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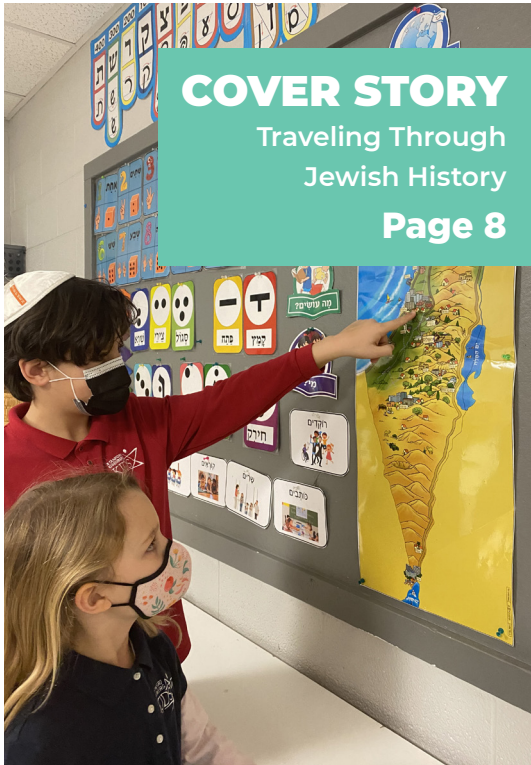


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March 2022 Community Calendar

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

TUESDAY, MARCH 1

1:00P Torah Chat w/Rabbi Boxt – TBE
8:00P Minyan – HA

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2

4:30P Mid-Week Hebrew – TBE
5:00P Limud School - HA
6:30P Wednesday Minyan – HA
7:00P Talmud Study Group – HA
7:00P Board of Trustees – HA
7:00P Women's Class - Chabad
8:00P Jewish Men's Event w/Dan Grunfeld - KJA

THURSDAY, MARCH 3

11:00A Torah Study/Adult Education - TBE
3:00P Minyan & Talmud Chat – HA
7:00P Zionism: Ancient Dream or Modern Revolution – UTK Robinson Lecture

FRIDAY, MARCH 4

6:15P *Candle Lighting*
12:00P Mindfulness Practice w/Rabbi – HA
6:30P Kabbalat Shabbat w/Jack Love – HA
7:00P Shabbat Service – TBE

SATURDAY, MARCH 5

7:13P *Havdalah*
9:30A Shabbat School – HA
10:00A Shabbat Service – HA
10:00A Shabbat Service – JCOR
6:00P Zoom Shabbat - Hadassah

SUNDAY, MARCH 6

9:30A Religious School Purim Carnival – TBE
11:00A Israeli Dancing – JCOR
12:00P Youth Aliyah Concert Auditions - Hadassah
5:30P Bat Mitzvah Club - Chabad

MONDAY, MARCH 7

4:00P Minyan – HA
6:30P KJA Board Meeting

TUESDAY, MARCH 8

12:00P Zionism and the First World War – UTK Robinson Lecture
1:00P Torah Chat w/Rabbi Boxt – TBE
7:00P Healing Service w/Rabbi & Steve Lewis – TBE
8:00P Minyan - HA

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 9

4:30P Mid-Week Hebrew – TBE
5:00P Limud School - HA
6:30P Wednesday Minyan – HA
7:00P Talmud Study Group – HA

THURSDAY, MARCH 10

3:00P Minyan & Talmud Chat – HA
5:30P Parents Night Out - KJA

FRIDAY, MARCH 11

6:22P *Candle Lighting*
12:00P Mindfulness Practice w/Rabbi – HA
6:30P Kabbalat Shabbat w/Jack Love – HA
7:00P Shabbat Service – TBE

SATURDAY, MARCH 12

7:19P *Havdalah*
9:30A Shabbat School – HA
10:00A Shabbat Service – HA
10:00A Shabbat Service – JCOR

SUNDAY, MARCH 13

10:00A Hamantaschen Bake – Hadassah
11:00A Israeli Dancing – JCOR
2:30P Kids Hamantaschen Bake - Chabad

MONDAY, MARCH 14

4:00P Minyan – HA
6:30P Executive Committee Meeting - KJA

TUESDAY, MARCH 15

1:00P Torah Chat w/Rabbi Boxt – TBE
7:30P Book Club - Hadassah
8:00P Minyan - HA

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 16

4:30P Purim Family Celebration – HA
5:00P Limud School - HA
6:30P Wednesday Minyan – HA
7:00P Talmud Study Group – HA

THURSDAY, MARCH 17

Purim
3:00P Minyan & Talmud Chat - HA

FRIDAY, MARCH 18

7:28P *Candle Lighting*
12:00P Mindfulness Practice w/Rabbi – HA
6:30P Kabbalat Shabbat w/Jack Love – HA
7:00P Shabbat Service – TBE

SATURDAY, MARCH 19

8:25P *Havdalah*
9:30A Shabbat School – HA
10:00A Shabbat Service – JCOR
10:00A Shabbat Service – HA
7:30P Havdalah w/Rabbi Becker-Klein - HA

SUNDAY, MARCH 20

11:00A Israeli Dancing – JCOR

MONDAY, MARCH 21

8:00A Minyan – HA

TUESDAY, MARCH 22

1:00P Torah Chat w/Rabbi Boxt – TBE
4:30P Tel Aviv and Urban Zionism – UTK Robinson Lecture
7:00P Healing Service w/Rabbi & Steve Lewis – TBE
8:00P Minyan - HA

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 23

4:30P Mid-Week Hebrew – TBE
5:00P Limud School - HA
6:30P Wednesday Minyan – HA
7:00P Talmud Study Group – HA

THURSDAY, MARCH 24

3:00P Minyan & Talmud Chat – HA
7:00P Board Meeting – Hadassah
7:30P UTK Faculty Lecture Series w/Heather Hirschfeld - KJA

FRIDAY, MARCH 25

12:00P Mindfulness Practice w/Rabbi - HA
7:34P *Candle Lighting*
6:30P Kabbalat Shabbat w/Jack Love – HA
7:00P Sisterhood Shabbat Service – TBE

SATURDAY, MARCH 26

8:31P *Havdalah*
9:30A Shabbat School – HA
10:00A Shabbat Service – JCOR
10:00A Shabbat Service – HA

SUNDAY, MARCH 27

9:30A Religious School – TBE
10:00A Adult Education w/Rabbi Boxt
11:00A Israeli Dancing – JCOR
12:30P Confirmation Class – TBE

MONDAY, MARCH 28

4:00P Minyan – HA

TUESDAY, MARCH 29

1:00P Torah Chat w/Rabbi Boxt
8:00P Minyan – HA

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 30

4:30P Mid-Week Hebrew – TBE
5:00P Limud School – HA
6:30P Wednesday Minyan – HA
7:00P Talmud Study Group – HA

THURSDAY, MARCH 31

3:00P Minyan and Talmud Chat – HA
7:00P FBI 101 - KJA

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Women's Interfaith Dialogue With Cantor Marx

Cantor Jacqueline Marx, Interim Spiritual Leader for JCOR, will be the guest speaker at the April 4th Women's Interfaith Dialogue meeting. Her topic is "Miriam, Yocheved, Batya and the Rabbis and Cantors They Inspired."

The meeting will open on Zoom at 10:45AM and the program will begin at 11:00AM.

Zoom logon details will be available a few days before the event. To receive Zoom information, contact Mary Ann Reeves at maryannreeves@att.net.

Women's Interfaith Dialogue brings together women of diverse faith, color, and culture to explore, understand and learn from one another for the purpose of advancing justice, compassion, friendship and human rights, with a focus on women and children since 2009.

Israeli Dancing on Sundays



Join JCOR for Israeli Dancing (most) every Sunday 11am -12:30 at the band shell behind the Oak Ridge Civic Center in Bissell Park. Address: 1403 Oak Ridge Turnpike, Oak Ridge, TN)

For more information, please contact Becky Charles at gchar2@aol.com

Everyone is welcome!

Hadassah Shabbat
Havdalah by Zoom



Saturday,
March 5th
at 6:00pm

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shulime@gmail.com

Join in this unique Havdalah service highlighting the spices of Persia and the Sephardic culture. A discussion on Rabbi Israel Abuhatzera, known as the **BABA SALI**, will be featured. Baba Sali was the Moroccan kabbalist renowned for his miracles through prayer.



PURIM IN NYC

Chabad of Knoxville's Annual Purim Party is Back

PURIM IN NYC
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The Ralph Einstein Youth Aliyah Concert

The Hadassah Knoxville-Oak Ridge Chapter is sponsoring the 2022 Ralph Einstein Youth Aliyah Concert. This Youth Aliyah Hadassah annual event, now in its 56th year is a showcase for young musicians vocal or instrumental from all over East Tennessee chosen by audition to perform in a special honors recital. One student is also selected from the group to perform with the Oak Ridge Symphony Orchestra in their annual free family concert.

The competition is judged by Dan Allcott, conductor of the ORSO and a panel of professional musicians and music teachers.

All students receive written comments from the judges following their auditions. Students of any age may audition as long as they have not yet graduated from high school. Audition will be held on March 6th.

Since 1966 Hadassah Oak Ridge had continuously sponsored this event as a way of showcasing young talent in our Knoxville-Oak Ridge and extended areas. The concert is always free, but donations in support of Youth Aliyah in loving memory of Catherine Braunstein, who spent years directing the Youth Aliyah Concert are appreciated. Proceeds benefit children in Israel and around the world, many of whom are refugees, come from troubled families, or have very specific physical and emotional hardships. Your donations benefit the Youth Aliyah program

of Hadassah in Israel. The Youth Aliyah villages host underprivileged children and provide them with a good education and a most needed family type support.

2022 Ralph Einstein Youth Aliyah Concert and Donate Register at <https://my.sharuku.com/tile?q=byajx> or scan QR code

Hadassah thanks you for your sustained support and needs your generosity to continue its (tikkun olam) work of rescuing Jewish children.

Andrea Cone
Questions: hadassahknoxvilleac@gmail.com
Youth Aliya Concert Chair

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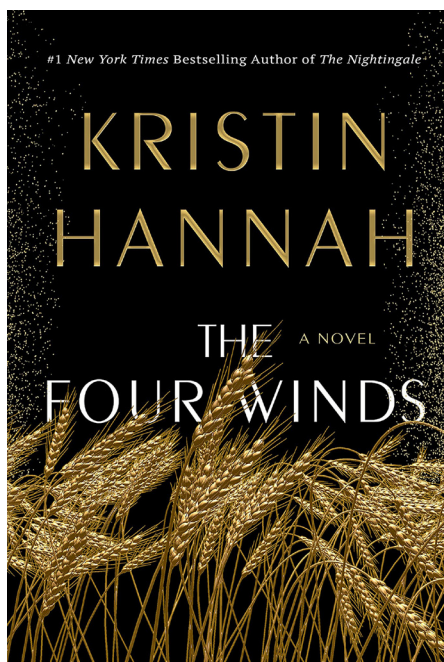
We invite you to the concert on Sunday, April 3, 2022, at 3:00 PM at First United Methodist Church, 1350 Oak Ridge Turnpike, Oak Ridge.



Celebrating! Very Special Layettes!

Join us as we send a hearty Mazel Tov to new parents and grandparents. Contact Batya Boxt at batyaboxt@gmail.com to let us know which layettes you would like to be included on as well as special greetings you would like to send. And as always, thank you for supporting this Hadassah program!

Hadassah of Knoxville-Oak Ridge Book Club News



By: Barbara Mintz

We welcome you to participate in our next Hadassah Book Club meeting. On March 15 we will be discussing *The Four Winds* by Kristin Hannah. We will be using a zoom only format for this book club meeting. We will start at 7:30p.m.

The Four Winds by Kristin Hannah

It is a time of abundance in Texas in 1921. The Great War is over, the bounty of the land is plentiful, and America is on the brink of a new and optimistic era. But for Elsa Wolcott, deemed too old to marry in a time when marriage is a woman's only option, the future seems bleak. Then she meets Rafe Martinelli and decides to change the direction of her life. With her reputation in ruin, there is only one respectable choice: marriage to a man she barely knows.

By 1934, the world has changed; millions are out of work and drought has devastated the Great Plains. Farmers are fighting to keep their land and their livelihoods as crops fail and water dries up. Dust storms roll relentlessly across the plains. Everything on their farm is dying, including Elsa's tenuous marriage. Each day is a desperate battle against nature and a fight to keep her children alive.

In this uncertain and perilous time, Elsa- like so many of her neighbors - must make an agonizing choice: fight for the land she loves or leave it behind and go west, to California, in search of a better life for her family.

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.

Here is a list of future book selections:

April 19:
The Winemaker's Wife by Kristen Harmel

May 17:
Beautiful Country by Qian Julie Wang

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Knoxville - Oak Ridge

Annual *Hamentaschen* Bake

Join in the fun as we whip up your favorite Purim treat!

**Sunday, March 13th,
10:00 am
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March 9th, 2022 *****

Includes: non-dairy dough, fillings, parchment paper, saran wrap.

*****Bring disposable trays & rolling pin*****

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Reservation required Here: <https://hadassahsupersouth.org/Bake>

Questions: hadassahknoxvilleac@gmail.com

COVER STORY



Traveling Through Jewish History

Words and Photos By: Miriam Esther Wilhelm, Head of School

In our Wednesday Judaic classes, 2nd through 5th graders have enjoyed traveling through Jewish History starting with the Book of Joshua. Students were introduced to great personalities and defining moments in our nation's long history through hands-on, interactive, and fun activities, just what KJDS is all about!



Racing against the clock, KJDS students worked hard to help Rachav hide the spies and return with the go ahead to conquer Jericho.



Students recreated the division of the land representing each tribe's population size, agricultural needs and the homes they designated for the tribe of Levi.



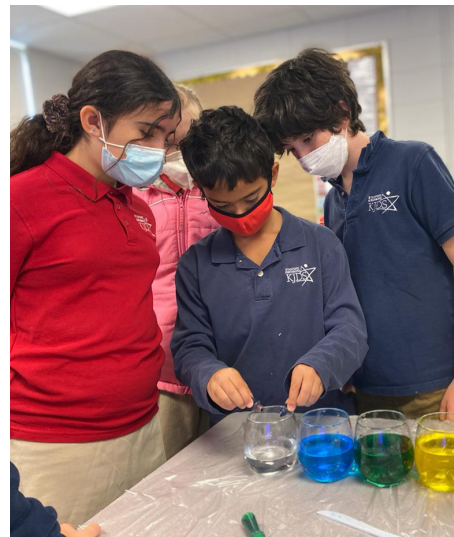
After following Boaz and his family to Moav and meeting princess Ruth, students thought about strengthening their commitment to Mitzvot in an action packed Mitzvah Auction.



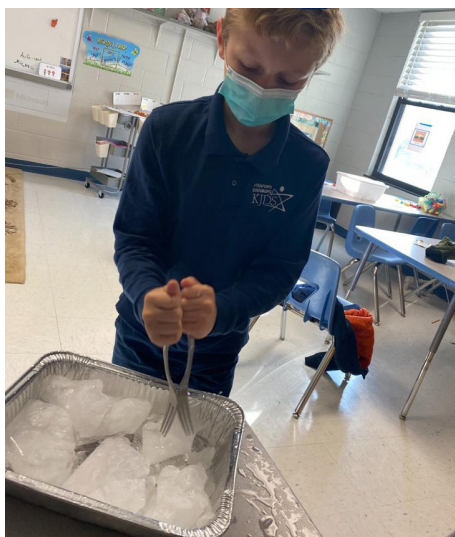
Using a magnetic maze, students learned about Chana and Elkana and their yearly pilgrimage to Shilo.



A scavenger hunt across campus taught students about defining moments in King David's life leading up to his inauguration as King.



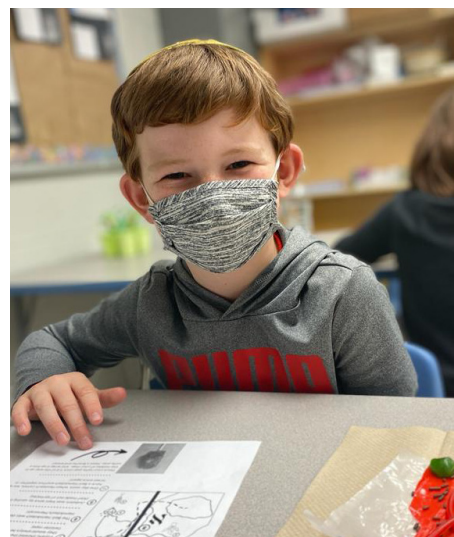
After learning about King David's musical talents and composition of the Book of Psalms, students were challenged to play David Melech Yisrael on musical cups.



Chiseling Ice (Stone), crafting with gold, and transporting wood, students worked to gather the materials used to build the Holy Temple.



After returning from Babylon, the Jews were able to rebuild the Holy Temple. KJDS students got a virtual reality tour of the Second Holy Temple (Beit Hamikdash).



Creating an edible map of Israel with representations of the stories learned was a comprehensive and delicious mid-year review.



Welcome Back to Hillel for Spring 2022

Faith and Rebecca, reunited at Hillel's Bagel Brunch

By: Tara Bain, KJA Director of Community Engagement

Spring semester is well underway for the University of Tennessee, which means Hillel at UTK students are back and engaged! The semester kicked off with 27 students attending the Welcome Bagel Brunch. At the first Shabbat of the semester, the new student board was installed. The 2022 Hillel at UTK Student Board is:

- President: Troy Lurie of Tennessee
- Vice President of Shabbat & Holidays: Leah Faupel of Georgia
- Vice President of Tzedek: Sebastian Altman of Pennsylvania
- Vice President of First Year Students of Hillel: Gabriella Cassius of Tennessee
- Vice President of Social Media: Bailey Shams of Florida

Engagement is a top priority for the student board, and they have planned many opportunities for students to come together in the months ahead. First and second year students will gather to build their community through an ice cream social, a climb at the Vol Wall, and a casual Shabbat dinner. All students will have an opportunity to participate in monthly tzedakah projects and Shabbat and holiday dinners. There are also plans for a Havdalah service, a Shabbaton in the Smokies, and Passover-friendly meals during Passover.

In December, Tara Bain, Hillel at UTK Director, traveled to Greensboro, North Carolina, for a Hillel International

Watch Party, this year's alternative answer to the annual Global Assembly. Twelve Solo Professional Hillel Directors gathered from 12 campuses to learn from one another, attend professional development courses, including one on antisemitism, and to have one-on-one time with a Hillel International Campus Support Director. Tara is excited about implementing the ideas learned into engagement for students and connection with campus administration for 2022.

Hillel at UTK wishes everyone joy and celebration – Chag Purim Sameach!



Hillel International's Watch Party in Greensboro

Working with Uzbekistan



Greeted with bread and salt – a sign of hospitality – on arrival in Nukus



At the Entrance to a Bazar



Bazaar Photo

By: Larry Markel on behalf of Temple Beth El

About 15 years ago, while supporting clean energy initiatives of the U.S. Department of Energy, I met Dr. Gulnara Rashidova, wife of Uzbekistan's Ambassador to the U.S., Abdulaziz Kamilov. (Note, Uzbekistan's Washington Embassy is a fascinating building. West Virginia coal tycoon Clarence Moore built it as his residence in 1909, but he didn't live there long. He went down on the Titanic in 1912.) Dr. Rashidova is a passionate advocate for environmental protection and rural electrification using solar energy. Much of Uzbekistan's rural population has no electricity and little water. Once thriving agricultural areas are now deserts, as the Soviet Union diverted rivers flowing into the Aral Sea to irrigate vast farms of "money" crops such as cotton. As a result, the Aral Sea, the world's fourth largest inland body of water in 1960, is now less than 10% of its original size.

Dr. Rashidova pioneered deployment of solar panels in rural Uzbekistan. Even small amounts of electricity revolutionized their quality of life. There is a vast difference between shearing a sheep with hand clippers versus using electric shears. Electric lights (powered by batteries charged with solar panels) lit up classrooms; enabled children to read and do homework at night; and made it feasible for families to weave wool and cotton into thread and cloth at home after dark, thus earning them more money than just selling the raw products. Refrigeration preserved food, both for domestic consumption and to transport it to market while still fresh.

We hosted a delegation from Uzbekistan in Knoxville, where, at the University of Tennessee, they learned about no-till agriculture. This is a technique for cultivating crops without plowing, using less water and slowing erosion. No-till was developed in Tennessee. Under the Soviets, farmers had to travel to city universities to learn new techniques from agricultural experts. The UT Agriculture School introduced the Uzbeks to the U.S. Agricultural Extension Service, which brings technology and expertise directly to the farmers.

The Uzbek Embassy co-sponsored two trips for me to attend environmental conferences in Uzbekistan. I met U.S., Canadian, European, and Israeli experts actively working on technology transfer initiatives with Uzbek colleagues. I saw the ghost of the Aral Sea; amazing architecture; colorful bazaars with a multitude of fruits, nuts, and meats; and friendly people determinedly working to overcome a century of hurtful policies from Five Year Plans and the centrally planned USSR economy. Central Asia may not be most people's idea of a vacation spot, but my trips were fun, illuminating, and the basis for continuing friendships. Uzbekistan was very different from my other travels. But what struck me most was the genuine warmth the Uzbeks displayed as we worked together to address some of their challenges and find technologies and methods appropriate for Uzbekistan. And I certainly learned to appreciate much of the infrastructure we take for granted in the U.S. Near the end of my trip my Uzbek hosts told me about some very old synagogues in a nearby city. (After all, this is part of what was once Queen Esther's kingdom.) There wasn't time for me to go there, but I hope to return someday and see them.

KJDS Students Give Back

By: Chanie Wilhelm & Layna Mannella, 5th graders at KJDS

In January, the 4th and 5th graders at KJDS took on a service project to help the residents of Summit Towers who, unfortunately, were evacuated from their homes due to a fire in the elevator of their building. In honor of Tu B'Shvat, we took this opportunity to create bags of fruit for all the residents who were returning home and were restocking their pantries.

First we had to do all of the calculations to figure out how much fruit was needed. Our Hebrew teacher, Miriam Esther Wilhelm, suggested that we prepare 50-100 bags of fruit, but the students of KJDS wanted to do more and we made a goal to make enough bags of fruit for every resident at Summit Towers. To accomplish our goal we calculated that we needed 1,250 pieces of fruit. We then spent the next 2 days sending out an email to the KJDS community asking for donations of fruit, preparing a card to go in the bags and a flier to go

home with the students asking for donations, along with a social media post. Everyone got involved, the parents, staff, special friends, board members and even the K-3 classes. Bringing the bags to the car and loading them was quite a shlep, but with the help of our classmates we did it in no time. We were able to donate 250 bags full of fruit to all the residents of Summit Towers!

Without the help of our community we wouldn't have been able to reach our goal. When the students went to deliver the bags, they noticed that all of the residents had big smiles on their faces when they received the fresh fruit. Some residents even offered to help bring the bags in. A special thanks to Deisha Finley for helping accomplish our service project! We also appreciate all the donations and support from the community. You made the residents return home joyfully. Thank you for joining us in this Mitzvah. KJDS loved all the help we got!



Photo: Elhanan Ferency, Avi Finley, Chanie Wilhelm, and Layna Mannella deliver bags to the residents at Summit Towers, with the help of parent volunteer, Deisha Finley. Credit: Miriam Esther Wilhelm



Photo: 4th and 5th grade students ran the service project from beginning to end. They started by calculating the feasibility and needs. Credit: Miriam Esther Wilhelm



Photo: K-3 graders got involved helping and supporting the 4th and 5th graders in the packing. Credit: Miriam Esther Wilhelm



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Visual Arts at KJDS



Photo: KJDS Art teacher, Amy Broady, works with 4th and 5th grade students as they explore different art techniques.



First grade student, Micah Grayson, is engrossed in her self-selected art project. Photo credit: Katie Lusk



Photo: Kindergarten and first grade students enjoy their time in the Art Studio Credit: Lev Gross-Comstock

By: Amy Broady

Art teacher, Amy Broady, has reconfigured the Visual Art program at KJDS to embrace a choice-based curriculum known as TAB, which stands for Teaching for Artistic Behavior. The core concepts behind TAB can be summarized in two statements and a question:

- The child is the artist.
- The art room is the child's studio.
- What do artists do?

With the TAB approach, we seek to develop eight "Studio Habits of Mind" (SHoM) to help our students embrace their creativity and develop their own unique ideas and skills. These SHoM are Observe, Envision, Express, Stretch & Explore, Engage & Persist, Develop Craft, Reflect, and Understand Art Worlds.

Class time is structured with the goal of maximizing student engagement. As soon as our young artists enter the art studio, they have three minutes of mindful, calming drawing to help them transition to their studio time. A quick lesson about an artist or demonstration of a technique or tool will introduce students to information and/or materials to consider and then students are free to explore their own ideas in the materials of their choice. On any given day, you will see students drawing, painting, collaging, building, and mixing media. Soon they will have even more opportunities with printmaking, fibers, and additional media, as options expand through the year.

Some efforts are one-day pursuits, while others are more involved projects that extend over multiple art class periods. Students are free to work alone or to collaborate, and have opportunities to share their work with their peers. We promote the importance of maintaining our studio as a community space, so students are responsible for cleaning up their supplies and helping to keep the studio in order. They look forward to "share time" at the end of class because everyone has unique contributions.

Our TAB Art Studio is a place of discovery, celebration, and joy as our young artists build the skills they need to create art that is personal to them. They move at their own pace through endeavors that are meaningful to them. They take pride in their creations and encourage one another in problem-solving. We celebrate triumphs and learn from each other. This supportive approach to visual art makes the Art Studio a vibrant element in the KJDS education.

KJDS Family Travels to Israel



By: Debbie Abrams-Cohen, KJDS Parent

The Abrams-Cohen family has always enjoyed traveling and has missed doing so during the past couple years. Though we have enjoyed local travel and camping, we like to remember that before this pandemic, we had a trip of a lifetime. We went to Israel with extended family – so much extended family that we had our own bus! There were 22 of us! It was an amazing trip and so much fun to watch the kids (and some of the adults) who had never been to Israel before, experience so much of what Israel has to offer. Samantha and Gabe have spent many years at KJDS learning Hebrew and learning about Israel. They were able to make real life connections to the places we visited as well as use some of the language they had been studying! Upon our arrival into Jerusalem, as we looked over the city from Mount Scopus, we found ourselves next to a donor wall and actually found Stanford Eisenberg's name!! Our connection with KJDS was made even stronger by that one moment, a very tired and weary moment. We spent the next two weeks exploring and hearing from the kids interesting tidbits that they had learned at KJDS that related to places we went. Some highlights included hiking up Masada in time to see the sunrise, swimming in the Dead Sea, spending Shabbat in Jerusalem, riding bikes along the Tel Aviv beaches, shopping in the shuk, visiting a mosque in Ein Rafa, exploring the Science Park at the Weizmann Institute in Rehovot...and the list goes on and on. So after this short time, our family was left with a desire to go back and explore more.

Having All the Fun in Aftercare



Neri Barak enjoys learning how to make sushi in aftercare Photo Credit: Miriam Esther Wilhelm



Laine Leavy, Hazel McDonald, and Claire Rosenbaum learn about coding during STEM club Photo credit: Lev Gross-Comstock

By: Louise Lindsay, Innovation Coach

Recreation is what aftercare at KJDS is all about, and students have multiple options to engage. They have fun challenging their minds and bodies with weekly activities that include basketball, coding, STEM, arts and crafts, cooking, speed cup stacking, games, and more! These activities allow students to experience and learn more about what they love as well as getting to try new things and taking them out of their comfort zones. Cooking day has become an aftercare favorite and their epicurean endeavors have introduced them to many new foods. Many students tried sushi for the first time, after making it in the KJDS aftercare program, and they loved it! Providing students the opportunity to play together and learn through exploration, outside of regular school hours, is an added bonus in the KJDS experience.



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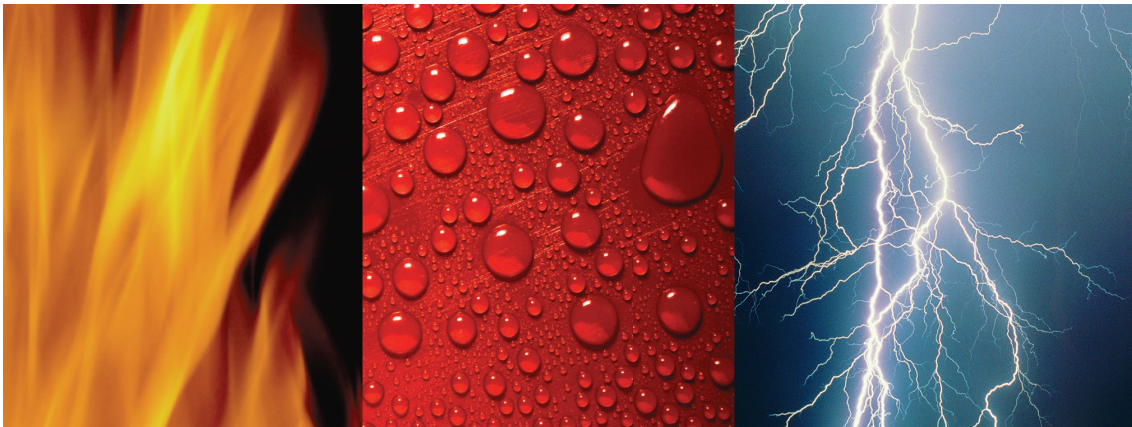




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Shalom Ya'll



Photo: Carlie Boxt and Jake Javors on Shabbat at Camp Coleman



Photo: Danika Boxt, Claire Rosenbaum and their cabin picture at Camp Coleman



Photo: Hannah James at Camp Coleman



Photo: Zach Rosenbaum and Karl James on Shabbat at Camp Coleman

By: Rabbi Erin Boxt

Have you ever attended a Jewish summer camp – URJ, JCC, Young Judea, Ramah, etc.? If you have, you are the lucky ones that were able to hear and experience the wonders of Jewish camp. Perhaps you have seen a movie about summer camp? There are so many good ones to choose from. My favorite is “Indian Summer,” a story about a camp director who is retiring. He invites some of his former campers and staff for one last weekend of fun. It is a heart-warming movie that brings so many of my own personal memories to mind! I attended URJ Camp Coleman as a camper in the 1980’s. I was a staff member in the 90’s and 2000’s; I have returned to serve on faculty as a rabbi every summer (except 2020) since 2013.

During the summer of 2021, I experienced something that was quite unique. My oldest was in her last summer as a camper while my middle child was attending for her first time! It was truly awesome to see them interact with each other and their fellow campers from a distance. You see, I served on faculty for the entire 2nd session of the 2021 summer. I tried my best to watch my own kids from afar while focusing as much attention as possible on the other campers, especially the other campers from Knoxville. During the summer of 2021, we had a record number of Knoxville campers at Camp Coleman! We were recognized by the Union for Reform Judaism for our commitment to Jewish camping.

This coming summer, 2022, my oldest will be off to Israel with her camp family while my 2 youngest will both be at camp! It will surely be an eye-opening experience for the Knoxville Boxt family. Let me describe a little how camp was like in the 1980’s:

There was no pool – only swimming in the lake; there was a racquetball court in the exact place where the current pool stands. There was a barn with chickens, rabbits, etc. We did NOT have a ropes course. In the 1980’s, we only had services 3 times a week – Friday night, Saturday morning and Havdalah. Every morning, we were awoken by the Camp Coleman radio – which was dispatched over the intercom system. The entire camp ate together for all 3 meals, and we had round tables with very old wooden chairs. Camp Coleman was a different place when I was a camper. The programs were different...and there was very little Hebrew...I was a Junior in 1985 and a Tween in 1989. However, the memories I made in the 1980’s will never be forgotten.

I hope you enjoy the pictures I am including in this month’s HaKol. Included in these pictures are the following TBE family members: Jake Javors, Danika Boxt, Karl James, Zach Rosenbaum, Hannah James, Carlie Boxt, and Claire Rosenbaum.

Enjoying Day Trips

By: Kathy Young, Temple Beth El President

This month's edition of HaKol introduces us to Travel and Leisure. While I am missing many of my family and friends in other cities, I am not quite brave enough to get on an airplane right now or meet someplace in a "public" place. So, my leisure has been limited to the Knoxville and surrounding areas. I take advantage of "trips" with my family and close friends. While the weather has not been the best of late, the sun still shines and there is nothing as beautiful as the Smoky Mountains. When is the last time you just got in the car and drove, maybe with no final destination in mind? It's time to get out and enjoy what we can.



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Hands On, Hearts On, Minds On Learning



Photo: The Sadovnick family dressed up from head to toe 2021

By: Norma James, Temple Beth El Religious School Director

Spring Break is around the corner! It has been yet another crazy winter. Dare we hope that we can all get away for a bit of rest and relaxation? Our students and their families, as well as our staff, will have two weekends off from religious school during March. Our Spring Break will be Sunday, March 13, through Sunday, March 20, and will include a break from Midweek Hebrew. Time away from school and work offers all of us an opportunity to rest and recharge our batteries. It is our greatest hope that it will be safe to travel to visit special places and special people in our lives. I love talking to our students about their plans for break and then listening to their great stories when they return.

It has been my experience that one common favorite about any Jewish holiday for children of any age is special time with family. Last month Matthew Osterman, our ISJL Associate, asked our children to draw a picture of something that made them happy and created a sacred space for them. Many of our children drew their families. It made me realize just how important family is to our feeling of holiness. It is our parents and grandparents who bring our children to Judaism, to Shabbat service, to religious school, to Jewish celebrations. Therefore, any time we spend with family on vacation or visiting others has the potential to touch the sacred within us. During our Spring Break, I encourage all of us to make a purposeful effort to share a bit of spirituality on the beach, in the mountains, or around the table with family and friends. Just

being mindful of how special our time together is and breathing in that warmth is all it takes to create a sacred space.

What will our Purim Carnival look like at Temple Beth El this year? In 2020, we had a great carnival in our social hall under the confusing cloud of Covid 19. We went home from Temple and never returned to school! In 2021, we were learning remotely, but we never let that stop us. We had a different kind of Purim carnival. It was a Drive-thru CAR-nival. The students had a great time stopping in their cars to play games at stations in our parking lot. What will we cook up for this year's Purim Carnival? In December, Tara Bain created a fabulous Maccabiah that had a totally different structure and followed our TBERS protocols. The students loved it! So of course, we will absolutely create another great Purim event for our students. Our top priority is always the health and safety of our students and staff. If we are in a great spot health and safety wise, we hope to have more friends with us. The students from the Jewish Congregation of Oak Ridge have asked to join us. We have always loved asking Heska Amuna Religious School and Knoxville Jewish Day School to come as well. Our Purim Festival and Megillah reading will be Sunday, March 6th because we will be on break during Purim. Of course, there will still be our Temple Beth El Purim Shabbat on Friday, March 18th. Here is an early Chag Purim Sameach to everyone!

We have two B'nai Mitzvah students who will be called to Torah in the upcoming weeks. Rachael Feinbaum, who has been waiting for over a year, will become Bat Mitzvah on Saturday, April 9th. Millie Braude will celebrate her simcha on May 7th. Millie moved her date from February to May. These young ladies have been very patient and have continued to prepare for leading Shabbat service and reading Torah. I am so very proud of all our students who have worked in the craziest conditions to prepare for a very difficult task. Please support every B'nai Mitzvah student with your attendance in person or online, and with a word of encouragement every chance you get.



Photo: The Hicks family arrived with a super hero in the car 2021



Photo: The Drew family had a pirate theme going on during our Drive-Thru CAR-nival 2021



Photo: The Weckstein family celebrated Purim with a Mario theme 2021

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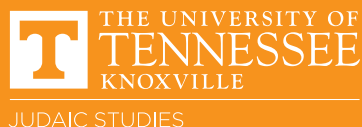
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ZIONISM: ANCIENT DREAM OR MODERN REVOLUTION

Thursday, Mar. 3 • 7 PM via Zoom

Joshua Shanes, College of Charleston, discusses the Zionist idea exploring the ways in which it is tied to the past as well as how it is a modern phenomenon.

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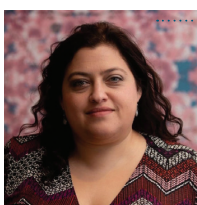


ZIONISM AND THE FIRST WORLD WAR

Tuesday, Mar. 8 • 12 PM via Zoom

Jan Rybak, University of London, discusses the ways in which and reasons Zionism spread within Jewish communities during and after the First World War.

REGISTRATION REQUIRED: tiny.utk.edu/ZionismandWWI



TEL AVIV AND THE CREATION OF URBAN ZIONISM

Tuesday, Mar. 22 • 4:30 PM via Zoom

Rachel S. Harris, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, will speak on Tel Aviv and the creation of the concept of Urban Zionism.

REGISTRATION REQUIRED: tiny.utk.edu/UrbanZionism



DESERT IN THE PROMISED LAND

Thursday, Apr. 7 • 5:30 PM via Zoom

Yael Zerubavel, Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey, tells the story of the desert in Zionist and Israeli consciousness from the early twentieth century to the present.

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KJA's Path to a Vibrant Future

By: Bryan Goldberg, KJA President

For more than 22 years, the Knoxville Jewish Alliance has been a unifying force for Jewish community-building and philanthropy. We work to enrich the quality of Jewish life in East Tennessee by bringing comfort and hope to the vulnerable and by investing in programs that build Jewish knowledge, identity, and peoplehood — ensuring the enrichment and existence of the next generation of Jews.

Through the KJA Campaign and AJCC Membership, we work to invest in our community's Jewish life and our future — including our Milton Collins Summer Camp, Preschool at the AJCC, the Barbara Winick Bernstein Archives, Hillel at UTK, PJ Library, our Jewish Family Services, and so much more.

However, our community's collective Jewish experience must not end at our community, our county line, our state line or even our national border. Through our connection with Jewish people globally, we are learning from each other, supporting each other when we are in need and together, ensuring our collective future. That support was on display last year when the Israel

Defense Forces sent a search and rescue delegation to Florida to assist with rescue efforts following the Surfside residential building collapse.

In the past few years, the KJA has re-committed our ties to the Jewish Federation of North America. Through your help in our Campaign, the KJA more than tripled our commitment to JFNA in 2021. We are now a vibrant member of the Jewish Federations of North America's Network of Independent Communities, which help to strengthen Jewish life in 300 small communities from Maine to Florida, Alaska to Hawaii, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands. The Network provides connection for over 200,000 American Jews in these communities to global Jewry who generously fund signature projects and supportive programs that address the needs of vulnerable at-risk populations in Israel and 70 countries worldwide. Our Network's professional staff provides our community volunteers and our staff the expertise, guidance, tools and best practice resources for Jewish life engagement, volunteer leadership development, marketing, and communication.

In Israel, Federation is changing lives by helping to settle immigrants, assisting in times of crisis, and engaging in special partnerships such as our P2G consortium. Federation also supports programs in more than 70 other countries, aiming to combat anti-Semitism, provide a lifeline of vital services to the frail and vulnerable, rebuilding Jewish communities and helping to rescue and resettle those in peril. The vital work of these programs and agencies is coordinated by our long-time overseas partners — The Jewish Agency for Israel and the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee, as well as other non-governmental organization partners. In cooperation JFNA and working in partnership with a network of local, national, and international beneficiary agencies and programs the Knoxville Jewish Alliance touches countless lives each year.

I am happy to state that our ties with the Federations of Chattanooga, Nashville, and Memphis have probably never been stronger. I am in weekly connection with their respective leadership teams and our collaborative efforts have produced some unique opportunities for us all. Last month, the Chattanooga Federation hosted Art Spiegelman to talk about the poor decision the McMinn County Board of Education made when they removed his book MAUS. They extended that event's invitation to all the Federations in Tennessee, a sure sign of our strengthened ties.

Last August our Governor, Bill Lee, meet with the other Federation Leaders and I to discuss anti-Semitism. That dialog has continued with conversations with the Director of TBI, David Rausch, Director Greg Mayes of the TN Department of Homeland Security and with Butch Eley, the Commissioner of the of TN Dept. of Finance and Administration. Through our cooperation, we are confident that the awareness of the threat of anti-Semitism is being recognized at the highest levels of our State Government and we anticipate grant funding to be available to all Jewish institutions within this year's state budget.

In January, the Nashville Federation took the lead in hosting a special event to shine a light on antisemitism. While this event was supposed to be live on the steps of our State Capital with our Governor, it was changed to a virtual event which allowed legislative and community leaders from across the state to attend and better understand the real threat of anti-Semitism in our State.

While we may not always hit the mark, I am trying my best to ensure the KJA keeps true to its mission and works to enrich the lives of all Jewish community members. Through my aforementioned recommitment to JFNA and our close

ties with our State's other Federations, we truly have "force multipliers" on our side to help.

While my tenure as the KJA President will one day come to an end, I am happy to announce that I have accepted an invitation to be on JFNA's National Young Leadership Cabinet. While I had to ask they wait another year to have my participation start, I hope my involvement will continue to strengthen the Knoxville Jewish Community's ties with Jewish people everywhere.

As we continue to make improvements to our grounds and facility and expand our programs, our next goal should be securing a new Executive Director. While I am desperately not trying to pat myself on the back, the KJA cannot realistically sustain this level of Volunteer leadership forever. Our organization is growing and its continued future success will depend on the existence of a full time, professional leader. Affording an Executive Director is our challenge. A yearly commitment to this position close to or at six figures is not unrealistic these days, and while our current budget cannot currently justify this, I believe we may be only a few years away.

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UTK Faculty Lecture Series: Heather Hirschfeld

By: Anna Iroff-Bailey, KJA Director of Jewish Life

The UTK Faculty Lecture Series highlights professors in our local Jewish community who share their expertise on a variety of educational, social, and cultural topics. This month, KJA is honored to present Heather Hirschfeld, who is a professor and Director of Undergraduate Studies in the English Department at UT. Join us on Zoom on March 24 at 7:30pm for her presentation and discussion of “Shakespeare’s Banned Books” examining book banning and other forms of censorship in Shakespeare’s time.

Heather Hirschfeld is Kenneth Curry Professor in the Department of English at UT. She is the author of two monographs, the most recent of which is *The End of Satisfaction: Drama and Repentance in Shakespeare’s Age* (2014). She recently edited *The New Cambridge Shakespeare Hamlet* (2019) and *The Oxford Handbook of Shakespearean Comedy* (2018).

For more information, contact Anna Iroff-Bailey at program@jewishknoxville.org.

KJA’s 2022 Annual Campaign

By: Renee’ Hyatt, Vice President of Campaign

I hope my prediction is correct: by the time you read this, KJA’s 2022 Annual Campaign will be off to a great start. With a goal of raising \$310,000, we, as a community, have our work cut out for us.

If you have already made your pledge, thank you for tangibly contributing to keeping our Jewish community vibrant and strong. If you have yet to hear from one of the volunteer solicitors or one of the KJA Board members, you may go ahead and make your pledge by calling the KJA office, 865-690-6343, mailing a check to KJA 6800 Deane Hill Drive Knoxville TN 37919, or going to jewishknoxville.org/campaign.

Remember – you may designate which KJA program or programs you want your pledge to directly support, or you may choose Jewish Federations of North America as the recipient of your pledge. JFNA’s mission is to serve the needs of Jewish communities in the US, as well as abroad, including Israel.



By: Marc Forman, KJA P2G chairperson

Partnership2Gether, or P2G, is a partnership that for over 20 years has cultivated close friendships between eleven US Jewish communities, Prague, Czech Republic and the Hadera-Eiron region of Israel. The Hadera-Eiron region consists of the cities of Hadera, Pardes-Hanna-Karkur, Menashe Regional Council and the Alona Local Council in Israel. P2G runs many programs and activities which build the relationships between the US Consortium Communities and the Hadera-Eiron Region.

During the Pandemic year of 2021 the P2G committee gave members of the Knoxville Community the opportunity to do virtual tours to Prague, Czech Republic; Tzfat old city; a flight over Israel with a retired IDF pilot; and a tour of Caesarea. We also had virtual educational programs on "The Cinema Dimensions of Holocaust Remembrance", a Memorial Day event on "From Holocaust to Rebirth", and a Wine Workshop. We also had special virtual events with an International Passover Seder, multiple special briefings from IDF spokespersons, and just recently had a virtual discussion with our P2G Fellows.

P2G also offers several ongoing opportunities. A new cohort of Leadership2Gether has just started. This is designed for future Jewish Community Leaders ages 25-45. The Keshet program is for Lone Soldiers from our region. It provides gifts and support for both Lone Soldiers and students on their gap year. The One2One program pairs American Adults with Israeli students. The program is designed to help the students learn and understand the English language better. The Class2Class or Le'Shi2f program pairs American classrooms with Israeli classrooms. The students build a bond by doing virtual projects with each other. This program can be started at any time during the school year. We have recently started recruiting for the Tikkun Olam summer experience. This program is designed for youth entering the 10th, 11th, or 12th grade. They will spend 2 weeks with Israeli students in Israel. There are also many professional trips. We have had trips for teachers, medical professionals, law enforcement, and fire fighters.

P2G offers something for everyone. It is a great way to reconnect or build your relationship with Israel. We hope to sponsor more in-person events as we emerge from the Pandemic. The committee is always looking for individuals who would like to help make this program a success.

You can follow P2G activities on Facebook (Partnership2Gether Hadera-Eiron-SE Consortium or @P2GHaderaEironSE) or on Instagram (p2g_hadera-eiron).

More information on all these activities can be found on the Partnership website at <https://www.p2g-hadera-eiron.org.il>, or by contacting the P2G Chairman Marc Forman at marcforman@hotmail.com.



Laura Sadler's Leadership2Gether cohort in March 2019 at the Yad Labanim memorial to fallen soldiers in Hadera

Summer at Preschool at AJCC: From a Parent's Perspective



Preschooler practicing his newly gained swimming skills



Preschooler learning foundational swimming skills



Gimel boys being silly together

We love the summer camp program through the Preschool at AJCC. The teachers continue the educational foundation the kids receive during the regular school year. They provide lots of fun activities & themes throughout the summer that keep our daughter engrossed and interested. We are so fortunate for the pool during summer camp. It has helped our daughter be more confident in the water & excited about additional swim lessons. And finally, the school has a gym so when the weather is bad, the kids can still run around, play & burn off that extra energy. We are so lucky to have a program like the summer camp for our daughter.
MB – Dalet Parent

Preschool at AJCC Summer Camp provides the structure, care & familiarity my son is used to during the year plus extra fun! I've noticed they continue to maintain the same quality program with additional work on their part but only added fun for the kids. This includes daily pool time with several staff members providing constant supervision. Regular sunscreen applications and the added fun of weekly camp themes. We couldn't ask for a better summer camp experience!
AP-Hey Parent

Summertime at Preschool at AJCC so much fun! The days revolve around playing at the pool while still keeping a consistent schedule and providing the same quality care that they do during the school year. My daughter, who was 1.5 years old last summer, started off very timid in the pool at the beginning. By the end of summer, she was showing off how she learned how to blow bubbles in the water and wanted to go under water. She learned this and so much more from the swim instructors that were with each class a couple of times a week. The very low teacher-to-child ratios while they are at the pool made me feel very confident that safety is a priority. The Preschool Summer Camp and the Milton Collins Day Camp both look like so much fun -- I wish I was a kid again so I could join in!
AM – Bet Parent

Chag Sameach Purim! A joyous Adar to you!!!

Celebrate Purim Wednesday March 16 and Thursday March 17



The Heska Amuna Religious School will be sending *Mishloach Manot* (gift baskets of food - one of the four Purim mitzvot) to everyone in our Heska Amuna family. Although we initially were going to reopen the synagogue kitchen for Purim baking, because of recent COVID surges, all items will be made by commercial, kosher kitchens and individually wrapped to ensure we all stay healthy while enjoying our Purim treats.

Heska Amuna members: Wish a happy Purim by adding your name to your fellow congregants' *Mishloach Manot*.

Order extra hamantaschen at \$12 a baker's dozen, too!

*You should have already received a link to order *Mishloach Manot* and hamantaschen; if you did not receive your link, just let us know.

*If you require a gluten-free *Mishloach Manot* this year, click the link on our synagogue homepage (www.heskaamuna.org) to request this.

We are pleased to offer *Mishloach Manot* baskets at the same price as last year:

\$18 - add your name for one household

\$10 - add your name for each additional household (from 2 to 7 households)

Special Pricing \$90: Add your name to the *Mishloach Manot* to all Heska Amuna Households!

Mishloach Manot for non-members (you pick-up and deliver): \$25 or mailed to your friend or family for \$40 (includes postage for continental US)

Order deadline: Thurs. March 10. (Sorry, no exceptions - we begin packaging then...)

Mishloach Manot in-person delivery (Metro Knoxville area only) **March 13 - 17**

To our community friends: Send *Mishloach Manot* to your friends and family and enjoy some hamantaschen, too! Check our website/www.heskaamuna.org for order information.

Questions? Send an email to Purim@HeskaAmuna.org

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Heska Amuna Religious School at the Park

Despite the cold, despite Covid disruptions, HARS kids learn and play due to creative programs and wonderful teachers!

Tu B'Shevat, January 23



***By: Shush Carson,
Director of Family Religious Experiences***

We held our Sunday Tu B'Shevat Family Ed walk at Lakeshore Park on January 23. It was sunny, cold, and 33 degrees! Rabbi Ferency and I were joined by about 25 people, two dogs, and a stroller. The Lieberthal and Brunelle boys spotted a bald eagle, and Elliot Lieberthal lead us all in the Shehechyanu, the prayer for marking a significant moment in time.

Gan K'Ton (Preschool) in the Park, January 30

Our preschool program is taught by Morah Vanessa Rodrigues and Morah Sarah LaFetra. It is a one-hour instruction with stories, songs, and art projects from 11:00 a.m. to noon. Parents are welcome to bring a snack for afterwards and stay and play with friends at a nearby playground.

The program will be a once monthly holiday-based class. No registration will be required this year. The remaining dates for this school year are Sundays on March 13 and April 10.



March HARS Happenings

Gan K'ton Preschool at the AJCC – March 13 at 11:00 AM-12:00 PM

Spring Break HARS – March 12-19

Wednesday with Limmud – March 2, 9, 23, 30 at 5:00 - 6:15 PM with Morah Rachael

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Thurs. March 17, 7:00 am

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Peggy & Gale Hedrick
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Susette & Raphe Panitz

The Art of Arnold Schwarzbart

By: Harriet Glasman, Hadassah President

On Sunday, February 6th, during the Art of Arnold Schwarzbart program, we had wonderful attendance with lots of questions and interest. Mary Linda gave an insightful talk that began with Arnold and his family fleeing Russia to Vienna and finally settling in Knoxville through a relative's assistance. Arnold showed talent and a spiritual connection to art at an early age. Subsequently, his art reflected that deep connection between his talent and love of Judaism.

Arnold studied architecture and had a successful career until he had a calling to devote his life and talent to the art of Judaica.

While at UT, he even became a standout small-bore shooter which gave additional proof to his ability to concentrate and master his coordination.

Mary Linda and Arnold became boyfriend and girlfriend at 12 years old and were together until Arnold's passing after 51 years.

Arnold's work is found around the world in public installations, synagogues and private homes.



Arnold's Art showcases his great talents and love of Judaism

JEWISH CONGREGATION OF OAK RIDGE



JCOR hikers ready for some post-trek relaxation. Credit: Becky Charles

Trailing Thoughts with JCOR

When it comes to taking advantage of adventure close to home, JCOR leads the way. For several years the JCOR crew has organized monthly hikes in Anderson County as well as neighboring locales.

These hikes usually accommodate all levels of fitness and serve up big helpings of fun and fresh air. Some of the hikes include places like Songbird Trail in Norris and Sharp’s Ridge Memorial Park Trail in Knoxville.

Everyone is welcome to take a hike with JCOR and we’re delighted when our Knoxville friends join the fun. Contact Becky Charles at gchar2@aol.com.

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Mi she-nichnas Adar, marbim b'simcha!

When Adar enters in, our joy increases!
--- the Talmud

I cannot stop laughing as I write this column. Travel? Leisure? Spare time? HAH!
Comedy is the perfect topic to kick off the two months of Adar for Leap Year 5782!

I'm not complaining, mind you. It's just that work, school, family, pets, medical appointments, and keeping the home fires standing, leave little to no room for what most folks consider spare time or leisure.

Vacations are more like staycations, and that's fine with us. Still, there's plenty to be enjoyed during downtime. Though some may call it a busman's holiday, let me share with you some of my ideas of a good time:

- Sleeping late
- Cuddling with the cats
- Watching a streaming film with the kids
- Trying a new restaurant
- Revisiting said restaurant when it's not so new anymore
- Linger over my coffee at home
- Reading
- Blogging
- Napping
- Going for walks
- Laughing
- Making other people laugh
- Playing Words with Friends
- Hanging with actual friends
- Doing absolutely nothing.

Brach - in blessing,

Cantor Jacqueline Marx, she/her(s)
Interim Spiritual Leader,
Jewish Congregation of Oak Ridge, TN

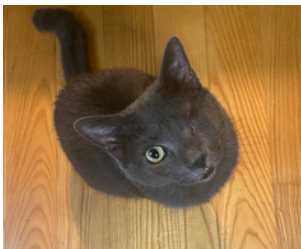


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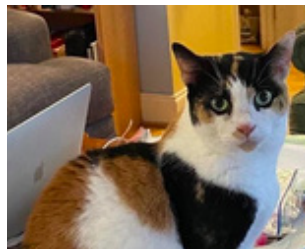


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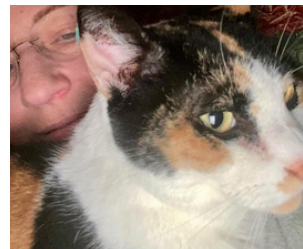


Photo: Molly and Cantor Jacque



Photo: Cantor Marx

Self-Care Includes Soul-Care

By: Rabbi Yossi Wilhelm

Self-care is an important priority for all. The term often conjures thoughts of time in nature, exercise, travel and or time with friends. An often overlooked part of self-care is soul care. Chassidus teaches that a person is comprised of two parts our physical bodies and our soul. Both need attention, care and nourishment for a human to feel fulfilled and happy.

Your body and your soul fuse together as one. Nothing happens in the soul that is not reflected in the body. And nothing happens in the body that doesn't deeply affect the soul.

The body and soul must be nourished in tandem. Strengthen the body by strengthening the soul—with more mitzvahs, more Torah, more focus on your spiritual growth. And allow the soul to thrive by taking care of the holy body to which it has tied its destiny. After two grueling years of pandemic life Chabad is intentionally offering programming to nurture our thirsty souls. A few examples:

Monthly Women's Series "Well Connected". Each month participants examine a Mitzvah, it's practical applications and the mystical teachings of each Mitzvah. Discussing its applications to their lives with new and old friends is a monthly opportunity to rejuvenate and deepen our Jewish connections.



When a child becomes a Bar/Bat Mitzvah their soul reaches spiritual maturity. Bat Mitzvah age girls are spending the year tapping into that powerful soul as they take inspiration from Jewish women throughout history. At the most recent Bat Mitzvah Club we explored the self-sacrifice of women through the ages to Light Shabbat Candles.



The six-week winter course from JLI titled "Meditation from Sinai" Mindful awareness and Divine spirituality helps you think, feel, and live more deeply. Judaism places great emphasis on action. As a result, many Jews are unaware of another important facet of the Jewish tradition: deeply meaningful teachings about mindful awareness, spirituality, and meditative practices.

To learn more about any of Chabad's programming please contact Rabbi Yossi at rabbi@chabadknoxville.org.

Knoxville Jewish Community Family of Funds

By: Stephen Rosen, KJCFF President

KJCFF is available to all Jewish Organizations in Knoxville

KJCFF is the supporting foundation of Knoxville Jewish Alliance. It serves as the primary endowment and fundholder for Heska Amuna and the Knoxville Jewish Day School. But did you know it also holds the Dolly and Ted Reback Fund for BBYO? How about the Frances Sturm Cultural Fund for the Jewish Congregation of Oak Ridge? If you are involved with a Jewish organization of any size near Knoxville, you might want to consider creating a KJCFF fund. It is the best way for you and your partners to invest in your future. KJCFF won't raise the money for you, but once you have it, we will provide professional fund administration and investment management. (Thank you to Mary Ann Merrell, who is working on a similar project, for suggesting this article.)

If you would like to have a conversation about endowing your organization, please contact Stephen or Laura.

Thank you to Sylvia Robinson and Zelda and Max Morrison for bringing us Nefesh Mountain

It is highly unlikely that Sylvia, Zelda and Max ever heard about Jewish bluegrass music. Was it even a thing when they were helping endow the programming future of Heska Amuna (Sylvia Robinson Memorial Fund) and the AJCC (Zelda and Max Morrison Cultural Enrichment Fund)? Nevertheless, decades following their gifts to the community, we enjoyed a zoom concert because of their generosity. Thank you also goes to Abraham Brietstein who brought the idea for the concert to Heska Amuna and KJA. Having program endowments allowed the leadership of both organizations to quickly respond to a great idea that would have never had time to go through an annual budget process.

Want to be thanked in HaKol decades from now about something you have never heard of? Contact Laura or Stephen about creating a programming fund.

The Knoxville Jewish Community Needs a Fund for Safety and Security

In light of the January 2022 attack on a synagogue near Dallas, we thought it unfortunately timely to rerun this article from October 2020

You may be aware that our facility-based organizations were successful in receiving a grant for security-related improvements through the Department of Homeland Security. I will direct you to each of the organizations if you are interested in the dollar amount and how the funds were spent. However, I will share that the grant was restricted to physical improvements. But what about funding security for events? Who pays for the police officers in the parking lot during High Holy Days? What about private security when it is needed for something like Knosville? How about consulting services to educate the boards on how to respond to anti-Semitism? How do we pay for the new cleaning requirements created by Covid-19 when we return to our physical communal homes?

If you have interest in making sure we learn, pray and play safely and soundly together, please contact Laura or Stephen

Yahrzeits



Temple Beth El

March 4

Lalla Block Arnstein • John Baker • Morris Bart • Stewart Crosier • Edwin Deitch • Sally Feldman • Johanne Gillman • Daryle Gross • Dr. Harry C. Gross • Yulia Ioselev • Martin Andrew Koplan • Elaine Lewis • Robert Loebel • Bertha Oleinik • Genevieve Gutman Reich • Sylvia Kessler Robinson • Goldie Silverman Rosenbaum • Faisel Schuck • Gersh Sherman • Arthur Shor • Toby Slabosky • Murray Steinfeld • David Solomon Striner • Melvin Sturm

March 11

Robert J Armstrong • Rachel Irene Bisson • William Brody • Anna Kolodkin Bush • Martin Cohen • Richard Meyer Davis • Marjorie Freedman • Morris Friedman • Louis Gassel • Ginda Katz • Jacob Katz • Rosa Kern • Leopold Levi • Leonard D Licht • Julia Markman • J.R. Miller • Ann Mostov • Ruth Ozaroff • Arthur Pasternak • Anna Wallace Rosenbloom • Jessica Hiller Rosenthal • Mildred Covell Schultz • Alan Harvey Stark • Faye Wansker

March 18

Augustine Bressler • Bertha Diamond • Mark L Eisenstadt • Dr. Robert Feinberg • Carl Kaplan • Germain Kern • Zelik Oleinik • Sarah Rubin • Fe Dolar Serrato • Sarah S. Steinberg

March 25

Isaac Bressler • A. Jerome Dave • Paul Davis Friedman • Bertha Schoenfeld Goldberger • Rose Leitson • Hyman Markowitz • Lester Popkin • Leon Potter • Yetta F. Manis Speert • Eli Yatsko

Heska Amuna Synagogue

March 5

Morris Bart • Mazeltov Benhayon • Mary Brown • Ida Finestone • Jacob Katz • Harold Leibowitz • Margaruite Mandell • Casper Perelman • Arlene Prager • Lillian Richer • Melvin Robinson • Ethel Rywell • Daniel Wachtel • Max Weinstein

March 12

Sol Foster • Fannie Pearce

March 19

Hattye Bobroff • Lucille Bruskin • Shirley Eisenberg • Annie Green • Marvin Hecht • Oscar Pfeffer • Leah Wise

March 26

Lillian Kanter • Bernard Kronenberg • Caroline Nadler • Max Rubenstein • Lazar Schwartz • Martin Shersky • Isaac Slovis • Eli Yatsko • Sarah Zwick-Daum

April 2

Peggy Ades • Barbara Balloff Heilman • Michael Belaief • Mickey Billig • Abe Emelfarb • Israel Farkas • Isadore Finkelstein • Martin Ginsburg • Charles Goldstein • Minnie Isaacs • Golda Margolies • Mary Ruth Martindale • Rebecca Mendelowitz • Esther Panitz • Hinda Schwartz • Bessie Silverman • Louis Sturm • Don Wittenberg

The Jewish Community Archives of Knoxville and East Tennessee



Delegates to Young Leadership Conference

Members of Knoxville's Jewish community prepare to attend the UJA Young Leadership Conference in Washington, D.C., held in March of 1990. Mary Beth Leibowitz, then a cabinet member of UJA Women's Young Leadership, was one of the national planners for the conference and helped run the event.

Left to right, back row: Cee Cee **Friedman**, Michael **Friedman**, Greg **Weinstein**, Knoxville Jewish Federation executive director Conrad **Koller**, Michael **Eisenstadt**; front row: Stephen **Rosen**, Scott **Hahn**, Mary Beth **Leibowitz**.

Stephen **Rosen**, Scott **Hahn**, Michael **Eisenstadt**, and Mary Beth **Leibowitz** continue to live in Knoxville.

Thanks to Stephen, Scott, and Mary Beth for help with identification of persons and the event.

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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WEEKLY THEMES THIS SUMMER!

<p>MAY 31- JUNE 3 JUNE 6 - 10 JUNE 13 - 17 JUNE 20-24 JUNE 27 - 1 JULY 5- 8 JULY 11-15 JULY 18 - 22 JULY 25-29</p>	<p>THE MOST FUN UNDER THE SUN SUMMER SAFARI CHALLENGE WEEK WATER WEEK AROUND THE WORLD HOLIDAYS SUPER HEROES AND VILLAINS COLOR WARS MCDC'S GOT TALENT</p>	<p>FIELD TRIP LATE NIGHT/OVERNIGHT FIELD TRIP LATE NIGHT/ OVERNIGHT LATE NIGHT/ OVERNIGHT FIELD TRIP LATE NIGHT/ OVERNIGHT</p>
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