



# Ha'Kol

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Enjoy delicious Kosher Deli Sandwiches  
New York-Style at

## Deli on the Roof

Kosher Deli  
New York Style

Sunday, September 18

Noon-3:00 p.m.

Arnstein Jewish Community Center  
6800 Deane Hill Drive

### Our Menu:

Old Fashioned "Overstuffed"  
and Junior Sandwiches

- Corned Beef
- Pastrami
- Roasted Turkey
- Salami
- Marilyn's Veggie "Chopped Liver"
- Ba-Tampte Sour Pickles
- Cole Slaw & Other Sides
- Dine In or Takeout



Also featuring:  
Musical selections  
from Fiddler on the Roof!

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# Knoxville Jewish Alliance

# Ha'Kol

SAVE THE WEEKEND

## KJA JEWISH BOOK MONTH

**Will Feature**  
**Author Julie Salamon**  
**November 18-21, 2016**



The Knoxville Jewish Alliance welcomes Julie Salamon, an American journalist, film and television critic, and author *The Devil's Candy: The Anatomy of a Hollywood Fiasco*, which is used as a text in many university film classes. She also has many requests to speak about *Rambam's Ladder: A Meditation on Generosity and Why It Is Necessary to Give*. She was born in Ohio, lived in an Appalachian town, and currently resides in New York City, where she also serves as her synagogue's president. Salamon is also the cousin of our own Ilana Siman Tov.

### Jewish Book Month Weekend events will include:

- ★ **Friday, November 18:** Friday night service at JCOR
- ★ **Saturday, November 19:** Havdalah Program for B'nai Tzedek teens and parents
- ★ **Sunday morning, November 20:** Joint TBE and HA Religious Schools program
- ★ **Sunday afternoon, November 20:** Community program at AJCC

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### SPIRITUAL PREPARATION FOR NEW YEAR 5777:

**INTRODUCTION TO MINDFULNESS**  
**Sunday, September 25 — 3:30 p.m.**  
**AJCC Orwitz Room**

*Presented by Claudio Barrientos, Director,  
Mindfulness Center of Knoxville*

*A one-hour presentation on mindfulness  
meditation: what it is, what it isn't, and how  
to do it in our daily lives.*

*To register, contact Deborah Oleshansky  
at [doleshansky@jewishknoxville.org](mailto:doleshansky@jewishknoxville.org)*

**Support Your Organization by Supporting *Ha'Kol***  
**Send High Holy Days Greetings to Your Family & Friends Today!**  
**Deadline: Wednesday, September 7**



Your purchase of a 2016 High Holy Days greeting supports our community's *Ha'Kol* community newsletter, enabling us to share news and events of EIGHT area Jewish organizations with almost 1,300 families within our East Tennessee community.

**Act today and wish your family and friends a warm, caring High Holy Days message.** Don't want to publish a greeting? Then please consider making a contribution of \$18.00 or more to help cover *Ha'Kol's* annual production and mailing costs.

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Small: 1 column x 1"	15-20	\$40
Medium: 2 column x 1"	25-30	\$50
Large: 2 column x 2"	35-40	\$60
Jumbo: 2 column x 3"	40-45	\$75

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## "Do Something"

By Deborah Oleshansky, KJA Executive Director

During our AJCC summer camp finale, the MCDC drama group shared their concern for the world with a dramatic presentation entitled, "Do Something."

Over the course of the summer, our teen campers were already leading by example on "doing something" through their work at FISH Pantry and by hosting Pond Gap students at the AJCC Pool each Friday to help these elementary-school students learn to swim. Many of the students had never even been to a swimming pool.



TAPS with Pond Gap youth

### The KJA offers many ongoing opportunities to Do Something:

- ◆ Bring nonperishable food for ongoing collection at AJCC
- ◆ Bring gently used shoes for World Wear project at AJCC
- ◆ Deliver challah to those recovering from injury or loss
- ◆ Serve as a docent for the Schwarzbart Gallery
- ◆ Visit elderly and homebound members of our community
- ◆ Participate in an *A Seat at the Table* dinner
- ◆ Assist with a Family Promise dinner for families temporarily homeless
- ◆ Host Jewish college students for a Shabbat dinner
- ◆ Make meals to keep frozen at the AJCC to be delivered as needed
- ◆ Help maintain our AJCC Preschool garden and grounds
- ◆ Suggest ideas for projects to be completed as part of our community Mitzvah Day in February

Promoting a healthy community and commitment to social justice is at the heart of KJA activity. Join us as we do something together.



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◆ **AJCC Preschool**



**You're invited to meet First Lt. Eden Adler and view the movie**

## **Beneath the Helmut**

**Wednesday, September 21**

**7-8:30 p.m.**

**AJCC Orwitz Room**

The Knoxville Jewish Alliance will host a screening of *Beneath the Helmut: From High School to the Home Front*, a documentary of the Israeli Defense Forces (IDF) that sheds light on the personal lives of those who serve by following five high school graduates who are drafted into the army.

After the film, a discussion will be led by First Lt. Eden Adler who plays a key role in the film. This event is coordinated by Jerusalem U, which provides Israel education by telling the human story of Israel via "connecting films" and short film-based classes. The content of *Beneath the Helmut* is appropriate for ages middle school and older.

The film viewing is free to the public.

After the film showing, the **Young Jewish Adults of Knoxville (YJAK)** will host Eden for dinner and socializing. YJAK leadership, including Jake Cone, Stephanie Kors, and Penn Markman, are coordinating this gathering.



*YJAK members enjoy laughter and connection at programs throughout the year.*

## Friendshippers Returns September 14

By Laura Faye Berry, BSSW, Esq., Director

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

### **WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14:**

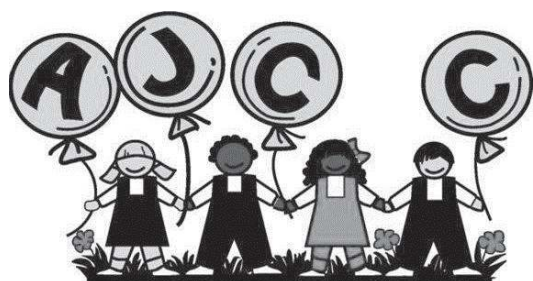
**Musical duo Al Columbo (on violin) and Mike Beckley (on piano)**

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

The luncheon begins at noon and the program begins at 1:00 p.m. Lunch is \$8. There is no cost for attending the program alone. Transportation is available upon request—please have your ride requests in by the Monday morning before the program.

**For more information, please contact Laura Berry at 690-6343 ext. 18 or [LBerry@jewishknoxville.org](mailto:LBerry@jewishknoxville.org)**





## Preschool

Dedicated to Development,  
Diversity, and Making a Difference  
for Children of all Faiths since 1956.

**The AJCC Preschool provides  
a warm, nurturing  
environment for children  
ages 14 months-5 years.**

**We would like to introduce you to the  
AJCC Preschool administrators and staff  
who care for and educate our students.**

### AJCC Preschool Administration

#### Kristen Cannon

Kristen Cannon has served as AJCC Preschool Early Childhood Director since 2014 and has a decade of experience in the early childhood field. She is credentialed as an Early Childhood Administrator and is Tennessee Early Childhood Training Alliance (TECTA) certified. Kristen also has studied early childhood education and child and family studies at The University of Tennessee.



*Kristen Cannon*



*Amber Perrin*

#### Amber Perrin

Amber Perrin has served as assistant director for three years. She has an associate's degree in special education and is a junior at the University of Tennessee majoring in business.

### Aleph (ages 12-18 months)

#### Jessica Dew

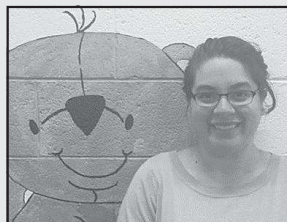
Jessica and her sister attended AJCC summer camp for many years while growing up. She has an associate's degree from Pellissippi State where she enjoyed her child development classes.



*Jessica Dew*

#### Elizabeth Kuykendall

Elizabeth has worked in the child care field for six years and look forward to getting to know everyone and caring for your children. We are going to have a great year. She recently got engaged and is excited that she will travel to visit family in Nigeria over the holidays.



*Elizabeth Kuykendall*

### Bet 1 (ages 15-24 months)

#### Kayleigh Willemain

Kayleigh has a bachelor of arts degree in psychology and a master's degree in child and family studies. She has worked at the AJCC Preschool for two years.



*Kayleigh Willemain*

#### Alison Pasternak

Alison has been a teacher at the AJCC Preschool for two years. She has bachelor's degree in criminal justice.



*Alison Pasternak*

### Bet 2 (ages 24 months-3 years)

#### Tara Chrapliwy

Tara is a elementary education major and has worked as an AJCC Preschool teacher for three years.

#### Ally Wiener

Ally is an early childhood education major who has more than 10 years of experience working at various Jewish preschools.



*Tara Chrapliwy*



*Ally Wiener*



**Gimel (ages 3-4 years)****Rodney Monroe**

Rodney has been an AJCC Preschool teacher for 16 years. He is TECTA certified and is an early childhood major in continuing education.

*Rodney Monroe***Julie Brimmer**

Julie has been with the AJCC Preschool for four years. She has a bachelor's degree in special education and a master's degree in curriculum and instruction from the University of Wisconsin at Milwaukee.

*Julie Brimmer***Floater/Aftercare****Rachell Woods**

Rachel has been with the AJCC Preschool for five years and has earned her teaching licenses.

*Rachell Woods***Hayley Davis**

Hayley has a bachelor's degree in education and has worked with us since last year.

*Hayley Davis***Dalet (ages 4-5 years)****Erin Gaines**

Erin has a bachelor's degree in education and is licensed to teach PreK-4th grade. She worked at Thackson School for 10 years and we are very excited to have her on our team.

*Erin Gaines***Hannah Bowling**

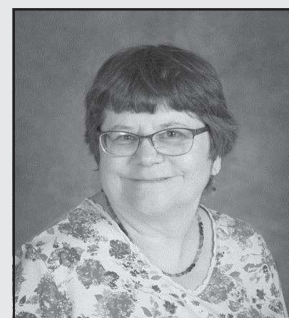
Hannah graduated with honors from the University of Tennessee with a bachelor of arts degree in Judaic Studies. I received both the Dr. Ruben P. Robinson Judaic Studies Scholarship and the Fern and Manfred Steinfeld Scholarship in Judaic Studies. Her specific research interest is the relationship between Christians and Jews, specifically the education of local Christian churches about Judaism, Jewish culture and thought, literature, and cultural dynamics, (i.e. Jewish Diaspora). The Hebrew words שלום and חסד can also mean 'peace' and 'kindness.' חסד can also mean 'loving-kindness,' 'mercy,' or 'loyalty,' which is similar to the Christian term 'grace.'

*Hannah Bowling***Judaic/Music Specialist****Rachel Brown**

Rachel recently graduated from the University of Tennessee with a bachelor of music degree in vocal performance with minors in German and Judaic Studies. While at UT, she performed in musical theater and opera productions with UT Opera Theatre, the Clarence Brown Theatre, area theater companies, and summer music programs. Rachel is the featured vocalist and Israeli dance instructor with the Dor L' Dor Klezmer Band, and she is a graduate of the AJCC Preschool. Rachel is passionate about getting children excited about music and looks forward to a wonderful school year!

*Rachel Brown***Science and Nature Specialist****Ginny Small**

"Ms. Ginny" has been a member of the AJCC Preschool staff for 16 years. She has a bachelor's degree in science education and biology and a master's degree in botany. She taught high school science classes and worked at IJAMS Nature Center as a field trip leader and at Tennessee state parks as a seasonal naturalist.

*Ginny Small*

## Swim Team Places Second in League at GKAIISA Meet

The University Swim Club Smokin' Salmon team finished 21st overall and second in our league at the 2016 GKAIISA City Meet. Congratulations to our finalists:

**9th Place: Mixed 11-12 Relay** Gavin Madgett, Parker Sherell, Sierra Shuck-Sparer, Jed Smith;  
**16th Place: Mixed 13-14 Relay** Frank Sturm, Reilly Swanson, Hanson Lam, Reed Cooper; **7th Place: Mixed 15-18 Relay** Coleman Kredich, Gracie Bemiller, Caroline White, Miles Kredich; **9th 11-12 100 IM** Jed Smith; **12th 8 and U 25 Free** Chloe Waller; **13th 8 and U 25 Free** Emma Waller; **8th 15-18 50 Free** Gracie Bemiller; **4th 15-18 50 Free** Coleman Kredich; **10th 15-18 50 Free** Miles Kredich; **10th Girls 13-14 Medley Relay** Reilly Swanson, Isabella Gish, Caroline White, Reed Cooper; **16th 9-10 25 Backstroke** Trace Nystrom; **7th 11-12 50 Backstroke** Jed Smith; **15th 13-14 50 Backstroke** Caroline White; **7th 15-18 50 Backstroke** Coleman Kredich; **11th 9-10 25 Breaststroke** Alisa Sieger; **12th 13-14 50 Breaststroke** Isabella Gish; **12th 13-14 50 Breaststroke** Hanson Lam; **16th 15-18 50 Breaststroke** Dean Foster; **11th 8 and U 50 Free** Emma Waller; **13th 9-10 50 Free** Trace Nystrom; **15th 13-14 100 Free** Hanson Lam; **3rd 15-18 100 Free** Coleman Kredich; **7th 15-18 100 Free** Miles Kredich; **8th 8 and U 25 Butterfly** Chloe Waller; **13th 8 and U 25 Butterfly** Emma Waller; **2nd Boys 11-12 50 Butterfly** Jed Smith; **15th 13-14 50 Butterfly** Hanson Lam; **9th 15-18 50 Butterfly** Miles Kredich.



### Congratulations to Swimmers Who Set Team Records at GKAIISA

- ◆ **12th 8 and U Freestyle Relay Girls** Sophie Thomas, Dasha Sieger, Emma Waller, Chloe Waller
- ◆ **15th 11-12 Freestyle Relay Boys** Rhys Whipple, Joe Pryor, Josh Christodoulou, Robert Mann
- ◆ **14th 13-14 Freestyle Relay Girls** Isabella Gish, Kelly Moscato, Tifannie Rosen, Madison Fox
- ◆ **16th 15-18 Freestyle Relay Boys** Hayden Smith, Brian O'Reilly, Dean Foster, Blake Moore



### Yasher Koach

Ernie Gross completed the woodwork wall for the AJCC elevator and it looks terrific. Thank you Ernie, for your expertise and craftsmanship.



Senior swimmers Ariel Gale, Dean Foster, Blake Moore, Lou Moran IV, Hayden Smith, and Andrea Reeves were recognized at the University Swim Club Smokin' Salmon's last home meet.

## KJA Salutes Volunteer Jane Cohen

A true KJA Volunteer hero is Jane Cohen, who has served as the Knoxville Jewish Alliance's volunteer web administrator for almost a decade, overseeing the technical aspects of the KJA website, patiently tutoring staff members, uploading photos and new content, and improving the site, always with professionalism and graciousness.

Her talents were tested during the conversion of our website to a new host system in the summer of 2014. While our website is hosted by FedWeb, which is a component of the Jewish Federations of North America, Jane helps the KJA staff maintain our site locally. Jane has spent hundreds of hours (at least) attending numerous webinars and conference calls hosted by FedWeb, created pages and forms for the new website, uploaded countless photos (some content on the former website did not automatically transfer to the new one, so Jane spent hours recreating or re-uploading that content), trained KJA staff to maintain the new website calendar, and worked with FedWeb to troubleshoot – not only the KJA site but also made suggestions to enable FedWeb to improve its own infrastructure. Jane is still an email or phone call away when needed and regularly attends JFNA webinars.

We are so grateful to Jane for helping the KJA communicate with our community — both locally and worldwide via the website. Of course, the website will always be a work in progress and thankfully, the Knoxville community has Jane Cohen to help us with this task.



Jane Cohen

## KJA Donations

As of July 29, 2016

### KJA Fund

In memory of Mary Linda Schwarzbart's sister, Anne  
 By Stephen & Kim Rosen

### AED unit and cabinets

Mitchell and Mary Weiss

### Contribution to the AJCC

Sharon Higdon  
 Linda Higdon

## SEPTEMBER 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 <p><b>Don't forget to join us at</b>  <b>DELI ON THE ROOF!</b>  <b>Sunday, September 18</b>  <b>Noon-3 p.m.</b>  <b>Arnstein Jewish Community Center</b>  <b>6800 Deane Hill Drive</b></p>				<b>1</b> 7a Morning Minyan-HA 4-8p AJCC Pool open 5:45-6:30p Soccer Shots-AJCC Gym 6p Rosh Chodesh-TBE 6-9:30p Fencing-AJCC Gym	<b>2</b> 4-7p AJCC Pool open 7p Shabbat Service-TBE	<b>3</b> 9:30a Shabbat Service--HA 9:30a Shabbat Service-JCOR 1-7p AJCC Pool open <b>7-9p University Swim Club Smokin' Salmon Pool Party-AJCC Pool</b>
<b>4</b> 9:30a minyan-HA Noon-3 p.m. Pickleball-AJCC Gym Noon-7p AJCC Pool open 	<b>5 Labor Day</b> KJA Office & AJCC Preschool closed 9a Morning Minyan-HA <b>1-7p LAST DAY: AJCC Pool open</b> 	<b>6</b> 6p Exec Board-TBE 6-9:30p Fencing-Gym	<b>7</b> 9:30a Tai Chi-JCOR Noon Brown Bag Beit Midrash-HA 3-4p Tai Chi-AJCC Orwitz Rm 4:30p Mid-Week Hebrew-TBE 6-9:30p Fencing-AJCC Gym	<b>8</b> 7a Morning Minyan-HA 5:45-6:30p Soccer Shots-AJCC Gym 7:30p Israeli dancing-Gym	<b>9</b> 6:30p New and Future Members Shabbat & Dinner-JCOR 7p Sunset Minyan-HA 7p Shabbat Service-TBE	<b>10</b> 9:30a Shabbat Service--HA 9:30a Shabbat Service-JCOR 9:30a B'nei Mitzvah Workshop-TBE 5p Men's Club Roller Derby Outing
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# KNOXVILLE

The Fern and Manfred Steinfeld Program in Judaic Studies, and the Department of Religious Studies,  
UT Hillel Jewish Student Organization, and the Knoxville Jewish Alliance

*invite you to meet*

## HELENE SINNREICH

Associate Professor of Religious Studies, and  
Director of the Fern and Manfred Steinfeld Program in Judaic Studies, and her family

**Sunday, September 11, 2016, 3-5 PM**

Arnstein Jewish Community Center, 6800 Deane Hill Drive

Kindly RSVP to Klayton Tietjen at ktietjen@utk.vols.edu  
or call the Department of Religious Studies at 974-2466



DEPARTMENT OF RELIGIOUS STUDIES



### Interested in Tai Chi This Spring?

Our fall Arthritis Foundation Tai Chi class filled up quickly. If you're interested in attending a future session (probably spring), contact Laura Berry at 690-6343, ext. 18 or lberry@jewishknoxville.org to be placed on a notifications/waiting list.

Donations to the KJA enable us to host activities like this. Thank you!

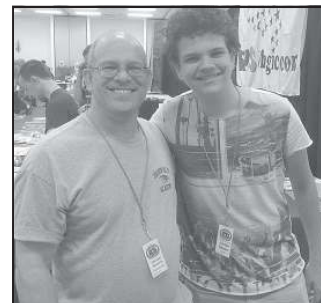
### KJA P2G Program Leads to Magical Meeting

Yarden Shalev, a 17-year-old Israeli magician, received a scholarship to attend *KIDabra*, a national convention of children's performers held in Pigeon Forge in early August.

An acquaintance of the KJA's P2G Hadera-Eiron partnership reached out to former P2G Southeast Director Deborah Oleshansky to find a host family and transportation to the regional event. KJDS families then helped with this. Local magician Michael Messing also welcomed Yarden at *KIDabra*.

KJDS families and alumni enjoyed seeing Yarden perform at a back-to-school bash, where the young magician practiced his show and his English before attending the conference.

The Partnership2Gether (P2G) initiative links Jewish communities around the world with specific cities and regions in Israel. The Southeast consortium of Tennessee, Florida, Virginia and North Carolina is partnered with the Hadera-Eiron region of Israel between Tel Aviv and Haifa.



Michael Messing with Yarden Shalev at KIDABRA



### MARTY'S MISSION RETURNS

As we approach the Holy Days I once again start to plan our Food Drive for Marty's Mission. This begins our 11th year. Your support and encouragement have been fantastic. Please plan to purchase and bring your non-perishable food donations, as well as check donations made out to Second Harvest or FISH Hospitality. Drop-off bins are located at the AJCC, Heska Amuna, KJDS, and TBE.

Thank you in advance for your continued support. Wishing you all La Shanah Tova.  
Joyce Traugot



# H A P P E N I N G S

## Suzy Snoops

*Ha'Kol welcomes your good news, whether it is a new job, lifecycle event, celebration of a special anniversary, or honors and awards. Please send information to [jjork@jewishknoxville.org](mailto:jjork@jewishknoxville.org) or to the Ha'Kol newsletter, c/o Knoxville Jewish Alliance, 6800 Deane Hill Drive, Knoxville, TN 37919.*

- ★ Congratulations to **Harvey Liberman** who placed fourth in the Men's Category 5 Race at the USA Cycling Masters Road Nationals in Winston-Salem, NC. Liberman, 82, is an avid cyclist who also took second place in the cycling time trial and road race at the Tennessee Senior Olympics in Franklin, TN. This qualifies him to compete in the National Senior Games in Birmingham, AL in 2017.
- ★ Mazel tov to **Jeffrey and Larissa Kay**, parents, and to big brothers, Sidney, Benny, and Gabe on the birth of Lyla Edith Kay, born July 5.
- ★ Mazel tov to **Alan and Karen Smuckler**, on the birth of granddaughter, Addison Smuckler Kaplan, daughter of Adam and Brett (Smuckler) Kaplan. Addison was born Tuesday, July 12, in San Jose, CA.
- ★ **Miriam Kramer**, daughter of Andy and Dina Kramer, was interviewed on *Charlie Rose* about NASA's Juno spacecraft. She is a science reporter on *Mashable.com*.
- ★ Congratulations to **Lisa Reyes Mason** who, with her collaborators, was awarded a competitive seed grant from UT's Institute for a Secure and Sustainable Environment. The project will study socially responsible stormwater management in the face of climate change uncertainty. She is an assistant professor in the College of Social Work.
- ★ *Big Easy Motors* is a new *History Channel* reality series that follows **Charles Handler** and The Bomb Factory team as they uncover hidden automobile treasures in the Louisiana bayous and turn them into one-of-a-kind masterpieces. Charles is the son of Barbara Handler.
- ★ **Matthew Theriot** became UT's interim vice provost for faculty affairs on August 1. He also will continue to serve as associate provost for teaching and learning innovations. interim vice provost for faculty affairs, Theriot will oversee and facilitate processes related to faculty recruitment, retention, evaluation, promotion, and professional development. He also will lead campus efforts on faculty-related aspects of the Vol Vision 2020 Strategic Plan. A professor of social work, Theriot last year took on a three-year appointment as associate provost for teaching and learning innovation. In this role, he's been leading the implementation of Experience Learning and administration of the Tennessee Teaching and Learning Center and UT Service-Learning.
- ★ In a column for *The Hill*, **Stuart Brotman**, Howard Distinguished Endowed Professor of Media Management and Law and the Beaman Professor of Communication and Information, writes that "from the beginning of his presidential campaign, Donald Trump has led the charge against political correctness. Trump has continuously tested the boundaries of civic discourse."
- ★ *Smithsonian Magazine* interviewed UT Professor **Daniel Simberloff** about the global price of invasive species. The July 15 article noted that destruction caused by the invasion of alien insects and pathogens is environmental as well as economic.
- ★ **Heather Hirschfeld**, professor of English and former director of the Marco Institute for Medieval and Renaissance Studies, UT Knoxville, is on the search committee to find a new UTK Chancellor to replace Jimmy Cheek.
- ★ **Rosalie and Steve Nagler** are the first-time grandparents of Fiona Eugenia Nagler born to **Evan and Iris Nagler**. Mazel tov!



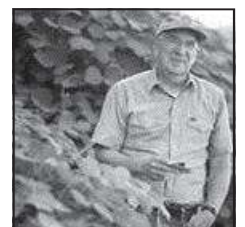
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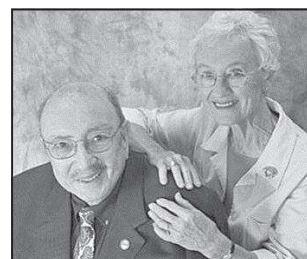
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Dan Simberloff



*After her final performance in Fiddler on the Roof at the Oak Ridge Playhouse, Rachel Brown is joined by mom Susan Brown, Braxton Kiser, and Judy Brietstein*



Henry and Claudia Fribourg



# TEMPLE BETH EL TIMES

## Ritual & Worship Plans New Worship Activities

Your Ritual & Worship Committee and Rabbi Saulson are planning a year of Spiritual Enrichment. We are testing new worship activities to broaden our connection with the entire congregation. You may already have noticed new music and different prayers that we are sampling. Please know that we are “trying on” some new worship practices without making commitments for permanent changes. Here is a preview of coming events:

- ♦ **High Holy Days** – we will use *Mishkan HaNefesh*, the new High Holy Days companion to our *Mishkan T'filah* prayerbook, for many of the services. We have the opportunity to try these prayerbooks without a commitment to purchase them. Our choir, Cantor Jennifer Seeger and much of the music will be familiar, as will the style of the service.
- ♦ **New Friday Service Schedule** - Beginning this month all Friday evening services will begin at 7:00 p.m. There will be a Preneg at 6:30 p.m. and an Oneg at 8:00 p.m.
- ♦ **Shabbat in Nature** – on the trail during the Fall; in the garden in Spring.
- ♦ **Monthly Shabbat morning learners' minyan.**
- ♦ **Havdalah with a Difference events** during the year.

We hope you try these enrichment activities with us this year. Watch the *Blast* for specifics as these and other events take shape in the coming months.

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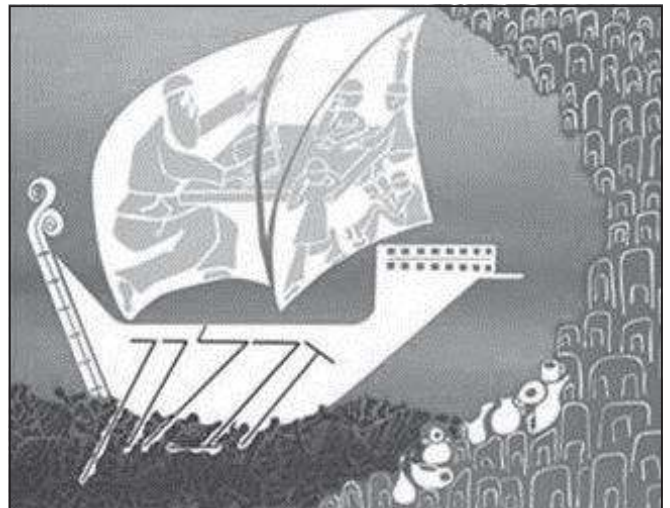
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## Temple Beth El Library Gallery Presents



### Lynette Joel “Twelve Tribes of Israel” Exhibit Opening and Artist's Reception

Sunday, September 18  
10:00 – 11:30 a.m



Lynette Joel was born in 1948 in Johannesburg, South Africa, immigrated to Boston in 1972, and has lived in Atlanta since 1976. Her work includes wearable art, home and synagogue décor, illustrated children's books, and art with animal and Judaic themes in many media. Infused with her love of nature and African tribal art, her work resonates with color, texture and deeper meanings. **Come meet Lynette and enjoy viewing a sampling of her amazing work!**



## Kelal u'ferat

By Scott B. Saulson, PhD, Interim Rabbi

I am not sure how big a deal sermons are nowadays. Surely, though, they are bigger deals as the High Holy Days approach. I know of colleagues who lock themselves away to deal with the stress of the deadline. I know of others who collect sermon material just for this occasion all year long. And I know of others, betting on breaking news, who will wait until the last minute before sitting down at their keyboards. Regardless, many will hang their messages on familiar texts. And when they do, often they will be guided by age old tools of interpretation and exposition.

A key tool of interpretation and exposition is called *kelal u'ferat*, "the general and the particular." The tool allows a particularity referred to in a passage of text to restrict our understanding of a generality in the same passage. It also allows a particularity to expand our understanding of a generality. Though the example I present will not be perfect, it will help us understand this method.

We are familiar with the verse from Leviticus (19:18), "Love others as much as you love yourself." We might well assume "others" to be a generality and "self" to be a particularity. If so, on the one hand, "self" can restrict the way we love "others." Think of masochism. On the other hand, "self" can expand the way we love "others." Think of narcissism.

Concerning the upsurge of violence that has afflicted our society recently, we have heard the rant that "All lives," a generality, not just "Black lives," a particularity, matter. Let's leave aside the motives for the rant. In theory, who can argue with the proposition "All Lives Matter?" Yet, we Jews know as well as if not better than most the plasticity of "All." Elites and majorities of all stripes have quite easily excluded from "All" those they have deemed "barbarians," "savages," "heathens," "heretics," "*Untermenschen*," "untouchables," "vermin," "losers," "the institutionalized," and "others" of varying pigmentation, skull shapes, and mental capacities. Thus, "All Lives Matter," if ever seriously taken to heart, might turn out to be nothing more than an inconsequential platitude, like the pledge of "liberty and justice for all" before the red, white, and blue recited at a KKK rally.

Of course, it is possible, and unfortunately more than a mere possibility among some of our own tribe, for us Jews to assert that only Jewish lives matter. Just as it is possible for savages, heathens, heretics, etc., to assert that only their lives matter. Still, you and I know that unless such groups are corrupted by the power they come to wield over others, or unless they are seriously at risk as Jews are in some Departments of France, they are hardly likely to assert such exceptionalism.

"Black Lives Matter" suffers not of plasticity. Rather, it gets down to brass tacks. It's an "in your face" assertion that seeks to lay bare admitted and denied prejudices. It's an "in your face" assertion that wells up from indisputable policies and behaviors barring doors to opportunities while flinging wide doors to incarcerations and mortuaries. In the context in which it is framed, one would be hard pressed to conclude that it means that no lives matter other than Black lives. If you will, juxtapose the slogan "Black Lives Matter" and "Make America Safe Again." The second slogan rings hollow when we admit that many, if not most, Blacks have never felt really "safe" in our country to begin with.

PS I venture to say I am not alone in my understanding of "Black Lives Matter." I wish to tip my hat to Richard Beck, Professor of Psychology at Abilene Christian University. Prof. Beck alerts us to a daring prophetic passage, Amos 9:7. Here is the text. <http://experimentaltheology.blogspot.com/2008/01/amos-97-exodus-in-plural.html>

"God is speaking to Israel: *Aren't you like the Ethiopians to me . . . ? Haven't I brought Israel up from the land of Egypt and the Philistines from Caphtor and the Arameans from Kir?*

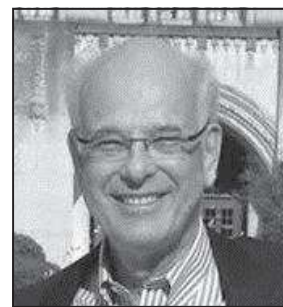
"The passage is oriented around two rhetorical questions. The first question is: *Aren't you like the Ethiopians to me?* Israel clearly wants to answer 'No!' to the question: 'We are not the same as the Ethiopians! We are better!'

"But we can see how Amos is pushing for a 'Yes!' answer to the first question. Such an answer undermines Israel's sense of specialness and uniqueness in relation to the nations and in the eyes of God.

"The second part of the passage is another question. It has two parts. Here is the first part: *Haven't I brought Israel up from the land of Egypt?* The answer here is clearly 'Yes!' But Amos goes on, linking the first part of the question with this part: *And the Philistines from Caphtor and the Arameans from Kir?*

"Notice the 'and' linking the two parts of the question. Israel cannot answer 'Yes!' to the first part and 'No!' to the second part. Amos's rhetoric prevents that distinction."

According to Beck, the prophet points us to the following understanding: "God has been engaged in salvific actions that fall outside the scope of *our* religious narratives. God's saving history cannot be reduced to *our* saving history. [Italics mine.] Here *kelal uferat* serves to instruct us that our own well being depends on our recognizing, in *particular*, the well being of others.



## President's Message

### Mayim Chayim

By Liz Gassel, TBE President

My brother and I were reminiscing about our childhood growing up in New Jersey. He just recently turned 60 and was not happily accepting that number. Joking about how it is getting harder to remember names and places from the past, both distant and recent, he, rather than admit to the subtleties of the natural aging process, insisted facetiously that it had to do with summers at 'the river'. My brother and I both were aware that in the 1980's it was found that 'the river' had been contaminated for years by a local chemical company producing pesticides and herbicides. "What are you talking about? Do you want to blame your memory issues on exposure to this water?" I asked. We both had fond memories of this place and those years. Our parents and their friends took us into the country, past woods and farms to the Maurice River beach to swim in the tannic waters and to loll on the coarse, sandy orange shore. My father and his friends spent their childhood summers at this same beach. This 'river' was more like a wide stream running lazily through South Jersey, dammed in a number of locations to form small lakes on its way out to the Delaware Bay.

After the above conversation, I 'googled' further and found that yet another company in my town that went out of business in the 1930's was the newest New Jersey Superfund site and had left arsenic and lead in the river's flood zone as well. I knew about the one polluter but it was still so startling to find that these notorious Superfund sites are known to have been affecting, long term, my idyllic childhood swimming hole. *"The EPA has spent more than \$120 million to clean up the Vineland Chemical Superfund site. Arsenic from the site had reached the river. And "Alarming levels of arsenic and lead are present throughout a flood zone running from a long-defunct chemical factory to the Maurice River. According to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Kil-Tone which is believed to have stopped operating here in the 1930's, is New Jersey's newest Superfund site."*

During this very hot and dry summer in Knoxville, I am reminded daily of our total reliance on a sufficient supply of uncontaminated fresh water to drink and for many uses both inside and outside of our homes. It is necessary for the food that sustains us, the shade of trees, recreation and the beauty or relief of just being near a flowing stream or river. For most of us, water comes conveniently through a pipe into our home. We do not have a direct connection to the source and thus it appears limitless. As a landscape architect, my focus and training direct me to see examples of misuse, selfish use; irrigation running at the hottest hours of the day or, perhaps when

the soil is already saturated. I get angry and resentful when that vast front lawn, down the block, never walked upon, just 'for show', green and over-fertilized, provides a polluting nitrogen flow into our waterways. Or, I fix on the commercial and industrial abuse, both local and beyond, in and out of my regular field of vision. "Don't these 'users' know that the limited supply of water belongs to all of us and we are all stewards? It is not for private exploitation to the disadvantage of the rest of us." I exclaim to myself.

From the *Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism* we learn that as one of the most important natural resources to humanity's survival, water has a special place in Jewish tradition, playing a role in nearly every major story in the bible. Isaac's wife was chosen for him at a well; the baby Moses was saved after floating down a river; the Israelites were freed when the red sea parted; Miriam will forever be remembered by her gift of water to the Jewish people in the desert.

Judaism teaches us to care for our planet in order to preserve that which God has created. Psalm 24 notes, "The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof," a dramatic assertion of God's ownership of the land. It follows, then, that any act that damages our earth is an offense against the property of God. The Jewish concept of *bal tashchit*, "do not destroy," forbids needless destruction.

According to the *Mishnah*, in the hour when the first human being was created, God took Adam before all the trees of the Garden of Eden and said: "See my works, how fine and excellent they are! Now all that I created, for you I created. Think upon this, and do not corrupt and desolate my world; for if you corrupt it, there is no one to set it right after you" (Ecclesiastes Rabbah 7:28).

As we enjoy the last lingering, days of summer and move into the High Holy Days, it is a perfect time to consider the importance of water in our life and in the world. Perhaps we need to start conducting "environmental impact statements" on our daily lives just as we will soon take account of our souls.

"Let us be zealous now to care for this unique corner of the cosmos, this planet-our sacred home."

*From: Mishkan HaNefesh, Yom Kippur, Copyright © CCAR Press 2015, Vidui for the Twenty-First Century, based on a concept by Cantor Rachel Rhodes, "Environmental Tachanun" (unpublished).*



## Sisterhood Happenings

By Tammy Kropp, Sisterhood President

Have you joined Sisterhood this year? Membership forms have been mailed and it is not too late to join. Remember, men can join too. We are looking for new members this year and would love to add your name to our membership roster. Please keep in mind all the wonderful things Sisterhood does for Temple Beth El, and we can't do it without you, our valued members!

Our opening brunch will be held at Temple on **Sunday, September 11**, at 10:00 am. This will be a time to come schmooze with your friends, eat a bagel (or two), and hear Rabbi Scott talk about a very important topic: *How to Develop A Jewish Ethical Will*. This program is designed for people of all ages and both men and women are invited to attend. If you have a child in Religious School, why not stay awhile and enjoy brunch while your child is in school?

Please join us for a Break the Fast in the social hall after the Neilah service, Yom Kippur, on **Wednesday October 12**. Come join your fellow congregants for food, fun, and fellowship.

Child Care for High Holidays (Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur) will be available again this year for children ages 2 and older, **BUT YOU MUST PRE-REGISTER YOUR CHILD(REN)**. Please watch the *Blast* for more information. From all of us to all of you, we wish you a L'Shanah Tovah, a Happy and Healthy New Year.



## Rosh Chodesh Elul

**Celebrate with Sisterhood<sup>3</sup>  
at Temple Beth El**  
**Thursday, September 1, 6:00 p.m.**

The combined Sisterhoods of Heska Amuna, JCOR, and Temple Beth El will celebrate Rosh Chodesh Elul on the evening of September 1. Arrive in the social hall at 6:00 p.m. for a light meal and a discussion of "the month of Divine mercy and forgiveness."

Our special project will again be to create Jewish New Year and other greetings for those who live in nursing, assisted, and senior residences in our community. No artistic talent is required.

**RSVP to Meredith Jaffe at [ldlady@charter.net](mailto:ldlady@charter.net) or 908-507-2889.**

## I Am – This Day

By Dahlia Smith

A major focus of mine in these past three years has been spending many wonderful hours studying, researching and learning about living life as a Jew. With each new discovery I also am reminded about how much more I need to learn. I wonder how vast this vessel of knowledge is. There is still much to pour out.

I discovered the Shehecheyanu while researching what I needed to know about the Mikveh that would mark my new beginnings as a Jewish woman. How did I miss this jewel? My first reaction after reading this lovely blessing was feeling it was written just for me and just for now. I immediately decided to recite it aloud when my Mikveh was complete.

Judaism came into my life when I was a young girl. I was one lucky girl to have people around me that I loved enough to pay attention to as they lived their Jewish lives, celebrated their Jewish traditions and shared them with me. Even today, the memories of time spent with them influences my life in several ways. Since a child I have leaned toward a Jewish way in my spiritual expressions and studies and finally a few years ago decided I needed to make it my way of life.

Here in Knoxville, I took classes and read a lot of books. YouTube is an amazing place on the internet. There are so many videos to watch about Judaism; sermons and songs, poetry and prayers, history and Halacha and so much more. First, under the guidance of Rabbi Michaels and then Rabbi Ferency, I was able to articulate the passion in my soul and adoration of Adonai.

My Beit Din was scheduled for May 13. It was not just a test or a trial. It was a connection with a traditional way, a practical way, and a Jewish way of doing things. I was not sure it would be, but it was easy and comfortable. Norma James, Educational Director of Temple Beth El, Rabbi Ferency, of Heska Amuna and Rabbi Simons, visiting from ISJL in Jackson, MS. were the panel members who joined me in the conference room at AJCC. We all sat in comfortable chairs and my nerves settled quickly as we began and the questions became an easy conversation. But this was just the first step.

Norma agreed to meet me at Congregation Sherith Israel in Nashville on May 19 and act as my witness and attendant for the Mikveh. Preparing for the Mikveh is a long checklist of details that must be attended to before one enters the waters. While I was in the midst of this checklist I thought perhaps I could use this time as a (kind of) meditation. I focused on every detail of the list. I became mindful of each task. I became simple, human, pure and holy. Norma needed to declare each of my three immersions as Kosher assuring me that I had completely immersed in the water each time. After the first immersion, I was of the people Israel and I recited the ritual blessing for conversion. After the final immersion Norma and I recited the Shehecheyanu together and I stepped out of the waters full of life.

*"Blessed are You, Source of all Life. Who has kept us alive  
and sustained us, and enabled us to reach this day"*

I will be forever grateful to those that helped me on my way to where I need to be and for all that I have learned and all that I will learn and all that I will do in Life as a Jew.

## Temple Beth El Religious School August Update

By Norma James, Education Director, [normajames@tbeknox.org](mailto:normajames@tbeknox.org)

**Religious School classes 9:30-Noon**

**Midweek classes 4:30-6:00 p.m.**

**A complete school calendar is on our Temple website:  
[www.tbeknox.org](http://www.tbeknox.org)**

### Religious School is underway!

We are off and running at TBERS. We welcome back our veteran teachers and are excited for our new staff members. Rabbi Scott has jumped right in teaching Hebrew and Confirmation. It looks like this will be another great year.

### Meet our staff:

- ★ **Torah Tots:** Larissa Kay, Norma James, & Rabbi Scott
- ★ **PreK & Kindergarten:** Alicia Carter with Kalisa Parsons (madrachah)
- ★ **First Grade:** Stephanie Goldfeld with Ben Gibbons (madrach)
- ★ **Second/Third Grade:** Stephanie Kors with Rachel Margulies (madrachah)
- ★ **Fourth/Fifth Grade:** Gina Feldblum with Justen Bain (madrach)
- ★ **Sixth Grade:** Aaron Margulies with Josh Oleinik (madrach)
- ★ **Seventh Grade:** Jeannine Stanley
- ★ **Chai Class (8<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> Grade):** Tara Bain
- ★ **Confirmation:** Rabbi Scott
- ★ **Hebrew:** Tory Frankel, Deborah Roberts, Norma James, & Rabbi Scott

### Mandatory B'nei Mitzvah workshop has been changed to **SEPTEMBER 10** to avoid a home UT football game.

This workshop is for both students AND parents and will be 9:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. It workshop will help everyone understand the spiritual, logistical, and celebratory aspects of this very important life cycle event. A workshop will include both combined sessions and separate sessions for parents and students. Please make plans to attend and stay for the entire workshop.

### Seventh grade will conduct Shabbat service Friday, September 23 at 7:00 p.m.

This will be our first student-led Shabbat of the school year. Leading the service is particularly important to these students because soon they will become B'nei Mitzvah. Conducting a service is a vital part of our Religious School program from our preschoolers to our Confirmation students. All of our students need the support of the congregation, so please make a special effort to attend any student service. I promise you will be very impressed at the preparation and sincerity of our young lay leaders. There will be a Shabbat dinner for the families of this class at 6:00 p.m., prior to the service. There is no cost for the families. The parents of the 7<sup>th</sup> grade class will sponsor the oneg.

### Torah Tots is just for you!

This fabulous monthly program for parents and little ones ages two to four meets 9:45-11:15 a.m. Join Larissa Kay for fun with stories, and crafts specially designed to engage our youngest children in the joy of Judaism. Norma James will engage our tots with songs and movement activities. We will even have a visit from Rabbi Scott. This is a great way for young families to mingle. Contact Norma James for more information. TBE Membership is not required.

## Welcome Cookout & Board Installation

On July 8, the congregation officially welcomed Rabbi Scott Saulson to TBE and celebrated the installation of our new Board members for 2016 & 2017. A memorable and enjoyable evening complete with an on-site BBQ, candlelight service and dinner courtesy of a major storm and electrical outage.

There are too many people to thank and for the fear of leaving someone out, please accept a general but sincere THANK YOU. Much appreciation to all the congregants who brought an appetizer and/or dessert, to all the volunteers who set up the buffet and dessert tables, to our grillers (Howard, Art and Jake), everyone who gathered flashlights, candles and used cell phones to light both the sanctuary and social hall. It was wonderful to see so many people pitch in to make Rabbi Saulson's first service memorable for him as well.

More than 120 people attended the event and it was wonderful to see so many members, new and old, coming together to wish our new Rabbi and Board members the very best of luck.



## Hitler's Silent Partners: Swiss Banks, Nazi Gold, and the Pursuit of Justice

REVIEW of a book in the TBE Holocaust Memorial Bookshelf by Henry A. Fribourg.

Vienna, 1939: "If anything happens to us, I have money in Switzerland." These were among the last words that 16-year-old Renée Lang's grandfather said to her before he perished in the Holocaust. Renée and thousands like her are still trying, 50 years later, to find their rightful inheritances in Swiss banks – and the world faces appalling revelations that "neutrals" acted as secret banker to the Third Reich. Swiss banks actually lent money to Germany in the 1930s, exchanging gold for hard currency to make German re-armament possible.

Author Isabel Vincent unravels the complex story behind the headlines: how desperate parents tried to secure their families' futures by opening bank accounts in Switzerland; how the Germans laundered, through Swiss banks, gold seized from the treasuries of occupied countries or gathered from rings and teeth of slaughtered Holocaust victims; from art works looted from Jews and museums. Swiss banks were not pursued by any courts, national or international. The author describes how timid diplomats, obdurate Swiss officials and bureaucrats, international business interests, and Swiss bank secrecy and greed, all conspired to prevent the truth from being disclosed for over half a century and still, in 1995, to prevent restitution.

Culpability extends far beyond Swiss bankers. A 1945 US intelligence report suggested that even the International Committee of the Red Cross, with headquarters in Switzerland, smuggled "Nazi assets and valuables across Europe in diplomatic pouches," German officials did also, sometimes aided by Vatican-issued diplomatic passports; many so-called neutral countries were not blameless - Portugal, Argentina, Spain, Sweden, and even some of the victorious Allies.

Many Swiss firms worked closely and profitably with Third Reich officials and bankers. It became well known that Switzerland had flagrantly abused its neutrality during the war, but its complicity was barely considered by the Allies, largely because of pragmatic realpolitik and the Cold War. Secret accounts established by people who disappeared into smoke or mass graves were ignored. An amount approaching \$6 billion (in current dollars) may have been involved, perhaps much more. It took intense international pressure, at first by the World Jewish Congress, for the Swiss to begin, in the late 1990s, to reluctantly and truculently, to open their bank records for review. Vincent writes a thorough summary of what became known about Swiss actions during and after WW II, and uses interviews with victims trying to learn about family accounts, illustrating with efforts of the surviving descendants of Abraham Hammersmith, a Viennese textile exporter. The history of the Hammersmith family, many of whom died in the Shoah, is a miniature record of Jewish suffering and Swiss mendacity. Although the Swiss by far were the greatest offenders through their myth of neutrality, there were bankers on both sides and in neutral countries that profited.

This factual, balanced major work gives a heartbreaking, human face of the victims and their later advocates: a crusading Toronto lawyer; Edgar Bronfman, the passionate head of the World Jewish Congress; Stuart Eizenstat, former US Deputy Secretary of the Treasury, through his 2004 book *Imperfect Justice: Looted Assets, Slave Labor, and the Unfinished Business of World War II*; a Swiss parliamentarian determined to discover her country's past; and Renée, a survivor waiting for a small gesture of justice, already decades too late.

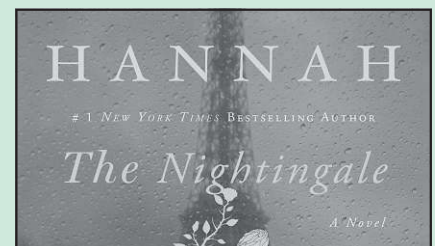
## The Nightingale by Kristin Hannah

REVIEW of a book in the TBE Holocaust Memorial Bookshelf by Henry A. Fribourg

*The Nightingale* is an epic novel of love and war which spans the secret lives of those who live in a small French town from 1939 to the present. Vianne and Isabelle Rossignol have always been close despite their differences. Younger, bolder sister Isabelle lives in Paris while Vianne lives a quiet and content life in the countryside with her husband Antoine and their daughter. When Germany starts World War II, Antoine is sent off to fight, and Isabelle's father sends her to help her older sister cope. As the occupation oppresses, it is not only the sisters' relationship that is tested, but also their strength and their individual senses of right and wrong. Their life changes in unbelievably horrific ways; they each separately have to face frightening situations; they respond with bravery in ways they never would have thought possible. Hannah's novel, vivid in its illumination of a time and place that were filled with great monstrosities, shows the triumph of love, the resilience of the human spirit, and the durability and strength of women over the barbarous conduct of German monsters and the abject subservience of active and passive collaborators.

After I read this moving novel, I Henry Fribourg, a Shoah escapee, an immigrant, an American citizen since 1951, and a disabled Korean War veteran, wrote the author:

"You really got to me! I actually wept several times as I read your book. How could you so well understand the feelings of these two sister heroines, but also of Jewish boys like me, and the other persons of whom you write. What insight you have, just from reading research – I could not believe you had not been there, like I was! Born in 1929, I was on the roads with my pregnant mother and younger sister in a borrowed car during the French Exodus, cutting thru the countryside by dead reckoning to avoid roadblocks; I was strafed three times by a glorious Messerschmidt 109 Teutonic warrior. My father, a 39-year old successful businessman, was mobilized into horse-drawn artillery to shovel horse shit, the obsolete 75-mm cannon shells bounced off the Panzer tanks; he ended up walking from Amiens to Corrèze in 14 days to avoid becoming a Jewish POW. My sister and I waited in line for food and soap. I was expelled from school for the crime of being Jewish. My parents eventually bribed enough people in Portugal, Cuba, France and Morocco so that we could escape in January 1942 to Havana, one week before it would have become impossible. From the bottom of my heart, I thank you for this so-insightful recounting of the triumph of love over (German) barbarism."



Temple Beth El Sisterhood's Annual  
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**Tournament**  
*Remembering Ruth Sherrill*

**Sunday, October 30, 2016**

12:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

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 Knoxville, TN 37923

***Deadline: Monday, October 24, 2016***

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

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*Beginners are welcome and must have a table of 4 to play. Beginners will have separate scoring and prizes. Please list all 4 names at the bottom of one registration form and include all 4 checks.*

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## BreastConnect.org Offers Support Services

In 2014, a group of breast cancer patients and survivors located in Knoxville, Tennessee met one evening for the purpose of companionship and support. That group grew as dozens of women found comfort and support in sharing their stories with those who “had been down that road.” It was here that the idea of Breast Connect was born. What started as a Facebook page that connected newly diagnosed women with other women who had a similar diagnosis and had already been through their cancer journey, blossomed into a new locally-based 501c3 non-profit called BreastConnect.org.

What are we? BreastConnect.org is a website tailored for new survivors and loved ones, providing educational content and listings of local resources that can help breast cancer patients make educated choices about their treatment. The site includes steps in preparing for your first doctor’s visit, local resources and providers, and access to our Sisterhood program. Many of our members experienced the assistance of talking with a survivor when first diagnosed with breast cancer and found that experience to be empowering, educational and reassuring. We want to ensure that anyone affected by breast cancer has access to someone who has already experienced a similar situation. Our Sisterhood program is a pairing of experienced breast cancer survivors with those newly diagnosed. Each pair is matched by similar diagnosis or life situation. The focus of Breast Connect will always be: Survivor helping Survivor.

Unfortunately, Jewish women have a higher than average chance of getting breast cancer. The BRCA 1&2 genetic tests reflect a 45-65% chance of getting breast cancer in a woman or man's lifetime. While 1 in 400-800 of the general public are tested positive, 1 in 40 Ashkenazi Jews are tested positive. If you know someone in your family or friends circle who has been newly diagnosed with breast cancer, please feel free to send them to BreastConnect.org, have them join Breast Connect Knoxville on Facebook, or they can contact Nina Howell at 865.310.1505 or [nina@breastconnect.org](mailto:nina@breastconnect.org).

# Heska Amuna Synagogue

# HaShofar



## Sound Mind, Sound Body

By Alon C. Ferency

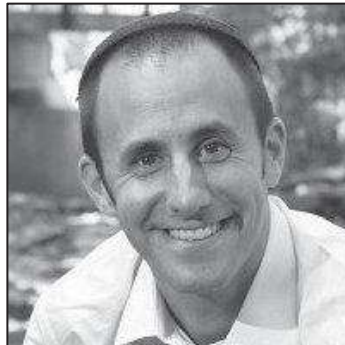
The Roman poet Juvenal advised us to pray for *Mens sana in corpore sano*, “a healthy mind in a healthy body.” The human, created in the Divine image, must be attended to as a manifestation of God. As sports seasons begin in Tennessee, have you ever considered the Jewish blessing for sport?

The concept of refinement is intrinsic to Jewish evaluation of sport. One of the most passionate defenses of any Jewish religious practice comes in a *midrash* (rabbinic fan-fiction) on Genesis: “The precepts (*mitzvot*) were given only in order that man might be refined by them.” One might understand the value of sport under the general rubric of human refinement. Does the practice of exercise, sport, and athletics refine the human-being? If the human doing improves the human being, well and good.

In a similar respect, the Lekhivitzer Rebbe is reported as saying, “The Torah begins with the word *B'reishit* [an anomalous construction that may indicate “at the outset”], which can be understood to say, God created the world ‘for the sake of the beginning.’ All the Creator asks is that you make a beginning in the right direction.” The world was not created that we might be perfect, and solely win gold medals. The world was created in order to begin; that is, to begin our regimen, to make the first steps required, and to have the ambition for improved performance.

For example, during the year I play in an adult co-ed soccer league. As their name suggests, my team – The Expendables – has no illusions about our capabilities. During the summer season, most teams disband to flee the Tennessee heat, but a few ardent souls play through June and July. Recently, I joined up with another team for the summer league. They were hyper-competitive, mistrustful of new players, and covetous of improved standings in the league. Come September, I rejoined my regular teammates for the fall season. I cannot describe the joy and relief I felt; perhaps, it was the sense of camaraderie, or the happy return to familiar faces. Beyond that, it was the fact that my team doesn't care about being *good*, they care about getting *better*. That is, we trust each other enough to try, fail, struggle, and thereby improve. We do it all “for the sake of the beginning” rather than the outcome; to say it differently, we do it to grow.

Jewish tradition offers much encouragement toward starting the work, and building upon the work of refinement. This is a continual, never-ending process, and is not done after one's athletic career; nay, not in fact until one's death. Sometimes, though, it is hard to begin. As Rabbi Tarfon reminds, “It is not incumbent upon you to complete the work, but neither are you free to desist from it... The day is short, the labor vast, the toilers idle, the reward great, and the Master of the house is insistent.”



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## The Kallah Project

### The 60-Second (More Or Less) Kallah Survey

#### We have a spectacular opportunity!

Heska Amuna has been awarded a grant from the Kallah Project that will enable us to host one congregation-wide Shabbat weekend retreat each year for the next three years.

(The Kallah Project is an awesome non-profit organization that helps congregations fund and plan retreats.) We need *your* input as we begin planning.

Copies of a VERY short survey are available near the front door or you can also take the survey online at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/C6QNGHG>.

Please complete your survey by **September 15**. If you have questions or ideas about the Kallah, please let Betty Golub know at 522-0701 or [morahbetty@heskaamuna.org](mailto:morahbetty@heskaamuna.org).

## Chairman's Comments:

### High Holiday Arrangements

By Hal Manas

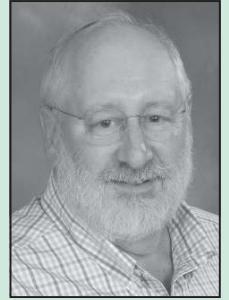
This year during the High Holidays I plan on taking back my old job as Chairman of the High Holiday Usher Committee. It seems odd, but I miss it. I will have to share time sitting at the back entrance to the Sanctuary with time sitting on the bimah as the Chair of the Board of Trustees, but the truth is that I am looking forward to the new effort.

I like to lose myself in the prayers and the prayer book. It is not an easy task when you are on the bimah with everyone looking your way. I know that people are not looking at me, but they can't help but see me when I am sitting where I am expected to sit. If I am in the back, I don't know who is looking at me or even if anyone is looking my way. I prefer that.

Sure, I'll have to contact 20 or 25 people and ask them to help, but it is a pleasure that I have learned to look forward to at this time of year. People have such a nice way of welcoming my phone call while letting me know that they know why I am calling. Honestly, I missed it last year. Unfortunately, last year I had so many new duties that I just didn't think that I could handle my new duties and my old duty at the same time. This year, I think that I can do both, but if I fail, you can fire me.

One of my new duties is the dreaded financial speech where I am supposed to ask for contributions to the Yom Kippur Appeal. We got around that last year in a very clever way by promising not to beg if you would pledge before my time to speak. It worked amazingly well. I'd love to do it again, but I don't think that I can until everyone has paid last year's pledge. There are a few who have not yet managed to pay their pledge. Perhaps they are just waiting until the last minute or maybe they just want to hear me beg. There is also the possibility that Marty Iroff has come up with a new and better way to get through this appeal.

Seriously, I have now been doing this for over a year and few if any have figured out that I am not very good at this kind of work. Those who know have been kind enough to keep it to themselves for the most part. You have no idea how much I appreciate that kindness. This will be my last High Holiday celebration as your Chair and I want you to know that it has been an honor and a pleasure. I hope to see you, one and all, at some time during the High Holy Days.



## President's Report

By Raphe Panitz, Ph.D.

This year, the Selichot prayer will be recited the last week in September. That prayer is one of the ways in which we prepare for the *Yamim Noraim*, the High Holidays. Another way we get ready for the High Holidays is by sounding the Shofar once at the end of every weekday service during the month of Elul. But I would like to devote the rest of this space to other preparations we can make for the High Holidays.

We can get ready on two levels. The first one concerns our daily practical lives and the higher one focuses on our spiritual well being. So one could ask, "How can we prepare for those awesome days by changing our daily routines?" To answer this question, I looked at some of our history as a Jewish people.

One way is by increased study of Jewish texts. Already in the middle ages, Jews focused on a midrash known as *Maaseh Avraham Avinu* (the Deeds of Abraham our Ancestor). This text focuses on the life of Abraham, which is appropriate for the month of Elul. We can also spend time with friends studying the *Pirke Avoth*, the "Ethics of our Fathers."

Another way often used to prepare for the High Holidays is to resolve to participate in the *Tikkun Olam*, the repair of the world. While Judaism has a mixed view of making oaths (in fact, there were Jews in the Middle Ages who refused to recite the *Kol Nidre* prayer) we can alter our behavior without having to resort to making promises. Helping the needy, caring for the sick, giving *tzedakah*, taking part in communal Jewish activities, attending services, and showing support for Jewish causes demonstrate your desire to fix the world. Every time you increase Jewish participation in a worthy cause you help bring *Tikkun Olam*. For centuries, Jews have strived to make the world a better place to live in, and even today we see that effort being carried out in many countries and regions.

One of the most famous prayers recited on both Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur is the "Unetaneh Tokef." One part of this prayer includes those words we say every year, "Who shall live and who shall die?" Sadly, many of us have experienced the loss of loved ones during the past three hundred and sixty five days, and yet we still insist on repairing the world. By that action, we are keeping the memory of our departed alive.

As we enter the new year of 5777, I would ask all of our Members to spend a few moments focusing on how they can prepare themselves for the New Year. That focus will enable you to find meaning and significance for not only the High Holidays but for the entire year.

Happy New Year and *Leshanah Tovah Tikatevu*.





## Southern Region of Women's League Award Returns to East Tennessee

Heska Amuna Sisterhood President **Barb Levin** was the 21<sup>st</sup> recipient of the Phyllis Grusin Weinstein (PGW) Award, an award given every two years "to recognize dedicated and continuing service and commitment to Conservative Judaism."

The award is named for Phyllis Grusin Weinstein of Birmingham, Alabama, who was the founder and first president of the Southern Region of Women's League. Phyllis is well-known to many in the Knoxville community (especially her sister Judy Rattner!) for her lifelong leadership to the region and her passion for Jewish education.

Barb echoes Phyllis' energy and commitment; Barb has served as the Southern Region Wellness and Learning Chair, the Torah Fund Vice President, and Education Vice President. She is a member of the International Board of Women's League for Conservative Judaism, and has worked with others to develop the Wellness and Learning online program to engage women in spiritual education and growth.

Four of the previous PGW winners are from our area: Betty Maskewitz (*of blessed memory*), 1977; Fran Silver, 1981; Myra Hoffman, 1989; and Marilyn Liberman, 1995.

The award ceremony took place at the Southern Regional Spring Gathering in June and was attended by Peggy Littmann, Harriet Glassman, and Rosalie Nagler in addition to Barb's husband, Josh Gettinger, and their four children, Sunny, Becky, Ellie, and Joe. Five year-old granddaughter, Hallie Nelles, represented Barb's three other grandchildren, Nora Nelles, and Cort and Max Csar.

In her remarks, Barb recognized Phyllis' contributions to women's leadership. "I am excited to follow in the footsteps of such a remarkable woman, but I doubt that I can fill her amazing shoes." In summary, she added, "Not only is this a wonderful acknowledgement, but also a call to action for the future."



*Phyllis Weinstein and Barb Levin*

## Launching the Guilford & Diane Glazer Fellowship: Volunteerism Counts!

**The Guilford & Diane Glazer Fellowship** recognizes and honors the power of volunteerism in building our holy community and a better world. For each hour of volunteer service you register — whether at Heska Amuna, the Knoxville Jewish Alliance, or other area non-profit organizations, you can add to the financial well-being of our synagogue.

We realize that Synagogue dues and financial participation might present a hurdle for prospective community members unable to meet the financial requirements of Synagogue membership; we also recognize that oftentimes current members are not able to support the synagogue financially beyond their dues. By creating a means to "monetize" the volunteer work you do in the community, **the Guilford & Diane Glazer Fellowship** has provided us funding for the next three years to allow your volunteer work to be translated into donations to the synagogue. These donations can be used to reduce the financial barriers-to-entry for yourself or others - or provide increased financial support to the synagogue beyond your dues.

Registration will be open after Rosh HaShannah. After you register, you will be able to redeem the value of your volunteer effort using our **Guilford & Diane Glazer Fellowship** funds and "deposit" the value to one of our program accounts. Your "donation" will help us recognize the good work you are already doing while motivating and inspiring us all to support each other.

This fellowship also recognizes the leadership of Guilford Glazer and his impact on our community. Born in Knoxville, Guilford was the son of immigrants Ida and Oscar Glazer; in time, Guilford and his brothers, Jerome and Louis, and brother-in-law I.B. Cohen, would take over his father's welding business, Glazer Steel, and create a global steel fabrication business. Guilford might also be remembered for delving into real estate, including building Shelbourne Towers and the Oak Ridge shopping center. Before moving to California, he set the seeds of his philanthropic vision. A strong advocate for Israel, he was instrumental in organizing a visit to view the TVA dams and power plants with David Ben-Gurion, Golda Meir, and Teddy Kollek - all relationships he maintained for many years.



*Guilford & Diane Glazer*

### Registering Your Volunteer Hours is Easy!

We invite you to visit the Heska Amuna website (<http://www.heskaamuna.org>) and register for the fellowship today. This will enable you to log on and redeem your volunteer hours. You can also request support for meeting your membership dues, too. Paper forms also are available in the lobby.

## Be an Inaugural Member of the Heska Amuna Yad Squad

Leading minyan, Shabbat, or other holiday services or chanting Torah and haftarah link our generations, from the past to the future. This is not only a mitzvah, it is our responsibility to continue the traditions handed to us to assure that our ritual expressions are kept alive for all generations to come.

Heska Amuna is excited to invite you to be recognized as an active link in our chain of traditions. Become an inaugural member of the Yad Squad, a program we are initiating to encourage, promote, and recognize our service leaders and Torah and haftarah chanters. This program is open to all post Bar or Bat Mitzvah members AND FAMILIES who are able (or are interested in learning to be able to) lead services, chant Torah, or take on a haftarah.

Don't stop reading if you are thinking, "I don't know how to do any of this." We have outstanding lay leaders to teach you how to lead and chant! Don't stop reading if you are thinking, "But I can't commit to coming in for a class." Learn via Skype! Join our multi-faceted learning community. And once enrolled, we will have recognitions and celebrate individuals as well as families throughout the year; inspire and be inspired!

### Recognition levels

- 10 Points a Year – Bronze Yad
- 15 Points a Year – Silver Yad
- 20 Points a Year – Gold Yad
- 25 Points a Year – The Yad

### How are points earned? It doesn't get easier than this!

- Torah reading – 1 point
- Haftarah reading – 2 points
- Leading a service (minyan, Shabbat, or holidays) – 1 point per service (so kids: If you lead Musaf and Torah service on Shabbat, that is a quick 2 points!)
- Celebrate your Bar or Bat Mitzvah anniversary by re-reciting your haftarah (you don't have to give your thank you speech again, unless you want to, of course) – 3 points!

The program will begin after the High Holidays. Please contact Raphe Panitz to let us know to add you to the Squad! And, a special thank you to **Jim Griscom** who regularly attends Shabbat services and brought this idea to us.

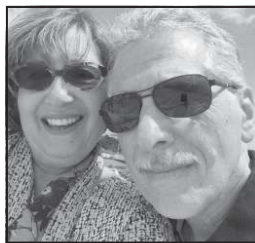
## Meet Your Board of Directors

### Abraham Brietstein

Judy and I moved to Knoxville in 1981 for me to complete an internship at Lakeshore Mental Health, and we have been here ever since. While both of us are from New York, Knoxville is now our home, and we have been members of Heska Amuna since we arrived in Knoxville. Both of our children, Autumn and Raina, were raised in Heska Amuna and had their bat mitzvahs here. They now live in New Jersey and Boston where they are raising our six grandchildren.

In my professional life, I am a clinical psychologist and have been in private practice for over 30 years, specializing in performing evaluations in cases of child custody and conducting psychotherapy with an emphasis on cognitive behavior therapy and mindfulness meditation. I have been an officer with the Tennessee Psychological Association and the Knoxville Area Psychological Association for a number of years and most recently served on the Board for the Knoxville chapter of the National Association for Mental Illness for five years, where I am still the facilitator for a family support group for families who have been touched by mental illness.

This is now my second year as a board member of Heska Amuna, and it is my hope that our synagogue will continue to thrive and be as vibrant for the next several decades as it was when Judy and I first moved to Knoxville.



*Past board member  
Judy and current  
board member  
Abraham Brietstein*

### Marilyn Holt Burnett

*By Mary Ann Merrell*

It is quite an understatement when Marilyn says she has been "involved in many aspects of Heska Amuna." It would most certainly be a shorter list to note what she has not done!

Marilyn became a Jew by choice in 1963; she and her husband Sidney, z"l, have a son Lenny who lives in Seattle with his wife, Karla. Marilyn served as the first Kitchen Supervisor under Sisterhood and then served as the synagogue supervisor and provided private kosher catering for over 25 years. We could write a cookbook of our favorite recipes she created for our simchas and a companion book about how to organize perfect events because a trademark of Marilyn is that *everything* is always perfectly done.

Outside of the kitchen, Marilyn has been in charge of the synagogue library, taught in the religious school, and is presently the Sisterhood Treasurer.

Marilyn's energy can also be seen through her work assisting the Facilities vice chair to help make Heska Amuna a beautiful spiritual home for all of us – inside and out. Along with Butterfly Bush co-chair Pat Rosenberg, she has transformed the grounds of Heska Amuna to create truly lovely outdoor spaces, gardens, and walkways.

Marilyn shares her dedication with the AJCC, KJDS, and other organizations. Marilyn has supported every aspect of our Heska Amuna community and her energy and enthusiasm for all she does is a most welcome addition to the Board.



## Change of Season, Change of Direction: Sisterhood Plans for a New Year

By Barb Levin, Heska Amuna Sisterhood president

Usually the end of summer with the secular holiday of Labor Day and the beginning of school heralds the beginning of the Jewish High Holiday season with all its activities. Luckily we have a brief time to breathe this year, which is great because this summer has been busy for Heska Amuna Sisterhood. The old and new boards have worked together to develop an exciting program for members. An inspiring installation service was directed by Rosalie Nagler on July 9. The next day, 25 members of the new and old Boards met together in a day long retreat. We created a set of challenging goals based on shared values. The identified shared values are: personal education and growth; synagogue and community service; sisterhood – support, respect, camaraderie, cooperation; and outreach to recognize full potential. The activities during the retreat were led by Annette Winston and Ellen Kern.

After some discussion, the group decided on three goals: 1) Promote education for women/families based on their personal needs and Jewish values; 2) Encourage service to Sisterhood/Synagogue and incentivize it; and 3) Encourage growth in the Synagogue community through outreach and engagement.

Activities and projects for Sisterhood over the next two years will be coordinated to meet these goals. The committee chairs will identify specific objectives for each activity along these guidelines. As an example, one of the first projects, the Jewish Learning at Home (JLAH) program of the Education Committee under Anna Iroff-Bailey's guidance is working to meet the educational goal.

In addition, these goals are being used for strategic financial planning by Sisterhood. A Financial Management committee under Lisa Jacobson's guidance will work with Treasurer Marilyn Burnett to set budgets for both short term and long term projects. Each committee is developing its own budget and financial needs. The idea is to coordinate efforts with the broader Synagogue community to make both the activities and the finances run more smoothly.

This month activities get into full swing with a personal needs assessment, a membership drive and brunch, Torah Fund campaign, and an Art Show. Join us and be part of the action team.

May I take this time to wish each of you and your family a sweet and joyous New Year.



Levin

## Heska Amuna Sisterhood News

### Torah Fund Pin for 5777 (2016-2017)

Each year, the women at Heska Amuna Synagogue show their support for Jewish education by contributing to the Women's League for Conservative Judaism's Torah Fund campaign. The funds collected are added to more than \$2 million dollars raised across the Conservative movement to support the four theological schools. Each Sisterhood has its own campaign for the Torah Fund. Some utilize the National pin (depicted on the right), while others have various fundraisers. Jenifer Ohriner is the Torah Fund Chair for Heska Amuna Sisterhood. She will be arranging for this year's pins to be delivered to donors before the High Holiday season.

For the past several years, funds raised by Torah Fund have gone toward scholarships to all the schools. There are continuing opportunities for sisterhoods and individuals to provide support to all four institutions through Torah Fund. Thousands of dedicated volunteers have contributed to the spiritual, esthetic and material well being of these educational communities by supporting Torah Fund projects. Jenifer's son, Phillip is a conservative Rabbi trained at JTS.

Women's League's support of the Torah Fund Campaign helps strengthen Conservative/Masorti Judaism by ensuring Conservative/Masorti Jewish education! For more information, please visit [jtsa.edu/torah-fund](http://jtsa.edu/torah-fund) or contact Jenifer Ohriner through her email: [ohrinerj@gmail.com](mailto:ohrinerj@gmail.com).



*P'ri yadehah, which means the fruit of her hands, is a phrase from the beloved Eishet Chayil prayer, taken from the Book of Proverbs (31:31).*

*Celebrating women's achievements and creativity with the 2017 Torah Fund pin/pendant, designed by Eytan Brandes.*

## ARTS and CRAFTS! Show Set for September 18

Join Sisterhood along with area artists and crafters at *Deli on the Roof* on Sunday, September 18, 10:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. at the Arnstein Jewish Community Center. We will be showing and selling our work upstairs at the AJCC. Thirty percent of proceeds will benefit Heska Amuna Religious School! Have a delicious deli lunch, then walk it off by strolling through our show and SHOPPING!

We still have many spots for vendors so if you wish to sell or know a talented artist who might be interested, call Harriet Glasman at 671-2698. Hope to see you soon!



## Heska Amuna Religious School News

Betty Golub, Youth and Family Programming Director

We are off to an exciting beginning with our Jewish Journey for 5777. Does your child like to sing and dance, perhaps try their hand at dramatics, speak a foreign language? Well, we have a Hebrew program for you. This year, our students in grades 3-7 will be studying Tefillah-prayer by using different learning styles.

**Hebrew in Harmony** is a new program that utilizes music to engage our students. Studies have shown that music is a key factor in increasing a child's skills. Music is used as a conduit to affective learning. It encourages children to be engaged in learning by using new songs about the prayers, finding their own relevance to prayer and seeing themselves as part of the continuum of the Jewish people. The students will virtually meet their music instructor. These musicians are in the forefront of modern Jewish music.

*Hebrew in Harmony* consists of lessons that are divided into modules. Each module consists of:

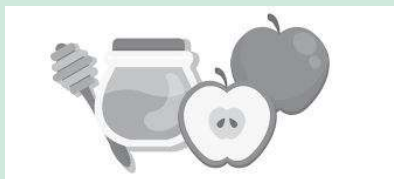
- Curriculum Core
- Student journals
- Digital activities: videos, downloadable music, Hebrew reading and recording, and games

The lessons have been structured by using the educational philosophy of **Understanding by Design**, which is used in our schools. Activities are structured from the desired outcomes and goals. Our teachers can select the lessons and activities that are best suited to our goals. There are a variety of activities in each lesson that will result in a fast paced and energetic learning experience. This will meet the needs of all our children with their diverse learning styles. Our children will not be sitting during the Hebrew session. They will be moving, working in small groups, listening and singing to music, having art and drama and most importantly, they will be challenged.

Please go to the Behrman House website ([www.behrmanhouse.com](http://www.behrmanhouse.com)) and get yourself up and moving to Tefillah! This is Jewish Zumba!



Morah Betty



**Family Services at Heska Amuna Synagogue** will include Rosh HaShanah Day 1 and 2, Kol Nidre, Yom Kippur, with separate activities for Teens & Junior Congregation, a family service, and child care.

Please visit our website at [www.heskaamuna.org/religious-school/](http://www.heskaamuna.org/religious-school/) for all details!

## HESKA AMUNA TODDLER PROGRAMMING FALL 2016

### Gan K'tan

**Sunday, 10:00-11:30a.m.**

Sunday morning program for young children (3 and under) and their parents. We play, sing, dance, craft, and experience Judaism through fun, engaging activities. Open to the entire community so bring a friend!

- ★ September 18
- ★ October 16
- ★ November 6
- ★ December 4



### Tot Shabbat

**Friday, 5:30 p.m.**

Family-friendly service geared for ages 6 and under, though all are welcome! We celebrate Shabbat with songs and books in a relaxed atmosphere. Community Shabbat dinner starts at 6:00, followed by Friday Night Chill!

- ★ September 23
- ★ October 21 – in the Sukkah!
- ★ November 18



## Religious School Dates to Remember

- ★ Sunday, September 4
- ★ Sunday, September 11
- ★ Sunday, September 18
- ★ Wednesday, September 21
- ★ Friday, September 23
- ★ Saturday, September 24
- ★ Sunday, September 25
- ★ Wednesday, September 28

No School – Labor Day Weekend  
School & Jewish Learning at Home (JLAH) for Rosh Hashanah  
School Opening  
School 3rd - 7th grades  
Tot Shabbat & Friday Night Chill  
Shabbat School  
No School—Sisterhood Brunch  
School 3rd - 7th grades



## Friday Night Chill

Heska Amuna Synagogue

### Friday, September 23—All welcome!

**6:00 Shabbat Dinner**  
**6:45 Kabbalat Shabbat**  
**8:15 Chill!**

An engaging, family-friendly, lay-led Friday night experience! Join us for a communal Shabbat dinner followed by a Carlebach-style Kabbalat Shabbat service. Then stick around for "chill time" with dessert, board games, z'mirot, and relaxing conversations. Come as you are, and bring the kids and friends. All are welcome to learn and celebrate with us!

Heska Amuna High Holy Day Services Everyone Welcome!	Day	Date	Service Time
Selichot Joint Service (at Heska Amuna this year)	Sat	September 24	8:30 p.m.
<b>Rosh Hashanah (October 3 – 4)</b>			
Erev Rosh Hashanah	Sun	October 2	7:00 p.m.
Rosh Hashanah (1 <sup>st</sup> Day)	Mon	October 3	9:30 a.m.
Tashlich (Cherokee Blvd. fountain)	Mon	October 3	4:30 p.m.
Rosh Hashanah (2 <sup>nd</sup> Day)	Tues	October 4	9:30 a.m.
<b>Yom Kippur</b>			
Shabbat Shuva	Sat	October 8	9:30 a.m.
Joint Cemetery Service (at New Cemetery)	Sun	October 9	11:00 a.m.
Kol Nidre	Tues	October 11	6:30 p.m.
Yom Kippur & Yizkor	Wed	October 12	9:30 a.m.
<b>Sukkot (October 17 – 23)</b>			
Building the Sukkah	Sun	October 16	9:00 a.m.
Sukkah Decoration & Lunch	Sun	October 16	10:00 a.m.
1 <sup>st</sup> Day Sukkot	Mon	October 17	7:00 a.m.
2 <sup>nd</sup> Day Sukkot	Tues	October 18	9:30 a.m.
Shabbat Kiddush in Sukkah (weather permitting)	Sat	October 22	9:30 a.m.
Hoshanah Rabbah	Sun	October 23	9:30-11a
Shemini Atzeret & Yizkor	Mon	October 24	9:30 a.m.
<b>Simchat Torah</b>			
Simchat Torah Dinner	Mon	October 24	7:00 p.m.
Simchat Torah	Tues	October 25	9:30 a.m.

## Contributions to Heska Amuna Synagogue

Donations received as of July 25, 2016

### Butterfly Fund

*In Memory of Lynn Hecht*  
from Eugene & Pat Rosenberg

### Cemetery Fund

*In Memory of Marvin and Lynn Hecht*  
from Bill & Ellen Berez  
*In Memory of Joseph Green and Joseph Weinbren*  
from Jeffrey & Anita Miller

### Educational Enrichment Fund

Kurt & Susan Piehler  
Contente; David Perkins & Robin Goldberg

### Educator's Supplement Fund

*In Memory of Marvin and Lynn Hecht*  
from Lester & Betty Golub  
*In Memory of Lewis Littmann*  
from Mark & Peggy Littmann  
*In Honor of Mark & Peggy Littmann's Son's Wedding; In Honor of Raphael and Suzette Panitz's Son's Wedding*

from Lester & Betty Golub

### General Fund

*In Honor of Barb Levin for receiving the Phyllis Grusin Weinstein Award*  
from Harvey & Marilyn Liberman  
*In Memory of Victor Hanan*  
from Marty & Martha Iroff  
*In Memory of Lynn Hecht*  
from Theodore & Wendy Besmann, Harvey & Marilyn Liberman, and Robert & Carole Martin  
*In Memory of Bernie Iroff*  
from Marty & Martha Iroff  
*In Memory of Anne Carol Morrison Tomlinson*  
from Harvey & Marilyn Liberman, Robert & Carole Martin

### Library Fund

*In Memory of Lynn Hecht*  
from Bernie & Barbara Bernstein

*In Memory of Edward Mottzman*

from Raphael, Susette, William & Nicole Panitz  
*In Memory of Anne Tomlinson*  
from Bernie & Barbara Bernstein

### Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

*In Memory of Lynn Hecht*  
from Jack Benhayon  
*In Memory of Anne Carol Morrison Tomlinson*  
from Jack Benhayon

### Sylvia Robinson Memorial Fund

*In Honor of Natalie Robinson's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday*  
from Mark & Carol Harris

### Yahrzeit Fund

*In Memory of Isaac Benhayon*  
from Jack Benhayon  
*In Memory of Israel M. Dyller*

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### Permanent Schedule

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

Evening minyanim for members  
can be arranged by calling President  
Raphe Panitz one week before.

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

For a list of Heska Amuna's funds and  
other information, please visit  
[www.heskaamuna.org](http://www.heskaamuna.org)

### HESKA AMUNA SYNAGOGUE

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from Howard & Marilyn Pollio  
*In Memory of Mark Fleishman*  
from Seth & Nataly Fleishman  
*In Memory of Lynn Hecht*  
from Mark & Carol Harris  
*In Memory of my Father and Mother*  
from Mark Homer  
*In Memory of Homer Kramer*  
from Genevieve Kramer  
*In Memory of Thelka Naumann*  
from Trudy Dreyer  
*In Memory of Bessie Perelman*  
from Charles & Marie Perelman  
*In Memory of William Russler,*  
Sarah Gershek & Fanny Russler  
from Nicole Russler  
*In Memory of Marshall Stern*  
from Mark & Carol Harris



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## Knoxville Jewish Community Family of Funds

*A Supporting Organization of the Knoxville Jewish Alliance and the East Tennessee Foundation to preserve and strengthen the Jewish Community of Knoxville*

## The Collective Impact of the Ice Bucket Challenge

*By Carole H. Martin, KJCF President*

You remember the Ice Bucket Challenge of August 2014. It was ubiquitous: social media postings, national television spots, students of every age in every kind of educational institution from pre-school to university dousing each other, celebrities pouring water on their perfectly groomed tresses—all spreading the soggy message of ALS. This was a cultural phenomenon, 21<sup>st</sup> century style.

Although the Challenge began in Boston, it quickly went national. And with it, the awareness level of ALS skyrocketed. The campaign inspired donations by tens of thousands who had never before heard of the disease. A high percentage of those who participated in the Ice Bucket Challenge contributed to the ALS fund. And those who participated joined in something bigger than themselves: the Challenge showed us that individual actions can combine to make a big difference. The collective donation specifically funds researchers involved in Project MinE. The ALS Association describes MinE's goal as "to sequence the genomes of 22,500 people – 15,000 people living with ALS and 7,500 people without the disease. It is the first and largest genome sequencing effort to date, involving 16 countries in a collaborative effort to discover new genes."

Just last month (July 2016), researchers reported the discovery of a newly identified gene, NEK1. When all those water lovers from 8 to 88 took the Ice Bucket Challenge in 2014, no one thought it would eventually bring in over \$100 million dollars to advance research! This important new finding is a direct result of the outpouring of support from individuals, one bucket at a time.

The Knoxville Jewish Community Family of Funds won't ask you to pour water on your head. Yet, we remind you of the KJCF's mission to have a collaborative impact on our local community, just as each Ice Bucket contributor was of value in making a difference. Do you wonder if your singular effort would be substantive? Yes; your individual fund within our Family of Funds is your "drop in the bucket" that joins with others to make an impact! Feel free to contact me at [KJCFFPresident@gmail.com](mailto:KJCFFPresident@gmail.com).



### Donations

#### Heska Amuna Cemetery Fund

*For the yahrzeits of Douglas Morrison & Jim Nash;  
thank you to Keith Richards*

Mary Linda Schwarzbart

#### Heska Amuna Educators Supplement Fund

*In memory of Lewis Littmann*

Mark & Peggy Littmann

#### Jewish Family Service Fund

Richard & Jacki Imbrey

#### Harold & Ida Markman Endowment Fund of Education

Richard & Jacki Imbrey

#### Sylvia Robinson Memorial Fund

*In honor of Natalie Robinson's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday  
Mark & Carol Harris*

### Grants

★ Heska Amuna Synagogue received a grant from the **Heska Amuna Educational Enrichment Fund** for the religious school's purchase of Hebrew in Harmony.

★ **B'nai Tzedek**, the Knoxville Jewish Alliance's teen philanthropy program, made two grants: one to the KJA's Jewish Family Services program to support seniors locally and one to Friends of Yad LaKashish, to support seniors in Israel.

## KNOXVILLE JEWISH COMMUNITY FAMILY OF FUNDS BOARD OF DIRECTORS

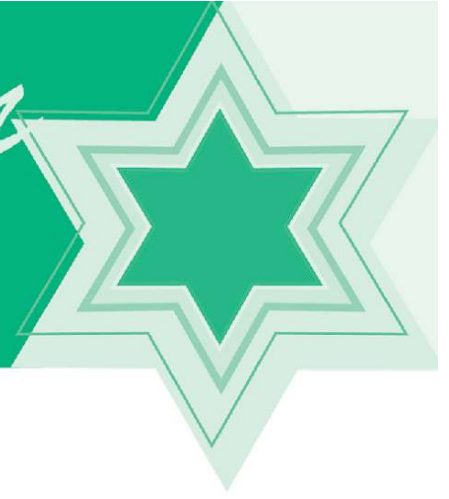
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The Board of Directors of the Knoxville Jewish Community Family of Funds thanks the Knoxville Jewish community, the Knoxville Jewish Alliance staff, and the East Tennessee Foundation for their support and encouragement. The KJCF encourages you to help insure the healthy future of our Knoxville Jewish community by including a commitment to the KJCF in your financial and estate planning.

To learn more about KJCF philanthropic opportunities, call 690-6343 or visit [www.jewishknoxville.org/kjcff](http://www.jewishknoxville.org/kjcff)



# Jewish Congregation of Oak Ridge



## President's Corner

*By Meir Niad*

On the last day of summer before Oak Ridge Schools started their new year we held a Back to School Cookout and Game Time event, an event which I hope to repeat every year. All ages had a lot of fun with water games outside or board games inside, along with plenty to eat thanks to Grillmaster Zeke Charles.

I am also pleased to report that members from the men's clubs of both JCOR and Heska Amuna gathered at Bailey's Sports Grille for food and drinks along with a friendly exhibition of darts. More joint Men's Club events are in the works. We will be going to Maryville College on Saturday, September 10 to watch a Roller Derby match.



*JCOR and Heska Amuna Men's Club members before our epic darts throwdown at Bailey Sports Grille.*



*(Above) Schmoozing and gaming at the JCOR cookout.*



*(Right) Four teams competed in our first water balloon toss contest.*

## JCOR High Holy Days Schedule 2016

<b>Selichot</b>	<b>September 24</b> , 7 p.m., program features the movie <i>Fill the Void</i> , Israel, 2012
	<b>September 24</b> , 9 p.m., service
<b>Erev Rosh Hashanah</b>	<b>October 2</b> , 7:30 p.m.
<b>Rosh Hashanah I</b>	<b>October 3</b> , 9:30 a.m.
<b>Children's Service</b>	<b>October 3</b> , 10:30-11:30 a.m.
<b>Tashlich &amp; Potluck Dinner</b>	<b>October 3</b> , 4 p.m. At Oak Ridge Marina Bring your shofars!
<b>Rosh Hashanah II</b>	<b>October 4</b> , 9:30 a.m.
<b>Kol Nidre</b>	<b>October 11</b> , 6:30 p.m.
<b>Yom Kippur</b>	<b>October 12</b> , 9:30 a.m.
<b>Children's Service</b>	<b>October 12</b> , 10:30-11:30 a.m.
<b>Yom Kippur Mincha</b>	<b>October 12</b> , 5:15 p.m.
<b>Yom Kippur "Break-fast"</b>	<b>October 12</b> , immediately following service
<b>First day, Sukkot</b>	<b>October 17</b> , 11 a.m.
<b>Shemini Atzeret/ Yizkor</b>	<b>October 24</b> , 11 a.m.
<b>Simchat Torah</b>	<b>October 24</b> , 6:30 p.m.

### New & Future Members Shabbat & Dinner Friday, September 9 —6:30 p.m.

Join us as members new and established welcome Shabbat and enjoy dinner prepared by Sisterhood, as we mix & mingle the night away. Please RSVP to Peggy Laxton -(865) 269-4649

**The Oak Ridge Chapter of Hadassah  
has a large selection of Hadassah cards,  
certificates, and trees.**

Support Hadassah by sending cards.  
For more info, call Mira at 483-7972

### Donations to Oak Ridge Hadassah

- ★ Mazel Tov to Nathaniel Laing on his Bar Mitzvah, from *Mira Kimmelman*
- ★ Congratulations to Elena and Carlos Bamberger on the graduation of their granddaughter and the marriage of their grandson

### JCOR Hosts and Hostesses

<b>August 6</b>	Mira Kimmelman, Peggy and Randy Laxton
<b>August 13</b>	Shelby & Mark Kaye Barbara & Larry Landau
<b>August 20</b>	Vera & Leon Maya, Ilana & Moshe Siman-Tov
<b>August 27</b>	Brenda & Sig Mosko, Meir Niad
<b>September 3</b>	Nona & Sam Poole, Catherine Braunstein
<b>September 10</b>	Jill & Stuart Chasan, Karen Brunner, Fran Silver,
<b>September 17</b>	Carolyn & Julian Stein, Rhonda & Ron Sternfels
<b>September 24</b>	Mel Tobias, Bruce Tomkins
<b>October 1</b>	Yardena & Moshe Yair, Sarah & David Stuart

### JEWISH CONGREGATION OF OAK RIDGE

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JCOR's Saturday morning service begins at 9:30 a.m.  
For the Friday evening service schedule, please  
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# CHABAD OF KNOXVILLE

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## Android or iPhone?

By Rabbi Yossi Wilhelm

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Is the Torah like an iPhone or Android? While both phones are man-made, finite and probably won't survive if they fall in to your bathtub and the Torah is G-d made and has survived expulsions, wars and everything in between, these little devices (they started as big, slowly became smaller and smaller, now we're back to big) have become so much a part of our lives, that there has to be a lesson for our day-to-day life from these smart devices.

One of the big arguments between iPhone users and Android users is the open vs. walled garden. Those in love with the green little robot (does he or she have a name?) argue – and rightfully so – that the Android platform is open source and can be customized to each person's likings. You can change the keyboard, the colors, the functions of keys--you can find an app for almost anything you can think of you'd want to do with an Android phone.

True, retorts the Apple guy (BTW who took that bite from the apple?) and because of the open source, Android can be glitchy and is more vulnerable to viruses. Apple, on the other hand, wants to protect its users so they have a smooth experience.

The Talmud teaches "all teachings from a scrupulous Torah student (scholar) is part of the Torah given to Moses at Sinai." Furthermore, the Midrash tells us, G-d chose to give the Torah in the desert which is a symbol of ownerless, a place open to anyone and everyone, so no one can say the Torah belongs only to me or the other way around; no one can claim the Torah is not for them.

Of course G-d could have had an exclusive event inviting only people of certain credentials, giving only them the ability to teach Torah and perhaps there would be few or even no misinterpretations. But the open source gives each and every Jew and each and every person – not just the sages – the opportunity to learn, teach and live a Torah life.

Now let's admit there are some dangers to an open source Torah. As we see throughout the generations, there have been people who misinterpreted the Torah, and contradicted the very meaning of the Torah. That is why G-d gave Moses a set of rules through which one can study, expound and derive from the Torah. Rules which keep the Torah scholar in line so they don't create a virus by misinterpreting the Torah. Rules which help the Torah scholar's learning and teachings become part of the Torah given to Moses.

So, whether you have an Android or Apple device, you can subscribe to a variety of daily Torah emails, visit [www.ChabadKnoxville.org](http://www.ChabadKnoxville.org) or search your Play Store or your App Store for apps by Chabad.org. You can study, teach and share and make it your own Torah given to Moses at Sinai.

SAVE THE DATE

September 11



10:00am  
Chalet @ Chabad

September 17



10:00 Minyan - 12:30 Kiddush

September 20, 22,  
26 & 28



4 Nights • 7 - 9 pm

9/20: Holiday Challah  
9/22: Holiday Side-Dishes  
9/26: Holiday Desserts  
9/28: Holiday Dips & Salads

Wine will be served

RSVP at ME@KJDS.org

October 2

Rosh Hashanah  
Community  
Dinner

6:30 pm

Details to follow

October 3 & 4

Rosh Hashanah  
Family Services

At Chalet @ Chabad

Full Schedule to follow



# JAHRZEIT

## *Heska Amuna Synagogue*

### September 3

Betty Billig ♦ Estelle Binder ♦ Gene Bocknek ♦ Max Cohen ♦ Oscar Isaacs ♦ Seymour Landis ♦ Joseph Leeds ♦ Robert Messing ♦ Thomas Miner ♦ A.J. Robinson ♦ Sam Rudnick ♦ Steven Shersky ♦ Morris Shorr

### September 10

Bella Allen ♦ Dustee Bendes ♦ Jean Berger ♦ Ida Chandler ♦ Rosa Deitch ♦ Irene Deutsch ♦ Ethel Foster ♦ Irving Goelman ♦ Julius Gruenberg ♦ Lawrence Hahn ♦ Rebecca Krauss ♦ Sylvia Leibowitz ♦ Barney Levine ♦ Hyman Liberman ♦ David Linwood ♦ Rebecca Millen ♦ Samuel Poster ♦ Albert Ring ♦ Louis Roth ♦ Martin Schwab ♦ Shlomo Shloush ♦ Tessie Siegel ♦ Molly Thorp ♦ Helen Tobe

### September 17

Wolf Brody ♦ Gershon Cooper ♦ Andy Frank ♦ Ada Garber ♦ Daniel Goodman ♦ Sylvia Greenfield ♦ Jennye Grusin ♦ Max Hasden ♦ Muriel Littmann ♦ Hannah Nius ♦ Anna Belle O'Brien ♦ Louis Perelman ♦ Betty Presser ♦ Emanuel Schenkel ♦ Bea Schwartz ♦ Robert Zalkin

### September 24

Decia Bendriem ♦ Sarah Billig ♦ Adrian Burnett ♦ Molly Cohen ♦ Harry Davis ♦ Abraham Drutz ♦ Lillian Friedman ♦ Dora Frumin ♦ Erwin Herz ♦ Sol Kaplan ♦ Esther Perlberg ♦ A. Stanley Robinson ♦ Frieda Robinson ♦ Freda Samet ♦ Leah Schiff ♦ A.C. Scott ♦ Abraham Silber ♦ Louis Slovis ♦ William Zeff

# JAHRZEIT

## TEMPLE BETH EL

### September 2

Hermine Beiler ♦ Ida Bing ♦ Beatrice Bush ♦ Rudy Crohn ♦ Harold Garber ♦ Bella Goldfeld ♦ Frances Guthman ♦ Milton Samuel Levy ♦ Jeanne Rockmaker ♦ Vincent Salomone ♦ Tom Theriot

### September 9

Dorothy Jane Allen ♦ Bertha Brunschwig Bollag ♦ Zelmora H. Brody ♦ Ida Chandler ♦ Mellitta Sommerfreund Colland ♦ Arthur Copcutt ♦ Harry Davis ♦ Fivel Feldman ♦ Ada Garber ♦ Seymour Gerson ♦ Julius Alfred Goodfriend ♦ George M Hill ♦ Helen Koffman ♦ Martin J. Krakauer ♦ Annie Mace ♦ Marilyn Rabin ♦ Max M. Reich ♦ Emanuel Samuel ♦ Emanuel Schenkel ♦ Khasya Shaposhnikova ♦ Israel Weiss ♦ Ernest Wohl ♦ Maurice Zauber

### September 16

Max W. Derby ♦ Arthur Feinbaum ♦ Morris Goodfriend ♦ Rose Kreisler ♦ Stanley E. Levy ♦ Elaine Lewis ♦ Jacob Margolies ♦ Renee Samuel Oury ♦ Martin Plachter ♦ Edwin R Stein ♦ Igor Tabakman ♦ Lewis Issac Waxelbaum

### September 23

Jack Bernard ♦ Samuel L. Gassel ♦ Adolph Gelber ♦ Julia Herrmann ♦ Paula Kahn ♦ Lewis Kay ♦ Linda J. Scheiner ♦ Irving Shey ♦ Sidney Tumpson ♦ George William Wadsworth

### September 30

Peggy Austin ♦ Evan Dean Brody ♦ Michael Diamond ♦ Gerald A. Dortch ♦ Kennard Gross ♦ Mordechai G Heiser ♦ Ellison Jacobstein ♦ Walter B. Johnson ♦ Raymond R. Landsberger ♦ Dorothy Levy Licht ♦ Sam Miller ♦ Alan Shefner ♦ Joseph Smuckler ♦ Celia Stein ♦ Beatrice Sturm ♦ Hyman Taylor ♦ Fannie Tomshinsky

# Hadassah HIGHLIGHTS

HADASSAH  
THE WOMEN'S ZIONIST  
ORGANIZATION OF  
AMERICA, INC.



## COME LEARN ABOUT HADASSAH'S **COALITION for WOMEN'S HEALTH EQUITY**

**Sunday, October 9, 2016**

**2:00 – 4:00 pm**

Arnstein Jewish Community Center  
6800 Deane Hill Drive

Researchers have reported for some time that signs of heart attacks and the needed treatments are very different for men and women. Finally, because your HADASSAH took the lead, women are standing together to advocate for needed gender based research across many diseases and health issues!

Hadassah started the growing *Coalition for Women's Health Equity* (16 organizations at this time) to create a well-coordinated, unified force to advocate for women's health equity. **The inequities in health research, drugs, and treatments for women reflect one of the most hidden elements of gender discrimination remaining today.**

Hadassah Knoxville's membership event this year will focus on this theme. Come learn about some of the gender differences that exist across many health issues. We will be inviting local members of other coalition partners to attend this event.

*Of course there will be time to network, meet new caring women, and eat some great food.*

**Please RSVP to [barbara@bmintz.com](mailto:barbara@bmintz.com) or call 690-7191 and join us for this exciting program.**



## Hadassah Large Certificates Program

*We gratefully acknowledge recent donations (received as of July 21, 2016):*

### **Simcha certificate contributions in honor of:**

*The Bat Mitzvah of Mrs. Marlene Sontz*  
Andrea and Barry Cone

*The Bat Mitzvah of Celia Adlin, daughter of Jill and Rich Adlin*  
Nancy & Jeffrey Becker, John & Mary Evars-Goan, Laura & Frank Floyd, Peggy & Mark Littmann, Carole & Robert Martin, Mary Ann & Bryan Merrell, Barbara & Seth Mintz

*The Bat Mitzvah of Paige Quarterero, daughter of Jami and Alan Quarterero*  
Nancy & Jeffrey Becker, John & Mary Evars-Goan, Laura & Frank Floyd, Dina & Andrew Kramer, Peggy & Mark Littmann, Carole & Robert Martin, Mary Ann & Bryan Merrell, Mary Linda Schwarzbart, Susan & Harold Silber

*The Bat Mitzvah of Keara Bain, daughter of Tara and Brad Bain*  
Bonnie & Van Boring, John & Mary Evars-Goan, Carole & Robert Martin, Mary Ann & Bryan Merrell

*The Bar Mitzvah of Ryan Gibbons, son of Melinda and Tony Gibbons*  
Bonnie & Van Boring, John & Mary Evars-Goan, Carole & Robert Martin, Mary Ann & Bryan Merrell, Mary Linda Schwarzbart

*The Bar Mitzvah of Reuben Margulies, son of Imelda and Aaron Margulies*  
John & Mary Evars-Goan, Judy & Harvey Kaufman, Peggy & Mark Littmann, Carole & Robert Martin, Mary Linda Schwarzbart

*The Marriage of Nicole Meagan Shrader and William Jeffrey Panitz, son of Susette and Raphe Panitz*  
Nancy & Jeffrey Becker, John & Mary Evars-Goan, Laura & Frank Floyd, Peggy & Mark Littmann, Carole & Robert Martin, Mary Ann & Bryan Merrell, Mary Linda Schwarzbart, Susan & Harold Silber

### **Contributions in memory of recent losses in our community:**

*Sam Abrams, uncle of Alan, Terry, Martin, and Corey Abrams*

Bernard & Barbara Winick Bernstein, Marilyn Burnett, John & Mary Evars-Goan, Carolyn & Jan Fay, Barbara & Ronald Isenberg, Judy & Harvey Kaufman, Sandra & Norman Licht, Peggy & Mark Littmann, Carole & Robert Martin, Mary Ann & Bryan Merrell, Evelyn & Steve Oberman, Mary Linda Schwarzbart

*Joel Meyer*  
Anita and Jeff Miller

*Marjorie Pardee, mother of Michael (Liz Gassel) Pardee*  
John & Mary Evars-Goan, Judy & Harvey Kaufman, Shelley & Marc Mangold, Carole & Robert Martin, Mary Ann & Bryan Merrell, The Noon Family, Mary Linda Schwarzbart, Linda & Philip Zaretzki

*Jacob Sutherland, son of Lynn and Gary Sutherland*  
John & Mary Evars-Goan, Judy & Harvey Kaufman, Shelley & Marc Mangold, Carole & Robert Martin

**Participation in the Large Certificates Program** is available to everyone, whether you are a Hadassah member or not. If you would like to receive e-mail notices when certificates are opened, or for more information, **contact Mary Ann Merrell at [hadassahcertificates@gmail.com](mailto:hadassahcertificates@gmail.com).**



## Celebrate Newborns via Layette Certificates

Shalom Ya'll,

If you would like to have your name signed on the following cards, please let me know as I will be mailing these out very soon. Anyone can contribute to a Layette—you don't

have to be a Hadassah member for this mitzvah!

Give me a call or send me a message to be included.

Thanks, Judi ([judi.abrams@gmail.com](mailto:judi.abrams@gmail.com) )



## President's Message

By Laura Floyd

When I was treasurer of Knoxville Hadassah (for many years), I would often joke at meetings and events that I was the one who took your money, adding that I would be willing to take some right then. Non-profit organizations do not survive without donations. It does seem that every time we turn around, we are being asked to donate to one worthy cause after another. Hadassah is often right there at the forefront, showcasing all the wonderful things your donations do and then asking for more.

It was with great pleasure that I learned recently that Hadassah earned a 4-star rating from Charity Navigator, the nation's largest independent charity evaluator. For Financial, the score was 91.04. This is broken down by percentages of where your money goes. The link to see the details of this is <https://www.charitynavigator.org/index.cfm?bay=search.summary&orgid=7699>.

For accountability and transparency Hadassah scored a 96. There is a long list of metrics for this as well. Hadassah's overall score was 93.06 which is a 4-star rating. The American Heart Association's overall score was 91.18 and March of Dimes 71.86, just to name a few well-known charities.

This information makes me so proud of our organization. We recently had the No-Show Pool Party fundraiser for the Sarah Wetsman Davidson Tower and to know that almost every penny we collected went to the Tower is fantastic.

So as you are asked to give and give again to Hadassah, please know that your money is well spent and is getting to where it is needed, to continue the good works that Hadassah does here and in Israel. I thank everyone for supporting this wonderful organization.



## Hadassah Knoxville Invites You to the 2016 HMO Luncheon

### "Women, Eating & Emotion: Understanding our Hunger"

presented by

Siri Khalsa Zemel, MS, RD, LDN,  
PhD Candidate Mind Body Medicine

**Sunday, November 13, 2016**  
**11:30 am-1:30 pm**

The Lighthouse  
6800 Baum Drive

Double Chai (\$36) minimum contribution

RSVP with your check made payable to Hadassah  
to Jenny Pfeffer by October 15, 2016  
(See Enclosed Envelope)

## Help Israel: Purchase Tree/Water Certificates through Knoxville Hadassah

Israel is always in need of trees and water. Please help the forests by planting a tree and/or helping develop water resources. Plant a tree today. Since 1926, we have partnered with JNF to drain swamplands, plant forests, develop water resources and preserve Israel's ecology. Giving opportunities include:

**One Tree \$18**

**Ten Trees \$150 (Circle of Trees)**

**Fifty Trees \$750 (Garden of Trees)**



You may designate a name for certificates in memory of someone, sending get well wishes to an individual, in honor of a birthday, anniversary, birth, marriage, engagement or someone's accomplishment.

**Contact Joyce York at (865) 384-6177 or [joyceyork12@gmail.com](mailto:joyceyork12@gmail.com)**  
to arrange for a tree or water certificate to be sent for you. You don't have to be a Hadassah member to perform this mitzvah!



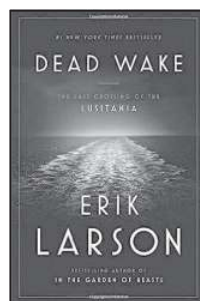


## Hadassah Book Club News

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

Our **September meeting will be Tuesday, September 20, at 7:30 p.m. at Barnes and Noble Bookstore** on Kingston Pike. We'll be discussing *Dead Wake: The Last Crossing of the Lusitania* by best-selling author Erik Larson.

**SYNOPSIS:** On May 1, 1915, with WWI entering its tenth month, a luxury ocean liner, as richly appointed as an English country house, sailed out of New York, bound for Liverpool, carrying a record number of children and infants. The passengers were surprisingly at ease, even though Germany had declared the seas around Britain to be a war zone. For months, German U-boats had brought terror to the North Atlantic. But the Lusitania was one of the era's great transatlantic "Greyhounds"—the fastest liner then in service—and her captain, William Thomas Tuner, placed tremendous faith in the gentlemanly strictures of warfare that for a century had kept civilian ships safe from attack.



Germany, however, was determined to change the rules of the game, and Walther Schwieger, the captain of Unterseeboot-20, was happy to oblige. Meanwhile, an ultra-secret British intelligence unit tracked Schwieger's U-boat, but told no one. As U-20 and the Lusitania made their way toward Liverpool, an array of forces both grand and achingly small—hubris, a chance fog, a closely guarded secret, and more—all converged to produce one of the great disasters of history.

It is a story that many of us think we know but don't, and Erik Larson tells it thrillingly, switching between hunter and hunted while painting a larger portrait of America at the height of the Progressive Era. Full of glamour and suspense, *Dead Wake* brings to life a cast of evocative characters, from famed Boston bookseller Charles Lauriat to pioneering female architect Theodate Pope to President Woodrow Wilson.

**QUESTIONS:** Please contact Peggy Littmann, [plittmann@comcast.net](mailto:plittmann@comcast.net), or cell (865) 776-1013. For any last minute updates, check the Hadassah web site at [www.jewishknoxville.org/hadassah](http://www.jewishknoxville.org/hadassah) or from the home page of [jewishknoxville.org](http://jewishknoxville.org) - click on top menu choice "Adults," then under Social Action, you will find the Hadassah link.

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# Stanford Eisenberg Knoxville Jewish Day School

## KJDS Welcomes Largest Kindergarten Class to Date

KJDS has established a name in our community for being a joyous community for students to learn. While the learning is rigorous, the environment is safe and encouraging and students maximize their potential. Our alumni successfully transition to public and private schools, taking leadership roles in their respective middle schools.

As our school continues to grow, we are excited to welcome our largest Kindergarten class to date. Our youngest students got right to work learning and working their very first week.

During their first Unit of Inquiry Ms. Mary Alice and our K-1 students will explore the essential question *Where in the World is Knoxville, TN?* To pique their curiosity and tie their lesson into real world experiences, the students looked at pictures of the Olympic Opening Ceremonies in Rio and watched a video clip of the American team parading into the arena. After listening to clips of the national anthems and finding Brazil on a map, the students were divided into four groups. Three groups created flags and one created the Olympic Torch. Each group collaborated and debated how they should create the flags and the torch. After the flags and torch were created, the children paraded around KJDS. They carried the torch and flags proudly.

As they continue on their learning journey they will learn map skills as they locate the continents, oceans, find the United States of America and ultimately be able to locate Tennessee and then Knoxville



*Kindergarteners create new flags, then parade through the school.*



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## Staff Gears Up for Fantastic Year

KJDS staff enjoyed a week of great discussion, collaboration and fun. Our Professional Development mirrors our approach to education and teaching. Collaborative discussions help form policies and procedures and innovative games are used to dig deeper, form relationships and review content learned.

A highlight of our professional development week was learning about the rich KJDS history, its origin, how the school got its name and the journey of how its educational philosophy has formed and been upheld.



(L-R) Ms. Louise leads a session during PD week. Ms. Louise also prepared an escape style game for the final activity of our full staff personal development day. Teachers worked in teams to “escape KJDS” by following clues and solving puzzles..



Super Hero capes donated by KJDS alumnus Lila Singer and sewn by Martha Iroff, represent our thoughts about our teachers. Each and every one of them is a superhero!

## Learning begins with Joy!

At KJDS we've been inspired by Ron Clark to kick off our school year with a bang! We are excited by the possibilities of the coming year and we want the kids to come in ready for the BEST YEAR OF THEIR LIFE! Our teachers turned into super heroes to welcome our students and parents. Students then enjoyed an impressive magic show by a young Israeli Magician Yarden Shalev. The audience, oooohed, aaaaahed, cheered and laughed as Yarden entertained. To finish this exciting evening, the K-1 students explored worms with Ms. Mary Alice, 2-3 students travelled around their room with a scavenger hunt prepared by Ms. Julie, and 4-5 was put the task with a design challenge prepared by Ms. Wulf.

The celebrations continued on our first day of school. Moving in groups, students visited stations that had activities based on a book turned movie. Students collaborated, dreamed big, shared thoughts about KJDS and had pure fun! And of course it wouldn't be a back-to-school party without our mascot. This year he brought cool shades for all of us. We are off to a great start!



*(Clockwise) Israeli Magician Yarden Shalev entertains at our back-to-school party.*

*Gabe shows off his "worm"!*

*Our mascot NAME kicks off our back-to-school bash with some cool-looking shades.*

*Second and third graders read a clue from their scavenger hunt.*



## KJDS is 10 Years Old Highlights from Our Second Year

- ★ We expanded from a K-1 to a K-3
- ★ We hosted our first school fundraiser
- ★ Ms. Cheri Pollack was our first official art teacher
- ★ Our KJDS staff included Mrs. Cruz (K-1), Ms. Jessica (2-3), Morah Rishi (Hebrew), Sensei Boring (Karate), Ms. Cheri (Art), Morah Debbie (Music and Drama)



*Kalisa Parsons (back row), Rebecca Margolis, Ilana Blumenthal, and Havah Anovitz*



*A group of KJDS students ended their summer with a thrilling week at a Jewish specialty camp, Camp Manitowa, in Rend Lake, Illinois that is owned and operated by KJDS dad, Dan Grabel and his St. Louis –based partner Andy Brown. In addition to the Jewish activities, Camp Nadav campers also took part in all the traditional camp activities including water skiing, tubing, climbing wall and ropes course, canoeing, kayaking, swimming and sports. Owen enjoys the ropes course.*

## Pat and Gene Rosenberg Continue to Give to KJDS

When we talk about how special KJDS is, we often mention the community involvement. And when we talk about community involvement, Pat and Gene Rosenbergs' names often come up. Pat is part of two dynamic duos, one working with Marilyn Burnett keeping us well fed and properly decorated for school events. The other, is with her husband Gene. These two are both "Special Friends", giving of their time to a student throughout the year. They also help behind the scenes supporting every endeavor the school takes on. Pat's smile and hardworking attitude are always appreciated whenever she is at the school. We could not continue to thrive without the continued support from our community. Thank you, Pat and Gene. You are very "special" to us!



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#### Knoxville Jewish Federation Women's Division Pomegranate Luncheon

In the 1990's, the Women's Division of the KJF Campaign began holding Pomegranate Luncheons. The third event was held at Fox Den Country Club in January of 1999, with a speaker from Birmingham, Alabama. Shown here are the late **Dora Green** and Marilyn **Presser**, a Knoxville native who continues to reside here.

While Dora has no descendants who live in Knoxville, her husband's nieces Anita **Weinbren Miller** and Joyce **Robinson Diftler** are Knoxvilleans.

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