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TEMPLE BETH EL TIMES

Shalom Y'all!

By Rabbi Erin Bost

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

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

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

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

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

B'Shalom.



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SHARE YOUR BOUNTY

Let's "Share our Bounty" together to fight hunger. Join Temple Beth El in donating food to **Second Harvest**. Please drop off your donations throughout October.

TBE President's Remarks

By Kathy Young, TBE President

When is the last time you acted like a child...just because you could? How about the last time you fell into a pile of dried, raked leaves? Sometimes I think we take life a little too seriously and just need to break from that rut. I know I sure do. As I write this in August, the news is depressing. Covid. Delta variant. Afghanistan falling to the Taliban. So, let's find some time to enjoy each other while the weather is cooperating. How about a picnic? A walk in the mountains? A drive to watch the fall colors at their most glorious? I would love to hear from anyone who would join me in any of those suggestions. Let's put the seriousness of life behind us for one day. Get a group together and plan a day with nothing on your mind but having a good time and enjoying each other's company.

Who's game?



Hands on, Hearts on, Minds on Learning

By Norma James, TBE Education Director, normajames@tbeknox.org

Religious School classes 9:30-12:00

Midweek Hebrew 4th-7th Wednesdays 4:30-6:00

A complete school calendar is on our Temple Website.



Simchat Torah Celebration October 1st. We close our Fall Holidays with the happiest holiday of all, Simchat Torah. Join us on Friday, October 1st at 7:00 as we unwrap an entire Torah and read from the very end and the very beginning. For our "Covid safe" celebration, we will roll the Torah out on a very, very, very, very long table. This will still allow all of us to participate and see the words of Torah. It will be great fun for all.

October is a quiet month after the holidays. However, we never slow down at TBERS. Our teachers have great activities planned for our students. We love to use this month for reflection on what we learned from our recent holidays. It is also the perfect time to connect to the world around us as we watch the season change. The weather is still warm enough to be outside and a wonderful opportunity to have outdoor T'filah and song sessions.

Religious School Fall Break is Sunday, October 10 through Sunday, October 17. We resume Wednesday, October 20, with Midweek classes.

Happy Challah-ween October 31! Yes, Halloween happens on a religious school day this year. And no, Halloween is not a Jewish holiday, but we love to make Jewish connections wherever we can. The ISJL has created many great activities we can do to make the day fun. And who doesn't love a story about a Golem or a clever Jewish folktale about a group of Rabbis who outsmarted a group of witches. (It's all in fun, not so scary!)

NOTE: Rachael Feinbaum's Bat Mitzvah has been moved to April 9, 2022. We look forward to celebrating with Rachael and her family in the spring.



WINTER IS COMING.

Our coat drive begins this month!

Please consider making a donation of a coat or sweater you no longer need.

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My Summer with Onward Israel

By Ben Gibbons

This summer, I spent two months living in Israel as part of the Onward Israel summer internship program, and it was one of the greatest summers I can remember. After being accepted into the program in the spring (with one of the friendliest interviews I've ever experienced), Onward's internship coordinators helped me find a good company that would fit my interests. My summer consisted of around 25-30 hours per week working at my internship, some Onward-organized trips and activities, and all the rest was free time to explore and have fun and relax as we wanted. In addition to these trips and activities, Onward provided an amazing apartment in the Tel Aviv area, a food stipend, a bus pass to travel around the city, and plenty of support to make the trip a fun and safe experience. My favorite part of the program was the amount of freedom and independence we had; we took our own self-organized weekend trips, explored the city, went to the beach, went out at night, and more. I made some great friends among my roommates and the other interns in my program, and overall, it was a perfect combination of real-world exposure to my field of interest and a chance to experience life in Israel. (Pictures: scuba diving in Eilat and view from my balcony in Bat Yam)



SHABBAT SERVICES at TBE

FRIDAYS at 7:00pm

Live in the Sanctuary - MASK REQUIRED
AND via Live Stream (see link on website)

You may also access our Services on our FB Page and our YouTube Channel.

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

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCmAAP9rYVWIOd6IL42JDq8A>

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Reba and Bennett Herzfeld

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9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

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

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

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 7:01p 12p HA Mindfulness Practice w Rabbi 6:15p TBE Sukkot Yizkor/Memorial Service 6:30p HA Kabbalat Shabbat w/Jack Love 7p TBE Simchat Torah	2 7:56p 9:30a HA Shabbat School 10a HA Shabbat Service
3 9:30a TBERS 10:30a KJA Israel Virtual Tour 12:30p TBE Confirmation	4 8a HA Minyan 3:30p Solomon Lecture: Gender, Disability & State Violence 6:30p KJA Executive Committee Meeting	5 1p TBE Torah Chat w/ Rabbi 7p TBE Healing Service w/ Rabbi & Steve Lewis 8p HA Minyan	6 Noon TBE Exec Mifgash Manhigim 4:30p TBE Midweek Hebrew 5p HA Limud School 6:30p HA Minyan & Talmud Chat 7p HA Board of Trustees	7 7a HA Minyan 11a TBE Torah Study/ Adult Education Noon JFS Virtual Coffee Klatch 2p Hadassah "Think Pink" on Zoom 7p HA Rabbi Miriam Turlinchamp	8 6:51p Noon HA Mindfulness Practice w Rabbi 6:30p HA Kabbalat Shabbat w/Jack Love 7p TBE Shabbat Service	9 7:46p 9:30a HA Shabbat School 10a HA Shabbat Service
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Need more information on an event?
 Visit www.jewishknoxville.org/calendar for details!

Historical Marker Dedication Honoring WWII Hero Master Sergeant Roddie Edmonds August 20, 2021

(All pictures provided by Jared Iroff-Bailey)



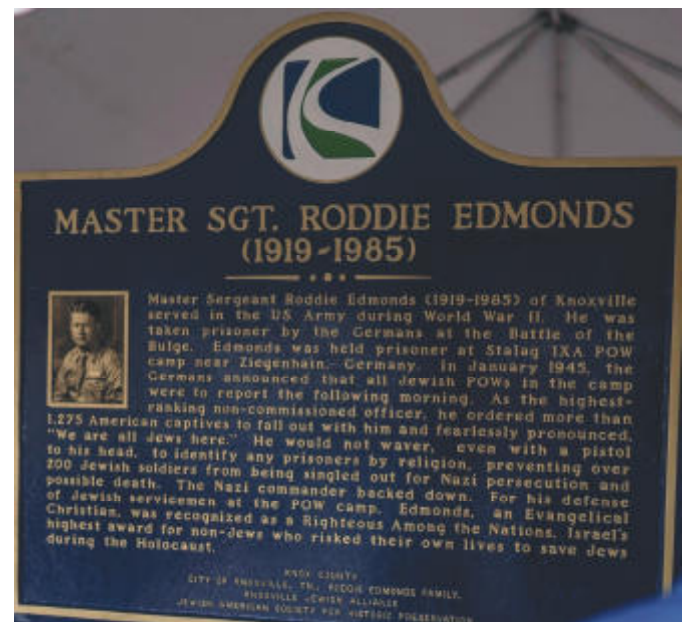
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U.S. Senator Marsha Blackburn



U.S. Representative Tim Burchett and Rabbi Yossi Wilhelm



Historical Marker at 618 Market Street

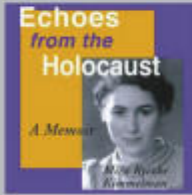


U.S. Veterans



Rabbi Erin Boxt

H A P P E N I N G S



Unique play acting opportunity: Surviving the Nazis - The Mira Kimmelman Story

Tuesday, October 26, 8:00pm via Zoom
See community calendar or KJA This Week for Zoom link



Please join with our Jewish Community and Friends, as you perform a dramatic reading of a play entitled *Surviving the Nazis: The Mira Kimmelman Story*, based upon Kimmelman's book, *Echoes from the Holocaust: A Memoir*. Written by Mark Littmann, Mira's amazing story scarcely needed dramatization.

In 2019, Mira Kimmelman, who was an Oak Ridge resident, died at age 95. At age 15, she and her family were swept up by the Nazi army invading Poland. She spent the next six years in four Nazi concentration camps, including Auschwitz. She lost her mother, brother Benno, and 18 other family members in the Holocaust. But through tenacity, ingenuity, luck, and the help of others, Mira survived. This dramatic reading is her story - and her lasting challenge to us who live on.

The script is similar to a radio drama. Performing a play informally -no rehearsals- via Zoom is a great way for our community to easily and safely get together. No acting experience is needed. Please join us. It's a thrill to be part of a drama with no lines to memorize and with encouragement from everyone. If you would rather watch than read a role, that's fine too. Actors love an audience!

Abraham & Rebecca Solomon and Ida Schwartz Distinguished Lecture on Judaic Studies



"The Politics of Risk and Resistance: Thinking Gender, Disability, and State Violence through Ancient Jewish Story"

Monday, October 4 at 3:30pm to 5:00pm
Julia Watts Belser, Georgetown University

This talk uses the Talmudic text to grapple with contemporary questions surrounding power and risk. This event will be held over zoom, and Live Captioning will be available for this talk.

Registration is required for this event at tiny.utk.edu/Belser

Sponsored by the University of Tennessee Fern and Manfred Steinfeld Judaic Studies program with support from the UT Humanities Center.

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Clergy Leadership Incubator

By Rabbi Alon Ferency

Throughout the COVID pandemic and beforehand, we've looked for new ways to grow, stretch, and share what makes our vision of Judaism so great. Blessedly, we've been accepted into the Clergy Leadership Incubator (CLI). Led by renowned Rabbi Sid Schwartz, nationally recognized as a leading voice in synagogue transformation, CLI is like great and free consulting to our congregation. Working with CLI can be our grand foundation for vision and change, as we move to establish a thriving future congregation together.

"The Clergy Leadership Incubator (CLI) is a two-year program to support and encourage rabbis in organizational leadership, change management and institutional transformation... CLI's curriculum was developed in partnership with Marty Linsky, one of the architects of the discipline of 'adaptive leadership' developed at the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University and now used all around the world."

CLI's stated goals are helping its participants find their voice, advance their vision of a vibrant, engaged spiritual community, and get the tools, strategy and support to be effective change agents in their communities. Key elements of the program include: a two-year syllabus with monthly readings of "critical ideas and practical suggestions"; monthly participation in an interdenominational rabbinic Community of Practice; consultation with a nationally prominent rabbinic mentor with significant experience and success in the field; and three retreats led by Rabbi Sid Schwarz and other nationally prominent trainers in the fields of organizational leadership, social psychology, program evaluation and community building.

As you can see, CLI is a powerful, established, and thorough process of bringing innovation and change to communities; whether in established synagogues, by planting new seeds, or both. And, we are a legacy synagogue that can still find new ways to be like a startup. CLI rabbis and congregations work towards implementing an innovation in their respective institution that has the ability to transform the organizational culture.

Our conceptual framework for innovation is, "How might we foster arts and creativity in a way that bridges generations?" It's among the treasures of life at Heska Amuna Synagogue that we have deeply creative and witty, brilliant and curious community members. (I often like being the least interesting person in the *shul*.) How can we leverage the arts and creativity, so abundant in our community, to bridge the several generations that often exist in silos?

I'm looking to see how we can bridge generations using creativity and the arts – let's experiment together! Rare and curious ideas are the future of our generations. Producer George Martin catapulted The Beatles to success by making them more idiosyncratic, not less. Even our venerable synagogue can make ourselves more "punk rock." How can we amplify the creative spirit of our laity and staff, to drive generations to be more curious with each other and thereby foster connection among them?



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Has your cell phone, home phone, email address,
or home address changed?

PLEASE LET US KNOW!

Contact the Heska Amuna office at admin@heskaamuna.org

President's Thoughts Post High Holiday Blues

By Rich Adlin, President

"Justice is what love looks like in public." - Cornell West, Ph.D.

We have all been mourning for our shul for a year and a half, even more painfully after another year of high holidays away from it and from each other. This no doubt challenged us as we sought to absorb the sanctity and solemnity of the holidays. I assume all of us will have eaten reasonably well but did we feel the divine and transcendent presence at home during virtual services as we would have in our shul during the high holidays? Did virtual services allow us the opportunity to commit to the spiritual transformation that we seek in our lives?

Our attempt to transform ourselves during the high holidays is through *teshuvah*, repentance and return to the divine and to our souls, our true selves. Faith reaffirmed, we dedicate ourselves to magnifying and extending it into our lives after the holidays are over. We commit to live more Jewishly through study, prayer, and mitzvot, and with greater focus on *tikkun olam*, repairing the world, by trying to live more justly and with greater concern for others. Now, that all sounds very virtuous and well-intentioned; when the holidays are over, I breathe a sigh of relief to return to my normal routine, and my resolve begins to fade. For those of you who experience the same thing, I have a solution for you.

Heska Amuna Synagogue has officially become a participating congregation with Justice Knox, an interfaith, interracial research-based organization that uncovers injustices in our community and mobilizes local congregations to address them (justiceknox.org). We are now partnering with over twenty local congregations from Knoxville, of varying religions and denominations, which comprise Justice Knox. A member of the DART network (thedartcenter.org), Justice Knox receives support and training from its model for solving community injustices, a means of powerfully mobilizing large groups of people to firmly advocate thoroughly researched solutions. Justice Knox has made progress in addressing our local problems such as the shortage of affordable housing, racial disparities in school discipline, lack of police training in mental illness, and others.

As the new president for Heska Amuna Synagogue, one of my goals is for the synagogue to provide a vehicle for its members to actively address problems of injustice in the world. Justice is a foundation of our tradition, from the Torah ("Justice, justice you shall pursue") to the ancient rabbinic charge for us to work toward *tikkun olam*. In the coming weeks, we will be having "house meetings" to begin fulfilling this mission (yes, by Zoom, but hopefully in person as well). So there is a way to continue *Teshuvah* and to stick to our commitments, by helping to heal a world that lately seems to be in greater need of repair. Maybe in doing so, we can help repair ourselves, and help heal the grief we have been feeling from not being together and from all the other losses we have endured. Please check your email from Nu News or contact me (richadlin@adlinonline.com), Arnold Cohen (agcorganizations@gmail.com), or Dahlia Smith (dahliajsmith@gmail.com).



FOCUS GROUPS AT HESKA AMUNA

New chances to get together virtually or safely outdoors for our Synagogue community

HESKA AMUNA TREKKING CLUB

We've enjoyed hiking and walking along some lovely trails that are not too far afield from Knoxville. We usually hike on Sunday afternoons and will continue as long as the weather cooperates. We've been to Haw Ridge, trails at the UT Arboretum in Oak Ridge, trails in the Norris area, I.C. King park trails and trails at Concord Park. A favorite was the hike to the beautiful quarry lake in Oak Ridge.

If anyone has suggestions for future walks or if you would like to join us, please contact Peggy Littmann at (865) 776-1013 or plittmann@comcast.net.

MEDIA CLUB

This group reviews and discusses a new series or show that will present ethical dilemmas and moral conflicts. We have lots of intriguing choices.

If you are interested, contact facilitators Dahlia Smith at dahliajsmith@gmail.com or Peggy Littmann at plittmann@comcast.net.

ART CLUB

Adam Rowe deftly led a class with mixed skill levels, which made it fun! He uses multiple techniques to tap into our nonverbal brain abilities to see shapes, outlines, and as he put it, "what is *really there*, not what we think we see, or interpret from symbols."

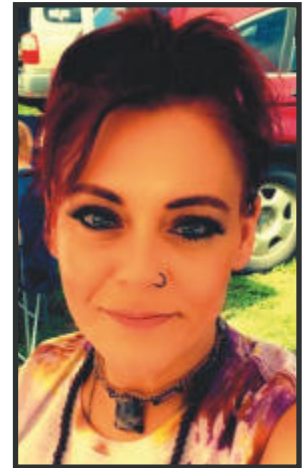
For information on upcoming classes, contact Peggy Littmann at plittmann@comcast.net.



Sush Carson, Director of Family Religious Life

Meet your Teacher, Grades 3-6

My name is Rachael Carson-Ferrell. I have taught religious school for 12 years at Heska Amuna and at Congregation Beth Ami in Santa Rosa, California. I am a mother of three children, Joseph (21), Aliyah (18), and Gabriel (11). I grew up in a kosher Conservative Jewish household where our life revolved around Shabbat and the Jewish holidays. After taking a short 10-year hiatus from teaching religious school, I have decided to come back and enlighten my life again by teaching. My goal is to enrich my students' lives with a love for Judaism.



Meet your Madricha, Grades 3-6

Sarah Le Fetra is excited to be joining Heska Amuna as a madrichah for the 3-6 grade classroom. She is a sophomore at UTK, majoring in Jewish Studies. She is an experienced song leader, trained at URJ Camp Newman, and a former madrichah and music teacher at Congregation Beth Am in Los Altos Hills, California. Sarah played guitar and sang in the house band, called Shul of Rock. Sarah is also an alumna of the Tikva Fund's Maimonides Scholars program.



Dates to Remember: Fall Break is October 9-16

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We were so happy to see the Trope and Lieberthal families come by the synagogue to pick up their bags for Family Education Havdalah on Zoom!





It's time for SIMCHAT TORAH

Please join us
Tuesday, September 28, 6 pm
 as we celebrate Simchat Torah and honor our
**Torah, our hakafot dance moves, and a very
 special Bride and Bridegroom of the Torah**

At Simchat Torah we complete – and begin again – our annual reading of Torah. In person, we dance in circles (Hakafot) with our Torah scrolls to vibrant music of our outstanding local klezmer bands. Beautifully we share the joy with many of our congregants as they chant their first public Torah reading. Although we will be on zoom, it no less diminishes our joyful tradition as we bestow honor to this year's Simchat Torah Bride (*Kallat Torah*) **Serina and Jeff Scott** and Bridegroom (*Hatan Torah*) **Frank Floyd**.

Although there is no science to how the Bride and Bridegroom are selected, we could make an argument that their cars answer the question. Frank's truck may well be the vehicle that has spent the most time in our parking lot for the last decade as he has worked on addressing every need of our building—the rooftop to the basement and Kingston Pike to the end of the drainage field. Frank's wife, Laura, and their children, David and Elizabeth, probably learned all they need to know about patience waiting for his work to be done. Serina's car has most assuredly accumulated the most miles of any vehicle in the lot over this same decade as her round-trip commute to attend services and to ensure the education of her and Jeff's three sons, Thomas, Zach, and Josh, nears three hours.

As long-standing members of the Heska Amuna board, Frank, the Facilities Vice Chair, and Serina, the Youth Education Vice Chair, have been instrumental guiding these areas – along with a long list of other committees and special projects. We shine the light on them this year for their incredible energy, dedication, and tireless efforts as members of our Reopening Committee. As the head of the Reopening Committee, Frank commented at a board meeting that neither he, nor anyone on his committee, had any inkling when they agreed to join over a year ago just how much work would lay ahead – or for how long or how complex the committee's work would become.

Over the past 18 months, **Frank** has been extremely busy with board meetings and Building Task Force and Reopening committee meetings. He has repurposed the Rosen Hall to serve as our sanctuary space, which also involved moving our streaming and audio equipment across the building (several times). He acknowledges and appreciates the large and dedicated group of congregants whose involvement overlaps his varied committees and functions. He also admits that, at times, it has been a little tough to keep organized. He recalls rushing home after work one evening to attend a particular Zoom meeting, clicking the link, and then seeing the wrong set of faces on the screen. Indeed, he was supposed to be at a meeting, but it just was not the meeting he was expecting – something he never confessed to anyone until now, even to Laura. But Frank willingly admits he thrives on his involvement at Heska Amuna, is excited for what lies ahead, and can not imagine not having our congregation in his family's life. As he has often said, working for this community is the most gratifying volunteer work he has ever done.



As a member of the Reopening Committee, **Serina** – as many business owners and health practitioners would face – had equal concerns about the well-being of our congregants. Serina's husband **Jeff** provided his support by navigating the news and science. To our benefit, Jeff stayed on top of COVID-19 epidemic rates and deeply explored mitigation approaches. He analyzed the airflow patterns in every synagogue room and gathered data on air purification systems and ventilation technologies. Jeff, Frank, Serina, and our Reopening Committee spent countless hours evaluating options even including reaching out to experts in the field for further insights. Committee members include Marty and Martha Iroff, Beverly Wilcox, Shush Carson, Marcus Eisenbach, and Marilyn Burnett.



The outstanding efforts of Frank and Serina and their teams provided a critical foundation for the board to fully address the synagogue's reopening for safe in-person worship and work environments while, with Serina's lead, also addressed the needs of our children and teachers in the Heska Amuna Religious School. Serina says she feels that supporting the work of this committee, and more broadly the other committees upon which she serves, is a mitzvah that she was called to do. She feels as responsible for those participating in the life of Heska Amuna as she does for her patients and family. Serina sees Judaism as a communal religion; even though many of her efforts come naturally, she beautifully reflects a sense of responsibility that comes from deep within.

Simchat Torah this year truly affords us a special time to recognize those who have committed so much energy and vibrancy in the past year(s) to sustain and help us grow as a community in the future. JOIN US IN HONORING OUR TORAH AND OUR BRIDE AND GROOM, and dance a little (a lot), too.

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In honor of Asher Robinson's marriage
Nancy & Jeff Becker
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Virtual Services

Friday Night Services.....6:30 p.m.
Saturday Morning Services.....10:00 a.m.

Minyanim

Monday.....4 p.m.
Tuesday.....8 p.m.
Wednesday.....6:30 p.m.
Thursday.....2 p.m.

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

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

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

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**Tell us where YOU have connected with
your Congregation in the last year!**

Send your back yard or far-flung connection story by
contacting the Office 865-522-0701. We will share photos and
stories at the end of the summer.

Strangest place you joined a zoom meeting? **Farthest**
location you joined with your class? **Where** did you read
Torah or lead a prayer?



Knoxville Jewish Alliance

Ha'Kol

Words...Words...Words...

By Bryan Goldberg, KJA President

Dear Community,

Interfaith, Observant, Non-denominational, Reform, Conservative, Orthodox, Non-congregational, Jewish+...I know I've missed a few!

All these words have been invented in order for us to help describe Jews in segmented ways. Our collective Jewish society has always been fond of labeling Jews in order to create unique identities within our culture and religious sects. Certain Jewish religious dogma only recognizes you based upon a parent's religious affiliation; others are opaquer. Some words we use have negative connotations while others are fledging ideas born out of academia.

Whatever and however we identify ourselves on the "spectrum" of being Jewish should carry no positive or negative connotations. I grew up in an Ultra-Orthodox neighborhood in South Florida, mainly surrounded by Israelis looking to make a new home in America. Within walking distance from my house was a Chabad, two Orthodox synagogues, and a conservative synagogue. We unfortunately drew the short stick and had to drive 20 minutes to our Reform Temple. I never once thought I was any more or less Jewish than my neighbors, however, the same unfortunately could not be said for them. I was always puzzled at why my neighbors could not celebrate the fact that we were all Jews living in a predominantly Jewish neighborhood in America. I suppose they had the privilege of being around so many religiously likeminded people, that they themselves segregated their groups from the others to create new unique tribes. Although young and blissfully ignorant of so much, I never accepted the intricacies of my neighborhood as my own vision of what being Jewish meant.

Strangely enough, I would see my neighbors at after care and summer camp at my local J, the David Poznack JCC, and we would simply have fun being kids and I would see their parents at Federation events with my family. And so there it was, the place and space to just enjoy our commonalities without the pretense of how we identified as being Jewish.

The Knoxville Jewish Alliance is that place and space for all of you. Whichever adjective you picked from my first sentence, or maybe one I missed, you are all equally Jewish and equally welcome here. We strive to meet you and accept you where you are, not where we'd like you to be or where someone else thinks you should be. We offer programming that crosses a wide spectrum of thought and belief. You can choose which ones call to you or join in on one that may challenge a firmly held belief. We welcome you here with no other condition than to welcome your neighbor with the same warmth.



HILLEL AT UTK STUDENTS on Campus!





נחלאות *Nachlaot*

• LIVE TOUR! •

SUNDAY,
OCTOBER 3

10:30 AM
VIA ZOOM



Let's take a tour through the colorful alleyways and diverse neighborhoods of Nachlaot. Nachlaot was founded by Jewish immigrants from around the world who have made it into a haven for haredim and hipsters alike. We will also explore Jerusalem's famous Machane Yehuda market. Yoni Zierler from StandWithUs will be our live personalized tour guide.





Meet the 2021-2022 Preschool at AJCC Staff

Photos provided by Jared Iroff-Bailey



The staff at Preschool at AJCC were so excited to welcome students for the 2021-2022 school year!
Below: Meet Assistant Director Erin Gaines (left) and Program Director Kristen Cannon (right).



PJ Library PJ Plays

Story Time with
Jewish books and songs &
playing with friends!

AJCC Playground
Sunday, October 24
Time: 3:00 PM

Questions?

Anna Iroff-Bailey
865.690.6343 ext. 11
pj@jewishknoxville.org



August PJ Plays

The August PJ Plays was so much fun! Our families braved the rain to enjoy time together swimming, schmoozing, and reading *Kayla and Kugel*. Kugel is a silly dog who wants to help set up for Shabbat but ends up making a mess! Just like Kugel, we balanced marshmallow "salt shakers" on our noses, searched for hidden kiddush cups, and tried to make our spaghetti-and-marshmallow candlesticks stand up straight. Reading and playing with friends and family – what a great way to spend Shabbat afternoon! Can't wait for the next PJ Plays!



Celebrate Shabbat at Home



Bake Challah!

Children love to help mix the dough and braid this delicious bread. Try creative toppings like zatar, chocolate chips, sprinkles, etc!



Light Candles!

Take a minute or two as a family to take a breath and welcome Shabbat by lighting candles.

Enjoy a special meal!

Let children help cook and set the table. Choose special foods and old family favorites. Taking the time to eat together in a leisurely way is a real treat! This is a great time to chat, catch up, and share stories.



Bless the Children!

Learn to say the traditional blessing here:
Feel free to add your own blessing/wishes as well!



Unplug for a day, or an hour!

Designate some leisure time together. Read books, play games, go for a walk, sing songs - have fun!





UTK Faculty Lecture Series
International Human Rights Law: A Primer
 with
 Robert Blitt, Professor of Law



Thursday, October 28
 7:00 pm via Zoom



Professor Blitt is the Toms Foundation Distinguished Professor of Law at the University of Tennessee College of Law and an affiliated faculty member in UT's Religious Studies Department.

Become a Part of History! Record Your Oral Testimony

We are living through exceptional times and the KJA Archives would like a record of your experiences. We would like to ask you to record yourself or find a member of your household or family to record you answering our list of questions. Your recording can be a video or just an audio recording. You can even choose to answer the questions in written format if you prefer. We will then collect your records for safe keeping in the KJA Archives.

At the beginning of the recording, state your name, birth date, place of birth, and where you currently live.

Please answer the following questions and elaborate as much as possible:

- How has the pandemic affected you?
- What was your life like before the pandemic?
What were you doing before it started?
- How has your life changed?
- If you were working or going to school, how has that changed?
- What are your days like?
- How are you staying connected to family, friends, work, or school while social distancing?
- What changes have you noticed most in your community? In the environment?
- How have the lives of your family members and those who share your household changed since the pandemic began?
- How has your religious practice changed due to the pandemic?
- Have you participated in any Jewish community events or programs since the pandemic began?
- How do you imagine your life being after the pandemic ends?
- What message do you have for the future about life during a pandemic?



Please email nrussler@jewishknoxville.org about sending your recording to the KJA Archives.

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Knoxville Jewish Community Family of Funds

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KJCFF Congratulates Heska Amuna on the new Monte and Marion Abrams Fund

By Jeff Becker

The Monte and Marion Abrams Religious School Fund has been created to benefit the Heska Amuna Religious School. The new Knoxville Jewish Community Family of Funds (KJCFF) Fund was made possible through a very generous bequest from the estate of Monte and Marion Abrams. Monte and Marion were long-time members of Heska Amuna Synagogue. The transfer of the money to set up this Fund from the estate was made possible by the hard work of Bernard Bernstein, Josh Hedrick, and Pat Messing. The income from the Fund will be used to benefit the Heska Amuna Religious School by facilitating new and innovative programming.

Immortality is just a bequest away

Sometimes people care about our community long after they get to enjoy being part of it. That was evident in the decision made by Monte and Marion Abrams to create an endowment fund for Heska Amuna. They will now live on forever in the continuous life of Jewish Knoxville. Their name will be next to David Blumberg, Gordy Brown, Abe and Milton Collins, Sam and Millie Gelber, Harold and Ida Markman, Max and Zelda Morrison, Mitchell and Natalie Robinson, Sam and Esther Rosen, Mel and Fran Sturm and many more. Fortunately for us, there are too many to list in this space and this doesn't include the Temple Beth El endowment names that are not part of KJCFF. Want to be a part of this foresight and vision? Want to be on this list forever? Contact Laura or Stephen to find out how easy it is to follow Monte and Marion's lead.

KJA needs an endowment for the Pool

The Arnstein JCC, the Caller Auditorium, the Orwitz Room, the Schwarzbart Gallery, and Ed Hunter Offices are permanent features of KJA's presence on Deane Hill Drive. But what is the AJCC best known for? It's the pool! For those of us that can remember, the pool was built first. Everyone who grew up here seems to have memories, good and bad, from the AJCC pool. I lost my first tooth when someone jumped on my back in the baby pool. Didn't slow me down! Swim team, tennis, throwing balls against the wall and in the gutters (yes, there were gutters), hot dogs, frozen Charleston Chews, etc. How about the number of people who met their future spouses at the pool?!? Pools aren't cheap and we will soon need a new liner that could be \$50,000+. Chemicals, lifeguards, wear and tear (the tennis courts probably need resurfacing) ...lots of expenses. What if it was endowed? The timing would be excellent given we have an All-American swimmer as KJA president!

If you have interest in throwing your money in a hole in the ground and naming the aquatic and/or tennis center, contact Laura or Stephen.

Charitable Term of the Month

BEQUEST. A bequest is a gift of personal property through a last will and testament. It is often referred to as a legacy. Bequests can be made to individuals, organizations, funds (such as those held by KJCFF), etc. A bequest is not the only way to leave property to others upon one's passing. Another common way is through beneficiary designations, such as on insurance policies or retirement accounts.

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

To make a gift to KJCFF, please make checks out to KJCFF and list the fund name in the memo.



The Communications Corner: Thirteen Attributes

By Ronnie Bogard, Communications Coordinator

Last month Cantor Marx took us through a beautiful Havdalah service, followed by a discussion of the 13 Attributes of God prior to the Selichot service. Selichot prepares us for the upcoming soul searching of the High Holidays. In Judaism our holidays are designed such that we are preparing ourselves for the holidays before they arrive, putting ourselves into the right frame of mind. I never feel prepared for the High Holidays, which means I am not fully taking advantage of the design. Instead, as I often mention, I go into it kicking and screaming, wanting it to be over before it starts. But then something happens to me along the way, and I am drawn in by the sights and the sounds of repetition, and it becomes meaningful.

When we reviewed the 13 Attributes it was if I had never heard them before. We talked about which ones were the most important to us, which would be most important in our effort to emulate the qualities made available to us through God and considered priority for how we should be handling ourselves.

But then we sang these words, and it all came back to me-

Adonai, Adonai, El Rachum v'Chanun, ERECH-APAYIM, v'Rav-Chesed v'Emet, Noseh-Cheshed la-alafim, Noseh-Avon va-Fesha v'Chataah v'Nakeh."

Immediately I was brought into a different state of mind- the quiet mind that I find during long periods of sitting in the sanctuary during the High Holidays. Those words are the recitation of the 13 Attributes and in a simplified translation say:

"Adonai, Adonai, a God who is compassionate and gracious, SLOW TO ANGER, abounding in kindness & faithfulness, extending kindness to the thousandth generation, forgiving iniquity, transgression, & sin, & granting pardon."

Those words are why I have missed being in the sanctuary for much of the Pandemic. Those words are the basis for what I want my life to be. If I had not attended Selichot this year, I wouldn't have been quite as prepared for what was coming. Every year it is a reckoning of sorts. My days leading up to the holidays are often filled up with the needs of others; with the harshness of the world; and the harshness of the words of others and my own as well. I yearn for a world filled with people who are reminded of God's Attributes at this time each year and strive to remember and emulate them.

I found out that the central tree in my small backyard is dying and it is going to have to be removed. It is a maple tree that I see out my bedroom window when I wake up every morning, and when I go to bed at night. If it weren't a hazard to our house, I would let it die gracefully in place. But I know I can't. In my sorrow I approached my native sunflowers today for solace. I noticed there were 13 bright and beautiful yellow flowers on one of the long stems. It was a sign to me about the significance of the 13 Attributes, a reminder that I want to keep looking for the brightness and choosing to emulate it.

The High Holidays come and go whether we are prepared for them or not. What they offer us each year may be different, but those 13 attributes are a constant that we can hold on to and bring inward. If we cannot find those attributes in ourselves and each other, then we have not done the necessary work. By the time you read this we will have finished all the way through Sukkot and Simchat Torah. I hope that all the Holidays were meaningful, and may you carry them with you.





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children, Gus and
Norah, enjoying
challah for the
Holidays; Blanche and
Larry Dresner with
Great Grandchildren;
JCOR Hikers keep cool
tubing the Little River
in Townsend; a
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Hashanah with Cantor
Marx, ending with
Tashlich by the
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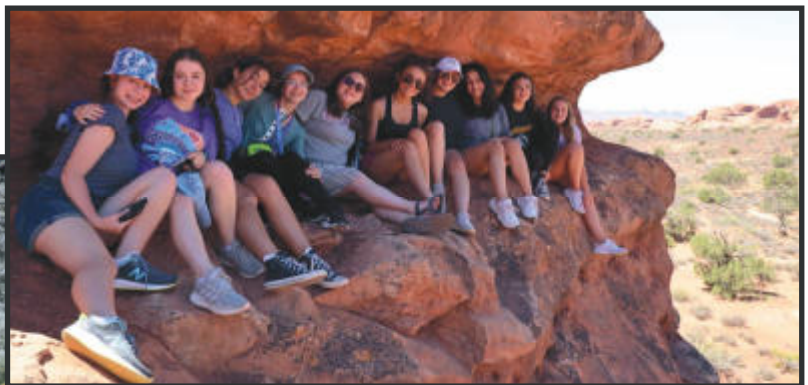


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Cteen Xtreme

Cteen Xtreme allowed me to experience adventurous activities I would have never thought of doing such as white water rafting and rappelling! I had a blast. During my time at cteen Xtreme, I felt more connected to my Judaism than ever before; we davened, read tehillim, gave tzedakah, visited Jewish communities out West, and took part in morning learning sessions. - *Gaby*

Cteen Xtreme was an out of world experience where I was able to make many long lasting friends and experience things that I have never done before while having the most amount of fun. Being in a group of all Jewish boys I was really able to relate and connect with all the friends I made. Cteen Xtreme also made me more connected and included in Judaism as I had the opportunity to put tefillin on everyday and meet many wise Rabbis. - *Michael*



Going on CTeen extreme was definitely a once in a lifetime experience. From getting thrown into a white water raft on the first day all the way to our final banquet, it is something I will never forget. Cteen extreme has also made me a lot closer to my Judaism and has taught me to be proud to be a Jew. Our Rabbi and Rebbetzin, along with many others from the different states we visited, taught us so much and gave us tools and ideas to reflect on and to use in everyday life. - *Melissa*

Cteen Extreme was such an amazing experience for me where I got to make so many new Jewish friends and do adventurous things that I never would have imagined doing. In addition to that, I also got to learn a lot more about my Judaism and I gained a stronger connection to it. - *Headan*

JAHRZEIT

Heska Amuna Synagogue

October 2

Ralph August ♦ Aaron Berry ♦ Peter Dreyer ♦ Hinda Duhan ♦ Theresa Fadem ♦ Mark Fleishman ♦ Joseph Goodstein ♦ Mordecai Gustav Heiser ♦ David Jacobowitz ♦ Ronald Licht ♦ Francis Rosenzweig ♦ Herman Shamitz ♦ Leonard Shersky ♦ Joseph Solomon ♦ Sarah Tobe ♦ Benjamin Wise

October 9

Morris Bresoff ♦ Jean Brown ♦ Leonard Brown ♦ Isadore Collins ♦ Jennie Cooper ♦ Vaughn Cooper ♦ Isaac Coplan ♦ Ignatz Frank ♦ Moe Golub ♦ Carol Krosin ♦ Phillip Krosin ♦ Morris Rosen ♦ Malvina Schwartz ♦ Philip Seif ♦ Alexander Shapiro ♦ Morris Shersky ♦ Rose Shersky ♦ Rhea Silber ♦ Leo Vogel ♦ Esther Winick

October 16

Dora Brody ♦ Gerson Cohen ♦ Roslyn Cohn ♦ Milton Collins ♦ Zelda Finkelstein ♦ Sam Freeman ♦ Clarence Glidewell ♦ Jay Goodfriend ♦ Harriet Gourse ♦ Gertrude Gourse ♦ Joe Gurwitch ♦ Bruce Kingsley ♦ Abraham Leeds ♦ Anna Leibowitz ♦ Alan Mootnick ♦ Virginia Morrison ♦ Harold Rosenzweig ♦ Aaron Shagan ♦ Lilly Stargardt

October 23

Sasson Benhayon ♦ Esmeralda Benhayon ♦ C.B. Brown ♦ Gertrude Cohen ♦ Jennie Glazer ♦ Hanna Hahn ♦ Anna Kaplan ♦ Julius Krauss ♦ Jacob Licht ♦ James Lowe ♦ David Moskowitz ♦ Vera Noorily ♦ Rachel Perelman ♦ Alex Presser ♦ Etta Renert ♦ Gene Rosenberg ♦ Salome Slovis ♦ Flora Stollin ♦ Pesach Werner

October 30

Ilse Abeles ♦ Heinz Baerman ♦ Leah Berez ♦ Rose Eisner ♦ P.L. Fuson ♦ Gunsa Glazer ♦ Blume Goldstein ♦ Bernyce Gurwitch ♦ Josephine Klein ♦ Elsa Klein ♦ Sylvia Levison ♦ Gilbert Levison ♦ Bertha Moss ♦ Natan Naumann ♦ Nathan Rattner ♦ Harold Rosenthal ♦ Celia Shaw ♦ Ben Slovis ♦ Rachel Slovis ♦ David Tomlinson ♦ Myra Weinstein ♦ Clara Winick ♦ Pearl Zwick

JAHRZEIT

TEMPLE BETH EL

October 1

Peggy Austin ♦ Yolanda Del Moro ♦ Michael Diamond ♦ Gerald A. Dortch ♦ David Feldman ♦ Lauren Fine ♦ Steve Gastelum ♦ Mordechai G. Heiser ♦ Ellison Jacobstein ♦ Raymond R. Landsberger ♦ Dorothy Levy Licht ♦ Sam Miller ♦ Joseph Smuckler ♦ Beatrice Sturm ♦ Hyman Taylor ♦ Fannie Tomshinsky

October 8

Riva Dvorkina ♦ Bessie Factor ♦ Steven Howard Feldman ♦ Harold Freedman ♦ Edna Ginsberg ♦ Martin Guthman ♦ Lester Hirsh ♦ Albert A. Levy ♦ Ann Marcovitch ♦ Amanda S. Morris ♦ Emanuel Radoff ♦ Gus Robinson ♦ Isaac Routenberg ♦ William D. Sampson ♦ Beverly Shore

October 15

Jack Butler ♦ Marylou Davis ♦ Roberta Epstein ♦ Louis Fox ♦ Sam Freeman ♦ Lawrence Harris ♦ Marcus Mendelowitz ♦ Charlotte Pais ♦ Dorothy Perlmutter ♦ Ruth Polk ♦ Samuel Samuel ♦ Jack L. Zagoren ♦ Pearl Zauber

October 22

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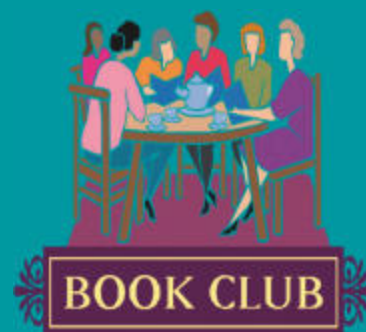
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Hadassah Book Club News

**All Jewish women of the greater
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We welcome you to participate in our next Hadassah Book Club meeting. **On October 19**, we will be discussing **When We Believed in Mermaids** by Barbara O'Neil. With pandemic numbers rising again, we are uncertain what site we might be able to safely use in October. We have been requesting the use of some space in the AJCC as a more isolated location. At this time many of our members have requested a preference for zoom only meetings for at least several months. I will provide updates as we learn more. We are expecting a start-up time of 7:30p.m. to assist more of our out of town participants and working local members. (The use of AJCC might necessitate an earlier start and finish time.) Again, available locations are subject to change. I encourage you to check future emails.

When We Believed in Mermaids by Barbara O'Neil

Her sister has been dead for fifteen years when she sees her on the TV news...

Josie Bianci was killed years ago on a train during a terrorist attack. That's what her sister, Kit, an ER doctor in Santa Cruz, has always believed. Yet all it takes is a few heart-wrenching seconds to upend Kit's world. Live coverage of a club fire in Auckland has captured the image of a woman stumbling through the smoke and debris. Her resemblance to Josie is unbelievable and unmistakable. A flood of emotions including grief, loss, and anger surface. Kit needs to find the sister who's been living a lie.

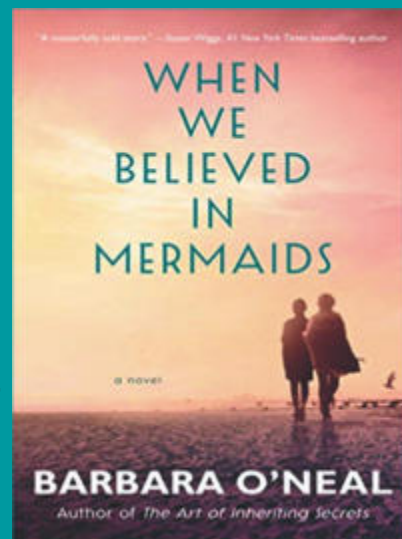
After arriving in New Zealand, Kit begins her journey with the memories of the past: of days spent on the beach with Josie, of a lost teenage boy who'd become part of their family, and of a trauma that has haunted Kit and Josie their entire lives.

Now, if two sisters are to reunite, it can only be by unearthing long-buried secrets and facing a devastating truth that has kept them apart far too long. To regain their relationship, they may have to lose everything.

Our future book selections:

- **November:** **The Lost City of the Monkey God** by Douglas Preston
- **December:** **The Girl with the Louding Voice** by Abi Dare

Please contact Barbara Mintz at Barbara@bmintz.com if you have any questions or want to be added to the Zoom registration list. Also let her know if you have changes in your email address or want to be removed from the master mailing list.



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“The Forgotten Refugees” (Promotional still)

Please join **Hadassah Knoxville-Oak Ridge** for a film about the unknown history of the Jewish communities in Arab countries, some of which had existed for over 2,500 years. **Hadassah Knoxville-Oak Ridge** invites you to a pre-screening introduction to the topic and Q&A session at the end of the film “The Forgotten Refugees.”

WHEN: Thursday, October 21st, 2021, 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm

** Registration closes on October 17th at midnight*

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Singapore Math

By Miriam Esther Wilhelm, KJDS Head of School

Imagine if Math felt like an exploration or a mystery to solve. At KJDS it does! Our Math curriculum, think! Mathematics, helps students eagerly engage in mathematical learning by starting each lesson with an anchor task specifically designed to challenge and open their minds. Students work together in discussion to craft possible solving methods and solutions to the complex and open-ended tasks. This primes their brains for focused lesson to come. In order to add new math skills and concepts to their toolkits, students approach learning first through the tactile use of manipulatives, then through a pictorial look at the new skill or concept, and finally, students see the abstract algorithm to solve the problem numerically. This learning sequence encourages students to visualize the mathematical concept versus just seeing the numbers. A strong foundation in number sense and the conceptual visualization allows students to approach novel (never seen before) problems and find solutions, instead of just memorizing an algorithm and repeatedly plugging into identical types of problems. It also encourages students to understand that there are multiple methods for problem-solving, and to select the one that is most efficient or works best for them. The classes are fun for students because they delight in figuring things out, and think! Mathematics asks that of them every day.

At KJDS, we are excited to have a Math program that challenges students to think mathematically, and we are also excited that we have a KJDS teaching alum on staff at Mathodology, think! Mathematics' parent company. Ms. Julien, our former 4/5 teacher is now working as a coach, crafting professional development for effective implementation of think! Mathematics. We are proud of her! And, we are thrilled that she will be guiding our teachers through their journey to share this great Singapore Math based curriculum with our students.



Community Building at the Start of a New School Year

As we settle into a new school year, the students at KJDS have been focusing on relationship building and establishing a strong sense of community through fun, interactive games and activities that help build teamwork, resiliency, and connection. And, of course, the students are having a blast at the same time!

In Mrs. Lusk's K-1 homeroom, one of their favorite ways to start the day is the Ball Game. Students are challenged with passing a ball to each classmate following two simple rules- the ball cannot touch the ground and each person gets only one turn. They have had some big aha moments discovering that not only is it okay to fail, but it's also inevitable, and it's how we learn and grow! When the ball drops, the students have learned to have a positive attitude and to try again. They've also learned how essential good communication is in a well-run community. To be successful, they must communicate clearly, be mindful of their tone of voice, and be encouraging to one another. Through maintaining a positive attitude, the K-1 class has been successful at passing not one, not two, but THREE balls of various sizes! The excitement and confidence they have each time they are successful is contagious!

In Mrs. Haskins' K/1 homeroom, students discussed how teamwork can be used to grow their classroom community. They applied the engineering design process to complete a STEAM challenge to see how far they could fly an airplane made from an index card.

The 2-3 class has been learning all about community and culture. They have been working on creating a classroom where they can all support and encourage one another. This has been evident in watching the 3rd graders reach out to the 2nd graders as partners both in the classroom and on the playground. A fun activity that everyone enjoyed was a game of bingo focusing on inner strengths. Students partnered up and interviewed each other to find similarities and differences and recorded their findings on a Venn diagram. They've also been learning about cultures around the world and discovering ways that we are similar and unique.



K-1 Students
playing the ball game



Neri and Elly make a Venn diagram
of similarities and differences



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KJDS alumni remain part of our KJDS family and we are kvelling watching them as they start their college career. Meet some of our alumni who are now Freshman in College.



Hallie Boring is majoring in psychology at University of Chattanooga. Hallie's main goal is to stay motivated in her classes and to expand her knowledge of the world during this new chapter of her life.



Frank Sturm is majoring in International Studies at Piedmont University. In addition to working towards his degree Frank is excited to begin Soccer Season as member of Piedmont Lions.



Ron Arel is majoring in brain and cognitive science with a minor in computer science at University of Illinois Urbana, Chicago. Ron is excited to research at a university level.



Amit Pasca will be enlisting in the IDF this November. After excelling in a rigorous high school schedule of Physics, Computer Science, Software Engineering and Computer System Design, Amit is hoping to land rank in the IDF air force. Amit has passed the initial tests and plans to continue this trend and begin his service as IDF air force pilot in November.

Aftercare Highlight

KJDS is excited to once again be offering an aftercare program this year. One of our highlights is the basketball club with Coach Cody. Since moving to our new campus, the students have all been obsessed with basketball. When we found Coach Cody, whose basketball prowess and love for the game, we knew we had our newest aftercare club. Coach Cody has been coaching and training basketball for five years and has played the game all his life. Basketball is his pride and joy. He coaches WBBL basketball teams, is the middle school girls' varsity coach at CAK, and he runs basketball clinics and trains kids one on one to perfect their skill. His passion for coaching basketball and mentoring student athletes is evident in his work with our students. Under Coach Cody's tutelage our youngest athletes are learning the fundamentals of the game and our more advanced student athletes are developing and refining skills such as shooting, passing, footwork and ball-handling.

Our state-of-the-art full size basketball court and Coach Cody's sense of humor make for a fun and rewarding basketball experience for our students.



Alumni Spotlight—Camden Boring

This month we spotlight Camden Boring, KJDS alum from the first graduating class and recent graduate from University of Tennessee. Camden has joined the KJDS staff as our Director of Aftercare.

The self-confidence, strong Jewish identity and public speaking skills that were nurtured at KJDS have propelled his success in his adult life. Camden graduated from UT with a BS in psychology, and a minor in Spanish. For the past three years he was a resident assistant helping college students navigate dorm life. He has been a Camp Manitowa staff member for the past six years and the Director of the Boys' Village for the past two years.

Camden is passionate about sports and loves playing tennis, gaga, basketball and football. Camden is excited to develop relationships with KJDS students and help our students develop their emerging passions. Just as KJDS nurtured his emerging passions years ago.



Camden working with KJDS students on a Coding game during aftercare.



Our little boy, Camden, began KJDS with great anxiety about speaking in front of others, and then he was cast as Baloo in the Jungle Book. He surprised everyone with a strong stage presence! Ever since that experience, Camden presents with great confidence and consistently receives very high marks. – Bonnie Boring

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The Way We Were in 1957

Suzi Billig and Michael Nius at a Bar Mitzvah Party

Bar mitzvah parties were held in the gym at the Jewish Community Center on Vine Avenue. Here are Suzi Billig (now **Candy**) and Michael Nius, both several years younger than that day's bar mitzvah boy, gracing the dance floor in a photo very likely taken by Suzi's father, renowned local photographer Joe **Billig**, z'l. Michael's family left Knoxville in 1963, initially moving to Atlanta. Suzi's cousins Scott **Hahn** and Allison **Leeds Sexton** live in Knoxville.

Thanks to Mary Linda **Schwarzbart** for donating the photograph and recognizing Suzi, and a host of folks in Knoxville and around the country but particularly former Knoxvillean Teresa **Loef Friedman**, who identified Michael.



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