



# Ha'Kol

COMMUNITY NEWS FROM THE KJA, HESKA AMUNA & TEMPLE BETH EL



Community families are invited to our Shabbat School kickoff

## Family Education Adventure Havdalah and Waterslide

**August 29, 2021, 10-2**

At the Carson Farm in Maryville

**Non-members - come check out what  
Heska Amuna's religious school has to  
offer!**

A fun-filled day of **Family** ✨ **Jewish Learning** ✨ **Connection** ✨ **Adventure!**

Enjoy Havdallah, inflatable waterslide, kiddy pool, and make  
Rosh HaShanah cards.

See Nu News or call the Office in August 865-522-0701.

See page 4 for Shush Carson's exciting announcements about  
Heska Amuna's religious school in the coming school year!

## Heska Amuna Synagogue High Holiday Services



In-Person at Rothchild Event Center

Rosh Hashanah - Sept. 7, 8

Kol Nidre - Sept. 15

Yom Kippur - Sept. 16

Services will also be streamed; more details to come...

## August 2021

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August 2021  
23 Av — 23 Elul 5781

## A Year of Opportunity, Transformation, and Renewal

By Rabbi Alon Ferency

This tumultuous year of COVID-19 has been one of innovation for our congregation: facility, school, civics, arts, and mindfulness. Together with lay leaders, we built proof-of-concept for Shabbat School, facility right-sizing, Development and Financial resources for our future, even a Synagogue without Walls – thanks here especially to leadership from Jeff, Ted, Abraham, Frank, Lisa, Serina, and Rabbi Miriam Terlinchamp of Cincinnati.

A source of great pride is the growth of mindfulness practices within Heska Amuna and beyond. Our Fridays Mindfulness Practice has maintained strength through the pandemic, seeing participants from synagogue and secular communities, other states, Canada, and Australia. Other congregants even lead and continue the Practice when I am periodically unavailable. Such mindfulness has deeply affected those who participate in and give to the synagogue, and also expanded beyond Heska Amuna, whether by invitation from the Institute for Jewish Spirituality, a staff pick on *InsightTimer*, replicating the model internationally at TikZoom, or in a guest address by Jay Michaelson.

I couldn't be more proud of our Board and Women's League support and our Synagogue participation for renewed civic engagement. After early fits and starts, we're an official member congregation of Justice Knox – ensuring adequate housing in our community, and working toward improvement in education, transportation, and mental health. We participated in the mass movement after George Floyd's murder and the shooting at Austin East. Likewise, COVID-19 has demanded a resurgence in artistic creativity. The Littmanns produced three virtual plays and incoming Director of Family Religious Life, Shush Carson, and I have introduced new melodies and instrumentation, and written a theme song for the new Shabbat School, "*The Weaker the Wifi, the Stronger the Connection.*"

I want to thank our departing Director of Education Shuli Mesa for her amazing partnership and inviting me in to lead prayer with our students each Sunday. Peggy Littmann has created great Affinity Groups and Abraham Brietstein has brought amazing lectures and new programs in Torah and Zionism. I have a blast continuing to learn Torah, Talmud, and *siddur* all together; I've also taught virtually for the AJCC, KJDS, and local universities. Your questions, exploration of paradox, and sage observations inspire my own scholarship, in *Daf Yomi* (multi-year Talmud study), as editor of a new edition of *Esther*, and on the LGBTQI+ inclusion team for a forthcoming Rabbis' Manual. In the coming year, I'll be in a fellowship with the Clergy Leadership Incubator, bringing new artistic vision and implementation with our community.

In the cycle of the Jewish year and amid individual Jew's lifecycles, our work has not abated through Covid. In some cases, we just took it outside: pastoral visits and walks, Shabbat worship at Lakeshore Park, *Erev Rosh HaShanah* at the Botanical Gardens. We also carried it online for "3rd Night, 3rd Light" *Chanukah*, Pajama Party *Seder*, and *Shavuot* TikZoom Too. *Yizkor* services have been certainly powerful to me, as we've shared reminiscences through Zoom and on its chat function. Plus, look out for rebooted *minyanim* this summer!

The breadth of human life was assuredly experienced this year. Though we've been mercifully spared the ravages of COVID-19, so many beautiful, long-term stalwart members of our community died nonetheless; I grieve each one as their rabbi and confidant – their lives inspire mine. We navigated change to our cemetery policy, too. Fortunately, we've shared celebrations, as well: *Bar Mitzvah*, *Erusin*, multiple *Britot milah*, *Bet Din* and *Mikveh* for conversion, and even a *Chanukat HaBayit*.

What a wonderful, hard, special year it's been. I am uniquely grateful for our continued progress. Thank you for sharing in it with me.



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## President's Thoughts

### Elul: The King is in the Field...of Knoxville

By Rich Adlin, Heska Amuna President



Rabbi Ferency has aptly captured the current state of our congregation as “wandering in the wilderness,” drawing a parallel with the Hebrews who were lost and in search of a homeland after being liberated from Egypt. As our journey through the wilderness begins in earnest, with much inquiry and debate about the future of Heska Amuna, we also enter into the month of Elul. Aside from making plans for getting together with family and friends (and meals) for the high holidays, Elul is the month in which “The King is in the field,” according to a parable of the Chabad Lubavitcher Alter Rebbe, Rabbi Schneur Zalman of Liadi. He explained that on Yom Kippur, the King is in His palace, requiring that we leave behind our work of the mundane, material world (as well as food) to draw closer to G-d. But in the preceding month of Elul, the King is in His field, having left His palace to meet us, allowing us to do so within our mundane, material world, and to transform our labor into sacred work. Our task, then, is to focus our lives toward serving a higher purpose, thereby infusing our material world with holiness. As we undertake the labor involved in rebuilding our synagogue and reimagining who we are as a congregation, Elul provides the perfect lens with which to do so, unified with each other by a spiritual purpose, of creating holiness in the material world—in the field of Knoxville. Elul can therefore be an opportunity to view the labor and struggle that lies ahead of us as having a divine purpose, that is, for the elevation of our congregation.

Elul has also historically been a time of intensified *cheshbon hanefesh*, an accounting of the soul, when Jews heightened their introspection as a means of aspiring to higher standards of moral and spiritual living (Rabbi Irving Greenberg, *The Jewish Way: Living the Holidays*). Perhaps we can employ *cheshbon hanefesh*, not only for our own spiritual growth, but as the path toward rebuilding Heska Amuna, while the King is in the field in Elul, right here in Knoxville. We can do this not only through our continued inquiry, discussion, and debate but through open-minded listening to each other, striving to understand others' fears and hopes concerning Heska Amuna's future. Perhaps through doing so, we can unite in divine purpose and endure the trials awaiting us as a congregation. As the incoming president of our synagogue, this is my sincere personal aim.

### We are working on the next Directory & Yahrzeit Calendar.

If you would like to update your contact information or correct any personal information or yahrzeits, let the office know by August 15

at [info@heskaamuna.org](mailto:info@heskaamuna.org) or 865-522-0701.

Ads are available in many sizes! Please contact the office for information.



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

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

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

## Heska Amuna Religious School News

By Shush Carson, Director of Family & Youth Services

*We are so excited that HARS is coming back live and in person!*

After so many months of separation, we will finally have the opportunity to learn together, as a community again! Please join us for our first day of Religious School with Rosh HaShanah Family Services on **Tuesday, September 7** (Time and location to be announced soon)

Our first morning of Shabbat School is on **Saturday, September 11**, at 9:30 a.m. We will study Parshat Vayeilech. In the Torah portion, Moses is 120 years old, and he tells Joshua to be strong and that "it is you who will go with the People into the land." We look forward to finding the relevance and connection to this story in our lives, and our families' lives as compared to those of our Avot v'Imahot, our ancestors.

I've planned a busy summer to get ready for our return. In July I'm attending the New Directors Institute, as well as New CAJE, which stands for the Coalition for the Advancement of Jewish Education. I've signed up for 14 workshops at New CAJE, including Creating Poetic Midrash, Leading an Engaging and Exciting Torah Study, and Cultivating Sacred Space for Ourselves and for Each Other.

I'm looking forward to investing time in myself to further my education and the education of our HARS students and families. I can't wait to see you!



Shush Carson

### Important Dates to Remember:

- ★ Sunday August 22, 4 p.m., **HARS Town Hall Meeting: Shabbat School & Meet Your Teachers**
- ★ Sunday August 29, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., **First Family Education Adventure Sunday - Havdalah & Waterslide!**
- ★ Tuesday September 7, **Rosh HaShanah Family Service**
- ★ Saturday September 11, 9:30 a.m. **Shabbat School**

All links and locations will be in *Nu News*. Please look for them!

## More Family Havdalah Event Information

"The Havdalah ceremony is one of the most inspirational, fun, and meaningful weekly ceremonies in Jewish tradition. The word "Havdalah" comes from the Hebrew word, l'havdil, which means to separate or distinguish. The Havdalah ceremony occurs at the end of the Shabbat on Saturday evening, after we can see three stars in the sky. It helps us to transition from the holy/special time of Shabbat back into the ordinary time of the work or school week ahead. While we are sad to see the Sabbath depart, we find joy in knowing that the week ahead may be filled with opportunity, meaning, and blessing."

(Taken from Torah Aura, Zoom Family Havdalah)

But did you know that we can make Havdalah as late as sunset on Tuesday afternoon?

(Har Tzvi 2.114, Kitzur S'A of Rabbi Raphael Baruch pg.323)

Please join us for a fun filled day of Family, Jewish Learning, Connection, and Adventure. We will start our day with families leaning about and celebrating Havdallah.

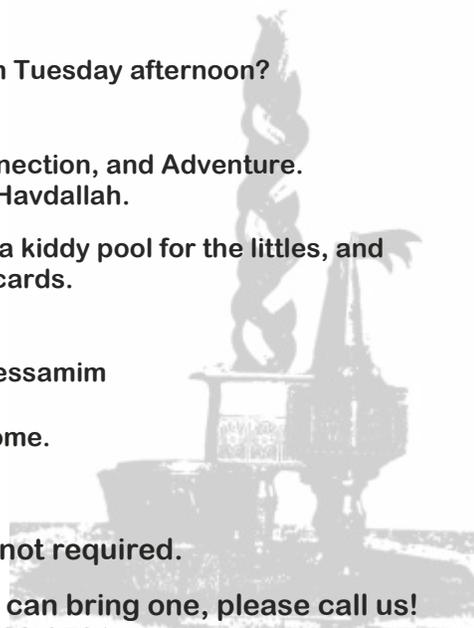
Throughout the day we will have an inflatable waterslide, a kiddie pool for the littles, and Virginia Kessler will be helping us make Rosh HaShanah cards.

What to bring:

- ◆ Any fragrant spices you may have grown for Havdalah Bessamim
- ◆ Sunscreen
- ◆ Swimsuit, towel, & a dry change of clothes for the ride home.
- ◆ A picnic lunch
- ◆ Chairs

RSVP would be helpful but not required.

We are in need of canopies for shade. If you can bring one, please call us!  
Heska Amuna @ 865-522-0701.



## Contributions by Caring People

*Donations received through June 30, 2021*

### **Bikkur Cholim**

*In memory of Elaine Brown and Marilyn Shorr and in Honor of Bikkur Cholim Volunteers*

Ronda Robinson

### **Heska Amuna Building Fund**

*In memory of George Messing*

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*In memory of Harold Diftler*

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Myrna & Irv Rusotto

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*In memory of Mel Sturm*

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*In memory of George Messing*

Arnold Cohen

### **Minyan Fund**

*In Honor of Scott Hahn's 35 years attending and 20+ years leading*

*Minyan services*

Mary Linda Schwarzbart

Pat Rosenberg

### **Rosenthal Environmental Fund**

*In memory of Harold Diftler*

Nancy & Mosa Kaleel

### **Yahrzeit**

*In memory of Sidney Burnett*

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Michael Burnett

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Mary Beth Leibowitz &

Michael Eisenstadt

*In memory of Beatrice Beber*

Sandra Parker & Steven Beber

*In memory of Marshall Stern*

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*In memory of Isaac Benhayon*

Judith & Jack Benhayon

*In memory of Joseph Weinbren*

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Wendy & Ted Besmann

*In memory of Albert Eisenstadt*

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*In memory of Homer Kramer*

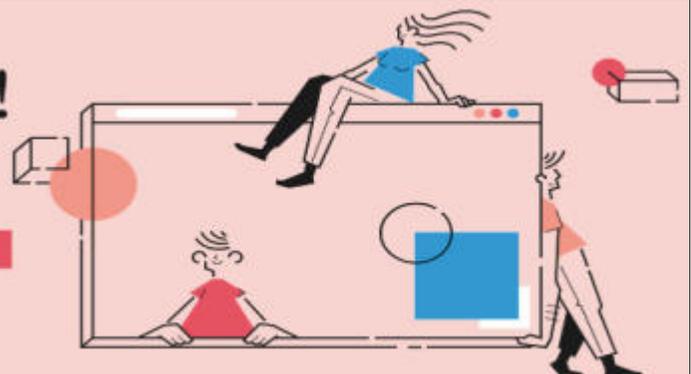
Genevieve Kramer

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store!

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about your membership today!



## 2021 Adult Education Programs to Date

By Abraham Brietstein, Adult Education Vice Chair

- Weekly Torah Study - Rabbi Sacks Commentaries
- Coronavirus Vaccines - Jeff Becker in January
- Shrink Rap at the Altar - White Supremacy and the Religious Impulse in March
- The Good Place - Mary Linda Schwarzbart in March
- The New Understanding of the Historical Jesus - Dr. Jacob Meskin in April
- Wrestling With Zionism - Rachel Milford and Jacob Weinstein in June



## Focus Groups at Heska Amuna

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

### HESKA AMUNA TREKKING CLUB

We've enjoyed hiking and walking along some lovely trails that are not too far afield from Knoxville. We usually hike on Sunday afternoons and will continue as long as the weather cooperates. We've been to Haw Ridge, trails at the UT



Arboretum in Oak Ridge, trails in the Norris area, I.C. King park trails and trails at Concord Park. A favorite was the hike to the beautiful quarry lake in Oak Ridge. If anyone has suggestions for future walks or if you would like to join us, please contact Peggy Littmann at (865) 776-1013 or [plittmann@comcast.net](mailto:plittmann@comcast.net).

### MEDIA CLUB

This group reviews and discusses a new series or show that will present ethical dilemmas and moral conflicts. We have lots of intriguing choices. If you are interested, contact facilitators Dahlia Smith at [dahliajsmith@gmail.com](mailto:dahliajsmith@gmail.com) or Peggy Littmann at [plittmann@comcast.net](mailto:plittmann@comcast.net).

### ART CLUB

Adam Rowe deftly led a class with mixed skill levels, which made it fun! He uses multiple techniques to tap into our nonverbal brain abilities to see shapes, outlines, and as he put it, "what is *really there*, not what we think we see, or interpret from symbols". For information on upcoming classes, contact Peggy Littmann at [plittmann@comcast.net](mailto:plittmann@comcast.net).



## Heska Amuna Synagogue HaShofar

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### Virtual Services

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

### Minyanim

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

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

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

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

### HESKA AMUNA SYNAGOGUE

is an affiliate of The United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism.

Has your cell phone, home phone, email address, or home address changed? **PLEASE LET US KNOW!**

Contact the Heska Amuna office at [admin@heskaamuna.org](mailto:admin@heskaamuna.org)

# AUGUST 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b> Noon-7p AJCC Pool open	<b>2</b> 8a Minyan-HA Social Hall 4-7p AJCC Pool open 4p Minyan & Torah Chat-HA 6:30p KJA Exec Comm	<b>3</b> 4-7p AJCC Pool open 8p Minyan-HA	<b>4</b> Noon Executive Mifgash Manhigim-TBE via Zoom 4-7p AJCC Pool open 6:30p Minyan service-HA 7p Board meeting-HA 7p Talmud Study Group-HA	<b>5</b> 7a Minyan-HA Social Hall <b>Opening day for KJDS (half day)</b> 11a Torah Study/Adult Ed -TBE 12p JFS Virtual Coffee Klatch 4-7p AJCC Pool open 3p Minyan & Talmud Chat w Rabbi-HA	<b>6</b> 8:17p Noon Mindfulness Practice w Rabbi-HA 4:30p JFS Shabbat at Sherrill Hills 5-6p Fun Friday for Kids-AJCC Pool 6:30p Kabbalat Shabbat-HA 7p Shabbat Service-TBE	<b>7</b> 9:16p 10a Shabbat Service-HA Noon-7p AJCC Pool open
<b>8</b> Noon-7p AJCC Pool open <b>4p BBYO Pool Party-AJCC Pool</b>	<b>9</b> <b>Preschool at AJCC Fall Semester-First day!</b> 8a Minyan-HA Social Hall 4-7p AJCC Pool open 4p Minyan & Torah Chat-HA 7p HAWL Board-HA	<b>10</b> 4-7p AJCC Pool open 7p KJCF Board-TBE 8p Minyan-HA	<b>11</b> 4-7p AJCC Pool open 6:30p Minyan service-HA 6:30p Board Mifgash Manhigim-TBE via Zoom 7p Talmud Study Group-HA	<b>12</b> 7a Minyan-HA Social Hall 11a Torah Study/Adult Ed -TBE 12p JFS Virtual Coffee Klatch 3p Minyan & Talmud Chat w Rabbi-HA 4-7p AJCC Pool open	<b>13</b> 8:10p Noon Mindfulness Practice w Rabbi-HA 4-7p AJCC Pool open <b>6p Community-Wide Shabbat at the Pool-AJCC (See page 17. Bring your lawn chairs and join us!)</b>	<b>14</b> 9:07p 10a Shabbat Service-HA Noon-7p AJCC Pool open
<b>15</b> 9:30a religious school staff in-service day-TBE 9:30a PreK group-TBE <b>10a McFee Park Family Fun Program-HA</b> Noon-7p AJCC Pool open 12:30p Confirmation class-TBE	<b>16</b> 8a Minyan-HA Social Hall 4-7p AJCC Pool open 4p Minyan & Torah Chat-HA	<b>17</b> 4-7p AJCC Pool open 8p Minyan-HA	<b>18</b> 4-7p AJCC Pool open 6:30p Minyan service-HA 7p Talmud Study Group-HA 7p Hadassah Board-Zoom 7p TBE Sisterhood hosts Knoxville Opera Co. TBE	<b>19</b> 7a Minyan-HA Social Hall 11a Torah Study/Adult Ed -TBE 12p JFS Virtual Coffee Klatch 3p Minyan & Talmud Chat w Rabbi-HA 4-7p AJCC Pool open 7p KJA presents <i>Wrestling with Zionism</i> -Zoom	<b>20</b> 8:01p Noon Mindfulness Practice w Rabbi-HA 4-7p AJCC Pool open Time Edmonds Marker Dedication-318 Gay St. 5-6p Fun Friday for Kids-AJCC Pool 6:30p Kabbalat Shabbat-HA 7p Shabbat Service-TBE	<b>21</b> 8:58p 10a Shabbat Service-HA Noon-7p AJCC Pool open
<b>22</b> 9:30a-noon 1st day of Religious school-TBE 9:30a PreK group-TBE 10-11:30a Adult Education w Rabbi Bost-TBE Noon-7p AJCC Pool open	<b>23</b> 8a Minyan-HA Social Hall 4-7p AJCC Pool open 4p Minyan & Torah Chat-HA 7p YJAK Happy Hour-AJCC Pool	<b>24</b> 4-7p AJCC Pool open 6p Long Range Planning mtg-KJA 8p Minyan-HA	<b>25</b> 4-7p AJCC Pool open 4:30p 1st day MidWeek Hebrew-TBE 6:30p Minyan service-HA 7p Talmud Study Group-HA	<b>26</b> 7a Minyan-HA Social Hall 11a Torah Study/Adult Ed -TBE 12p JFS Virtual Coffee Klatch 3p Minyan & Talmud Chat w Rabbi-HA 4-7p AJCC Pool open	<b>27</b> 7:52p Noon Mindfulness Practice w Rabbi-HA 4-7p AJCC Pool open 5-6p Fun Friday for Kids-AJCC Pool 6:30p Kabbalat Shabbat-HA 7p Shabbat Service-TBE	<b>28</b> 8:48p 10a Shabbat Service-HA Noon-7p AJCC Pool open 7p Havdalah /Selichot Service-TBE 9p Seilot Service-HA
<b>29</b> 9:30a-noon Religious school "Apples & Honey" -TBE 9:30a PreK group-TBE 10a Sisterhood Opening Mtg-TBE Noon-7p AJCC Pool open 12:30p Confirmation class-TBE	<b>30</b> 8a Minyan-HA Social Hall 4-7p AJCC Pool open 4p Minyan & Torah Chat-HA	<b>31</b> 4-7p AJCC Pool open 8p Minyan-HA				<b>Preschool at AJCC &amp; the KJA office will be closed Monday, September 6 for Labor Day observance</b>

## Community-Wide Shabbat at the Pool Friday, August 13 — 6 p.m. AJCC Pool, 6800 Deane Hill Drive

See page 17 for details. Bring your lawn chair and join us for Shabbat services at the AJCC. Everyone welcome.

## K N O X V I L L E



Attention all 8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders!  
You're invited to a

## BBYO POOL PARTY

**Sunday, August 8, 4 p.m.**

Arnstein Jewish Community Center  
6800 Deane Hill Drive

BBYO will host a Pool Party at the AJCC on  
Sunday, August 8 at 4 p.m.

For those who do not know, BBYO is a youth group for Jewish teens in grades 8-12. There is a boys chapter (Winick AZA) and a girls chapter (Weinstein BBG). Generally, the chapters have one or two events per month. BBYO is teen-run, so you get to decide what the chapter looks like and what kind of events the chapter does. It is a lot of fun and looks good on a college resume.

If you have questions about the pool party or want to RSVP, email us at [420winickaza420@gmail.com](mailto:420winickaza420@gmail.com).

We hope to see lots of people at the party!



## Suzy Snoops

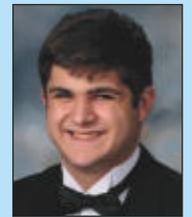
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*Ha'Kol, c/o Knoxville Jewish Alliance,  
6800 Deane Hill Drive, Knoxville, TN 37919*

- ★ Jenny Erwin and Rick Grahn greeted son, Elie Moran Erwin, June 27 in Pittsburgh. Renee' Hyatt and Paul Erwin are proud grandparents and Noah Erwin is a proud uncle.

- ★ Mazel tov to Jean Begue

on grandson's **Ethan Begue**, graduation from Currey Ingram Academy High School. Ethan is the founder and captain of the school's Quiz Bowl team and ranked in the top five at multiple Quiz Bowl competitions. He was student body president and helped organize the school's Youth in Government group. Ethan will attend George Washington University to study political science.



Begue

- ★ The June 28 *Knoxville News Sentinel* featured a cover story about a project archiving the files and papers of the late **Alvin Weinberg**, who came to Oak Ridge as a Manhattan Project scientist and rose to director of the Oak Ridge National Laboratory.



The Weinberg digital archive opens a digital window to the Cold War era of the lab and its transition into a scientific institution. It will be available for students, historians and researchers to use without the risk of damaging original documents, according to the article.



Weinberg

Hundreds of thousands of documents were willed to the Children's Museum of Oak Ridge, for archiving purposes because of his close friendship with the museum's founder, **Selma Shapiro z"l**. **Ronnie Bogard** is the archive project lead for the museum.

# H A P P E N I N G S



## Welcomes the Class of 2025, Transfer & Returning Students!

Hillel at UTK is excited to welcome new students and returning students to Fall 2021! The University of Tennessee will be resuming in-person classes and campus events, which means Hillel at UTK will gather once again for Shabbat dinners, holiday celebrations, and more!

The Student Executive Board spent the summer planning a vibrant fall semester beginning with:

- Kicking off the semester with a *Welcome Bagel Brunch* on August 21<sup>st</sup> and a *Welcome Shabbat* on August 31<sup>st</sup>.
- Celebrating the High Holy Days with a *Rosh Hashanah luncheon*, an *Erev Yom Kippur Dinner*, and a *Break-the-Fast gathering*.
- Sharing moments of wellness at favorite campus spots during *Tuesdays with Tara*. Have a favorite UTK spot? Snap a pic, tag us @utkhillel, and post to Instagram with #hillelatutk to share!
- Hosting *Hillel's Kitchen* to share cooking skills with each other and bring life to our slogan, "Come for the food, stay for the family."

The *University of Tennessee's Fall Family Weekend* will take place on September 17-19. If you are a family member or friend of a Hillel at UTK student, we invite you to join us for a Sunday Breakfast on September 19<sup>th</sup>. More details will follow next month.

We are excited to announce that Hillel at UTK will be joined by Kentucky Hillel, Hillel of the University of South Carolina, and Hillels of Memphis for a *Taglit Birthright Israel* trip this winter. If you or someone you know is between the ages of 18-22 and is interested in joining us, please have them reach out to Tara Bain, [utkhillel@jewishknoxville.org](mailto:utkhillel@jewishknoxville.org). Tentative dates are December 27, 2021-January 6, 2022.

We at Hillel at UTK wish all of you a year of good health, strong relationships, and simchas galore! Love of Judaism is evident in our small but mighty Jewish population at UTK, and we appreciate the support of our Knoxville Jewish community. TODAH RABAH to all who contribute so we continue to explore, embrace, and celebrate our Jewish life!

*Go Vols!*

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to learn about updates and new programs in our community.

# Knoxville Jewish Alliance

# Ha'Kol



## KJA Welcomes Two New Staff Members

By Bryan Goldberg, KJA President

It gives me great pleasure to officially announce the addition of two new directors to our Knoxville Jewish Alliance staff. Anna Iroff-Bailey will be stepping into the newly created position of Director of Jewish Life and Tara Bain will be our newly created Director of Community Engagement.

### Anna Iroff-Bailey, Director of Jewish Life

Anna was born and raised here in our Knoxville Jewish community. She is a graduate of the AJCC Preschool, Heska Amuna Religious School, and Bearden High School. Anna attended a joint program between Columbia University and List College, which is the undergraduate school of the Jewish Theological Seminary, where she studied neuroscience as well as Bible Studies.

Anna has been the Religious School Director at Heska Amuna Synagogue and has spent the last eight years as a speech-language pathologist working in the public schools. Anna has been an active volunteer in our community including the helping with the B'yachad preschool program, Heska Amuna Religious School, Jewish Congregation of Oak Ridge, Knoxville Jewish Day School, Knoxville Jewish Alliance, and more. As Director of Jewish Life, Anna will be leading our Judaica programming for Preschool at AJCC. She also will oversee and run PJ Library and PJ Our Way, while also working on KJA community programming and events.

Anna can be reached at (865) 690-6343 ext. 11 or at [airoffbailey@jewishknoxville.org](mailto:airoffbailey@jewishknoxville.org).



Anna Iroff-Bailey

### Tara Bain, Director of Community Engagement

Tara grew up in upper east Tennessee and moved to Knoxville while attending the University of Tennessee. She graduated from UTK with a degree in communications with an emphasis in public relations. Tara has been a teacher for Temple Beth El's Religious School for 15 years and currently teaches the Chai class, as well as serving as TBE's assistant religious school director. She also serves as the chair for the religious school's Annual Purim Carnival. Tara is a six-year former member of the TBE Board of Directors and Executive Board.

While this new position moves her into a full-time role with the KJA, Tara has been with us as the Hillel at UTK Director since 2018 and will continue in this role. As Director of Community Engagement, Tara will oversee all of our Alliance's communications, including social media, weekly emails, and *Ha'Kol*. Her role will work in consortium with Anna's and function to support community programming and events.

Tara can be reached at (865) 690-6343 ext. 16 or [tbain@jewishknoxville.org](mailto:tbain@jewishknoxville.org).



Tara Bain

With these wonderful additions to our Knoxville Jewish Alliance staff, we will now have five full time employees in our office led by our Senior Director of Development, Laura Berry. Not only is it remarkable that 15 years have passed since the KJA has had this level of professional capacity, but with the excitement and perspectives that both Anna and Tara bring, our community is poised to experience exponential growth in programming quality and engagement.

*Community members  
invited and encouraged  
to attend the*

**Dedication of a  
Historical Marker  
Honoring  
WWII Hero  
Master Sergeant  
Roddie Edmonds**

**Friday, August 20  
2:00 p.m.**

**618 Market Street**  
*(outside the East Tennessee  
History Museum Building)*

The program will include

- ◆ Kelly Shipe of Harp and Bagpipe performing a medley including *Amazing Grace*, blended with *God Bless America* and *Hallelujah* by Leonard Cohen
- ◆ Volunteer State Veterans Honor Guard presenting and retiring colors with rifle volley
- ◆ *Star Spangled Banner* by Knoxville Opera Company
- ◆ *My Country 'Tis of Thee* by acapella group, the Cooltones



The historical marker commemorates Master Sgt. Roddie Edmonds' actions in saving the lives of 200 Jewish prisoners of war during World War II. Edmonds refused, with a gun pointed at his head, to separate Jewish prisoners from other imprisoned soldiers at a Nazi POW camp, and surrender them to the Nazi camp commandant.

*Edmonds declared, "We are all Jews here."* MSgt. Edmonds has been recognized by Yad Vashem as Righteous Among the Nations.

KJA leadership has worked for years to honor one of East Tennessee's American heroes with this marker.



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## FRIDAY, AUGUST 13

- 5:30pm TOT SHABBAT
- 6:00pm SHABBAT DINNER
- 6:30pm KABBALAT SHABBAT SERVICE

**Dinner RSVP by  
THURSDAY, AUGUST 5**

**SCAN the QR Code -OR-**

**VISIT <https://events.idonate.com/shabbatathepool>**

AJCC Members \$6/person; \$20/family

Non-AJCC Members: \$8/person; \$28/family

Cost after August 5 or at the door: \$10/person; \$35/family



**No Cost to attend the 6:30pm Kabbalat Shabbat.  
ALL ARE WELCOME!**

## Support Your Community by Supporting *Ha’Kol* Send High Holy Days Greetings to Your Family & Friends!

Deadline: Tuesday, August 3

Your purchase of a 2021 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 make a contribution to help cover annual production and mailing costs for *Ha’Kol*.

CATEGORY	MAXIMUM # OF WORDS	COST
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FRIDAY, AUGUST 6TH

10:00 A.M - 2:00 P.M

SIGN UP FOR A TIME SLOT USING THE LINK BELOW!

https://signup.com/go/pMaFXAX

### Wrestling with Zionism: A Virtual Storytelling Workshop Thursday, August 19, 7-9 p.m.

Through writing, pair sharing, and other storytelling exercises, we’ll create a container to explore our relationship to Zionism, how it has affected our lives, and what questions or struggles we may have with it.



This workshop will be facilitated by **Jacob Weinstein** and **Rachel Milford** and is a part of a theatre piece they are developing for the community, which will be generated from Knoxville community stories about wrestling with Zionism. This project is rooted in our Jewish values of *tikkun olam* and *tzedeck* and a belief that all peoples, including Israelis & Palestinians, deserve justice, freedom, equality, security, and self-determination.

**Space is limited. To register, please visit: [bit.ly/WWZStory](http://bit.ly/WWZStory)**

\*Please note, our workshop leaders **will not** present factual or political information during this workshop or debate opinions or thinking. This workshop is a space for exploring our relationship to Zionism and for sharing questions or struggles we may have on a more personal level.



*This summer, the KJA used its Homeland Security grant to install new lobby windows and doors that are blast-resistant.*



The Preschool at AJCC has 2 full-time openings our Gimel class (**3-year-olds**) for fall semester. Birthdates must be between 8/16/18-8/15/19.

The preschool program is 9 a.m.-3 p.m. or full day 7:30 a.m.-6 p.m. Curriculum includes age appropriate activities, indoor gymnasium, and more. Nutritious snacks and lunch provided.

Contact [psadmin@jewishknoxville.org](mailto:psadmin@jewishknoxville.org) or (865) 963-8001 for information.



### Greater Knoxville Jewish Men's Club Monthly Events

**1st Wednesdays, 12:30 p.m.**  
Lunch & Kibitz on Zoom

**3rd Thursdays, 7 p.m.**  
Evening Schmooze on Zoom



## *New Time!* JFS Virtual Coffee Klatch Thursdays at Noon

RSVP to Laura Berry at [LBerry@jewishknoxville.org](mailto:LBerry@jewishknoxville.org) for the zoom log-in link

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

**PLEASE LET US KNOW!**

Email your changes to [office@jewishknoxville.org](mailto:office@jewishknoxville.org) or call (865) 690-6343.



## Donate Your Old Car to KJA

Charitable Auto Resources, Inc. (CARS™) will make all of the arrangements, tow your vehicle, and dispose of it. Your tax deductible donation will benefit the Knoxville Jewish Alliance.

Call toll free (877) JFS-4CAR,  
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home page at [www.jewishknoxville.org](http://www.jewishknoxville.org).

**The KJA Archives would love  
to have copies of family photos.  
We will scan your photos,  
then return originals to you.**

Contact Nicki Russler,  
KJA Archivist at  
[archives@jewishknoxville.org](mailto:archives@jewishknoxville.org)

## *Ha’Kol* Newsletters Can be Viewed Online

Need a back issue? Want to show an  
out-of-town friend or relative a story?  
You can find *Ha’Kol* online at

<https://jewishknoxville.org/hakol>

## Become a Part of History! Record Your Oral Testimony

We are living through exceptional times and the KJA Archives would like a record of your experiences. We would like to ask you to record yourself or find a member of your household or family to record you answering our list of questions.



Your recording can be a video or just an audio recording. You can even choose to answer the questions in written format if you prefer. We will then collect your records for safe keeping in the KJA Archives.

At the beginning of the recording, make sure that you state your name, birth date, place of birth, and where you currently live. If an interviewer is asking the questions, please state your name and relationship to the interviewee.

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

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

Please email [program@jewishknoxville.org](mailto:program@jewishknoxville.org) about sending your recording to the KJA Archives.

Thank you for your participation!



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- ◆ ...and so much more!

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## KJA Campaign on Track to Meet 2021 Goal

By Renee' Hyatt, Vice President for Campaign

We are well on our way to reaching our Campaign 2021 monetary goal of \$290,000 thanks to our volunteers and KJA board members who spent many hours making solicitation calls.

Another goal which I hope we will achieve is having *all* of us in the greater Knoxville community make a pledge to support the Knoxville Jewish Alliance. Making a pledge is a significant way of being an active participant of our community, and I know it will be amazing to see what we can achieve by all working together.

I will ask those of you whom we were unable to contact by phone to respond as generously as you are able to the snail mail letter you may have already received.

You may make your pledge on the KJA website at [www.jewishknoxville.org](http://www.jewishknoxville.org), mail a check payable to KJA to 6800 Deane Hill Drive, Knoxville, TN 37919, or call (865) 690-6343.

**Please be a part of sustaining our vital Jewish community.**

**2021 KJA Annual Campaign**  
**\$229,272**  
 as of 7/8/2021



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# TEMPLE BETH EL TIMES

## Shalom Y'all!

By Rabbi Erin Boxt

If you haven't heard, Temple Beth El is traveling to Israel in the summer of 2022! That's right, from **June 13 – June 23, 2022**, members of the Temple Beth El family (and extended family) will travel to Israel. While we will be visiting some of the same places we saw in the summer of 2019, we are going to "mix things up" a bit and see some new and exciting places as well. Whenever I decide to embark on a new Israel trip with a congregation, there are always some deep and important questions that get asked right from the start.

First and foremost, people ask if it is safe to travel to the Middle East, and more specifically, to Israel. Secondly, I am asked why it is so important to travel to Israel. And usually I am asked if it gets boring going to Israel *so much*. These are some serious questions and there are a multitude of answers. However, I have become adept at answering them. So, here goes:



August 2021  
23 Av — 23 Elul 5781

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1) **Regarding Safety** – I have never felt unsafe while in Israel. I was in Israel when Israel pulled out of Lebanon (in 2000) and when 3 Israeli teens were kidnapped by Hamas (in 2014). The security situation in Israel is ever changing, and because of this, the Israeli government is very keen on making sure her citizens and visitors to Israel are kept safe. I would walk around downtown Jerusalem, Tel Aviv, Eilat at all hours of the night. As long as people are aware of what is going on around them, there is no reason to feel anything but safe. Perhaps the best way to understand this is to travel to Israel!

2) **Importance of travel to Israel** – Let me be clear. I am a Zionist, I LOVE Israel. Therefore, it is vital to me that Israel remains the beautiful and amazing country it is. This requires people visiting, staying, and visiting again and again. Tourism is incredibly important to the future of Israel. And, as a rabbi, I feel one of my most important responsibilities is taking Jews (and others) to Israel...to experience the culture, the Land, the history. The people of Israel – the Jews, the Muslims and the Christians all share so much: from culture to history, etc. There stories are vital to understanding the importance of Israel and her future!

3) **Does it get boring?** – No. No. No. The food beckons; the culture beckons; the Land beckons; the history beckons. Although Israel is a small country, there is SOOOO MUCH to experience, learn and observe. When Batya, Carlie and I lived there for a year, we were so enamored with so much about Israel. And, although we were able to experience a lot and travel a little, there was so much we were not able to do in just a year. Every time I take people to Israel for the first time, I experience Israel through their eyes...as if it were the first time! For Batya, this will be her first time back in Israel since we left in 2008. It will truly be amazing to experience Israel again with her, like it was the first time!

I hope you will consider joining Temple Beth El as we journey to the Holy Land next summer. If you are not a member of Temple Beth El, that's ok – you are still invited and encouraged to join us. The more who travel with us, the more fun we will have. But remember, traveling to Israel is more than just a vacation – it is a chance to learn about and experience Israel. It also allows for each of us to deepen our Jewish roots!



## TBE President's Remarks

By Kathy Young, TBE President



Wow! Where has this year gone? So many things have changed with all of us. Mask? No Mask? Open? Close? Zoom or livestream? These are just a few of the decisions with which we as a Board had to tackle. Were these easy decisions? No, they were not. Discussions ensued for many months on so many topics. Being a diverse group of individuals, honestly, we did not always agree. What we did do, however, was come to a meeting of the minds and an agreement that we would follow majority rule. That is part of what being a Board Member is about.

I am very proud of the Board of Directors for all their cooperation. I am looking forward to the changes that will come after the High Holy Days. While I know that some of you do not agree with our decision to livestream the services, the decision was made from necessity. The CDC has stressed that the condition of the ventilation system is a priority. Frankly, ours is not up to CDC standards. We will need to replace it sooner than later, and this will take a village to accomplish. I am asking for whoever can, to please help with making this dream a reality. Please consider a donation for the ventilation system so we will not have to be concerned about the safety of ALL our members and guests. More information about how you can help will be forthcoming.

## TBE COVID-19 Guidelines

By Rabbi Erin Boxt and President Kathy Young, on behalf of your TBE Board of Directors

The health and safety of all members of the TBE community is our top priority. Here are a few ways in which we have begun the slow process of "opening up:"

### We are now open on Friday evenings for Kabbalat Shabbat services.

These services require an RSVP with an indication of one of two choices: **1) Show your Vaccine Card** or **2) Wear a Mask.**

- A. To make a reservation, please go to our TBE website: <https://tbeknox.org/kabbalat-shabbat-rsvp/> or call the TBE office (865) 524-3521
- B. Onegs are postponed indefinitely for now.

### Our services will continue to be Livestreamed.

You can access our Livestream three ways:

- <https://venue.livecontrol.io/watch/bethelknoxville> (directly off of our website)
- <https://www.facebook.com/TBEKnoxville> (Our TBE Facebook Page)
- <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCmAAP9rYVWIOd6lL42Jdq8A> (Our TBE YouTube Channel)

### After June 1, all meetings will be held either a) via Zoom or b) in the TBE Library.

Individual committees will make their own decisions. All people who enter the building must either be vaccinated or wear a mask.

### Torah Study on Thursdays will continue on Zoom, until further notice.

### Information Regarding Religious School will come out later this summer.

However, school will be in the building this year. All students/teachers will be masked.

### Adult Education Classes will be in the Library. All who enter must either be vaccinated or wear a mask.

To see the schedule for the 2021-2022 Adult Education Year, please visit our website: <https://tbeknox.org/adult-education/>

### B'nei Mitzvah ceremonies for Fall, 2021 and forward will take place in the TBE Sanctuary.

## Regarding the High Holy Days 5782/2021

There were two guiding principles for the decisions made. First, and most importantly, Temple Beth El is a **family**, an **inclusive, welcoming** community. In order to make sure that all of our congregants feel welcome and invited, we had to consider that a very important group in our community will not be able to be vaccinated prior to the High Holy Days. Of course, this refers to those under the age of 12. Secondly, TBE is a place where **everyone is equal**. Therefore, it was imperative that everyone have the same opportunity/chance. It does not make sense, morally or Jewishly, to open up the building for HHD for some and not for all.

Therefore, Temple Beth El will be **Virtual Only** for the High Holy Days, 5782/2021. We look forward to being able to be all together for HHD 5783!

All services for the High Holy Days will be livestreamed and can be accessed via the links above. **We will have live choir/music this year!**

As we take these precautionary steps, please be sure to stay safe and continue to follow the guidance of the CDC and your health care professionals. We are thinking about you and praying for your health and safety.

## Temple Beth El Religious School August 2021 Update

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

**We are back in person for Religious School!**

***School begins Sunday, August 22 at TBE from 9:30 a.m.-Noon.***

***Midweek classes start Wednesday, August 25.***

**Staff Inservice Day Sunday, August 15, 9:30 a.m.- 3:30 p.m.:** All TBE teachers and madrichim will participate in our back-to-school planning day. This day will include a safety training with Wes James, a session with our Rabbi, training activities with Norma, and lots of time to set up classrooms and make lesson plans.

**Your children are the stars of the 1<sup>st</sup> Day of RS on August 22:** This will truly be a day of celebration as we welcome our students back into our building. Things will be a little different of course. *Please review our protocols below.* The staff has missed seeing our students in person so much that we want to make them our top priority for our opening day. Our students will begin the day in our sanctuary with special seating by classes. After morning T'filah, students will be in class with their teachers. They will also have Hebrew with Norma and Justen as well as a visit from the Rabbi. Parents will remain on the patio for bagels, fruit, and coffee/tea. After T'filah with the students, Rabbi Erin and Norma and will meet with parents on the patio to review plans for the fall and health/safety protocols.

### **Health and Safety Protocols for Religious School fall session.**

We have designed our protocols to align with the current protocols for our Temple building. These protocols will be updated throughout the school year. We ask that our families partner with us to create an In Person learning environment that is as safe as possible and one that makes all families feel comfortable sending your students to Religious School. Please contact Norma James (Director) or Larry Tucker (TBE Vice President) with questions.

- 1) All Protocols will be reviewed frequently and are subject change.**
- 2) Religious School will be In Person. Hurray!
- 3) Vaccinated teachers and students will not be required to wear masks.
- 4) All students ages 4 to 11 and unvaccinated 12 to 18 will be required to wear masks while inside the building. (Exceptions may be made for students with special needs if it is determined that wearing a mask is not feasible.)
- 5) Portions of the school day will be outside to allow unmasked opportunities for all.**
- 6) Hand washing and hand sanitizer will be a regular part of the school day. Snacks will be pre-packaged. Parents may send a snack for your child if you prefer.
- 7) **Drop Off:** We strongly encourage parents to drop off at the side door or the patio without entering the building. Any parent entering the building needs to be masked. We know you may be fully vaccinated, but this is a fast, easy way to allow you to enter and take care of business. *This protocol will be subject to change as we get a few sessions under our belt.*
- 8) **Pick Up:** All pick up will take place on the patio and back parking lot. Students will be dismissed out the patio doors. If you need to pick up a child early, please call Norma's cell phone.



## **It's Time for Your Little One to Join our TBE Religious School Family!**

**Do you know a family with children who might be join us this year?**

### ★ **PreK/K Class**

This class is designed for Preschool and Kindergarten students ages four, five, and six.

### ★ **PreK/K Teacher**

Jesse Weckstein is an exceptional parent and teacher of young children. She has many, many years of RS experience. Jesse made virtual school totally amazing last year. I cannot wait to see what she can do in person! Jesse's class will have crafts, music, games, videos, Hebrew fun, stories, and more. This class will have an outstanding teacher's aide from our post confirmation class.

★ **PreK/K Hours**

This class meets every **Sunday 9:30-Noon**, beginning on **August 15**. We pack great activities into this 2 ½ hour program. Your child will never be bored. And, this gives you time to have coffee with other parents, grocery shop, or work out. TBE has an easy access to the greenway for those who like a morning run.

★ **PreK/K Curriculum**

We use the ISJL Curriculum from the Institute of Southern Jewish Life. It is very hands-on, and age appropriate. The teachers and the students love it. In addition, Jesse teaches a fun introduction to Hebrew. Norma does a morning t'filah (worship) with these children that includes songs, prayers, and stories. Our school has many holiday celebrations, and this class will always be a part of those events.

*Contact Norma James at [normajames@tbeknox.org](mailto:normajames@tbeknox.org) or Jesse Weckstein at ..... for more information.*

**Hebrew Without Tears 2021:**

I have been working for several years to strengthen our Hebrew program while sticking to my "Hebrew without Tears" philosophy. I am proud of what our students are learning and the pride they feel about their skills.

**Sunday Hebrew for early grades:**

PK-K class is introduced to Hebrew letters, songs, and simple words.

1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> graders focus on learning the names/ sound of the letters, Hebrew songs, simple words, and basic blessings (orally), and beginning prayer reading.

3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> graders will continue their work on fluency in letter and vowel recognition and reading prayers. Because Hebrew readiness varies at this age, this class will be grouped so that we can provide maximum learning opportunities with very small group instruction.

**Sunday Hebrew for older grades:**

5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grades will continue with work on prayers for B'nei Mitzvah. They made excellent progress last year, even during the pandemic! I would like for these students to be able to read or chant most of the prayers for the Shabbat morning service by the end of the year. I also want them to have a basic Hebrew vocabulary of both Biblical and modern Hebrew words and recognize important word endings.

7<sup>th</sup> grade Hebrew will be a time for polishing the Shabbat morning service. Our students will look more deeply at the prayers and readings they will recite or chant when they lead their service. They will learn about how to write and present a speech, practice the service on the bima, and have discussions about what B'nei Mitzvah is all about.

**Wednesday classes for older students in 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, and 7<sup>th</sup> grades.**

**Wednesday Hebrew is 4:30-600 p.m.** Our Wednesday students really enjoy spending time with each other. They learn a great deal of Hebrew and still laugh a ton! There is a special bond that develops in that Wednesday group that will last forever. These students learn how to read, chant, and sing all of the Shabbat morning service, as well as a good vocabulary of Biblical Hebrew. I find that our Wednesday students love digging deeper into the prayers, and often ask Judaic questions of their own. I want to add more modern Hebrew phrases this year. ***I know that there are times when your child cannot attend Wednesday class, but please make every effort to attend as often as possible. It is very important to preparing your child for B'nei Mitzvah.***

***Attendance on Wednesdays is required for 4<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> grades.*** Many students carpool. I realize that no one can attend every Wednesday, but please build it into your Fall schedule just like you do all the other activities your children have. School activities will take your child away from Wednesday at times, so never miss a chance to come when you are able. ***Hebrew is like exercise, the more you do it, the better you feel.***

**Meet Me on FaceTime or Zoom!**

Every child does not learn at the same rate. Life can get in the way of perfect attendance. Some children need a personal touch to feel comfortable in class with others. I am committed to your child feeling 100% prepared for B'nai Mitzvah. Even though we have a very positive environment in our classroom, I still want your child to sit there confidently without fear of being called on. I offer my services for extra help at no additional charge. Actually, I have done this for a few years now.

## TBE Sisterhood News

Dear Friends,

I have missed you so much! I am forever grateful for your friendship. I know your support, commitment and dedication to our Sisterhood helped us get through such a hard year. We met the challenges of the year dealing with COVID with determination and made adjustments to our programs and projects. I look forward to the coming year with great excitement as we can meet in person and create and strengthen our bonds with each other and our community.

Sisterhood's Opening event will be Sunday morning, August 29 at 10:30 am. We will have an amazing program. Please join us to schmooze and have fun. We will be in the social hall. Please bring your COVID vaccination card or wear a mask.

I look forward to the coming year with great excitement as we can meet in person and create and strengthen our bonds with each other and our community.

Wilma Weinstein-Lomax,  
Temple Beth El Sisterhood President  
865-296-3017 [wilmadww@gmail.com](mailto:wilmadww@gmail.com)

**KNOXVILLE**  
**OPERA**  
Brian Salesky  
Artistic Director

**Sisterhood welcomes you back  
to Temple Beth El!  
Wednesday evening,  
August 18 at 7:00 p.m.**

The Knoxville Opera Company will entertain us with a free program. We are honored to have Brian Salesky, executive and artistic director of the Knoxville Opera Company, and members of his company entertain us.

**This free event is open to the  
entire community.  
Please plan to join us!**

***We ask you to bring your COVID  
vaccination card or wear a mask.***

**For questions or more information,  
please contact**

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### "The 7 Questions You're Asked in Heaven"

Dr. Ron Wolfson

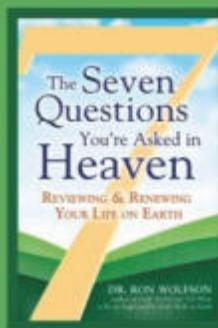
Thursday, August 19th, at 7pm Central  
*Preparing for the High Holy Days*



What will you be asked in heaven about how you lived life on earth? Join Dr. Ron Wolfson to explore "The Seven Questions You're Asked in Heaven" imagined by rabbis in Jewish tradition. Humorous and poignant, this program will get you laughing and thinking as we approach the High Holy Days.

Dr. Ron Wolfson is the President of the Kripke Institute and Fingerhut Professor of Education at American Jewish University, where he has been on the faculty for 45 years.

Join us for this very special Zoom event.



### TBE Welcomes Board Member Steve Fox

The Foxes (Dimasse, Steve, and Michael) are an inter-faith, multicultural, and international family that moved to Knoxville due to Hurricane Maria. The medical school for which Steve worked, temporarily relocated to Knoxville following Maria. The Foxes decided to put down roots in this lovely community and so remained in Knoxville after the medical school moved permanently to the island of Barbados. Becoming members of Temple Beth El really helps to strengthen those roots, as will working together as board members.

## Temple Beth El High Holy Day Schedule – 5782/2021



### ***Havdalah & Selichot Service***

(via Live-In Person/Website/FaceBook/YouTube)

Saturday, Aug. 28                      7:00 p.m.

### ***Rosh Hashanah***

(via Website/FaceBook/YouTube)

Monday, Sept. 6	7:00 p.m.	<i>Erev Rosh Hashanah Service</i>
Tuesday, Sept. 7	9:00 a.m.	Children's Service
	10:30 a.m.	Morning Service
	1:00 p.m.	<i>Tashlich Experience</i>

### ***Yom Kippur***

(via Website/FaceBook/YouTube)

Sunday, Sept. 12	10:00/11:00 a.m.	Cemetery Service (Old/New)
Wednesday, Sept. 15	7:00 p.m.	<i>Erev Yom Kippur/Kol Nidre</i>
Thursday, Sept. 16	9:00 a.m.	Children's Service
	10:30 a.m.	Morning Service
	1:00 p.m.	Afternoon Service
	3:00 p.m.	Healing Service
	4:30 p.m.	<i>Yizkor/Memorial Service and Ne'ilah/Closing Service</i>

### ***Sukkot and Simchat Torah***

(via Live-In Person/Website/FaceBook/YouTube)

Friday, Sept. 24	7:00 p.m.	<i>Sukkot Shabbat Service</i>
Friday, Oct. 1	6:30 p.m.	<i>Sukkot Yizkor Memorial Service</i>
	7:00 p.m.	<i>Simchat Torah Service</i>

## Contributions to the Funds of Temple Beth El

Donations listed were received as of June 30, 2021

### CARING COMMITTEE FUND

*In memory of Ron Young*  
Tammy and Eric Stone  
*In memory of Ron Young*  
Kathy Young

### CLARENCE STRASBURGER MUSIC FUND

*In memory of Tom Theriot & In honor of  
Grace Theriot*  
Ruby and Victor Carter

### DUES SUPPORT FUND

Peter Branton  
Wes and Norma James  
Earl and Sara Klugman

### ENDOWMENT FUND

*In memory of Esther Margolina*  
Ilya and Bella Saforo

### ERMA GERSON COMMUNITY FUND

*In memory of Allan Gerson*  
Martin Gerson and family

### GENERAL FUND

*In memory of Dan Altshuler*  
Keith and Cynthia Altshuler  
*In memory of Dr. Harold Diftler  
& John Speed*  
Ivan Brody  
*In memory of my grandmother,  
Gussie Potter*  
Ivan Brody  
*In memory of Sylvia Brenner*  
Stu and Jan Elston  
*In memory of our parents, Ethel & Carl  
Kaplan and Werner & Ursula Mangold*  
Marc and Shelley Mangold

### HERMINA BEILER FLORAL FUND

*In memory of Edith & Nathan Smith*  
Dan Smith

### LIBRARY ART GALLERY FUND

*In memory of Linda Zaretski*  
Shelley and Marc Mangold

### MARX FAMILY EDUCATION FUND

*In memory of Albert Eisenstadt*  
Michael Eisenstadt and  
Mary Beth Leibowitz

### PRESERVATION FUND

*In memory of Lillian Pomerantz*  
Ken and Phyllis Hirsh

### RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

*In memory of Joice Brown*  
Jeffrey and Tamra Brown  
*In memory of Mrs. Margot B. Brown*  
Leonard Brown  
*In memory of Cecelia Zimmerman*  
Lou Gross and Marilyn Kallet  
*In memory of Stanley Hookman*  
Lawrence and Kim Hookman  
*In honor of our great niece,  
Grace Theriot*  
Lena and Marc Malacoff  
*In memory of David Sauers*  
Isidor and Megan Sauers  
*In memory of Pat Zivi*  
Rick and Nancy Zivi

### SECURITY FUND

Peter Branton  
Lawrence and Kim Hookman  
Wes and Norma James  
Jeannine Mill  
Michael and Laura Shenkman  
Dan Smith

## TEMPLE BETH EL TIMES

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

### OUR MISSION

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

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

Learn more about Temple Beth El  
at [www.tbeknox.org](http://www.tbeknox.org)

## TBE Board, Staff, Members Wish Members a Joyous August Birthday

- ◆ Isidor Sauers
- ◆ Larry Silverstein
- ◆ Brenda Sherman
- ◆ Mark Baker
- ◆ Claudia Fribourg
- ◆ Daphne Hicks
- ◆ Bernice Copcutt
- ◆ Phillip Seifert
- ◆ Kim Hookman
- ◆ Robert Schoenfeld
- ◆ Batya Boxt
- ◆ Leonard Brown
- ◆ Emily Shor
- ◆ Sylvia Miller
- ◆ Ava Radoff
- ◆ Jerry Winston
- ◆ Lisa Winston
- ◆ Alan Gassel
- ◆ Destiny Bailey
- ◆ Robert Heller
- ◆ Caroline Hicks
- ◆ Wesley James
- ◆ Valerie Rosenbaum
- ◆ Eric Pasternak
- ◆ Sophie Pollock





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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*

### Pandemic Trains New Generation of Philanthropists

*By Stephen Rosen, KJCCF President*

The essence of endowed philanthropy is a personal sacrifice today for the good of something bigger than yourself in the future. One of the few silver linings of the pandemic is that we gave our youngest a real-world training lesson. My sister Katheryn told me about a day she encouraged her son, Frank, to go play on the playground. Frank replied “mommy, we can go to the playground after the virus is gone.” A 5-year-old? Saving the playground for another day not knowing when that would be? A child having to make an “investment decision” like that...really? How about all the elementary school kids that put off sleepovers? That is a HUGE deal to a 10-year-old. What about high school students who gave up sports and prom so that they could continue to do the little they were doing in person and in safety? The experience of depriving yourself now for some hard-to-nail-down intangible benefit later is invaluable. If someone can give up a video game session with their classmates in 2020, significant financial philanthropy in 2040 should be as easy as a day at the playground.

If you would like to see your next gen get a head start on philanthropy, call Laura or Stephen.

### KJA Launches Israel Partnership2Gether Fund

Mazal tov to KJA for growing our family of funds with the creation of the Israel Partnership2Gether Fund. KJCCF wrote about the need to create an endowment for programming with our sister region in Israel, Hadera-Eiron. We challenged the community to financially support this effort with a permanent fund and one of you stepped up and did it anonymously. An anonymous gift to benefit people in Israel and Knoxville...that’s pretty high up Maimonides’ Ladder of Giving!

If you would like to help grow this effort, please mail a check to KJCCF to 6800 Deane Hill Drive.

### Requirements for Qualified Charitable Distributions from an IRA

We get many questions about making donations to KJCCF funds from an IRA. KJCCF cannot directly accept a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QRC) from an IRA. Under the Pension Protection Act of 2006, to qualify as a QRC, the distribution must go directly to a public charity; it cannot go to a private foundation, a charitable supporting organization, or a donor advised fund. While donor advised funds can never accept a QRC, KJCCF’s status as a supporting organization also prevents donors from directly making a QRC to a fund of Heska Amuna, JCOR, KJDS, or the Knoxville Jewish Alliance that is held by KJCCF. However, if a donor wishes to make a QRC directly to one of those organizations for the benefit of one of their funds, that is allowable.

### Knoxville Needs to Endow Hillel at UTK

Did you know that Hillel at the University of Tennessee-Knoxville is solely operated by the Knoxville Jewish Alliance? It gets a small amount of support from the Nashville, Memphis, and Chattanooga Jewish communities and occasional grants from Hillel International. It also gets a lot of cooperation and moral support from UT, but no funding. Our main effort at supporting Jewish life on campus for students gets the vast majority of its financial support from the Knoxville Jewish Alliance annual campaign. But, what if it had its own endowment for programming? What if the salary of Tara Bain, our wonderful director, was secured by a KJCCF permanent fund? Can you think of a better way to show your Volunteer spirit than have your name on the Hillel program? Take a glance at Hillel at [www.hillelutk.org](http://www.hillelutk.org) and see if their mission to “inspire students to explore and embrace Jewish life” matches your vision and values. GBO!

### Donations

#### AJCC Endowment Fund

Marc and Shelley Mangold

#### Marilyn and Harvey Liberman Health and Wellness Fund

*In honor of Harvey Liberman for Father’s Day*  
Scott and Ann Liberman

#### Rosenthal Environment Fund

*In memory of Harold Diftler*  
Nancy and Mosa Kaleel

### KNOXVILLE JEWISH COMMUNITY FAMILY OF FUNDS BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Stephen Rosen, President; Jacki Imbrey, Secretary/Treasurer; Abraham Brietstein, Past President; Jeff Becker; Bernard Bernstein; Wendy Besmann, Arnold Cohen; Robert Goodfriend; Scott Hahn, Richard Jacobstein; Carole Martin; Rosalie Nagler; Jenifer Ohriner; Howard Pollock; Pace Robinson; Bernard Rosenblatt; Laura Berry, Administrative Director

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

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



## Losing Our Spines But Not Our Minds

By Ronnie Bogard, Communications Coordinator

A friend took this beautiful picture near our synagogue and told me that the fruit of the Prickly Pear cactus is called SABRA in Israel. When I researched this plant I found that it has multiples uses. The whole plant can be used as a natural barrier in lieu of fencing to keep out predators; the pads or branches that ensure water storage, photosynthesis and flower production also contain an emollient substance that can be used to treat bruises or cuts; the flowers have diuretic properties; the fruit is very much edible, and due to its low sugar content is considered a healthy food often recommended for a diabetic diet. Amazing! Hybridized versions of this plant have been created to eliminate the spines, making it easier to deal with. The spines on prickly pear evolved to protect the valuable resources within- primarily water. One thing I did not know is that prickly pears are native only to the Americas. Humans have introduced them to the rest of the world for obvious reasons — who wouldn't want them after knowing all that they can be?!

In my reading it was mentioned that Israelis are frequently thought of as prickly on the outside and sweet on the inside, just like the fruit of the prickly pear cactus. I don't know if that generalization is true or not, but I do know that if we are constantly under attack and need to protect our resources, it does make you more prickly. It uses up some of our reserves of emotional energy to always have to be worrying about our survival. On the other hand, Israelis are known to be incredibly creative, productive, have the strength to withstand attacks by predators, and are known for their desire to help others all around the world. So maybe the word Sabra for the fruit of the prickly pear cactus is a good analogy!

As I gather with my friends for mini in-person joyous reunions one of the common themes we discuss is the difficulties, pain, and brokenness that accompanied survival during the Pandemic. Not only did we need to protect ourselves from physical harm we had to develop mechanisms to protect against emotional and often financial harm. Hopefully we will feel less stressed and lose our prickly spines as the Pandemic recedes due to more vaccinations. It will be a gradual process and those with compromised immune systems will need to continue their defensive posture. To be able to enjoy life to its fullest we need human contact, just like plants need water. I have missed seeing the plant life (and the human life) at the synagogue, including the prickly pear cactus in the parking area.

At a recent outdoor hybrid Friday night service, I briefly went inside to check the sound levels on Zoom. It was my first time inside the building in over a year. I was surprised by the emotion that I experienced as I glanced into the sanctuary. Just like a plant that is special to us for what it might represent, a synagogue has its own aura as well. There are 10 Hebrew words for the experience of returning. You can decide which one best represents your personal experience as we return to our synagogues for indoor services.



Prickly Pear Cactus, SABRA

### JCOR Outreach to the Community

JCOR partners with ORUUC  
to feed the hungry!

- Monthly "stone soup" meal and food baskets
- Last Friday of every month at ORUUC



### Donate Your Dollars

Send your check to Ronnie Bogard.

**From a recent monthly meal:** Our 100+ Stone Soup meals were all picked up before 5:30 p.m.. One driver asked what the meal was and when we told her it was Mexican Corn Salad, chips, Hummingbird Cake and fresh fruit, she quickly said, "I'll take four, please." ORUUC buys the contents, prepares the meals, hands out to those who drive though, and delivers to Fairbanks/Callaghan Towers. Many individuals return monthly just to spend a few minutes talking to another human being. This meal is about feeding the hungry but also about relationship building in our community. Thank you to all who participate from JCOR, thank you for your continued financial support.



Our much loved office assistant, Laura Bowles, has retired to travel the world. Several gathered at a luncheon to show their appreciation.



Outdoor Friday Night Shabbat has been warm and friendly. Linda Bell chats with Sarah Braunstein, daughter of Catherine Braunstein (obm).



JCOR hikers enjoy another beautiful local hike at Gallaher Bend. There is no place better to live than in Oak Ridge!



David Mosko (son of Joel and Linda Mosko in Marlton, NJ and grandson of Sig and Brenda Mosko in Oak Ridge) graduated magna cum laude with a BA in Jazz Performance from Rutgers University. He competed and won a spot in the US Army Field Band Jazz Ambassadors and will be in Ft. Meade, MD. His primary instrument is the trombone, but he also plays piano and drums.



Fran Silver sharing a time of joy during our Shabbat weekend with Cantor Jacqueline Marx.

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OF OAK RIDGE**

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# CHABAD OF KNOXVILLE



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Deli Edition  
August 5, 2021  
12pm - 5pm

## Knoxville Kosher Deli Pop-Up



Where New York Deli meets Rocky Top!!



Chabad of Knoxville

Pre-Order from July 29 - August 3  
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## Get Well Connected Today

What comes to mind when you think of religion? A way of looking at life, perhaps, a story about the world, or a way to pray? For many, a faith is a core set of beliefs surrounded by a little ceremony. For us, that's precisely backwards: Judaism is less a system of belief than a system of action. But what's so inspiring about all those dreary dos and don'ts?

**Well-Connected** will reveal the soul of Jewish ritual life by showing how to make each mitzvah personal, and a way to connect to something beyond ourselves. Each month, we put one area of Jewish law under the microscope and explore its rationale, relevance, and practical application.

For dates, times, location and more information call, text or email Miriam Esther at (865) 386-3827 or [me@kjds.org](mailto:me@kjds.org).



A MONTHLY SERIES OF CLASSES FOR WOMEN

# WELL-CONNECTED

It's not what you know.  
It's what *you* do.

# JAHRZEIT

## *Heska Amuna Synagogue*

### August 7

Dorothy Becker ♦ Betty Billig ♦ Randall Bloom ♦ Gene Bocknek ♦ Max Cohen ♦ Oscar Isaacs ♦ Joseph Leeds ♦ Robert Messing ♦ Albert Meyerhoff ♦ Thomas Miner ♦ David Richer ♦ Rabbi A.J. Robinson ♦ Steven Shersky ♦ Morris Shorr ♦ Rebecca Winston

### August 14

Bella Allen ♦ Dustee Bendes ♦ Jean Berger ♦ Estelle Binder ♦ Gertrude Bobroff ♦ Ida Chandler ♦ Paul Cooper ♦ Rosa Deitch ♦ Ethel Foster ♦ Julius Gruenberg ♦ Lawrence Hahn ♦ Seymour Landis ♦ Sylvia Leibowitz ♦ Barney Levine ♦ Hyman Liberman ♦ Rebecca F. Millen ♦ Samuel Poster ♦ Albert Ring ♦ Louis Roth ♦ Edwin Schnoll ♦ Shlomo Shloush ♦ Tessie Siegel ♦ Molly Thorp ♦ Helen Tobe

### August 21

Wolf Brody ♦ Gershon Cooper ♦ Andy Frank ♦ Ada Garber ♦ Ruth "Billie" Goldhar ♦ Daniel Goodman ♦ Sylvia Greenfield ♦ Max Hasden ♦ Rebecca Krauss ♦ Muriel Littmann ♦ Hannah Nius ♦ Anna Belle O'Brien ♦ Louis Perelman ♦ Martin Schwab ♦ Bea Schwartz ♦ Robert Zalkin

### August 28

Decia Bendriem ♦ Sarah Billig ♦ Adrian Burnett ♦ Abraham Drutz ♦ Lillian Friedman ♦ Esther Perlberg ♦ A. Stanley Robinson ♦ Freda Samet ♦ Leah Schiff ♦ Abraham Silber ♦ Louis Slovis

# JAHRZEIT

## TEMPLE BETH EL

### August 6

Garrett Bickman ♦ Jackie Bickman ♦ Marie Elston ♦ Sandi Fields ♦ Herbert Eugene Galloway ♦ Samuel Gelber ♦ Efim Golburt ♦ Harold Karklin ♦ Jennie Samuel Levy ♦ Edward Lippner ♦ Herbert Nash ♦ Daniel Nodelman ♦ Nancy Sauers ♦ Pastor Serrato ♦ Emilie Ehrlich Strasburger ♦ Revera T Wayburn ♦

### August 13

Abram Golburt ♦ Albert Greenberg ♦ Monroe Hecht ♦ Benjamin Herrmann ♦ Marcus Herrmann ♦ Matvei Ioselev ♦ Sara Pais ♦ Alice Palmer ♦ Anne Prial ♦ John Ravin ♦ Emanuel Taylor ♦ Ethel Taylor ♦ Anne Kadison Weinstein

### August 20

Zan Tamar Bailey ♦ Jerome Bernstein ♦ Angela Buie ♦ Charles M. Evans ♦ Daniel Goodman ♦ Gilbert Klein ♦ William M Rosenbaum ♦ Albert Sasson ♦ Marvin Selk ♦ Rose Shenkman ♦ Max Slome ♦ Sidney M. Spero ♦ Rebecca Winston

### August 27

Armand H Abel ♦ Anna H Blatt ♦ Jacob Blaufeld ♦ Wolfe Brody ♦ Natalie Feldman ♦ Jeanette Galloway ♦ Harold Garber ♦ Harold Heolderlin ♦ Morris Hochenberg ♦ Alex Klugman ♦ Meyer Kreisberg ♦ George Palmer ♦ Glenn Powell ♦ David Sachs ♦ Liliya Safro ♦ Lillian Pollack Sloane ♦ Dora Stein ♦ Trygg Trant

# Hadassah HIGHLIGHTS

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

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Knoxville

## Hadassah Supports the Surfside Community



Beyond our imagination  
we can not be more grateful that  
**ISRAEL** sent the IDF Search and Rescue Team  
to be part of resucuing many.

It is with profound sadness to have to share  
with you that the tragedy of Surfside has hit our  
Hadassah Southern family.

With the heaviest of hearts that we share the  
passing of Dr. Gary Cohen beloved husband of  
Mindy Cohen, the Southern Region Area Vice  
President for Knoxville, and father to their sons  
Jared and Seth.

May his memory and all of those lost be a  
blessing.

HADASSAH PRESENTS:

## Margaritas & Mingle

SUNDAY,  
AUGUST 15 @ 4PM

Join us in welcoming the Oak Ridge Chapter with a  
special *Potluck* event. Bring your favorite PARVE  
side dish or appetizer. We will provide the rest.

At the Home of Andrea Cone  
RSVP HERE FOR ADDRESS: [HKNOX.EVENTS](http://HKNOX.EVENTS)

And for more details.





## 2022 Hadassah Knoxville-Oak Ridge Membership Directory, Shopping Guide & Datebook

Reserve your ad space now through deadline:  
November 15, 2021

### Ad Sizes & Rates:

- Ad sizes: Full page \$195, ½ page \$125, 1/3 page \$110, or ¼ page \$90
- Memorial/Yahrzeit ad: Full page \$110 or 1/3 page \$60
- Memorial Listings: 75 characters -- \$30
- Professional Listings: Name, phone number, category -- \$36
- Professional Listings are ½ price at \$18 for advertisers with at least ¼ page ad contract
- **Now accepting 2022 cover artwork submissions** for consideration. Please send photo to Jill Weinstein at [jkweinstein5@gmail.com](mailto:jkweinstein5@gmail.com).

### Advertising in the Hadassah Knoxville Directory:

- Supports Hadassah's many worthwhile projects
- Reaches 450 people with your message year-round

## Buy a Tree or Water Certificate

What better way to celebrate a birthday or special occasion than by purchasing a certificate to plant a tree in Israel?

**One Tree \$18**  
**Ten Trees \$150**  
**(Circle of Trees)**  
**Garden of Trees**  
**\$500**

You may designate a name for certificates in memory of someone, sending get well wishes, honor a birthday, anniversary, birth, marriage, engagement or simply support Israel's reforestation and water purification projects.



Contact Joyce York at  
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check  
(payable to Hadassah) and  
information to  
2054 Smoky River Road,  
Knoxville, 37931

## Hadassah Member Benefits

- Hadassah Knoxville Newsletters bi-weekly
- HADASSAH KNOXVILLE (cover by local artist) Membership Directory Shopping Guide & Datebook
- Subscription to *Hadassah Magazine*: print and digital
- Connecting people with shared values in Knoxville and across the country
- Empowering women by joining to influence positive change
- Access to webinars/podcasts/videos
- Receive national communications
- Invitations to national as well as regional events
- Offers to exclusive group travel to Israel via missions
- Opportunity to participate in advocacy initiatives
- Access to Health & Wellness programs and resources
- Privilege to support the organization through a variety of giving opportunities

**Save The Date**

Hadassah Presents:

**the power of pink**  
an integrated program on breast cancer awareness, self empowerment, and art.

**Thursday, October 7**

More Information to follow: Stay Tuned

#BreastCancerAwarenessMonth

## Celebrate Motherhood with a Hadassah Layette

By Batya Boxt

Hadassah sends layettes to women who have a new baby or grandbaby. A layette is a card from all of us congratulating them on the new baby!



When I receive information about a future Hadassah member's arrival, I will email all of you. If you are interested in having your name included on the layette, please email me back and let me know.

**If you don't have a layette account**, please send me a check to set that up. I'd recommend \$25 to start. If you need to replenish your account, please send that check to me as well. So that my address isn't distributed publicly, please email me to request my address. Let me know how much money you'd like to donate to the layette and I'll deduct that amount from your layette account. When the account is low (around \$5), I'll email you so you can refill it.

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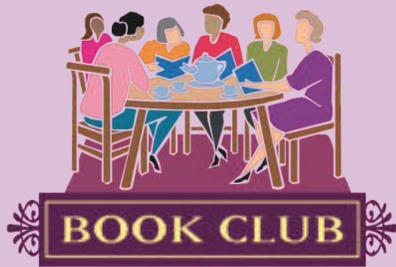
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## Hadassah Book Club News

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

We welcome you to participate in our next Hadassah Book Club meeting. On Tuesday, August 17, we will discuss *The Vanishing Half* by Brit Bennett. We are *planning* to meet at a member's home in the west Knoxville area and we will also have Zoom available.

**We are returning to a start time of 7:30 p.m. to support more Zoom participants and local members.** If you are interested in attending in person you need to contact Barbara Mintz at [Barbara@bmintz.com](mailto:Barbara@bmintz.com). She will send you the home address and a map. Everyone on the master list will still receive the Zoom links the week before we meet.

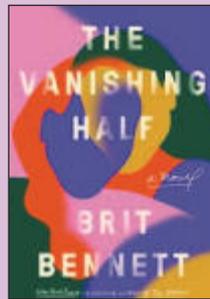
#### The Vanishing Half

The Vignes twin sisters will always be identical. But after growing up together in a small, southern black community and running away at age 16, it's not just the shape of their daily lives that is different as adults, it's everything: their families, their communities, their racial identities. Years later, one sister lives with her black daughter in the same southern town she once tried to escape. The other secretly passes for white, and her white husband knows nothing of her past. Still, even separated by so many miles and just as many lies, the fates of the twins remain intertwined. What will happen to the next generation, when their daughters' story lines intersect?

Weaving together multiple strands and generations of this family, from the Deep South to California, from the 1950s to the 1990s, Brit Bennett produces a story that is at once a riveting, emotional family story and a brilliant exploration of the American history of passing

- **September: *The Great Alone*** by Kristen Hannah

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



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# Stanford Eisenberg Knoxville Jewish Day School



*A peek behind the scenes of Schoolhouse Rock, Jr.. It was a new experience this year and our students learned about recording, lighting, filming and producing.*

## The Show Must Go On!

When you ask our alumni what they remember most about their time at KJDS, the answer is always "The Play!" It is a truly unique experience for our young students to be in a full production. We have committed to making the arts an integral part of our curriculum. The confidence that comes with public performing is immeasurable. Enter 2020 with its strict protocols and no mixing of classes or singing inside, and the play seemed to be the next casualty in a most unique year.

But there is one thing you must remember about our unique school-if it benefits the students, we will find a way. Our task force, teachers, and community professionals pulled together to brainstorm and we pulled off a cinematic filming of School House Rock Jr. The show was filmed in April and streamed to all our friends and family the last week of school. While not our typical play the show was amazing, and just another testimony to the passion, energy, creativity and talent that is KJDS!



*The Kindergarten and First Grade class worked hard with their choreography and singing. They performed a School House Rock favorite Conjunction Junction in "train cars."*



*The Second and Third grade class performed several songs. They worked with several fourth/fifth graders and Elvis. They enjoyed their costumes and props.*

*Right: KJDS used our entire campus to film the play.*

*Photos by Lev Gross Comstock*



## Integrated Units Bring Depth, Rigor, Joy to Learning

As the final unit of the year Ms. Julien's 4-5<sup>th</sup> graders launched a coffee shop. In this unit Science, Social Studies, Reading, Writing and Math skills come together. Students explored matter and its states as they roasted coffee beans and studied the process of the coffee bean. Students enjoyed a presentation by Dr. Jeff Becker on the *Science of Coffee Fermentation*. As Historians students studied about World War I, World War II and the Holocaust. Students brought all of their learning together by opening a functioning coffee shop with an open mic as their grand opening. Students put their literary skills of analyzing and writing poetry to work as they published poems related to one of the Science or Social Studies topics they had been studying. Applying their drama skills students thought about delivery as well. Their poems were each unique, informative and well delivered. Enjoy one example of the poems published for the open mic.

*K Brew visit-  
On a walking field trip,  
students learned about  
the business of running a  
coffee shop. They were  
given a tour and of  
course, sampled the of-  
ferings.*



*Above:  
Slurping. Science can be  
used to study many  
things. Slurping the cof-  
fee is one way to fully  
taste the difference in  
beans and roasting tech-  
niques*

*Right: Each student  
learned how to make  
coffee for their parents,  
each process yielded  
differing results.*



*Far right: The Open Mic opening was a huge success. This year it was even more special as our parents had not been able to spend time at school. The weather allowed for outside distancing as students read poems.*

## To a Coffee Bean, at Its Roast

*By Maddie Darby*

Roasting and toasting, the coffee bean's burning,  
The coffee bean's so hot, it's sprinting away.

Dancing and prancing, the coffee bean's shaking,  
while it's making  
a big mess all over the place.

Stop, coffee bean, stop! You're making a ruckus,  
so please just shut it!  
It's grinding time anyways...

and that makes a noise,  
Oh boy!

Now that it's grounded,  
I'm already astounded.  
Finally a step with some peace and some quiet.  
Grounds in a cup, now I'm excited!

Splishes and splashes, the water streams down  
into the french press where the mixture chills out.

Here comes the press part of our dear friend, french  
press.

Soon it's finally time to test.

Added some sugar, added some milk.  
Stirred it all in, now it's like silk.

Time for the first sip.  
I'm gnashing my lower lip,  
Ow!

The coffee is rushing to the tip of my cup  
Anxiety surrounds me, here it comes...

Yummm!  
I'm sure that I'm done.

The chemex would have been good, though....

Take some steps back.  
It's time to retract  
using a new maker of coffee.

The filter dashes and does a 360,  
but sealing it's easy.  
Water goes down. The whole filter is ready.  
Phew! Now that went by breezy.

Grounds are secured. Time to get soaked.  
More water, more water,  
the coffee's so much hotter!

Pure coffee comes out, the essence intoxicating.  
Color's light brown,  
Ugh! My brain's really aching!

Into the nice mug with sugar and milk.  
Stir it again, and it's still like silk.

More confident this time,  
I take a big sip...

Steaming and screaming, I'm needing some help!  
No one is listening while I yelp.

Doctor, doctor, I need a doctor!  
It was too steaming,  
now my mouth is bleeding!

We are now at the end,  
French press and chemex you are our friends!

But, what about iced coffee...?

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## It is a Grand Old Flag

Thanks to the generosity of Susan Silber who donated her father Bernard Simon's O.B.M. flag, we now have a new daily tradition. Bernard was a Navy veteran who served on ships escorting supply convoys from the US to Great Britain during WWII.

We are grateful to KJDS Board Member Ellen Markman and Eagle Scout Tyler Buescher for teaching our students how to care for the flag. Our fourth and fifth graders took their lessons seriously and due to their recent study of WWII, they understood the historic and patriotic implications of this particular flag. This is another wonderful moment that brought our community together for our students.



*Left: Harold, Susan, and Ellen with fourth and fifth graders and the flag.  
Above: Students learn to raise the flag properly with Tyler Buescher's help.*

## What Parents are Saying Kindergarten in a Mask

By Gina Di Salvo, PhD

Like many families with young kids, the Spring 2020 shut down was hard. My husband and I struggled to balance working from home while helping our older daughter, Adeline, finish 1<sup>st</sup> grade at KJDS virtually. But the one who had the hardest time last spring was our younger daughter, Beezy, who missed her preschool friends and teachers terribly. We tried virtual playdates on Zoom, but that turned out as well as it sounds. Beezy craved a routine, a playground, and a space to learn that wasn't our cluttered dining room table. We were, therefore, thrilled that KJDS devised a COVID-19 safety plan for the 2020-21 school year. The plan included daily health screenings, mask-wearing, and separation of classrooms, among other measures. We were grateful for this plan and for being a part of a school community that took it seriously. It meant that our kids could safely experience in-person learning, something that we felt was especially essential for Beezy as she started kindergarten. Still, I wondered: Could kindergarten actually happen in a mask?

Kindergarten not only happened but also it provided a joyful and consistent place of learning in an otherwise difficult and unpredictable year. Throughout, Beezy came home excited to tell us about something she learned, created, or observed in school. In photos, her eyes are bright with the slightest crease at the corner – she spent the year smiling beneath the mask.

Beezy has told me a lot of things you can do in a mask. You can build simple machines in a mask. You can make art in a mask. You can learn how to read and write – in English and Hebrew – in a mask. You can observe the entire lifecycle of a butterfly in a mask. You can build a Purim float in a mask. You can have a fashion show in a mask. You can participate in the wedding of Q and U in a mask. You can explore gravity, measurement, and numbers in mask. You can make friends in a mask. You can rehearse and perform in your first play in a mask. You can run, climb, and dance in a mask. And when you lose your first tooth, you can step far away from your teacher and your classmates and take down your mask for a few seconds to show off the new gap in your smile.



*Beezy with string. She loves the hands on activities at KJDS.*



*Beezy with friends.*

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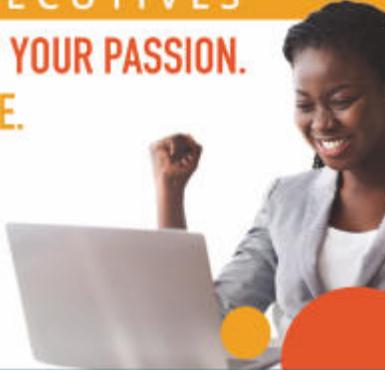
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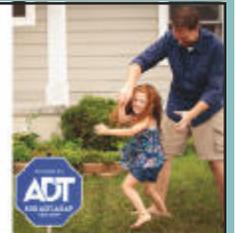
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Among those participating in the 2009 Mother's Day celebration at the AJCC were (left to right) Britt **S**turm, Olivia **T**alman, and Harris **B**ailey.

Britt and wife Elyssa live in Knoxville. Olivia's father, Jeff, and Harris's mother, Allyn, also live in Knoxville.

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