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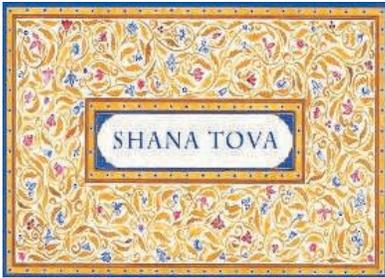
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Heska Amuna Synagogue
Wishes You L'Shana Tova

*May the year ahead be filled with
joy, happiness, abundant health,
and lasting peace for all.*

From Selichot to Simchat Torah,
we invite you to join us
in prayer and reflection.

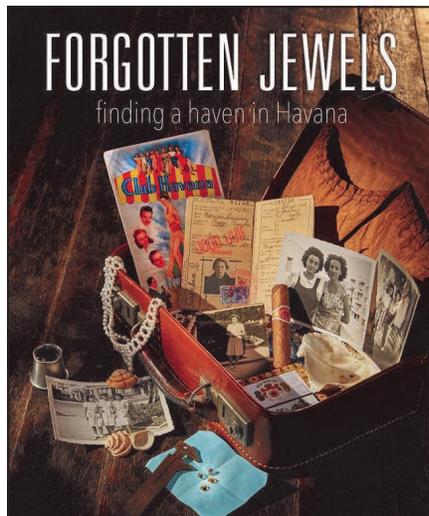


As we enter the holidays, please
join us for a special Selichot
service of prayer and reflection on
September 16 at 8:15 pm.

We will preview *Forgotten
Jewels*, a new documentary
sponsored by the National Center
of Jewish Film, which explores the
experiences of Holocaust
survivors in Cuba. (This will be a
"work in progress" screening as
the film will be officially released
later in the year and shown next
spring in a joint program with
Hadassah).

Our Selichot service will include special commentary from **Trudy
Dreyer** on her experiences in Cuba
during this time as we consider the
past and look to the future, change
our Torah mantles, and enjoy sweets
from our Women's League.

**For a complete list of High
Holiday services and programs,
see page 20.**





The Gift is in the Giving

By Rabbi Alon C. Ferency

Mishnah, Pirke Avot 5:15

Givers of charity fall into four categories: The one who wants to give, but who does not want others to give—such a one is miserly with other people's [money]. [The one who wishes] for others to give, but not personally to give—such a one is miserly with one's own [money]. [The one who wishes] to give and for others to give—a pious individual. [The one who wishes] not to give and for others [also] not to give—a wicked individual. (*Pirke Avot Lev Shalem*)



We approach the new year with excitement and gratitude to grow Jewishly. Jewish life and practice offer us so many gifts to salve our souls. Sometimes, the greatest gift a Jew can receive is the chance to give something to others. There are many ways in which our community expresses its love and caring for one another. Among a variety of incredible giving opportunities, I would like to highlight three in particular: The Diane and Guilford Glazer Fellowship; The Legacy Book of Life; and, The Defenders of the Faith Fund.

The Diane and Guilford Glazer Fellowship recognizes many in our community for the good work they are already doing, while motivating and inspiring all to do more of it, with the added incentive of supporting Heska Amuna Synagogue financially as a result of their work. The fund makes \$25,000 available annually to the Synagogue, by endorsing volunteer "sweat equity" donations. Congregants representing every facet of our synagogue stepped forward to contribute their efforts to this program, wanting to be counted. Volunteers were of all ages: from our high-schoolers to our seniors, as they worked in the Synagogue, in the broader Jewish community, and also for a good number of amazing community organizations.

Monies from The Diane and Guilford Glazer Fellowship help us do many things more effectively and to expand the reach of things we are already doing. The Fellowship also helps us to be a more inclusive community and provide broader services to congregants and community members that are often underserved. Perhaps most importantly, the Fellowship invigorated a powerful sense of shared purpose in our congregation.

The Legacy Book of Life is a planned giving program that offers participants the opportunity to ensure their personal legacy, the financial legacy of the community, and the continuity of Jewish life at Heska Amuna Synagogue. It also offers them an opportunity for their family to remember their roots, to leave a gift to the community that raised them, and to be remembered as a piece of Heska Amuna history. Each donor becomes a Signer, who makes a promise to leave a bequest, a gift in their will to Heska Amuna Synagogue. Their family story is inscribed in the Legacy Book of Life, and signers are recognized with a special plaque in the Synagogue as well.

There is no immediate cost to becoming a Legacy Book of Life Signer; likewise, no minimum amount is required. Signers may leave a direct bequest for the charitable purposes of the Synagogue, remembering that this will be the last gift that they will make to the community. **It will be their legacy.** Legacy gifts will assure that no new member, young family, or future Jew is unable to participate in the Synagogue because of financial hardship.

Finally, *The Defenders of the Faith Fund* ensures the repair, replacement, or enhancement of religious items including books, Torah scrolls, arks, and other items used for religious ceremony and study.

Furthermore, there are many other personalized ways to give: the Educational Enrichment Fund and Educator's Supplement Fund; the Cemetery Fund; our Library Fund; the Cohen-Presser Fund for the physical integrity of the building; or simply and profoundly a donation made to remember a loved one on their *Yahrzeit*.

To find out how you can offer your amazing gifts to our community, please contact me at the Synagogue office.

10 Elul—10 Tishrei 5777

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Women's League Parking Space Raffle: 2 Ways to Win!

- 1st Space: Purchase one of 10 \$100 tickets
- or - 2nd Space: Purchase unlimited number of tickets (\$10 each or 2/\$18, 3/\$25, or 4/\$30).

Deadline: September 19.

All proceeds support our "Jewish Life at Home (JLAH) program.

Make checks out to Heska Amuna Women's League; send to the office or to Marilyn Liberman.



Heska Amuna Invites You to Enjoy Our Amazing New Play Spot



In an effort to make the Synagogue a home for all and a place of growth, love, and healing - and as a result of the hugely successful B's event this spring - we re-invented the courtyard with wonderful play equipment, toys, and other delights. We hope to see it burbling with children's play and adult contemplation!

Thanks to Rabbi Alon Ferency, Marilyn Burnett, and Pat Rosenberg's leadership, our

Play Spot will be a thriving center of family activity. And a thank you to the Men's Club for painting and installing the play equipment and to Joelle Adajian for creating the signage for our play area as well as the "Shalom. Y'all" sign for our Kingston Pike entrance as part of the Butterfly Bush's outdoor beautification program.



Observant Judaism

By Mary Ann Merrell, Heska Amuna Synagogue President

As is true for many of us on the Board of Directors, I come from a long line of parents, grandparents, and family members who have centered their lives through the conservative movement and the unifying theme Judaism holds in our lives. My grandfather literally walked from Russia to his freedom and, after settling in to a quite different way of living, was very active in Jewish life in his Ohio River Valley home. Although he was a quiet-spoken man, he could readily traverse seven languages and was an inspired Gabbai whose history and Eastern European accent he shared with many other immigrants in the congregation. I grew up in a congregation in Southern Indiana that both looks and feels very similar to Heska Amuna Synagogue; even the sanctuary feels different to me in the exact same way at the High Holidays just as it did when I was young. How can it be the same space, the same walls, the same Rabbi? Yet walking into the sanctuary there is a change in the sense of place that I have felt all my life at this time of year. And what I recall most strongly has less to do with a particular prayer and more about the sense of place the synagogue afforded me. Although "observant" has an array of meanings, my early experiences at the High Holidays offered an amazingly diverse view of congregants and religious practices and, ultimately, what I think of as "observant Judaism" today.

When young I often marveled at my grandfather's friends, almost all from Eastern Europe shtetls and towns similar to his in Latvia. On two sides of our synagogue's sanctuary were a series of inset windows with deep ledges and on Yom Kippur, these elders would often lean far into the window sills fervently praying. Sometimes, they would stand there all afternoon intensely praying and, as a child, it was fascinating to watch. It must have been in my early teens the first time I heard it - a tiny, small sound. It was a tinny, quiet, odd sound of something akin to cheering and it took me quite a while to realize that the sound was emanating from a tiny transistor radio of one of my grandfather's friends praying by the window where the radio reception must have been exceptional. It was the World Series and someone had just hit a home run. It was a foundational moment to me on observant Judaism that still resonates for me today because after the game was over, these same men read Torah, davened, led services throughout the year, and held our small Jewish community together all their lives.

I do not share this memory as a suggestion that you carry your technology and the seemingly essential connectedness it offers us to the High Holidays with you this year; but this memory was then and is a reminder to me now on the personal opportunity for reflection and renewal the High Holidays bring. It is my hope that through the many efforts of the Rabbi and Religious Services committee, the High Holiday services planned for 5778 offer each of you a most pleasing space in which to find your own observance and that you fill it will lasting meaning.

As my grandfather often said, "Gut Yuntiff." May the year to come be filled with health, happiness, and peace for us all. L'Shana Tova.

Simchat Torah to Honor Ernie Gross and Jared & Anna Iroff-Bailey

Simchat Torah is a wonderful celebration of our Torah and our people. This year we are delighted to highlight the efforts of volunteers that contribute so much to our congregational life. Come and dance to the joyful music as we honor **Ernie Gross** as our Hatan Torah (Groom) and, sharing the honor as Kallat Torah (Bride), **Jared & Anna Iroff-Bailey**. In addition to the excitement of unrolling and rerolling our Shabbat torah scroll across the entire sanctuary, our religious school students will chant the last lines of Deuteronomy for us this year!

We will celebrate Simchat Torah on Thursday, October 12. Dinner will be served at 5:30 p.m. Service and Hakafot (dancing and singing with our Torahs) begins at 6:30 p.m.

Please make your dinner reservation by contacting the office by Monday, October 9. Dinner is \$10 (adult) and \$5 for children 18 and under; the family cap is \$30. (There is no charge for dinner for Heska Amuna Religious School families from kindergarten through Prozdor, but reservations are required).

Heska Amuna Synagogue welcomes everyone to our community to experience the holidays with us. Join us as we welcome in the new year of 5778. No tickets are required.

Thanks to our Women's League, free child-care and youth programs are available.

(Child Care Registration by September 15 is required).

<i>Selichot</i>	Saturday, Sept 16, 8:15 pm	Forgotten Jewels: A Documentary on Holocaust survivors in Cuba with commentary by Trudy Dreyer. Our service includes changing Torah mantles and desserts from Women's League.
<i>Rosh Hashanah</i>	Wednesday, Sept 20; 6-7 pm	In courtyard, weather permitting
	Thursday, Sept 21 & Friday, Sept 22 Enjoy apples and honey following services on Day 1	Morning Service, 9:30 am Torah Reading, 10:30 am Shofar Service, 11:15 am Rabbi's sermon, 11:30 am Musaf, 11:45 am *Mid-morning service times are approximate*
<i>Tashlich</i>	Thursday, Sept 21, 4:30 pm Rain date Fri., Sept 22, 4:30	Held by fountain on Cherokee Boulevard
<i>Cemetery Service</i>	Sunday, Sept 24, 11 am	New Jewish Cemetery, 3170 Keith Avenue A joint service with Temple Beth El
<i>Yom Kippur</i>	Friday, Sept 29	Musical Prelude, 6:30 pm Kol Nidre, 7 pm
	Saturday, Sept 30	Morning Service, 9:30 am Rabbi's sermon, noon Yizkor, 12:30 pm Study Session, after services in Library Beginning at 5:30 pm: Minchah, Neilah, and Ma'ariv, Havdalah Break-the-fast, approximately 7:30 pm *Mid-morning service times are approximate*
<i>Sukkot</i>	Wednesday, Oct 4	Build Sukkah, 4 pm Decorate Sukkah then dinner, 5 pm
	Thursday, Oct 5, First Day	Service, 7 am
	Friday, Oct 6, Second Day	Service, 9:30 am
	Saturday, Oct 7	Shabbat Service, 9:30 am in Sukkah, weather permitting
<i>Shemini Atzeret</i>	Thursday, Oct 12	Service and Yizkor, 9:30 am
<i>Simchat Torah</i>	Thursday, Oct 12 Dinner, 5:30 pm Service & Hakkafot, 6:30 pm	Dance to joyful music as we honor <i>Ernie Gross</i> as our Hatan Torah (Groom) and, sharing the honor as Kallat Torah (Bride), <i>Jared & Anna Iroff-Bailey</i> .
	Friday, Oct 13	Service, 9:30 am

What's Up at Heska Amuna Religious School?

By Betty Golub, Director of Youth and Family Programming



There is a new buzz around the Knoxville Jewish Community. This year Women's League (formerly Sisterhood) and Heska Amuna Religious School will offer quality High Holiday educational services, programs, and child care during Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. Once again we will have Minyan Katan services and programs for our youngest children (ages 6 and under) on Rosh Hashanah Day 1 and Day 2 as well as Yom Kippur, from 10:00 – 10:30 in the Robinson Chapel. Immediately following services, we will have activities such as crafts, story time, creative Tashlich, snacks and a healthy lunch. Please remember, there will also be babysitting available. We will also have programs and services for students in Junior Congregation (ages 7 through 12) and our Prozdor students (ages 13 and up). Please check our website for times and locations

And...this year we are also offering a joint program with Temple Beth El called **B'Yachad**. This program combines our Gan K'Tan class along with Temple Beth El's Torah Tots. We will meet September through December at Temple Beth El and January through April at Heska Amuna. And to sweeten the pot even more, our very own Anna Iroff-Bailey will be teaching our children!

And lastly... this year we are adding a very special program that is open to everyone in the Knoxville community. We are going to Cumberland Falls State Park in Corbin, Kentucky on November 10-12. This weekend will give everyone a chance to recharge and renew with their families. We will have activities for babies through seniors. And you will get to see the beautiful falls!

With new programs beginning at Heska Amuna Synagogue, why not add some new Rosh Hashanah activities to try as you usher in 5778:

- Apple picking is a fun family activity. **The Fruit and Berry Patch** is a local farm that offers apple picking now through March. It's a tradition to eat apples and honey on Rosh Hashanah to symbolize a sweet new year
- Find local honey. As it turns out, there are lots of different kinds of honey out there and it's good for you!
- Send New Year's cards
- Learn to bake a round challah

This month Heska Amuna Religious School is highlighting teacher **Anna Iroff-Bailey**:

Anna Iroff-Bailey loves working with our community's youngest learners and families through **B'yachad** - formerly known as Gan K'tan and Torah Tots! She has been active in Heska Amuna Religious School for many years, as a student, madricha, teacher (Gan K'tan through Prozdor!), even interim Education Director, and she is passionate about Jewish education and building Jewish community. B'yachad accomplishes both goals by promoting Jewish life and experiences for all Jewish families in Knoxville with children ages 4 and under! Anna is also a Speech-Language Pathologist with Maryville City Schools working with students with significant communication challenges. She lives with her husband Jared and their tiny-but-feisty Chihuahua, Rico.

Introducing Shannon Martindale, Our Newest Staff Member

In addition to my full-time job as the Operations Lead at Sephora, I am excited to be working part-time in the office at Heska Amuna! I have a Master of Public Administration degree from Valdosta State University and I am looking forward to putting that to use in ways that will help our community continue to thrive.

Over the last six years, this community has become part of my family and I am thankful for this addition opportunity to serve.

I suspect I have set some sort of record for finishing my conversion to Judaism, becoming a member of the congregation, and becoming a member of staff; I accomplished all three in approximately a week!

When I'm not at work, I am training for my first half-marathon, hiking in the Smokies, or watching British television with my three rescue cats..



Shannon Martindale



JLAH: Sukkot September 24, 9:30-12:30

All are invited to celebrate and learn together at JLAH: Sukkot! JLAH is a community learning program presented by Heska Amuna Women's League. We will learn all about Sukkot – the history, rituals, texts, decorations, and how to celebrate this fun holiday in your own family! Something for EVERYONE!

Women's League News

Tishrei: A Month for Beginnings

This summer of oppressive heat passed quickly – jammed packed with activities and special events, including a productive Women's League Convention in Arlington, Virginia, and an almost once-in-a-lifetime total solar eclipse. The unusual pace of July and August, not the expected “lazy, hazy dog days” foreshadows a trend of activity and productivity for the upcoming year for Heska Amuna Women's League. But now, Tishrei, the month of many beginnings, is nearly here and we turn our thoughts to the upcoming year.

I find the month of September a challenge, as I refocus on the activities which begin again. Add in the numerous Jewish holidays, hours in services, family plans, meals to make, and New Year's greetings to the normal flow of life, and the overload becomes real. This year, it's even more poignant as I face a momentous birthday, my seventieth, right in the middle of the holiday cycle.

In the Jewish tradition, long life is measured in decades, and as I start my eighth decade, I find my activities of this summer meaningful. As I write this in mid-July, I have yet to experience the eclipse, but I have seen Mark Littmann's slide show. I sense that 2 minutes plus of totality - of darkness into light -- is a good way to reset one for what's ahead in this new decade.

I enjoyed the Women's League Convention with three fellow travelers from Heska Amuna and 450 Conservative women from throughout the country. The excitement was palpable. While we celebrated the past 100 years of Women's League, a bold new direction was laid out for the organization. The new plans, the endpoint of 3 years of strategic planning, focuses on the growth of individual members and congregational groups, as well as on the many roads toward the concept of tikkun olam. These days were packed with history, with kavanah, and with sisterhood. As a new vice president for International Women's League for Conservative Judaism, I am excited and humbled to be taking on a new leadership role as this group moves ahead on a powerful agenda for growth and change.

In August, the Heska Amuna Women's League met for a retreat day to plan and to learn together following the convention. Our speaker, Chuck Carringer from the Alliance for Better Non-Profits pushed us into a new view of our personal roles of leadership and an exciting new approach to our communal planning and implementation of projects. We are looking forward to bringing this new energy to the whole congregation.

Tishrei is the absolutely perfect time to focus on changes like these. The change of season, the cooler days, and the time in synagogue, are all factors in encouraging us – individually and as a group, to begin again. There is so much to do.....in 5778 and, for me, the new decade ahead.

My wishes to each of you personally for a wonderful holiday season: may you have an easy fast, and a sweet New Year.



Barb Levin

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Permanent Schedule

Friday Night Services.....Varies
 Saturday Morning Service.....9:30 a.m.
 Sunday Minyan.....9:30 a.m.
 Mon. & Thurs. Minyanim.....7:00 a.m.

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

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

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Thank you to all our wonderful congregants and friends who supported Heska Amuna and Heska Amuna Women's League last year by contributing to our **Yizkor Book**.

Last year all proceeds from the book were donated to the Cemetery Fund. We were thrilled to be able to donate \$3,000 to the fund. This year all proceeds from the book are again earmarked for the cemetery. Your participation allows us to honor the memory of our loved ones twice - both in the book itself and by ensuring that our cemetery continues to be maintained in a way that honors and dignifies our departed friends and family.

If anyone has not yet received order forms, please contact Peggy Littmann at plittmann@comcast.net or Harriet Glasman at harrietglasman@gmail.com

Thank you again,
 Lynn Fuson, Peggy Littmann, Harriet Glasman, and Josh Hedrick,
 Yizkor Book Committee members

SEPTEMBER 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>La Shanah Tovah to All!</p> <p>Area Jewish community houses of worship welcome all during the High Holy Days. Please find detailed schedules within their <i>Ha'Kol</i> sections and join your community in worship.</p>					<p>1</p> <p>4-7p AJCC Pool 4:45p JFS Shabbat Service-Sherrill Hills 7p Shabbat -TBE 7:30p Shabbat Eve Service & Dessert Oneg by Men's Club-JCOR</p>	<p>2</p> <p>9:30a Shabbat Service-HA 9:30a Shabbat Service-JCOR 1-7p AJCC Pool open 7:30p Havdalah & Movie on the Lawn-Kingsman: The Secret Service-JCOR</p>
<p>3</p> <p>9:30a minyan-HA Noon-7p AJCC Pool open 1-3p Pickleball-Gym</p> 	<p>4 Labor Day</p> <p>9a Morning Minyan-HA 1-7p AJCC Pool open</p> 	<p>5</p> <p>6p Executive Brd-TBE 6-9:30p Fencing-Gym</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Noon-1p Rabbi's Brown Bag Midrash-HA 4:30p Mid-Week Hebrew-TBE 6-9:30p Fencing-Gym 7-8p Talmud Study-HA</p>	<p>7</p> <p>7a Morning Minyan-HA 11a Adult Ed/Torah Study-TBE 7:30-9p Israeli Dancing-AJCC Gym</p>	<p>8</p>  <p>1p Men's Lunch-JCOR 4-7p AJCC Pool open 6:15p Wine & Cheese-TBE 6:30p Sunset Minyan-HA 7p Shabbat -TBE</p>	<p>9</p>  <p>9:30a-noon Shabbat Service-HA 9:30a Shabbat Service-JCOR 1-7p AJCC Pool open</p>
<p>10</p>  <p>9:30a minyan-HA 9:30a Religious School-TBE 1-3p Pickleball-Gym 2-4p C'Teen Color Party-Chabad 2-4p <i>Unifying for Change:</i> Hadassah Membership event-AJCC 2-4p 2018 Budget mtg-AJCC Orwitz Room 3-5p Pool Party-AJCC</p>	<p>11</p> <p>7a Morning Minyan-HA 11:30a JFS Comm-Orwitz Room 6p KJA Exec Comm-AJCC Orwitz Room 6-9:30p Fencing-Gym</p>	<p>12</p> <p>6-9:30p Fencing-Gym 6:30p Board-TBE</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Noon KJA Friendshippers-Sherrill Hills Noon-1p Rabbi's Brown Bag Midrash-HA 4:30p Mid-Week Hebrew-TBE 6-9:30p Fencing-Gym 7-8p Talmud Study-HA</p>	<p>14</p> <p>7a Morning Minyan-HA 11a Adult Ed/Torah Study-TBE 7:30p Board mtg-HA 7:30-9p Israeli Dancing-AJCC Gym</p>	<p>15</p> <p>6:30p Sisterhood Shabbat & Potluck-JCOR 5-7p Shabbat School & Dinner-HA 7p Shabbat -TBE</p>	<p>16</p> <p>9:30a Shabbat Service-HA 9:30a Shabbat Service-JCOR 8p Selichot Service-TBE 7p Selichot Program: <i>A Life Apart: Hasidism in America</i>-JCOR</p>
<p>17</p> <p>9:30a minyan-HA 9:30a Religious School-TBE 10a B'yachad-TBE 10a Sisterhood Opening Brunch-TBE 1-3p Pickleball-Gym 2-4p Apple Picking & Berry Patch 2-4p Milton Collins Exhibit Reception-AJCC</p>	<p>18</p> <p>7a Morning Minyan-HA 6-9:30p Fencing-Gym</p>	<p>19</p> <p>6-9:30p Fencing-Gym</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Erev Rosh Hashanah Noon-1p Rabbi's Brown Bag Midrash-HA 6-9:30p Fencing-Gym 7-8p Talmud Study-HA 7:30p Erev Rosh Hashana Service-TBE</p>	<p>21 Rosh Hashanah</p> <p>AJCC Preschool and KJA Office closed</p> <p>(See individual congregation sections for High Holy Days services, programs, times, and details)</p>	<p>22 Rosh Hashanah</p> <p>AJCC Preschool and KJA Office closed 7p Shuvah Shabbat -TBE</p>	<p>23</p> <p>9:30a Shabbat Service-HA 9:30a Shabbat Service-JCOR</p>
<p>24</p> <p>9:30a minyan-HA 9:30a Religious School-TBE 9:30a-12:30p JLAH-Sukkot-HA 10a Old Cemetery Service-TBE</p>	<p>25</p> <p>7a Morning Minyan-HA 6-9:30p Fencing-Gym</p>	<p>26</p> <p>6-9:30p Fencing-Gym</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Noon-1p Rabbi's Brown Bag Midrash-HA 4:30p Mid-Week Hebrew-TBE 6-9:30p Fencing-Gym 7-8p Talmud Study-HA</p>	<p>28</p> <p>7a Morning Minyan-HA 11a Adult Ed/Torah Study-TBE 7:30-9p Israeli Dancing-AJCC Gym</p>	<p>29 Kol Nidre</p> <p>7p Shabbat -TBE 7:30p Kol Nidre/Erev Yom Kippur Service-TBE</p>	<p>30 Yom Kippur</p> <p>(See individual congregation sections for High Holy Days services, programs, times, and details)</p>

We wish our members and the entire Jewish community a healthy, happy and prosperous new year. We join you in praying for peace in Israel.

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Temple Beth El

Our Board and Our Staff Wish the Entire Community a Happy and Healthy New Year

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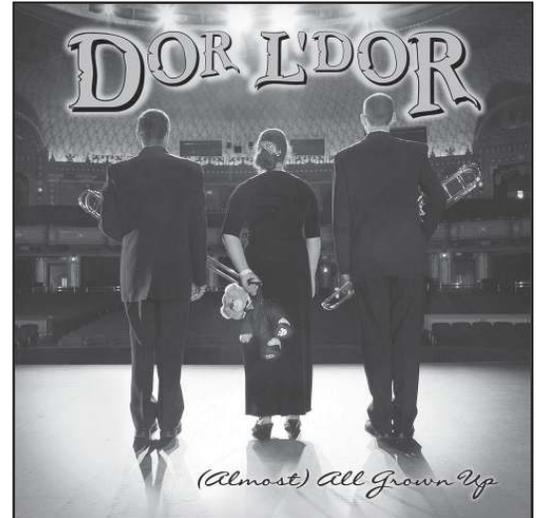
Local Klemzer Band to Play Labor Day Show at Tennessee Theatre

Knoxville-based klezmer band Dor L'Dor will perform their annual Labor Day "Mighty Musical Monday" program at the historic Tennessee Theatre on Monday, **September 4 at noon**. The event will also mark the release of the group's third CD, "*Dor L'Dor: (Almost) All Grown Up*." The concert is free and Dor L'Dor invites the entire community to join them for this very special occasion.

Dor L'Dor was formed in 1999 by Ken and Susan Shorr Brown, along with their three children (Michael, Daniel, and Rachel Brown), who all perform on the new CD. Also featured on the new CD are Ken and Susan's daughter-in-law, violinist Selena Koo Brown, and Stella Galanti, who will appear as a guest vocalist at the concert. Ken's brother, Steve Brown, continues as the group's drummer and collaborator.

Ken and Steve are the sons of the late Elaine and Arthur Brown, and Susan is the daughter of the late Marilyn and Bernie Shorr.

Sneak peak at Dor L'Dor's soon-to-be released CD cover.



Community Members Do Well at Maccabiah Games

East Tennessee was well represented at the 20th World Maccabiah Games this summer in Israel. Maccabi USA brought a team of more than 1,100 athletes who joined 10,000 Jewish athletes from 80 countries, participating in 43 different sports.

- Ariel Kupritz**, who plays on UT's women's soccer team, earned a silver medal as a women's soccer team member for the 20th World Maccabiah Games, July 4-18 in Israel. The US team lost 2-1 to Israel in the finals. During the tournament, Kupritz, who plays forward, scored 10 goals. She is redshirt senior forward from Maryville, Tennessee.
 

Kupritz
- Thomas Horne**, a Sevier County High School sophomore, had quite a showing at the Maccabiah Games for the Juniors Swim Team. He placed third in the 200 butterfly; second in the 400 IM; and fourth in the 100 butterfly, 200 IM, and 200 Back. In addition, Horne was on three silver medal relays: 400 Medley relay, 400 free relay and 800 free relay.
 

Goldman
- Marshall Goldman**, CEO of Tennessee Aquatics (and a former AJCC Swim Team coach), was a swim coach for the USA Swim and Dive team.
 

Goldman

Suzy Snoops

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

- ★ **Adam Brown** and the Tennessee School of Beauty were featured in a *News Sentinel* article for partnering with the Boys and Girls Club to provide free haircuts to help get students ready for a new school year.
- ★ Congratulations to **Leslie Snow**, who earned first place in the Best Personal Column category in the Tennessee Press Association's 2017 newspaper contest. Snow's column appeared in the *News Sentinel* before moving to the *Shopper News* in May.
- ★ Mazel tov to **Shelley and Marc Mangold** on the April 22 marriage of her son Abram Hanford and Madeline Merrill. Abram is co-partner at Architectural Antics and Madeline is a registered nurse at UT Hospital. After their Thailand honeymoon, they will reside in their area home.
- ★ The Hon. **Mary Beth Leibowitz** was a criminal court judge for the Knox County Criminal Court in the Sixth Judicial District of Tennessee from 1989 until she retired on August 31, 2014. Her judicial portrait was unveiled in a ceremony at the City-County Building on July 12.
 
- ★ Mazel Tov to uncle **Lee Wittenberg** on the birth of his great niece, Rahab Violet Best-Wittenberg. The happy parents are Annika and Jacob.

H A P P E N I N G S

Pre-Rosh Hashana
Apple Picking
 September 17th 2pm-4pm

Join KJDS and PJ Library on a trip to the Fruit and Berry Patch

- See how apples grow
- Explore the farm on a wagon ride.
- Bring home with a bag full of freshly picked apples.
- Enjoy a corn maze.
- Sip fresh apple cider.

Fruit and Berry Patch
 4407 McCloud Rd, Knoxville, TN 37938

RSVP to Miriam Esther @ me@kjds.org,
 or Ally Wiener @ program@jewishknoxville.org

“The noblest pleasure is the joy of understanding.”

Leonardo da Vinci

SAVE THE DATE

Come Learn with Us!
 ADULTS & CHILDREN WILL ENJOY
 LEARNING TOGETHER

**Community-Wide
 Day of Learning
 Sunday, October 29**

9:30—noon
 Arnstein Jewish Community Center
Free community event

Jacob Love
 Biblical Hebrew, Judaism, UT Department of Religious Studies

Megan Bryson
 East Asian Religions, UT Department of Religious Studies

❖ “A Blessing Upon Not Touching the Moon: Rabbinic Musings on Space Travel”_Jacob Love

❖ “Count Your Lucky Stars: Fate and Fortune in the Chinese Lunar Calendar”_Megan Bryson

Come and Learn How Chinese and Jewish People Arrived at Similar Calendars Half the World Away!

THURSDAY, SEP. 7, 2017 6:00 PM
Hodges Library Auditorium
Chinese Refreshments Served

Free Admission & Open to the Public!

**Confucius Institute Lecture Series:
 Jewish and Chinese Lunar Calendars**

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RELIGIOUS STUDIES

Questions/Additional Information:
 Confucius Institute / 865-974-5753 / confucius@utk.edu
 Room 110, UT International House, 1623 Melrose Avenue KNOXVILLE, TN 37996



BBG 2017 Fall Term officers include Hallie Boring, Sarah Siegel, Paige Quartararo, Yuval Koenig, Rachel Margulies, Lauren Dryzer, and Lilly Sitver.

Weinstein BBG Elects 2017 Fall Term Officers

On August 6, BBYO’s Weinstein BBG chapter held elections at the AJCC for its Fall Term board. Congrats to our fabulous new board!

- N’siah (President): Lilly Sitver
- S’ganit (VP of Programming): Lauren Dryzer & Rachel Margulies
- MIT Mom: Allie Hull
- Mazkirah/Gizborit (Secretary/Treasurer): Sarah Siegel
- Sh’lichah (VP of Judaic and Social Service): Hallie Boring
- MIT Committee: Paige Quartararo & Yuval Koenig

TEMPLE BETH EL TIMES



The Art of Prayer: Customs and Welcoming

By Rabbi Erin Boxt

In just about 4 weeks or so, the Jewish community will be celebrating a period of time referred to as *Yamim Noraim*, the 10 Days of Awe, or the 10 Days of Repentance. Beginning with the Rosh Hashanah evening service on Wednesday, September 20th, Jews around the world will attend services starting at sundown on the eve of Rosh Hashanah. This service marks the “Head of the Year.” We celebrate this sweetness by eating apples with honey, representing a sweet new year! It is also especially important to spend time with our families and friends, sharing stories of the previous year. One question that is always asked refers to the differences between the Jewish calendar and the Gregorian calendar. The Jewish calendar is a lunar calendar, based on the movements of the moon. So, our day begins with sundown and ends with sunrise! The Gregorian calendar is reversed.



10 Elul—10 Tishrei 5777

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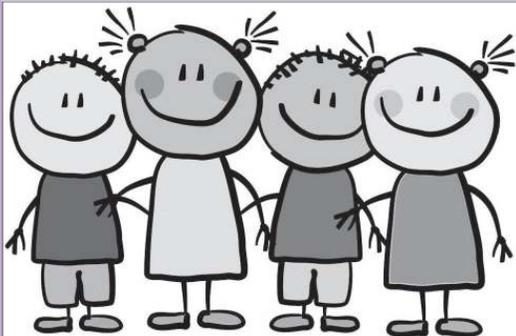
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For the following 10 days (leading up to the Day of Repentance, Yom Kippur on Friday, September 29 – Saturday, September 30), Jewish people will be in a period of introspection. We examine all of the accomplishments of the previous year. However, we also seek to learn from the mistakes we made. The sins we have committed against God are our primary focus. However, it is our responsibility also to seek out those whom we have wronged and ask for their forgiveness. One tradition teaches that when we seek someone out, we are required to ask forgiveness three times. After the third request, if they are legitimate and true requests, we are automatically forgiven of the sins – but only those against our fellow man.

One major theme of the High Holy Day period, from Rosh Hashanah to Yom Kippur, is that God has “books” in which everyone’s name is written down. During this 10 day period, Jews seek repentance, hoping to temper God’s decision regarding what will happen to us in the following year. “Who will live, who will die, who will perish by fire, who by water...” Although the ultimate decision is up to God, it is our actions, our good deeds and repentance that can affect God’s decision making. Every Jew in the world spends this 10 day period in a state of reflection – looking for ways to improve upon themselves for the upcoming year.

On the eve of Yom Kippur (Friday, September 29), Jews gather together for the chanting of “Kol Nidre,” a prayer that asks God to accept our repentance and allow us to have a chance to do better in the upcoming year. Jews fast on Yom Kippur...to give us the chance to focus only on seeking forgiveness for our sins against God. According to tradition, work is not permitted on Yom Kippur. It is a day set aside to “afflict the soul,” forcing us to truly focus on our repentance. At the end of the Yom Kippur fast, we come together for a communal meal in which we “break” the fast. This coming together is another example of how very important it is for us to be in community.

This period of *Yamim Noraim* really affords Jews the opportunity to truly become not only better Jews, but also better Americans and better citizens of our world.



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

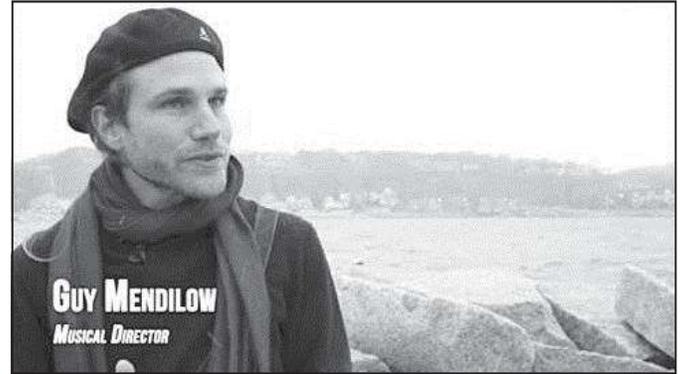
Childcare will begin at 6:45 p.m. and end approximately 8:15 p.m. (or at the end of services). All children must be picked up after services and are welcome to join us at the Oneg.



Friday, September 8 – 6:15 p.m.
**Temple Beth El Membership
 Committee will host a wine and
 cheese reception in the Library.**

**All existing, new, and prospective
 members are invited!**

We look forward to seeing you at Temple.
 If you have any questions or would like to bring an
 appetizer, please contact
 Wilma Weinstein at wilmadww@gmail.com
 or Amy Rosenberg at Rockybergs@gmail.com



SAVE THE DATE

*Temple Beth El Presents
 a musical celebration
 for the entire family*

***Around the World in Song
 with the Guy Mendilow Trio***

Tuesday, October 10 at 7:00 p.m.

Free Admission

**Temple Beth El
 3037 Kingston Pike**

For more information, visit www.tbeknox.org

Temple Topics

By Howard Pollock, TBE President

As I wrote last month we've had a busy summer at Temple Beth El. Our July services were well attended by our congregants and other community members to help welcome Rabbi Boxt and his family. We had an ice cream social, a Shabbat dinner and the traditional cookout for our Board installation. During these gatherings, we all had a chance to mingle, nosh a bit and begin new relationships. Thank you to everyone who helped make these events possible and everyone who attended.

We had a special guitar service in August along with a well attended Art Gallery Expo. With other members of the Jewish community we participated in the annual Shabbat by the Pool at the AJCC. Religious school got off to a rousing start on August 13th and we look forward to a great year.

The month of September signifies an important time for our Temple and our community. Jews throughout the world begin preparations for the High Holidays. At Temple Beth El, we will continue our tradition of sending out name badges so please keep any eye out for them in the mail. Service schedule and times will also be shared on a regular basis. We are also eager to welcome 5778 with our new Rabbi and his family. The Ritual and Worship Committee in consultation with others at Temple Beth El has decided to not have a Cantor this year. We will be treated to spiritual and meaningful music by our choir and all members who participate in our services. Rabbi Boxt has already started working with Ritual and Worship to ensure our High Holiday services embrace our traditions while including timely and relevant enhancements.

Coming off a very busy summer, a more typical schedule will take place at Temple Beth El. We will certainly continue to have some special events including a unique musical evening by the accomplished Guy Mendilow Ensemble Tuesday, October 10th at Temple Beth El.

On behalf of our family, Janice and I want to wish everyone L'shanah tovah – "a good year."



Temple Beth El High Holy Day Schedule 5778/2017

Saturday, Sept. 16 8:00 p.m. Selichot Service at TBE

Rosh Hashanah

Wednesday, Sept. 20 7:30 p.m. Erev Rosh Hashanah

Thursday, Sept. 21 9:00 a.m. Children's Service

 10:00 a.m. Morning Service

(Luncheon & *Tashlich* Ceremony following Service)

Friday, Sept. 22 6:00p.m. Shuvah Shabbat Service

Yom Kippur

Sunday, Sept. 24 10:00/11:00 a.m. Cemetery Service (Old/New)

Friday, Sept. 29 7:30 p.m. Erev Yom Kippur

Saturday, Sept. 30 9:00 a.m. Children's Service

 10:00 a.m. Morning Service

 1:15 p.m. Discussion/Study

 2:30 p.m. Afternoon Service

 4:30 p.m. Yizkor/Memorial Service

 5:30 p.m. Ne'ilah/Closing Service

(Sisterhood hosts complimentary Break-the-Fast following the final Shofar blast)

Sukkot and Simchat Torah

Wednesday, Oct. 4 4:30-6:00 p.m. Decorate the Sukkah/Pizza in the Hut

Friday, Oct 6 6:00 p.m. Sukkot Dinner

 7:00 p.m. Shabbat Service on the Patio

Friday, Oct. 13 6:00 p.m. Sukkot Yizkor/Memorial Service

 7:00p.m. Simchat Torah with Consecration

(Help unroll the entire Torah as we joyously celebrate Simchat Torah)

TBE Welcomes New Members

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

We are so excited to welcome **Tammy's new husband, Eric Stone** and daughter, **Branson Stone** to Temple Beth El. Congratulations on their July 15 wedding! Tammy currently serves as Sisterhood president, is a member of the Board and has been affiliated with TBE for more than 20 years.

Joshua and Cherine Perrin and their sons **Gabe and Brody** recently moved from Indianapolis, Indiana and currently reside in the Farragut area. They have already gotten involved with our religious school and are looking forward to getting involved with daily Temple activities as well as active in the Knoxville Jewish community.

Charles (Chip) and Brenda Rayman returning members of Temple Beth El. They will be dual members, as they are currently very active members of Congregation B'Nai Israel in Jackson, TN. We have missed them and so very excited to have them back! Chip has accepted a board position with the Knoxville Jewish Alliance. Both Chip and Brenda are looking forward to watching their grandchild attend Torah Tots at our religious school.

We always encourage members, both existing and new, to become more involved by either volunteering at an event, joining a committee or joining the Board of Directors. We need your help to keep TBE strong!

Three great resources to learn what TBE has to offer include:

- TBE website at www.tbeknox.org
- *TBE Blast* every Tuesday via email
- *Ha'Kol* – monthly newsletter detailing happenings within the entire Knoxville Jewish community

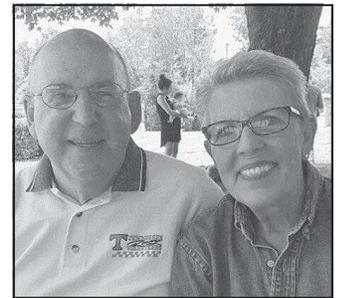
It is our sincere wish that you enjoy your time at Temple Beth El!



Joshua and Cherine Perrin, with sons Brody and Gabe



Tammy and Eric Stone



Chip and Brenda Rayman

Temple Beth El Religious School September 2017 Update

By Norma James normajames@tbeknox.org

Religious School classes 9:30 a.m.-Noon — Midweek classes 4:30-6:00 p.m.

A complete school calendar is on our Temple website at www.tbeknox.org.

Great start for Religious School! We are starting our second great month of school with Rabbi Erin, and we are having a blast! There is energy in every corner. Come and see what all the talk is about. You are always welcome to visit our school. Even better, perhaps you have some special skill and program you can share with our children. We would love to have you join us!

Meet our staff:

Apples and Honey at Religious School Sunday, September 17. It's time for apples and honey from the Sisterhood.

B'yachad: Anna Iroff Bailey

PreK (age 4): Rachel Margulies

Kindergarten/First Grade: Ally Wiener Avraham

Second/Third Grade: Stephanie Kors

Fourth/Fifth: Jeannine Stanley

Sixth: Gina Feldblum

Seventh: Aaron Margulies

Chai Class (8th-10th): Tara Bain

Confirmation: Rabbi Erin

Hebrew: Tory Frankel, Deborah Roberts, and Norma James

We will celebrate Rosh Hashanah September 20 and 21. Our Children's Service is at 9:00 a.m. Wednesday morning. Rabbi Erin and Norma will do a service for our younger children. We hope to see our older students at regular services beginning at 10:00. Childcare is offered for Wednesday with reservations required. Remember that your child should receive an excused absence from school for these Jewish holidays.

There will be NO Midweek Hebrew Wednesday, September 20.

Confirmation Class will attend the services at the Old and New Cemeteries Sunday, September 24. The students will meet at Temple Beth El and carpool to the cemetery.

Yom Kippur is Friday evening, September 29 and 30. The Children's Service is at 9:00 on Saturday morning. Childcare is offered with reservations required. There are several services throughout the day for our older students.

There is NO Religious School Sunday, October 1.

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
 and tickets for a “Chinese” auction!*

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

Please return the registration form with your check payable to Temple Beth El Sisterhood to:

Beverly Schultz
 912 Miles Court
 Knoxville, TN 37923
Deadline: Friday, October 6, 2017

QUESTIONS? E-mail or call: Karen Smith at (865) 691-3231 /briankarens@comcast.net,
 Beverly Schultz at (865) 679-3720 /bschultz05@comcast.net, or
 Sandy Parker at (865) 237-4929 /sandycpb@gmail.com

Name: _____ Phone: _____

E-mail address _____

Home Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

_____ I can be East. (You will be contacted.) East stays at the same table and does not rotate.
 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.

Contributions to Temple Beth El Funds

Donations listed were received as of July 21, 2017

CARE COMMITTEE FUND

In memory of Mayme Applebaum Dortch

By: Chuck and Missy Noon

In memory of Christine Cramer

By: Cynde Powell

CLARENCE STRASBURGER MUSIC FUND

*In loving memory of my dad, C. Clarence
Strasburger*

By: Linda Bolt

GENERAL FUND

In memory of Nathan Lieberman

By: Marcie Gross

*In memory of Livshits & Morkovnikova
families*

By: Vladimir Livshits and Lyubov

Morkovnikova

In memory of Jennie Traugot & Alex Jacobson

By: Joyce Traugot

Donation by: Bruce and Delores Benton

In memory of Leo Berman

By: Bud and Caren Berman

HERMINA BEILER FLORAL FUND

In memory of David Licht

By: Richard Licht and Shirley McGuire

LIBRARY FUND

In memory of Phyllis Zelnick

By: Jerry and Meredith Jaffe

ERMA GERSON COMMUNITY FUND

In memory of Donald Gerson

By: Bernice Gerson and family

In memory of Margaret M Moss

By: Neil Moss

RABBI'S CIRCLE FUND

Steven Frank and Beverly Frei, Liz Gassel and Michael Pardee, Harriet Gassel, Kevin James and Julia Wood, Gary and Linda Johnson, Joe and Charlene Oleinik, Gene and Pat Rosenberg, Jill Vogelfang and Gerry Milligan, Becky Winston, Geoffrey and Pat Wolpert

RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

In memory of Sheldon Sachs

By: Bob and Wendy Goodfriend

In memory of Rev. Paul Cheezem

By: Chuck and Missy Noon

*In honor of Rabbi Boxt performing our
wedding*

By: Tammy and Eric Stone

*In honor of Steve Lewis for making our
wedding special by providing wonderful
music*

By: Tammy and Eric Stone

SISTERHOOD TRIBUTE FUND

In memory of Irene Chotiner

By: Jerry and Meredith Jaffe

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Monday – Friday:

10:00 a.m. – 4:00 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

BOOK REVIEW: THE TBE HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL BOOKSHELF

***The Holocaust - A History of the Jews of Europe During the Second World War* by Martin Gilbert. 1987.**

Reviewed by Henry Fribourg, Ph.D.

"This book must be read and reread. It will be painful to you, but you must read it anyway. To know? No. To understand? No, not that either. But simply to remember all those whom the world, once upon a time, tried to forget." Elie Wiesel

A tour-de-force history, a day-by-day account of the experience of the Jews of Europe in 1933-45, an appalling book because it's true, in men and women's own words of the horrifying events of the Holocaust - the attempt by Germans and their acolytes to exterminate the Jews. The Holocaust overwhelms, a crime that begs the imagination: six plus million persons, rounded up, starved to death, shot into the graves they had to dig, asphyxiated and burned to ash, scattered on a continent, 1933-1945: a concept our minds do not understand. And this in addition to another six plus million non-Jews (Poles, Ukrainians, Russian POWs, Baltic States, and other peoples). That is why, when you search for "Holocaust", you find thousands of book titles, thin slices of the Shoah experience, mostly personal memoirs by survivor, by children who survived, by a few good people who tried to help. And Stalin in the USSR was responsible for even more deaths than Hitler! At Dachau: a wall, with two words in Hebrew, French, German, English, and Russian: *NEVER AGAIN*. Gilbert tries to give us the tool to make sure we never do. Then, why again: in Cambodia, in the Balkans, in Rwanda, in the *gulag*, in the Middle East?

Gilbert refuses to offer false hope or faith in humanity: his book is dense, with a stark black cover emblazoned with blood-red lettering, it is filled with stories of the dead, and it does not even cover the whole topic, almost omitting the history of antisemitism from the beginning of the common era until 1933! We move from one killing site to another; industrialized slaughter - if you do the math, the book has over 6,000 persons killed per page. The stories blur. The reader loses track of what is happening, and where that is. Millions of killers, millions of victims, hundreds of square miles, whole towns, whole generations, and live people trapped below corpses, quotations of survivors.

The cumulative effect is shattering. But how to fully tell a history with a book that needs a wheelbarrow to haul it around. This book is meticulously researched, with 65 pages of endnotes and sources, heavy in weight and content; but it should have mentioned more of the main murderers: Hitler, Göring, Heydrich, Frank, Eichmann, von Ribbentrop, Himmler, Speer, von Stülpnagel, Rosenberg, even Stalin and his sycophants, and is guaranteed to leave you shaken and disturbed, as it should.

5778 High Holy Days Greetings

L'Shana Tovah

Wishing all a year of peace, health
and happiness -
Marilyn and Harvey Liberman,
Mark and Janet - Atlanta, GA;
Lynn - St. Paul, MN;
Scott, Ann, Andrea and Deborah -
Dayton, OH

L'SHANA TOVAH

Kim, Stephen,
Nathan, Arielle, and
Tifannie Rosen

Holiday Greetings from

Marcie Silverstein and Family

L'SHANA TOVAH TIKATEVU TO ALL

May you and your families be sealed
in the book of life
with good health, prosperity,
and happiness.

Heidi, Barry, & Eddy Allen

High Holiday Greetings

Barbara and Bernard Bernstein,
Barri, Mark and Tanya,
Rachel Clara, and Benjamin

Happy Holidays from the Rebacks!

Gary, Kathy, Jenna, & Ben
Rick, Kate, Jessica, Josh, & Matt
Sandy, Shelley, Dana, & Samantha

May this be a sweet year of
health, happiness, and peace.

Shana Tovah U'mekuka
Mary Linda Schwarzbart

Best wishes for a happy,
healthy and sweet new year!

Jill, Douglas, Brian
& Andrew Weinstein

GREETINGS FROM NEW ORLEANS

Wishing everyone a healthy & happy new year
Lee (Miller) & Joe Bletner, Lissa, Shelly, & Seth

5778 High Holy Days Greetings

<p>L'SHANA TOVAH</p> <p>Jeff and Nancy Becker and Our Children and Grandchildren: Rachel, Micah, Sophie, and Reuben Becker-Klein; Ben, Amy, Harry, and Leo Willis-Becker; Sarah, Adama and Aminata; Jeff Cohen; Dan, Lora, Noah, and Benjamin Cohen-Vogel; Debbie, Jeff, Samantha, and Gabriel Abrams-Cohen</p>	<p>May the New Year Bring You Peace, Good Health, and Happiness</p> <p>Norman and Sandra Licht</p>	<p>L'SHANAH TOVAH</p> <p>Janice, Howard, Sophie, & Leo Pollock</p>	
<p>Wishing everyone a wonderful New Year. All the best from Mark, Peggy & Owen Littmann and Beth, James, Liam and Adele McGinnis</p>			
<p>LASHANAH TOVAH AND A GOOD NEW YEAR Marilyn Presser, Linda Slovis, Lisa, Michael, David, Adam & Jennifer Cohn. Alaina Slovis, Ely & Ayva Oberman and David Slovis</p>	<p>BEST WISHES FOR A HAPPY NEW YEAR Alice Goldfarb, Livingston, NJ; Debbie Renert, Israel; Diane Lechter & family, Atlanta; Betty & Malcolm Minsk, Atlanta; Wendy & Alan Solon and family, Atlanta; Gail & Ron Minsk & family, Rockville, MD; Elisa & Morris Hartstein and family, Israel</p>		
<p>A Happy New Year from all the Kramers in St. Louis, Rochester, Oxford, Great Britain, and Jerusalem</p>	<p>With all good wishes PESSA, MARLA, BART, JOEL & WILL BRODY</p>	<p>May 5778 be a year of blessing, contentment, and peace! Shana Tovah u' Metukah The Oleshansky family</p>	<p>Shana Tovah U'Metukah Gilya Schmidt and Family</p>
<p>Holiday Greetings from the Dreyer Family</p>	<p>Best wishes for a happy and healthy New Year! Renee' Hyatt and Paul Erwin</p>	<p>Wishing Everyone a Year of Many, Many Blessings Anne & Elias Greenbaum and Family</p>	
<p>L'SHANA TOVAH Mark & Carol Harris; Alan, Mary Jo, David, Daniel, Rachel & Jacob Harris; Robert, Marcy, Alex & Noah Chatham; Kevin, Melissa, Madeline, and Ella Harris</p>	<p>Best wishes for a Happy, Healthy New Year Sondra and Buzz Brody</p>	<p>A Happy, Healthy & Meaningful New Year Bernie & Lesley Rosenblatt</p>	



Knoxville Jewish Alliance

Ha'Kol



AJCC POOL PARTY Join Us for Summertime Fun

**Sunday, September 10
3:00-5:00 p.m.**

**Free pool admission so bring your friends
and families for one last summertime fling.**



**Swimming
Pool Games
Bocce Ball
Food Trucks
Music..... and more!**



The AJCC Pool will also be open on
Friday, September 8 (4:00-7:00 p.m.) and
Saturday, September 9 (1:00-7:00 p.m.) to AJCC members
Sunday, September 10 is our closing day.
We look forward to seeing you next Summer 2018.

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You are Invited KJA Archives Committee Exhibit Honoring Milton Collins

**Sunday, September 17
2:00-4:00 p.m.
AJCC**

Honor Our Past

The Knoxville Jewish Alliance will host a reception for the opening of an exhibit honoring Milton Collins, Arnstein Jewish Community Center director from 1942-1963.



Some of Milton's family members are planning to attend. Anyone with memories of Milton are encouraged to attend and share those stories.

Refreshments will be served in the Orwitz Room following the event. The KJA Archives will be open for those wishing to view more of our Jewish community history.

SAVE THE DATE



From Russia With Love: A Dinner

*Hosted by
Mark & Lucy Barkan*

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

*Eat, Drink, and Be Merry
as Possible
Details to come*

KJA Director’s Remarks

By Deborah Oleshansky, KJA Executive Director, doleshansky@jewishknoxville.org

Thank you to Barbara Levin and the Heska Amuna Women’s League Board for arranging a leadership training session held at the AJCC in August. “If you are really making things happen, leadership can be messy,” the presenter shared, “and what is important is how you as a leader handle the mess. Do you step up, take responsibility, and work to resolve the problem, or do you shirk responsibility and throw others under the bus.”

In my years in Knoxville as both a Jewish volunteer and professional, one thing is clear. Our local Jewish leaders do their very best in serving our community, devoting themselves to their responsibilities and perhaps most important, caring passionately for the entities they serve. Even with the very best of intentions, mistakes can happen and things can get messy. As we continue in our efforts to share our dreams and plan our Jewish future, we will undoubtedly have disagreements and challenges. All of us in leadership will need to step further into our responsibilities and address challenges as openly and productively as possible in order to be successful.

As I said in my last article, if you are reading this I know you care about Jewish life here and for that I am grateful. It is only through attention and interest that we will be able to bring our community forward. Apathy will get us nowhere.

We live in increasingly challenging times. As the child of those who literally ran for their lives from Nazi Germany, things are happening that I never thought my children or I would witness. Whatever your political background, we simply must stand together in support of the ideals and values that promote equality, inclusion, respect and justice for all, and we must demand the same from our elected officials. Our KJA Weekly message includes a link that connects you directly to all our local officials. I encourage you to use it and let your voice be heard. Leadership is difficult and we cannot expect our leaders to work in isolation. We must support and encourage them when we agree, and we must demand action on issues of critical immediate importance when necessary.

As we enter Yamim Noraim, Days of Awe, I ask your forgiveness. If I have hurt or offended you in any way in my attempts to serve our local Jewish community and the values of K’lal Yisroel, I offer my deep and humble apology.

May 5778 usher in a time of forgiveness, compassion, mutual understanding, inclusion, justice and peace. Wishing you and your family a very sweet Rosh Hashanah filled with the blessings of joy, health, contentment, fulfillment, and love.

When you forgive,
you don’t
change the past,
but you do
change the future.

President’s Musings

By Adam Brown, KJA President

What a great summer. I hope you and your family were able to come spend some time at our pool this summer because it really is one of the nicest pools around. Also, I’m not sure if you realized it or not, but



there was a very special birthday just recently---the AJCC Pool’s 50th birthday. The pool and I are very close in age and I can tell you, the pool is aging much better than I am. I’m sure each of us has a favorite pool memory and it’s so nice to see some of us who’ve used the pool over the years now bringing their kids and grandkids to the pool making their own special memories. If you want to create a special memory, please bring your family and join us at our free AJCC Pool Party on **Sunday, September 10** from 3-5 p.m.

As we continue to have “town hall” meetings to find what the community wants, it seems more and more apparent that everyone loves the pool and wants a viable JCC where they and their kids and their kids’ kids can continue to make special memories. As always, your suggestions on how to make our community and our community facilities stronger are always welcome.

May you all be inscribed in the Book of Life for another year.

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

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





MCDC TAPs Partners with Pond Gap Students

By Rachel Babelay, TAPS Coordinator

Pond Gap students present MCDC with a giant thank you note signed by all students on their last Friday at the pool.

MCDC's Teen Adventure Program (TAPs) enjoyed building a relationship with Pond Gap students this summer. TAPs campers participate in sessions and activities designed for teens. One opportunity is service oriented and allows campers to share their love of camp with other youth in the Knoxville community. Each Friday our TAPs campers hosted a group of youth from Pond Gap Elementary School's year-round programming as a University Assisted Community School, which was pioneered by UT professor Bob Kronick, Ph.D.

While at the AJCC Pool, our teens organized games like Marco Polo or basketball. "I enjoyed talking with the kids and swimming around," said Seth Honeycutt. Some of the Pond Gap students learned new "cool" skills such as doing handstands, flips, or floating thanks to their TAPs friends.

This summer TAPs campers visited the Pond Gap students at their summer site and participated in their afternoon clubs. "I enjoyed the Art Club at Pond Gap. We made creatures out of paper by cutting the paper in different ways to allow the creatures to move," said Elaina Franklin. "I enjoyed the balance beam and circus ball they had set up in their gym. One kid from Pond Gap has awesome gymnastic abilities," noted Jordan Smith. As we look forward to next summer, MCDC hopes to expand this relationship and continue to have our TAPs campers be ambassadors and mentors in our Knoxville community.

Another service opportunity involved a trip to the FISH Pantry. TAPs campers worked on the service line distributing food to those who visited the pantry that day. Many campers commented this service opportunity opened their eyes to how difficult it can be for some people to get their food. "I realized that many people are not paid well. They don't have the money needed to buy the food for their family," said Seth Honeycutt. "I really enjoyed being able to help these people shop for their food they needed," said Carter Hand.

AJCC visitors can also admire the "sunny" mural painted on the side of the AJCC Snack Bar. Campers designed to welcome visitors to the AJCC Pool.



Basketball is popular with the teens and Pond Gap students.



Camp director Brian DeBolt joins MCDC staff and Pond Gap kids at the AJCC Pool.

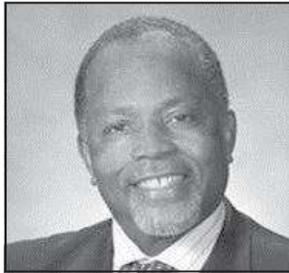
Swim Team Honors Senior Swimmers

University Swim Club Smokin' Salmon Coaches Alex and Joe Peeden and Sam Parker, join senior swimmers Keith Gabrielson and Ben and Miles Kredich at their final home meet. Senior Emma Gilbert was not at the meet.

GKAISA News: Congratulations to **Bazil Napier** for winning the 50 breast and to **Coleman Kredich** for winning the 100 Free at the GKAISA City Meet. The Smokin' Salmon finished 22nd at the meet. Thanks to our families and swimmers for a great season.



The KJA Upstanders Series presents



Unconscious Bias

*Ben Lewis, CEO and Founder
Genesis Diversity Solutions*

**Sunday, October 22
3:00 p.m. at the AJCC**

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.

Watch for more information in the October issue of *Ha’Kol*, KJA’s WEEK email blast, and KJA Facebook. This event will be free and open to the public.

KJA’s Community Relations Committee Resolves High School Scheduling Issue

Through the efforts of our KJA Community Relations Committee, we were able to find resolution to a conflict for some of our Jewish high school students at West High School. Thank you to **Arnold Cohen**, CRC Chair.

If you would like additional information about the work of this committee in our community please contact Deborah Oleshansky at doleshansky@jewishknoxville.org.

Ms. Ashley Jessie
Executive Principal
West High School
3300 Sutherland Ave.
Knoxville, TN 37919



Dear Ms. Jessie,
On behalf of the Knoxville Jewish Alliance and the entire Jewish community in our area, we want to thank you and your school administration for responding to the concern we raised regarding the scheduling conflict of Yom Kippur and Homecoming.

We understand that school scheduling is complicated and there are many different factors to be considered. We truly appreciate your willingness to make this accommodation and move Homecoming festivities to late October.

With gratitude,

Deborah Oleshansky, KJA Executive Director
Adam Brown, KJA President
Arnold Cohen, KJA Community Relations Chair

Social Justice Fair Shares Information about Community Groups

The AJCC hosted a Social Justice Fair in which the public could learn about various area non-profit organization and perhaps find one they could support. Groups also got to learn about one another and perhaps develop some relationships that can lead to partnering on projects. Thanks to Caroline Mann and Stephanie Kodish for organizing the event and to the organizations that participated.



The Haiti College Fund was one of 16 groups participating in the Social Justice Fair on July 23.



Social Justice Fair Organizers Caroline Mann and Stephanie Kodish greet community members.



Shelley Mangold learns about environmental issues from one of the participants.



Welcome!

Ms. Kristen welcomes the Andrews family to the AJCC Preschool Open House.

Rabbinating: Rotating Rabbis at the AJCC Preschool

Thank you to Rabbi Alon Ferency for coining this term and for his gracious generosity of time with our AJCC Preschool students. Rabbi Ferency helped develop our Shabbat program and has been shepherding our lessons and stories for almost seven years.

Rabbi Ferency is now organizing our community rabbis to share this pleasure on a "Rabbinating" schedule. Our school has the great blessing of including six children from the families of three rabbis—Rabbi Ferency, Rabbi Yossi Wilhelm, and Rabbi Erin Boxt!

We prepare for Shabbat every Friday morning at the AJCC Preschool.

If you would like to join the fun, please contact Ally Weiner, AJCC Preschool Judaica Specialist, at program@jewishknoxville.org



Rabbi Alon Ferency and Lev Gross-Comstock create a joyous Shabbat for students.

KJA Office Holiday Closings

- September 4: Labor Day
- September 21-22: Rosh Hashanah
- September 29: KJA Office closes at 3:00 p.m.

AJCC Preschool Holiday Closings

- September 4: Labor Day
- September 21-22: Rosh Hashanah
- September 29: Erev Yom Kippur



**SAVE THE DATE
Calling ALL
Milton Collins
Day Camp
Campers, Staff,
& Families**

**Save the Date
Saturday, December 2
MDC REUNION!**

*For die-hard SEC Championship fans, don't worry!
We'll have the game available for you!*



How Can You Help to Build Knoxville's PJ Library?

1. Volunteer to read stories at PJ Library programs or at the AJCC Preschool Library.
2. Sponsor a child by donating \$40 per kid per year to receive a free PJL book each month.
3. Help plan programs and events by becoming a PJL Parent Ambassador or attend a focus group meeting.
4. Spread the word about PJ Library to your friends!

**Your contribution in any form
is always welcome!
Please contact Ally Weiner at
Programs@jewishknoxville.org
or call (865) 690- 6343**

Friendshippers Welcomes Marilyn Kallet

By Laura Faye Berry, BSSW, Esq., Director

Mark your calendar to join us as Friendshippers programming resumes in September. 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, SEPTEMBER 13 LUNCH PROGRAM

Marilyn Kallet, *How to Get Heat Without Fire:*

Love Poems for Autumn

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

Dr. Kallet will perform love poems for any age. She is the author of 17 books, including *The Love That Moves Me*, poetry from Black Widow Press. She also publishes children’s books and translations from the French. She is the Nancy Moore Goslee Professor of English at UT, where she has taught for 35 years. She also teaches poetry workshops in Auvillar, France.

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

For more information, please contact Laura Berry at 690-6343 ext. 18 or LBerry@jewishknoxville.org



Marilyn Kallet



Anna Iroff-Bailey, Norma James and Rabbi Erin Boxt lead Tot Shabbat. Volunteer Lucy Barkan chats with guests while Mark Barkan mans the grill.

Friday Night Chill Creates Warm Family Event

This year’s Friday Night Chill drew 75 people who enjoyed Tot Shabbat, a Kosher BBQ dinner, followed by Shabbat Services inside the AJCC. A rousing Tot Shabbat led by Anna and Jared Iroff-Bailey, Norma James, and Rabbi Erin Boxt charmed adults and children alike. Attendees then said blessings, dined and schmoozed, then gathered for Family Shabbat services with contributions from Rabbis Alon Ferency, Erin Boxt, and Yossi Wilhelm. Lev Gross-Comstock also helped create a meaningful Friday night service.

Thanks to all who helped organize, lead, cook, and set up this popular event and to the AJCC for hosting the event.



YJAK Shabbat at the AJCC



YJAK leaders continue to provide social activities and programs for post-college age Jewish adults in their 20s and 30s. For information on this group, contact the KJA at office@jewishknoxville.org.

September 2-8, 2017

Volunteer for "Give a Day Knoxville" at the AJCC

You're invited to become a true Tennessee volunteer at the Arnstein Jewish Community Center as part of Give a Day Knoxville! Knoxville Mayor Madeline Rogero and Knox County Mayor Tim Burchett invite the people of greater Knoxville to participate in a new community-wide volunteer initiative called "Give a Day Knoxville."

From **September 2-8**, everyone in the community – from local businesses to city and county residents – is encouraged to give back during this week-long event by volunteering, donating to United Way or simply sharing a small act of kindness.



Call the AJCC at 690-6343 and we'll help you find a volunteer activity just right for you! Bring non-perishable food for our Second Harvest Food Bank bin, donate to KJA's campaign, sponsor a child for PJ Library, or share a simple act of kindness. To learn more, visit <https://www.volunteeretn.org/GiveADay>.



Baby Boomers Brainstorm at Poolside

The KJA is encouraging the organization of a new group of "baby boomers" called **GenB**. This group would plan and coordinate programs of interest to baby boomers—from dinner nights, to programs, to get-togethers

If you would like to learn more, please contact Laura Berry at lberry@jewishknoxville.org.

May 5778 be a year of blessings and peace!
Shana Tovah uMetukah,

The Board and Staff of the
 Knoxville Jewish Alliance

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By Dan and Shirley Sweeten

Would you like to honor or remember a loved one with a meaningful contribution? Want to support a cause dear to your heart? Whether you want to contribute to children and youth programs, seniors, cultural events, BBYO, or other issues, contact the KJA at (865) 690-6343 and we'll help you find the perfect fit for your contributions.



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© Royal Ballet

The Royal Ballet, London

Do You Love the Arts?

By Carole H. Martin, KJCFF President

Non-profits supporting the arts are struggling with an identity crisis. Government entities and private donors expect excellence in the institutions that they support. What does “excellence” mean when you are a ballet company? An art museum? A community theatre? What parameters are used to judge whether the non-profit has fulfilled the promise made to its donors to use its funds wisely? Attendance or season ticket holder subscriptions quotas? Growth in the diversity of the audiences that attend? Is it the acquisition of more quantity in exhibitions and programming, or is a commitment to a higher quality of presentation? Some of these dilemmas are as old as the arts institutions to which they apply. But some are dramatically different in modern times.

Steven Tepper is the dean of the Arizona State University’s Herberger Institute for Design and the Arts, and an expert on audience engagement. In a recent speech, Tepper suggested that we are now going through a new revolution of expressive life. “The cultural world is changing far more radically than most people have understood. In fact, [experts] are looking in the wrong place for the engaged and diverse audience. That audience just wasn’t warming to the legacy institutions.”

Chris Jones, a *Chicago Tribune* columnist, recently wrote a piece entitled “Like it or Not, We are in the Midst of a Second Arts Revolution.” Jones maintains that this revolution reflects a multitude of changes in American life. He maintains that “the new battlefields are culture and story. This moment is all about the ‘exuberant expression of self.’ You may have noticed. And it’s not good for an arts organization that expects its audience to sit down and be quiet.”

YouTube, Facebook, Netflix and the like provide hours of on-demand entertainment. Are the arts still relevant? Personally, I hope that the answer is still, YES! Whatever side you are on in this battle for the future of the arts, it’s time to become a foot soldier! If you love the traditional and classic arts, you will need to donate money, lend your voice to their defense, and attend as many performances and exhibitions as you can. If you think that it’s time for a change, you must get involved as well: donate money, contact board members & organization administrators, and be the audience that you believe the new arts need. When you are a fund-holder in the Knoxville Jewish Community Family of Funds, you may make these monetary grants from your own fund; make a financial impact and use your voice to affect change or support the status quo. We can help you get started!

“Like It or Not, We are in the Midst of a Second Arts Revolution,” Chris Jones, *The Chicago Tribune*, June 30, 2017.

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Jewish Congregation of Oak Ridge



JCOR High Holy Day Services Schedule

All services are free and open to the public. No tickets required.

Selichot	Saturday, September 16	7:00 p.m., program — <i>see page 27 for details</i>
	Saturday, September 16	9:00 p.m., service
Erev Rosh Hashanah	Wednesday, September 20	7:30 p.m.
Rosh Hashanah I	Thursday, September 21	9:30 a.m.
Tashlich	Thursday, September 21	4:00 p.m., at the Oak Ridge Marina
Rosh Hashanah II	Friday, September 22	9:30 a.m.
Kol Nidre	Friday, September 29	6:30 p.m.
Yom Kippur	Saturday, September 30	9:30 a.m.
Yom Kippur Mincha	Saturday, September 30	5:15 p.m.
Yom Kippur “break-fast”	Saturday, September 30	Immediately following service
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.

JCOR Backyard BBQ Provides Camaraderie, Fun, and Food

Meir Niad, Emmanuel Avraham and Art Dworkin

Ally and Azriel Avraham enjoy some time on the lake at the KC & The Sunshine, Man event.



East Tennessee is a terrific place for scenic gatherings as 35 attendees enjoy an afternoon of noshing & schmoozing at our Backyard BBQ.

SISTERHOOD Meets in the SUKKAH!

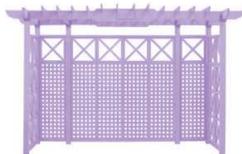
Monday October 2 — 5:00 p.m.

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



Donations to JCOR

Yahrzeits

- ★ Bradley Louis Sturm *from Mel Sturm*
- ★ Maurice & Ida Mosko, David & Janet Krauss *from Sig and Brenda Mosko*
- ★ Rose Dworkin *from Art Dworkin*
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- ★ In Memory of Bernie Appel (Ruth Carey Fund) *from Sig and Brenda Mosko*
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Donations to Oak Ridge Hadassah

- ★ Hadassah condolence card to Bruce Tomkins on the death of his mother
From Rose Holz
From Elena Bamberger
- ★ Hadassah condolence card *from Bobbie Cantor to Bruce Tomkins on the death of his mother*
In memory of your mother, to Bruce Tomkins
From Mira Kimmelman
Jeanette Gilbert

Upcoming August JCOR Events

Saturday, September 2 - 7:30 p.m.

Havdalah & Movie on the Lawn

Film: *Kingsman: The Secret Service*



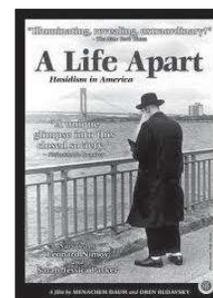
September 16 - 7:00 p.m.

Selichot Program:

A Life Apart: Hasidism in America

1997, NR, 1hr 35m

It took seven years to make this documentary about the world of the Hasidim, who exist in an insular universe (one that few outsiders ever get to see) and uncompromisingly adhere to Jewish ritual. Leonard Nimoy and Sarah Jessica Parker narrate this illuminating look at a people who speak Yiddish and dress distinctively yet cherish family, community and a life of meaning that coincides with most Americans' core principles.



He is considered to be one of the most influential Jewish writers of the 20th century."

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| September 30
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The Fireman A Parable

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Many, many years ago, before there were any fire engines and fire brigades and electric fire alarms, and most houses were built of wood, a fire was a terrible thing. A whole town, or a good part of it, could go up in flames and smoke. And so, when fire broke out, everyone left his business or work, and rushed to help put out the fire. There used to be a watchtower that was taller than the other buildings, where a watchman kept a lookout all the time. As soon as he saw smoke or fire, he would sound the alarm. The townspeople would then form a human chain between the fire and the nearest well, and pass on to each other pails of water with which to put out the fire.

Once it happened that a lad from a small village came to town for the first time. He stopped at an inn on the outskirts of the town. Suddenly he heard the sound of a bugle. He asked the innkeeper what it meant.

"Whenever we have a fire," the innkeeper explained to the lad, "the man on the watchtower sounds the bugle, and the fire is quickly put out."

"How wonderful!" thought the village lad. "What a surprise and sensation I will bring to my village!"

Thereupon, the village lad went and bought himself a bugle. When he returned to his village, he was full of excitement. He called all the villagers together. "Listen, good people," he exclaimed. "No need to be afraid of fire any more. We will build a watchtower, I will be there with my bugle and just watch me, and see how quickly I will put out a fire!"

The villagers built a watchtower and the village lad sat there waiting for the next fire to break out. Sure enough some weeks later he noticed smoke followed by a pillar of fire in one of the homes at the village end.

"Don't be alarmed!" cried the lad. "Now watch me."

The lad began to blow the bugle with all his might, interrupting it only to catch his breath, and to say, "Wait, this will put out the fire in no time!" But the fire did not seem to care much for the music, and merely hopped from one roof to another, until the entire village was in flames.

The village lad was beside himself and returned to the city to find out what he did wrong. "You fool," they cried. "Did you think that the mere blowing of the trumpet will put the fire out? It is only the call of an alarm, to wake up the people, if they are asleep, or to break them away from their business and work, and send them to the well to draw water and put out the fire!"

We are reminded of this story when we think of the *shofar* that is sounded many times on Rosh Hashanah. While sounding the *shofar* has intrinsic value as one of G-d's commandments, there is another element to the mitzvah. Some people think like that village lad, that the sound of the *shofar* itself will do everything for them. They think that they may continue to "sleep," or go about their business, there being no need to change their way of life and daily conduct; the *shofar* sounded in the synagogue will surely bring them a happy new year.

But, like the bugle in the story, the *shofar* is the sound of an "alarm." It has a message: "Wake up, you sleepers, think about your ways, return to G-d, put out the 'fire' that is threatening to destroy your Jewish homes. Go to the well, the well of living waters, the Torah and *mitzvot*!"

That is why, immediately after the *shofar* is sounded, we exclaim: "Happy are the people who understand the meaning of the sound of the *shofar*; they walk in Your light, O G-d."

May we all wake up and do what we need to and be inscribed for a happy, healthy and sweet year!

Shanah Tova!

SAVE THE DATE	September 6, 11, 14 3 Nights to choose from: 7-9pm 9/6: Desserts 9/11: Side Dishes 9/14: Dips & Salads Wine will be served RSVP at ME@kjds.org	September 17 Pre-Rosh Hashanah MEGA CHALLAH Bake KNOXVILLE, TN Save the Date! Sunday, September 17, 2017 @ 6:30pm RSVP www.ChabadKnoxville.org/Challah 	September 20 Rosh Hashanah Evening Dinner For more info, visit www.ChabadKnoxville.org/HH2017 Rosh Hashanah: September 21 & 22 Yom Kippur: September 29 & 30 High Holiday Services At Chalet @ Chabad You are invited to the most inspiring and meaningful High Holiday services, in a place where everyone feels at home and welcome. Full Schedule Online
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September 2

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September 9

Decia Bendriem ♦ Sarah Billig ♦ Adrian Burnett ♦ Lillian Friedman ♦ Sol Kaplan ♦ Esther Perlberg ♦ Betty Presser ♦ Freda Sarnet ♦ Leah Schiff ♦ Bea Schwartz ♦ A.C. Scott ♦ Abraham Silber ♦ Louis Slovis ♦ Robert Zalkin,

September 16

Irwin Bendes ♦ Mark Blumenthal ♦ Molly Cohen ♦ Harry Davis ♦ Abraham Drutz ♦ Sally Dyller, ♦ Dora Frumin ♦ Erwin Herz ♦ Charlotte Kalotkin ♦ Sophie Merlin ♦ Barbara Moody ♦ A.Stanley Robinson ♦ Frieda Robinson ♦ Isadore Schwarzbart ♦ William Zeff

September 23

Esther Abrams ♦ Louis Billig ♦ Oscar Glazer ♦ Esther Goldman ♦ Joseph Himmelstein ♦ Jeanette Jacobowitz ♦ Morton Jacobson ♦ Esther Jaffe ♦ Rebecca Mazur ♦ Fred Millen ♦ Fannie Richer ♦ Sylvia Robinson ♦ Evelyn Schwab ♦ Mazal Shloush ♦ Louis Slabosky ♦ Bea Stein ♦ Jean Tew ♦ B.J. Thorp ♦ Gertrude Weinstein

September 30

Issac Anidjar ♦ Ida Bart ♦ Max Diamond ♦ Ida Dwork ♦ Emily Eads ♦ Etta Farb ♦ Sadie Gabler ♦ Harry Glasman ♦ Sylvia Greenberg ♦ Anna Gruenberg ♦ Johnny Hicks ♦ Issac Joffe ♦ Marie Klinkowstein ♦ Phyllis Levine ♦ Sarah Millen ♦ Blima Schwarzbart ♦ Samuel Schwarzbart ♦ Adeline Shersky ♦ Sylvia Slovis ♦ Beatrice Sturm ♦ Louis Winick

JAHRZEIT

TEMPLE BETH EL

September 1

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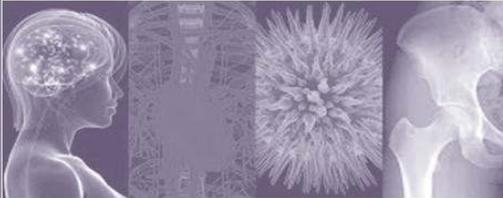
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**Sunday, September 10th, 2017
2 to 4 pm, AJCC GYM**

The need for individuals to take specific responsibility for their own health is a recurrent theme in the present health care debate. Dr. Barbara Levin will highlight these issues and problems in the ongoing debate about access to care, particularly as it impacts rural people.

The discussion about gender equity in the area of health care is a specific objective of Hadassah nationally.

Barbara Mintz will discuss these issues at this same afternoon session. It is also important for every woman to become their own health monitor. We need to learn better strategies to respond to our own individual health needs.

We all need to become more proactive in decisions related to our own health. *This program is not about any individual's specific health problems.*

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Refreshments will be served

Our health as women is in our own hands.

There is much to learn so come join us!

**Please RSVP to Barbara Mintz at barbara@bmintz.com
or Andrea Cone at sixconefarm@verizon.net**

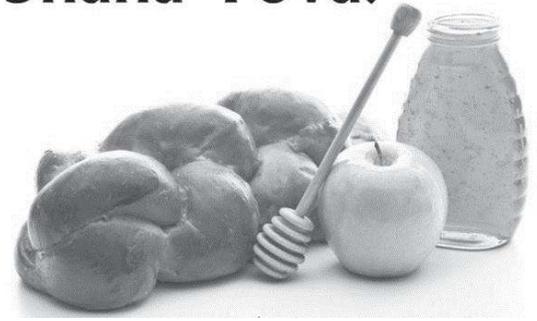


President's Message

By Laura Floyd

As we begin a new year, I would like to wish you *shana tova u'metuka*, a good and sweet new year. Hadassah Knoxville continues its efforts to help here and in Israel into the new year and beyond. We have been working hard to provide interesting educational programming like our August 13 program about Cuba. We learned a lot from Hadassah ladies who traveled there and had tasty snacks. On September 10 we are having a membership event where you can come learn about the different facets of Hadassah Knoxville and discover some of the cutting edge research taking place in Israel as well as health tips from which we can all benefit plus enjoy delicious snacks. We have our HMO luncheon coming up on December 3 where again there will be an educational component to accompany a lovely meal. We hope you will join us for these upcoming events as they will be informative and fun.

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

Hadassah has been helping at Susannah's House, a wonderfully effective place where mothers with babies can recover from alcohol and drug abuse. Marilyn Abrams, Nancy Becker, Barbara Isenberg, Peggy Littmann, Mary Ann Merrell and Barbara Mintz provided lunch on behalf of Hadassah for about 50 people in June, and Hadassah plans to provide lunch again in September. If anyone would like to help in September, please call or e-mail Peggy Littmann at (865) 776-1013 or plittmann@comcast.net.



Help Us With a September Collection Drive

Hadassah is joining the offices of Knoxville Mayor Madeline Rogero and Knox County Mayor Tim Burchett in **Give a Day Knoxville**. Everyone is encouraged to give back during this week-long event from **September 2-8, 2017**.

Whether by volunteering, donating to local nonprofits, or even sharing a simple act of kindness, everyone can do something to give back this fall! In September, in conjunction with **Give A Day Knoxville**, Hadassah has chosen to widen its assistance to Susannah's House, which provides intensive outpatient substance abuse recovery for mothers in East Tennessee. Hadassah is collecting

- baby diapers
- baby toys
- baby and toddler clothing
- toiletries for mothers and babies

Please drop off your donations at the Arnstein Jewish Community Center, located at 6800 Deane Hill Drive (there is a box in the foyer). Thank you!



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 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

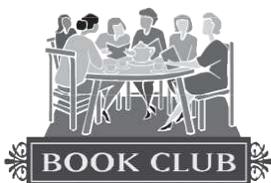
Please mark your calendars now for this popular Hadassah fundraiser. Come to lunch with old and new friends. Learn about recent medical advancements. Treat yourself to lunch in the Great Gatsby inspired atmosphere with the farm-to-table food selection of Knoxville's newest beautiful restaurant, *KITCHEN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

The Hostess and Host Options are:

- *** GRAND HOSTESS (\$180)
- *** HOSTESS (\$80)
- *** ASSOCIATE HOST (\$60)

For each Hostess or Host donation, one lunch will be provided and an option for you to have your name listed in future *Ha'Kol* publications and in the formal invitation to be mailed to all Hadassah members.

To be recognized as a Hostess or Host, please contact Andrea Cone at sixcnefarm@verizon.net or (301) 335-2355

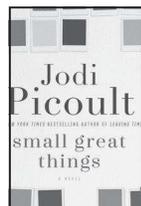


Hadassah Book Club News

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

Hope to see everyone at our **Tuesday, September 19 Hadassah Book Club meeting**. We meet in the evening at 7:30 p.m., at the Barnes and Noble Bookstore on Kingston Pike in the coffee shop area. This month we'll be discussing *Small Great Things* by Jodi Picoult.

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.

Honor a Loved One! Buy a Tree/Water Certificate

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

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You may designate a name for certificates in memory of someone, sending get well wishes to an individual, in honor of a birthday, anniversary, birth, marriage, engagement or someone's accomplishment. You can also just buy a tree or certificate as a mitzvah!

Contact Joyce York at joyceyork12@gmail.com to arrange for a tree or water certificate to be sent for you.

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Culture of Learning

KJDS teachers work intentionally to establish a classroom culture so that all students feel connected and engaged.

When the Fourth and Fifth Graders walked into their classroom this year, they were met with a comfortable room you might find at a swanky coffee house. The wood lined walls, the industrial steel pipe counter bar, the couch with coffee table and the huge pillows give the room an intentional non-classroom feel. Mrs. Wulf, our returning Fourth and Fifth Graders teacher, decided to transform her classroom over the summer. It has been her desire for some time but she felt now was the perfect time to show her students that adults are constantly growing and learning too. The wood walls, coffee bar and all shabby-chic décor was created by Mrs. Wulf and her husband with donations from the community. While the room looks inviting and comfortable, there is a lot of pedagogy behind the change.

Fourth grader, Cora Grabel said "The new room is REALLY cool", she added that she felt more comfortable reading and absolutely loves the couch!

Flexible seating first and foremost is about student choice.

Empowering students fosters confidence, ownership and self-regulation. On day one, Mrs. Wulf developed an activity in which the students emptied a tube of toothpaste on a plate. Then, the students were asked to put the toothpaste back in with a toothpick. Illustrating how once our words are spoken, they cannot be taken back. As the students enter the Fourth and Fifth grade, they have a true understanding of the school's expectation and their own strengths and challenges. As they are given a little more leeway, they realize they have a voice.





Debbie Abrams-Cohen and son Gabe say that "KJDS makes me feel....FRIENDLY!" at the Knoxville Jewish Day School Back to School Party. On Sunday, August 6.



Welcome Back!

To start each new year, we throw a "Back to School Party" complete with team building activities, meeting the teachers and of course, a visit from our mascot- the KJDS Ram.

Our students have come to expect some silliness from the staff during our party and this year did not disappoint. We created a band with faux instruments and lip-synced to the song 'Happy' to greet our families. Next, we had our families finish the sentence "KJDS makes me feel...." with cut out letters. This was a great and fun way for our new families to get a feel of joy that KJDS brings to all of our lives. One of our new students mentioned that she felt so much more excited for school on Monday after being in her classroom and meeting her teacher. Her favorite moment of the back to school party was taking pictures with the Emoji masks in her new classroom.

The students were sent to the classrooms to create picture frames, decode secret messages, and make marshmallow launchers. The night ended with an emoji piñata and a goodbye dance out the door. The night was a success and we introduced our new families to the joy that attending KJDS brings.

The Second and First Graders are ready to continue their Hebrew studies. These two have "medals" to encourage their learning.



KJDS Board of Directors launches the 2017/2018 academic year with its internal "Leadership for Excellence" campaign. Anna Iroff-Front row: Anna Iroff-Bailey, Judy Brietstein, Sandy Parker, Susan Silber, Nancy Becker. Back row: Jacqui Pearl, Jenny Wood, Ellen Markman, Judith Rosenberg, Gloria Greenfield, Rabbi Yossi Wilhelm, Jeff Becker. Not pictured: Julia Galanti, Tamara Sturm and Michael Zemel.

Students Learn Hebrew Through Practice

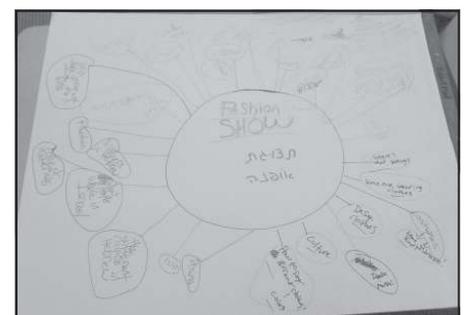
With the guidance of Hamorah Revital, our Hebrew staff and students are embarking on long-range projects that have them engaging in authentic experiences as they use the language they've learned. Our third and fourth graders will be setting up a "pop up" restaurant all in Hebrew. Over the next few months, they'll be practicing greeting people, discussing foods on a menu, taking orders, serving food, making a reservation, and collecting money. Our fifth graders will perform a fashion show that describes life in Israel. Students will research different components of life in Israel and develop costumes and narrations that will teach their audience about life in Israel.

To re-orient ourselves with the Hebrew language, students have engaged in a wide variety of activities where they are reading, writing, speaking and listening for understanding. As we head into our second week of school, teachers and students will be signing a contract to commit to speaking only in Hebrew.



Top Right: Students reading the well-known Hebrew children's book Maaseh B'chamisha Balanim.

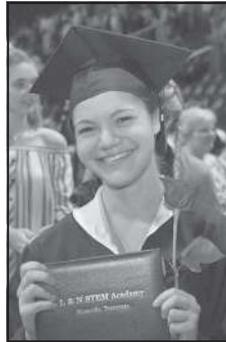
Bottom Right: Thinking web students created as they brainstormed the skills and content they'd need to learn to create a fashion show.



Our First Graduating Class is Starting College!

We've checked in with some of them and here is what we've found out.
Noah Mesa graduated from West High School as Valedictorian.
Next Stop: Rhodes College, Memphis

Ilana Blumenthal graduated from L&N Stem Academy.
Next Stop: Pellissippi State Community College
 Ilana Blumenthal graduated from the L&N STEM Academy in May 2017. As a freshman she ran track and field and received a varsity letter for setting two school records along with qualifying to compete the state qualifier meet. She is currently on the Tennessee Promise scholarship as an incoming freshman at Pellissippi State Community College. Her current plan is to major in animal science with a minor in psychology. She plans to attend school to earn a Doctorate of Veterinary Medicine degree after finishing her undergraduate degree. Outside of her academic career, she rides horses competitively and has received many wins at the local level.



Ilana at her graduation

Camden Boring: graduated from Webb School of Knoxville.

Next Stop: The University of Tennessee

In his high school career, I've been able to accomplish many goals. In his junior year, Camden was inducted into the Tri-M Music Honors Society for excellence in his band class. In his senior year, he was able to land a leading role in his school's production of *Dracula*, a wish he had only dreamed of. Camden remained active amongst KJDS alumni and served a term as president of Knoxville's BBYO chapter, Winick AZA, and was able to bring Jewish teens in Knoxville together for many fun, educational, and helpful programs. He maintained a 4.0 GPA throughout high school, while taking numerous honors and AP classes. He was accepted into the University of Tennessee on scholarship, while also being accepted into the 1794 Honors Program.



In fourth grade, Camden wowed himself and the audience as he played Baloo the Bear in the Jungle Book.



Our first class of graduates with our founding staff, Miriam Esther, Ms. Jessica, Morah Rishi, and Mrs. Jenifer Ohriner.

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The Way We Were in 1957



Heska Amuna Synagogue Kindergarten Sunday School Graduation

Heska Amuna religious school classes met at the Jewish Community Center on Vine Avenue from 1956 when the joint Community Sunday School disbanded until the new building on Kingston Pike was completed.

Left to right: the late Helene **Bebergal (Markus)**, the late Mark **Balloff**, Alan **Gruenberg**, Donna **Tobe**, Mitch **Burnett**, Michael **Burnett**, Lindsey **Brown**, teacher Marcia **Goodstein (Menuskin)**. In the background are several adults. Visible are the late Rabbi Aaron **Mauskopf** and the late Mitchell **Robinson**.

Donna **Tobe**, Mitch and Michael **Burnett**, and Mitchell **Robinson's** wife Natalie and son Pace continue to live in Knoxville.

Thanks to Michael **Burnett** for identifying his classmates.

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