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KJA Selects Executive Director



(UJC press release)

The Knoxville Jewish Alliance, Inc. has appointed Jeffrey Gubitz as its new executive director. He began January 28.

For the past eight years, Gubitz has been the executive director of the Fort Wayne Jewish Federation. He brings to Knoxville experience in public- and private-sector management and has worked as a substitute teacher, teaching

assistant and teacher trainer. Gubitz spent a year in Knoxville as the interim executive director.

"The Knoxville Jewish Alliance is thrilled to welcome Jeff Gubitz back to Knoxville. We are pleased, after a long search, to have an experienced executive who is ready to jump in with both feet," said Ellen Schnoll, immediate KJA past-president.

Gubitz earned a bachelor of arts degree from Indiana University in Germanic languages and political science and a Master of Public

Administration degree. He did additional course work in African-American studies, theater, geography and history. He also studied at the University of Hamburg in Germany.

In the past, Gubitz served as a member of the United Way Speaker's Bureau, was the six-term treasurer of the Allen County Agency Administrators Association and the treasurer of the United Jewish Communities Small Federations Executive Association. He is a member of the Downtown Rotary Club, serving on several committees. He has been providing Holocaust education programs in various communities for more than 25 years.

He has been a popular speaker at numerous schools, colleges, and community service clubs. In 2004, he designed and managed the "Anne Frank -- A History for Today" exhibit. He has been a religious school faculty member of Congregation Achduth Vesholom for 13 years, teaching middle and high school classes. He is married, with three children.

"We look forward to a long and successful relationship with Jeff and his family," said Scott Hahn, newly elected KJA president and chair of the federation's executive search

committee.

This executive search was conducted by the UJC Mandel Center for Leadership Excellence. The UJC Mandel Center for Leadership Excellence provides a full range of federation executive search services, including on-site meetings with federation leaders, candidate screening, and consultation throughout the entire search process.

KJA Campaign Update

Total: \$316,000
Number of Pledges: 122
65 increases from 2006
9 new pledges

For more information on how you can make your pledge, call 690-6343 or visit jewishknoxville.org.

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The KJA strives to serve Jewish life by providing the democratic forum, the organizational structure, the physical home, and financial means to support and promote the cultural, intellectual, and general welfare of the entire Jewish Community of Knoxville and the Jewish community across the world. The KJA is affiliated with the United Jewish Communities. The

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News at Jewish Family Services

JFS coordinates "Chai" Bags for Special Visits

By Nancy Britcher, MSW, LCSW, Jewish Family Services Director

Jewish Family Services Volunteers treat residents in community assisted living and nursing homes with our famous "Chai" bags. These bags enable volunteers to bring a little gift with them when they visit those confined to nursing homes or other long-term care facilities. They contain assorted toiletries and personal care items with separate bags designed for men and women. If you would like to know more about our "Chai" bag program or volunteer some time to visit our older adults in assisted living and nursing homes, please call Nancy Britcher, JFS, at 693-5837 or contact our Volunteer Coordinator Evan Sturm.

A Fabulous Purim Celebration at Elmcroft of Knoxville (formerly Outlook Pointe)

On Wednesday, February 28, 2007, a Purim celebration was given by Jewish Family Services for our Jewish older adult residents of assisted living and retirement homes. Held at Elmcroft of

Knoxville, 35 people, including residents from four different facilities, volunteers and family members enjoyed a wonderful dairy meal prepared by JFS volunteers. Hamentashen were baked by the children of the AJCC Preschool. For our entertainment, Debbie Richman conducted children from the Knoxville Jewish Day School who delighted the guests with songs. Shaloch Manot bags of sweets were given to those who attended and were later distributed to those residents unable to attend this program. Our next special holiday event will be for Passover. If you would like to be involved, please contact Nancy Britcher or Pat Rosenberg at the JFS office, 693-5837.

You and Your Aging Parent

On Tuesday, February 27, 2007, Jewish Family Services presented a program on "You and Your Aging Parent." It was a forum designed to assist those who want to help their parents as they look at resources, life transitions, and changing health care and housing needs. If you missed this session but would like more information about this important issue, please contact Nancy Britcher, MSW, LCSW, at Jewish Family Services- 693-5837 ext. 18.

KJA Annual Meeting



Arnold Schwarzbart and Rabbi Yossi Wilhelm await the Annual Meeting's start.



KJA President Ellen Schnoll ended her two-year term.

Jewish community members gathered for the KJA Annual meeting. Photos continued on page 15 and more photos available with the 2006 Annual Report at www.jewishknoxville.org.

A Note From Jeff

Dear Members of the Knoxville Jewish community:

To quote Jack Nicholson in a film, I'M BACK! Unlike Jack's character though, I have returned only to do good.

Twenty-two years ago, our family of four and a Scottish terrier were packed up by the movers and moved north to Fort Wayne, Indiana. Now there are five of us and Sandy, the aging chow mix. Ron (27) and Jennifer (24), both Milton Collins day camp and preschool alums, do not live at home anymore. Ron is in St. Louis, working as a recruiter for Teach for America. Jennifer has a fellowship at Hillel in Washington, DC, and works in the Israel education department. Our youngest, Leslie (the only born and bred Hoosier child), turned 18 in December, graduates from high school in June and will enter college this fall. Charlene has served as director of religious education and Hebrew tutor at our congregation and also works as a reading intervention aid in the Fort Wayne schools. She continues to sing, sharing her musical talents and voice at several congregations in the Midwest.

I come to you from Fort Wayne, Indiana

where, since November 1998 I served as the Fort Wayne Jewish Federation's Executive Director. It is just great to be back home.

JCC/Federation work is not considered work by me. For me it is part and parcel of the fabric of my very being on so many levels for all of these years.

Charlene and I are very happy to be back in Knoxville. Although we moved 22 years ago, we have kept in touch with many here in the community. Certainly I have kept up to date through my predecessor and professional friend and colleague, Bernie Rosenblatt.

I was very interested to learn about the merging of the federation and the AJCC. I was very impressed with the community during my interview process. We are fortunate to have a great group of lay leaders who have, with your help, fashioned an organization that can only move forward. We have a great staff that has demonstrated their willingness to work and create. I believe this synergism and spirit of cooperation has excited the community and you have had many successes since the merger.

Over the next few weeks I shall be acclimating myself to the community and I am sure that I will be meeting many of you. I am sure that I will be renewing old friendships and

acquaintances. If I see you again and I don't say hello by name, please remind me who you are. Even though all of us look exactly the same 22 years later, it has been a long time!

I look forward to working with our new president Scott Hahn and the rest of the board. Your KJA, much like many other organizations, does not work in a vacuum. We need your support; we need your ideas; we need YOU and your time to continue to keep the focus on the word COMMUNITY. So much has been accomplished over the years because you wanted to do it. We must, as a community never let down that need to do what is right. We must do what is just, speak for those without a voice. We must support our brethren wherever they are. We must do even more. We must be a better community. We must care for one another. We must not be partisan, but rather we must be partners. We must all pledge to continue that tradition. We are one.

I am honored to serve as director. This organization has a wonderful history and I am proud to be part of that past and the future.

*B'shalom
Jeff Gubitza*

KJA President's Report



By Scott B. Hahn

This year, the theme of the 2007 Campaign is "Celebrating Tzedeka," I found this not just to be a clever slogan, but a very profound statement as well. For far too many years we Jews have used negative

reinforcement as one of our greatest motivators. Ironically, throughout Jewish history it was these negative events that were the innovators for positive change. It was the destruction of the Second Temple which led to the birth of rabbinic Judaism. This in turn led to Judaism becoming a world-wide and not just a provincial religion.

The Jewish expulsion from Spain gave birth to modern secular Judaism. The Russian pogroms of the late 19th century and early 20th century created the mass migration of Russian Jewry to North and South America. Finally, the Holocaust, as horrible as it was, helped to speed up and focus attention on the need for a Jewish state. All these events while painful and frightening, led to the growth and development of the modern Jewish people. It is my belief that one of the reasons some Jews are not interested in their culture and history is because they were taught through negative reinforcement and seldom shown the positive.

Ironically, Jewish tradition recognizes this and emphasizes the good and positive side of life. Talmud Kiddushin states, "When a person faces his/her maker, he/she will have to account for

those God-given pleasures of life which he or she failed to enjoy." The Rabbi knew life is a balance of that philosophy. We Jews have obligations known as mitzvot. However, not every obligation has to be negative. We should look at the opportunity to help others as having the potential to have profound spiritual as well as real world applications for the positive.

The KJA has many exciting opportunities to help with the program, serving on a Committee or Board, or giving to our Annual Campaign. There are many opportunities to do something good with the KJA. The more we take advantage of these positive opportunities, the greater our community becomes. If you would like more information, please feel free to contact me or the KJA office.

Friendship Spring Line-Up Offers Something for Everyone!



Lawyer Anne McKinney speaks on protecting your assets.

By Beth Heller, Senior Adult Program Director

Mark your calendars and join us! Unless noted, all programs are held at noon at the AJCC. \$8.00 per person for catered luncheon; no charge for the program alone.

Tuesday, March 6: Guest Speaker: Joe Howell, News Sentinel Photographer, reports on his experience on the "March of the Living".

Wednesday, April 18: Gene Rosenberg presents his "Traveling Trunk." Noon at the AJCC. \$8.00 per person for catered luncheon; no charge for the program alone.



Wednesday, May 9: Special performance by Lucas and Debbie Richman. Noon at the AJCC. \$8.00 per person for catered luncheon; no charge for the program alone.

Wednesday, June 20: Joan Markel of the UT McClung Museum presents "Ancient China: China for Citizens of the World." 11:30 a.m. in the private room of the Mandarin House Restaurant. \$8.00 per person for catered lunch; no charge for program alone.

Thursday, August 9: Is it Funny... or is it Antisemitic? Featuring Mimi Pais. Noon at



UT Singers fill the room with music!

the AJCC. \$8.00 per person for catered luncheon; no charge for the program alone.*Please note date change.

Attention! Rides Available to Friendship Programs

Beginning in January 2007 the KJA has arranged for the company, Chariots of Hire, to provide transportation for those Friendship programs requesting rides to and from the Friendship programs. Chariots of Hire will pick up the individuals at their homes in a 14-passenger van and will bring them to the AJCC, or to wherever the Friendship program is being held, and then will take them home after the program. Those individuals requesting rides need to let Beth know of their request by the program reservation deadline. Don't miss out because of lack of transportation!!

Thanks to a grant provided by the Sam and Esther Rosen Friendship Fund of the Knoxville Jewish Community Family of Funds for making this transportation program possible.

Friendship Book Group:

The Friendship Book Group meets the first Tuesday of the month at 1:30 p.m. at the AJCC. New members welcome! Interested? Contact Beth at the AJCC, 690-6343.

Would You Like to Share Anecdotes About the Jewish Tradition or Read Stories to Preschool Children? The preschool would love



Companionship and a tasty lunch are features of the Friendship programs.

to have you! Interested in this rewarding experience? Contact Beth Heller or Becky Goemaat at the AJCC, 690-6343.

Friendship Discretionary Fund

Looking for a way to honor a friend, send get well wishes, or just let someone know you care? A contribution to the Friendship Discretionary Fund is a great way to show you care. The Friendship Discretionary Fund purchases equipment to be used by the Friendship programs and helps cover the costs of special Friendship programs and speakers. For more information, please contact Beth Heller or Ed Hunter at the Knoxville Jewish Alliance, 690-6343.

Suggestions? Ideas for programs? Know someone who would like to be added to the Friendship mailing list? Please contact Beth Heller at the AJCC, 690-6343.

The Friendship Program is a program of the Knoxville Jewish Alliance. Thank you for your support.



AJCC preschoolers enjoy listening to the UT Singers.

KJA Salutes Our Volunteers

Thank you to the following people for their help with the January Friendship luncheon program: the UT Singers for their outstanding performance, Marilyn Burnett for her delicious

luncheon; Ruth Sherrill for collecting money at the door, Mimi Pais, Eleanor Shorr and Laura Supman for their festive and spirited decorations; Madeline Mann and Alice and Walter Farkas for providing transportation; the Rosen Fund for sponsoring Chariots of Hire to provide transportation; and Jerry Solomon, Gerald Weinerman and Harold Winston for taking photographs.

Thank you to the following people for their

help with the Friendship/JFS luncheon program on February 7: Anne McKinney for her extremely informative and entertaining program; Marilyn Burnett for her delicious lunch; Mimi Pais, Laura Supman and Eleanor Shorr for the beautiful flowers; Bernie Shorr for collecting money at the door; Harold Winston for taking photographs; and the Friendship Rosen Fund for sponsoring the van to provide transportation.

Chabad House Hosts Series of Events



Mitzvah Vols pose around their dessert buffet at the Ronald McDonald House.

By Miriam Esther Wilhelm, Chabad House of Knoxville

Mommy and Me

Our wonderful Mommy and Me group is up and running again. If you are a mom with a child age 0-3, join us on Tuesday mornings for an hour and half of shared joy. Moms enjoy singing and doing fun, interactive activities with their little ones, and of course the opportunity to chat with other moms and create lasting friendships.

In conjunction with Jewish Family Services, our Mommy and Me group would like to start visiting local Jewish seniors. If you would like to join us, please call Miriam Esther at 588-8584 or 560-9922

Mitzvah Vols

Children in grades 1-6 have a neat club called Mitzvah Vols. These kids are always looking to do a good deed and find great creative opportunities to do a Mitzvah. No project is too big or too small for them. As one of their Mitzvah Projects this year they baked desserts, brought them over to the Ronald McDonald home and set up a Dessert buffet for the people staying there. Check our Website www.ChabadKnoxville.org for future Mitzvah Vols projects.

Knoxville Jewish Women's Circle

Don't you always want to find the time to learn, socialize, let your creativity shine? Well, the Knoxville Jewish Women's Circle combines all the above into one evening event. Each Women's Circle event begins with an informative talk or discussion. Some of our favorites this year have included a stimulating discussion on finding strength during hard times and delving into the Modeh Ani prayer and applying its timeless lesson into our hectic daily lives.

Along with a delicious snack, there is always a fun activity to do as you socialize with other woman and make great friends. This year's activities have thus far included making Rosh Hashana cards, Jewelry making and edible vegetable arrangements. If you are fun loving, energetic woman we'd love to have you join us.

JLI

The Jewish Learning Institute is currently



Women create edible vegetable arrangements at the Jewish Women's Circle.

holding its second educational series for the year titled The Kabbalah of Character. Nineteen students are enjoying the class and many have deemed it the most intriguing series yet. JLI courses are prepared by a group of scholars worldwide and the quality of these adult-education courses is unparalleled. Rabbi Yossi's enthusiastic and clear presentation along with the textbooks and PowerPoint presentations make the JLI courses interactive and rewarding. When participating in a JLI course, you are joining close to 10,000 students worldwide studying the same material at the same time.

For more information on any Chabad House program, feel free to call Rabbi Yossi or Miriam Esther at 588-8584 or e-mail rabi@chabadknoxville.org.



Moms chat, while tots play at the Mommy and Me.

Lowentritt to Celebrate Bat Mitzvah



Haley Lowentritt will celebrate her bat mitzvah on Saturday morning, April 28, 2007 at Heska Amuna Synagogue. She will be leading Friday Night Shabbat Services at the Synagogue at 6:00 p.m. Living in the Knoxville Jewish community, Haley is the daughter of Louis "Tripper" Lowentritt, the sister of Hunter Lowentritt, and the granddaughter of Lynnda Gerson of New Orleans and the late Louis Lowentritt, Jr.

Haley is in seventh grade at West Valley Middle School and attends Heska Amuna Religious School. For her Tzedakah project, Haley is working with soles4souls by collecting used and gently worn shoes for victims of natural disasters.

Family and friends from Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Mississippi and Oregon are scheduled to join with the Knoxville community in celebrating this milestone in Haley's life.

Maccabi Madness – a Big Success

By Deborah Oleshansky, B'nai Tzedek Director

Daniel Brown and his band provided sophisticated background music for a teen Chanukah party held at the Arnstein Jewish Community Center on the sixth night of Chanukah. A group of 30 middle and high school aged teens attended and enjoyed music, food and candle lighting along with a gift exchange. The admission price was a donation towards the creation of a Teen Tzedakah Fund that will be used to give money to non-profit organizations doing the work of Tikkun Olam - repairing the world. The party raised \$250 and was matched by the friends of Elise Jacobs in celebration of her birthday. Thanks to the generosity



Noah Erwin, Jolie Spiegelman, Liz Spencer, Rachel Brown, and Max Silver-Alford make cookies for the teen Chanukah party.



Noah Erwin, Max Silver-Alford, Sam Talman and Andrew Messing enjoy lighting the Chanukah menorah.

of Elise and her friends, the teens now have a Tzedakah Fund of \$500.

Many thanks to Daniel Brown and his band for providing live music for the party. Thanks also to the teens that helped organize and prepare for the party: Rachel Brown, Noah Erwin, Rachel Iroff, Haley Lowentritt, Bryna Oleshansky, Max Silver-Alford, Liz Spencer, and Jolie Spiegelman.

AJCC Preschool Welcomes New Families



AJCC friends Sophie Bergman, Eric Rotstein, Cooper Wood, and Lily Hirsh.

By Rebekah Goemaat, AJCC Preschool Director

Our new Aleph classroom is full, and we have many new faces in our hallways. I want to welcome these new families to our community. One of the most distinctive characteristics of AJCC Preschool is the way the families and staff surround our children with a loving community. We are so happy that these families are a part of that community.

New Aleph families

Nicole Teague and Eric Long and Ava Kathleen and Burt Bagley and Mason Jeff and Debbie Abrams-Cohen and Samantha Deborah and Richard Whipple and Edward Jennifer and Jared Coffin and Max James and Tracey Halter and Brooklyn Brandy McDaniel and Elijah David and Elizabeth McCord and Joseph

New Alephbet families

Marc and Tamar Margolis and Brennan

and Harrison Kristina Kushnir and Vladimir Panin and Eva

New Gimel families

Holly and Greg Franklin and Ethan Michelle Marrero and Ruben Moreno and Lukas Brett and Bonnie Kolnick and Dylan and Rylee

New Alephbet teacher

We are excited to welcome new Alephbet teacher Mona Wong to AJCC Preschool. Mona comes to us with experience teaching infants to elementary school children.

It has been an exciting month as we have watched our preschool grow!

Thank you's

Special thanks to our community members who have come in to read a story, share a holiday event or share Shabbat with our preschool children. Thanks for being a meaningful part of the community that surrounds our children!

Joan Abrams – Friendshippers
 Rabbi Yossi and Miriam Esther Wilhelm – Knoxville Jewish Day School
 Wilma Weinstein – Temple Beth-El
 Carolyn Silver-Alford – Heska Amuna Synagogue
 Penny Lukin – Jewish Congregation of Oak Ridge

Newman to Celebrate Simcha

Michael Newman, son of Denise Dunager and Joseph Newman, will celebrate his bar mitzvah on Saturday, April 14, 2007 at 9:30 a.m. services at Heska Amuna Synagogue.

Michael is a seventh grade student at West Valley Middle School and attends Heska Amuna Religious School. Michael and his family have recently moved from Miami, Florida where he attended Greenfield Jewish Day School.

Michael enjoys playing his rock guitar and

hopes to resume playing football after all his Hebrew studies.

Michael is also active in the B'nai Tzedek philanthropy teen program. He has always spent time at their workplace with both his parents helping with special needs children and disadvantaged youth.

Many friends and family will be traveling from England, Switzerland, Israel, New York, Florida and Georgia to celebrate this simcha with Michael and his family.



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Israel Emergency Campaign - Helping to Rebuild Israel

The Israel Emergency Campaign (IEC) of United Jewish Communities/the Federations of North America, which has raised nearly \$350 million (including \$37,000 from Knoxville) to-date, is sending tens of millions of dollars in new funding to support Israelis under fire in the south and to continue rebuilding Israel's north in the wake of this summer's war.

UJC's IEC Work Group, a committee of professionals and lay leaders representing a broad range of federations that oversees IEC allocations, recently approved two major aid packages that will fund programs of UJC's overseas partners, the Jewish Agency for Israel (JAFI) and the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee (JDC).

Recently, the IEC panel allocated \$2.6 million to help address immediate needs of Israelis in and around the Negev Desert city of Sderot, which has sustained missile fire from the nearby Gaza Strip for some time. The Sderot aid included \$1.2 million, to offer 8,000 children after-school programs in the arts, sports and academics; \$700,000 to provide 4,000 children from first to sixth grade with one-to-three-day field trips in the country's center; \$500,000 for incentive scholarships for freshmen at Sapir College in Sderot; and \$200,000 to provide 2,500 disabled and 270 elderly one-to-three-day respite trips outside the missile zone.

After this summer's war erupted, the latest IEC was launched and the IEC Work Group allocated \$93 million in emergency and short-term funding to help the most vulnerable of Israel's residents -- the elderly, disabled, recent immigrants and the disadvantaged -- among the Arab, Druze and Jewish populations affected.

This October, the IEC Work Group allocated another \$23.9 million, to aid in such key areas as education; economic development; emergency assistance and social services.

These programs included after-school activities; kindergarten building upgrades; scholarships and scholastic aid; special-

needs programs; trauma counseling training and trauma therapy; leadership development; post-trauma education and emotional support for grade-school students.

In addition, the IEC Work Group set aside \$23.7 million in reserves for a second year of these programs, pending follow-up to determine their effectiveness.


Already IEC funding is making an impact. At Tel-Hai College in the Upper Galilee, for example, officials saw a 30 percent drop in student enrollment due to the war. But \$5 million in IEC scholarships for students drafted during the war and others helped the university grow enrollment instead this year, from 2,100 to 2,300 students.

"From the earlier days of the first IEC in response to terrorism, through the latest war by Hezbollah and the continued attacks on Sderot, UJC/Federations have coalesced around a basic strategy -- that we will help our brothers and sister in Israel quickly and effectively, as we have done from generation to generation," said Joe Kanfer, of Akron, Ohio, chair of the UJC Board of Trustees.


UJC CEO and

President Howard Rieger said that through UJC/Federations, North America's Jewish community continues to rally around Israel in a historic show of solidarity with the Jewish state.

"True to its motto, the IEC has helped give hope to millions of the most vulnerable of Israel's residents, be they Ethiopians in absorption centers in the Galilee, or children of Russian immigrants in Sderot," he said. "And we will continue to be there for our Jewish family,



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Pacesetters 2007 “Celebrating



Pace Robinson, Paul Steinfeld, and Jonathan Livny chat.



Seated: Allan Orwitz, Michael Orwitz, Lea Orwitz, David and Deborah Oleshansky. Back row: Jeff Gubitz, Stephen and Kim Rosen.



Wine expert Jonathan Livny was the keynote speaker.

By Stephen Rosen, KJA Campaign Chairman

On January 28, 45 leaders of the Knoxville Jewish community gathered at The Orangery to launch the 2007 KJA Annual Campaign.

Pacesetters Chairs Karen and Pace Robinson prepared an exciting evening, highlighted by Israeli wines and included an Israeli wine expert. Scott Hahn, KJA President, began the evening with a toast. His message focused on the evening's theme, "Celebrating Tzedekah." Rabbi Beth Schwartz led the group in a motzi and was followed by words from our new KJA Executive Director,

Jeff Gubitz. Jeff spoke eloquently of his early experiences with tzedekah and really got the evening going. Following an excellent dinner, Paul Steinfeld introduced the main attraction of the evening, our guest speaker Jonathan Livny. Paul's introduction included a history of wine in Israel and the announcement that Livny has been appointed as the new Israeli ambassador to Germany. Livny gave a detailed report on the state of the Israeli wine industry with specific comments on the high quality wines Karen had chosen for the evening.



Campaign Chairman Stephen Rosen makes the Pacesetters campaign pitch at the gathering.



Seated: Marilyn Liberman, Bernie and Leslie Rosenblatt, Bernie and Barbara Bernstein. Back row: Harvey Liberman, Alan Solomon and Andrea Cartwright.



Seated: Jonathan Livny, Jeff and Nancy Becker. Back row: Josh Gettinger, Pam and Ernie Gross, and Barb Levin.

Tzedekah” A Success



Seated: Rabbi Beth Schwartz and Larry Washington, Donna and Jay Solod.
Back row: Michael Eisenstadt, Mary Beth Leibowitz, Melissa and Seth Schweitzer.

Seated: Arnold and Mary Linda Schwarzbart, Stephen and Rosalie Nagler.
Back row: Barry and Annette Winston, Jill and Stuart Chasan.

His presentation was very well received and the pacesetters were left with a deeper appreciation, not to mention an appetite, for another worthwhile Israeli export.

Karen’s co-chair, husband Pace Robinson, served as the master of ceremonies for the evening. His final act was to turn the microphone over to KJA Campaign Chair Stephen Rosen. Stephen gave what must be the shortest Pacesetters pitch ever and the Pacesetters rewarded him with pledges approaching \$125,000. The KJA would like to thank Karen, Pace, and most importantly, those attendees at “Celebrating Tzedekah” who took the lead in the Knoxville Jewish community for 2007.



Paul Steinfeld introduces the evening’s keynote speaker.

The following made Pacesetters-level gifts to the 2007 campaign prior to the event but were unable to attend the evening’s celebration:

- Martin and Judi Abrams
- Bill and Ellen Berez
- Adam and Jill Brown
- The Goodfriend Family
- Judy and Harvey Kaufmann
- The Markman Family
- Alexandra Rosen
- Esther Rosen
- Katheryn Rosen
- Laura Supman
- Geoffrey and Pat Wolpert



Pace and Karen Robinson, Paul Steinfeld, Carol Cooper, Scott Hahn.



Jeff Gubitiz, Jonathan Livny and Karen Robinson.

BBG Elects Officers

By Avi Hahn

Gert Weinstein #636, the local girls chapter of BBYO, has proudly elected a new board of chapter officers. Leading the board is N'siah (president) Avi Hahn and S'ganit (vice president) Anna Kern. The two girls elected as Aym Ha-Chaverot (MIT moms) to lead the upcoming freshmen in a glorious year are Alex Galvin and Hannah

Kline. Gizborit (treasurer) will be freshman Megan Weiss and Mazkirah (secretary) will be freshman Bryna Oleshansky. Finally, Emma Silver-Alford will serve as the new Sh'licha (Judaism, Social Action, and Community Service chair). This board is sure to bring Weinstein many successes over the next five months, including creative programs, increased sisterhood, and a chance to learn something new

about the world around them.

Secondly, the current freshmen of Weinstein, the Class of 2010, were formally inducted into the chapter. The transition from Member-in-Training to full-fledged member is one that is always remembered. Freshmen Olivia Talman, Mara Hahn, Rachel Iroff, Bryna Oleshansky, Megan Weiss, and Emma Silver-Alford took this step on Sunday, February 4.

American Hebrew Academy Offers World of Opportunities

By Megan Roberts

Growing up in Knoxville, we thought we were sure of what it meant to be a Jewish teenager in the real world.

In the real world, teenagers did not live in the same house as fifteen of their best friends.

In the real world, high-school students do not often get the chance to study both biology and Talmud before lunch.

In the real world, Jews aren't typically the star athletes or state champions.

In the real world, Orthodox, Conservative and Reform Jews rarely get together for a game of pool on Shabbat afternoons – let alone pray together that morning.

The American Hebrew Academy transcends these realities and provides a high-school experience and education unlike any other place on earth. AHA is the only pluralistic, college prep, Jewish boarding high school in the country.

The Academy offers a rigorous academic program which includes an enriching Judaic studies as well as secular curricula. With no more than 12 students per class, each person gets an opportunity to engage with the subject matter. The student-centered approach to learning is facilitated by the outstanding technology. Personal laptops for each student, wireless internet across the 100-acre campus, and a SMART board in each class make education limitless. But the learning extends far beyond the classroom.

Learning also takes place in beautiful

dorm-style houses. Students study, laugh, and grow together, while becoming independent and self-confident. Yet, just down the hall are two House Parents who are ready to help their students any way they can--either by editing a paper, removing a ketchup stain, helping roommates get along, or simply providing a glass of milk and a warm cookie. The House Parents' goal is to create an ideal learning environment which nourishes students' minds, bodies, and souls.

For a different kind of nourishment, there is a completely kosher dining facility that serves three meals a day, seven days a week to all the students and residential faculty and their families. By eating dinner on Sunday night next to your English teacher and his children, one develops a keshet, a connection, which enhances the experience in the classroom.

Not only can one connect with the faculty and staff but, he or she has the opportunity to build lifelong friendships that cross denominational and geographic lines. Students come to AHA from all over the world, representing 28 states, ten countries, seven languages and many different ways of practicing Judaism. The Academy hosts at least three different worship services each Shabbat, often coordinated and led by students, in order to meet the needs of its diverse population. Students with all sorts of Jewish knowledge and backgrounds - ranging from fluent Hebrew speakers to those that only have been to shul a handful of times - explore Judaism

together.

Students also come together to have a good time and between sports, fine arts, and weekend activities, they never have a chance to be bored. An 88,000 sq. ft. athletic center, considered to be the premier high school athletic facility in the Southeast, boasts an eight-lane indoor swimming pool, rock climbing walls, basketball and racquetball courts, and fitness center. Sports teams compete against other private high schools in soccer, basketball, volleyball, baseball, cross country, track and field, and swimming. The fine-arts department sponsors musicals, plays, AHA cappella, and a comedy improv troupe. Weekend activities range from trips to shopping centers, on-campus movie nights, and camping excursions. The possibilities are endless!

Sailing at the boat house, the Junior class's two-month trip to Israel, and hanging out in the Student Union are only a few of the countless possibilities that encompass life at the American Hebrew Academy. The only way to really understand what this world can offer is to see it firsthand. Please contact us and arrange a visit. We would love to see you soon!

Contact Josh Koller, jkoller@americanhebrewacademy.org, (336) 217-7140 or Megan Roberts, mroberts@americanhebrewacademy.org, (336) 217-7112. American Hebrew Academy, 4334 Hobbs Rd., Greensboro, NC 27410, (336) 217-7000.

Learning at Stanford Eisenberg Knoxville Jewish Day School

Please visit our website at www.KJDS.org. To visit and tour the school please call the KJDS office at 560-9922.



First grader, Leah, reads a book from the library during session time.

Visitor, Gene Rosenberg, reads to the KJDS students during their library time. Weekly library time affords children the opportunity to check out books from our growing library. Community members often visit with the students at this time to speak or read to them.



Students enjoying Morah Debbie Richman's Music and Drama, PE - Karate and Art classes complement the Day School's innovative curriculum.



Kindergartener, Sarah, reads to Frank, AJCC Preschool Daled Class student. Students from the day school made a trip to the Preschool to read to the Gimel and Daled Class students. The children enjoyed it so much that we are now in the process of getting up a reading buddies system between the preschool and day school students.

SHORRLINES: The 3 Ps – Purim, Passover and P'Spring

By Eleanor Shorr, KJA Publications Chairperson

They always come together – a welcome threesome for winter weary women and men. (You think alliteration just flows? Try thinking of three related words starting with P)

The Hamantashen were baked very early – the search for the lekvar and assorted fillings took a little longer but this year, we are proud to announce ours did not look as if they were made by malfunctioning and handicapped robots. This year they came out great! The triangles were almost perfect and they almost stayed glued together when they came out of the oven. You men who thank God every day that you were not put on this earth as women have even more for which to be thankful. Do you have to fool with a sticky mess that oozed out slightly? No! Do you have to dust the flour out of your hair that the mixer processed too vigorously? No! Do you say “Boy - what smells so good in here?” We know darn well it isn't our Chanel No. 5.

But with the mitzvah of being joyous and happy during this season, we find we really miss our yesteryear Jewish humorists. Where are the Myron Cohens, the Jackie Masons, the Alan Kings and Henny Youngmans? We could even allow the kids stay up to hear and watch them. Remember Myron Cohen who really spoke impeccable unaccented English. Now he was funny! His stories about the little old Jewish ladies who inhabited Miami Bitch were priceless. (no - that is not a typo - it was his mock H'english pronunciation.) For instance - Two little ladies met for lunch at the deli. One whispered, “Sadie, I am going to have an affair.” and the other dear little one leaned closer and said “Mine friend – and who's going to cater?”

Food is always an important topic of conversation. Restaurants and dinners and cooking shows are a very vital subject. You can become an expert on dining by just hand picking one or two places and waxing intellectual about them. Remember the great delis that once were, like Harold's, Carnegie, Wolfie's and the 2nd Ave. Deli?

(Harold - you are in exclusive company). Running a deli takes not only a tremendous amount of work but also tact, an ability to rise above the patron who sends the soup back twice because it isn't hot enough, and to close one's ears to surly Jewish waiters who know in their hearts that they are much too good for this kind of work.

We remember our Jewish waiters well – the ones that yelled out, “Who ordered the clean glass?” (a favorite of Myron Cohen) “Will the ladies at Table two please finish eating – people are waiting!” We were overwhelmed by their certainty of unquestioned equality with the customers. Now when your family doesn't look with favor on your offering for dinner – do what they did. Shrug your shoulders, put a look of pain on your face, and tell them that food is for fuel not for fun – it all goes down into the same stomach. So with Purim and Passover and P'Spring, let us enjoy the mitzvah of being contented and happy with ourselves. Those 10 lbs. you want to lose can wait until after the holiday.

Suzy Snoops

Got good news to share? Contact Suzy Snoops via fax, e-mail or mail. Just send your information to voice@jewishknoxville.org, fax to 694-4861, or mail to VOICE, 6800 Deane Hill Drive, Knoxville, TN 37919.

• Two Jewish teens won top honors in the regional Scholastic Art Awards of 2007 contest. Gold Keys awards winners included **Erin Lauer**, Webb School, who won three Gold Keys in painting and drawing and **David Hecht**, Webb School, who won in the photography category. Lauer also was named an American Vision nominee in drawing.

Art that earned Gold Key and/or American Visions awards in the regional contest will be judged at the national level. From the five American Visions entries selected by six East Tennessee judges, one

will be picked as a regional representative. Any of the 26 Gold Key award-winning works may or may not earn awards at the national level.

Twenty-seven schools from Anderson, Blount, Claiborne, Jefferson, Knox, Sevier and Union counties submitted art by middle- and high-school students. That added up to 786 individual entries from students in public, private, parochial or home schools, along with 27 portfolios in the contest, hosted by the Arts & Culture Alliance.

• **Daniel Roberts**, son of **John** and **Deborah Roberts**, was named Cotton States Region's “Best Four Year Member” at the BBO Convention in December.

• **Zachary Peyton Messing**, son of **Daniel** and **Karen Messing**, was one of 49 youths featured in a News Sentinel photo that showed boys and girls who were named after former Vol and Super Bowl Champion Indianapolis Colts quarterback Peyton Manning.

KJA Sympathy

The board and staff of the Knoxville Jewish Alliance express condolences to the families of the following:

- Heather O'Brien and Jan Hahn on the loss of Heather's father, Charles O'Brien.
 - Ethel Wittenberg on the death of her sister-in-law, Evelyn Smith.
 - Jeff Talman and family on the loss of Jeff's father, Wesley Fleming Talman.
 - Marilyn Burnett on the passing of her brother, Hugh Holt.
 - Neil and Linda Feld on the passing of Neil's father, Jack Feld.
 - Lyle Konisberg and family on the passing of Lyle's mother, Ursula Konisberg.
- May their memories be for a blessing.

Role Changing for Scripps Networks Interactive Executive

KNOXVILLE, Tenn.--(BUSINESS WIRE)

Ron Feinbaum, who helped build Scripps Networks Interactive into an online media leader, is being promoted to executive vice president of business development for the company.

Feinbaum, who previously served as general manager and senior vice president of Scripps Networks Interactive, will be responsible for scouting new business and acquisition opportunities relating to the Scripps Networks brands - HGTV, Food Network, DIY Network, FINE LIVING TV Network and Great American Country (GAC) - including the interactive media

space with which he is so familiar. Feinbaum assumes his new duties this month.

"This is a significant step toward leveraging the strength of our brands to accelerate growth by adding new and different revenue streams," said Scripps Networks President John Lansing. "Over the past decade, Scripps Networks has become the leader in lifestyle media, pioneering many of the new platforms such as video on demand and broadband. Ron will lead our efforts to aggressively continue on that trajectory."

Feinbaum also will oversee a new innovation process intended to recognize, analyze and nurture new business ideas

generated internally, engaging Scripps Networks employees in a way that will continue to encourage organic growth.

"We've already seen the power of our brands at work beyond the television screen, with successful publishing partnerships and interactive ventures with Comcast.net, MSN, Amazon and Yahoo," Feinbaum said. "We are also moving forward with our merchandising agreement for Food Network cookware and kitchen appliances to be sold in Kohl's stores later this year. Now we will have the focus, infrastructure and processes in place to do even more with our brands to increase consumer awareness and generate incremental revenue streams."

KJA Allocations: Jewish Community Cooperation Initiative

By Stephen Rosen, KJA Campaign Chairman

The Knoxville Jewish Alliance board recently passed an initiative for Jewish community cooperation presented to it by the KJS Allocations Committee. The KJA

is making available up to \$1,000 in 2007 for any two (or more) local Jewish organizations that are willing to plan and execute a program together. For many years, the Knoxville Jewish Federation budgeted money for the Fund for Jewish Continuity. This new allocation brings back

much of the spirit of the old fund. This grant will very possibly be on a first-come basis so it is best to apply early. For more information, please contact KJA Allocations chair Melissa Miller-Feinbaum or KJA Treasurer David Oleshansky.

KJA Annual Meeting



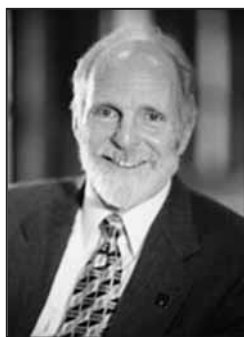
Ellen Kern and Pam Gross chat.



The BBYO teens served lunch with flair.

Arts and Sciences Dean Bruce Bursten Elected to Lead American Chemical Society

Bruce Bursten, dean of the University of Tennessee's College of Arts and Sciences and a distinguished professor of chemistry, has been chosen president-elect of the American Chemical Society (ACS). Bursten will serve a



one-year term as president-elect before becoming president of ACS in 2008. With over 158,000 members, the ACS is the world's largest scientific organization.

"Bruce's election is both a significant personal

achievement and a feather in the cap of the University of Tennessee," said UT Chancellor Loren Crabtree. "This level of national and international leadership will benefit the university and Bruce's leadership of the College of Arts and Sciences, as well as raising the university's profile in the science

and research community."

The ACS was founded in 1876, and among its past presidents are numerous Nobel Prize winners, including famed chemist Linus Pauling.

In his role as the leader of ACS, Bursten will be responsible for the outreach, membership, and policy aspects of the society, as well as playing a significant role in ACS business operations. He will also serve as a member of the society's board of directors over the next three years.

Bursten cited improved communication by the chemistry and larger scientific communities and issues of science education as the most prominent goals of his term.

"At a time when we face critical shortages in energy and we are making great strides in research in advanced materials and chemical biology, it is important to communicate to the public the importance of chemistry to society," said Bursten.

He said he will look specifically at ways the ACS can help increase the number of undergraduate students studying chemistry, a focus of his work in the College of Arts and

Sciences.

Bursten came to UT in 2005 after a 25-year career at Ohio State University, where he was a distinguished university professor of chemistry and had served as chemistry department chair.

He earned his bachelor's degree from the University of Chicago and went on to earn his Ph.D. from the University of Wisconsin, Madison. After completing his doctoral degree, he completed a two-year National Science Foundation post-doctoral fellowship at Texas A & M.

Bursten's research is in inorganic chemistry, focusing on theoretical and computational studies of the chemical structures of and bonding in a variety of metal-containing molecules. Much of his current research involves theoretical studies of compounds near the bottom of the periodic table, such as uranium, that are important in nuclear energy. He has been the author or co-author of more than 150 research papers, as well as co-authoring a leading general chemistry textbook.

Snow to Celebrate Bar Mitzvah



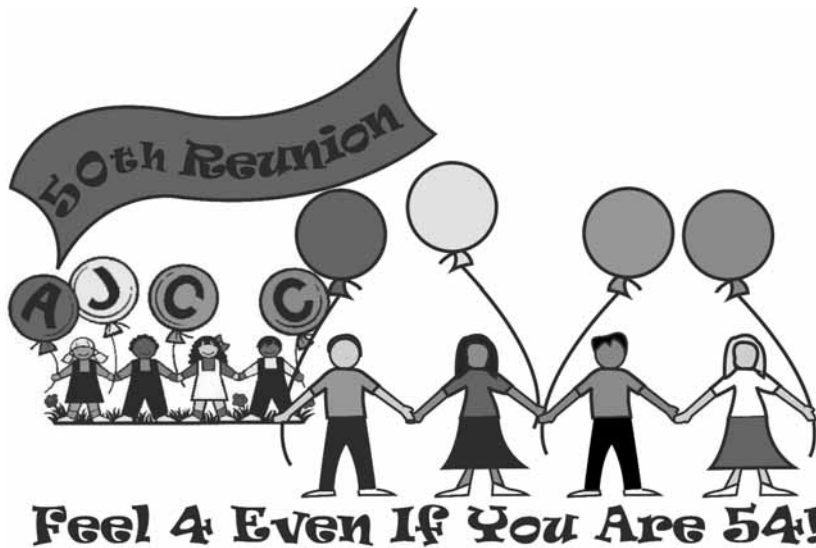
Zackary Snow, son of Craig and Leslie Snow, will celebrate his bar mitzvah Friday March 30, 2007 at Temple Beth El. Zack is an honor student at Farragut Middle School and is on the middle school soccer team. He enjoys math and science and will compete in this year's Energy Bowl competition in Oak Ridge.

Zack is interested in preserving the environment and will be supporting the Tennessee Clean Water Network for his Tzedakah project.



HeartAction volunteers visit the residents at Elmcroft Assisted Living Community. Back row from left to right: Britt Sturm, Will Kronick, Jacob Pais, Harris Bailey, Will Brody, Dan Billinson, Emma Silver-Alford, Jenna Anderson. Front row left to right: Bryna Oleshansky, Megan Weiss, Rachel Iroff, Olivia Talman, Clark Derrington and Evan Noon. Not pictured: Jacob Brown and Mara Hahn.

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\$2,000.00	Bernard E. & Barbara W. Bernstein Charitable Fund
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\$3,000.00	Heska Amuna Synagogue Ted & Dolly Reback Knoxville Youth Fund
\$499.28	2005 Regional BBYO Convention Natalie & Mitchell Robinson Community Enrichment Fund
\$17,000.00	KJA Day of Learning Arnstein Jewish Community Center Endowment Fund
\$1,000.00	Parking lot and electrical enhancements Sam & Esther Rosen Friendshippers Club Fund
\$750.00	Friendshippers Program Zelda & Max Morrison Cultural Enrichment Fund
\$1,125.00	KJA Jewish Women's Network program Miles & Zelda Siegel Fund for Knoxville's Jewish Elderly
\$222.00	KJA Jewish Family Services for needs of elderly Zionist Organization Fund
\$60,308.78	JNF tree certificates for B'nai Mitzvot TOTAL GRANTS for 2006

For a complete listing of KJCFF funds, please visit www.jewishknoxville.org.



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to preserve and strengthen the Jewish Community of Knoxville

To learn more about the opportunities available to create your philanthropic legacy to our community, contact:
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Or visit our web site at <http://www.jewishknoxville.org>

Musings

From Mary Linda

How do you create an angel?

"By performing tzedakah and the mitzvah of acts of loving kindness, we engage in tikkun olam or repair of the world. We experience the powerful feeling of doing good in our world, of creating angels.

One talmudic Sage, Rabbi Assi, believed the commandment tzedakah to be so important that he said, "Tzedakah is as important as all other commandments put together."

From Creating Angels - Stories of Tzedakah by Barbara Diamond Goldin
 Learn how you can create your own angels and recapture the significance of the mitzvah of tzedakah for today's world.

 2006 HAS BEEN A BUSY YEAR FOR THE KJCCF – PLEASE LOOK AT THE LIST OF OUR NEW FUNDS, GRANTS MADE AND DONATIONS RECEIVED – THANKS TO EVERYONE WHO MAKES THIS POSSIBLE!

**KJCCF Assets at
 December 31, 2006
 \$1,836,888.97**

**KJCCF funds experienced a
 14.12% growth rate in 2006**

**The KJCCF Board of Directors
 welcomes Jeff Gubitz, new
 KJA / KJCCF Executive
 Director**

**With a minimum gift of
 \$5,000, you may
 create a new fund that
 will make a difference.**

WHAT IS SPECIAL ABOUT OUR JEWISH COMMUNITY?

**Jeff Becker Receives United Jewish Community
 Endowment Achievement Award**



Jeff Becker is a recipient of the United Jewish Community Endowment Achievement Award presented to volunteer leaders who, through their guidance, vision, and dedication, have been instrumental in the growth of their communities' endowment funds. KJCCF President Mary Linda Schwarzbart presented the award to Jeff Becker at the Annual Meeting of the Knoxville Jewish Alliance. May you go from strength to strength. Hazak, hazak v'nitz hazak!

Giving a Gift of Property Can Be a Win/Win for You and KJCCF

There are many ways to start up your own fund or add value to an existing KJCCF fund. The most traditional way is simply writing a check and watching your money go to work in the Jewish Community as it grows. If you want to make a gift, but would not like to use cash, there are other options to make your special gift. As a Supporting Foundation of the East Tennessee Foundation, the KJCCF can help you turn **real estate** and **other assets** into a charitable gift. After being assessed by the professionals at ETF for compliance with its acceptance policies, your property could be transformed into a generous gift to the KJCCF and save you from paying capital gains taxes while giving you a deduction at the property's full market value. Your gift can be placed in a Donor Advised Fund so you can stay involved in recommending uses of the fund. Plus, the KJCCF and ETF handle all the administrative details!

Gifts of real estate are a great way to make a lasting gift.
 Please ask me about it. Mary Linda Schwarzbart 522-6111 or marylinda@comcast.net.

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The Board of Directors of the Knoxville Jewish Community Family of Funds thanks the Knoxville Jewish Community, the staff of the Knoxville Jewish Alliance and the East Tennessee Foundation for their support and encouragement. 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.

 PUT IT IN WRITING
 MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN THE LIVES THAT FOLLOW:
 LEAVE A LEGACY, LIVE FOREVER
 BE A PART OF OUR JEWISH COMMUNITY'S FUTURE!

Want to learn more about how to create an endowment?
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KJA Community Events Calendar

AL=Adult Lounge
BR=Board Room
HA=Heska Amuna
KJDS=Knoxville Jewish Day School
TBE=Temple Beth El

For the most updated information, please visit www.jewishknoxville.org

March 2007

- 1 • Ta'anit Esther - Fast of Esther
• 10a-Preschool Purim Carnival-gym
• 1p-Archives work-BR
• 7p-Had Jewish Nat Fund-AL
- 2 • 10a-Archives work session-BR
- 3 • 9:30a-Services-HA
- 4 • Purim
• 9:30a-Religious School-TBE
• 10a-Religious School-HA
• 10a-Purim Bake Sale/Fundraiser-TBE
• 1p-JEP-Chabad
• 2:30p-Purim Party-Chabad
- 5 • Shushan Purim
• 10a-Archives Committee-BR
• 3p-Kinderdance-Gym
• 4:30p-Kinderdance-Gym
• 5:45p-Kinderdance-Gym
• 7:30p-Israeli Dancing-Gym
- 6 • 9:30a-Archives work session-BR
• 12p-Friendship Lunch-Gym
• 1:30p-Friendship Book Group-BR
- 7 • 10a-Purim Carnival-Gym
• 6p-Archives Work Session-BR
- 8 • 11:30a-FJS Committee-BR
• 6p-Preschool parent committee meeting-BR
- 9 • 10a-Archives Work Session-BR
- 10 • 9:30a-Services-HA
- 11 • 9:30a-Religious School-TBE
• 10a-Bagel Cafe-HA
• 10a-Religious School-HA
• 1p-JEP-Chabad
• 1p-B'nai Tzedek Prog-AL
- 12 • 3p-Kinderdance-Gym
• 4:30p-Kinderdance-Gym
• 5:45p-Kinderdance-Gym
• 7:15p-KJA Executive Committee-BR
- 13 • 9:30a-Archives work session-BR
• 11:00a-Hazak-HA
- 17 • 9:30a-Services-HA
- 18 • 9:30a-Religious School-TBE
• 10a-Religious School-HA
• 1p-JEP-Chabad
• 2p-Unveiling for Rosie Frumin
- 19 • 7:30p-KJA Board Meeting-AL
• KNOX COUNTY SPRING BREAK
• Preschool Vacation Program
• 3p-Kinderdance-Gym
• 4:30p-Kinderdance-Gym
• 5:45p-Kinderdance-Gym
• 7:30p-Israeli Dancing-Gym

- 20 • Rosh Chodesh Nisan
• KNOX COUNTY SPRING BREAK
• Preschool Vacation Program
• 9:30a-Archives Work Session-BR
• 10:30a-Friendship Steering Com-AL

- 24 • 9:30a-Services-HA

- 25 • 9:30a-Religious School-TBE
• 10a-Religious School-HA
• 12-Noon Sisterhood Seder-TBE
• 1p-JEP-Chabad

- 26 • 3p-Kinderdance-Gym
• 4:30p-Kinderdance-Gym
• 5:45p-Kinderdance-Gym
• 7:30p-2007 UT Jewish Faculty Lecture-AL

- 27 • 11:00a-Hazak-HA

- 29 • 7:30p-Had Open Gen Brd mtg-AL

- 31 • 9:30a-Services-HA

April 2007

- 1 • 9:30a-Religious School-TBE
• 1p-B'nai Tzedek Prog-AL
- 2 • Ta'anit Bechorot - Fast of the First Born
• KJDS Spring Break-no schl
• 3p-Kinderdance-Gym
• 4:30p-Kinderdance-Gym
• 4:45p-Exercise Body & Mind-HA
• 5:45p-Kinderdance-Gym
• Community Sedar-Chabad
• 7:30p-Israeli Dancing-Gym
- 3 • Pesach
• KJDS Spring Break-no schl
• AJCC CLOSED
• 1:30p-Friendship Book Group-BR
• 1:30p-Friendship Book Group-AL
- 4 • Pesach
• KJDS Spring Break-no school
• AJCC CLOSED
- 7 • Pesach
• 9:30a-Services-HA
- 8 • Pesach
• 9:30a-Religious School-TBE
• 10a-Religious School-HA
• 1p-B'nai Tzedek Prog-AL
- 9 • Nisan 21
• Pesach
• KJDS Spring Break-no schl
• AJCC CLOSED
• 7:15p-KJA Executive Committee-BR
- 10 • Pesach
• KJDS Spring Break-no school
• AJCC CLOSED
• 11:00a-Hazak-HA
- 11 • 10:00a-KJA Archives Committee Mtg-BR
• 4:45p-Exercise Body & Mind-HA
• 7:30p-Pathways class-HA
- 12 • 7:30p-Had Auction/Fundraiser-Gym
- 13 • 6:30p-Services/Bar Mitzvah-HA
- 14 • 9:30a-Services/Bar Mitzvah-HA

- 15 • Yom HaShoah
• 9:30a-Religious School-TBE
• 10a-Bagel Cafe-HA
• 10a-Religious School-HA
• 1p-JEP-Chabad
• 1p-B'nai Tzedek Prog-OffS
• 2p-HAIRSPRAY-offsite

- 16 • 3p-Kinderdance-Gym
• 4:30p-Kinderdance-Gym
• 4:45p-Exercise Body & Mind-HA
• 5:45p-Kinderdance-Gym
• 7:30p-UT Jewish Faculty Lecture-GYM
• 7:30p-Israeli Dancing-Gym

- 17 • 10:30a-Friendship Steering Com-AL

- 18 • Rosh Chodesh Iyar
• 12 Noon-Friendship Program-Gym
• 4:45p-Exercise Body & Mind-HA
• 7:30p-Pathways class-HA


- 20 • 6:30p-Services/Sisterhood-HA

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