



Ha'Kol

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

November 2020

IN THIS ISSUE

Heska Amuna HaShofar

Rabbi's Remarks.....	2
President's Remarks.....	3
Artist.....	4
HARS News.....	5
Contributions.....	6

KJA Ha'Kol

KJA President's Remarks.....	10
AJCC Virtual Learning Pod.....	12
Preschool at AJCC.....	13
Hillel @ UTK.....	16
JFS Virtual Coffee Clatch.....	16

Temple Beth El Times

Rabbi's Message.....	18
President's Remarks.....	19
Religious School News.....	21
TBE Food & Coat Drive.....	23
Contributions.....	24

Community News

KJCF.....	25
Jewish Congregation/OR.....	26
Chabad of Knoxville.....	28
Hadassah Highlights.....	30
Knoxville Jewish Day School.....	34
Community Calendar.....	7
Happenings.....	8-9

Our 130th

Don't miss the show! Prepare to celebrate, to laugh and to be touched by the stories shared in

THOSE SYNAGOGUE JEWS

Sunday, December 13, 7:30 pm

Launching the year-long celebration of Heska Amuna's 130th anniversary, we will start with *Those Synagogue Jews*, a play written by Mark Littmann based on Wendy Besmann's book *A Separate Circle*. The zoom program will celebrate the origins and history of Heska Amuna.

Stay tuned for other memorable events celebrating our 130th anniversary throughout the year.



November 2020
14 Cheshvan-14 Kislev 5781

A Jewish Ethic of Self-Care

By Rabbi Alon C. Ferency

We are living in an era of *continuous* stress. And that requires continual attention to our personal welfare. As Zachary Scott said, "If you don't care for yourself, that makes more for other people to take care of." Too often, we're misled that self-care is an indulgence, and mistake attending to our needs as a kind of selfishness or narcissism. Admittedly, narcissism can be mistaken for self-care, but true self-care gives us the resources to be other-directed: it is a fruition of the soul. Through our internal selves we branch out directly into the broader world. Self-care makes us more authentic, inclusive and attentive; then, we can serve from a place of real confidence, not arrogance.

Self-care requires mindfulness and an artistic yet scientific mindset. I hope you find many places in which Judaism can spur your creative, "Flow" state, while simultaneously giving you a lens through which to see our created and creative world. Most of all, I want you to discover that these are all deeply embedded in Jewish theology and heritage: Judaism is neither ascetic nor frivolous. It does not call us to be monks or clowns. On the other hand, Judaism has always had deep wells that inspire creativity, and nurture one's soul and spirit.

You can tend the garden of your soul from the wellspring of the Jewish heritage, because Judaism has always leveraged the interplay of *Ma'aseh B'reisheet* – the creative and artistic – with *Ma'aseh Merkava* – the mindful and mystic. We make this journey from Interior (*p'nimiut*) to Exterior (*'avadah*): utilizing aspects as varied as Contemplation, Intimacy, Textual reflection, Nature, Visual art, Music, Poetry, Fiction, Play, Performing arts, and Social service.

What feeds your soul, and brings you healing?! The ways in which we engage in attention, mindfulness, and self-care reflect our relationship to God. By caring for ourselves, we learn about the workings of a Higher Power, within and without us – that too is an aspect of God. Together, Jewish inflected mindfulness can permeate all aspects of a creative, seeking life, as we mine the Jewish heritage of creativity and self-care, to turn life into art.



INSIDE THIS ISSUE

President's Remarks.....	3
Women's League.....	3
High Holy Day Appreciation..	4
HARS News.....	5
Contributions.....	6



President's Thoughts

By Markus Eisenbach, Heska Amuna President



We have just started a new cycle of Torah reading this October and also began the new Jewish year of 5781 in late September. This count of years itself carries a very strong universal message as it is to represent the age of the world as imagined by our sages based on their reading of the biblical stories. Indeed one could as well have expected our counting of years to start from a foundational event for the Jewish people, say Abraham's covenant with God or the Exodus, in parallel to our fellow Abrahamic religions, who chose significant events of their foundations as starting points of their calendars. Yet by our choice of dating events we are reminded of the responsibility for the whole world as well as our embeddedness in global history.

Thus as we start reading Genesis again we, together with all of humanity, are placed within the whole creation in a way that both should humble us and remind us of our role. It starts with two creation stories, with somewhat contradictory timelines, that makes these two points. First we are presented with the whole universe, with humans just being a small part of the whole creation – even if a very good part. Here we are shown that God is ultimately in control and the natural world will continue whatever our actions are. The laws of physics will continue even if we mistreat each other and destroy our environment. The second creation story paints a very different picture, now humans are put in the center. God created an environment for us to live in. But with these benefits we have also acquired responsibilities. There is now the moral obligation to take care and guard the living world that has been entrusted to us. By having been granted the earth our actions have to be measured not against what is physically possible, but by what the acceptable consequences are. These are not new ideas. They are already expressed in the first millennium of the common era in Midrash Kohelet Rabbah: *When the Blessed Holy One created the first human, He took him and led him round all the trees of the Garden of Eden and said to him: "Look at My works, how beautiful and praiseworthy they are! And all that I have created, it was for you that I created it. Pay attention that you do not corrupt and destroy My world: if you corrupt it, there is no one to repair it after you".* [sefaria.org] Thus our tradition makes a strong case for stewardship of the natural resources to ensure a livable environment for us and our children. Our modern scientific understanding of nature can help us to more effectively fulfill this goal and to recognize which of our actions cause harm on a local or global scale even if the cause and effect relations are not immediately accessible to our senses.

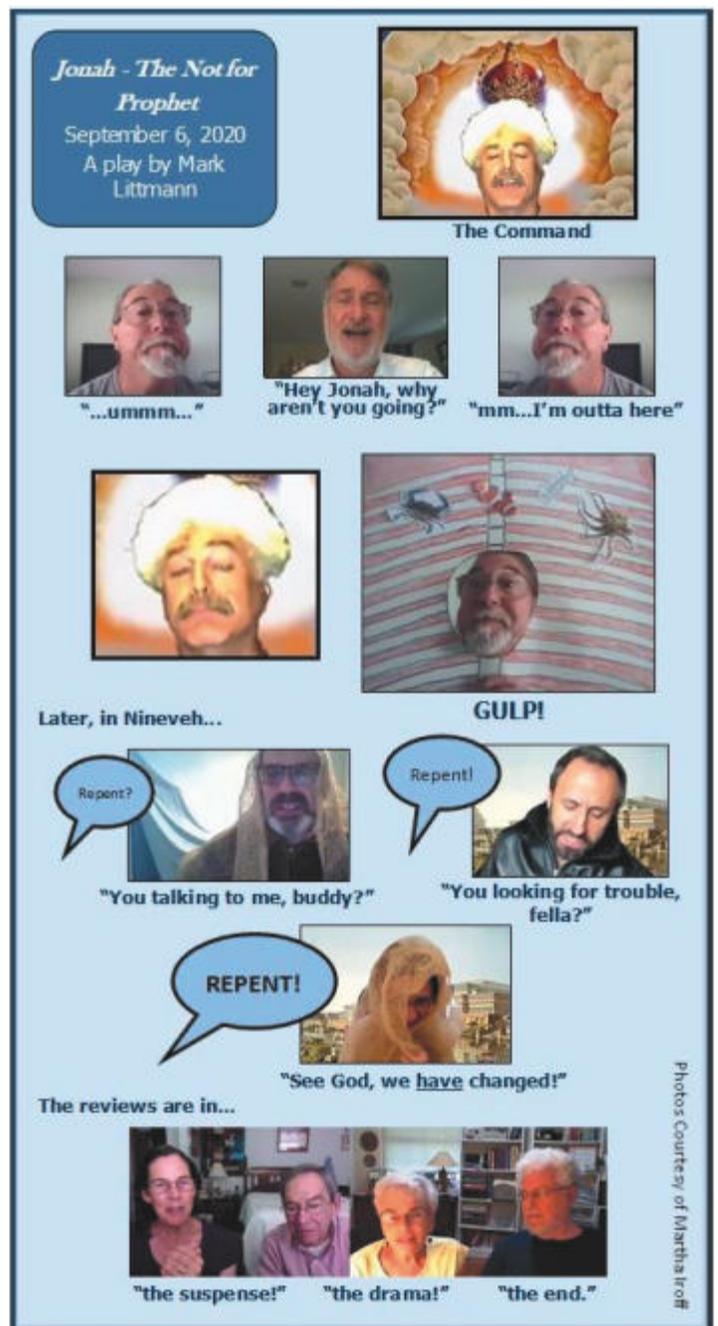
So, the very first chapters of our Torah set the physical stage for the human and Jewish story, that we will see evolving from humanity as a whole, in the first part of Genesis, to the single family of Abraham and Sarah and their descendents and broadening again to our people, it also leaves us with the moral obligation to ensure that this world can continue.

A huge thank you to the actors and everyone who helped support the production of *JONAH, the Not for Prophet*

- The Heska Amuna Board who encouraged us
- Beverly Wilcox who provided outstanding publicity
- Peggy Littmann and the actors' families who provided props
- Mark Littmann, author

...and starring our Superb Actors

Alon Ferency, Frank Floyd, Josh Gettinger, Josh Hedrick, Marty Iroff, and Pat Messing



Photos Courtesy of Martha Iroff



**HESKA AMUNA SYNAGOGUE
2020 HIGH HOLY DAYS STEP-UP APPEAL**

Heska Amuna STEPPED-UP

THANK YOU

**With Gratitude To Those Who STEPPED-UP Supporting the
2020 High Holiday Appeal to ensure
Heska Amuna Synagogue continues to serve our community.**

Steve & Carol Abeles
Judi & Martin Abrams
Anonymous
Linda Anderson
Sam Balloff
Steve Beber & Sandy Parker
Jeff & Nancy Becker
Jerry & Susan Becker
Anne & Bernard Bendriem
Jack Benhayon &
Judith Marquand
Ellen & Bill Berez
Bernard E. &
Barbara W. Bernstein
Besmann Family
Abraham & Judy Brietstein
Adam & Angie Brown
Ken & Susan Brown
Anonymous
Robin Brown
Eldon & Elizabeth Brunton
Marilyn Burnett
Michael Burnett
Anonymous
Harriet Cooper
Trudy Dreyer
Markus Eisenbach
Michael Eisenstadt &
Mary Beth Leibowitz
Alice Farkas
Linda & Neil Feld
Rabbi Alon & Karen Ferency
Rabbi Discretionary Fund
Frank & Laura Floyd
Marc G Forman
Wendy Good & Family

Ernie & Pam Gross
Janet S. Gurwitch
Jan Hahn & Heather O'Brien
Scott Hahn
Tommy & Susan Hahn
Mark Harris
Jeffrey & Shelley Hecht
Gale & Peggy Hedrick
Joshua & Kimberly Hedrick
Anonymous
Professor Heather Hirschfeld
Coleman Hoffman
Martha & Marty Iroff
Stella Iroff
Anna, Jared, & Ava Iroff-Bailey
Elise & Herb Jacobs
Jeffrey & Lisa Jacobson
Marian Jay
Raquel Bonano Karlin
Larry & Virginia Kessler
Sue Koller
Linda Kutsubos
Mike & Judy Levy
Marilyn & Harvey Liberman
Mark & Peggy Littmann
Hal & Ann Manas
Carole Zwick Mandel
Paul Mareth
Carole & Bob Martin
Anita Merlin
Mary Ann & Jennye Merrell
Shulamit Mesa
Daniel Messing
Michael Messing Family
Robert & Sarah Milford
Monte Millen

Anita & Jeff Miller
Stephen & Rosalie Nagler
Anonymous
Evan & Jenifer Ohriner
David & Rachel Ortiz
Raphael & Susette Panitz
Emily H Patrick
Charlie & Marie Perelman
Sharon Poore
Lois Presser
Marilyn Presser
Shain Raley
Judy Rattner
Pace & Karen Robinson
Kim & Stephen Rosen
Anonymous
Bernie & Lesley Rosenblatt
Nicki Russler
Gilya Schmidt
Mary Linda Schwarzbart
Mark Siegel
Susan & Harold Silber
Anita Kay & Joe Silver
Dahlia Smith
Dr. Alan Solomon &
Andrea Cartwright
Melissa Sturm
Benjamin Sulman &
Fernanda Santos
Esther Webster
David Weinstein
Jill & Douglas Weinstein
Lee Wittenberg

You may still donate at:
<https://forms.gle/g5J3pUknwPNT759N6> or by calling Heska Amuna at 522-0701.



November 1	School	10:00-12:15
November 8	School	Global Day of Jewish Learning
November 15	School	10:00-12:15
November 22	School	10:00-12:15
November 29	No School	Thanksgiving Break



Wednesdays Reimagined



Local Artist Jeanne Kidd's Sculptures Find Homes In Israel

Sculptor Jeanne Kidd, member of the Heska Amuna synagogue and 30-year Knoxville resident, now has several of her sculptures are on permanent installation in Israel. On a trip to Israel in the spring of 2017, Jeanne met a renowned Israeli sculptor, Sam Philipe, who fell in love with her work, took her under his wing, and invited her to begin showing her art in Jerusalem.

Jeanne has spent the past four years traveling to and from Tennessee and Israel, and in doing so has deepened her connection to the country. Her sculpture designs, transformed into bronze, were exhibited in 2019 on the Mamilla Mall promenade right outside the old city of Jerusalem. In Spring 2019, Jeanne created two more works and participated in a group exhibition in a vibrant suburb of Jerusalem, Ma'ale Adumim, as part of a fundraiser for women who are victims of domestic violence. Her sculptures exhibited and supported this cause for a month alongside several Israeli artists.

In January of 2020, Jeanne was invited to participate in an exhibition in Ra'anana, a city in central Israel known for its beauty, and celebration of culture and art. Her work and story is featured in the fall issue of *ESRA*, a popular publication for Israel's largest English-speaking volunteering organization, which began in Ra'anana, and now has 20 branches across the country. (<https://magazine.esra.org.il/>)

Out of this immersion, the project she is most proud of emerged. Jeanne's first permanent public installation, "Eternal Flame," (pictured) is on display in the garden of a retirement center in Pisgat Zeev, Jerusalem, where all residents are Shoah survivors. Standing at four feet tall, this sculpture evokes the strength and resilience of flame, and was commissioned by a family as a memorial to the relatives they lost in the Holocaust. Jeanne is honored to be able to recognize the strength and spirit of these survivors and hopes that her work inspires healing. A dedication ceremony will be scheduled as soon as travel is possible.

The second public installation project, called "Healing Heart," will be installed in the fall of 2020 as a tribute to and fundraiser for Mogen David Adom, Israel's first responders. This 6-foot-tall piece, a sweeping heart shape, has been requested and approved by the mayor of Beit Shean, in Northern Israel, to be placed outside the Mogen David Adom Medical Center.

This project will be maintained by the municipality and is intended to honor the bravery of emergency first responders, men and women of Israel who place others' lives before their own. This sculpture, like "Eternal Flame," hopes to elicit a sense of peace and calm in all viewers and be a reminder that "... whoever saves a life of Israel, it is considered as if he saved an entire world." (Talmud)

The Healing Heart sculpture has also been approved by the art committee of Jerusalem to be installed in a public park in the center of the city. This project, called "My Heart Lives in The East" is scheduled, once an inspired patron is found, to be installed in early spring of 2021. It is to become the centerpiece of an interactive space of beauty, love, and healing in the spiritual heart of Judaism, the City of Gold: Jerusalem.

Jeanne has many more projects in the works and would love for you to follow along with her on her artistic journey.

Read more about her story, her process, future plans and enjoy her beautiful art at her website: <https://www.justmeandmyart.com/>



Jeanne Kidd with
Eternal Flame sculpture



Healing Heart sculpture

Contributions by Caring People

Donations received through October 5, 2020

Bradley Sturm Memorial Fund

*In Memory of Robert Hochdorf
and Helene Polin*

Melissa Sturm

In Memory of Bryan Merrell

Melissa Sturm

Bryan Merrell's Bar Mitzvah Plaque

Marion & Larry Bayer

Cemetery Fund

In Memory of Anna Leibowitz

Peggy & Gale Hedrick

Defenders of the Faith Fund

In Memory of Phyllis Levine

Ken Levine

Educators Supplement Fund

In Memory of Bryan Merrell,

Becky Winston, Harriette Goldman

Susan & Harold Silber

In Memory of Abraham & Rhea Silber

Susan & Harold Silber

General Fund

*In Honor of Jeffrey, Shelly, Jack,
and Abigail Abrams*

Joan Abrams

In Honor of Micah Hahn's marriage

Nancy & Jeff Becker

In Memory of Becky Winston

Wendy & Ted Besmann

Nancy & Jeff Becker

In Memory of Harriette Goldman

Evelyn & Steven Oberman

Jack Benhayon

In Memory of Bryan Merrell

Nita Merlin

*In Honor of Shush Carson, our Kallet
Torah (Bride) and Markus Eisenbach &
Jeff Becker our Hatan Torah (Groom)*

Gilya Schmidt

In Honor of Rabbi Ferency, Gilya

*Schmidt, Heska Amuna Board, and the
lay Hazzanim*

Jack Benhayon

Gertrude Glazer & IB Cohen Fund

In Memory of Becky Winston

Arnold Cohen

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

Dr. Ira Lapidés & Family

In Memory of Harriette Goldman

Cindy & Ricky Caplan

*In Memory of Isaac Elbaz,
Harriette Goldman*

Ellen & Bill Berez

HARS Heroes

Lisa Miller

In Memory of Abraham Silber

Susan & Harold Silber

Yahrzeit

In Memory of Sylvia Greenberg

Ellen & George Kern

In Memory of Robert Zalkin

Robin Zalkin Brown

In Memory of Louis Slovis

Marilyn Cohen Presser

In Memory of Walter Farkas

Alice Farkas

In Memory of Louise Anderson

Linda Anderson

In Memory of Sylvia & Isaac Slovis, Re-

becca Reznick, Mildred Firetag, Gene

Rosenberg, Buzz Brody

Nita Merlin

In Memory of Jennye Grusin

Judith Rattner and Jennye &

Mary Ann Merrell

In Memory of Max Diamond

Marie & Charles Perelman

In Memory of Albert Ring

Susan Ring

In Memory of Toba Davis

Brenda & Sigmund Mosko

In Memory of Norbert Slovis,

Jean & Don Gray, Jennifer Gray

Linda Gray-Slovis

In Memory of CB Brown

Robin Brown

In Memory of Leo Vogel

Nancy & Jeff Becker

In Memory of M. G. Heiser

Gilya Schmidt

In Memory of David Cohen &

Amy Cohen

Marilyn Presser

In Memory of Debbie Johnson

Jack Benhayon

In Memory of Doris Weinstein, Gertrude

& Max Weinstein, Sara Weinstein, Gold-

ie Jaffe, Sam Lavine, Myra & Sanford

Weinstein

David Weinstein

In Memory of Esmeralda Benhayon

Jack Benhayon

In Memory of Roslyn & Bernard Cohn

Susan Koller

Heska Amuna Synagogue *HaShofar*

Rabbi Alon C. Ferency

rabbi.ferency@heskaamuna.org

Chair of the Board

Jeff Becker

hachair@heskaamuna.org

President

Markus Eisenbach

hapresident@heskaamuna.org

Education Director

Shuli Mesa

education@heskaamuna.org

Operations & Administration Director

Beverly Wilcox

admin@heskaamuna.org

Women's League Co-Presidents

Anna Iroff-Bailey & Rosalie Nagler

WomensLeague@heskaamuna.org

Heska Amuna Synagogue

info@heskaamuna.org

Virtual Services

Friday Night Services.....6:30 p.m.

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

Minyanim

Monday, 4 p.m.

Tuesday, 8 p.m.

Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, 2 p.m.

For Zoom links, see *Nu News* or contact
the office at (865) 522-0701

*Minyanim for members can be
arranged by contacting the President
one week before.*

For a list of Heska Amuna's services,
events, and information, please visit
www.heskaamuna.org

HESKA AMUNA SYNAGOGUE
is an affiliate of The United Synagogue
of Conservative Judaism.

Because of possible coronavirus –related postponements & cancellations, please double check any activity listed within *Ha’Kol* to ensure the event is still occurring.

NOVEMBER 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Daylight Savings Time 9:30a Religious School-TBE 10a Religious School-HA	2 4p <i>Mincha</i> & Torah chat-HA	3 1p Torah Chat with Rabbi Boxt-TBE 7p Healing Service w/ Rabbi Boxt & Steve Lewis-TBE 8p Ma'ariv service-HA	4 Noon Executive Mifgash Manhigim-TBE 4:30p Midwk Hebrew-TBE 6:30p Minyan service-HA 7p Daf Talmud chat-HA	5 10a Jewish Family Services Virtual Coffee Klatch (Zoom) 11a Torah Study/Adult Ed-TBE 2-3p Mincha-HA	6 5:17p 9a Shacharit service-HA 6:30p Kabbalat Shabbat-HA 7p Kabbalat Shabbat Service-TBE	7 6:13p 10a Shabbat Service-HA 6p Havdalah Service-TBE
8 9:30a Religious School-TBE 10a Religious School-HA Noon Confirmation class-TBE Noon-3p TBE Second Harvest/Coat Drive Drop-Off-TBE (page 23) 12:30p HAWL Member's Brown Bag Luncheon-Zoom-HA	9 4p <i>Mincha</i> & Torah chat-HA	10 1p Torah Chat with Rabbi Boxt-TBE 8p Ma'ariv service-HA	11 Noon Executive Mifgash Manhigim-TBE 4:30p Midwk Hebrew-TBE 6:30p Minyan service-HA 7p Daf Talmud chat-HA	12 10a Jewish Family Services Virtual Coffee Klatch (Zoom) 11a Torah Study/Adult Ed-TBE 2-3p Mincha-HA 3:30-6p TBE Second Harvest/Coat Drive Drop-Off-AJCC Parking Lot (page 23)	13 5:11p 8:30a School Admissions Tour-KJDS (page 35) 9a Shacharit service-HA 6:30p Kabbalat Shabbat-HA 7p Veteran's Shabbat Service-TBE	14 6:09p 10a Shabbat Service-HA 6p Havdalah Service-TBE
15 9:30a Religious School-TBE 10a Religious School-HA 10a Adult Education w/ Rabbi Boxt-TBE 1p Hadassah HMO Luncheon via Zoom	16 4p <i>Mincha</i> & Torah chat-HA Nov. 16-29: AJCC Preschool Online Scholastic Book Fair, page 13	17 1p Torah Chat with Rabbi Boxt-TBE 7:30p Hadassah Book Club via Zoom 7p Healing Service w/ Rabbi Boxt & Steve Lewis-TBE 8p Ma'ariv service-HA	18 4:30p Midwk Hebrew-TBE 6:30p Minyan service-HA 7p Daf Talmud chat-HA Nov. 16-29: AJCC Preschool Online Scholastic Book Fair, page 13	19 10a Jewish Family Services Virtual Coffee Klatch (Zoom) 11a Torah Study/Adult Ed-TBE 2-3p Mincha-HA Nov. 16-29: AJCC Preschool Online Scholastic Book Fair, page 13	20 5:07p 9a Shacharit service-HA 1:30p <i>Women's History</i> <i>Though Objects</i> , UT Judaic Studies lecture (Zoom) 6:30p Kabbalat Shabbat-HA 7p Kabbalat Shabbat Service-TBE	21 6:03p 10a Shabbat Service-HA 6p Havdalah Service-TBE
22 9:30a Religious Sch--TBE 10a Religious School-HA Noon Confirmation class-TBE Nov. 16-29: AJCC Preschool Online Scholastic Book Fair, page 13	23 4p <i>Mincha</i> & Torah chat-HA Nov. 16-29: AJCC Preschool Online Scholastic Book Fair, page 13	24 1p Torah Chat with Rabbi Boxt-TBE 8p Ma'ariv service-HA Nov. 16-29: AJCC Preschool Online Scholastic Book Fair, page 13	25 AJCC Preschool closed for Thanksgiving 7p Daf Talmud chat-HA Nov. 16-29: AJCC Preschool Online Scholastic Book Fair, page 13	26 Thanksgiving Day KJA, Heska Amuna, TBE closed for Thanksgiving Nov. 16-29: AJCC Preschool Online Scholastic Book Fair, page 13	27 5:04p KJA, Heska Amuna, TBE closed for Thanksgiving 9a Shacharit service-HA 6:30p Kabbalat Shabbat-HA 7p Kabbalat Shabbat	28 6:03p 10a Shabbat Service-HA 6p Havdalah Service-TBE
29 Nov. 16-29: AJCC Preschool Online Scholastic Book Fair, page 13	30 4p <i>Mincha</i> & Torah chat-HA					



DON'T FORGET!
Daylight Savings Time Ends on
Sunday, November 1, 2020

KNOXVILLE

A Journey Beginning at Hillel at UTK....



Emily Schulman and Noah Geltzer at Hillel at UTK Latkes and Lights Shabbat in 2018



Robin and Butch Schulman of Louisville, Kentucky are proud to announce the engagement of their daughter, **Emily Blair Schulman**, to **Noah Salditch Geltzer**, son of Renee and Scott Geltzer of Nashville, Tennessee. Emily recently graduated magna cum laude, from the University of Tennessee with a Bachelor's degree in biomedical engineering. She plans to attend medical School. Noah also graduated summa cum laude from with a bachelor's degree in business. He is completing his MBA at the University of Louisville. A winter wedding is planned in Louisville, Kentucky for 2022.



Support the Community Garden

This summer, the Arnstein Jewish Community Center became home to a beautiful community garden. Volunteer gardeners built and tended the plants. Produce from the garden was harvested on a regular basis and delivered to two organizations which serve, Susannah's House and Family Promise.

Have you enjoyed watching our beautiful vegetable garden grow over this past summer? Would you like to support the garden's efforts to grow produce for those in need?

Artist Esther Sitver has generously agreed to design a note card for the benefit of the community garden which we plan to produce and sell during the holiday season as a fundraiser. Esther Sitver is a Knoxville artist and illustrator who has had her own shows and been awarded a "Rising Artist" award. Her art work can be seen on her website. Images of the notecard design and order forms will be available soon. If you are interested in receiving an order form by email please email Helene Sinnreich at wesandhelene@yahoo.com

The Community Garden Garden was supported by grants to the Knoxville Jewish Alliance from two Knoxville Jewish Community Family of Funds donor-advised funds: The Natalie and Mitchell Robinson Community Enrichment Fund and the Pat and Gene Rosenberg Fund.

H A P P E N I N G S

The Fern and Manfred Steinfeld Program in Judaic Studies
presents

WOMEN'S HISTORY THROUGH OBJECTS

Laura Arnold Leibman, Ph.D.

Professor of English and Humanities, Reed College

Friday, November 20, at 1:30 p.m



In her talk, Laura Arnold Leibman will discuss her new book *The Art of the Jewish Family* in which she examines objects owned by a diverse group of Jewish women who all lived in New York in the years between 1750 and 1850. She uses these objects created and used by the women to create a biography through an object. By utilizing material culture to further understand

early Jewish American women's lives, Leibman restores their agency as creators of Jewish identity. Speaking to American Jewish life, women's studies, and American history, Dr. Leibman sheds new light on the lives and values of these women, while also revealing the social and religious structures that led to Jewish women being erased from historical archives.

Laura Arnold Leibman is a professor of English and Humanities at Reed College. She received her Ph.D. from the University of California, Los Angeles in 1995. Her general field of interest is religion and American culture prior to the American Civil War. She is the author of *Indian Converts* (U Mass. P. 2008); *Messianism, Secrecy and Mysticism: A New Interpretation of Early American Jewish Life* (Vallentine Mitchell 2012) which won a Jordan Schnitzer Book Award and a National Jewish Book Award, and was a *Choice* Outstanding Academic Title; and *The Art of the Jewish Family* (University of Chicago, 2020). Leibman has been a Fulbright scholar at University of Panama and Utrecht University (Netherlands) and a visiting fellow at Oxford University.

*This talk is sponsored by the
Fern and Manfred Steinfeld Program in Judaic Studies
at The University of Tennessee, Knoxville*

To receive the Zoom link for this event,
please email Helene Sinnreich at hsinnreich@utk.edu

THE JEWS OF HAMBLÉN COUNTY, TENNESSEE

Morristown's Bible-Belt Symbiosis
of Industry, Culture, and Faith



GARY D. GERSON

Local Writer Pens Regional Jewish History Book

Gary D. Gerson grew up in Morristown and his family attended Temple Beth El. He has written a book, *The Jews of Hamblen County, Tennessee: Morristown's Bible-Belt Symbiosis of Industry, Culture, and Faith*, that might interest regional history buffs.

Suzy Snoops

*Ha'Kol welcomes your good news.
Please send information to
jjyork@jewishknoxville.org
You can also mail your news to
Ha'Kol newsletter.*

*Knoxville Jewish Alliance,
6800 Deane Hill Drive
Knoxville TN 37919.*



KJA President's Remarks

By Chip Rayman, KJA President

This message is possibly my last one as your KJA president. I wanted to leave with a positive message, but in one of my previous articles I wrote that we needed a back to normal preschool with high enrollment to make it through the impact of this pandemic.

Unfortunately, it is **not going our way**. Understandably so, our **preschool numbers are significantly down due to the virus**, even after expanding the preschool and adding infant care the past two years. **Preschool expansion and infant care** had been very successful up to this point.

Despite having a **summer camp** greatly reduced in numbers, it **was successful** and did not have any virus-related issues, and we made money on camp, which was a big surprise. Finally, the law of averages caught up with us this fall and we had one **COVID related case in preschool** despite our superb efforts to follow and implement CDC and health department guidelines. The case, which was contracted outside of preschool, caused us to shut down preschool for a short period, but we are **back to normal** and doing well.

Without obtaining **\$225,000 in grants and \$150,000 in loans**, we would be in trouble. The KJA also took over the lead in concluding the acquisition of a **\$100,000 security grant** to be shared equally by the five Jewish institutions in Knoxville which have buildings.

We also had our **second indigent burial** in a short period of time after going six years without one. So, the Dewey Reich *Chesed Shel Emet* Fund is somewhat depleted, and we need to replenish it.

We need a normal camp enrollment this coming summer and a full enrollment preschool next fall to make it past the pandemic.

Thank you to all of those who have helped me and supported the Center. There are too many of you to mention. I will stay on the board for the next two years as immediate past president, but **I will be fading away**. Bren and I purchased a much smaller home on one level in Knoxville. That will allow us to spend half our time in South Carolina. The only person I will single out is **Ed Hunter**, a tireless worker, gem of a guy, man of great integrity, a dedicated professional with a passion and vision for the Center, who, more than anyone else has sustained this vital institution for over 20 years. I love him.

The highlights of my three-year administration, in my mind, are the **Vigil** we hosted for the Tree of Life Synagogue murders; having a very successful second year in all facets - **record numbers for preschool, Yom HaShoah** attendance, and 5-year **highs for camp attendance** and almost achieving our **Annual Campaign goal** of \$300,000. After many years, we obtained **board representation for Chabad of Knoxville and Beth El - Jewish Congregation of Oak Ridge**. We erected a historical highway type marker downtown memorializing **Master Sgt. Roddie Edmonds, a Righteous Among the Nations**, for saving 200 Jewish prisoners of war from probable death; developed a **Master Plan** for the AJCC campus and reached an agreement for the **Knoxville Jewish Day School** to relocate to our campus, which also had been cussed and discussed for years. Alas, to no avail, as the day school found another location that is ideally suited to their needs. Then the very strong response to **Adam Brown's family donation** making the **playground enhancement and expansion** possible and all those who supported the effort with the purchase of a commemorative brick. The **swim team** grew to record levels and won its category at the GKAIISA city swim meet. **BBYO girls** winning best chapter at their annual convention. Art Exhibits. Assisting with the founding of the **GKJ Men's Club, Knosville**. Strong rental revenue from the grounds, pool, and building.

November 2020

KJA Ha'Kol

KJA President's Remarks...	10-11
AJCC Virtual Learning Pod.....	12
Preschool at AJCC.....	13
Hillel @ UTK.....	16
JFS Virtual Coffee Clatch.....	16



AJCC Playground renovation



Tree of Life Vigil at the AJCC



MCDC 2020 friends

Continued on page 11

Collaborating with Temple, Synagogue and Hillel on adult education. The expansion of Hillel at UTK under great directorship and **Hillel addressing the Jew hatred painted on The Rock.** Our **Knoxville Against Hate billboard**, currently displayed prominently along Hall of Fame Drive downtown, and our **½ page newspaper ad** expressing our support to the **Black community** -- both of which garnered **East Tennessee Foundation grants.** Continuing **physical improvements** to the pool and building, from renovating the ladies restrooms to LED lighting, renovations to the Orwitz Room, dramatic pool enhancements, to knocking down walls to create more and better classrooms. Maintaining our **3 Star rating in all categories** for our preschool.

Most proudly, after having deficit after deficit for years, last year we had a **significant \$70,000 surplus.** Then the pandemic hit. I do not anticipate a surplus this year. Yet I am criticized for the perception:

- that **the KJA is not open and welcoming to all comers**, with which I totally disagree as exemplified by efforts mentioned above.
- that **every board meeting is about the AJCC entirely**, which is also inaccurate. Keep in mind, after you, who make up the Jewish community, the Center is our second most important asset. Most Federations do not own their JCC. Most communities our size do not support all three – a **Federation, a JCC and Jewish Family Services.** The Center is 14 acres, a pool and an old building needing a lot of maintenance. Of course, we talk about it a lot.
- that **there is not a facilities committee.** We do have a committee and it functions very well.
- that it is **hard for new, younger people to be on the board** and that we have not reached out to Millennials (24-39). We have a nominating committee as do most non-profits. All you have to do is express an interest and you will be given consideration. We have 3 younger people on our Executive Committee, 2 of which are newer. We have 7 other younger, newer people on the board. So 10 out of our 35 + board positions are newer, younger.
- that **Sharing the Dream is not always on the agenda.** Sharing the Dream has always been welcome and can speak whether they are on the agenda or not. I have stated that more than once in board meetings. I have offered Sharing the Dream space in *Ha’Kol* whenever they want it.

As always, I ask for your **participation and financial support** for the KJA, especially in light of the pandemic. All Jewish institutions make a financial appeal at Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. We are no different. We are a **\$1.2 million dollar operation.** Our **Preschool and Camp revenues have been severely impacted.** They are our lifeblood. If we have **made you mad, if you don’t like some of our programs, if you feel like we have neglected you – look beyond it,** and give to this most vital of institutions.

When I took on the job as your president three years ago, I expressed my reasons for doing so was Jewish guilt of living in Knoxville for 20 years and **not participating in the Jewish community.** So I wanted to pay back for that lack of participation and not supporting Jewish institutions and organizations financially. Having served without compensation as a part time, quasi-executive director to keep things going and making a strong financial commitment to the Center myself, **I feel I have paid back my absence.** For those of you who are Jewish only culturally, the Center can be your synagogue (gathering place). Join us! There have been many new Jewish families coming to Knoxville during the past year. Knoxville’s Jewish community is growing! Join us! I have greatly enjoyed **returning to Jewish life at Temple, Synagogue, and Chabad** religiously, culturally, intellectually, emotionally, and socially.

Life is a journey of successes and disappointments. I feel good about my tenure. Sorry to not go out without a more positive message, but if we can get past the coronavirus, the **future is bright** for the at large Greater Knoxville Jewish community.



Knoshville 2019

Your Knoxville Jewish Alliance

- ◆ Arnstein Jewish Community Center
- ◆ KJA Archives
- ◆ B’nai Tzedek Teen Philanthropy Program
- ◆ BBYO/ BBYO Connect
- ◆ Community Relations Committee
- ◆ Cultural & Social Events
- ◆ Educational Events
- ◆ Friendshippers
- ◆ *Ha’Kol* Community Newsletter
- ◆ Hillel at UTK
- ◆ Indigent Burial Fund
- ◆ Israel P2G Partnership
- ◆ Jewish Advocacy
- ◆ Jewish Family Services
- ◆ **KNOSHVILLE**
- ◆ Milton Collins Day Camp
- ◆ Mitzvah Day
- ◆ AJCC Pool and Tennis
- ◆ AJCC Preschool
- ◆ PJ Library/PJ Our Way
- ◆ Schwarzbart Gallery
- ◆ AJCC/University Club Smokin’ Salmon Swim Team
- ◆ UT Faculty Lectures
- ◆ YJAK—Young Jewish Adults of Knoxville
- ◆ Yom HaShoah Observance
- ◆ ...and so much more!

**Support Your Jewish Community
DONATE TODAY!**

KNOXVILLE JEWISH ALLIANCE
6800 Deane Hill Drive
Knoxville, Tennessee 37919
(865) 690-6343

www.jewishknoxville.org
office@jewishknoxville.org



Virtual Pod Studies at the AJCC

Students study, enjoy snacks and lunch, followed by arts and crafts, playtime, games, and more!



An Easy Way to Support Your Jewish Community Center

Thanks to the Kroger Community Rewards program, you can **support the Preschool at AJCC** while you shop!

Register your Kroger Plus card in the program, then choose AJCC Preschool as your organization and it will receive a portion of the program's annual community donations.

FOLLOW THESE EASY STEPS:

- 1) Sign into your digital account.
- 2) Search for your organization.
- 3) Enter the **AJCC Preschool** or **41474**.
- 4) Select **AJCC Preschool** from the list and click "Save."



This is a terrific way to help students and teachers at your Preschool at AJCC.



Preschool at the AJCC Celebrates Fall, Sukkot

Students enjoyed hearing stories in our sukkah, a visit by Rabbi Yossi Wilhelm and his mobile Sukkah, creating apple art, and learning about pumpkins at the Preschool at AJCC.

Support our school & shop our **ONLINE FAIR** 

 Over 6,000 products including Book Fair exclusives, new releases, value packs, and more.

Limited time only: November 16th, 2020 - November 29th, 2020

All orders ship home | FREE shipping on book-only orders over \$25*
All purchases benefit our school

Visit our Book Fair homepage to get started:
<https://www.scholastic.com/bf/preschoolatajcc>



*Free standard shipping is available on book-only orders of \$25 or more. Offer subject to change. © 2020 Scholastic Inc. All rights reserved. 10/20/20 10-100144

A MESSAGE FROM THE KNOXVILLE JEWISH ALLIANCE

*My people were brought to America in chains.
Your people were driven here to escape the chains
Fashioned for them in Europe. Our unity is born....
To make oppression of any people by others
an impossibility.*

Martin Luther King Jr.

*Speech to the American Jewish Congress,
Miami, 1958*

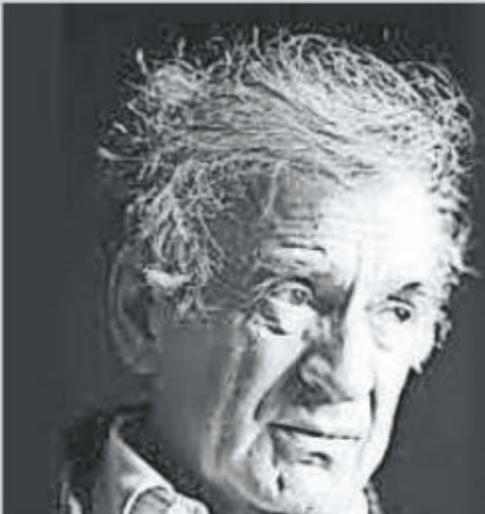


*When human lives are endangered,
When human dignity is in jeopardy....
Wherever men and women are persecuted
Because of their race, religion, or political views,
That place must — at that moment —
Become the center of the universe.*

*There may be times when we are powerless to
prevent injustice, but there must never be a
time when we fail to protest.*

Elie Wiesel

*Human rights activist, Holocaust survivor,
& Nobel Peace Prize laureate*



Opportunity — Equal Treatment — Justice — Peace — for All
Let Every Man, Woman, and Child Breathe
Shalom



Knoxville Against Hate



Subscribe to the KJA's Sunday morning email blast by entering your email at

*www.jewishknoxville.org
(near the bottom of the page)*

#FacingCorona2Gether



On Our Facebook Page -

<https://www.facebook.com/P2GHaderaEironSE>

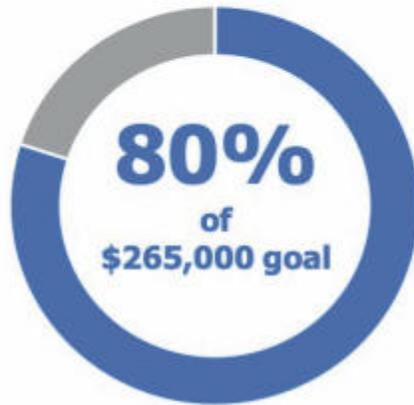
Join Us!



2020 KJA Annual Campaign

\$211,293

as of 9/10/2020



HELP KEEP THIS VITAL INSTITUTION ALIVE

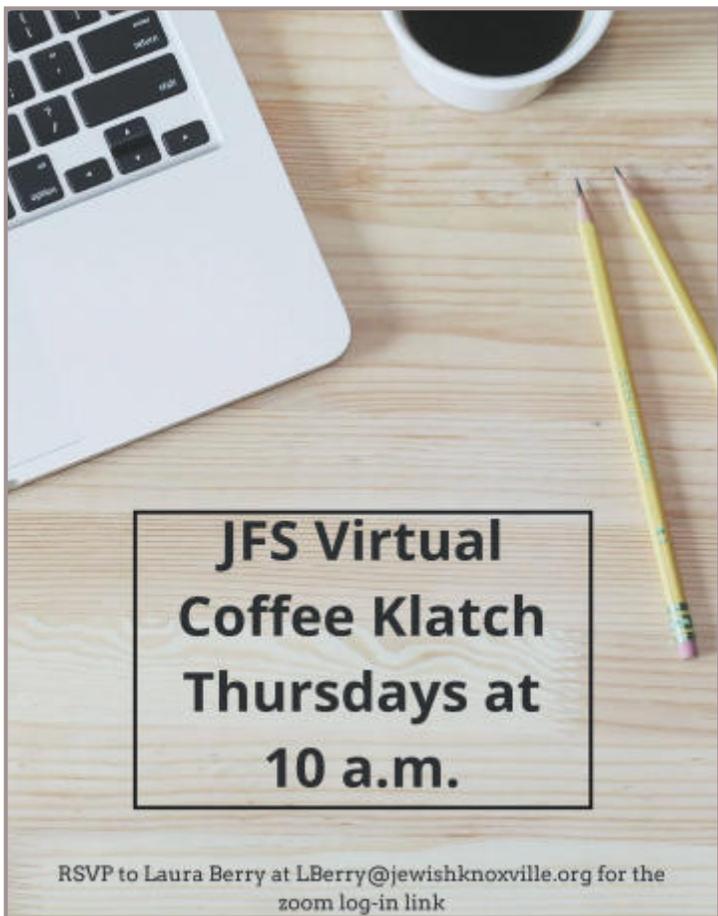
We're almost to our 2020 goal and need you to help now. Please consider making a pledge or donation to support KJA's work. Whether you visit our building or support our social justice initiatives, our Jewish community is stronger together.

Under The Coronavirus Aid Relief and Economic Security Act (**CARES Act**), taxpayers who don't itemize may now **deduct** up to **\$300** per year in **charitable contributions**.

Support Your Knoxville Jewish Community DONATE TODAY!

- ★ **ONLINE:** www.jewishknoxville.org/donate
- ★ **MAIL YOUR CHECK** made payable to KJA to:
- ★ Knoxville Jewish Alliance, 6800 Deane Hill Drive, Knoxville, Tennessee, 37919
- ★ **CALL IN YOUR PLEDGE/DONATION:** (865) 690-6343





**JFS Virtual
Coffee Klatch
Thursdays at
10 a.m.**

RSVP to Laura Berry at LBerry@jewishknoxville.org for the zoom log-in link

Donations to KJA funds can be made to celebrate lifecycle events, remember or honor someone, or to support programs of interest. To find a fund or cause that you want to support, contact the KJA office at (865) 690-6343; email office@jewishknoxville.org; or visit www.jewishknoxville.org today and make a donation in honor or memory of a friend or family member, or to support a cause dear to you.

Hillel at UTK



Jack Love and Jill Weinstein are welcomed by Hillel at UTK student volunteer Matt Moskowitz as they bring food and toiletries for Hillel's collection for UT'S Smokey's Pantry.



Jack Love unloads food items for the Hillel at UTK's Mitzvah Mornings food drive for UT's Smokey's Pantry.

Preschool at AJCC Creates a Wish List

Many have asked what the Preschool at the AJCC needs, so we created an Amazon Wish List (<https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/1U2NCS8KNXOWG/>) so people can make purchases to support our students and staff. Items will ship directly to the Preschool at AJCC. Thank you!



KJA Contributions

Received by October 8, 2020

AJCC Pool

In honor of Jonathan Branton and pool staff for the 2020 memorable summer
Leslie Badaines

Fribourg-Brunschwig Holocaust Memorial Education Fund

In memory of Henry Fribourg
Harvey and Marilyn Liberman
Lanny and Ann Payne
Jean E. Hannan

Greater Knoxville Jewish Men’s Club

In memory of Bryan Merrell
Judy Rattner

Jewish Family Services

Bryan and Adrienne Goldberg
Jeff and Nancy Becker

Knoxville Against Hate

Harrison Wendland

Knoxville Jewish Alliance

Sharon and Linda Higdon

In-Kind Donations

Robert and Stephanie Blitt
Bernard and Barbara Bernstein

Donations to KJA funds can be made to celebrate lifecycle events, remember or honor someone, or to support programs of interest. To find a fund or cause that you want to support, contact the KJA office at (865) 690-6343; email office@jewishknoxville.org; or visit www.jewishknoxville.org today and make a donation in honor or memory of a friend or family member, or to support a cause dear to you.

Ha’Kol Newsletters are Available for Viewing on KJA’s Website

Need a back issue? Want to show an out-of-town friend or relative a story? Find *Ha’Kol* online at

<https://jewishknoxville.org/hakol>

KNOXVILLE JEWISH COMMUNITY Ha’Kol

VOLUME 12, ISSUE 10, NOVEMBER 2020

Published 11 times per year by the
Knoxville Jewish Alliance, Inc.
6800 Deane Hill Drive
Knoxville, TN 37919-5943

KJA OFFICERS

Chip Rayman	President & Interim VP Campaign
Debbie Abrams-Cohen	Secretary
Bernard Bendriem	Treasurer
Adam Brown	Immediate Past President
Wes Johnson	VP Administration
Martha Iroff	VP Children & Youth
<i>Vacant</i>	VP Education/Culture
Bryan Goldberg	VP Jewish Community Services & President-Elect
Sarah Frankel	VP Public Relations

COMMITTEE BOARD MEMBERS

Jill Weinstein	Allocations
Bernard Bendriem	Budget
Stephanie Kodish	Long-Range Planning
Melissa Feinbaum	Personnel
Raphe Panitz	Cultural Arts
Renee’ Hyatt	Israel Partnership
Jenifer Ohriner	Jewish Family Services
Helene Sinnreich	Hillel at UTK
<i>Vacant</i>	Community Relations
Lee Werthiem	Missions
Jean Begue	Publications
Jonathan Branton	Camp
Lev Comstock	Membership
Mary A. Merrell/Michael Burnett	Archives

COMMUNITY BOARD MEMBERS

Jeff Becker	Chair, Heska Amuna
Kathy Young	President, Temple Beth El
Andrea Cone	President, Hadassah
Stephen Rosen	President, KJCFF
Michael Zemel	President, KJDS
Hilary Shreter	President, JCOR
Steve Beber	Chair, Chabad

BOARD MEMBERS AT-LARGE

Brad Holtz, Rachel Milford,
Britt Sturm, Michael Zemel

HA’KOL PUBLICATION STAFF

Joyce York, Editor and Graphic Designer
Chip Rayman, Publisher

TEMPLE BETH EL TIMES



Shalom Y'all!

By Rabbi Erin Boxt

2020, the year that never seems to end. We are on the cusp of 2021, and while we still have a month left in 2020, we can begin thinking about how our world may be different for us in the months ahead:

2020 Presidential Election – this month, on Tuesday, November 3, we will once again exercise our American right to vote. Sometimes taken for granted by millions of Americans, it is one of our most fundamental rights. Regardless of party affiliation, this is a right we should all celebrate. If you have never voted before and are eligible this year, please do so and honor this very important responsibility.

Vaccines for COVID-19, Coronavirus – Whether it is this month, next month or even in 2021, there is a tremendous amount of anticipation and excitement about returning “back to normal.” As I have said many times, I am not sure we will ever return to the “normalcy” of pre-COVID-19, but our new normal will give us the amazing opportunities to grow together in new ways.

One of the most important lessons of 2020 is that things may not always be as they seem. In Judaism, there is a concept call *Bashert*. Most of the time, people use this term to refer to a foreordained spouse or soulmate. More broadly speaking, *Bashert* (*Beshert/Besheret*) can also mean destiny, or any happening which appears to bear the “fingerprints of divine providence.”

In the Talmud, in *Sotah 2a*, we learn that God has been engaged in matchmaking since Creation and this task (of bringing together couples) is tougher than the parting of the Red Sea.

Here is a story from the 2nd Century that illuminates the challenges of matchmaking:

A Roman matron asked Rabbi Yosei bar Chalafta, “In how many days did G-d create His world?” “In six days,” the Rabbi replied. “And what has He been doing ever since?” she asked. “G-d sits and matches couples,” Rabbi Yosei told her.

“Is this G-d’s occupation?” she asked derisively, “I could do that too! I possess a great number of men servants and maid servants and would be able to pair all of them off in one hour!” “You may think it is easy, but for G-d, it is as difficult as parting the Red Sea,” he said.

After Rabbi Yosei left, the matron formed rows of her men servants and maid servants, a thousand in each row, and said to them, “This man shall marry this woman,” pairing them off as she walked down the line. But when they returned to work the next morning, one had an injured head, one was missing an eye and one had a broken foot.

“What is going on here?” the matron asked.

“I don’t want this one,” they all said. She says, “I will not take him”; he says, “I will not take her.”

She sent for Rabbi Yosei and told him, “There is no G-d like your G-d. When you explained to me that G-d is busy making matches, you spoke wisely.”

The Sukkah of TBE members Scott and Jesse Weckstein. Pictured left to right are Ray, Eden, Jeanna, and Avi.



November 2020
14 Cheshvan-14 Kislev 5781

Temple Beth El Times

Rabbi’s Message.....	18
President’s Remarks.....	19
Religious School News.....	21
TBE Food & Coat Drive.....	23
Contributions.....	24



TBE President's Remarks

By Kathy Young, TBE President

Where has this year gone? By now most, if not all, the leaves have fallen off the trees and fall is in full swing. Since this is the month of Thanksgiving, I want to talk to you about all the things I have to be grateful for.



Yes, there are the obvious ones: good health, love of family, a wonderful job I adore, and so many others. But honestly, I have the most gratitude for my Temple Beth El family. To say this has been a tough year for us all is truly an understatement. We have had to face circumstances many of us are still trying to deal with, such as COVID-19 and financial stress. But the one thing that keeps me going is my faith that we will all come out of this in some ways better than before. Yes, we will probably be wearing masks for some time to come. Yes, social distancing will still be a topic for discussion. But what never wavers is my knowledge that my TBE family is still there, maybe on Zoom, but there nonetheless. We have found wonderful zoom programming thanks to the Ritual and Worship Committee. We had incredible High Holy Days services thanks to a large group of people who so freely gave their time to ensure their success. We enjoyed a Virtual Auction thanks to the hard work of Karen and Peter Covell, Rise and Larry Tucker, and Alan Smuckler. We were entertained by our own members during our Virtual Talent Show in October. And the list goes on.

I hope you all consider our Congregation an extension of your family. We are here for you in good times and in those more challenging ones. Please find what interests you and let someone know you want to help on a committee. Or maybe you have a great idea for a new project. Let's get our creative juices flowing and make this a more wonderful year.

Blessing For The Mitzvah Of Putting On A Mask

Baruch ata, Adonai Eloheinu, בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יי אֱלֹהֵינוּ
Melech ha-olam, מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם
asher kidshanu b'mitzvotav, אֲשֶׁר קִדְּשָׁנוּ בְּמִצְוֹתָיו
v'tzivanu al shmirat hanefesh. וְצִוָּנוּ עַל שְׁמִירַת הַנֶּפֶשׁ

Blessed are You, Eternal our God,
Sovereign of the world,
who has sanctified us with commandments,
and commanded us to protect life.

If you would like to connect with TBE on Zoom, here are the links to our services:

★ Kabbalat Shabbat Services on Friday evenings at 7 p.m.:

Join Zoom Meeting
<https://zoom.us/j/835560058>
Meeting ID: 835 560 058
Password: 788114

★ Havdalah services on Saturday evenings at 6 p.m.:

Join Zoom Meeting
<https://zoom.us/j/405314387>
Meeting ID: 405 314 387
Password: 178744

ZOOM INSTRUCTIONS

1. If you have a laptop, smartphone, or tablet, you can download the app in advance.
2. If not, no worries! There are other options! You are either able to call in using a landline/cell phone or video conference in via a computer/phone/iPad with a camera. Both options are listed below.

To call in:

1. Under, DIAL BY LOCATION, call the number below that says NEW YORK (meaning East Coast). You will then have to enter the Meeting ID
2. To video conference:
 1. Click link below that says JOIN ZOOM MEETING.
 2. Something will pop up to download ZOOM (allow it).
 3. Once downloaded, the meeting should open. Please make sure to check off "Use Computer Audio"

If you are able, please make sure to mute yourself so noise doesn't come through the speakers into the group. On laptops/smartphones/tablets, there is a mute button. On the video conference, there is a mute button on the bottom left corner of the video screen. On landlines, there is not really a way to mute!

FACEBOOK INSTRUCTIONS

You do not need a Facebook account to watch/see our Facebook page, but you do need one to interact with the videos!



TBE: Serving Community Safely in COVID Times

Temple Beth El's efforts to serve its congregants during the COVID-19 pandemic include closing the building, teaching religious school and providing services and classes virtually, and having the choir and service leaders wear masks, socially distance, and use shielding for TBE Shabbat services.

Left: Choir members Becky Kidd, Breyon Ewing, Norma James, Katlyn Householder, Lynn Bennett and Eric White follow safety guidelines as they assist with TBE religious services.

Below: TBE Religious School teachers Justen Bain, Gina Feldblum, Tara Bain, Jeannine Mill & Jesse Weckstein work virtually.



Right: Wes James and Lou Gross monitor sound for TBE's online services.

Far right: Hannah James attends TBE Religious School via computer. While school is currently virtual, teachers are researching ways to teach when it's safe to gather in person again.



Temple Beth El Religious School November 2020 Update

By Norma James normajames@tbeknox.org

Daylight Savings Ends November 1.

Don't forget to set your clocks back to be on time for your Religious School class.



November is a quiet month after all of our Fall Holidays!

November is always a nice time to reflect on what we have to be thankful for. This is especially important during these difficult times. We all have daily decisions we have to make. Is this event safe for me, for my children, for my elderly parents? What will Thanksgiving be like this year? Should we travel or stay home? It is a constant conversation in our heads. Our children are no different. They have learned that even the “new normal” keeps changing. Let us look for the constants in our lives that can be a comfort. We still have each other. Every Sunday I watch our children show up for Religious School on Zoom. I see parents helping them log on and get set up. The children are always happy to see their classmates and teachers. Our teachers are doing an amazing job creating wonderful lessons. I am thankful every single time I see this happen. In our daily lives, we have found creative ways to do things that once were so simple. I am thankful that God has blessed us with minds that can solve problems. Our staff has already started planning a creative way for a safe return to Temple. We just do not know when that will be.

TBE Religious School Thanksgiving Break is Wednesday, November 25 and Sunday, November 29.

Attend Shabbat service with Rabbi Boxt and Norma every Friday at 7:00 p.m. on Zoom or on Facebook.

You can watch it live or see the recording. No need to dress up for services, pajamas, yoga pants, or track suits are perfectly fine.

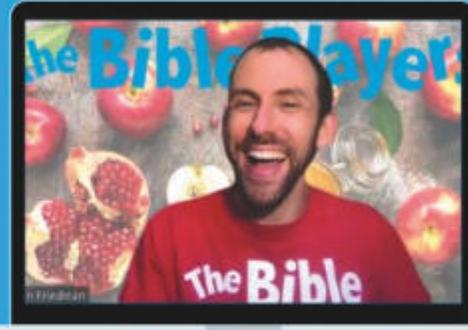


Attend Havdalah with Rabbi Boxt and Steve Lewis every Saturday evening at 6:00 p.m. on Zoom and Facebook.



Justen Bain and Jesse Weckstein prepare Temple Beth El religious school packets for students' drive through pickup prior to the start of TBE Religious School's Fall semester.

The Bible Players



The Bible Players bring down the *bayit* (house) in your very own living room with their award-winning unkosher comedy show for adults! Drinks and pants are optional but recommended.

Thursday, November 19th @ 8:00 Eastern on Zoom



THIS PERFORMANCE HAS BEEN APPROVED FOR
MATURE AUDIENCES ONLY
PARENTAL DISCRETION ADVISED
FOR ADULT THEMES & UNKOSHER
CONTENT



The Board of Directors of Temple Beth El has recommended that the TBE building remain closed for the month of November.

This is a month to month decision and when it is safe to reopen and all precautions have been taken to ensure the safety and well-being of each member, we will proceed in a very systematic way to bring congregants back. Please be patient with us, as these are exceedingly difficult decisions.

Thank you for your patience and understanding.

Kathy Young, President



*Temple Beth El and Sisterhood to Host "DRIVE-THRU" Donations
for Second Harvest and Coats for the Cold*

SECOND HARVEST DRIVE THRU...AND COAT DRIVE
Sunday, November 8, Noon-3:00 p.m., Temple Beth El side drive
& Thursday, November 12, 3:30-6:00 p.m., AJCC Parking Lot

There is comfort knowing we are getting through this together! COVID-19 has shaken America's health and wellbeing. More and more families are in need of food.

Second Harvest Food Bank of East Tennessee: Not everyone has the luxury of a full plate of food. Second Harvest collects non-perishable food and distributes to those in need. Barrels will be located at the side door of Temple Beth El under the awning. Please help fight hunger by donating. You won't need to leave your car!

- ◆ **Breakfast items: cereals, granola, snack bars, pop tarts, juice box**
- ◆ **Lunch items: peanut butter, jelly, soups, tuna, Spam, canned fruit, canned pasta, mayonnaise**
- ◆ **Dinner items: macaroni and cheese, pasta, rice, sauce, stews, canned vegetables, beans**

Coats for the Cold: Like many of you, we have had time to clear out some closets. There are folks in our community that need **clean, used men's, women's and children's outerwear and coats**. In conjunction with our food drive thru, we will also collect coats. One drive thru does it all!

We look forward to seeing you **outside TBE Sunday, November 8 OR Thursday, November 12 at the AJCC, 6800 Deane Hill Drive**. If you wish to make a donation and cannot participate at these designated times, please email Wilma at wilmadww@gmail.com and arrangements will be made.

THANK YOU FROM THE BOTTOM OF OUR HEARTS FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION!

Contributions to the Funds of Temple Beth El

Donations listed were received as of September 25, 2020

CLARENCE STRASBURGER SACRE MUSIC FUND

In loving memory of my mom, Emilie E. Strasburger; my dad, C. Clarence Strasburger and my brother, Charles C. (Sonny) Strasburger and In memory of Buzz Brody & Becky Winston
By: Linda Bolt

In memory of David Feldman
By: Maria Shusterman

In memory of Becky Winston
By: Brian and Karen Smith

LIBRARY FUND

In memory of Lawrence Leitson
By: Mark and Susan Leitson

DIRECTORY ADVERTISING

Donation By: Knoxville Jewish Alliance

DUES SUPPORT RELIEF FUND

Donation By: Daniel Fribourg
Donation By: Jill Vogelfang and
Gerry Milligan

LICHT YOUTH FUND

In honor of Genesis 12:3
By: James Murph

PRESERVATION FUND

In memory of Lester Hirsh
By: Ken and Phyllis Hirsh

GENERAL FUND

Donation By: Lisa Miller
In memory of Becky Winston
By: Bernard Bernstein
In memory of Wolfe Brody
By: Ivan Brody
In memory of Evan Brody
By: Sondra Brody
In memory of Sylvia Butler
By: David and Vivian Butler
In memory of Becky Winston
By: Thomas and Charolette Evans
In memory of Ettica Rosenbaum
By: Alan Gassel and Wendy Graziani
In honor of Rabbi Buxt for his support & encouragement
By: Jake Goldberg
In memory of Morris Goodfriend
By: Bob and Wendy Goodfriend
In memory of my father, Mike Goodfriend
By: Gary and Linda Johnson
In memory of Rebecca S. Winston
By: Janet Tabor
In memory of Becky Winston
By: Jeremy Tex Apolinski
In memory of Mrs. Harold Winston
By: Jan and Dwight Wade
In memory of Rebecca S. Winston
By: Harry and Elizabeth Stowers
In memory of Ettica Rosenbaum
By: Martin and Judi Abrams
In memory of Becky Winston
By: Phoebe Feinman and Hugh Gurin
In memory of Calvin Chin
By: Sharon Hatch
In memory of Becky Winston
By: Gilya Schmidt
In memory of Edna Ginsberg
By: Barry and Brenda Sherman

RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

Donation By: Richard Bernstein
In memory of Hans Haller
By: David and Vivian Butler
In memory of K. Kennard Gross
By: Lou Gross and Marilyn Kallet
In memory of Lawrence Leitson
By: Mark and Susan Leitson
In memory of Becky Winston
By: Susan and Jerry Becker
In memory of Emanuel Radoff
By: Fred and Ava Radoff
In memory of Ettica Rosenbaum
By: Ronald and Ebbie Sandberg
In memory of Betty Rhoad Lilly
By: Eric and Tammy Stone
In memory of Betty Rhoad Lilly
By: TBE Executive Board

SECURITY FUND

Brian and Susan Billinson
Steve and Joan Cohn
Daniel Fribourg
Jill Vogelfang and Gerry Milligan
In memory of Ernest Wohl
By: Barry and Marilyn Wohl
In memory of Ettica Rosenbaum
By: Kathy Young and
Eric & Tammy Stone

TEMPLE BETH EL TIMES

Rabbi Erin Buxt
rabbibuxt@tbeknox.org

Kathy Young, President
president@tbeknox.org

Norma James
Religious School Director
normajames@tbeknox.org

Tina Fleeman
Temple Beth El Office Staff
secretary@tbeknox.org

TBE OFFICE PHONE:
(865) 524-3521
Fax: (865) 525-6030

TEMPLE OFFICE HOURS:
Monday - Thursday:
10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Friday: 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Our Mission

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

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

www.tbeknox.org





K J C F F

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

Part II of II Anger and Compassion Motivate Philanthropy

Last month, we talked about getting angry and writing a check to make you feel better. The other great motivator in philanthropy is compassion. Caring about someone or something is the beginning of every great conversation. 2020 and 5780 have to be the greatest compassion generating year of most of our lifetimes. Not since the Holocaust and the founding of Israel have we seen so many opportunities to identify concurrent problems. How many of the problems are going to exist permanently? How many people and communities are going to be physically and emotionally scarred by virus, economic displacement, racial injustice, political strife and all the other things that are too normal to merit mention at the moment? Here is a plan of action: First, pick out the scar that touches the compassion in you. Second, let KJCFF work with its partners to find the best method of healing that scar. Third, lets "throw money at it" until the healing starts to feel good.

KJCFF has a ready supply of vitamin E for those that want to fund healing.

Knoxville Needs to Re-Endow The Dewey Reich Fund for Indigent Burial

KJCFF and KJA have for several years partnered with Heska Amuna and Temple Beth El to provide for Jewish burial rites for those that cannot cover the expenses. In 2013, the partners funded the Dewey Reich Chesed Shel Emet Fund of the KJCFF. The fund document states "the purpose of this fund is to provide support for the mitzvah of chesed shel emet, caring for the interment of those who cannot afford it, and who will never be able to return the kindness." As a result of its most recent grant, the fund is down to \$10,000, barely enough to cover two additional burials. Ask any historian, and they will tell you that Jewish communities are birthed in death. Most shtetls in the south had their first communal efforts in creating burial societies. Our story in Knoxville is no different. If you have interest in following in the giant leadership shoes of Dewey Reich and funding a mitzvah for which you can't be thanked, please contact Laura or Stephen.

KJCFF Fund of the Month: Sam and Esther Rosen Heska Amuna Synagogue Fund

Sam and Esther Rosen came to Knoxville in 1948. They were active members of Hadassah, Heska Amuna, AIPAC, AJCC, and KJF/KJA. Their wills left money to the AJCC, HA and KJA but they decided to give the money during their lives when KJCFF was launched in the last 90s. Though Sam and Esther have since passed, the funds have remained active under the advice of Alexandra Rosen, Mary Linda Schwarzbart, and Stephen Rosen. Recently, the Rosen HA Fund made a grant to the synagogue to pay for much of the cost of the new streaming system that broadcast the High Holy Day services to hundreds of members. If you would like to endow future technology that you never understand, contact Laura or Sam and Esther's grandson.

Publicly-held stocks and other securities held in a donor's account at a brokerage firm can be delivered electronically to KJCFF to add to an existing fund or to establish a new fund. Please notify Laura Berry or Stephen Rosen when a transfer or delivery of stock is forthcoming. Please identify the name of the donor and the name and number of shares of the individual securities contributed so the contribution may be properly tracked, credited, and acknowledged. Shares held at other firms may be transferred electronically via the Depository Trust Company system (DTC transfer) as follows:

DTC INSTRUCTIONS

Raymond James

DTC#: 725

Reference: East Tennessee Foundation
Account # 26042111

Donations

Fribourg-Brunschwig Holocaust Memorial Education Fund
In Memory of Henry Fribourg
Scott Senseman

KNOXVILLE JEWISH COMMUNITY FAMILY OF FUNDS BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Stephen Rosen, President; Jacki Imbrey, Secretary/Treasurer; Abraham Brietstein, Past President; Jeff Becker; Bernard Bernstein; Arnold Cohen; Robert Goodfriend; Scott Hahn, Richard Jacobstein; Carole Martin, Rosalie Nagler; Jenifer Ohriner; Howard Pollock; Pace Robinson; Bernard Rosenblatt, Laura Berry, Administrative Director

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

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



President's Message

By Hilary Shreter, JCOR President

I am writing this while we are in the middle of the High Holidays. But it's 2020 and we don't have much social life. However, our Jewish community in Oak Ridge has been very active. Our members made our ordinary events extraordinary this year!



Sisterhood usually has a challah sale for Rosh Hashanah and sends treats to shut-ins. Since we were all shut-ins this year, under the leadership of *Becky Charles*, our Sisterhood gave challah and treats, plus a Jewish calendar, to all JCOR and Sisterhood members.

We couldn't realistically hold services in the shul, so *Rabbi Victor Rashkovsky* and *Bruce Tomkins* leading the Ritual Committee arranged for Zoom services. Prayer books were distributed by volunteers if they couldn't come for pickup.

At Tashlich, Sisterhood's potluck was held in COVID-aware fashion, led by *Becky Charles*. It was a Bring-Your-Own picnic with individual apple and honey packets provided. And along with the Tashlich readings from *Bruce Tomkins*, we enjoyed Shofar blasts from *Zane Bell*.

Naturally we held no onegs after services. But *Bonnie Carroll*, our Finance and Strategic Planning Chair with her Team (*Jeannette Gilbert*, *Carol Plasil* and *Catherine Braunstein*, and *Hilary Shreter*), took advantage of Zoom's global reach and called together an "Apples and Honey Zoom" featuring stories of the pillars of our Jewish community. The Zoom event was well attended and much appreciated by members and former members ACROSS 3 GENERATIONS from close by and from far away.

Yom Kippur Appeal

Our Yom Kippur Appeal is underway -- please give generously to support our Jewish Community of Oak Ridge. And good Yom Tov!



Above: Members toss crumbs symbolizing sins into the waters at the Outdoor Picnic and Tashlich 2020-



Left: Zane Bell blows the shofar,



Katie Niad enjoys the Outdoor Picnic and Tashlich 2020.

Virtual Sisterhood FRIDAY NIGHT SHABBAT Every Other Friday Night

Contact Penny Lukin at plukin@comcast.net or 865-671-0780 for information.

Join us for
Shabbat.



JCOR Continues to Celebrate Via Zoom

By Hilary Shreter, President, and Bonnie C Carroll, Chair, Finance

After Tashlich, we kicked off the New Year with a JCOR Zoom. We had people from all geographies from Israel to California to New York, South Carolina and more. We had three generations of our greater community coming together to renew friendships and wish each other a happy new year. We wished Rose Holz a happy 100th birthday! And we honored the first three of many pillars of JCOR: Ruthie Carey, Ernie Silver, and Mira Kimmelman. And this is just the beginning of our JCOR Genealogy which will culminate in the celebration of JCOR's 80th anniversary in 2023. It makes us all proud!

To be successful as we look to the next year and the next decade of JCOR, we need your support. If you have already given to the 2020 YKA Campaign- Thank You! If not, check your E-News for how to give, or just send an email to office@jcor.info

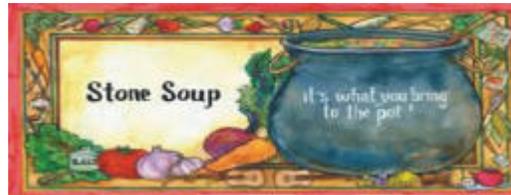
JCOR 2020-2021 Yom Kippur Appeal

THANK YOU

FOR HELPING JCOR TO REACH ITS GOALS!



Presenting Sydney Sophia Baker, born May 8. Parents are Laura Meyer Baker and Jonathan Baker, of Chicago. Grandparents are Beth and Fred Meyer, of Oak Ridge. Sydney is named after Beth's father."



JCOR partners with ORUUC to feed the hungry!

Monthly "stone soup" meal and food baskets on the last Friday of every month at ORUUC. Please make your check payable to ORUUC and send to Ronnie Bogard.

Virtual Education at JCOR

- ★ Hebrew lessons on Sunday afternoons with Anna Iroff-Bailey for Hebrew Aleph at 2:00 p.m. and Hebrew Bet at 3:00 p.m.
- ★ Conversational Hebrew on Thursday mornings at 11:30 a.m. The source material is *Jerusalem Post Ivrit*. This class is for all levels of conversation. Participants should be able to read Hebrew.

Send an email to events@jcor.info to get more information

To receive JCOR E-News, send your email request to events@jcor.info.

JEWISH CONGREGATION OF OAK RIDGE

Rabbi Victor Rashkovsky—vicrash@yahoo.com
Hilary Shreter, President—hshreter@gmail.com
Becky Charles, Sisterhood President—gchar2@aol.com

101 W. Madison Lane, Oak Ridge, TN 37830
(Mail) P.O. Box 5434, Oak Ridge, TN 37831

Saturday morning services are virtual on every other Saturday at 10:00 a.m. For more information, contact Rabbi Rashkovsky at vicrash@yahoo.com.

www.jcortn.org

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/JewishOakRidge/>



CHABAD OF KNOXVILLE



ב"ה

High Holidays @ Chabad

An overview of Chabad of Knoxville's socially distanced and Covid safe impact throughout Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur

120

Challahs baked virtually and in-person at the Mega Challah Bake



Round Rosh Hashana Challah



Starting the year with a Mitzvah

50

Women committed to lighting Shabbat/Rosh Hashana candles

64

Rosh Hashana bags delivered to local teens to enhance their Rosh Hashana celebration

Teens sharing the Rosh Hashana joy!



Heard the Shofar in person!!!!!!

130

People heard shofar under the big white tent Synagogue, masked and social distanced



45

Break-Fast packaged to go enjoyed after Yom Kippur.



May we be sealed for a year of happiness, health and only good!

Rabbi Yossi, Jonathan Branton, Mendel and Chayale got together to help our teens actualize their dream of bringing the joy of Sukkot to our community. Even Knoxville Mayor Indya Kincannon enjoyed a visit in the Sukkah Mobile. More pics and details coming in the next issue of Ha'Kol.

JAHRZEIT

Heska Amuna Synagogue

November 7

Ilse Abeles ♦ Günsa Glazer ♦ Blume Goldstein ♦ Bernyce Gurwitsch ♦ Hanna Hahn ♦ Gilbert Levison ♦ Sylvia Levison ♦ James Lowe ♦ David Moskowitz ♦ Bertha Moss ♦ Vera Noorily ♦ Alex Presser ♦ Etta Renert ♦ Harold Rosenthal ♦ Salome Slovis ♦ Rachel Slovis ♦ Flora Stollin ♦ Pesach Werner ♦ Clara Winick ♦ Pearl Zwick

November 14

Heinz Baerman ♦ Leah Berez ♦ Rose Eisner ♦ Bobby Evars ♦ P.L. Fuson ♦ Max Hurvich ♦ Josephine Klein ♦ Elsa Klein ♦ Regina Levy ♦ Debra Martindale ♦ , Monnie Millen ♦ Natan Naumann ♦ Hilda Nisenson ♦ Carmen Pfeffer ♦ Hannah Poster ♦ Nathan Rattner ♦ David Rosen ♦ Celia Shaw ♦ Faye Simon ♦ Ben Slovis ♦ Judy Solomon ♦ David Tomlinson ♦ Myra Weinstein ♦ George Weisberg

November 21

Rebecca Benbenisty ♦ Ronald Berry ♦ Lois Boiarsky ♦ Nathan Busch ♦ Rose B. Busch ♦ Anna Cohen ♦ Jacob Corkland ♦ Mike Gettinger ♦ Sadye Jacobs ♦ Nancy Lawhead ♦ Lillian Liberman ♦ Charles Margolies ♦ David Norynberg ♦ Libbye Perelman ♦ Rose Presser ♦ Dora Shersky ♦ Robert Shersky ♦ Eva Sturm ♦ Fannie Taylor

November 28

Sigmund Bank ♦ Harry Becker ♦ Eleanor Belaief ♦ Rafael Benhayon ♦ Rose R. Busch ♦ Mattie Corkland ♦ Charles Davis ♦ Fanny Diamond ♦ Rose Diftler ♦ Max Gabler ♦ Buzy Kaplar ♦ David Liberman ♦ Meyer Linke ♦ Eddie McCoy ♦ Norman Nadler ♦ Helen Presser ♦ Sol Richer ♦ Bea Russotto ♦ Toby Schwartz ♦ Murray Schwartz ♦ Milton Shaw ♦ Ida Siegal ♦ Nathan Slovis ♦ Irvin Wolf

JAHRZEIT

TEMPLE BETH EL

November 6

Mabell Anthony ♦ Morris Billen ♦ David Blumberg ♦ Gustav Brunschwig ♦ Simone Levi Brunschwig ♦ Toni Buescher ♦ Agnes Canner ♦ Russell Eugene Cyzick ♦ Helen Nachman Epstein ♦ Joseph D. Feldman ♦ Jay Goodfriend ♦ Marvin Miller ♦ Ted Perlmutter ♦ Yitzhak Rabin ♦ Marvin Shey ♦ Gloria Weinstein

November 13

Jean-Pierre Besman ♦ Samuel Mark Brody ♦ Gerson Bush ♦ Sam Cawn ♦ Anna Cohen ♦ Rose Cohen ♦ Irwin Deutscher ♦ Edith (Missy) Dickey ♦ Max Gillman ♦ Herbert Glazer ♦ Bertha Lees ♦ Fannie Lippner ♦ Ursula Mangold ♦ Charles Margolies ♦ Frederick B Millis ♦ Ethel Misner ♦ Nathaniel Razansky ♦ David Silverstein ♦ Marcia Silverstein ♦ Iva Jean Wadsworth ♦ Page Wallace ♦ Richard Wayburn ♦ Murray Weinstein ♦ Richard Dick Zivi

November 20

Walter N Blaufeld ♦ Mimi Brody ♦ Ben Cohn ♦ Loretta Cohn ♦ Joseph Dresner ♦ Michael Ecker ♦ Sigmund Frankel ♦ Gloria Glazer ♦ David Goodfriend ♦ Celia Gutman ♦ Florence Jacobstein ♦ Sol Richer ♦ Toby Schwartz ♦ Jacqueline Selk ♦ Sonia Shey ♦ Cheryl Lynn Steinfeld-Weinberg ♦ Eva Landsman Sturm

November 27

I. Robert Brodie ♦ Herbert Brody ♦ Isadore Brody ♦ Sarah Sue Bush ♦ Albert Fribourg ♦ Anne Goldstein ♦ David Hiller ♦ Irwin Kipnes ♦ Charles Konigsberg ♦ Belar Koptiva ♦ Shirley Kravitz ♦ Emanuel Liebman ♦ Harry Mintz ♦ Silvestr Ostrovskaya ♦ Bernard Meyer Schramm ♦ Meyer Weintraub

Hadassah HIGHLIGHTS

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

HADASSAH
Knoxville

MISCONCEPTIONS ABOUT YOUR FOOD; LEARN THE TRUTH

JOIN HADASSAH KNOXVILLE

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 15TH, 1PM | VIA ZOOM



BENEFITS OF EATING HEALTHY

Understanding the confusion and misconceptions of the food you eat and your diet:

- GMOs
- Organic foods
- Grass Fed vs Grass Finished vs Grain Finished
- Fresh Food vs Frozen Food
- Grocery Store vs Direct from the Producer
- Kosher Meats

Hear the answers to all your questions from our panel!

Matt Niswander: Family Nurse Practitioner and first-generation cattleman from Lawrenceburg, TN

Jessy Shanks: Small Ruminant Specialist in UT's Animal Science department, as well as has her own breeding flock of sheep and more...

Tyson Roberts: A produce farmer and represents the 6th generation of Roberts' to farm in Layton, Utah



All are welcome, but all guests must register.

***REGISTER BY NOV 13TH HERE: (CREDIT CARD & CHECKS ACCEPTED

(TYPE INTO BROWSER HKNOX.EVENTS)

Questions? hadassahknoxvilleac@gmail.com

HADASSAH
Knoxville

■ HOW DO YOU CONNECT TO HADASSAH?



Hadassah Member Benefits

- Hadassah Knoxville Newsletters by-weekly
- HADASSAH KNOXVILLE (cover by local artist) Membership Directory Shopping Guide & Datebook
- Subscription to *Hadassah Magazine*: print and digital
- Connecting people with shared values in Knoxville and across the country
- Empowering women by joining to influence positive change
- Access to webinars/podcasts/videos
- Receive national communications
- Invitations to national as well as regional events
- Offers to exclusive group travel to Israel via missions
- Opportunity to participate in advocacy initiatives
- Access to Health & Wellness programs and resources
- Privilege to support the organization through a variety of giving opportunities

Hadassah's

Holiday Hardaláh & Game Night



December 26th

7:30pm

Hanukkah Cooking Demo



Wednesday, December 9 --- 1-2:30 pm --- Zoom

SAVE THE DATE!

Join Anita Kay as she prepares a tasty and traditional vegetarian meal for the Festival of Lights featuring local Jewish community recipes.



HADASSAH PROUDLY PRESENTS:

THE BRANCH

AN IMPORTANT NEW PODCAST ABOUT
BUILDING CONNECTIONS BETWEEN
JEWS AND ARABS IN ISRAEL.

THE
BRANCH

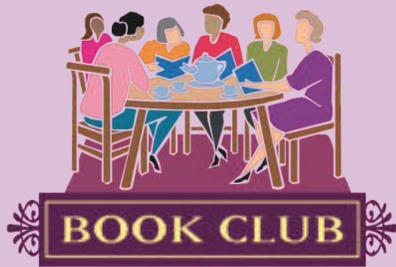
Listen now: [Hadassah.org/TheBranch](https://www.hadassah.org/TheBranch)
Join the conversation: [#TheBranchPodcast](https://twitter.com/TheBranchPodcast)

NEWSLETTER

**HADASSAH KNOXVILLE
HAS A
NEW FORMAT
FOR OUR NEWSLETTER**

As a Hadassah member
let us know if you are not
getting the new formatted
newsletter:

Contact Andrea Cone at
hadassahknoxvilleac@gmail.com



Hadassah Book Club News

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

We welcome you to participate in our **Tuesday, November 17** Hadassah Book Club meeting. We will start at **7:30 p.m.**, likely using Zoom if we still cannot meet in the coffee shop area of the Barnes and Noble Book Store on Kingston Pike. We will discuss *The Only Woman in the Room* by Marie Benedict.



She possessed a stunning beauty and a stunning mind. Her beauty almost certainly saved her from the rising Nazi party and led to a marriage with an Austrian. She accidentally overheard some Third Reich plans and she understood more than anyone would guess. She came to Hollywood and became Hedy Lamarr, screen star. But she kept a secret that she was a scientist and that she knew a few secrets about the enemy. She had an idea that might help the country fight the Nazis. A powerful novel based on the incredible true story of the glamour icon and scientist whose groundbreaking invention revolutionized modern communication.

- **December:** *The Diving-Bell and the Butterfly* by Jean-Dominique Bauby
- **January:** *Educated* by Tara Westover

Questions? Please check the Hadassah webpage at <https://jewishknoxville.org/hadassah> or contact

Barbara Mintz at barbara@bmintz.com or (865) 363-4149

An RSVP is helpful as we continue to use Zoom.

Zoom codes and identification numbers will be shared at a later time.

Celebrate Motherhood with a Hadassah Layette

By Batya Boxt

Hadassah sends layettes to women who have a new baby or grandbaby. A layette is a card from all of us congratulating them on the new baby!

When I receive information about a future Hadassah member's arrival, I will email all of you. If you are interested in having your name included on the layette, please email me back and let me know.

If you don't have a layette account, please send me a check to set that up. I'd recommend \$25 to start. If you need to replenish your account, please send that check to me as well. So that my address isn't distributed publicly, please email me to request my address. Let me know how much money you'd like to donate to the layette and I'll deduct that amount from your layette account. When the account is low (around \$5), I'll email you so you can refill it. **Please contact me at batyabox@gmail.com.**



Hadassah Highlights

Knoxville Chapter of Hadassah

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Andrea Cone	President	hadassahknoxvilleac@gmail.com
Laura Floyd	Treasurer	floydfam@knology.net
Shuli Mesa	V.P. Programming	shulime@gmail.com
Revital Ganzi	V.P. Education	revitalganzi@gmail.com
Harriet Glasman	Recording Secretary	harrietglasman@gmail.com
Mary Ann Merrell	Corresponding Secretary	mamerrell@yahoo.com
Laura Floyd	Advisor	floydfam@knology.net

GENERAL BOARD

Arrangements	Debra Ellis
Book Club & JNF Program	Peggy Littmann
Bulletin/ <i>Ha'Kol</i>	Harriet Glasman
Condolence Cards	Betty Golub
Directory Bookkeeper	Laura Floyd
Directory Chair	Jill Weinstein
EVOLVE SPARK	Abby Kaplan
Historian/Yearbook	Jenny Pfeffer
HMO Luncheon	<i>vacant</i>
HUB Advisor	Bonnie Boring
JNF Tree & Water Certificates	Joyce York
Large Certificates	Mary Ann Merrell
Layettes	Batya Boxt
Leadership Development	Mary Linda Schwarzbart
Membership	Nancy Britcher
Parliamentarian	Marian Jay
PRAZE	Harriet Cooper
Records Administrator	Barbara Mintz
Sunshine Correspondence	Betty Golub
Social Media	Jean Begue
Youth Aliyah	Mary Evars-Goan

Greeting Cards: <https://www.hadassah.org/ways-to-give/ecard-marketplace/ecard-main.html>





Stanford Eisenberg Knoxville Jewish Day School

Let's Talk About Art

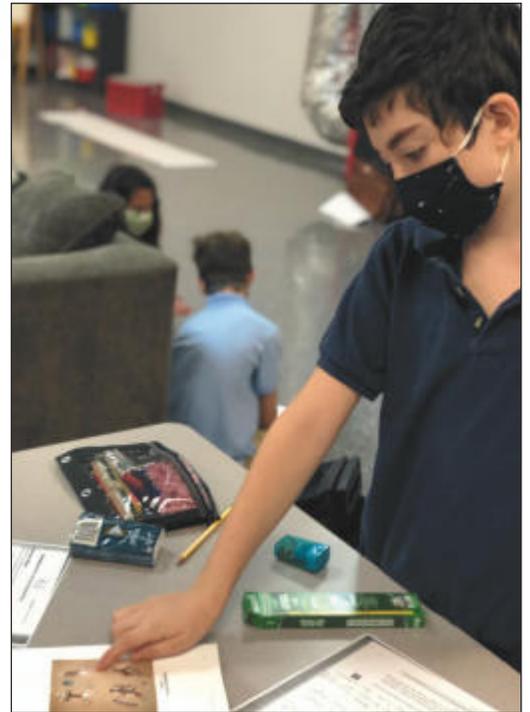
Students at KJDS learn all of the traditional content and skills of elementary students. They learn reading, writing, math, science, and social studies. But, they also learn how to talk. Through the *Touchpebbles* curriculum, developed at St. John's College in Annapolis, MD, students learn how to discuss complex texts and pieces of art. The class, taught weekly to all 4th and 5th grade students at KJDS, hones their skills in critical thinking, listening, and building teamwork and empathy by explicitly teaching them how to have discussions. The students learn and practice the following skills:

- Cooperating with All Classmates
- Stating Ideas Clearly
- Exploring Various Perspectives
- Following Lines of Discussion and Thought
- Relating Directly to Peers
- Analyzing Group Effectiveness
- Reflecting on Viewpoint of Self and Others
- Respecting Others' Opinions
- Asking Questions to Clarify Discussion
- Formulating Complex Ideas

They also self-evaluate their growth as discussion participants. *Touchpebbles* helps them serve as school leaders now and prepares them to navigate new situations and self-advocate as they enter middle school. It also forces them to think creatively, wondering about what they read and see and developing their ideas and interpretations as they talk them through with peers.

In one recent *Touchpebbles* lesson, students were tasked with recording and sharing their interpretations of a Navajo Sandpainting. The picture challenged them to consider the artist's use of symbols and colors to convey a story. Students also had fun collaborating to craft their own stories about the sandpainting and debating what various symbols might represent. They were delighted when they found that they'd interpreted some of the piece just as the artist had intended and were amazed at the depth of the painting upon reading the artist's statement on the work. Having conversations and evaluating themselves in discussion not only prepares KJDS students for middle school, it helps them have real tools to interact in the world.

Using the pictures as a jumping off point, students discuss their thoughts and feelings about various topics.



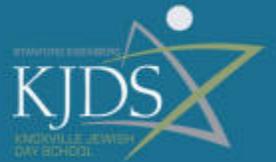
This curriculum uses both self-discovery and whole group discussion. It gives students a solid start at learning how to advocate for themselves and navigate complex conversations. These skills are practiced in the safe space of their classroom community.



ב"ה

A CLOSER LOOK

Join us for a virtual tour and experience our dynamic community where learning is a passion and each day is infused with a spirit of joy.



Joy. Community. Exploration.

November 13th, 2020 @ 8:30am
December 7th, 2020 @ 2:00pm

Kindly RSVP to Jenny Wood, Director of Admission
jwood@kjds.org 865.560.9922 www.kjds.org
Tours welcomed on alternate days by appointment.



Welcome to KJDS, Ortiz Family

We are the Ortiz family, and we are so happy to be a part of KJDS this year! Rachel is a Knoxville native and grew up in the Knoxville Jewish community. She is a nurse practitioner practicing family medicine at a nearby community health center.

David is originally from Queens, New York. He manages operations at A&B Distributors, a local food distributor.

Zahava (5) is a kindergartener at KJDS. Eliana (1.5) attends the Early Learning Center at the University of Tennessee. Both girls are very excited to be expecting a baby brother in January. Together, we enjoy playing outside in the beautiful East Tennessee landscape, from hiking in the mountains to boating on the lake. Our family also enjoys traveling, dancing at concerts, and games/puzzles. We are so excited to be a part of the KJDS family and look forward to getting to know everyone.

STEAM in Our Classrooms

The K/1 class was excited when Ms. Lusk distributed their STEAM notebooks. They knew what the notebooks meant, they had important work to do! They would be making observations and plans. They would be conducting experiments. They were about to move through the engineering-design process, and they needed a place to record their important work! The students take their learning seriously, and they could not wait to get started.

STEAM stands for Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math. Creating experiences around STEAM helps our students understand that we do not have to use academic subjects in isolation, instead, we usually combine all of our knowledge to solve problems and learn new things. This integrative learning approach is also fun for students. They are tasked with a problem, gather information, craft a plan, try it out, iterate, and try again. Using multiple disciplines together with the engineering design process means that while all students might solve the problem, their solutions may vary greatly. And, part of the learning is observing the work of peers, noting that there are many ways to solve problems. STEAM learning can be applied to big projects or small one day challenges.

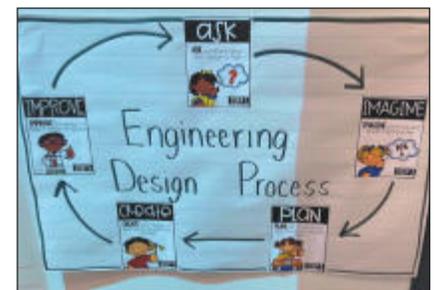
When the K/1 students first received their STEAM notebooks, they were tasked with a challenge related to one of their favorite books, *Chicka Chicka Boom Boom*. It is a story of letters that climb up a coconut tree, but sadly all fall off as there isn't enough room for the whole alphabet. Ms. Lusk provided her students with some supplies and asked them to build a tree that could safely hold all of the letters. The students' trees varied but the letters were secure! And, they had so much fun planning and problem-solving and writing their observations and ideas in their STEAM notebooks. Who knows what their next challenge might be, but the K/1 students know they are ready.



Mrs. Lusk took this lesson to the next level by dressing up as the coconut tree. Her passion for teaching is evident in everything she does.



Left and Above: Students were creative in their designs. Learning that not everything works the first time is part of the process. Right: Engineering Design model



In their own Words Board Member Edition

By Susan Silber

My journey with KJDS began nearly eight years ago when a friend asked me to be a substitute PE teacher. I didn't know much about the school but I was excited to learn more! For 15 years, I had spent time in the Knox County Schools with a program called "Kids on the Block" which uses life sized puppets to talk about sensitive subjects. When I began subbing at KJDS, I noticed something very different and special about the students. They showed unbelievable KINDNESS towards one another. They were always inclusive and worked together to conquer whatever task was involved. The older students mentored the younger ones and all were respectful and caring. It was clear to me that this was a very special place!

My journey with KJDS continued when I was approached about becoming a Special Friend. This is a wonderful program where each student is matched with a grandparent aged member of the community. Special Friends are invited to school to spend time with students throughout the year. I was excited about the opportunity!

I have seen my special friends grow from very shy timid students into confident and very intelligent inquisitive beings. I know that my friendships with these students will continue beyond the 5th grade, as they go out into the world ready to tackle anything that comes their way. Being a Special Friend has been all that I imagined and more. It has truly been a treasured time in my life. I know that this year will be different, but I can hardly wait until the next Special Friends event to take place.

Becoming a board member in 2016 allowed me to become even more involved with KJDS and learn more about this awesome school. At every meeting we are so impressed with what Miriam Esther and her staff have done that we all say, "can we be student at KJDS?" The staff are on the cutting edge of education and always keep the mission of JOY, COMMUNITY, AND EXPLORATION a top priority. Upon entering, there is positive energy everywhere. The students are taught critical thinking skills in a comfortable and nurturing environment. They are curious, eager to learn, and their different learning styles are embraced. They know that failure is part of the learning process and they persevere until they are successful. They are very confident in their Jewish learning and they know that they are an integral part of their Jewish community in Knoxville. I have learned so much from them about the holidays, kashrut and other traditions that I thought I had already known. Their knowledge is expansive and they are quick to respond to any question.

In case it is not obvious, I am the # 1 fan of KJDS. These students will spread their wings after leaving with the skill set necessary to take on the world, thanks to the environment at KJDS!! I wish KJDS was around when my sons were in elementary school!



Susan Silber and Special Friends

Stanford Eisenberg Knoxville Jewish Day School

KJDS Staff and Board

Miriam Esther Wilhelm
Head of School

Louise Lindsay
Innovation Coach

Ann Ely
Director of Operations

Jenny Parker Wood
Director of Admissions

Brooke Haskins
Katie Lusk
K-1st Grade Teachers

Rebecca Blanchard
2-3rd Grade Teacher

Fran Julien
4-5th Grade Teacher

Revital Ganzi-Sagiv
Hebrew Instruction Consultant

Dana Maman
Hebrew Teacher

Julia Stark
Drama Teacher

Chris Quinn
PE Coach

Lev Gross Comstock
Music Teacher

Amy Broady
Art Teacher

Board of Directors

President: Michael Zemel
Vice President: Ellen Markman
Treasurer: Odysseus Bostick
Secretary: Jeff Becker
Founding Officer: Rabbi Yossi Wilhelm

Nancy Becker, Bernard Bendriem,
Judy Brietstein, Gina Di Salvo, Rachael
Oberman Ellis, Gloria Z. Greenfield,
Maurice Guigui, David Hull, Anna Iroff-
Bailey, Sandy Parker, Judith Rosenberg,
Susan Silber, Tamara Sturm

Arnold G. Cohen, Attorney at Law

865-524-0510 • agc@dmrpclaw.com

www.avvo.com/attorneys/37919-tn-arnold-cohen-4289077.html

Tax & Business Planning • Contracts • Real Estate
IRS & State Tax Disputes • Estate Planning
Probate • Conservatorship • Guardianship

DUNN, MACDONALD & REYNOLDS, PC
6204 Baum Drive • Knoxville, Tennessee 37919



Bring Your Event To Life!

With our NEW state of the art
interactive Magic Mirror
Digital Photo Experience.



Say Cheese! We bring the FUN to you with
our Magic Mirror Digital Photo Experience!

SAY CHEESE
Photo Fun!



Great for Bat Mitzvahs, Weddings,
Proms, Corporate Events, and More!

Personalize your photos with props,
backdrops, customized
templates, and more!

Call us now at **865-312-1060**
for your special party package!

www.saycheesephotofun.com

Imbrey & Associates is now



Knoxville, Nashville,
Memphis, Clarkesville and
Cleveland/Chattanooga

Jacki S. Imbrey, CLU, ChFC, CFP® RICP®

Richard M. Imbrey, CLU, ChFC, CFP®

David H. Jeffries, CFP®, RICP®



*"Focusing on strategies for
wealth accumulation and
retirement income distribution"*

1322 Dowell Springs Blvd. • Knoxville, TN 37909

(865) 588-9333

www.WaypointKnoxville.com



maryvillemonument.com

(865) 983-3192

804 E. Broadway Ave. • Maryville

Support the
KJA Campaign

www.jewishknoxville.org

ERP East Tennessee
Roooter & Plumbing

HOME OF \$35 BACKFLO TESTING
RESIDENTIAL & COMMERCIAL

Plumbing/Drain Cleaning
Back Flo Testing

State License #47637 P.O. Box 52906
Insured & Bonded Knoxville, TN 37950
(865) 688-0357



WE'RE HIRING AD SALES EXECUTIVES



- Full Time Position with Benefits
- Sales Experience Preferred
- Paid Training
- Overnight Travel Required
- Expense Reimbursement

CONTACT US AT

careers@4LPi.com • www.4LPi.com/careers

AVAILABLE
FOR A LIMITED TIME

ADVERTISE YOUR
BUSINESS HERE

Contact **Melissa Jones** to place an ad today!
mjones@4LPi.com or **(800) 477-4574 x6570**



JUDY TEASLEY

LUXURY HOMES SPECIALIST

o 865.694.5904 | c 865.599.9500 | f 865.694.5924
judy@judyteasley.com | www.judyteasley.com

- ☆ Top 10 in the Southeast Region 2011-2015, 2017
- ☆ Keller Williams Presidents Club and Customer Service Award 2016
- ☆ Best Individual Real Estate Agents in Tennessee per Real Trends 2013-2017

kw KELLERWILLIAMS.

Each Keller Williams
Office is Independently
Owned and Operated





JUDY BRIETSTEIN

CRS, GRI, REALTOR®
865.966.1111 Office
800.235.4236 Toll Free
865.803.7246 Cell
judybrietstein@gmail.com
www.LiveInKnox.com



Please call for special attention regarding your real estate needs.

LEIBOWITZ LAW FIRM, PLLC

ATTORNEYS AT LAW

LAWRENCE P. LEIBOWITZ
BRANDON J. TINDELL

608 GAY STREET S.W.
KNOXVILLE, TN 37902

TEL (865) 637-1809 • FAX (865) 637-9276

WWW.LEIBOWITZFIRM.COM

Dependable Care by Experienced CAREGiversSM

Serving seniors with extraordinary non-medical care in Knox, Anderson & Roane County since 1997. Call now to see how we can help your loved one.



Home Instead Senior Care is locally owned & operated by Amy L. Hull

Call to meet with someone from our team today!

865.523.1300

To learn more visit homeinstead.com
Each Home Instead Senior Care franchise office is independently owned and operated.

Sign Up For Summer Camps Today!

www.jewishknoxville.org



A COMMUNITY DESIGNED
WITH YOUR LOVED ONE IN MIND
(865) 777-9000 | nhcfarragut.com

LANCASTER LAND MANAGEMENT



(865)
617-1200



Get back to you. *Faster.*

We treat:

- Sports Injuries
- Neck & Back Pain
- Pelvic & Abdominal Pain
- Incontinence
- Physical effects of Parkinson's Disease
- Vertigo & Concussion Treatment and more

8663 Middlebrook Pike
(865) 801-9380

kramerphysicaltherapy.com



Knox Defense | ATTORNEYS

Protecting your rights

CALL FOR A
FREE CONSULTATION



Joshua Hedrick
Knowledgeable, Experienced,
and Dedicated Defense

With over 80 years of combined experience, we offer unmatched legal defense in trial and appellate courts.

865-524-8106

knoxdefense.com

607 Market St., Ste. 1100 Knoxville, TN 37902



10 LOCATIONS TO SERVE YOU
PRESTIGECLEANERSINC.NET



5 KNOXVILLE AREA LOCATIONS
PRESTIGETUXEDO.COM

Bible Harris Smith, P.C.

Certified Public Accountants and
Business Advisors Since 1949

507 West Clinch Ave. • Knoxville
(865) 546-2300 • www.bhspc.com

Tax, Accounting and Auditing
Litigation Support • Fraud
Examinations • Business Valuations

MORTGAGE INVESTORS GROUP Home Financing You Can Count On

Gary Sturm

SR. LOAN OFFICER • BRANCH MANAGER

865-691-8910

gary.sturm@migonline.com

www.sturmhomeloans.com

NMLS #1375205, TN #125405



Breast Cancer Breast Surgery



Aaron G. Margulies MD

Call (865) 692-1610
(423) 714-1955

HIDDEN SCAR
BREAST CANCER SURGERY

BRCA & Lynch Clinical Genetics Service

Helping you and your family
reduce your risk

Imelda G. Margulies, FNP

Call 692-1602

- BRCA & myRisk Panel Testing
- High Risk Breast and Prostate Cancer Assessment Especially for Ashkenazi Jews
- Cancer Genetic Risk Assessment



FUNERAL & CREMATION SERVICES

Call us today.

We are here 24 hours a day,
7 days a week, 365 days a year.

Broadway - (865) 523-2121

Mann Heritage Chapel - (865) 588-8578

PIANO LESSONS

Maria Moshinskaya-Pearse

Moscow Conservatory & Rice University
20+ Years of Teaching Experience in the U.S.
Adults and Children of 10 and up

FIRST LESSON IS ALWAYS FREE

www.celestialpianostudio.com

celestialpiano@outlook.com

865-591-8783





6800 Deane Hill Drive
Knoxville, TN 37919-5943
www.jewishknoxville.org

Non-Profit
Org.
U.S. Postage
PAID
Knoxville, TN
Permit No. 106

Ha'Kol is a joint community project.

The Jewish Community Archives of Knoxville and East Tennessee



The Way We Were in 1985

Arnold **Schwarzbart** with Rabbi **Greenspan** and family

In September 1985, Mary Linda **Schwarzbart** took this photograph in her kitchen of her husband Arnold (z'l), and Rabbi Mark and Marilyn **Greenspan** with their son Dani. After serving as rabbi at Heska Amuna Synagogue from 1980-1986, Rabbi Greenspan was the rabbi of Beth El Temple in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, for 11 years before accepting a position at Beth Shalom Oceanside Jewish Center in Oceanside (LongIsland), New York. He retired in 2019 and is now Rabbi Emeritus of Beth Shalom Oceanside Jewish Center. And in 2020, Dani married.

Thanks to Mary Linda **Schwarzbart**, who's lived in Knoxville nearly all her life, for the donation of this photograph.

Send your photos of
"The Way We
Were" (identifying
who, what, when,
where) to
[ar-
chives@jewishknox
ville.org](mailto:archives@jewishknoxville.org), or contact
the archivist at (865)
690-6343.