

Carol (Biernbaum) Kaplan-Lyss

Class of 1959

Carol Kaplan-Lyss has spent her career contributing to the growth and development of children.

She has authored six children's books and composed 10 published, school-performed musicals, including the "3 Piggy Opera." The musicals have been performed internationally. She has also created two CDs for children.



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Kaplan-Lyss served as a music therapist and psychiatric childcare worker at Jewish Hospital during her university years. She was a fourth-grade teacher at Pershing School, director of the Early Education Center in University City and parenting educator/counselor in the Clayton School District where she still serves as an adjunct.

She served as councilwoman and mayor in Olivette. She founded and still coordinates Shir Ami, a Jewish singing group that performs at international festivals and community and private events.

Kaplan-Lyss served on the board of the National Parenting Education Network and volunteers widely, with special interest as a reader and Advisory Board participant of Ready Readers, an organization that encourages a love of reading in children, especially those in low-income early education programs.