheme of our lives, 25 hours a week is not that much time at all. Try it...give yourself one Shabbat in the next month that you only focus on your family...and let the mundane just slide away. I promise you the reward you will feel will be so much worth it.

As always, my door is open. Please stop by to visit, chat, or offer some of your own thoughts!



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To the Women of  
JCOR, Beth El, & Heska Amuna  
Announcing

Rosh Chodesh  Kislev

ראש חודש

Wednesday, November 7, 2018

Temple Beth El -- 6:00 p.m.

3037 Kingston Pike, Knoxville 37919

Please join Sisterhood<sup>3</sup>

as we welcome the new moon.

Light dinner (latkes included!) served: RSVP to Meredith Jaffe at  
[ldlady@charter.net](mailto:ldlady@charter.net)

After dinner **Rabbi Erin Boxt** and **TBE President Steve Lewis** will teach us about Hanukkah songs and lead us in a fun **Sing-Along**

Beth El Sisterhood invites you to participate in our on-going community service project to support "Marty's Mission" by bringing a non-perishable food item for Second Harvest.

## TBE President's Remarks

By Steve Lewis, TBE President

The Hebrew word *Ruach*, when used in the context of scripture or study, can mean “wind,” “breath,” “middle soul” or “spirit.” But in a more colloquial framework -- for example, among URJ campers or youth groups -- it can be used to describe a team spirit, a feeling of enthusiasm and enjoyment.

It is that type of *Ruach* that has been described to me recently by fellow congregants who were talking about the positive “vibes” they were feeling themselves and seeing among others at TBE. I can't say for sure how widespread that feeling is, but from my point of view the more widespread the better.

It is certainly one of the goals of your leadership to have as many members of TBE as possible find great joy and fulfillment in being a part of this congregation. As the Fall started to get into full swing (I am writing this on September 26) we offered many opportunities for your participation and enjoyment.

In October there were the celebration of Simchat Torah – singing and dancing with the Torah, enjoying delicious food and music from the Tennessee Schmaltz klezmer band; a Sisterhood Mah Jongg tournament; a wine & cheese and service to welcome new members, entertain prospects and present the opportunity for current members to meet them; a special Shabbat service in which long-time choir member Kenton Kidd was honored; and another memorable Shabbat featuring Rabbi Julie Schwartz's teachings about caring, and a 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> grade dinner and service.

If you attended any of these events I hope you thoroughly enjoyed yourself. If you missed them, don't worry: We've got plenty more planned for you in November.

On November 10, Sisterhood will sponsor a *Havdalah & "Family Mystery Night."* Anyone who's been to a Havdalah service will tell you it's a beautiful experience, and anyone who's participated in a “Mystery Night” can tell you how much fun they are!

On November 16 during our Shabbat service Susan Baker will be honored with the Ruth Sherrill Award, which is reserved for those individuals with a long history of extraordinary volunteer service. This special weekend will continue with the return visit of our Artist-in-Residence Kim Phillips, which will include the opportunity for those of us with far less talent (read: me) to make a meager attempt at duplicating the beautiful art she creates with cut paper.

November will also see the Fall visit to TBE of Becca Leaman, this year's Fellow for the Institute of Southern Jewish Life. Every year our visits from ISJL Fellows are extremely educational and enjoyable.

So there you have it: Plenty of opportunities to learn, to have fun, and to be inspired. Plenty of chances to generate some TBE *Ruach*.



## Temple Beth El Religious School November 2018 Update

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

**Daylight Savings Ends November 4.** Don't forget to set your clocks back to be on time for religious school.

**ISJL Fellow Becca Leaman comes for her fall visit November 2-4.** We welcome Becca Leaman back to TBE. Becca will speak at our Shabbat service Friday evening. She will plan special activities for our students for Saturday and Sunday. We always look forward to our Fellow visits. Becca is a really great one! We appreciate the support we get from our Endowed Funds for our ISJL membership.

**Heska Amuna hosts Global Day of Learning Sunday, November 11.** Norma will be planning a day of interactive learning for the students of TBE, HA, KJDS, and JCOR. Anna Iroff-Bailey will lead our B'yachad program. Adults will have the opportunity to study with our three Knoxville Rabbis. Don't miss it

**B'yachad will be a part of Global Day November 11.** If you haven't brought your tot to this program, I urge you to try it out. Heska Amuna is hosting B'yachad this month Anna will explore Shabbat with our young families. This FREE program is open to all Jewish families as a chance to learn, play, and grow Jewishly. 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, Heska Amuna, and KJDS and led by the amazing Anna Iroff-Bailey. Each B'yachad class will include stories, music, visit 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.

**Guest artist Kim Phillips visits Religious School November 18.** Our library gallery is currently hosting a beautiful exhibit of cut paper art by Kim Phillips. We are so very fortunate that Ms. Phillips will do a workshop with our students. These artist workshops greatly enrich our students. We appreciate the efforts of Shelley Mangold and her gallery committee for making this workshop with Ms. Phillips possible. We look forward to displaying our students' work for all to see.

**Thanksgiving Break is Wednesday, November 21 through Sunday, November 25.**

## Sisterhood Happenings

By Tammy Stone and Kathy Young, Sisterhood Co-Presidents

On Saturday night, **November 10**, Sisterhood will host a Family Event! All (ages 10 and up) are invited to join us for an evening of Havdalah, mystery, and of course, food. Come for what promises to be a fun evening. If you haven't signed up yet, please do so by November 5 so we can plan accordingly. All proceeds for this evening will be donated to a Jewish community affected by Hurricane Florence. Free child care will be provided for this evening for those under age 10. We look forward to seeing you there.

The Mah Jongg Madness was a huge success! Thank you to Karen Smith and her committee for all their hard work.

We are looking for people to join committees and help plan events. Please contact one of us if interested. Anything you can do to help would be appreciated. Also, if you haven't paid your dues yet, it's not too late. Please send them to Temple and they will be directed to the correct person.

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

# Family Mystery Night

Sisterhood of Temple Beth El invites you to **Family Night for your team to help solve the Case of the Missing Menorah**, on **Saturday November 10 at 7:00 p.m.**, held at Temple Beth El. Please join us for Havdallah, desserts, beverages, and an entertaining program for ages 10+ (complimentary babysitting provided for children under 10).

We are unable to accept walk-ins at the door.

***In order to plan accordingly your checks/reservations need to be received by November 5.***

**Please fill out the form below and include with your check made payable to:**

**TBE Sisterhood and mail directly to:**

**Temple Beth El, Attn Sisterhood, 3037 Kingston Pike, Knoxville TN 37919**

**Proceeds to benefit the Jewish Community in North Carolina affected by Hurricane Florence.**

Please complete and return the form below with your check to reserve your place.

\_\_\_\_\_

*Reservations to be received no later than November 5*

# of People: \_\_\_\_\_ X \$8 = \_\_\_\_\_ (maximum charge per family is \$30.00)

*Please place these names on a team:*

# of Children under 10 for babysitting: \_\_\_\_\_ (no charge)

I can't attend but enclose my donation of \_\_\_\_\_.

**For questions please call Brenda Sherman - 832-725-7473 or Linda Weintraub - 954-609-1629**



## Susan Baker - Ruth Sherrill/Shem Tov Honoree Award 2018

With patience, consideration, quiet and calm, Susan Baker plays a significant and continuing role in supporting the life of Temple Beth El. She has done so for the 30 or so years she has been affiliated with us and, in doing, demonstrates the attributes so important and notable to the perpetuation and sustenance of our Kehillah Kedosha. Anyone who has had the privilege of serving on a committee she chairs knows that Susan is organized, thorough, impartial, and efficient. This is an important part of committee leadership. This grows from Susan's deep belief that Temple Beth El is vital to Reform Judaism in Knoxville.

Originally from Huntington, West Virginia, service to Temple and the Jewish community is part of her family legacy. Her mother was an active member of Sisterhood, serving twice as President. She also served several years on the Congregational Board. Her father was a long-time member of the Cemetery Committee. Susan was in the Temple Youth Group, affiliated with NFTY, and she attended summer camp at Goldman Union Camp Institute in Zionsville, Indiana. She moved to Knoxville after graduating from Vanderbilt University, to work at the Y-12 National Security Complex, where she is now the Director of Fabrication Operations.

Susan confronts an issue, takes on a challenge, and then brings to completion whatever project she undertakes. She is accepting and uncritical, tolerant of many points of view and values the input of others as decisions are made.

Susan performs a challenging role as Ritual and Worship Chair, working closely with the Rabbi, the committee, and the choir to bring to the congregation the best and most varied and engaging religious experiences at each Shabbat and through the Jewish worship year of Holy Days and Festivals we observe together.

Susan has acted and continues to serve as a lay leader for our congregation on myriad Shabbatot. She always steps up as needed and prepares a compelling service, sometimes including other members to serve as Torah readers or sermon givers. In her many years as a lay leader, she has worked seamlessly with the choir and other participants as necessary and freely offers her time when the rabbi is away or when emergencies arise. Our Temple year without a rabbi was exceptionally demanding and required much additional effort and responsibility for the Ritual and Worship Committee. Susan came forward good-naturedly and patiently to take on rabbinic duties and also supported and encouraged others to act in these roles when needed.

Susan's greatest contribution to Temple Beth El's future was her leadership of both the Interim Rabbi search and the Settled Rabbi search. To chair even one of these would be a big ask, but Susan did not hesitate to agree to do both of these important searches. This meant hours of her time sending out resumes to the committee members, setting up interviews, organizing reference checks, and countless other things. In heading these committees, her organizing skills were at the fore. She was a great leader for a somewhat complicated process, a calm delegator for a large group of diverse participants.

In her long time affiliated with Temple Beth El, she has become well versed in so many aspects of Temple life – Religious School, Sisterhood, the Board of Directors (recently acting as chair of the Nominating Committee), Ritual and Worship and the KJA, to name a few. She has never shirked a duty asked of her. It is common for Susan to come straight from a long day of work in Oak Ridge to an evening meeting at Temple, yet always gives her very best.

Ever the student, Susan enjoys Learner's Minyans, guest speakers and scholars.

*B'nei Mitzvah* for Reform Jews was not commonplace in her congregation when she was growing up. She took on the work and intense study and became *bat mitzvah* at Temple Beth El in 2005 (the class included Chuck Dickey and Susan Shor) and with her peers, offered an inspiring experience enjoyed by the entire congregation.

Temple Beth El is Susan's spiritual home and she exemplifies a fully engaged Temple member. She participates in all social events at Temple. She is a frequent attendee at Shabbat and always participates in High Holy Days, Holiday and Festival services throughout the Jewish worship year. Reading Torah on Yom Kippur is an important Mitzvah for Susan. Susan's commitment to Judaism is reflected in her two sons, Clark and Eli, who were exemplary students in both Judaic and Hebrew studies, were active in BBYO, and continue to be active in Jewish organizations. Clark lives and works in Washington, DC. Eli attends Georgia Tech in Atlanta, Georgia.

On a personal level, Susan is a wonderful individual who has a smile for everyone. She is a listener who cares deeply for our congregation as a whole and each of us individually. She is a loyal friend with a sharp mind and a quick wit. Anyone who has the pleasure of working, socializing, or worshipping with Susan is fortunate indeed and also discovers that she makes a great cocktail and her wine knowledge is vast.

Susan is truly a selfless volunteer, loved and respected by all.

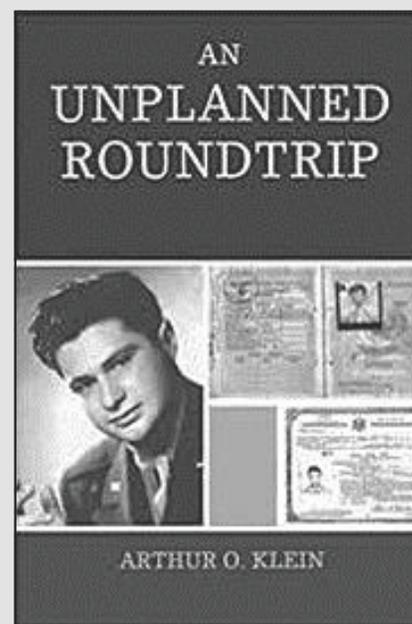


**REVIEW of a book from the TBE Holocaust Memorial Bookshelf by Henry A. Fribourg**

*An Unplanned Roundtrip* by Arthur Otto Klein. 2009. Hamilton Books. 108 pp.

*An Unplanned Roundtrip* recounts author Arthur O. Klein's transition from life in a middle class Jewish home in prewar 1930s Vienna to a new life as an American citizen. Beginning with the triumphant entry of Hitler into Vienna in March 1938, Klein's memoir details the subsequent separation of his family in August 1938 as he and his father left his mother and sister to flee to Luxembourg, although they eventually reunited a year later. Klein describes moving through France, Spain, Portugal and Cuba before arriving in the U.S. in early 1945, where he was immediately drafted into the U.S. Army in 1947 to serve in the U.S. Army Counter Intelligence Corps (CIC). His memoir includes a description of his training as a Special Agent of the CIC and of his eventual discharge after a serious car accident in West Germany in December 1946.

Since there were over 2,000 refugees fleeing the Old World three weeks after Pearl Harbor on the Portuguese SS *Nyassa*, it would not be surprising that more than one passenger would eventually write about the voyage. Arthur Klein's *An Unplanned Roundtrip* recounts his experiences through several European countries on his way to Cuba on the *Nyassa's* voyage from Lisbon in January 1942. I was on the same ship at the same time, thus I was very interested in what Klein had to say. He was 14, I was 12; he travelled in 3<sup>rd</sup> class, I was in 2<sup>nd</sup> class with my immediate family. Since Mr. Klein practiced for several decades as a patent attorney after he settled in Connecticut, I was very surprised that he published his book in 2009 without proofing it sufficiently to catch a number of grammatical and spelling errors. I was also surprised that he did not mention the fact that the *Nyassa* was stopped by a U-boat in the Atlantic and searched from top to bottom for many hours, an event that was quite traumatic to my sister and me. I also wondered whether he had to bribe the Cuban immigration officials to get out of the Tiscornia quarantine and processing center like the rest of us, perhaps because they knew he had no money. Apart from these faults, I have no doubt that *An Unplanned Roundtrip* reflects the traumatic experience that it was for him, although he evinces little sorrow at his separation from his sister and his mother when he fled to Luxembourg with his father.



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## Meet Our Temple Beth El Board Members



### Tony Gibbons

Hello! My name is Tony Gibbons and I am in my second year as a TBE board member. My wife Melinda and I have two sons, Ben and Ryan. We also have two adorable dogs, Suki and Ginger. We have been members since 2006 after moving to Knoxville from Greensboro, NC when Melinda accepted a faculty position at UT.

Melinda and I have been involved in Temple activities since joining; mostly with the religious school. She served as a board member at TBE a few years ago and the AJCC prior to that. Ben and Ryan attended religious school at TBE where both celebrated their Bar Mitzvahs. Ryan is a sophomore at West High School and Ben is in his first year at Emory University.

My background is in nonprofit leadership with the last ten years working with Habitat for Humanity. I appreciate the opportunity to serve on the TBE board and hope to contribute to the wonderful culture we have as a congregation.



### Henry Fribourg

Henry A. Fribourg was born in Paris into a family established in France since the 10<sup>th</sup> century C.E., as a descendant of Rashi. He escaped with his immediate family from France and the Holocaust in January 1942, but his grandmother and many other relatives were murdered in German-occupied Europe. Henry, his sister, brother and parents survived in Cuba for over three years, and immigrated to the US in April 1945. He went to college in Wisconsin, Cornell and Iowa State, and is a disabled Korean War veteran.

Henry became a professor of crop ecology at the University of Tennessee, where he was on the faculty for 45 years. He and his wife Claudia joined Temple Beth El in 1959. He served on the TBE Cemetery Committee for over 35 years, was elected President twice, and later elected as Honorary Lifetime Vice President.

Professionally, he conducted research on pasture and beef cattle management for Tennessee, and became a recognized authority on forage tall fescue. He has collaborated extensively with animal scientists, veterinarians and other scientists in interdisciplinary investigations of complex problems, such as tall fescue toxicosis. He pioneered the use of computers and advanced statistics in agronomic research and teaching.

Henry's publications contain more than 430 professional titles (130 refereed papers, 3 books and 6 book chapters, and an autobiography). His achievements were recognized as Fellow of the American Society of Agronomy and Fellow of the Crop Science Society of America; he was the 1974 Macebearer at the University of Tennessee. Dr. Fribourg has trained over 70 doctoral and master's students and taught graduate courses in crop ecology, climatology, statistics, and experimental design, and shared his knowledge in many countries, including France, Cape Verde, Guinea, Turkey, Yugoslavia, Brazil, Jamaica, and New Zealand. He has shared his escape tale from Europe with many students at all levels, and at club and community meetings. His wife Claudia, a former grade school and French high school teacher who retired from teaching English as a Second Language, is also a Holocaust escapee; they have a son (Daniel), a daughter (Renée), and a grandson (Bryan).

Temple Beth El  
Invites the Knoxville Jewish community to join our  
**CHANUKAH LATKE CELEBRATION**



**Friday, November 30, 2018**

Dinner begins at 6:00 p.m.

Followed by 7:00 p.m. Shabbat Services

Dinner will include brisket, latkes, salad, apple sauce,  
sour cream and dessert.

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

Your payment is your RSVP and must be received by  
Monday, December 3.

Please bring your menorah so we can light them all together  
at the event! TBE will supply the candles.





**November 16, 2018**  
**Friday, Shabbat Services**

**Ruth Sherrill Distinguished Service Award**  
 presented to  
**Susan Baker**

**THE RUTH SHERRILL DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD**  
 ESTABLISHED JANUARY, 2011

THIS AWARD WAS ESTABLISHED IN RUTH'S HONOR BECAUSE OF HER LOVE AND DEVOTION FOR THE SAKE OF OTHERS, AND RUTH WAS ALSO DESIGNATED AS THE FIRST RECIPIENT.

IN THE FUTURE, THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE WILL SELECT A DESERVING MEMBER OF THE CONGREGATION FOR THE RUTH SHERRILL DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD. THAT INDIVIDUAL, LIKE RUTH, WILL HAVE EXHIBITED MANY YEARS OF EXTRAORDINARY SERVICE AND DEDICATION TO THE CONGREGATION. THE NAME OF EACH RECIPIENT WILL BE ENGRAVED ON A SILVER BIRD AND ADDED TO THE TREE OF LIFE SCULPTURE AS PERMANENT INSPIRATION AND RECOGNITION OF THE INDIVIDUAL'S "SHEM TOV"—GOOD NAME.



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***Our Mission***

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

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

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# Knoxville Jewish Alliance

# Ha'Kol

## Achievements!

By Chip Rayman, KJA President

In 2018, through September, I have represented the Knoxville Jewish Alliance and the Arnstein Jewish Community Center at more than 70 various events or meetings.

I have offered to serve another year as president without an executive director. That is part of my contribution. I will also increase my financial contribution.

As we are entering the final stages of our KJA Annual Campaign, we need your volunteer and financial support, so we can finish out 2018 and have an impactful 2019.

- ★ Tara Bain is our new Hillel Director. Thanks to her efforts in recruiting and organizing, 136 students have expressed an interest in Hillel at UTK. Attendance at the first two Shabbat dinners has exceeded 45. Hillel at UTK is almost totally funded through our budget.
- ★ Jonathan Branton is our new Program Director, Co-Manager - Pool, Camp Assistant Director, BBYO adviser, B'nai Tzedek administrator, Team Building instructor and marketer, and anything else we can think of for him to do. He has been extremely helpful in all aspects of our operation with suggestions, guidance and sweat equity.
- ★ We are hiring a receptionist to greet AJCC Preschool children, parents and guests coming to the Arnstein Jewish Community Center. This person will also help with our office and Preschool administration needs. Not having a "greeter" has been a source of complaints and we've responded.
- ★ We purchased a front desk for the receptionist.
- ★ Kim Ault is our new AJCC Preschool Chef (for real, a professional chef) who will greatly improve our preschool lunches and will cater other events.
- ★ We purchased two new stoves, a "hot" bar, a commercial dishwasher, and washer/dryer for the kitchen. Our stoves cooked so unevenly, you could not rely on them. The dishwasher will allow us to use dishes, saving paper goods expense and helping our environment as well. We are projecting the dishwasher will pay for itself in 18 months. The kitchen has been painted and storage shelving re-organized. Chef Kim is pleased.
- ★ We entered into a collective project with Dan Grabel's Camp Manitowa. We constructed and improved our Team Building Park, investing \$2,500 each, with character development and team building exercises, enlarging our fire pit, repairing our fence and greatly improving the general appearance of the area.
- ★ We achieved budgeted payroll savings through September of over \$60,000.
- ★ We are expanding our 3-Star rated AJCC Preschool for 2019 by adding 16 students to our capacity including infant care, significantly increasing our revenues.



Chip Rayman, Knoxville Mayor  
Madeline Rogero, and Bernie  
Rosenblatt at a community event.

November 2018

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A new oven graces the AJCC Kitchen thanks to the generosity of KJA donors.

To Be Continued....

## The Power of Community

By Laura Faye Berry, BSSW, Esq., Jewish Family Services Director

In Judaism, the concept of *Chesed Shel Emet* (literally, “true kindness”), is an act of kindness provided to someone in death. It is considered a higher mitzvah because it is an act that the beneficiary can never repay. Many of us have taken part in *chesed shel emet* when we have shoveled dirt over a grave at the end of a funeral.

In August, when Rabbi Alon Ferency learned that a long-time Jewish Family Services client without local family was dying, he helped find volunteers from our Jewish community to sit with her during her final days. Bunny Scherzer-Brooks was truly not alone at the end of her life. I was touched by how many people in our community were willing to sit at the deathbed of someone they had never met. Some sat with her for hours—in a few cases, even all night. Thank you to all in our community who provided *chesed shel emet* for Bunny, whether it was sitting with her or performing *chevra kadisha* for her.

In her final days, Bunny wasn’t able to communicate verbally, but she lived a fascinating life and I wanted to share a little bit about her with you all. Bunny moved to Knoxville from New Orleans after Hurricane Katrina. Although she had the option to return to New Orleans or move to Colorado where her son lived, she decided to make Knoxville her home.

Bunny was born in Connecticut in 1926. She lived in many places around the country before settling in New Orleans as an adult. Wherever she lived, she immersed herself in the music, art, and theater communities. Her son tells me that in her younger days, Bunny was as gifted a singer and dancer as she was an artist. As you can see from the accompanying example of her artwork, she was an immensely talented artist. She made a career for herself at a time when many women were not afforded the opportunity to do so. She was an artist in every sense of the word, but she always said her career was in advertising. She worked for department stores, sketching detailed drawings of their merchandise for print in newspapers. She also created and illustrated advertising campaigns for restaurants such as Joe Fein’s Catering and the Court of Two Sisters.

One of my favorite things about my job as Jewish Family Services Director is learning about the rich lives of seniors in our community. Through my visits with seniors in area long term care facilities, I have learned things such as: Zeke Frumin played minor league baseball, Faye Raymon loved acting in community theater and traveling all around the country, and Sid Dubinsky was an avid golfer. Visiting with seniors is a rewarding experience for both the senior and the visitor. If you are interested in serving as a volunteer visitor for Jewish Family Services, please contact Laura Berry at 690-6343 extension 18 or [lberry@jewishknoxville.org](mailto:lberry@jewishknoxville.org).



The art of Bunny Scherzer-Brooks



## Biltmore Field Trip Builds Community Through Travel, Inspirational Art



KJA Friendshippers Carol Ickowitz, Brenda and Chip Rayman, Morris Ickowitz, Joyce York, Laura Berry, and Jean Begue enjoy a September 26 field trip to view the Chihuly sculpture exhibit showcased on the Biltmore Estate grounds in Asheville, NC.

## What is Jewish Family Services?

Jewish Family Services, a program of the Knoxville Jewish Alliance, has been an integral part of the greater Knoxville Jewish community for more than 30 years. Nancy Becker and Marian Jay co-chair the JFS Volunteer Committee.

### JFS Resources

- ★ Information and referral services for individual and family counseling and psychological testing and evaluation.
- ★ Evaluation and resource coordination for older adults.
- ★ Eldercare planning for elderly relatives’ short-term needs.
- ★ Information about area assisted living facilities, nursing homes, and home health care agencies.
- ★ Community resource planning, including housing options for seniors, transportation, and other links to Knoxville community agencies.
- ★ Community family education.
- ★ Assistance with financial emergencies.

All interactions with the JFS Director are confidential and *by appointment only*. Clients must call for appointments. The JFS Director's voicemail is confidential. Most services are free or payable on a sliding scale.

Laura Berry, BSSW, Esq. is the Jewish Family Services Director. If you would like to join the committee, or need JFS assistance, please contact Laura at ( 865) 690-6343 or [lberry@jewishknoxville.org](mailto:lberry@jewishknoxville.org)

**KJA donors make this possible.**



## AJCC Preschool Hosts Hometown Heroes

Firfighters from Station 20 visited the AJCC Preschool students on a sunny October morning to show them their fire truck and more importantly, introduce our students to a firefighter in full gear—helmet, mask, air tank, and suit —so that children learn that the firefighter is there to help them in an emergency. They watched the firefighter suit up, then got to high five him and see his uniform as he greeted them.



*AJCC Preschoolers greet a firefighter, see the equipment, and tour a fire truck as part of a Hometown Heroes “field trip” at the AJCC Preschool.*

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or to make a donation to the  
**Knoxville Jewish Alliance.**

*[www.jewishknoxville.org/donate](http://www.jewishknoxville.org/donate)*  
**(865) 690-6343**

## Collection Boxes at the AJCC Help Community Perform Mitzvahs

Got a meeting at the AJCC? Want to help area community organizations in need? Drop off needed items at the AJCC! It's easy to perform this mitzvah.

### *Bins Upstairs Across from the KJA Office*

#### Area Veterans

- Slippers
- Chapstick
- Shaving Cream
- Combs
- Reading Glasses



#### Susannah's House

(a Hadassah-Knoxville Service Project)

- Diapers
- Toiletries for women
- Feminine Products
- Children's Toys

*NO CLOTHING ITEMS PLEASE*

### *Bins Downstairs in the AJCC Gym*

#### AJCC Preschool Consignment Sale Items

- Gently-used Children's Clothing (infant through young adult sizes)
- Children's toys, books, and games
- Infant items
- Sports equipment

#### Second Harvest Food Bank

- Non-perishable food items — canned and boxed goods, tuna, peanut butter, cereals
- Healthy, low sodium foods, pull-tab cans whenever possible



**NO GLASS PACKAGING  
PLEASE**

## Knoxville Jewish Alliance Activities

- ◆ AJCC Smokin' Salmon Swim Team
- ◆ Archives
- ◆ B'nai Tzedek Teen Philanthropy Program
- ◆ BBYO/BBYO Connect
- ◆ Community Relations
- ◆ Cultural & Social Events
- ◆ Educational Events
- ◆ Friendshipners
- ◆ Global Day of Learning
- ◆ *Ha'Kol*/Newsletter
- ◆ Hillel at UTK
- ◆ 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
- ◆ UT Faculty Lectures
- ◆ YJAK (Young Jewish Adults of Knoxville)
- ◆ Yom HaShoah Event
- ◆ And so much more!

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### AJCC Preschool Thanksgiving Feast

Friday November 16th  
11:00 a.m.

AJCC Caller Auditorium



### Family

vegetarian/dairy pot luck

Special program presented  
by AJCC Preschool Children



Mark Your Calendars

**MITZVAH DAY 2019**

**Sunday, February 10**

**9:30-12:30 — AJCC**

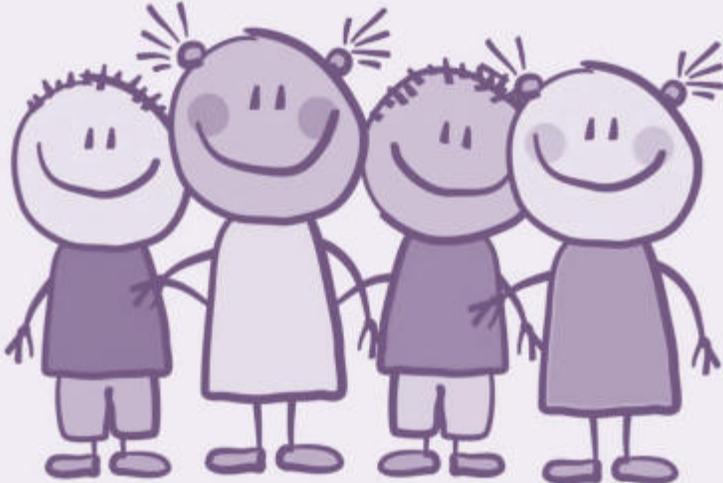



# AJCC Preschool Book Fair

Monday November 12 - Friday November 16

8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. daily

AJCC Caller Auditorium




## Join Us for KJA Shabbat Weekend

Friday, February 8 — Temple Beth El  
 Saturday, February 9 — Heska Amuna Synagogue  
 KJA Annual Meeting, AJCC — 1:30 p.m.



## AJCC Preschool Invites Community to Holiday Shop at the AJCC

**November 12-26**

Come by and visit the AJCC Preschool Scholastic Book Fair. It's a great time to select books, posters, craft sets, and other items for holiday and birthday gifts toddlers, children, and teens. Stash some nifty items for those snow days or sick days. Your purchases not only encourage reading and healthy activities, but a portion of your purchase benefits the AJCC Preschool.

The AJCC Preschool is a play-based learning center for toddlers through pre-K that is guided by Jewish values and culture. The preschool accepts children ages 12 months to 5 years old in accordance with the Knox County Schools cut off date.

Don't know any children or yours have outgrown children's and young adult books? Then come by and select a book or two for the AJCC Preschool classroom wish list. Our students will enjoy this mitzvah!

For more information on the sale, contact the AJCC Preschool at  
 psadmin@jewishknoxville.org  
 or call us at (865) 983-8001

## 2 Great (and Easy) Ways to Support Your Jewish Community Center

The Kroger Community Reward Program by linking your Kroger loyalty card to the AJCC Preschool (organization number WA542) at <https://www.kroger.com/>



The AJCC Preschool's earned \$753.82 since 2015. Registration is easy and if you need help, the KJA office staff can help you. This is a terrific way to help the AJCC Preschool, even you don't have children here.

**REMEMBER, you must re-enroll each year!**

◆ **Link your Amazon account to the Knoxville Jewish Alliance at <https://smile.amazon.com/>**

The Knoxville Jewish Alliance has earned \$424.20 since 2015 from AmazonSmile program. Please sign up today!



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## Knoxville Jewish Community Family of Funds

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

### Rosen Funds: Generational Giving

*By Abraham Brietstein, PhD, KJCCF President*

Charitable giving is an integral part of Judaism and a mandate. According to Stephen Rosen, whose grandparents, Sam and Esther Rosen, started some of the first funds invested in KJCCF, "The main concept is called *Tzedakah*. It translates as 'justice' with charity being part of the equation. Maimonides taught that there are multiple levels of *Tzedakah*. The thought process creates both opportunities and responsibilities; it is highly nuanced and a significant part of our family's work."

In 1999, Sam and Esther Rosen were the first generation of the Rosen family to invest in KJCCF, because they had "the faith in the future of the Jewish community and were willing to entrust their money to sustain it," said Stephen. In their wills, they designated a large amount of money to start three funds, the Sam and Esther Rosen Community Enrichment AJCC Fund, the Sam and Esther Rosen Community Enrichment Federation Fund, and the Sam and Esther Rosen Community Enrichment Synagogue Fund. Having been Jewish community leaders for many years, Stephen convinced them to make those donations while they were still living rather than at their demise, which they did. Those funds have seen tremendous growth through the years and have invested extensively in the Jewish community with recent grants to install a new sound system at the AJCC, to refurbish the Rosen Hall at Heska Amuna Synagogue, and to create a challenge grant to the Synagogue to attract new members.

Alexandra and Allen Rosen, Stephen's parents, were involved with giving as long as he can remember. His mother, Alexandra Rosen, currently sits on the KJCCF Board of Directors. One of his family's more recent funds is the Alice, George and Kenneth Palmer Fund for arts and sciences named for Alexandra's parents and brother. Stephen's family also helps advise the Allen Rosen Education Fund named for his father.

Kim and Stephen Rosen, as part of the third generation of the philanthropy of the Rosen family, started the Stephen and Kim Rosen Fund in 2007, which has made important contributions for various local Jewish organizations including KJA, BBYO and Heska Amuna Synagogue.

Finally, Kim and Stephen's children, Nathan, age 21, and Arielle, age 18, have recently converted their B'nai Tzedek teen philanthropy funds into individual donor advised funds (Tifannie, age 15, will do so when she is 18), with the generous contribution of their grandmother, Alexandra Rosen. Nathan, Arielle and Tifannie began learning about the meaning of philanthropy at an early age.

It is with great pleasure that we honor the generous contributions of the Rosen family through the years and recognize their commitment to philanthropy through four generations culminating with their children's gift giving. For additional information about starting a fund or learning more about KJCCF, please call KJA at (865) 690-6343.



*Esther, Sam, Stephen and Nathan Rosen.*

### Donations

#### **Dewey Reich Chesed Shel Emet Fund**

*In Memory of Libby Iroff  
Renee' Hyatt and Paul Erwin*

#### **William "Bill" Brody Fund**

*In Memory of Frank Wilson  
Richard and Judy Hillard*

#### **Heska Amuna Cemetery Fund**

*For Yizkor & Yahrzeits of Isaac Joffe,  
Anna Gruenberg, Samuel & Blima  
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Virginia Joffe Morrison, Fred Horowitz,  
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# Jewish Congregation of Oak Ridge



JCOR Sukkot Fun

## Donations to JCOR

### Yahrzeits

- ★ Mike Silverman from *Bobbie Limor*
- ★ Howard Schwartz & Louis Schwartz from *Shirley Schwartz*
- ★ Family Yahrzeit for the Sturm, Alper, Cawr Family from *Mel Sturm*
- ★ Chester Tomkins from *Bruce Tomkins*

### Donations:

- ★ Alan Landay
- ★ 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary – Moshe & Ilana Siman-Tov
- ★ 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary – Arthur Dworkin
- ★ James Handler
- ★ Tracy Tjon Sien Kie
- ★ Geoffrey Laing

### Donations to Oak Ridge Hadassah

- ★ JNF/Hadassah Blue Box from Evelyn Blau
- ★ Trees to Rabbi Rashkovsky in honor of 35 years of leadership of JCOR from Catherine Braunstein
- ★ Trees to Tobias (Braunstein) Wouffin on his birthday from Catherine Braunstein
- ★ Tree to Linda & Zane Bell on the birth of their first grandson, Oscar Jacob from Catherine Braunstein
- ★ Trees to Kira Bell & Andrew Start—mazel tov on the birth of their son, Oscar Jacob from Catherine Braunstein



JCOR's Men's Club attends the first Hard Knox Roller Girls match of the season.

## Upcoming November Events

### Saturday, November 10

#### Rabbi's Study Session:

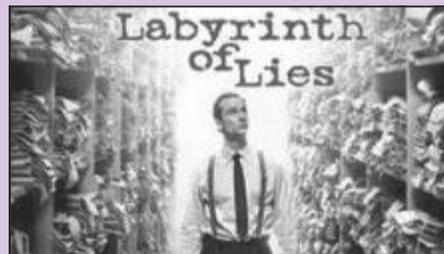
*Judah Halevi, the Greatest Jewish Poet of the Middle Ages* (after the morning services)

### Saturday, November 17—7:00 p.m.

#### Jewish Film Series: *Labyrinth of Lies*

Germany, 2015, R, 2 hr., 4 min.

In 1958, prosecutor Johann Radmann follows up on a reporter's tip and uncovers a trail of evidence connecting a host of public-sector employees to atrocities perpetrated at the Auschwitz concentration camp during Germany's murderous Nazi regime.



## JCOR Hosts and Hostesses

<b>November 3</b>	Catherine Braunstein, Jeannette Gilbert
<b>November 10</b>	Edith & Mel Halbert, Elena Bamberger
<b>November 17</b>	Peggy & Randy Laxton; Gery & Vicky Osowiecki
<b>November 24</b>	Shelby & Mark Kaye; Meir Niad
<b>December 1</b>	Vera & Leon Maya; Ilana & Moshe Siman-Tov
<b>December 8</b>	Hilary Shreter, Nona & Sam Poole
<b>December 15</b>	Fran Silver; Jill & Stu Chasan, Karen Brunner
<b>December 22</b>	Patti & Bill Segel; Avigail & Victor Rashkovsky
<b>December 29</b>	Anne & Eli Greenbaum; Michael Kropp



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## Chabad in Two Words: Simchat Torah

By Miriam Esther Wilhelm

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I am often asked to explain what Chabad stands for, what Chabad of Knoxville's goals are and why Rabbi Yossi and I, coming from Brooklyn and Chicago chose Knoxville, TN as our permanent home.

This past week we culminated the month of Tishrei – filled with Jewish Holidays – with the holiday of Simchat Torah. Walking back from Lighthouse Knoxville – where Chabad had the Simchat Torah celebration – at 10pm after a joyous Simchat Torah celebration it hit me. I can describe Chabad of Knoxville and everything we embody in two words: Simchat Torah.

Let me elaborate, Chabad is a place where Jews from all walks of life, all age brackets, and social groups come to celebrate their Judaism with passion, happiness and unity.

It was amazing to see men, women and children file into Chabad's Simchat Torah celebration to dance with the Torah, the one uniting force that binds us all together. The collection of people was amazing. Long time Knoxvilleans, newer transplants, grandparents, young professionals, moms and dads, children of all ages, even some medical students whose school in Dominica is being temporarily housed in Knoxville due to the damage by hurricane Maria last year. No matter how participants had spent their day, when they walked into Lighthouse Knoxville, we were all active participants in the joy and celebration of the Torah. And, you can be sure that our black hatted Chabad Rabbi didn't let anyone sit on the side. Rabbi Yossi made sure everyone was pulled into the joy that emanated from his very being. Today was the day to celebrate and rejoice in the very essence of our identity, the Torah. All barriers amongst the crowd disappeared as we danced to Am Yisroel Chai, circled round to sing Hineh Mah Tov and lifted the children on shoulders for a special

dance in honor of our Jewish future. You could literally feel the joy, unity and holiness in the air. In one word. Incredible!

Due to the Chag there are no photos to show. Maybe that's a good thing. Some experiences are so surreal that they surpass the limitation of a still photo.

*L'chaim, may our year be permeated by the joy, energy and comradery felt at Lighthouse Knoxville on Simchat Torah Night.*



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Orders have to be placed by  
Tuesday night of each week.




Scenes of Sukkot Dinner fun!

# JAHRZEIT

## *Heska Amuna Synagogue*

### November 3

Heinz Baerman ♦ Rose Eisner ♦ Bobby Evars ♦ P.L. Fuson ♦ Regina Levy ♦ Monnie Millen ♦ Natan Naumann ♦ Nathan Rattner ♦ Ben Slovis ♦ Myra Weinstein ♦ George Weisberg

### November 10

Isaac Baskin ♦ Rebecca Benbenisty ♦ Ronald Berry ♦ Rose B. Busch ♦ Nathan Busch ♦ Anna Cohen ♦ Jacob Corkland ♦ John Gergely ♦ Sadie Ginsberg ♦ Max Hurvich ♦ Debra Martindale ♦ Hilda Nisenson ♦ David Norynberg ♦ Libbye Perelman ♦ Hanna Poster ♦ Rose Presser ♦ David Rosen ♦ Robert Shersky ♦ Faye Simon ♦ Fannie Taylor

### November 17

Harry Becker ♦ Lois Boiarsky ♦ Mattie Corkland ♦ Fanny Diamond ♦ Rose Diftler ♦ Mike Gettinger ♦ Sadye Jacobs ♦ Buzy Kaplar ♦ Lillian Liberman ♦ Charles Margolies ♦ Helen Presser ♦ Sol Richer ♦ Bea Russotto ♦ Milton Shaw ♦ Dora Shersky ♦ Ida Siegal ♦ Nathan Slovis ♦ Eva Sturm

### November 24

Eddy Allen ♦ Sigmund Bank ♦ Rafael Benhayon ♦ Arthur Brown ♦ Rose R. Busch ♦ Isaac Chazen ♦ Rachel Chazen ♦ Charles Davis ♦ Max Gabler ♦ Irene Hershey ♦ William Hershey ♦ Bessie Hite ♦ George Kramer ♦ Bertha Lamstein, Bella Leeds ♦ David Liberman Meyer Linke ♦ Isidor Lippner ♦ Eddie McCoy ♦ Meyer Miller ♦ Norman Nadler ♦ Raye Panitz ♦ Morris Panitz ♦ Alexander Sanders Toby Schwartz ♦ Murray Schwartz ♦ Thelma Weisberg ♦ Irvin Wolf

### November 30

Betty Abrams ♦ Vander Blue ♦ Gustave Deitch ♦ Benjamin Geller ♦ Eli Goldstein ♦ Mordechai Golinkin ♦ Sarah Green ♦ Carol Harris ♦ H. Waugh ♦ Fannie Werner

# JAHRZEIT

## TEMPLE BETH EL

### November 2

Mabell Anthony ♦ David Blumberg ♦ Karen Brown ♦ Tillie Brown ♦ Sam Cawn ♦ Gerson Cohen ♦ Joel Samuel Cohn ♦ Helen Nachman Epstein ♦ Pupa Feldman ♦ Zane Theodore Jordan ♦ Peter Lawrence Marchand ♦ Jacob Reich ♦ Evelyn Shey ♦ Ronald Siegman

### November 9

Morris Billen ♦ Joyce Brown ♦ Gustav Brunschwig ♦ Simone Levi Brunschwig ♦ Toni Buescher ♦ Gerson Bush ♦ Agnes Canner ♦ Betsy Coleman ♦ Irwin Deutscher ♦ Edith (Missy) Dickey ♦ Lowell M Dryzer ♦ Joseph D. Feldman ♦ Jay Goodfriend ♦ Bertha Lees ♦ Ursala Mangold ♦ Charles Margolies ♦ Marvin Miller ♦ Frederick Millis ♦ Ethel Misner ♦ Yitzhak Rabin ♦ Nathaniel Razansky ♦ Marvin Shey ♦ David Silverstein ♦ Page Wallace ♦ Gloria Weinstein ♦ Richard Dick Zivi

### November 16

Jean-Pierre Besman ♦ Walter N. Blaufeld ♦ Samuel Mark Brody ♦ Anna Cohen ♦ Rose Cohen ♦ Ben Cohn ♦ Sigmund Frankel ♦ Max Gillman ♦ Herbert Glazer ♦ Celia Gutman ♦ Belar Koptiva ♦ Fannie Lippner ♦ Robert Moss ♦ Irene Ribakove ♦ Sonia Shey ♦ Marcia Silverstein ♦ Eva Landsman Sturm ♦ Iva Jean Wadsworth ♦ Richard Wayburn ♦ Cheryl Weinberg Murray Weinstein

### November 23

Herbert Brody ♦ Mimi Brody ♦ Sarah Sue Bush ♦ Joseph Dresner ♦ Michael Ecker ♦ Gloria Glazer ♦ Anne Goldstein ♦ David Goodfriend ♦ David Hiller ♦ Florence Jacobstein ♦ Emanuel Liebman ♦ Silvestr Ostrovskaya ♦ Sol Richer ♦ Bernard Meyer Schramm ♦ Toby Schwartz ♦ Jacqueline Selk ♦ Meyer Weintraub

### November 30

Ben Altshuler ♦ Shiela Belensen ♦ Harold Bernard ♦ I. Robert Brodie ♦ Isadore Brody ♦ Oliver Childress ♦ Rose Eisner ♦ Albert Fribourg ♦ Bessie Gelber ♦ Jack Goldstein ♦ Irwin Kipnes ♦ Charles Konigsberg ♦ Sadie Rich Miller ♦ Harry Mintz ♦ David Rayman ♦ Faye Raymon

# Hadassah HIGHLIGHTS

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## Hadassah's 2018 HMO Luncheon Coming November 18

We will meet at the Fox Den Country Club on November 18 at noon for a delicious luncheon and a fascinating panel discussion on the pros and cons of medical marijuana.

What is its current status in Tennessee; should it be legalized; what are some pitfalls to watch for?

We'll hear from Tennessee Representative Jeremy Faison, who sponsored a bill in our state legislature to legalize the use of medical marijuana, and Karen Pershing, director of the Metro Drug Coalition, who can illuminate some of the possible problems that legalization might bring.

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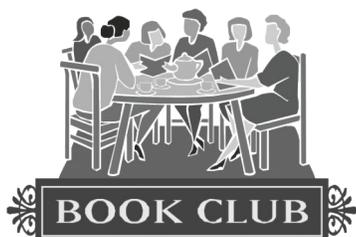
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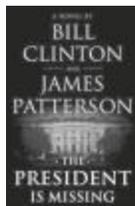
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### Next Books

**January 15:** *A Spark of Life* by Jodi Piccoult

**February 19:** *A Reunion of Ghosts* by Judith Claire Mitchell

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*Mazel tov to Hadassah Chili-Cook-Off winners. Pictured are Harriet Glasman, Elaine Levine, Judge Kim Ault, and Mary Evars-Goan. A special thanks to Temple Beth El for hosting our event and to our Cook-Off Judge, Kim Ault.*

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# Stanford Eisenberg Knoxville Jewish Day School

## Meet Our New Director of Admissions



Jenny Wood

The Board of Directors of the Stanford Eisenberg Knoxville Jewish Day School is very pleased to announce the appointment of Jenny Wood as Director of Admissions. Prior to this appointment, Jenny expressed her passion for KJDS and her commitment to its success by serving on the KJDS Board of Directors from June 2015 through August 2018, where she chaired the school's annual fundraising events. In addition, Jenny chaired the facilities committee, ensuring that classroom and common spaces were in line with the school's pedagogical goals.

Jenny is also an active member of Heska Amuna's education committee, and in November 2017, along with eight other Knoxville women, she participated in the Jewish Women's Renaissance Project (JWRP) mission to Israel.

Jenny and her husband David relocated to Knoxville in 2009. Their children Ellie (5<sup>th</sup> grade) and Max (2<sup>nd</sup> grade) have been enrolled at KJDS since kindergarten, where they continue to thrive in this vibrant community school filled with joy, rooted in core Jewish values, and devoted to academic excellence.

### In Their Own Words: Student Voices

PE is so much fun! When we come in to the Ulam, we start by running six laps. Then, we get into a circle and Coach Chris, the best gym teacher ever, shows us the exercises we will practice that day. Next we have a student demonstrate; those are always good! After that, we get into our groups and start doing circuits (where we are in groups and each group does a different exercise). When we finish circuits, everybody is so tired, so we take a water break. Then...it's time for the game!



This year we have played super fun games. Coach Chris taught us a new game called "Titanic". It is very fun. We've also played "Dodgeball". After the game, we take a minute to calm down, and then we line up. These activities are why I love PE so much at KJDS.

Chayale, 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Student



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## #KJDSbuildscommunity

A community is somewhere you belong. A community is a part of your identity, your support system and your place of comfort. We use the hashtag "KJDS builds community" because it puts a clear message on a feeling that is often hard to express. We, like many schools, have traditions that lay a framework for the school culture. As a Jewish Day School, we have a greater, more pointed directive that underscores a larger goal in our planning. We purposefully create touchpoints with individuals in our community that might not have a reason to be part of the school. Through Holiday celebrations, Special Friends, Sukkah Hop, our annual play, visiting the AJCC and weekly Shabbat sing along we create special moments for our students that include the greater community.

Special Friends "are people who come to school like a grandparent" is a quote from one of our students when asked "what is a Special Friend?" These dedicated volunteers give generously of their time to create a special bond with a student. The program was created after noting that many students do not have extended family in town. Special Friends are friends who visit on holidays and give unconditional love and friendship to students. Their willingness to take time to get to know a student says so much about these truly "special" people.

Our first get together for our Special Friends and students this year was the Rosh Hashanah event. The students look forward to seeing or meeting their Special Friend all week. A student keeps their Special Friend throughout their school tenure. The Kindergarten class began with a song sung in Hebrew. There were four stations for student/friend groups to visit. At the "edibles" table delicious honey cake and apples dipped in honey were served. Special Friends asked the students of the significance of the items present. The next station was a shofar display. Informational cards and examples of many types of shofars were viewed and discussed. At another station, students, Special Friends and staff wrote a "resolution" to work on for the New Year. Cards to Israeli soldiers were made at the final station.

After several students blew their own shofars, we sat together for a "Kahoots" game. This "app" features a face-paced quiz that had the students and their friends laughing and yelling in the name of friendly competition. The students then gave out the Rosh Hashanah cards made in Hebrew class. It was another successful event with our wonderful Special Friends.

Our Annual Sukkah Hop brings us in contact with another group of people outside of the school. Families with home sukkahs invite our students to spend a little time with them. We also travel to Temple Beth El, Heska Amuna and the AJCC. This year's trip was a very soggy one but the rain did not stop our spirited students from singing, dancing and shaking the lulav. Each stop brings new friends to meet and new experiences for our students. The people we visit and share time with become part of the fabric of our school, our community.



*Long-time Special Friend Marian Jay plays Kahoot with her friends Gabe and Ansel.*



*Kindergarteners enjoy meeting their new Special Friends.*



*Trudy Dreyer and Gaia*

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## Choosing KJDS

By Lois Presser

In mid-August 2018, my twins Halen and Ansel were set to begin kindergarten. They were registered at the first-rate and well-loved public school for which we are zoned. Growing up in Queens, New York I attended public schools exclusively. I did well there. Private school had never crossed my mind for my children. But as the school year was about to start, I decided to switch them to KJDS. I had a gut feeling that it was the right place for my kids. On reflection, three qualities of KJDS had the greatest impact on my thinking: its academic excellence, its Jewish ethics, and its caring community.

The KJDS atmosphere is simultaneously scholarly and nurturing. The day of my first visit last spring, a succession of second and third graders, prompted by their teacher, approached me to describe their independent research on historical events. The next time I visited with Halen and Ansel. They stayed for half the day. I left while they were still standing on chairs next to new friends in the large assembly space, mumbling words they would one day master of the rousing song "I've Got Potential!" (to the tune of "Call Me Maybe"). At pick-up the kids told me in no uncertain terms that they wanted to keep coming to KJDS. Now that's a daily thing: they want to return the next day. (They are a bit disoriented on the weekends!) But "school" runs into home, where they initiate conversation about fairness, respect and kindness, trace their English and Hebrew letters, and lead yoga poses they learned at KJDS.

The KJDS community means some specific, practical things for me, a single mother – that my children join the Ferency caravan to school each weekday morning (with expert unloading by Ann Ely and a team of 'safety patrollers'), that Julia Price and Jenny Wood have supplied us with uniforms their kids have outgrown, that Miriam Esther baked birthday cupcakes for Halen and Ansel, and that Gina DiSalvo and I swap babysitting on no-school days. It also means opportunities for me to give to the school in the ways that I can. The KJDS community knows me and my family, and pays close attention to our needs and our strengths.



*Lois, with Halen and Ansel*



*The Presser family is finding the supportive KJDS community to be just what they wanted.*

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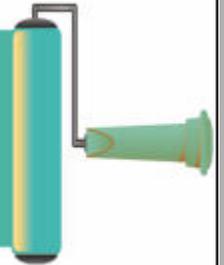
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