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

INVEST IN YOUR FUTURE

Thank you to those who answered the call for 2017!



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WE NEED 100% PARTICIPATION TO MEET OUR 2017 KJA CAMPAIGN GOAL.

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KJA Campaign Chair, Jake Cone.

LIVE IN THE MOMENT

- ◆ **October 8:** Sundown in the Sukkah featuring music by Mischa Goldman
- ◆ **October 28:** Russian Dinner hosted by Mark & Lucy Barkan
- ◆ **December 2:** MCDC & AJCC Preschool Reunion!



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Knoxville Jewish Alliance

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Share Your Dream: Planning Our Jewish Future

By Bernard Rosenblatt, Jake Cone, and Deborah Oleshansky

In March 2015, the Knoxville Jewish Alliance Board, which represents all Jewish agencies in Knoxville and which is dedicated to addressing issues of the entire Jewish Community, established the Bernstein Commission to look at what might be needed as the community evolves and moves forward.



Several public meetings and focus groups were held and information was gathered.

In 2017, the KJA Board decided to take the next step toward addressing our future planning and in April, 2017 invited the community to the *Share Your Dream: Planning our Jewish Future* gathering. Over 75 people representing the full diversity of our community and range of age groups, interest, and all Jewish agencies attended that first session. Facilitator Jake Cone shared a timeline of the Knoxville Jewish Community to see where we have come from in order to see where we are going.

Three priority areas were set:

- ★ **Moving to We:** *community collaboration.*
Convener Stephanie Kodish. KJA Executive Committee Representative Martha Iroff.
- ★ **Marketing and Branding** *our Jewish community.*
Convener Mary Linda Schwarzbart.
KJA Executive Committee Representative Judith Rosenberg.
- ★ **Venue Development:** *maximizing our physical presence in the community.*
Convener Chip Raymon. KJA Executive Committee Representative Adam Brown.

On August 31, after several individual meetings, the conveners reported the results of their deliberations in an open meeting. Those attending agreed that the findings should be offered to the leadership of our Jewish agencies for their consideration, input and support.

Moving to We: Community Collaboration

Group Members: Nancy Becker, Jeff Becker, Bernard Bendriem, Andrea Cone, Gaye Danowitz, Janet Gurwitch, Renee' Hyatt, Anna Iroff-Bailey, Norma James, Marian Jay, Rachel Klein, Raphe Panitz, Cheri Pollack, Deborah Roberts, Rabbi Yossi Wilhelm, Bella Wolitz, Jenny Wood

Convener Stephanie Kodish framed the effort in this way:

This committee consisted of individuals associated to varying degrees with different groups across our community. We sought to pullback from the interests of any specific entity and engaged in a robust and in depth discussion series around the central question of our group's objective. Working together we articulated our aspirational vision:

Focus community resources and energy to build vibrant opportunities across generations of the Jewish community while retaining diverse options.

This is just the beginning of an ongoing process for our Jewish future. Details of the process will be available on the Knoxville Jewish Alliance website (www.jewishknoxville.org) in early October.

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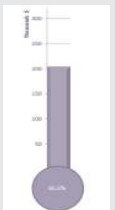
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The KJA Provides Programs and Services for All Ages

- Senior Adults:** Jewish Family Services & Friendshippers
- Young Families:** AJCC Preschool, MCDC, Swim Team, PJ Library, Cultural, Jewish holiday, educational, and social events
- Teens:** Weinstein BBG, Winick AZA, BBYO Connect
- Young Adults:** YJAK (Young Jewish Adults of Knoxville)
- College Students:** UTK Hillel
- Adults:** Educational, social, and cultural speakers events
- Everyone:** Advocacy, Community Relations, and services for all in need

Your generous support of the Knoxville Jewish Alliance Campaign makes all this happen.

Jake Cone,
2017 KJA Campaign Chair



Please Support Your Knoxville Jewish Alliance

- Donate online.
www.jewishknoxville.org/donate
- Call (865) 690-6343



From Russia With Love: A Dinner

*Hosted by
Mark & Lucy Barkan
to benefit
Jewish Family Services*

**Saturday, October 28
7:00-10:00 p.m.**
Arnstein Jewish
Community Center
6800 Deane Hill Drive

MENU INCLUDES

Blinis
Caviar
Pierogi
Kasha Varnishkes
Herring
Borscht
Pumpnickel Bread

**Dinner includes wine
with meal and
a vodka toast.
*Nostrovial!***

**\$25.00/per person
for AJCC members
and KJA donors**

**\$35/per person for
general public**

Children age 5-13 \$ 15

Seating limited to the
first 100 people.

RSVP by October 20 to
office@jewishknoxville.org
or (865) 690-6343

What is Jewish Family Services?

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

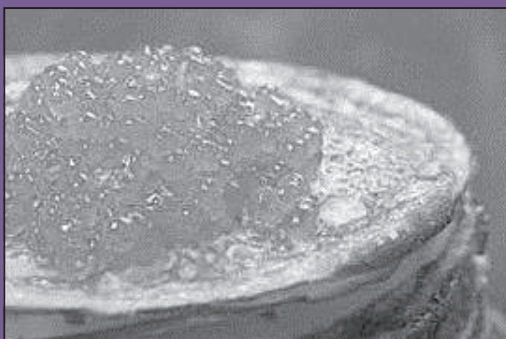
JFS Resources

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

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

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

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THE STRENGTH OF A PEOPLE.
THE POWER OF COMMUNITY.



upstander

n. A person who stands up for something, as contrasted to a bystander who remains inactive.

Do you stand up for justice?

Do you stand up to protect those in need?

Do you want to but don't know how?

We invite you to join the Knoxville Jewish Alliance for a series of special community programs to learn how to promote justice, respect, and civility in your everyday life and how that action can help heal and protect others.



The KJA UPSTANDERS SERIES presents



Unconscious Bias

*Ben Lewis, CEO and Founder
Genesis Diversity Solutions*

**Sunday, October 22 — 3:00 p.m.
Arnstein Jewish Community Center**

Ben Lewis of Genesis Diversity Solutions will present a program on *Unconscious Bias* and how it affects every aspect of our lives; how we see the world — and how the world often sees us.

*This event is a free community program
and is open to the public.*

KJA Friendshippers Features Delightful Theater Program

By Laura Faye Berry, BSSW, Esq., Director

Please join us for this month's Friendshippers program. The Friendshippers group gets together once a month for lunch and entertainment. Friendshippers is open to all—we don't check IDs at the door!

Wednesday, October 24: Loren Hecht performs *Mamie's Grocery*

Loren Hecht will perform her original piece "Mamie's Grocery", a theatrical story of rediscovery and a look back at childhood. The story was published in *Shifts: An Anthology of Women's Growth Through Change*.

Program location:

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

The luncheon begins at noon and the program begins at 1:00 p.m. Lunch is \$8. There is no cost for attending the program alone. Transportation is available upon request—please have your ride requests in by the Monday morning before the program. For more information, please contact Laura Berry at 690-6343 ext. 18 or LBerry@jewishknoxville.org



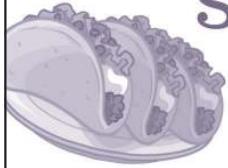
Loren Hecht

Sundown in the Sukkah Presents:

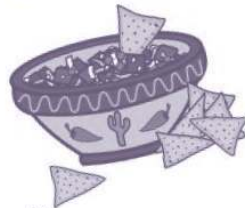
Salsa in the Sukkah!

Sunday October 8th

5:00-7:00 PM



6800 Deane Hill Drive.
 Knoxville TN 37909
 Edible Sukkah Decorating
 Mexican Dinner with Salsa Bar
 Live Music by Mischa Goldman
 & The Volunteer Jazz Brigade



RSVP Appreciated: Program@Jewishknoxville.org



October 8 5:00-7:00 p.m., AJCC
Sundown in the Sukkah
 presents: *Salsa in the Sukkah*

October 17*, 3:00-5:00 p.m., AJCC
 Noah's Ark Petting Zoo &
 Experience Creation sensory-style
 *Rain date October 19

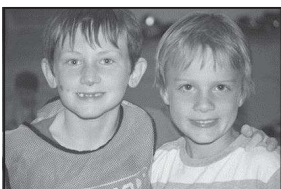
If you are interested in joining a holiday meal in a Sukkah during the holiday, please email Ally Wiener at program@jewishknoxville.org

Upcoming Events

In honor of Jewish Book Month, PJ Library and the AJCC Preschool will host a **Kar-Ben Book Fair November 13-17** in the PJ Library (Orwitz Room at the AJCC)
November 14, 3:30-4:30 p.m.
Grandparent read-aloud at the PJ Library (Orwitz Room at the AJCC)

***Volunteers** are needed to **READ** stories at programs, **HELP** during peak selling hours for the book fair, and **ORGANIZE** books in the library. Contact Program Director & PJ Library Coordinator Ally Wiener at program@Jewishknoxville.org

All the best,
 Allyson Wiener,
 PJ Library Program Coordinator



Milton Collins Day Camp & AJCC Preschool Reunion Saturday, December 2 — 6:00-9:00 p.m.

Arnstein Jewish Community Center, 6800 Deane Hill Drive

Enjoy dinner, games, and activities for all ages. Our goal is to schmooze, have fun, and raise \$20,000 for MCDC and AJCC Preschool scholarships. Join us!

Watch for details in the November *Ha'Kol*.

If Tennessee is playing in the SEC Championship game, we will televise the game so fans can cheer on the Vols!



Meet Our Teachers
AJCC Preschool Staff 2017-2018



Aleph
Jessica Beeler
Rachell Woods



Bet 1
Hayley Davis



Bet 2
Michele Bock
Erin Keck



Gimel
Julie Brimmer
Rodney Monroe



Dalet
Erin Gaines
Mindy Elliot



Specialists
Ginny Small,
Science
Allyson
Wiener,
Judaica



**After
Care
Teacher**
Avery
Wilhite



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OCTOBER EVENTS

October 13 YJAK Shabbat Dinner
October 29 Pumpkin Carving
at the AJCC

For info: Contact Britt Sturm
at bsturm@yahoo.com or
visit the YJAK FB page.

Young Jewish Adults of Knoxville (YJAK)
is for post-college Jewish men and women in their 20s & 30s.






YJAK works to make and strengthen Jewish connections and create opportunities for young Jews to become involved in the Jewish community and in Knoxville Jewish Alliance. Activities include direct service projects, social programs, leadership development, educational programs and meaningful Israel experiences.

**AJCC Members
Can Now Enjoy
Pickleball at
Our New
Outdoor Courts
next to the
AJCC Pool**



**Organized play is available on
most Sundays from 1:00-3:00
p.m. in the AJCC Gym.**

OCTOBER 2017

Sunday	Mondat	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9:30a minyan-HA 9:30a Religious School-HA 10a Sukkah Build-HA 1-3p Pickleball-Gym	2 7a Morning Minyan-HA 9:30a Tai Chi-JCOR 5-7p Building/Decorating Sukkah-AJCC 6-9:30p Fencing-Gym 6-7p KJA Executive Comm-Orwitz Rm 7:15p KJA Board-Orwitz Rm	3 6p Exec Comm-TBE 6-9:30p Fencing-Gym	4 Erev Sukkot 9:30a Tai Chi-JCOR Noon-1p Rabbi's Brown Bag Midrash-HA 4p HARS Sukkah Program & Dinner-HA 4:30p Mid-Week Hebrew family sukkah decorating party-TBE 6-9:30p Fencing-Gym 7-8p Talmud Study-HA	5 Sukkot KJA Office & AJCC Preschool closed TBE office closed 7a Morning Minyan-HA 7a Sukkot Service-HA 11a Sukkot Service & Lunch-JCOR 7:30-9:30p Israeli dancing -AJCC Caller Auditorium	6 Sukkot KJA Office & AJCC Preschool closed 9:30a Sukkot Service-HA 4:45p JFS Shabbat Service-Sherrill Hills 5:30-7p Tot Shabbat-HA 5:30p Shabbat in the Sukkah & Dinner-HA 6:30p Sukkot Dinner-TBE 7p Shabbat -TBE 7:30p Shabbat Eve	7 Sukkot 9:30a-noon Shabbat Service-HA 9:30a Shabbat Service-JCOR
8 Sukkot 9:30a minyan-HA 9:30a Religious School-TBE 9:30a Religious School-HA 1-3p Pickleball-Gym 5-7p Sundown in the Sukkah w/Salsa in the Sukkah theme-AJCC	9 Sukkot 7a Morning Minyan-HA AJCC Preschool Sukkot Celebration-Party in the Hut-AJCC 9:30a Tai Chi-JCOR 6-9:30p Fencing-Gym	10 Sukkot TBE office closed 6-9:30p Fencing-Gym 6:30p Board-TBE 7p Guy Mendilow Trio concert-TBE see p. 20 	11 Sukkot KJA Office & AJCC Preschool closed TBE office closed 6-9:30p Fencing-Gym 7-8p Talmud Study-HA	12 Shmini Atzeret KJA Office & AJCC Preschool closed 9:30a Shemini & Yizkor-HA 11a Shemini & Yizkor-JCOR 5:30p Simchat Torah Dinner & Service-HA 6:30p Simchat Torah & Dinner-JCOR 6:45p Dancing with the Torah-Lighthouse	13 Simchat Torah 9:30a Simchat Torah Service-HA 7p Shabbat -TBE 12:30p Men's Lunch-JCOR 6p Yizkor Memorial Service -TBE YJAK Shabbat-dinner-AJCC 7p Simchat Torah w/ Consecration-TBE	14 9:30a-noon Shabbat Service-HA 9:30a Shabbat Service-JCOR
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22 9:30a minyan-HA 9:30a Religious School-TBE 9:30a Religious School-HA 3-4:30p UPSTANDERS: Unconscious Bias-AJCC Caller Auditorium	23 7a Morning Minyan-HA 9:30a Tai Chi-JCOR 6-9:30p Fencing-Gym	24 3:30-4:30p East Tenn Civil Rights Working Group-AJCC Orwitz Room 6-9:30p Fencing-Gym	25 9:30a Tai Chi-JCOR Noon-1p Rabbi's Brown Bag Midrash-HA 4:30p Mid-Week Hebrew-TBE 6-9:30p Fencing-Gym 7-8p Talmud Study-HA	26 7a Morning Minyan-HA 11a Adult Ed/Torah Study -TBE 7:30-9:30p Israeli Dancing-Gym	27 BBYO New Member Weekend 7p Shabbat -TBE	28 9:30a-noon Shabbat Service-HA 9:30a Shabbat Service-JCOR 4p Challah-ween Havdalah PreK-3rd grade -TBE 7-10p Russian Dinner hosted by Mark & Lucy Barkan-AJCC
29 9:30-Noon Community Day of Learning-AJCC EVERYONE invited — adults, children. HA & TBE Religious School students & parents will also meet at the AJCC. 10a B'yachad-AJCC YJAK Pumpkin Carving Fun-AJCC	30 <i>AJCC Parent/Teacher Conferences all week</i> 7a Morning Minyan-HA 9:30a Tai Chi-JCOR 6-9:30p Fencing-Gym	31 Pajama Day/Read-In Day-AJCC Preschool 6-9:30p Fencing-Gym 			NOVEMBER 5	

Milton Collins Day Camp & AJCC Preschool Reunion—December 2
 Details will be in November *Ha'Kol*: Campers, counselors, teachers, staff, and community all welcome!

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HOLD THESE DATES

BBYO and BBYO Connect Information Sessions

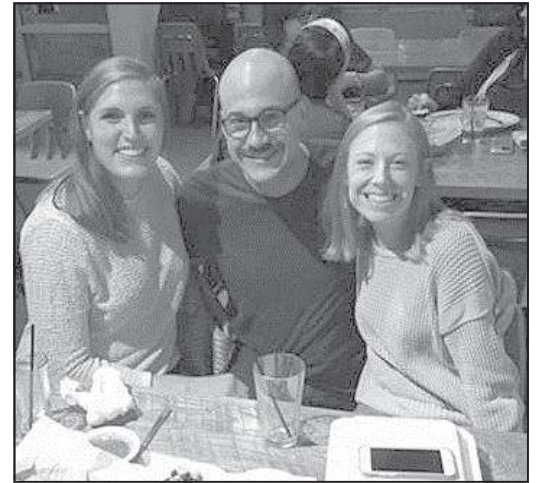
Wednesday October 18 and 19

For parents of all middle and high school students

Debi Tozer, Area Director, Community Impact and Sherri Weinberg, Cotton States Regional Director will join us to share and explain about the myriad programs, experiences, and leadership training opportunities offered through BBYO for all Jewish young adults regardless of congregational affiliation.

Our local Jewish community has a long history of boys, Winick AZA, and girls, Weinstein BBG, programs through BBYO. Local chapters have been serving the needs of our children for almost 80 years!

Location and time details will be shared right after Yom Kippur.
For questions, please contact Deborah Oleshansky at doleshansky@jewishknoxville.org.



BBYO builds friendships that last a lifetime! BBG and AZA friends, Bryna Oleshansky, Harris Bailey, and Megan Megan Weiss connect over dinner in Nashville.



Join BBYO Connect for S'mores & More Saturday, October 21, 7:00-9:00 p.m.

**Bonfire with S'Mores and Ghost
Stories on the AJCC Grounds,**
6800 Deane Hill Drive.

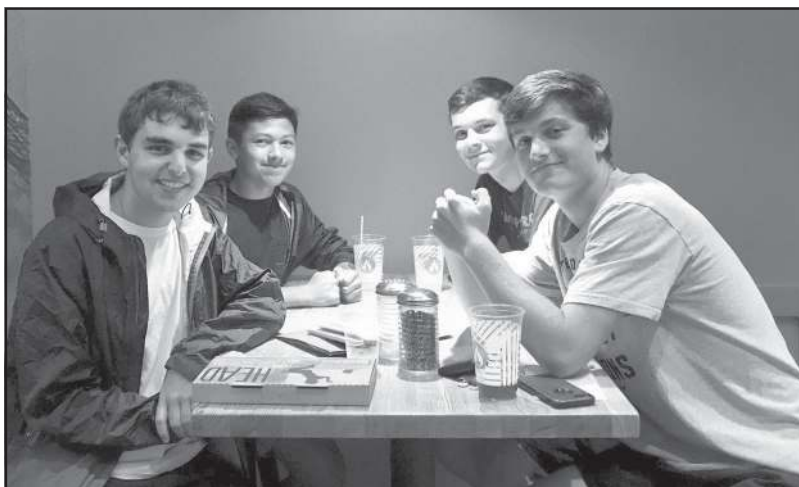
Cost \$4.00/attendee.

RSVP please to at
shellylynnm@aol.com by October 18.



BBYO Connect is the BBYO experience made just for 6th, 7th and 8th grade students, offering social and meaningful experiences that will serve as a gateway to continued involvement in Jewish life.

BBYO Connect provides middle school students with a positive experience in which they can get together with camp, school, and synagogue/temple friends, as well as meet new friends. BBYO Connect allows middle school students to begin experiencing the privileges and obligations of being a member of the Jewish and general communities.



Winick AZA Fall Term Officers

Winick AZA, the local BBYO chapter for high school-age teens, recently elected fall term officers.

From left to right: Andrew Weinstein (Godol), Ben Margulies (Shaliach), Ben Gibbons (S'Gan), Justen Bain (Moreh).

If you are an area high-age Jewish teen and interested in BBYO social activities, contact Deborah Oleshansky@jewishknoxville.org for more information.

H A P P E N I N G S

ATTENTION ALL FRESHMEN and AREA HIGH SCHOOL TEENS!

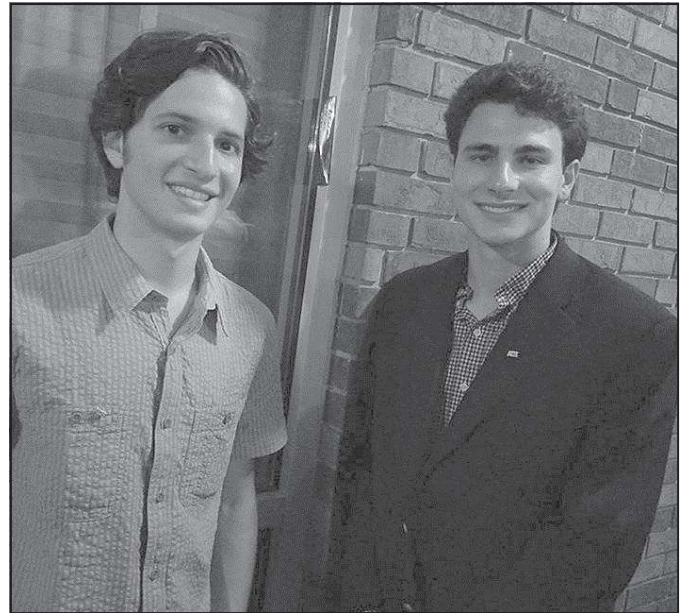
Are you interested in getting involved in BBYO? Do you want to make lifelong friends with other Jewish teens spanning from Birmingham, Huntsville, Knoxville, Louisiana, Memphis, and Nashville? Are you looking to have the most exciting high school experience?



If so, **New Member Weekend** is just for you! Knoxville's region, Cotton States, is having its annual New Member Weekend on **October 27-29**

at Camp Cosby in Alabama. During the weekend, you will play exciting games, learn about CSR, meet new and amazing people, and get to experience all the traditions that come with BBYO. After attending New Member Weekend, you will be even more enthusiastic about exploring what BBYO has to offer! Scholarships are available for any members.

If you have questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact Andrew Weinstein (2000asw2@gmail.com) for more information.



AEPi Dedicates New Campus House

The AEPi fraternity at the University of Tennessee dedicated its new fraternity house on Fraternity Drive on August 17 and hosted an open house for the community. The mezuzah between Benji Ballin, AEPi Master (president) and Kevin Saslawsky is a bronze one that Arnold Schwarzbart designed and created.

Mary Linda Schwarzbart donated it to AEPi because her late husband Arnold Schwarzbart symbol was a Master when he attended the University of Tennessee in the 1960s. Thank you to Rabbi Yossi Wilhelm for the photo.

Suzy Snoops

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

- ★ **Meir Niad** was appointed by the Anshei Darom Region to serve on the Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs board of directors for 2017-2019.
- ★ *Martin Buber's Formative Years: From German Culture to Jewish Renewal 1897-1909*, authored by retired UT Professor **Gilya Gerda Schmidt**, PhD, was re-published as a paperback by the University of Alabama Press. Schmidt is professor emerita of religious studies and director emerita of The Fern and Manfred Steinfield Program in Judaic Studies.
- ★ **Morah Tracy Wolf's** revamped KJDS classroom was featured on Channel 8's WVLT in August. *Ha'Kol* readers got a peek at her renovations in the August 2017 issue.
- ★ Mayor **Madeline Rogero** traveled to Israel as part of a U.S. mayoral delegation sponsored by American Jewish Committee (AJC) Project Interchange. The week-long educational seminar is designed to further enhance U.S.-Israel relations at the municipal level. The delegation met with senior Israeli, Palestinian, and Israeli Arab leaders, and other influential leaders across the political and social spectrum. For 35 years, AJC Project Interchange has brought to Israel nearly 6,000 government, university, media, religious and civic leaders from 100+ countries to provide broad exposure and first-hand understanding of the complex issues facing Israel and the region.



Knoxville Mayor Madeline Rogero (far right) visits Israel as part of a mayoral delegation.

Heska Amuna Synagogue

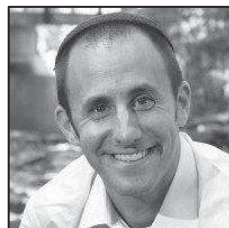
HaShofar



It's Not Too Late to Register for Our Fall *Kallah!*

By Rabbi Alon C. Ferency

**Heska Amuna Kallah
Weekend Congregational Retreat
Friday, November 10 - Sunday, November 12
Cumberland Falls State Park
Corbin, Kentucky 40701**



I am so excited for our Kallah. In a beautiful natural setting with modern accommodations, we'll have a refreshing opportunity to gather our community. There'll be a great menu of programming, but *no* requirements to do anything. It will be kid-friendly and totally informal, with a wide variety of activities available to try: learning and singing; athletics and games; food and drink; dancing and a bonfire! It will be: spirited, fun, relaxing, joyful, and warm.

Here's a sample menu:

- "Jews and Booze"
- Hootenanny
- Pub trivia quiz: Knoxville Jewish Community
- Panel Discussion: Judaism and the Law
- *Havdallah* and a Bonfire (s'mores, storytelling and dancing)
- Nature Walk
- Meditation and Yoga
- *Tikkun Olam* activity
- More food and singing!

Come, relax, refresh, and be inspired. Spend time with old friends, and make new ones. Have you made your reservation yet?! Don't delay - space is limited but still available, so please register this week.

Our Kallah is partially funded through a generous grant from The Kallah Project, the Bradley Sturm Memorial Fund, and our Women's League. If you need financial assistance or transportation in order to attend, please let me know.

Open to the entire Jewish community! Questions? Ready to register? Want to help?

Contact Heska Amuna at 865-522-0701 or kallah@heskaamuna.org.

To register online, visit our webpage www.heskaamuna.org.

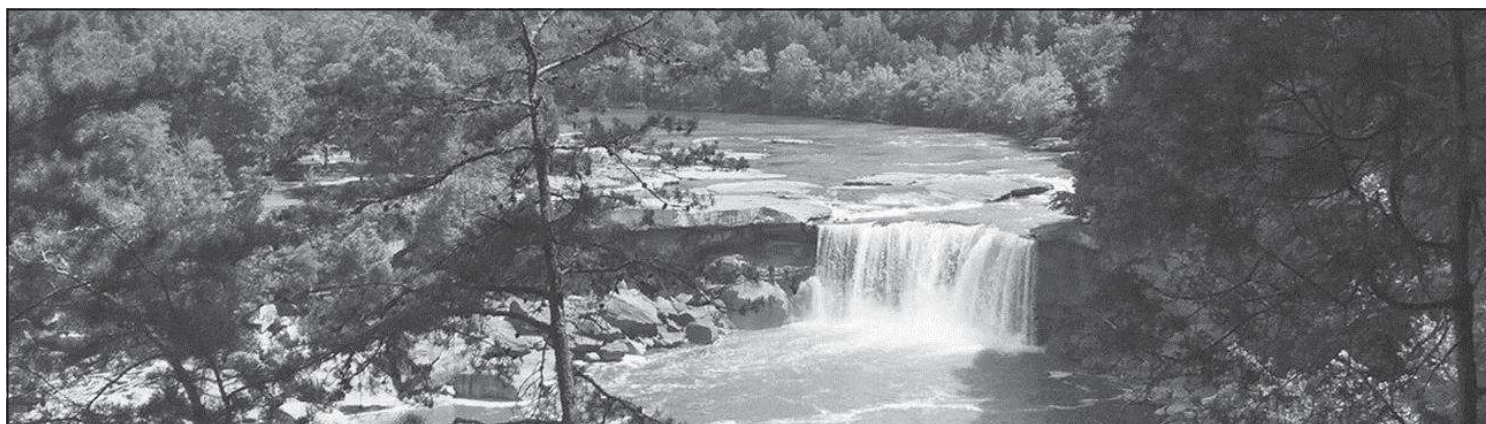
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Thank You to each and every one in our Heska Amuna Synagogue community for sharing the 5778 High Holidays with us.



Creating Our History

By Mary Ann Merrell, Heska Amuna Synagogue President

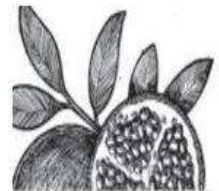
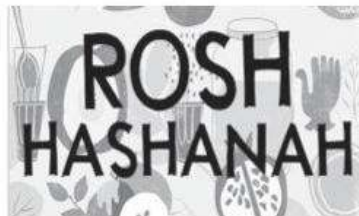
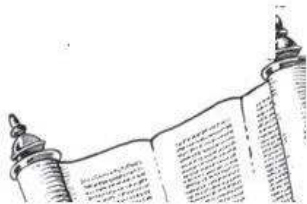
Before the 1840's, there were no ordained rabbis in the US. Congregations were led by a hazzan (cantor) and synagogues were run by its president and board of trustees. Besides blanching at the notion of a time with no rabbis, being President is much more complicated than you might imagine. What I found intriguing about this point in time is that the boards often had a list of fines they levied for a range of its congregants' offenses. The boards surely must have realized significant cash flow from this approach; their fines covered an interesting range of misdemeanors including a \$5 fine if you worked on Shabbat or a \$1 fine if you shaved on Shabbat – or, best yet – a 25¢ fine if you were caught sleeping during services.

Our Heska Amuna Synagogue history begins somewhat later than this earlier model of synagogue finances. Thirty-five presidents later, we are still creating our own history. I believe our history is shaped not just by who our presidents were or the actions of the Board of Trustees through the ages; but, rather, I like to think that our history was, is, and I hope always will be, shaped by the collective wisdom, commitments, and actions of our entire membership in equal measure. There is no better argument to defend this position than to acknowledge who is being honored on Simchat Torah this year.

As we celebrate the ending and beginning of our cycles for reading Torah, it is customary for the Rabbi and Religious Services Committee at Simchat Torah to recognize congregants who have contributed to our synagogue life to be called for the last aliyah in Deuteronomy and the first aliyah in Genesis. We honor them as you would a bride and groom, not only with that title but also with a chupah, fanfare, and acclaim. This year, it is our privilege to honor Ernie Gross as our Hatan Torah (Groom) and Jared and Anna Iroff-Bailey as Kallat Torah (Bride) on Thursday, October 12.

As an artisan and craftsman, Ernie brings his heart along with hands to the beauty that surrounds us as we walk through any space in our synagogue - from the stunning display cases in our foyer to the handsome additions to the Rosen Social Hall. As one congregant who has worked with Ernie over countless projects noted, Ernie's kindness and willingness to help when needed has always been a welcome presence; combined with his commitment to our morning minyans, he makes our community stronger and better for us all. With a passion for engaging all of us in creative and meaningful ways in building our Jewish community, we are equally fortunate and appreciative of what Jared and Anna do to, as Anna says, "find ways to make small-town Jewish life vibrant, personal, and joyful."

Come celebrate with those we honor this year as we continue to create our ever-unfolding history on Simchat Torah. Pray, dance, sing, and feast – a perfect closing to our High Holy days for 5778.



The Rabbi and Religious Services committee is honored (and *extremely* grateful) to have so many congregants to thank for participating in our High Holy Day services this year. From leading our services, opening the ark, blowing the Shofar, and reading (torah, poems and prayers), we are indeed fortunate for our Heska Amuna Synagogue family and the community we share.

R&RS would like to especially thank Marilyn Burnett and Scott Hahn as well as the Floyd, Siegel, and Robinson families for their long-standing contributions of flowers, music, and our sweet beginnings at Rosh Hashanah through our delightful desserts that ended our Break-the-Fast.

We would also like to recognize our exceptional service leaders, torah and haftorah readers, and study session leaders: Anna Iroff-Bailey, Jeff Becker, Bill Berez, Wendy Besmann, Ken Brown, Michael Burnett, Trudy Dreyer, Rabbi Ferency, Josh Gettinger, Scott Hahn, Rich Kaplan, Jack Love, Elyse Messing, Patrick Messing, Stephen Nagler, and Gilya Schmidt. And thank you to Ted Besmann, Marilyn Burnett, Ernie Gross, Virginia Kessler, Shannon Martindale, Pat Rosenberg, and Beverly Wilcox, our religious school parents, our amazing Women's League, Men's Club, and all of our volunteers who shared our seemingly endless to-do list!

Sing, Pray, Dance!

Celebrate Our Torah
Thursday, October 12

Dinner: 5:30 p.m.

Service and Hakkafot (dancing with the Torah): 6:30 p.m.

- Help us unroll and reroll our Shabbat Torah across the entire sanctuary – a truly magnificent sight!
- Revel as our religious school students chant the closing lines of Deuteronomy and the opening lines of Exodus for us this year!

Please contact the office by Monday, October 9
to make your dinner reservation:

\$10 (adult), \$5 (child 12 & under), \$30 (family cap)

There is no charge for dinner for Heska Amuna Religious School students
in grades K-Prozdor, but reservations are required.



Thank you to Women's League who will be providing child-care during dinner and services.

Honoring Our Hatan Torah (Groom) Ernie Gross:

Ernie and Pam Gross live nearby in Anderson County on their family farm. Their daughters, Naomi King and Anna McDonald, and their families live in Baltimore and Knoxville; niece and nephew, Eva and David Barnett, live in upstate New York.

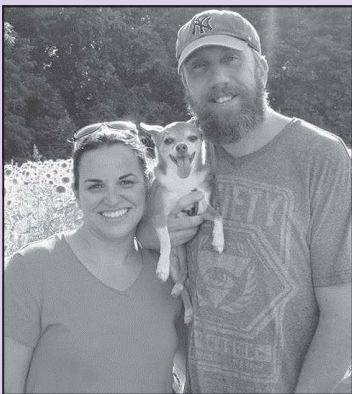
Ernie is a highly admired craftsman and businessmen; he started Ernie Gross Designs Inc., a custom furniture and cabinet company in 1975. The business was located in downtown Knoxville for decades but is now located on their farm in Clinton.

Ernie was born in Nisipan, Roumania in 1948. His family attempted to obtain visas to leave the country for years and, just months after his Bar Mitzvah, set out to America. After living a few months in Paris and a couple of years in Toronto, Ernie and his parents and sister Dorina moved to Brooklyn, where they could best preserve their Jewish traditions. After Yeshiva, Ernie studied art and design at the Pratt Institute. Ernie met Pam in the Catskills in New York; they were married in 1971 in Knoxville where they made their home.

Naomi, Anna, and David attended Hebrew school and had their Bar and Bat Mitzvahs at Heska Amuna. Ernie has served on the Heska Amuna board as well as serving as the chairman of AJCC. He particularly enjoys attending weekday morning Minyan and helping Marilyn Burnett and Pat Rosenberg create and maintain beautiful spaces in every corner of Heska Amuna.



In Honor of Our Kallat Torah (Bride): Jared & Anna Iroff-Bailey



Anna Iroff-Bailey was born and raised right here in Knoxville and at Heska Amuna Synagogue. She is the daughter of Marty and Martha Iroff, granddaughter to Bernie (*z'l*) and Stella, and big sister to Ellen and Rachel. She graduated from Columbia University and List College of Jewish Studies in New York City, studying both neuroscience and bible. She earned a Masters in Speech-Language Pathology from UT and is currently a speech-language pathologist with Maryville City Schools working with students with complex communication needs and developmental disabilities. Anna has been active in the Jewish community for many years, especially at Heska Amuna Religious School as a student, teacher, and director. She currently runs Tot Shabbat services and recently started the B'yachad program which combines preschoolers from Temple Beth El, Heska Amuna, and the rest of the Jewish community. Anna also works with our Women's League, Hadassah, and Knoxville Jewish Day School. She loves to read, cook (or at least watch Food Network), and play nerdy board games.

Jared was raised nearby in Kingston, TN and grew up on a small farm with his parents and sister Jessica. He is an Emergency Medical Technician with Anderson County EMS and is currently attending South College in the Physical Therapy Assistant program. He and Anna

were married at Heska Amuna in 2014, and he has become an active member of the Jewish community. He served on the synagogue board as the Programming Chair for two years, planned successful programs such as Friday Night Chill and Hillbilly Hanukkah, and started the Jewish Events of Knoxville group on Facebook which engages more than 400 people. Jared also likes to play basketball and drums – he loves all types of Jewish music, from Shlomo Carlebach to niggunim to techno Hava Nagila! Outside the synagogue, Anna and Jared love spending time with friends and family and spoiling their tiny chihuahua Rico. Through their work, they hope to inspire others to get involved, share their unique perspectives, and “be the change.”

What's Up at Heska Amuna Religious School?

By Betty Golub, Director of Youth and Family Programming



Thinking About Noah...

As parents, we are constantly helping our children learn that kindness is core to our relationships. We encourage our children to be nice to others; we want them to seek out the special qualities of kindness of those around them. As Jews, we have a unique responsibility of teaching our children that being kind is a very important Jewish value. We only have to look to our Torah to see this value. The book of Leviticus states, "Love your neighbor as yourself."

Did you know that being kind also extends to animals? We read how Rebecca offered and carried out the water of all of Eliezer's animals. There are references throughout Torah and the Talmud about the treatment of animals. The Talmud states that "God has compassion on anyone who has compassion on his fellow creatures." In Proverbs we read "The righteous person is concerned for the life of his beast." In the Book of Exodus we learn that both humans and animals are required to rest on Shabbat. We are continually looking to our texts to help us live Jewish lives.

We take great pride when we refer to our Jewish sources. We know that we are living in modern times and not the world of our ancestors. We have forgotten how much we really need our animal friends. Priorities have changed and we have become much less dependent on animals. But...we know that there are many groups that are concerned with the care and treatment of animals - and some of them are right here in Knoxville. We are relearning the important role that animals play in our lives. As a family, you can help our friends, whether furry or feathered by:

- Leave string and yarn (not longer than 6 inches) for birds to use for their nests.
- Make sure to always pick up glass, wire, nails and other trash that could hurt your pet or wildlife.
- Always take care of your pet.
- If you see an injured animal, call the proper authorities.

This month we read the story of Noah, who indeed was a righteous and caring man. He taught us not only the Jewish value of **Chesed** – kindness but the Jewish concept of **Tza'ar Ba'alei Chayim** which means to show compassion to animals. This is a mitzvah that we should all follow. It is an important part of the way we live. This helps us make the world a better place so everyone can live in peace.

October Religious School Dates to Remember	
Sunday, October 1	No School
Wednesday, October 4	Sukkot Celebration—5:00 & light dinner
Sunday, October 8	No School – Fall Break
Wednesday, October 11	Sukkah Hop @the Golub's—4:00 -6:00
Thursday, October 12	Simchat Torah Celebration; Dinner @ 5:30 Service & Hakkafot (Dancing with the Torahs) @6:30 Hear our students read the first lines of Genesis! *No charge for dinner for HARS students, K-Prozdor
Sunday, October 15	No School
Wednesday, October 18	School
Sunday, October 22	School
Sunday, October 29	Community Day of Learning—AJCC; B'Yachad —AJCC

B'Yachad-Toddler Time

We have exciting news for families with children ages 4 and younger! Our Gan K'tan program is combining with Temple Beth El's Torah Tots into a new program - **B'yachad** – a Hebrew word meaning "together."

This FREE program is open to all Jewish families as a chance to learn, play, and grow Jewishly *together!* B'yachad is a collaborative early learning program for Jewish children ages 4 and younger with their parents. This once-a-month program is for preschoolers who are not attending a weekly religious school program. It is co-sponsored by Temple Beth El and Heska Amuna Religious Schools and led by Anna Iroff-Bailey.

Each B'yachad class will include stories, music, visits from a rabbi, snack, and Jewish toddler activities– crafts, games, singing, dancing, and more! This program is open to all Jewish families, regardless of congregation affiliation or non-affiliation.

Find us on Facebook, email at byachadknoxville@gmail.com or call Anna Iroff-Bailey at 335-0459, Betty Golub at 522-0701, or Norma James at 719-2614.

Check out the B'yachad schedule to the left of this article and spread the news to your friends! We can't wait to join together for a great year.

B'yachad Calendar	Date	Location	Theme
	October 29	AJCC	Community Day of Learning
	November 19	Temple Beth El	Shabbat
	December 17	Temple Beth El	Hanukkah
	January 21	Heska Amuna	Tu B'shevat
	February 11	AJCC	Mitzvah Day
	February 25	Temple Beth El	Purim with Carnival
	March 25	Heska Amuna	Passover
	April 22	Heska Amuna	Israel
May 6	TBD	Year-end Celebration!	

Dor L'Dor Concert and Buffet Great Way to Welcome Music, Holidays

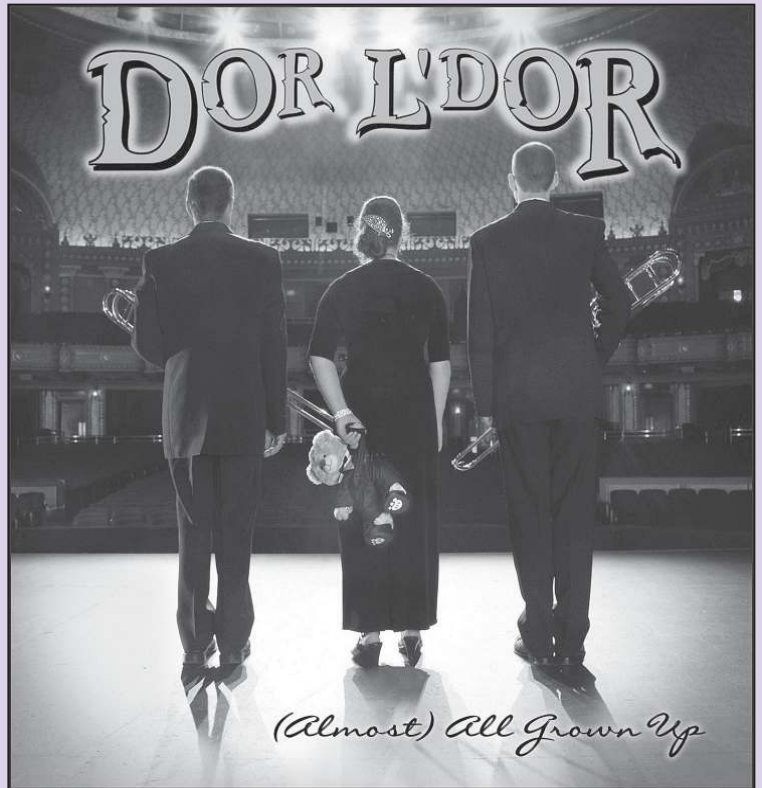
Greetings to all. Allow me to introduce myself. I am Frank Floyd the new Program Chair for Heska Amuna. Many of you have known me for years but I know that I may not be familiar to some. My wife Laura and I met here at UT and moved to California in 1981 but soon felt Knoxville calling us home and returned here in 1986. After our second child was born I began a journey into Judaism and converted in 2007. That was the second best decision of my life after marrying Laura. Judaism and this wonderful community here in East Tennessee has been a constant source of comfort, strength and happiness for me. I feel privileged to have been given the position of Program Chair for the next two years and am excited and energized about what lies ahead for both Heska Amuna and our extended Jewish community.

Let me start by telling everyone about a major concert event coming on **Sunday, December 3** at 4:30 p.m.

Heska Amuna is pleased to present Dor L' Dor's new CD *(Almost) All Grown Up* featuring the beautiful voices of Rachel Brown and Stella Galanti performing together. If you missed their performance at the Tennessee Theatre on Labor Day don't let this opportunity pass you by.

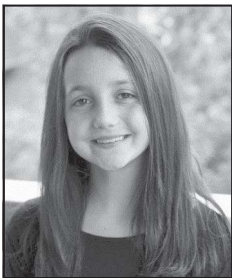
The band will be performing songs from the new CD along with Hanukkah favorites and other popular Klezmer tunes. After the concert we will be serving a delicious assortment of traditional Hanukkah foods including homemade latkes, Jewish favorites, desserts and a few other surprises. It promises to be a wonderful evening of music, friends, holiday foods and warmth of community. Proceeds from the event will benefit Heska Amuna Religious School.

I wish to extend a personal invitation to our entire community to come join us at Heska Amuna on December 3 at 4:30. For ticket information, updates and a chance to win free tickets go to <http://heskaamuna.org/light-up-the-night/>



Dor L'Dor CD Release Party & Concert
Sunday, December 3 4:30 p.m.
Heska Amuna Synagogue

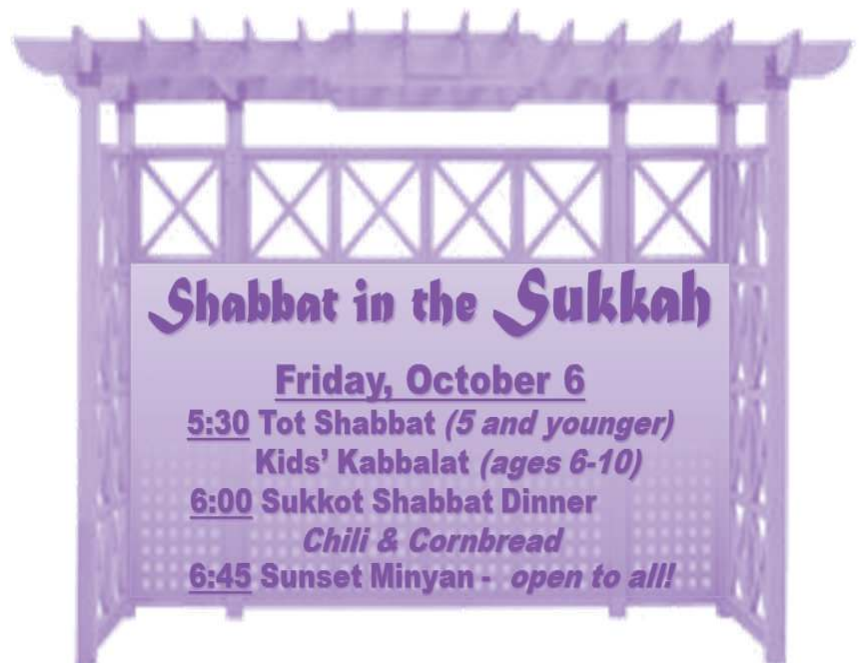
Dor L'Dor Fills the Tennessee Theater for Labor Day Mighty Musical Concert



Vocalist
Stella Galanti



Vocalist
Rachel Brown



Women's League News

The Autumn Holidays Cycle of Change: From Tishrei to Chesvan

Each year at this time we Jews are given the opportunity to make changes and set new goals for both our worldly and spiritual lives. The challenges of three holidays, all packed into the month of Tishrei, leaves us exhausted both physically and emotionally. What does all that preparation, travel, family togetherness, and time in services actually mean?

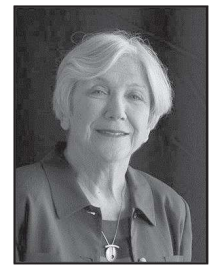
Fortunately, the following month of Chesvan is a quiet time – no holidays, no fast days, no celebrations, just time to settle back into the routine and restart our lives. But could this time be better spent? Could the multiple experiences of the preceding months of Elul (a month of preparation and reconciliation) and Tishrei (a month of celebration as well as time for atonement) be reviewed and set as new guide points for the journey ahead?

During this holiday period, I have personally experienced some life changing events: a seventieth birthday and a hip fracture, both challenging to my everyday world. While I did not expect that the age difference would matter, I found that the dealing with the physical stress of a broken bone altered the conversation about age. One heals faster when one is younger. Human fragility demands that we strike a bargain between what we would like to do and what our bodies and minds can achieve.

In his work, *A Guide to the Perplexed*, Maimonides, a childhood favorite of mine, discusses the perspective of Torah as supporting the welfare of both soul and body. Rabbi Bradley Artson uses this lesson to discuss the need for “wholeness” of our spiritual experiences. He describes the interaction between meeting our physical needs and living within a spiritual community as the basis for our approach to acquiring Torah. Integrating physical, emotional and spiritual health becomes a moral imperative.

Completing the cycle of holidays, we experience the joys of Sukkot, the reaping of what we have sown. Spiritually, bringing that type of joy into the rest of the year is the true test of the holidays. Making things whole (*shalem*) is the essence of *shalom* that each of us seek.

As I start out on this year as Heska Amuna Women's League president, I am beginning on a new footing to say the least. I am looking forward to working with others in the Heska Amuna congregation as well as the broader Jewish community to seek wholeness, as Maimonides suggests. Our goals, our programs, and our time together should be planned to enhance the best in each of us, and to allow our efforts to be positive, fruitful, and joyous.



Barb Levin

October 6: Friday Night - Kabbalat Shabbat for All!

Join us for *Tot Shabbat* (pre-school) and
Kids Kabbalat Shabbat (all ages) services in the Sukkah.
Enjoy the stars while feasting on a delightful vegetarian dinner.
Our evening will conclude with *Sunset Minyan*
led by Jack Love and company.



The students (and Morah Martha, too!) thoroughly enjoyed the Religious School's opening day brunch which kicked off the start of the new school year.



Rabbi Alon Ferency dedicated our new playground - and then the fun begins!



Heska Amuna Play Spot

Thank you Marilyn Burnett, Pat Rosenberg, and the Heska Amuna Men's Club for making the Heska Amuna Play Spot a reality!

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Permanent Schedule

Friday Night Services.....Varies

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

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

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

Evening minyanim for members
can be arranged by contacting the President
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For a list of Heska Amuna's services, events,
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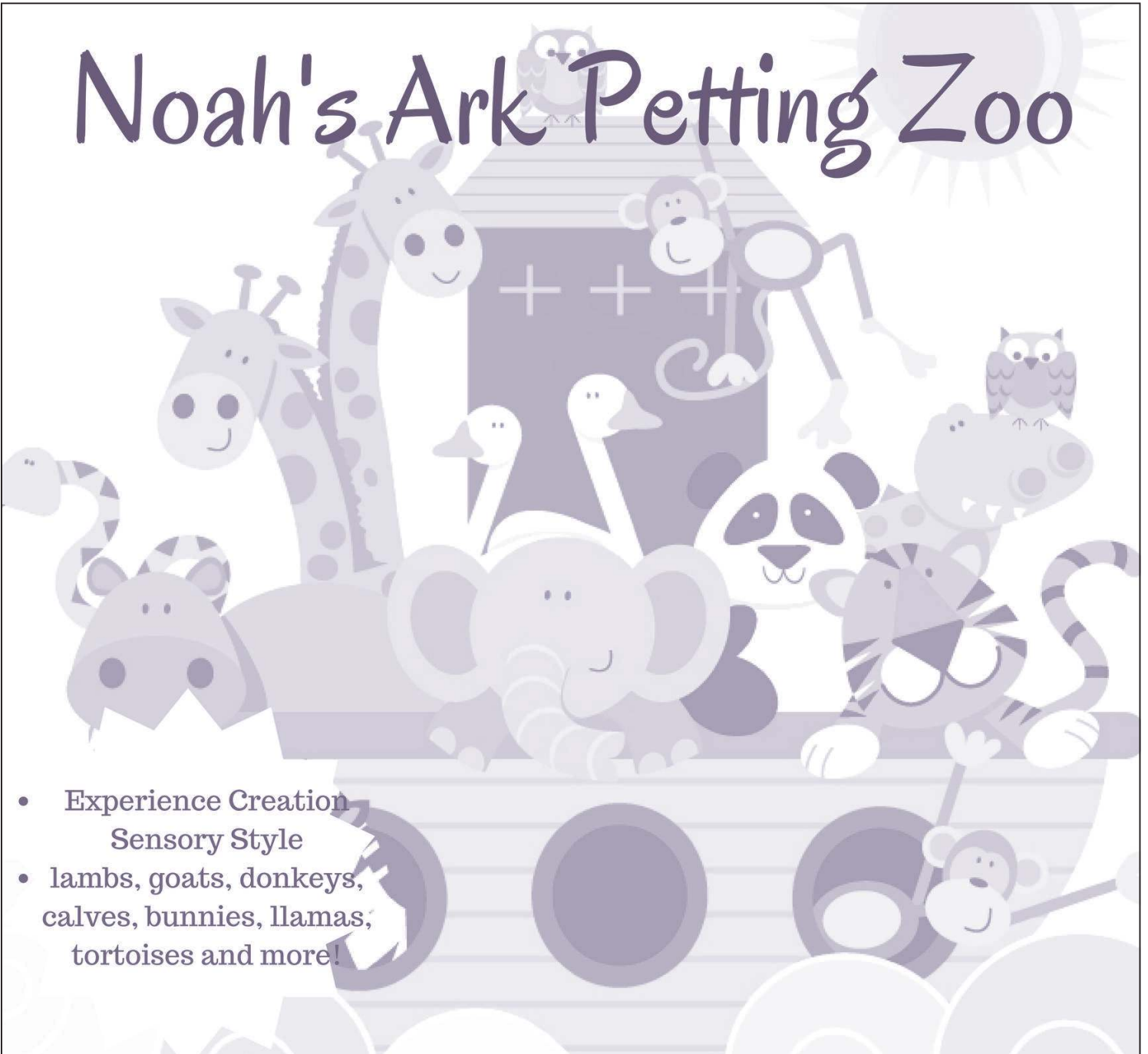
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AJCC Preschool

6800 Deane Hill Drive, TN 37909

*Rain date Thursday October 19th

RSVP Appreciated: Program@Jewishknoxville.org



TEMPLE BETH EL TIMES



Shalom Y'all

By Rabbi Erin Boxt

Very early on in our lives, we are taught “Do unto other as you would have them do unto you.” As young children, we may not really understand what this “golden rule” means, but as we get older, we may come face to face with gossip or slander. Maybe a rumor was started about you or about someone you care about. All it takes is for one person to start a rumor for gossip to occur. In Judaism, we refer to לשון הרע, the evil tongue.

So, what is *lashon hara*? What does it mean to be considered a *ba'al lashon hara* (bearer of the evil tongue)? According to the Chofetz Chaim, Yisrael Meir (Kagan) Poupko, a very influential eastern European rabbi of the 18th and 19th centuries, a *ba'al lashon hara* is a person “who becomes accustomed to violating the very serious prohibition against speaking ill of others.” According to the Sages, our beloved great Rabbis of the past, *lashon hara* kills three parties: the speaker, the listener and the one spoken about. Gossip is bad for anyone who is a part of it.

The Chofetz Chaim outlines the ten categories of forbidden speech: evil speech, tale-bearing, falsehood, flattery, mockery, oppressive speech, shaming others, expressions of conceit, controversy and expressions of anger. The first category, evil speech, is what we refer to as *lashon hara*. However, each of the other nine categories is equally important to consider. What may stand out in the list is the category of flattery. After all, when we flatter someone we usually have the best of intentions. According to the Chofetz Chaim, “the halakhic definition of *chanufah* (flattery) is ‘minimizing another’s iniquities in his presence.’” The explanation is that you are putting higher expectations on someone who may not be able to attain those expectations later. And, if there are others around, they may feel *less than* the one you are flattering.

In *Jewish Living: A Guide to Contemporary Reform Practice*, Rabbi Mark Washofsky teaches about the effects of *lashon hara* in a variety of settings. “The Rabbis have long condemned the practice of gossip and slander in no uncertain terms, to the point that the impurity of slander is compared to that of leprosy and that the sin of *lashon hara* is said to be equivalent to the sins of idolatry, sexual immorality, and murder combined.” Life is so important and so valued in Judaism. So much so - it is stated that to kill one life is as if you killed the world. When one participates in the act of *lashon hara*, they are killing all of those involved. The serious nature of this act is noted time and time again by our Rabbis. Although it may be impossible to eradicate gossip from the world, we should take every step we can to prevent ourselves and everyone around us from participating in gossip or slander.

We have just completed the High Holy Day period in which we were all given the opportunity to seek forgiveness and truly repent. This year, let us try to refrain from *lashon hara*. Rather, let us seek out to “Love your neighbor as yourself.”

B'Shalom,
Rabbi Erin Boxt



10 Elul—10 Tishrei 5777

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

Childcare will begin at 6:45 p.m. and end approximately 8:15 p.m. (or at the end of services). All children must be picked up after services and are welcome to join us at the Oneg.

Temple Topics

By Howard Pollock, TBE President

The High Holy Days were very special this year as we worshipped with Rabbi Boxt and his family. Another change was the introduction of our new Machzor -- Mishkan HaNefesh. During the holidays last year, we had a sample view of the updated text. Special thanks to our Ritual and Worship Committee for recognizing the benefit and commitment required in allowing us to explore new approaches to Worship. Certainly, any change includes aspects that are different and perhaps not yet fully understood. Over time, we will all become used to Mishkan HaNefesh and look forward to it enhancing our experience during the holidays.

I would also like to thank Rabbi Boxt, our Choir, Service Participants and our Ritual & Worship Committee for the hard work in preparing for our services. With a number of changes this year the task was more comprehensive than in the past but your hard work served our congregation well.

During Rosh Hashanah morning services, I spoke about the continued evolution of our congregation. Each year we face new challenges and opportunities. Over the past year we took a deeper look into how we're structured, how we wish to worship and how to fulfill our obligation as a Reform congregation in East Tennessee. In the fall of 2016, we instituted a new Mission Statement that reads:

It is timely for all of us to be reminded of how we see ourselves and our role in the broader Knoxville community. It was wonderful to see some of our newer members share their first high holiday experience with us. Hopefully by now everyone has had a chance to catch their breath after a busy time at Temple. For members that have been here for many years, thank you for your continued dedication to Temple Beth El.



Temple Beth El

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.

Please Welcome our Newest Temple Beth El Choir Members

Worship at Temple Beth El includes music. Over the last few years, the congregation has been encouraged to participate in our services by singing together in prayer and song. On Shabbat throughout the year, on the High Holy Days and festivals, we are guided by our choir. The choir has been instrumental in nourishing enthusiasm amongst our worshippers.

Becky Kidd, Choir Director, works closely with Rabbi Erin Boxt so that the music is seamlessly integrated into the service. Familiar melodies for prayers and songs might be incorporated or completely new music may be introduced. A varied repertoire allows us, the congregants, the opportunity to be exposed to and to learn new pieces that refresh our prayer experience. Interweaving the new and the familiar allows us the opportunity to go deeper into prayer, perhaps to linger more on the meaning of the words we sing or chant, or, if we choose, just to listen.

The Temple Beth El choir includes Becky Kidd, Director, who has been with us for over 30 years, and Kenton Kidd, tenor, Lynn Bennett, soprano, who joined the Temple Beth El Choir in 2004, and the frequent participation of our Religious School Director, Norma James. Two new members joined last fall. Read below to get their stories as we offer them a warm and official TBE welcome.

Steve Lewis, tenor, lived in Atlanta for over 30 years prior to moving to Tellico Village and joining Temple Beth El. He and his wife, Grace, were one of the founding families of Temple Emanu-el, where Steve was as an active member of the choir and also co-led guitar services with Cantor Adler. Steve also served as president of Temple Emanu-el and as a Southeast Regional Board member for what was then known as the UAHC.

Since moving here, both Steve and Grace have quickly become active participants in TBE life. In addition to serving in the choir since last fall, Steve was a member of the Rabbinic Search Committee, and is currently a member of the Ritual and Worship Committee. He was recently elected to the Board of Trustees. Grace works on varied Sisterhood projects. They have two sons, Adam and Daniel, both of whom are married (to Kary and Blake) and live in Atlanta, and one granddaughter, Adam and Kary's daughter Anna.

Katlyn Householder, alto, is a Knoxville-born classically trained singer. She is currently studying vocal performance with Marjorie Bennett Stephens at the University of Tennessee. She has performed many opera roles during her time with the University of Tennessee Opera Theater including The Nurse in the debut production of Larry Delinger's *Medea*, The Third Lady in *The Magic Flute*, Vera Boronel in *The Consul*, Ericlea in *il ritorno d'Ulisse in Patria*, and Rebecca Nurse in *The Crucible*. She has also performed Fidalma in *Il matrimonio segreto* at Red River Lyric Opera in Wichita Falls, Texas. In her free time, Katlyn works at a bakery and teaches voice lessons. She is enjoying every minute of her time with the Temple Beth El Choir.



Kenton Kidd, Steve Lewis, Lynn Bennett, Norma James, Katlyn Householder, and Becky Kidd (Choir Director)

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Temple Beth El Sisterhood's

MAH JONGG MADNESS

Tournament

Sunday, October 15, 2017 — 12:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Temple Beth El
3037 Kingston Pike, Knoxville, TN 37919

CASH PRIZES for 1st, 2nd, 3rd High Scores
In case of a tie, the CASH prize will be divided equally.

*Other **FUN** activities include tickets for a 50/50 drawing
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Mah Jongg for Fun tables are available. No timing, no scoring, just fun!

\$18.00 (Chai) Entrance Fee Includes registration for **EITHER** the Mah Jongg Madness Tournament
OR Mah Jongg for Fun, Desserts, Snacks, and Cash Prizes

Deadline: Friday, October 6, 2017

Please mail your registration form with your check payable to *Temple Beth El Sisterhood* to:

Beverly Schultz
912 Miles Court
Knoxville, TN 37923

QUESTIONS? E-mail or call: **Karen Smith** at (865) 691-3231 /briankarens@comcast.net,
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East completes the score card after each round.

_____ I can bring a mah jongg set. (You will be contacted.)

Please check **ONE** of the following:

_____ I will play in the Mah Jongg Madness. OR

_____ I will play in the Mah Jongg for Fun.

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

Announcing

Rosh Chodesh



Chesvan



Friday, October 20

Temple Beth El @ 7:00 p.m.

3037 Kingston Pike, Knoxville 37939

Please join Sisterhood³

as we welcome the new moon at Friday Night Services.

Celebrate “Go Pink Shabbat”



Linda Weintraub, Bernice Copcutt, Brenda Sherman, Cheri Pollack, Linda Zaretzki and her cousin Susan at the August Rosh Chodesh event.

Area Sisterhoods Inspired by Rosh Chodesh Event

Thank you to artist
Cheri Pollack for inspiring
Sisterhood³ when we
gathered for Rosh Chodesh
Elul on August 23.

Our on-going project is to
create original New Year
cards for area seniors living
in retirement and assisted
living communities.

Sisterhood³ includes TBE,
JCOR, and Heska Amuna.

Temple Beth El Religious School October 2017 Update

By Norma James, Religious School Director, normajames@tbeknox.org

October is going to be every bit as busy as September. We even have programming during Fall Break! Have your calendar ready when you read this article. I don't want you to miss a thing.

SPECIAL NOTICE: No RS Sunday, October 1 following Yom Kippur on Friday and Saturday. Enjoy a quiet morning!

Attention All Families: Join our Midweek students as we decorate our Sukkah on Wednesday, October 4 – 4:30-6:00. We need lots of parent help to hang our decorations. Bring ladders if you can! After decorating, we will enjoy a pizza dinner in the Sukkah. Rabbi Erin will lead a short Sukkot service that will include the mitzvah of shaking the lulav and smelling the etrog.

Fall Break is Sunday, October 8 through Sunday, October 15. No RS or Midweek

TBE presents the Guy Mendilow Trio's *Around the World in Song* at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 10 in our own sanctuary! I know it is Fall Break, but if you are in town, this is a perfect event for your family. Guy Mendilow and his musicians are critically acclaimed throughout the world. We are very lucky to have them at Temple. This is a free concert, and the entire community is invited. We will also provide babysitting for our little ones. Don't let this opportunity slip by.

On Friday, October 13 at 7:00 p.m., we invite you to celebrate all things Torah at our Temple Beth El Simchat Torah service. We will parade our four Torahs and completely unroll one Torah as we read the last verse of *Deuteronomy* and the first verse of *Genesis*. Rabbi Erin has some great ideas for making this a wonderful celebration!

Family "Challah-ween" Havdalah for PreK-Third Grade Families Saturday, October 28 — 4:00-6:00: Yes, we know that Halloween is not a Jewish holiday, but our friends at ISJL have designed some special activities that put a Jewish spin on this old tradition. We will have great activities for our younger students that will include dinner and Havdalah. Don't miss the fun! If you have an older sibling who would like to help Norma with activities, that would be super!

Community Day of Learning on Sunday, October 29 — 9:30-12:00: Norma will be planning a day of interactive learning for the students of TBE, HA, KJDS, and JCOR. Anna Iroff will lead our B'yachad program. Adults will have the opportunity to study with our three Knoxville Rabbis. Don't miss it!

Daylight Savings Ends November 5.

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



Sisterhood Happenings

By Tammy Stone, Sisterhood President

Our opening brunch was a huge success! Whether one was there dancing or watching, fun was had by all who joined us. Thank you to Faye Campbell and her group for leading us in dance.

Thank you to all who helped coordinate the annual Break the Fast. There are too many people to list. As always, a lot of hard work went in to ensuring a delicious and plentiful end to the High Holy Days. Also, thank you to Cyndie Powell for coordinating the child care again this year.

On Friday evening, **October 20**, Temple Beth El will be hosting a Go Pink Shabbat in honor of Breast Cancer Awareness Month. This coincides with Rosh Chodesh Cheshvan. Sisterhood will be hosting the Oneg this evening and the service will be a very special one. Please contact Kathy Young if you can bring something for this special Oneg. Please plan on attending showing off your favorite pink clothes. Men, we mean you too!

If you haven't joined Sisterhood yet, it's not too late! Please remember to send in your membership form to Temple. Our next Sunday program will be on **Sunday, November 12**. Please plan on attending.

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

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BOOK REVIEW: THE TBE HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL BOOKSHELF

Global Perspectives on the Holocaust: History, Identity and Legacy. 2015. Rupprecht, N. E. and Koenig, W. (ed.) 440 pp. Cambridge Scholars Pub. Reviewed by Henry Fribourg, Ph.D.

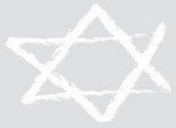
The Middle Tennessee State University program in Jewish and Holocaust Studies, initiated in 1988, offers undergraduate students an opportunity to study diasporic culture and religion of the Jewish people and the Holocaust in a two-track interdisciplinary minor program housed in the College of Liberal Arts. Studies include history and culture, theology and philosophy, the arts and social sciences, and the methodologies of Jewish Studies and Holocaust Studies disciplines. Courses confront vital topics central to local and global awareness, including multiculturalism and the meanings of diversity (including gender, race, and ethnicity), religious tolerance and intolerance, and genocide. The program holds a bi-annual International Studies conference.

This book covers the content of the Tenth International Holocaust Studies Conference, held in Murfreesboro, TN, in 2015. It expands coverage of the Holocaust from the traditional focus upon Europe to a worldwide and interdisciplinary perspective. Articles by historians, political scientists, educators, and geographers, as well as scholars in religious studies, international relations, art history, film and literature are included. The editors are Nancy E. Rupprecht, professor of history at Middle Tennessee State University, Murfreesboro, TN, and Wendy Koenig, who teaches at Long Beach City College, California. The contributing authors include scholars from five continents.

The History section features new scholarship on the Holocaust in Scandinavia; the plight of Jews in Shanghai; deportations and resistance in Budapest; the sponsorship of refugees by Jews in Alabama; local collaboration in Galicia; and the effect of resistance on the rates of Jewish victimization in various countries.

The Identity section examines the German treatment of homosexual men during the Third Reich; the suffering of German prisoners in Auschwitz; the role of eugenics in Romanian national identity; and the sexual activities among soldiers' wives and prisoners of war or other forbidden partners.

The Legacy section considers recent French films as sites of memory; the Stumbling Stones memorial project in Germany; the use of non-violent strategies in the fight against human rights abuses and genocide; the use of oral testimony in Holocaust museums; Holocaust memorial practices in Western Ukraine; and methods to contextualize the Holocaust and other examples of genocide in education curricula.



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Helping When Disaster Strikes

By Carole H. Martin, KJCFF President

Floods in Houston, hurricanes in Florida, wildfires in the Smoky Mountains...all heartbreaking disasters. And all spark a yearning within us to help. It's a natural response to send assistance to those who need it, and in this world of GoFundMe pages and texting a dedicated number to donate for disaster relief, what vehicle should the savvy donor use? How do you balance the desire to make an immediate impact with a necessary caution to send funds only to a reputable organization?

The Federal Trade Commission cautions, "Be wary of charities that spring up too suddenly in response to current events and natural disasters. Even if they are legitimate, they probably don't have the infrastructure to get the donations to the affected area or people."

You may decide to send your contribution to a large national or international organization: Charity Navigator gives some intelligent suggestions that are backed by years of scrutinizing organizational budgets and income tax returns to validate the legitimacy of various charities.

By the very nature of responding to a natural disaster, the charity you choose may not use your donation for the individual disaster that inspired your giving; it's a conundrum that bothers certain donors, but is a logical and necessary practicality that is accepted by others. Is it enough for you to know, for example, that the American Red Cross is on site immediately in disasters to provide food, shelter and safety for those displaced from their homes? Clearly, your check to the American Red Cross has not reached the ARC yet, but the materials and personnel were efficiently staged in advance of an anticipated disaster in order to provide immediate services. Thus your check "pays back" the fund that financially backed the advance deployment and is certainly and visibly helping those affected by disaster. Does this distinction interest or bother you? Does it affect your giving patterns or the choice of organizations to which you give? There is no right or wrong answer; there is just your answer.

We at the Knoxville Jewish Community Family of Funds want to be the vehicle you use to invest your charitable funds. You create your Fund; we take care of the business side of sending your individual Fund's check; additionally, we track and report your donations to you on a quarterly basis. We can demonstrate, through the East Tennessee Foundation, an impressive return on your invested funds, and those earnings offer the opportunity for you to do even more good in the world. You choose the organization (provided it is a documented 501(3)(c)), you choose the amount. We support you on your journey to Tikkun Olam...the repair of the world.

Do not be daunted by the enormity of the world's grief. Do justly, now. Love mercy, now. Walk humbly, now. You are not obligated to complete the work, but neither are you free to abandon it.
—The Talmud

Donations

- **Heska Amuna Educators Supplement Fund**
- Jeff and Nancy Becker

Grants

- The **Allen, Leibowitz, Pearson Family Fund** made a grant to Congregation B'nai Israel in Millburn, NJ for general use.

- Heska Amuna Synagogue received a grant from the **Sylvia Robinson Memorial Fund** for the Kol Nidre musicians.
- The **Stephen & Kim Rosen Donor Advised Fund** made a grant to Jewish Federations of North America for Hurricane Harvey relief efforts.

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Jewish Congregation of Oak Ridge



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Left: Miguel Reyes and Will Wright begin demo work on a new special project.

Stay tuned....

*Thank
you*

Donations to Oak Ridge Hadassah

- ★ Get Well soon to Barbara Landrau
From Mira Kimmelman



Havdalah and a Movie

Rich Kaplan leads Havdalah at a recent movie night at the Jewish Congregation of Oak Ridge.



**Jewish
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of Oak Ridge**

JCOR High Holy Day Services Schedule

All services are free and open to the public.

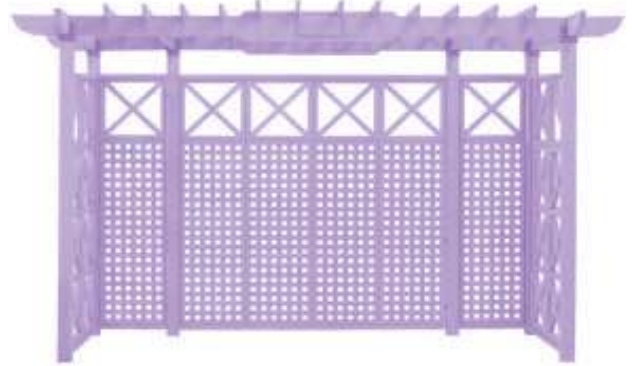
First Day, Sukkot	Thursday, October 5	11:00 a.m.
Shemini Atzeret/Yizkor	Thursday, October 12	11:00 a.m.
Simchat Torah	Friday, October 13	6:30 p.m.

SISTERHOOD Meets in the SUKKAH! Monday October 2 — 5:00 p.m.

JCOR Sisterhood kicks-off New Year 5778 with a Sukkah Celebration

Members and prospective members are invited to join in decorating our Sukkah! Plan to get **Artsy**... then enjoy a picnic dinner... and stay on a bit longer for a fun preview of our activities for the year. Meet and Greet and have a good time!

RSVP to: annegreenbaum@comcast.net



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- ★ In Memory of Leonora Tomkins (Ritual Fund) *from Alice Feldman & Al Good*
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October 7	Vera & Leon Maya, Ilana & Moshe Siman-Tov
October 14	Hilary Shreter, Nona & Sam Poole
October 21	Fran Silver, Jill & Stuart Chasan, Karen Brunner
October 28	Patti & Bill Segal, Avigail & Victor Rashkovshy
November 4	Carolyn & Julian Stein, Rhonda & Ron Sternfels
November 11	Mel Tobias, Bruce Tomkins
November 18	Yardena & Moshe Yair, Sarah & David Stuart
November 25	Reeva & Marvin Abraham, Ronnie & Jim Bogard

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A Visit to the Ohel and the Start of a New Knoxville Community Torah

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During our long history, the holy resting places of our righteous fore-bearers have served as a spiritual oasis in times both joyous and sad. The grave sites of our patriarchs and matriarchs, as well as that of our Matriarch Rachel and King David, are referred to in the Bible and Talmud and Torah's esoteric works, as places of prayer, reflection and introspection, and have provided solace to millions throughout the generations.

As you may know, the Code of Jewish Law recommends praying to G-d at the graveside of a Tzaddik before Rosh Hashanah for ourselves, our children, our family and friends for health, livelihood, prosperity and a good year.

On Sunday, September 10, a group from Knoxville traveled to New York to visit the Rebbe's resting place – the Ohel to pray and as the Rebbe to intercede on our behalf for a happy, healthy and sweet year. We each asked and prayed for ourselves, our families and friends and for the entire Knoxville Jewish community for a Shanah Tova!

During the trip and thanks to the generosity of Dr. Michael Zemel (and in memory of his parents) we had the merit to partake and start writing a new Torah – a Knoxville Community Torah – which will be written by a scribe in Israel. A Torah when missing even one letter is not valid, so, when an individual writes even one letter or donates to have even one letter written on their behalf, it's as if they wrote the entire Torah.

Right after the Holidays we will send out more information and opportunities we will each have to donate and be part of writing this Community Torah. When the Community Torah is near completion, we will be having a joyful celebration to dedicate this great new addition to our community, as the scribe, pious and skilled in his field, transcribes the letters of the Torah's final verse, finishing our Torah, the latest link in an eternal, holy chain.



Michael Zemel partakes and begins the writing of the new Knoxville Community Torah

A Pre-Rosh Hashana Color Party was a great way for our Cteen and BBYO kids to blast into the new year. After a getting to know you game, teens played a "watch ya mouth" Rosh hashana game. The highlight of the event was the color fun - dodge ball, capture the flag followed by a color throwing frenzy. The party wasn't over until a Mitzvah was done as teens decorated and filled busy boxes for kids in childrens hospital.

Cteen provides Jewish programming for middle and high school students, often partnering with BBYO and BBYO Connect. These events offer teens an opportunity to keep up relationships with their Jewish friends, learn something about their Judaism and do some extra Mitzvahs.

Upcoming Cteen events: Shabbat Dinner in the Sukkah - October 6 at 6:30 p.m. and Cut throat Kitchen: Latke Sabotage on December 9 from 7:00-9:30 p.m.



Cold refreshments are nice after a color throwing event.

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October 7

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October 14

Ralph August ♦ Aaron Berry ♦ Amy Cohen ♦ David Cohen ♦ Hinda Duhan ♦ Mark Fleishman ♦ Herman Forstein ♦ Joseph Goodstein ♦ David Jacobwitz ♦ Ann Levine ♦ Ronald Licht ♦ Richard Mittelman ♦ Francis Rosensweig ♦ Issac Routenberg ♦ Leonard Shersky ♦ Morris Skalet ♦ Sarah Tobe ♦ Benjamin Wise

October 21

Benjamin Berson ♦ Morris Bresoff ♦ Jean Brown ♦ Leonard Brown ♦ Isadore Collins ♦ Jennie Cooper ♦ Vaughn Cooper ♦ Isaac Coplan ♦ Peter Dreyer ♦ Theresa Fadem ♦ Ignatz Frank ♦ Mordecai Heiser ♦ Matilda Kraut ♦ Carol Krosin ♦ Marcus Mendelowitz ♦ Ben Polasky ♦ Morris Rosen, Malvina Schwartz ♦ Philip Seif ♦ Herman Shamitz ♦ Alexander Shapiro ♦ Morris Shersky ♦ Rhea Silber ♦ Joseph Solomon ♦ Leo Vogel ♦ Esther Winick

October 28

Eliezer Berman ♦ Dora Brody ♦ Gerson Cohen ♦ Zelda Finkelstein ♦ Jay Goodfriend ♦ Gertrude Gourse ♦ Charles Gubitz ♦ Joseph Gurwitch ♦ Phillip Krosin ♦ Abraham Leeds ♦ Anna Leibowitz ♦ Alan Mootnick ♦ Virginia Morrison ♦ Aaron Shagan ♦ Rose Shersky

JAHRZEIT

TEMPLE BETH EL

October 6

Abraham J. Alper ♦ Ida L. Banov ♦ Gerald A. Dortch ♦ Riva Dvorkiha ♦ Steven Howard Feldman ♦ Lester Hirsh ♦ Albert A. Levy ♦ Ann Marcovitch ♦ Sam Miller ♦ Amanda S. Morris ♦ Emanuel Radoff ♦ Gus Robinson ♦ Isaac Routenberg ♦ William D. Sampson

October 13

Bessie Factor ♦ Gertrude Frankel ♦ Harold Freedman ♦ Martin Guthman ♦ Lawrence Harris ♦ Marcus Mendelowitz ♦ Samuel Samuel

October 20

Dora Brody ♦ David Feldman ♦ Pam Feldman ♦ Sam Freeman ♦ Bessie Margolies ♦ Charlotte Pais ♦ Ruth Polk ♦ Israel Potter ♦ Ben Simon ♦ Daniel Taubman ♦ Celestine Yatsko ♦ Jack L. Zagoren ♦ Pearl Zauber

October 27

Janet Baker ♦ Khava Barkan ♦ C. B. Buster Brown ♦ Max Brunschwig ♦ Frieda Salky Burson ♦ Sara Hirsh ♦ Mildred Jacobson ♦ Morris Levitt ♦ Ida Markman ♦ Goldie Marshall ♦ Louisa Sasson ♦ Nicole Shenkman ♦ Evelyn Shey ♦ Roberta Shor ♦ Mary J. Sisman ♦ Abbie H. Smith ♦ Johanna Hessel Sonn ♦ Leonard Supman ♦ Albert Witcoff ♦ Alexander Zatlin

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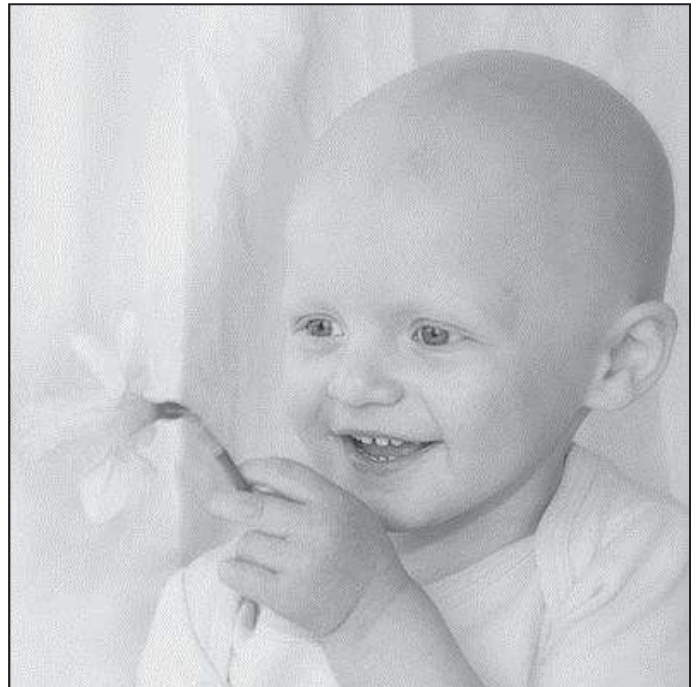
I know I have written about Chai Society annual giving before, but this picture is adorable and thought provoking. For the cost of about three coffees, \$15 a month can make a huge impact on lives here and in Israel. You can go to www.hadassah.org and click the link on the landing page *Give Monthly*. Every month when I get an email from Hadassah that my contribution is being taken out for Chai Society it makes me happy. It's a small amount that I don't miss and I know that my contribution is being put to good use. Don't forget that you can choose where you want your money to go. It's all there on the website. If you have questions you can always ask me as well. Please consider becoming a Chai Society member and help Hadassah help others.

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Hadassah Knoxville Rallies in Support of Local *Susannah's House*

Give A Day Knoxville. was conceived by Knoxville Mayor Madeline Rogero and Knox County Mayor Tim Burchett as a new community-wide volunteer initiative. Everyone in the community - from local businesses to city and county residents - were encouraged to give back during this week-long event from September 2 to September 8, 2017.

Hadassah Knoxville decided we wanted to help out *Susannah's House*. Hadassah has been involved since October 2015, with *Susannah's House*, a wonderful drug and alcohol rehab program for young women. That was when Hadassah sponsored a community awareness program about the problems of drug and alcohol abuse plaguing East Tennessee. At that time we became aware of the wonderful work *Susannah's House* does for addicted pregnant mothers and their babies. Since then we have had several drives asking for donations for the mothers and children at *Susannah's House*, we've provided meals and now we are hoping to encourage interested people to volunteer there.

As part of the Give-A-Day Knoxville campaign, several Hadassah Knoxville members met at the home of Peggy Littmann to prepare a terrific meal for the *Susannah's House* program participants. Missy Noon, Andrea Cone, Kathy Frankel, Robin Brown, Peggy Littmann and Barbara Mintz helped to prepare a taco casserole, salad and fruit for 50! Plus they delivered two delicious Bundt Cakes that were saved from Knosville for dessert! A hearty and heartfelt meal, it was delivered on September 1st along with donated much needed items for the mothers and children that are part of this important program to help mothers and their prenatally exposed babies recover from substance abuse. Hadassah Knoxville has provided these luncheon meals in the past and plans to continue. If you'd like to help with the next one, please contact Peggy Littmann at plittmann@comcast.net and she will add you on the list of volunteers.

To volunteer at *Susannah's House*, (they need help caring for babies, cooking, gardening, maintenance, leading special classes, donation sorters, volunteer medical care, Sponsors" who are special one on one Mom Friends, and on and on) click on the button on this website that says - I can help! <http://www.susannahshouse.org/get-involved.html>

*Preparing Barbara Mintz' taco casserole recipe are from left:
Andrea Cone, Peggy Littmann and Kathy Frankel.*



Hadassah Seeks Hosts and Hostess Sponsors for HMO Luncheon

Now is the time for you to be recognized and appreciated as a Hostess or Host for our upcoming

Hadassah Medical Organization Luncheon

December 3, 2017

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Please mark your calendars now for this popular Hadassah fundraiser. Come to lunch with old and new friends. Learn about recent medical advancements. Treat yourself to lunch in the Great Gatsby inspired atmosphere with the farm-to-table food selection of Knoxville's newest beautiful restaurant, **KITCHEN 919**, at the former location of the *Orangery Restaurant*.

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Hadassah Book Club News

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

Hope to see everyone at our **Tuesday, October 17 Hadassah Book Club meeting.** We meet at 7:30 p.m., at the Barnes and Noble Bookstore on Kingston Pike in the coffee shop area. This month we'll be discussing *Small Great Things* by Jodi Picoult. (To clear up any confusion, e cancelled book club in September because of the proximity of the HighHoly Days.)

Ruth Jefferson is a labor and delivery nurse at a Connecticut hospital with more than twenty years' experience. During her shift, Ruth begins a routine checkup on a newborn, only to be told a few minutes later that she's been reassigned to another patient. The parents are white supremacists and don't want Ruth, who is African American, to touch their child. The hospital complies with their request, but the next day, the baby goes into cardiac distress while Ruth is alone in the nursery. Does she obey orders or does she intervene?



Ruth hesitates before performing CPR and, as a result, is charged with a serious crime. Kennedy McQuarrie, a white public defender, takes her case but gives unexpected advice: Kennedy insists that mentioning race in the courtroom is not a winning strategy. Conflicted by Kennedy's counsel, Ruth tries to keep life as normal as possible for her family—especially her teenage son—as the case becomes a media sensation. As the trial moves forward, Ruth and Kennedy must gain each other's trust, and come to see that what they've been taught their whole lives about others—and themselves—might be wrong.

With incredible empathy, intelligence, and candor, Jodi Picoult tackles race, privilege, prejudice, justice, and compassion—and doesn't offer easy answers. *Small Great Things* is a remarkable achievement from a writer at the top of her game.

Please contact Peggy Littmann at plittmann@comcast.net or (865) 776-1013 with questions.

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Stanford Eisenberg Knoxville Jewish Day School

Total Solar Eclipse: A Once in Lifetime Event

The total solar eclipse on August 21 was truly an amazing event. Our students were well informed and prepared for some of the unusual phenomenon because of Dr. Mark Littmann. This local author and professor at UT Knoxville had the students spellbound as he described what would happen before, during and after the eclipse. His description of shadows, dusk-like light and singing insects were all experiences our students reported after the eclipse. His relatable but engrossing discussion, complete with phenomenal photos, was the perfect primer for our area’s celestial event. We always enjoy community members visiting the school but Mark Littman was out of this world!

Mark Littman explains how the eclipse works and why we were in the path of totality



Wake Up Your Brain!

Mrs. Wulf’s fourth and fifth grade class never knows what morning message they will find outside their door. Along with the usual “good morning,” there may be a unique challenge designed to push the students into new ways of working and thinking. The design challenge is based on the Engineering Design Process that is used to support flexible, reflective and self-correcting thinking.

During a recent Design Challenge, the students had to build a wrecking ball with certain specifications written into the instructions. While the students worked in pairs, they built their structures using the materials provided excitedly. Several accomplished the final goal but not to the required stipulations. As Mrs. Wulf sent them back the drawing board, the students realized they needed to slow down, read instructions carefully and repeatedly then explore several options before rebuilding.

The finished products were very different from the original. And all students had to go through the EDP to fix what was not working. It was a several day long challenge that left the students feeling confident in their re-tooled structures.

These students had to go back and re-work their wrecking ball. The morning design challenges are used to get students into flexible, reflective thinking.



Touchpebbles at KJDS

At KJDS we strive to educate the whole child. Not only are traditional academic subjects important, but we also focus on developing compassion, collaboration, critical thinking, and leadership. The discussion-based program, Touchpebbles, fosters each of these skills. KJDS adopted Touchpebbles last year for grades 2-5. The staff participated in their own group dialog to get a sense of how and why the discussions are presented in a deliberate manner, aiding personal connections. Our teachers have reported that it is an excellent tool for fostering student growth.

If you spent time in the classroom during one of our weekly Touchpebbles sessions, you would see that students are reading high level texts and classical literature with their teachers. They access the works of various authors from Aesop to Francis Bacon to Malcolm X. After reading a selection, students work with a partner to answer an open-ended question that gets to the heart of the text, then the group moves to a whole class discussion. In these discussions, you'd see no raised hands. Instead, the students learn to recognize when a speaker is concluding a statement, then they present their idea. They also reflect on their participation in the conversation, analyzing whether they spoke or listened more. They are encouraged to think about whether they heard from everyone in the group, and if not, how to invite everyone's voice into the discussion. The discussions are lively and interesting, and they teach the students how to think about complex issues and how to lead through listening, thinking, and speaking.

Miss Louise is leading the Second and Third Graders in Touchpebbles discussion. The students are empowered to ask questions in a "round table" fashion.

Our STEAM Into Service Curriculum has ENERGY!

As we enter our fourth year of the cutting-edge program *STEAM Into Service*, we have fine-tuned and re-energized this one of a kind class. With this semester's focus on "energy," we jump started our class with a visit from the Energy Hog. With help from Jennifer Alldredge, Program Manager of the Education Team from the Alliance to Save Energy, our students were riveted by this mammal who does not turn off lights and turns up the thermostat. The interactive visitor made a huge impact on our students and staff. If a light is left on in any empty room, it now gets turned off. You may hear students state "energy hog!" as they find one of these left on lights.

As we move forward this year, we will be showing our students different types of energy, how energy is made and used and how we can all reduce our carbon footprint. Our students will be challenged to think about how they can reduce their carbon footprint, and to consider how they can support the city of Knoxville in its initiative to become a greener and more sustainable city.

KJDS Drama Class, a Microcosm for 21st Century Skills

Each year our KJDS students, directed by our talented Drama Teacher, Ms. Rosina Guerra, take the stage and put on a first class performance at one of Pellissippi State's premiere theatres. At the heart of our KJDS education is the yearly Drama performance. It is a much anticipated, cherished and fondly remembered by all the students. Drama teaches real life skills. In today's fast moving world students have to know how to think on their feet. They need to know how to create, to innovate, to communicate and to collaborate. These are the true skills of the 21st century. And these are the skills developed in KJDS's drama program.

Each aspect of rehearsal- learning their lines, practicing their parts, re-creating a scene and developing their assigned character- uses the important skills of critical thinking, creative thinking, communication and collaboration. The added bonus of partaking in such a high-level production every single year from Kindergarten through Fifth grade, is our students are imbued with a confident stage presence and the ability to stoically speak in front of crowds.

This year our students will be putting on the *Peter Pan Jr.* play on Sunday, January 14 at 4:00 p.m. at Pellissippi State Community College's Clayton Performing Arts Center. Come join us and plan to be amazed by the talent and phenomenal collaboration our young students bring to the stage.



Ms. Rosina teaches all the students how to speak confidently, work as a team and think on their feet. She encourages the students to push themselves each year.

Making Connections

Cross curricular studies deepen student understanding and retention.

During the run-up to the eclipse, our students were given the assignment to draw what they thought the eclipse would like in their Art class. The students recalled the images they were shown in Dr. Mark Littmann's discussion and in their regular classroom to create their own eclipse picture.



The students are reflecting on what they envisioned and what they actually saw during the eclipse.

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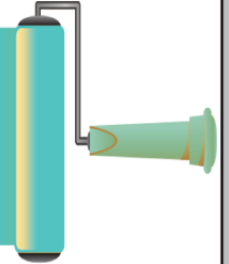


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Mira Kimmelman Honored by NCCJ

In 1997, Oak Ridge's Mira **Kimmelman** was honored by the National Conference of Christians and Jews, receiving their Religious Service award for her work in Holocaust education in the public schools and the community.

Pictured here are a group of friends from Knoxville and Oak Ridge who attended the dinner in her honor.

Back row, from left: {unknown}, the late Fran **Sturm**, Larry **Dresner**, Mel **Sturm**; front row: the late Dot **Levin**, Mira **Kimmelman**,

Sonya **Eichler**, Marion **Goodstein**, Gilya **Schmidt**, Eileen **Handler**. Marion moved to Israel. Dot's step-son Charles **Levin** lives in Knoxville. The others continue to live in Knoxville or Oak Ridge.

Thanks to Mel **Sturm** for this photograph and the identification.

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