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## June 2022 Community Calendar

**KEY:** HA = Heska Amuna, JCOR = Jewish Congregation of Oak Ridge, KJA = Knoxville Jewish Alliance, KJDS = Stanford Eisenberg Knoxville Jewish Day School, JFS = Jewish Family Services, TBE = Temple Beth El

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**6:30P Wednesday Minyan – HA**  
**7:00P Talmud Study Group – HA**  
**7:00P Board of Trustees – HA** |
| **Thursday, June 2** | **11:00A Torah Study/Adult Education - TBE**  
**3:00P Minyan & Talmud Chat – HA** |
| **Friday, June 3** | **8:30P Candle Lighting**  
**12:00P Mindfulness Practice w/Rabbi – HA**  
**4:30P JFS Shabbat at Sherrill Hills - KJA**  
**6:15P Shavuot Yizkor Memorial Service**  
**6:30P Kabbalat Shabbat w/Jack Love – HA**  
**7:00P Shabbat Service – TBE** |
| **Saturday, June 4** | **Shavuot**  
**9:34P Havdalah**  
**10:00A Shabbat Service – HA**  
**10:00A Shabbat Service – JCOR**  
**9:30P Tikkun Leil Shavuot - HA** |
| **Sunday, June 5** | **Shavuot**  
**11:00A Israeli Dancing – JCOR** |
| **Tuesday, June 7** | **1:00P Torah Chat w/Rabbi Boxt – TBE**  
**4:00P Minyan and Torah**  
**8:00P Minyan – HA** |
| **Wednesday, June 8** | **9:00A Midweek Meditation – HA**  
**6:30P Wednesday Minyan – HA**  
**7:00P Talmud Study Group – HA** |
| **Thursday, June 9** | **11:00A Torah Study/Adult Education - TBE**  
**3:00P Minyan & Talmud Chat - HA** |
| **Friday, June 10** | **8:34P Candle Lighting**  
**12:00P Mindfulness Practice w/Rabbi – HA**  
**6:30P Kabbalat Shabbat w/Jack Love – HA**  
**6:30P Shabbat Services - JCOR**  
**6:00P Shabbat Service – TBE** |
| **Saturday, June 11** | **9:38P Havdalah**  
**10:00A Shabbat Service – HA**  
**10:00A Shabbat Service – JCOR**  
**10:30A Jacob & Sophia Walters B’nei Mitzvah - TBE** |
| **Sunday, June 12** | **10:00A Annual Meeting - HA**  
**11:00A Israeli Dancing - JCOR** |
| **Monday, June 13** | **6:30P Executive Committee meeting - KJA** |
| **Tuesday, June 14** | **1:00P Torah Chat w/Rabbi Boxt – TBE**  
**4:00P Minyan and Tora**  
**7:00P Healing Service w/Rabbi Boxt & Steve Lewis - TBE**  
**8:00P Minyan – HA** |
| **Wednesday, June 15** | **9:00A Midweek Meditation – HA**  
**6:30P Wednesday Minyan – HA**  
**7:00P Talmud Study Group – HA**  
**7:00P Board Meeting – Hadassah** |
| **Thursday, June 16** | **11:00A Torah Study/Adult Education - TBE**  
**3:00P Minyan & Talmud Chat - HA** |
| **Friday, June 17** | **8:36P Candle Lighting**  
**12:00P Mindfulness Practice w/Rabbi – HA**  
**6:30P Kabbalat Shabbat - JCOR**  
**6:30P Kabbalat Shabbat w/Jack Love – HA**  
**6:00P Shabbat Service – TBE** |
| **Saturday, June 18** | **9:41P Havdalah**  
**10:00A Shabbat Service – HA**  
**10:00A Shabbat Service – JCOR**  
**10:30A Sammy Friedman Bar Mitzvah - TBE** |
| **Sunday, June 19** | **11:00A Israeli Dancing - JCOR** |
| **Monday, June 20** | **8:00A Minyan – HA** |
| **Tuesday, June 21** | **1:00P Torah Chat w/Rabbi Boxt – TBE**  
**4:00P Minyan and Tora**  
**7:30P Book Club - Hadassah**  
**8:00P Minyan – HA** |
| **Wednesday, June 22** | **9:00A Midweek Meditation – HA**  
**6:30P Wednesday Minyan – HA**  
**7:00P Talmud Study Group – HA** |
| **Thursday, June 23** | **11:00A Torah Study/Adult Education - TBE**  
**3:00P Minyan & Talmud Chat - HA** |
| **Friday, June 24** | **8:38P Candle Lighting**  
**12:00P Mindfulness Practice w/Rabbi – HA**  
**6:30P Kabbalat Shabbat w/Jack Love – HA**  
**6:30P Kabbalat Shabbat - JCOR**  
**7:30P Shabbat Service – TBE** |
| **Saturday, June 25** | **9:42P Havdalah**  
**10:00A Shabbat Service – HA**  
**10:00A Shabbat Service – JCOR** |
| **Sunday, June 26** | **10:30A Gkj Men's Club at AJCC – KJA**  
**11:00A Israeli Dancing - JCOR** |
| **Monday, June 27** | **6:30P Board meeting - KJA** |
| **Tuesday, June 28** | **1:00P Torah Chat w/Rabbi Boxt – TBE**  
**7:00P Healing Service w/Rabbi & Steve Lewis – TBE**  
**8:00P Minyan – HA** |
| **Wednesday, June 29** | **9:00A Midweek Meditation - HA**  
**6:30P Wednesday Minyan – HA**  
**7:00P Talmud Study Group – HA** |
| **Thursday, June 30** | **11:00A Torah Study/Adult Education - TBE**  
**3:00P Minyan & Talmud Chat - HA** |

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High School Graduates

Grace Theriot
Grace Theriot is graduating from West High School, as the Salutatorian of her class and as an International Baccalaureate Candidate. She was very active in student organizations throughout school and held many leadership positions along the way. Student Council, all forms of model student government, three different honor societies, Youth Leadership Knoxville, and the ACLU’s Young Advocacy Program are just a few examples of her activities and passions. Grace attended the AJCC Preschool and has been a part of the Temple Beth El Religious School since her early days. She is the daughter of Matthew and Emily Theriot, and sister of Thomas and Lucy Theriot. Grace plans to attend the University of Virginia and major in Public Policy.

Nolan Schiek, Jewish Congregation of Oak Ridge
Nolan Schiek is a senior graduating May 22, 2022, from Farragut High School. He is passionate about music and cars and is deciding between Middle Tennessee State University for Audio Programming & Mechatronics Engineering, and Tennessee Technological University for Vehicle Engineering. When he is not digitally crafting beats for songs, he can be found stancing out his cars. Both are examples of his keen creativity and his dynamic passion for music and cars. He is also busy working on his clothing brand company – something he intends to grow while attending college. When he is not working at Dunkin Donuts, you can find him at a concert or car show meeting people and growing his contacts. So much opportunity lies ahead with what he is choosing as his next step!

Zach Scott, Heska Amuna Synagogue
Zach Scott graduates High School in May 2022. He was educated at home. One interesting hobby of his has been using computer programming and digital art skills to create original video game software. He will attend UT Knoxville in the Fall, majoring in Computer Science at the Tickle College of Engineering.
Andrew Weinstein, UTK Class of 2022

Andrew Samuel Weinstein, son of Douglas and Jill Weinstein and brother of Brian, graduated summa cum laude from The University of Tennessee, Knoxville with a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration, majoring in Supply Chain Management with a concentration in Business Analytics, and minoring in Applied Music. Andrew was a Supply Chain Scholar of Distinction during his time in college. During his entire four years at UT, Andrew played clarinet for The Pride of the Southland Marching Band, Wind Ensemble, and UT Symphony Orchestra. He served as President of Alpha Epsilon Pi. Andrew will relocate to Chicago, Illinois where he will be employed as a Supply Chain Replenishment Planner for Ace Hardware in its corporate office.

Arielle Rosen, Heska Amuna Synagogue

Arielle Rosen will graduate from the University of Wisconsin with a BA in political science. She will also receive certificates (minor) in entrepreneurship and women's studies. In the fall, Arielle will be attending New York University's Masters in Real Estate program. Arielle's proud parents are Kim and Stephen Rosen.

Dustin Del Moro

Dustin Del Moro is graduating from the University of Tennessee with a Bachelor of Science in plant sciences. Dustin is the son of Rob and Honerlin Del Moro.

Tessa Begue

Tessa Begue, daughter of Jason and Pam Begue of Nashville, and granddaughter of Jean Begue, graduated from the University of Florida in Miami, FL with a double major in sociology and finance, with departmental honors in sociology. Tessa was awarded the 2022 Alvin W. Rose award for outstanding Sociology Major. She was chosen for the Canes Perspectives Israel trip to gain a deeper understanding of the conflict (sponsored by Hillel). She was Vice-President of Alpha Kappa Psi (business fraternity), She was an Intern at Empowered Youth Non-profit, a math tutor at Ibis Prep, and a member of Zeta Tau Alpha. Post-graduation Tessa will be working as a financial consultant at Capco In New City.
Noah Cohen-Vogel

Noah Cohen-Vogel B.A. Summa Cum Laude, Honors Creative Writing Program, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill. Noah is the son of Dan and Lora Cohen-Vogel, grandson of Jeff and Nancy Becker and Arnold Cohen.

Sarah Siegel

Sarah Siegel, daughter of Mark and Betty Siegel is graduating from Indiana University with her B.A. degree in Psychology. Sarah will return to Knoxville, and work at the new East Tennessee Behavioral Health hospital here as a Behavioral Health Associate. She is excited to be part of this team and to be one of its first employees!

Sophie Becker-Klein

Sophie Becker-Klein B.S. Summa Cum Laude, Environmental Science from American University, daughter of Rabbi Micah and Rachel Becker-Klein, granddaughter of Jeff and Nancy Becker and Lynne PORTNOY.

David Harris is graduating from Wayne State University and will be doing his residency at his 1st choice Massachusetts General.

Rachel Harris will be going to graduate school for social work and was awarded a full scholarship.

Jacob Harris is entering his freshman year at John Hopkins. He will also be playing baseball there. He is also a top Scholar Athlete in Michigan.
The Fern and Manfred Steinfeld Program in Judaic Studies is the center for the study of Jews and Judaism at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville. It offers a variety of public and academic programs that enhance student learning, promote Jewish Studies scholarship, and contribute to the intellectual life of the Knoxville community and beyond.

UT offers an interdisciplinary Judaic Studies as well as several scholarships to support student learning. Courses in Judaic Studies range from the Hebrew Bible to the Holocaust and include both modern and Biblical Hebrew.
COMMUNITY EVENTS

June — July 2022

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KJA serving Milk & Honey Israeli Whisky

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Catching up with friends
I am absolutely positive that at no other time in recent history, have the four Jewish Federations across Tennessee worked more closely and achieved more legislative success than we were able to this year. Through our combined leadership support both from our lay leaders and professionals, our combined political lobbying efforts in conjunction with Christians United for Israel (CUFI) and the Tennessee Holocaust Commission, I am beyond thrilled to share with you the laws, resolutions, and budget items that were passed through a wide variety of our efforts.

One of our main goals was accomplished when we were able to be included in Governor Bill Lee’s Amended Budget in the amount of $500,000 for nonprofit security grant funding. This funding is ADDITIONAL State monies allocated over and above the Federal Homeland Security Non Profit Grants. Tennessee is now one of only 6 states to enact such budget items. This took a lot of effort by seeking key letters of support from legislators and meeting with them. We were also able to have Senator Richard Briggs file a Budget Amendment if needed, which it was not in the end.

We supported prohibiting the instruction of anti-Semitic concepts bill, SB2684/HB2673 Policy adoption prohibiting anti-Semitic teachings in schools. This Bill prohibits and bans all K-12 Tennessee schools from:

- All discriminatory acts and practices committed against individuals or institutions based on the individual's or institution's Jewish religious practices or on the tenets of the Jewish religion, shared Jewish ancestry, or Jewish ethnic characteristics.
- Allows a person who alleges that their civil rights have been violated by a discriminatory anti-Semitic act or practice that occurred on the premises of a public school serving any of the grades K-12, or through electronic outreach from a public school serving any of the grades K-12, to file a complaint with the LEA regarding the act or practice. To determine whether the act or practice was a discriminatory act or practice of anti-Semitism or motivated by anti-Semitic intent, the LEAs must take into consideration the definition and examples of anti-Semitism provided in this amendment. The working definition of antisemitism adopted by the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (IHRA) on May 26, 2016, including the “contemporary examples of antisemitism,” in determining whether the alleged act was motivated by anti-Semitic intent.

We supported the passage Anti-BDS legislation, SB2684/HB2673 Boycott of Israel not allowed for companies contracting with public entities. This Bill supports Public Contracts - As enacted, prohibits a public entity from entering into a contract with a company unless the contract includes a written certification that the company is not currently engaged in, and will not for the duration of the contract engage in, a boycott of Israel.

We worked to pass the National Holocaust Remembrance Resolution early in this legislative session.

We supported the request by the Tennessee Holocaust Commission for $175,000 in one-time non-recurring funds that Governor Lee funded.
As I’m nearing graduation, I’ve been thinking back on my undergraduate experience. Besides academics, Hillel has defined my time here at UTK. Coming from out of state, I knew absolutely no one. That terrified me, but I was up for the challenge. During orientation, I was looking forward to finding an organization I could be a part of, and I did just that. I saw Tara Bain standing at the Hillel booth and walked right over. She was so exciting to meet me, and I was equally excited to find a Jewish organization on campus. Over the summer, whenever I got nervous about making friends or finding my place, I reminded myself that I had Hillel to look forward to and that thought calmed me.

Going into the first Shabbat dinner, I was nervous because I was going in alone, and I was scared I wouldn’t make friends. However, the second I walked through the door, Emily Schulman, the president at the time, welcomed me with a big hug. In that moment, all my nerves went away. I felt welcomed and comfortable immediately. During dinner, I sat with Paige Motley and the Moskowitz brothers, Mitch and Matt. The four of us laughed together throughout dinner. I left that event having found an organization and friends who made me feel at home.

A few weeks later, Emily reached out and asked if I wanted to serve on the executive board. I was nervous because I wasn’t very familiar with the organization, but I took advantage of the opportunity. That was one of the best decisions I made. Hillel has helped me grow spiritually through enhancing my connection to Judaism and personally through my various leadership roles. Since my freshman year, I have served on the executive board in four different positions. One of my favorite Hillel memories was Shabbaton in the Smokies in my sophomore year. Over the course of that weekend, I connected to my Jewish identity, Israel, and my friends. The connections I made on that trip are ones that I will keep with me long after I graduate.

Planning events like the Shabbaton, my goal was to make Hillel a home for our Jewish students. During COVID, I looked forward to virtual Hillel board meetings and events because I deeply craved those connections. It was challenging to plan events and a hard time for everyone, but I wanted to make Hillel an escape from our crazy world. I believe we did.

Along with the memories and friendships I’ve made in Hillel, my experience wouldn’t be what it is without Tara, our director. She is one of the most generous, kindhearted people I have ever met. She genuinely cares for each member of Hillel. Throughout college, she has been like my second mom. She is always there to support me through my achievements and my struggles. Hillel at UTK is so fortunate to have Tara.

I could go on and on about how amazing Hillel at UTK is and how much it has made my college career so special. I have given Hillel a lot over the last four years; however, it has given me so much more. Hillel gave me a home, a family, and memories I will never forget.
We Are All Educators

By: Marc Forman, KJA P2G chairperson

I have been a professional educator for 33 years. I have been educating people for 45 years. My professional career has taken me to rural, suburban, and urban schools. I even taught in a juvenile detention facility. Now I am lucky enough to teach youth and adults from around the world. I have visited over 40 countries online while teaching English. I have taught much more than English and learned much about world cultures and religions than I ever imagined.

I grew up in Cleveland, Ohio. We had a large Jewish population at my Junior High, but not in my neighborhood. I moved to Chattanooga, Tennessee at the age of 13 (after my Bar Mitzvah). Chattanooga was a great town to grow up in; however, my brother and I were the only Jews (students or faculty) in a school of 1,200 people. I lost a lot of my Jewish education and identity during those years. I went off to college and never got involved in Hillel. Then I traveled the South with jobs. I applied to become a Big Brother in Columbus, Georgia. The director was the wife of the Conservative Congregation Rabbi. She convinced me to come back to the Shul. When I returned to college to get my teaching degree, I joined Hillel. I restarted my Jewish journey. That journey ended when I met the love of my life. Yes, I married a gentile. Yes, it bothered me a little, but I was never able to find a good Jewish girl that I loved. As a side note, we have been happily married for 32 years.

As luck would have it, I ran into Jennifer Ohriner at a Knox County School function. I had been in and out of the Shul for the holidays but never much more. Jennifer told me about the upcoming teacher exchange. I signed on and joined the KJA. I should say I had to convince my wife that I would not be killed while in Israel. I should say I had to convince my wife that I would not be killed while in Israel. Matter of fact, I felt safer in the Israeli schools than I did in my American schools. I learned a lot on that trip and renewed my Jewishness.

The point of all this? We are all responsible to the education of our children and even their friends. When you take an hour out of your Sunday afternoon to attend a Zoom tour of Israel or a Seder you are teaching your children to embrace their heritage. You also are teaching the children in Israel that they are thought of around the world. The P2G program offers several educational opportunities for adults and youth. The L2G (Leadership Together) program is for young adults who are looking to be leaders in the Jewish community. Class2Class is a program that pairs a US school class with one in Israel. The Summer Youth Experience sends teens from the US to Israel for two weeks and then brings the Israeli teens to the US for two weeks. One2One is an opportunity for adults (who do not have to be teachers) to work with Israeli youth to improve their English Language skills. More information on all these programs can be found at the Partnerships Web site. (https://www.p2g-hadera-eiron.org.il).

I learned as a youth that it is harder to grow up Jewish in the South then it is in many Norther cities. If we continue to provide families with meaningful programming, we can bridge that gap. Help build that bridge by educating yourself, other adults, and youth of the United States and Israel and get active with P2G. For more information contact Marc Forman at marçforman@hotmail.com.
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Mazel Tov on completing your elementary education. We know you are ready for middle school and the world. You'll be one of the most adaptable and resilient generations, as you've weathered years now of change, from canceled vacations to quarantines. When your school musical couldn't be live, you learned to be movie actors. When your teachers were quarantined, you learned to use online manipulatives and whiteboards to learn and communicate. When your friends couldn't be at school, you took turns zooming with them as lunch buddies. We've been impressed with your willingness to keep rolling with whatever comes your way and to learn, grow, and laugh through it all.

And, you've helped KJDS grow too! You entered school as one of our larger kindergarten classes. You shined as little flowers and munchkins in the Wizard of Oz. You learned about habitats and crisp handwriting. You contributed to school by getting rid of our building's “energy hogs” and researching the physics behind tether balls to get one for our playground. You contributed to the greater community through Canstruction, visits to retirement homes, and writing to your state legislators. You explored so much- from indigenous dwelling structures to poetry slams and coffee making. We are proud of all that you've done.

An integral part of the KJDS mission is yetzirah: recognizing your skills and gifts and sharing them with others. We've appreciated you sharing your gifts with us and we look forward to learning about how you carry them with you into your next school.

- Gabe Abrams-Cohen: Carry your gifts of curiosity, inclusion and humor.
- Ido Barak: Maintain your strong abilities to innovate and collaborate.
- David Ben-Ishai: Stay forever kind, helpful and honest.
- Idan Blitt: Take with you your creativity and your tech-savvy.
- Madeline Darby: Continue to share your broad experiences and your artistic talents.
- Elhanan Ferency: Your integrity and compassion will enrich all of your future communities.
- Layna Mannella: Continue to be as courageous and empathetic as you are today.
- Daniel Maman: Never stop being loyal and considerate.
- Chanie Wilhelm: Maintain your hopeful and enthusiastic leadership.

We'll miss you immensely, our graduating class. Thank you for making KJDS strong and helping us grow. Come back and visit often!

With Love,
The KJDS Staff
Establishing a Strong Jewish Identity

By: Anna McDonald, Director of Admissions

Growing up Jewish in Knoxville in the 80’s, while attending a public elementary school, meant that I was usually the only Jewish student in my class. I was raised to be proud of my Jewish heritage and culture, for which I am so grateful, and while I enjoyed sharing about my Jewish traditions and holidays with my classmates, it was often challenging to be the only kid in class who celebrated Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur.

When I started going to a Jewish sleep-away summer camp, my Jewish identity really solidified and soared. It was powerful to be amongst a large group of my peers observing Shabbat, reciting the Birkat Hamazon after each meal, and partaking in fun dancing and singing during Havdalah. Those were formative experiences for me in establishing a strong Jewish identity beyond my family and attending services and religious school at Heska Amuna. To be fully immersed in Jewish life with other Jewish kids my age was invaluable.

My oldest daughter, Hazel, joined KJDS as a 1st grader this year and it has been amazing to watch her interest and passion in her Jewish identity blossom at such a young and tender age. She’s loved learning Hebrew for the first time and has been eager to practice her Hebrew language skills at home and teach her little sister too. I often overhear her singing prayers she’s learned from Tefilah and she can expertly tell you about any Jewish holiday now. She’s always excited to lead our family in Shabbat songs and prayers at home too.

I am beyond grateful that Hazel is getting the experience at a young age of celebrating and appreciating her Jewish identity in community with her peers. I have no doubt that she will graduate from KJDS with an incredibly secure foundation in her Jewish identity, which will serve her well before she moves on to a school where she will be in the minority as a Jew. It’s astounding what she has already gained after only one school year here. I can’t wait to continue to watch her Jewish identity grow!

Reflections from KJDS Alumni-

“Following my graduation from KJDS, I began attending a public school with over 500 kids in my grade. Starting in 6th grade, I was the only Jewish person in my entire school. Coming from KJDS, my sense of Jewish pride was strong. I was proud to be a representative of my grade and was more than happy to educate my fellow peers. I even got my mom to come give a Hanukkah presentation to my entire class, most of whom had never even heard of Hanukkah. My elementary education at KJDS is something I will forever be grateful for in bringing me such a strong sense of my own Jewish identity.” - Hallie Boring, KJDS Alum

“After attending 6 years at KJDS, I graduated and continued my education at a larger private school. Throughout my time at KJDS, I had developed a strong sense of my Jewish identity. Growing up with other students that all share the Jewish faith, KJDS taught me a powerful pride in my religion that I wouldn’t have learned anywhere else. Starting in middle school, each year around the Jewish holidays other students would come up to me and ask me what holiday it was and what it meant. Having the knowledge about Judaism that KJDS taught me, I was more than excited to share with my classmates. Many students would also ask me questions about what it meant to be Jewish. Many of whom had never even met a Jewish person. I was flattered that they wanted to know and answered all of their questions. KJDS was such a special experience for me and taught me how to have a secure foundation in my Jewish identity. I will be forever thankful for my time there and will carry with me all the lessons I have learned.” - Heidi Sturm, KJDS Alum
The K/1 classes recently wrapped up a fun, engaging unit on coding. To begin the unit, students were asked to give their teachers directions to get to a specific place in the school. This helped young scientists realize that when you give directions, you must give clear, precise directions. And that’s essentially what a code is - a set of clear, precise commands.

Students were engaged in unplugged coding activities - creating patterns with beads and pipe cleaners, including an error in the pattern, and asking a fellow scientist to “debug” the pattern; coding animals to their habitats through the use of arrows; completing “if-then” codes through rolling dice (if you roll a 5…) then completing specific exercises; being challenged to create a paper fish with little direction as a reminder that you need clear, precise directions.

Students also engaged in a variety of technologies to practice coding. Using iPads, students practiced writing codes on the Code Monkey website, explored the PBS Kids Scratch Jr. app, and engaged with various robots, including Sphero, Code-a-pillar, BeeBot, and Botley - giving them codes to go through block mazes or moving them along a specified path. Mr. Lev taught kindergartners how to code our Sphero robot to move in the path of a square, a perfect connection to our previous unit on shapes! Students will continue to polish their coding skills in music class this semester as they use the Coding Jam app to explore rhythm.

As a culminating project, students were challenged to create an animation to remind the school community of carpool day using the Scratch Jr. app. Students were required to include at least 1 character, 1 background, 1 loop, and 1 text box or microphone code. The results were amazing! So many great animations were created from scratch by each student to remind our school community to do their part to help lessen our pollution and participate in carpool day as they could.

My favorite part of the unit was that I could model for students how to be a life-long learner. Along with the students, I too, learned so much about coding during this unit. We are always learning and always working to refine our skills, whether it be learning to read, learning to compute numbers, coding, or how to be the best friend?
In May, we celebrated Lag B’Omer with our Special Friends. This little-known Jewish holiday commemorates and celebrates the life of Rabbi Shimon bar Yochai. The festivities included the traditions of making a bonfire, roasting potatoes in the fire (an Israeli custom), playing with bows and arrows, along with several other games, and having a singalong around the fire. It was such a joy to be together once again with our Special Friends before the end of the school year. It was an event full of fun, laughter, and lots of smiles.
Why I Believe

By: Rabbi Alon Ferency, Heska Amuna Synagogue

A man said to the universe:
“Sir, I exist!”
“However,” replied the universe,
“The fact has not created in me
A sense of obligation.”
—Stephen Crane, 1899

Theologians, they don’t know nothin’
About my soul.
—Jeff Tweedy, 2004

How can a theologian, like me, respond if you,
like Crane or Tweedy, propose that the world
is meaningless? I have no evidence that life is
meaningful or that the world is purposeful,
sensitive, or charitable. I have faith that living is
important; in my short experience, I call myself
a cautious optimist. Yet, I cannot point to any
particular events or emblems that led to my hope
in a purposeful world.

Nor could Muhammad. When asked for miracles,
he gestured to the sunset and referred to the birds’
song. I note music, an ephemeral endeavor of such
transcendent beauty that it seems to defy rational
deconstruction. Why are human beings driven to
make music? Why should we destitute humans,
eking our life out on this exacting canvas, pause to
create or consider beauty? It’s not a crop. How can
a paper speaker-cone vibrate back and forth a few
times and let the listener know how Rachmaninov
was feeling last century? And why is John Coltrane’s
“After the Rain” so powerful? I’m not asking a
question of music theory, but rather a demand:
why should such things exist? I do not believe that
they would find a place in an arbitrary world.

The human impulse to create is evidence of the
Divine spark within each of us. Living a life of
purpose, joy, and significance is a continually
challenging spiritual endeavor, and courageous
creativity can propel us through it. Far from
being at odds, art and faith are partners: look
at John Steinbeck’s masterwork East of Eden or
Leonard Cohen’s swan song You Want It Darker.
By the same token, Mythic spiritual traditions
are repositories of artists’ struggle to find
meaning, and as such, can be wellsprings for
today’s emerging artists to draw sustenance and
inspiration. In turn, spirituality – contemplative
and mindful practices – can inspire, unlock, and
unblock our creative processes.

For me, Arts are proof of God.
Many Thanks to Our Amazing Teachers
The first year of Shabbat School is in the Books!

As we close out our school year I wanted to take the opportunity to thank our HARS teachers for providing our students with an enriching education in spite of riding the Covid roller-coaster.

Friendships were formed, community was built, and children learned. I couldn’t ask for more!

Thank you, Vanessa Rodriguez, Rachel Ferrell, Jennie Frost, Martha Iroff, Sarah LaFetra, Rachel Brown, and Joseph Roope.
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Shalom Y'all

By: Rabbi Erin Boxt

I grew up in Columbia, South Carolina. In my graduating class from Irmo High School in 1994, I was the only Jewish person in a class of over 400 students. There were less than 10 in my entire school. As part of my AP Government class, I was required to attend a governmental meeting. I chose to attend the Lexington District 5 School Board Meeting. It was at that meeting the school board voted to include a prayer at high school graduations. At first, I wasn’t too concerned – after all, I was in the marching band and there was a prayer before every football game. However, at the football games, there was always a different minister/pastor/rabbi/imam delivering the prayer. At graduation, it would be only one person.

A member of my congregation, one of the parents of two of the other Jewish kids in my high school, contacted the American Civil Liberties Union immediately after the school board vote. He was told they needed a student from the high school to make the case stand. So, of course, I was asked about it. As I thought about it, the one thing that stood out as most important was that my sister was a freshman. She was not as outspoken about being Jewish as I was – and I did not want her to have to deal with any conflict or concern that might arise from their being a prayer (more than likely a Christian prayer) at her graduation.

Until I joined this case, I do not remember ever really experiencing anti-Semitism. When word got out that I was “suing the school district,” it began. There was graffiti on my locker, notes left in my locker, and for the first time in my life physical threats. After about 6 months of the ACLU dragging their feet, I called them and told them they had one week to do something…or I would drop out of the case. After a week, I dropped the case, and it went nowhere. I then decided the only way to ensure that all of my classmates (of all religions) would feel represented was to join the group who was responsible for writing the prayer. As a part of this process, I helped to create the UniTeam – a diverse group of students who held school assemblies throughout the year to introduce various cultures through music, drama, art, etc.

At the end of the day – the prayer wound up being a glorified moment of silence. People could pray, meditate, or sit quietly for the few moments of silence. It was, for me, what growing up Jewish in the South is all about: flexibility, understanding, education and gumption!

Walking is a safe, enjoyable, low-cost and low-impact physical activity.

BUT, before you start - talk before you walk.

Have a conversation with your physical therapist (and your doctor) to discuss if anything would prevent you from walking for routine exercise. How far or how long should you walk? What intensity or speed? Are there any barriers to keep you from starting a walking routine?

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**President’s Message**

*By: Kathy Young*

On April 23, 2022, a group of TBE members went on an excursion to the Whitwell Children’s Museum and Holocaust display, The Paperclip Project. When I first talked to Rabbi Boxt about this trip, many many months ago, I had no idea the impact it would have on me, and all the others who attended. The town of Whitwell, Tennessee, is very rural and could be Anyplace, USA. The Elementary, Middle and High Schools are all next to each other. Nothing special to anyone passing through this town. Tucked behind the Middle School is where it all happens.

We started out in the Children’s Museum, or library, where any of us could have spent days there, looking at the artifacts from around the globe and reading the thousands and thousands of letters sent from across the globe. This whole project was started by an idea that people are different, and yet all should be treated with respect. See, Whitwell is a community that had no diversity. Everyone was white and Protestant. How could they ever learn to interact with others unlike themselves. Hence, the beginning of an incredible lesson, not only for the students and teachers, but for the entire community at large.

Years later, a “cattle car” which had transported the Jews from Auschwitz was given to the project by a very generous donation from a non-Jewish German couple. You really need to be inside this car to feel the full impact of what was seen in the library. I cannot put it into words, but it touched me down deep in my soul.

Our trip brought us face to face with Linda Hooper, the principal at the time this all occurred. What a treasure trove of knowledge, and one of the most humble, positive, and spiritual people I have ever encountered. She spent so much time with us, talked about how this project changed her community and all the students, and brought the reality of this project home to us all. Believe it or not, the Holocaust is still being taught to this day at the schools.

My reason for sharing this is simple: If you have not been there, taken your older children and grandchildren there, you are missing something. With summer upon us and the kids on vacation, I promise you this will be well worth the trip.

**Whitwell Trip**

*By: Shelley Mangold*

All the items of Judaica and other items were mailed, or hand delivered to the school with paper clip donations beginning in 1998. Every item had a story connected to either a survivor or one person or group that perished. Linda Hooper, the former Whitwell Middle School Principal, and our tour guide can be seen telling the story of the Paperclip Project and answering our questions in the Holocaust Artifacts Library about the Children’s Holocaust Memorial in one of the very few left of the original German rail cars that transported 80-150 prisoners at a time to the death camps.
Temple Beth El Religious School

*Hands on, Hearts on, Minds on Learning*

Experience the joy of Jewish learning surrounded by friends & a loving staff.

**Holidays**

**Traditions**

**Active Learning**

August 21st-May 7th
Sundays 9:30-12:00 & Midweek Hebrew for 4th-7th graders
PreK through 10th grade
Contact Norma James normajames@tbeknox.org
School’s out for summer, but we are still very busy at TBERS! Our summer is packed with activity at Temple, at home, and at camps. Where do I even begin? Our children and teens have busy summers ahead as always. Many of them will be attending Milton Collins Day Camp at the AJCC. There is still time for you to sign up your child. We are excited that many of our young people will be attending our URJ Camp Colman in Cleveland, GA. Camp Coleman fills up quickly, so we are planning an August visit from a Camp Coleman staff member to provide more information to our families in time for 2023 sign-ups. We have many students who will attend other wonderful Jewish camps in surrounding states. We also have many children attending secular camps; some of which have many Jewish campers. There is an abundance of specialty day camps in our area. Both day camps and overnight camps provide wonderful opportunities for children to explore their interests, grow their independence, enrich their spirituality, commune with nature, develop lifelong friendships, and have fun!

We are blessed to have three students become B’nai Mitzvah in June and two more students in August. That means we will be busy with their preparation. It is also time to start preparation for our upcoming seventh graders’ B’nai Mitzvah dates. Six students will become B’nai Mitzvah in the coming school year.

Sophia and Jacob Walters will be called to the Torah on Saturday, June 11th, at 10:30. Sophia is a 7th grader, and Jacob is an 8th grader at West Valley Middle School. They are the children of Jonathan and Maria Walters. The Walters family joined Temple Beth El during the pandemic and spent their entire first year of Religious School remote. We got to see them in their cars when they did our drive through material pick-ups and finally on the last day of the school year. This is one very dedicated family! Sophia and Jacob are being tutored in Torah and prayers by Norma James and will work with Rabbi Boxt on the final service preparation. Sophia loves art and music. Her brother Jacob loves all things video games. These two are a joy to work with and will make us all proud at their service. We hope you will join us in person or on streaming for this important life cycle event.

Sammy Friedman will be Bar Mitzvah on Saturday, June 18th, at 10:30. Sammy’s TBERS experience began at our earliest grade. Sammy has grown up at Temple Beth El and is very excited to follow in his sister, Simone’s footsteps to read the Torah. Sammy is the son of Adam and Jennifer Friedman. He attends West Valley Middle School. Sammy loves all sports and fitness. He works out with his dad every day before school and currently plays soccer. Sammy has been an energetic learner and a pleasure to teach. Norma James is his tutor for Torah and prayers. Rabbi Boxt will work with him on his D’var and the final preparation for his service. Please join Adam, Jennifer, and Simone in person or through streaming as they celebrate Sammy’s milestone event.

Summer Conference for the Institute of Southern Jewish Life (ISJL) is June 26 and 27. The conference will once again be online this summer and will last for two days this year. This is an excellent opportunity for our staff to learn from leading educators. This year’s Keynote will be by Dr. Emily Arnold aka Dr. Emily. You might remember that Emily spent a wonderful weekend at Temple Beth El a few years ago. She is an expert in childhood education. There will be many other speakers and presentations by the ISJL staff. Our school is proud to be an ISJL partner thanks to our Endowed Funds.

Do you have children ages 4 through rising 10th grade who would enjoy spending time with wonderful Jewish children and amazing teachers? Consider our Temple Beth El Religious School. Norma James would love to talk to you about our program. Contact her directly at normajames@tbeknox.org to set up a meeting, FaceTime, Zoom, or phone call. See flyer on page 27.

The first day of Religious School is August 21st. (Teacher in-service is August 14th.)
Art is a big part of the ISJL Curriculum-1

Teaching is a family affair at TBERS

Jesse Weckstein and madrichah Troy Lurie’s PreK-K class

Students, staff, and parents enjoy our Religious School mock Seder-1

August B’nai Mitzvah dates:

Luke Javors, August 20th
Eric Waldman, August 27th
Social Justice Calendar of Events

Submitted by: Social Justice Committee

June

Pride Month
PTSD Awareness Month
African-American Music Appreciation Month
Alzheimer's and Brain Awareness Month

4 June: International Day of Innocent Children Victims of Aggression
4 June: Shavuot begins
5 June: World Environment Day
5 June: National Cancer Survivors Day
11 June: Knox Pride Parade & Festival; Downtown Knoxville; starts 12:00
12 June: Pulse nightclub shooting in Orlando, Florida in 2016
12 June: World Day Against Child Labour
14 June: World Blood Donor Day
15 June: World Elder Abuse Awareness Day
17 June: World Day to Combat Desertification and Drought
19 June: International Day for the Elimination of Sexual Violence in Conflict
19 June: Juneteenth
20 June: World Refugee Day
23 June: United Nations Public Service Day
26 June: International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking
26 June: United Nations International Day in Support of Victims of Torture
28 June: The Stonewall Uprising 1969

July

Minority Mental Health Month
Social Wellness Month

1 July: Canada Day
4 July: U.S. Independence Day
5 July: International Day of Cooperatives
7 July: Global Forgiveness Day
11 July: World Population Day
12 July: Malala Yousafzai born 1997
14 July: Bastille Day
14 July: International Non-Binary People's Day
17 July: World Day for International Justice
18 July: Nelson Mandela International Day (Born 1918)
19 July (1848): Seneca Falls Convention (First Women's Rights Convention)
24 July: Emmett Till born 1941
25 July: National Hire a Veteran Day
26 July: National Disability Independence Day (ADA signed 1990)
30 July: World Day Against Trafficking in Persons
30 July: International Day of Friendship
30 July: National Support Public Education Day
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Sinai Small yet Sinai Proud!

By: Rabbi Yossi Wilhelm

When we moved to Knoxville, we were told we were moving to the “Buckle of the Bible Belt!” Our Judaism is a treasure we all want to give over and instill in our children, with joy and with pride, yet in a city where Jews are such a minority it can be hard. Let us take a lesson from Mt. Sinai on how to best approach our challenge.

The Midrash tells us that the Torah was given on Mount Sinai, the smallest of the mountains, because to receive the Torah, we must be humble, like Mount Sinai. And yet, being Sinai-small is not enough, one must also be a mountain. The Torah was given on a mountain and not in a valley, for to live the Torah, we must be humble on the one hand, but confident on the other. We must be humble but not feel inferior, we must be humble but with a high self-esteem. To follow the Torah is to understand our immense value in the eyes of G-d. To live the Torah is to feel how the purpose for which G-d created the entire universe is in our hands.

As a Jew, I have a conviction that I am doing what is right. I am comfortable with my Jewish identity. I do not hide my Judaism; I wear it and practice it with joy and with pride. When we show pride and joy in our Judaism, we raise children who are proud and filled with joy with their Judaism.

The mission of Chabad of Knoxville is Jewish. Done Joyfully! To support every Jew in finding pride and joy in their Judaism with unconditional love – Ahavat Yisrael.

Feel the Jewish pride as we look back at some of the programs that publicly display Jewish pride in Knoxville.

Dancing through the streets of Knoxville with a new Torah Scroll (Photo credit: Lev Gross Comstock)

Kosher Tailgate at UT

Cooking with Mendel Jewish Holiday foods on WVLTV

Chanukah Menorah lighting in Market Square

Chanukah Menorah lighting at the Ice Bears game

Menorah Car Parade through the streets of Knoxville (Photo credit: Lev Gross Comstock)
I Never Lost It: Growing up Jewish in Morristown, Tennessee

By: Cantor Jacqueline Marx, Interim Spiritual Leader, Jewish Congregation

How did I grow up Jewish in Morristown, TN? Wait for my memoirs to get the whole story. Meanwhile, my lifelong friend Gary D. Gerson’s memoir, [italics] The Jews of Hamblen County [end italics], has a great deal to say from Gary’s perspective. I heartily recommend you read it (Amazon). For now, here’s a taste from me:

Morristown was, and is, a town without pity. I quickly got used to not fitting in. As the only Jew in my grade forever, I was mostly othered. Rather than protest public school prayer in my 7th-grade homeroom, this grrrl-geek-for-God presented, and preached Psalms so impressively that Miss Templin designated me class pastor. Then the revival hit town.

Spring of 1973 saw bubble gum pop music, psychedelic flowers, and rainbow tambourines as the hot market for bell-bottomed teens. Thus, the traveling revival packaged itself to attract all my junior high classmates. Every night hundreds of kids flocked to the revival. Every morning, the hallway locker-side scuttlebutt carried who got saved (from what??) who got rededicated (to where??) and souvenirs. Most prevalent among the latter was a large round lapel pin that said, “I FOUND IT.”

Then my rabbi got involved.

Rabbi Matthew Isaiah Derby was a scholar from New England with a grand demeanor. But he was a marshmallow when it came to kids, especially if we were hurt or confused. Rabbi Derby found out about the revival in Morristown from our families who commuted weekly to Temple Beth El. So, he made us kids something that we, too, could wear to school. And we did. I still have mine.

Cantor Marx to Receive Honorary Doctorate

The Jewish Congregation Oak of Oak Ridge is proud to extend Mazel Tov to Cantor Jacqueline Marx on the receipt of her honorary doctorate May 5.

Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion conferred Doctor of Music honoris causa after twenty-five years in the cantorate beyond her ordination.
Over sixty folks joined JCOR for Seder on April 15. It was the first Seder in three years, and it was wonderful to recall the Exodus in person with family and friends. *Photo: Jewish Community of Oak Ridge Seder*

**Thatcher Schiek to Become a Bar Mitzvah on July 16 at JCOR**

Thatcher is a freshman at Farragut High School and will be 15 on May 31st, 2022. He has always had a passion for learning about Judaism and Hebrew and has been working toward his Bar Mitzvah with teachers Jim and Ronnie Bogard. Unfortunately, COVID delayed this milestone, but the date is finally coming close. He is excited for this occasion and cannot wait to be a part of this honor. When Thatcher is not studying for his Bar Mitzvah, he can be found playing basketball, riding the jet ski, baking, or working a variety of small jobs for neighbors. He is also a dedicated family member and loves spending time with his family. Favorite family activities include seeing movies, family dinners, boat rides, camping, exploring, and, of course, lazy campfires with s’mores.

We cannot wait to celebrate Thatcher and his Bar Mitzvah in July at the Jewish Congregation of Oak Ridge.

*Photo: Thatcher Schiek*
Knoxville Jewish Community Family of Funds

By: Stephen Rosen, KJCFF President

KJCFF Welcomes the Weinstein Family Fund

On April 11, 2022, the Knoxville Jewish Community Family of Funds added the Weinstein Family Fund to its portfolio. The donor advised fund consists of B’nai Tzedek funds from both Brian and Andrew Weinstein, as well as an initial contribution from Jill and Douglas Weinstein. “Through the years, Brian and Andrew attended meetings with their peers to recommend grants for different charitable causes,” said Jill Weinstein. She added, “Last year, we were reminded that when Brian turned 25, his B’nai Tzedek fund would be eliminated. We then decided to add to Brian and Andrew’s B’nai Tzedek funds to create the Weinstein Family Fund. We thought it would be a wonderful opportunity to give back to the community. We had a meeting at the AJCC on Brian’s actual 25th birthday, which was a special occasion that we will remember for many years. We are very pleased to join the KJCFF.” The Weinstein Family Fund supports charitable, religious, scientific, literary or educational causes.

If you would like to follow the Weinsteins and have your family in the family, contact Stephen or Laura.

Knoxville Needs a Fund for the Future of Jewish Food

“I have a question for mom.” “Can I help?” “No!” This would normally be a disconcerting conversation with a daughter, but when you hear that she is consulting with your wife about making matzah ball soup for her seder, your attitude changes really fast. The secret to matzah ball soup is found in the generational transmission of best practices, not in sacred scrolls or on the back of the box. But how do you ensure this halacha for a community? Remember the ancient joke about the Texan eating at the Carnegie? “Hey feller, this fish sandwich is really good. Which part is the lox and which part is the bagel?” This seems absurdly out of date when we have multiple purveyors of fresh bagels in Knoxville including our own Marshall Goldman. But what percentage of us actually know our kishka from our kasha? You think that percentage will be higher or lower in 10 years? What if we had an endowment for Jewish culinary culture that could fund events, hire professional staff for catering and teaching, and pay for the permanent collection and distribution of cherished recipes?

If this idea tastes good to you, contact Chefs Laura or Stephen who know how to cook up a fund.

KJCFF is Doing So Well We Raised Our Minimum Fund Size

You know your business is doing well when you raise your prices and the customer says “what took you so long?” KJCFF is now over $5mm in assets, hopefully, ein hora. Furthermore, we are approaching 80 individual funds with several more in the pipeline. The board feels that it is appropriate to raise the minimum fund size from $5,000 to $10,000. In our defense, it takes just as much staff and volunteer time to administer and oversee a $10,000 fund as it does a $10,000,000 fund. We also have a tremendous amount of respect for the organizations and philanthropists in our community and believe that this small increase in friction will actually encourage more investment in our future. As the kids like to say...“Let's GO!”

If you would like to be the first to prove that minimum size doesn't matter, contact Stephen or Laura.
My name is Harriet Mottsman Glasman. I am a born and bred Southern Jew. I grew up in Hendersonville, N.C. It was not the haven for young professionals back then. In fact, we only had 35 or so Jewish families, and we were like an extended family. Truthfully, my grandparents had raised six children in Hendersonville, and we were lucky to have 3rd and 4th cousins there, as well.

What we did have in Hendersonville was Hadassah. My mother was a member.

Our little synagogue was a refuge from my outer life. I was the lone Jew in my grade. My teachers unfortunately enjoyed singling me out for being Jewish on the first day of school, and much to my 5th grade horror, informed the class that I was different. But at shul, I was home.

Our Sunday school teachers were our surrogate parents. We actually learned a lot about ancient Jewish events and Israel, too.

I remember having Sunday school picnics at the few Jewish camps not in session. We swam in clean and cold lakes, and I recall it being wonderful.

Being Jewish in a small Southern town has made me acutely proud of my Judaism and more determined to have a Jewish family of my own. I actually married a Jewish boy from Iowa. Of our 30 some families, most married Jews. We wanted to. It was important.

I am proud now to be president of Hadassah Knoxville-Oak Ridge because it is a wonderful humanitarian and Zionist organization. Since the time of Herzl, Zionism has saved thousands upon thousands of Jews before, during and after the Holocaust.

Despite the rise in worldwide antisemitism, Hadassah's long-standing practices and policies of equal treatment and consideration, regardless of race, color, religion, or creed, are a shining testament to our mission statement of “healing the world.”

On behalf of Hadassah Knoxville – Oak Ridge thank you to all who devoted your time and energy to making this first Hadassah Fitness Expo a complete success. It could not have happened without those who generously volunteered their time and efforts. We gratefully thank our sponsors, Barb Levin and Peggy Littmann, who helped defray costs for our presenters, and we thank our presenters who introduced us to a multitude of fitness experiences, from children's activities to kick boxing for seniors! Thank you to Harriet Glasman, President of Hadassah Knoxville-Oak Ridge, who conceived the program and special thank you to Donna Mostella, fitness instructor from the West Side YMCA for generously lining up instructors and organizing our great workout classes. We enjoyed prizes from our community and thank those businesses and organizations too. We appreciate the Arnstein Jewish Community Center's donation of their building and time, but most importantly we appreciate you, everyone who came. Thank you!
**Why Chai Society?**

*By: Laura Floyd*

What is Chai Society? Chai Society is an annual giving plan within Hadassah. You pledge to give $180 per year (Chai) or $360 per year (Silver Chai) for as long as you would like. Why am I a Chai Society member? First and foremost, Hadassah is my passion, I believe in the work they are doing in Israel and around the world. Hadassah relies on annual giving for budgeting, and this makes it easy to participate in annual giving. I choose to make automatic monthly payments on my credit card. I don't have to think about it, and Hadassah can count on receiving that donation every month. When I was president of our chapter in 2016-2017, I always said if everyone gave a little, we could raise a lot of money. This is a way to give a little and make a big difference.

What can your Chai Society donation do in Hadassah? You can choose where you would like your money to go. There is HMO, Youth Aliyah, Young Judaea, Young Judaea Scholarships, or Greatest Need. I chose to have my Chai Society donation go to Youth Aliyah. I was at a regional Hadassah meeting a few years ago and learned about boys and girls from Eritrea that were coming to the Youth Aliyah villages in Israel to flee very difficult conditions in their home country. I was very proud of Hadassah for supporting these villages, as they take in disenfranchised and troubled youth from other countries as well as across Israel and teach them life skills as well as continuing their education. Currently, these villages have taken in tens of thousands of young people from Ukraine who have been separated from their families or lost them to the war there.

Why Chai Society? It gives me the opportunity to support Hadassah and to know that my small donation each month helps make a difference in Israel. If you would like to join me, please go to Hadassah.org and click on the Donate button for more information.

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**Hadassah OUT LOUD:**

Raising our voices TOGETHER!
By: Barbara Mintz, Book Club Chair

We welcome you to participate in our next two Hadassah Book Club meetings. On June 21 we will be discussing The Night Watchman by Louis Endrick. On July 19 we will be discussing The Stranger in the Woods by Michael Finkel. We will be using a zoom only format for these book club meetings and we will start at 7:30p.m.

The Night Watchman by Louis Endrick

This book is based on the extraordinary life of National Book Award-winning author Louise Endrick's grandfather who worked as a night watchman and carried the fight against Native dispossession from rural North Dakota all the way to Washington, D.C.

This book has two main characters. Thomas Wazhashk is the night watchman at the jewel bearing plant—the first factory located near the Turtle Mountain Reservation in rural North Dakota. He is also a Chippewa Council member who is trying to understand the consequences of a new “emancipation” bill on its way to the floor of the United States Congress. It is 1953 and he and the other council members know the bill isn’t about freedom but “termination” that threatens the rights of Native Americans to their land and their very identity. They must stop the bill’s passage.

Unlike most of the girls on the reservation, Patrice, the class valedictorian, has no desire to wear herself down with a husband and kids. She makes jewel bearings at the plant, a job that barely pays her enough to support her mother and brother yet it’s the best job in the area. Her alcoholic father returns home sporadically to terrorize them and bully her for money. Patrice needs every penny to follow her beloved older sister, Vera, who moved to a big city. Vera disappeared and is rumored to have had a baby. Determined to find them Patrice makes a fateful trip to Minnesota that introduces her to unexpected forms of exploitation and violence, and endangers her life.

The Stranger in the Woods by Michael Finkel

Many people dream of escaping modern life. Most will never act on it—but in 1986, twenty-year-old Christopher Knight did just that when he left Massachusetts, drove to Maine, and disappeared into the woods. He would not have a conversation with another person for the next twenty-seven years.

Drawing on extensive interviews with Knight himself, the author shows how Knight lived in a tent in a secluded encampment, developing ingenious ways to store provisions and stave off frostbite during the winters. A former alarm technician, he stealthily broke into nearby cottages for food, books, and supplies, taking only what he needed but sowing unease in the communities. Since returning to the world, he has faced unique challenges—and compelled us to reexamine our assumptions about what makes a good life. This book gives us a deeply moving portrait of a man determined to live his own way.

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

Future Book Selections:

August 16:
The Lincoln Highway by Amor Towles

September 20:
The Forest of Vanishing Stars by Kristin Hamel
Every Move Counts is designed to help you boost your physical and mental well-being while interacting with other Hadassah members. We can all use a little help getting active!

Every Move Counts is made for everyone, regardless of ability or age. The online tracker makes it easy to convert almost any kind of movement – a walk outside, stretching, housework, dancing, yoga, gardening, swimming – anything that gets you moving. All you need is a computer or a smartphone to get started.

While we are moving, we will be “traveling” together on a virtual trip to Israel, hitting interesting milestones – learning Hadassah history and accomplishments – with special links to Hadassah videos, podcasts, and short dance/exercise sessions to help you catch up on your steps. You’ll unlock fun, secret milestones when you reach them.

This is a wonderful way to connect with friends and make some new ones and help Hadassah’s life-saving work around the world.

Round Two: Hadassah Moves Across Israel

June 27 – August 2, 2022
Registration Fee is $36.00
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# Heska Amuna Synagogue

## June 4
- Lester Berry • Ellen Chayet • Philip Chazen
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- Bernard Iroff • Lucy Lobertini • Sam Nius
- Pauline Polansky • Isaac Resnick • Ethel Rosenberg
- Sarah Sachs • Benjamin Togal • Sarah Weinstein
- Melba Werfel

## June 11
- Edward Balloff • Murray Beber • Louis Bobroff
- Ida H. Brown • Bek Hurvich • Abraham Jacobs
- Hyman Kisilinsky • Alice Landis • Sol Leeds
- Leon Leibowitz • Lillian Millner • Rachel Resnick
- Nathan Robinson • Morris Rosenblatt
- Samuel Schwartz • Nettie Secaul • Claire Shulman
- Hyman Strauss • Amelia Strauss • Louis Tobe
- Morris Werner • Harriett Zalkin

## June 18
- George Adlin • David Bendriem • Adele Bernard
- Sylvia Forman • Rebecca Forstein • Saul Garber
- Sarah Gershek • George Gourse • George Messing
- Thekla Naumann • Frances Sabler • Claude Schulhof
- Herbert Smullian

## June 25
- Seena Allen • Irene Baskin • Shirley Cohen
- Selma Corkland • Harold Diftler • Louis Edelman
- Albert Eisenstadt • Santa Floyd • Isaac Green
- Victor Hanan • Lynn Hecht • Esther Kay
- Mary Kutsbos • Harry Lipshin • Samuel Love
- Ben Mazur • Pablo Piedrahita-Aduen
- Jennie Rosenblatt • Edith Rosenthal • Robert Sabler
- Zelda Siegel • Esther Spiegelman • Doris Weinstein

## July 2
- Beatrice Beber • Sol Berry • Abraham Collins
- Susan Drayer • Israel Dyller • George Fayerman
- Carol Glasman • Sol Greenfield • Jacob Klein
- Homer Kramer • Bernard Marvet • Fannie Russler
- Morton Simpson • Eli Wurm

## July 9
- Dorothy Blue • Emma Burnett • Rebecca Fayonsky
- Jennie Friedman • Moses Greenberg • Ida Hurvich
- Erma Levin • Lewis Littmann • Gerald Millen
- Anna Richer • Rose Robinson • Joan Silver
- Marshall Stern • Ann Stover Bell • Bradley Sturm
- Joseph Weinbren

## July 16
- Sylvia Balloff • Isaac Benhayon • Greta Besmann
- Lillian Brody • Harry Cooper • William Cramer
- Karl Finestone • Clara Goodstein • Ben Goodstein
- Stella Iroff • Harry Kaplan • Minnie Katz
- Shirley Leeds • Belle Linke • Celia Mackta
- Robert Milford • Rebecca S. Millen • Harry Miller
- Aleja Piedrahita-Angulo • Gussie Potter
- Nathan Quadow • Joseph Russler • Anna Sanders
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- Gerald Simon • Martin Stollin • Anne Tomlinson
- Hirsh Zussman

## July 23
- Janet Balloff • Siegfried Besmann • Sarah Coplan
- Christine Cramer • Irving Danziger • Robert Euster
- Norman Evans • Josef Gleicher • Josephine Gluck
- Yetta Hornstein • Lisa Kahn • Alvin Kingsley • Benjamin Leibowitz • Clay Martin • Douglas Morrison
- Bessie Perelman • Mildred Shamitz • Eva Slovis • Tanis Smith • Rabbi Isaac Winick

## July 30
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- Maria Gruenberg • Selena Jacobson • Myrna Kingsley
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Attending the BBYO convention in December, 1956, were these members of Rabbi Isaac Winick AZA Chapter #420: (left to right, left side of table in front): Arnold Cohen, Steven Caller; (left to right, right side of table): Barry Krisburg, Alan Schwartz, David Leeds, David Silver, Norman Slovis.

Arnold and Alan continue to reside in Knoxville, as do Steven’s cousin Pessa Brody, Norman’s sister Anita Merlin and David Leeds’s daughter Rachel Harris.

Thanks to Alan Schwartz for donating the photograph, and Barbara Bernstein for help with identification. An article Arnold wrote for the January, 1957, issue of The Center Menorah provided the date and place of the event and named all who attended (including some not in the photograph).

The Archives needs your photographs!

Send your photos (with identifications of who, what, when, where) of “The Way We Were” to archives@jewishknoxville.org or contact the archivist at (865) 690-6343.
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Titanic Museum in Pigeon Forge, TN
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Tuesday, July 12
7:00 PM
Arnstein Jewish Community Center

Eli will share the stories about the lives
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RMS Titanic researcher in his spare time.

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