

KJA Community Events Calendar

HA=Heska Amuna Synagogue
TBE=Temple Beth El
AL=Adult Lounge
BR=Board Room

JUNE

15 - 8p-Shabbat services-TBE

16 - Rosh Chodesh Tammuz
9:30a-Services-HA
Torah Study following Kiddush-HA

17 - Rosh Chodesh Tammuz
9a-Talmud study-HA
9:45a-Minyan-HA

18 - 6-9PM-Archives Work Session-
Board Room
7:30p-Israeli Dancing-Gym

19 - 7p-Rit & Wor Committee-TBE
7:30p-Rabbi & Rel Serv Committee-HA
AJCC swim meet at Maryville

20 - 11:30a-Friendshippers-offsite

21 - 4-7PM-Archives Work Session-Board
Room
AJCC swim meet at Gulf Park

22 - 8p-Shabbat services-TBE

23 - 9:30a-Bat Mitzvah Leah Pearl-HA
9:30a-Services-HA
Torah Study following Kiddush-HA

24 - 9a-Talmud study-HA
9:45a-Minyan-HA
10:30a-HA Annual Meeting-HA

25 - 6-9PM-Archives Work Session-
Board Room

26 - 11a-Hazak-HA
AJCC swim meet-Holston Hills HOME

27 - 9-5P-Archives Work Session-Board
Room
6:30p-BELLYDANCING-gym

29 - 8p-Noah Erwin Bar Mitzvah-TBE

30 - 9:30a-Services-HA
10a-Noah Erwin Bar Mitzvah-TBE
Torah Study following Kiddush-HA

JULY

1- 9:45a-Minyan-HA

2 - 7:30p-Israeli Dancing-Gym

3 - Fast of 17th of Tammuz
1:30p-Friendship Book Group
6p-Executive Committee-TBE
7:30-Executive Committee-HA

4 - Independence Day
6:30p-BELLYDANCING-gym

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Come Kick Up Your Heels at the AJCC

Come learn to belly dance at the AJCC. A six-week session begins June 27 at 6:30 p.m. The cost is \$10 per person per lesson and fees are due at the first session.

A class on basic ballroom dancing will also be taught at the AJCC beginning June 27 at 7:30 p.m. in our gym. The cost is \$10 per person per lesson for six weeks with fees due at the first session. Come to learn or refresh your fox trot, waltz and cha cha skills. Ballroom dancing is a great way to exercise.

Debbie Ashton, who has her B.S. degree in physical education and an M.S. in dance from the University of Tennessee, will teach both classes. For 30 years, she has taught both movement education and dance. She is a Certified Feldenkrais Practitioner, a Pilates Instructor, a nationally-rated Level 2 Ski Instructor who teaches in Vail, CO, at the biggest ski school in the world, an Aquatic Therapist, a Watsu Specialist and, for over 15 years, she owned Dance-A-Gram and gave over 3,000

performances. Ashton has taught ballet, jazz, tap, modern, ethnic, folk, flamenco, aerobic, ballroom, and disco dancing.

Ashton has studied belly dance with top instructors throughout the world, including Dahlena, Ibrahim Farrar, Jillina, Aziza, Zahra Zuhair, Rachel Brice, and Amir Thelib. The first belly dance teacher in Knoxville, Ashton began teaching at the University of Tennessee in 1975

Come and join the fun at the AJCC. To register, please e-mail wweinstein@jewishknoxville.org or call Wilma at 690-6343.



KJA Campaign Update

Total: \$382,743

Number of Donors: 224

104 increases from 2006

15 new pledges

A preliminary donor list will be published soon. Will you be on it? Please make your pledge now by calling 690-6343, going on line at www.jewishknoxville.org, or by contacting Stephen Rosen at stephen.rosen@morgankeegan.com or 540-5313.

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AJCC Pool Central to Summer of Fun 2007

Stop by the AJCC Pool and greet our new faces:

Lauren Montgomery, pool manager
Leigh Ann Poole, assistant pool manager
Amber Case, snack bar manager
Elyse Messing, snack bar worker
Kaitlin Wojner, swim coach
Juli Tullios, assistant swim coach
Sara Kortebein, assistant swim coach

Check out our snack bar for all of your favorite summer treats including ice cream, hotdogs, grilled cheese, fountain and canned drinks, grilled cheese, mac and cheese, tuna salad sandwiches, Boca burgers and veggie dogs.

Burchett Appointed to Holocaust Commission

Gov. Phil Bredesen, a Democrat, has appointed state Sen. Tim Burchett, a Knoxville Republican, to the Tennessee Commission on Holocaust Education, much to the senator's surprise. The commission sponsors programs across the state on the Holocaust.

Burchett helped to establish the Holocaust Memorial at John Bynon West Hills Park in 2005, he said.

"I grew up in West Hills. A lot of my neighbors and best friends are Jewish folks. Some of them urged the governor to put me on there," Burchett said. "I'm honored because the governor's a Democrat. I've never been shut out by (him or his office) because of party affiliation. I'm honored to be on it."

By Ellen Kern

Representatives of Jewish Knoxville warmly welcomed about 15-20 newcomers on Sunday, May 20. Our three rabbis, Rabbi Beth Schwartz, Rabbi Louis Zivic, and Rabbi Yossi Wilhelm, plus KJA Executive Director Jeff Gubitz, KJA President Scott Hahn, Temple Beth El President Wilma Weinstein, and Heska Amuna Synagogue Board Chair Ted Besmann briefly introduced themselves and their organizations. We then got to meet our newish and Jewish neighbors. Young families and young 'retirees' enjoyed a short program under the direction of Tamara Sturm, chair of the AJCC Membership Committee. Joining in to welcome our newcomers were several KJA board members as well. Since Sunday afternoon was also opening day at the pool, many attendees walked out the gym door to the sunny poolside.



Marilyn Wohl, KJA vice president of Jewish Community Resources, greets guests at the Jewish & Newish gathering.

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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 AJCC, a division of KJA, is a beneficiary of the United Way of Greater Knoxville. It is affiliated with the (JCCA) Jewish Community Center Association.

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KJA President's Report

By Scott B. Hahn

As part of my job as KJA president, I have to respond to quite a few e-mails. Most of these are mundane and deal with the daily business of the organization. Therefore, you can imagine my surprise when the office forwarded me an e-mail from Berlin, Germany. The e-mail was from a graduate student, Andreas Hechler, who was doing research on Schona, Germany. Before the war, my father's family had owned a malt factory in the town. He was able to get my name from a family tree I had submitted and placed in the archives of the Leo Baeck Institute around 15 years ago. The LBI is the largest repository of information on German Jewish history probably in the world. I have been an amateur genealogist for about 20 years now. It was really an amazing experience to communicate with someone from another country, who not only had been doing research on my family, but also had already done considerable research on his own.

The reason that I am sharing this story with you is because without the Internet and the LBI archives, none of this would have happened. Here in Knoxville, the KJA houses the archives of the Barbara Winick Bernstein Archives. It is named the Barbara Winick Bernstein Archives. It was named after Barbara Bernstein who spearheaded the movement to formalize our archives and, along with her husband, Bernie, helped to fund its creation. For many years, our archives were housed at Modern Supply (thanks to the Robinson family). Unfortunately, the

archives were barely organized and not very accessible. A few years ago, the archives were moved to the AJCC. Since then, they have been sorted and catalogued. We also use the services of a professional archivist, Nicki Russler, who keeps our archives organized and updated.

As the old saying goes, "Everyone is from somewhere." Everyone has a family history and everyone has a unique story to tell. The archives here at the KJA help to preserve our story concerning the history of Jewish life here in Knoxville. It is our record of our community's triumphs and tragedies.

And just like in my story, you never know how that one piece of information or that one artifact maybe important to someone in ways you never could have imagined. If you have material that you believe may be important to the archives, please contact the KJA. You may also arrange to view materials stored in the archives through the KJA. Our Jewish heritage is worth preserving here in Knoxville and the Barbara Winick Bernstein Archives help us to achieve that goal.



Pool Opening Attracts a Fun-Loving Crowd



AJCC members and guests enjoyed a fabulous, sunny Sunday at the AJCC Pool's opening on May 20. Children frolicked in the pool, guests greeted old friends and made new ones, as participants enjoyed free hot dogs and the pool's renovations. The snack bar, bathrooms, and fencing have been repainted and new chairs and picnic tables purchased. The day's activities also included the Knoxville Fire Department providing a fire engine for youngsters to explore and a magician who made balloon animals and hats for children.



Israel Prize Goes to JDC

The American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee-Israel (JDC-Israel) has won the coveted Israel Prize, the Jewish state's equivalent of the Nobel Prize, for its work helping to solve Israel's most pressing social challenges. The JDC, and the Jewish Agency for Israel (JAFI), are the primary partners of UJC/the Federations of North America in meeting the needs of Jews in Israel and around the world. Federations, through UJC, fund JDC and JAFI programs. JDC-Israel was awarded the Israel Prize for Lifetime Achievement and Special Contribution to Society and the State of Israel.

"This honor recognizes the way in which JDC has become such a deeply woven part of the Israeli social fabric -- something which could not have been possible, of course, without the generosity and leadership of the Jewish Federations of North America and their supporters," said Steven Schwager, executive vice-president of the JDC.

"We at JDC, both lay leaders and professionals, believe this award is for JDC and its strategic partners. JDC could never do its job without the support of the UJC/Federation system. Please consider this award as recognition for our entire system," he added.

"Your leadership has been there for us for generations. We look forward to working together for the Jewish people in Israel and around the world for generations to come."

UJC President and CEO Howard Rieger echoed Schwager's comments.

"This is a wonderful honor for our federation system and for the great works we support through JDC-Israel, our valued collaborative partners on the ground in Israel and across the global Jewish community," Rieger said.

Toni Young of Delaware, chair of UJC's Israel & Overseas Pillar, said the award reflected the lasting impact of JDC-Israel, in its works with the elderly, new immigrants, at-risk youth and other groups, and the strategic partnership behind those works involving JDC and UJC/Federations.

The Israel Emergency Campaign, to help the Jewish state recover from last summer's Second Lebanon War, was just the most recent example of that partnership, she added.

"Whether bringing activity kits to children in bomb shelters during the Second Lebanon War, or providing trauma counseling for the war's victims, the JDC -- and our system -- has extended a helping hand to those in need," she said.

KJA Sympathy

The KJA board and staff send condolences to the following:

- **Leon Hasden and Melissa Sturm** on the passing of wife and mother, Dale Hasden
- **Margy and Mitch Goldman** on the passing of Mitch's father, Joseph Goldman
- **Ellen Kern** on the loss of her uncle, Irving Kaplan

May their memories be for a blessing.

KJA Salutes Our Volunteers

Thank you to the following people for their help with the May 9 Friendship Luncheon program: Debbie and Lucas Richman for their wonderful performance; Sandra Licht and Ethel Wittenberg for collecting money at the door; Mimi Pais, Eleanor Shorr, and Laura Supman for their beautiful musical decorations; Madeline and Charles Mann for providing transportation; the Rosen Fund for underwriting the cost of the Chariots of Hire van; Harold Winston for taking photographs; and Nancy Britcher and Deborah Oleshansky for their tireless and much appreciated assistance.

Spend some time this Summer with the KJA FRIENDSHIPPERS!



A couple look forward to the Richman concert at the May Friendship gathering.

Mark your calendar and join us for the following exciting programs in air- conditioned comfort. Contact Beth at the AJCC for information, 690-6343.

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 luncheon; no charge for the program alone.

July Date TBA: Lunch at Pelancho's Restaurant & a matinee at Downtown West Cinema. Watch for details!

Thursday, August 9: Is it Funny...or Is it Anti-

Semitic? featuring Mimi Pais. Noon at the AJCC. \$8.00 per person for catered luncheon; no charge for the program alone. Need TRANSPORTATION? Rides available to ALL luncheon programs. Don't miss out.

FRIENDSHIPPER BOOK GROUP:

The Friendshipper Book Group meets the first Tuesday of the month at 1:30 p.m. Summer meetings will be held at member's homes. New members welcome.

Interested? **ATTENTION! GREAT**

OPPORTUNITY! ORAL HISTORY PROJECT!

Would you like to tell your stories and have them recorded on a DVD for your children, your grandchildren and your great grandchildren? Now you can. Interested?

FRIENDSHIPPER 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

Friendshipper Discretionary Fund is a great way to show you care. The Friendshipper Discretionary Fund purchases equipment to be used by the Friendshippers and helps cover the costs of special Friendshipper programs and speakers. For more information, 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 Friendshipper mailing list? Let Beth Heller know, 690-6343.

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



Debbie and Lucas Richman wowed the crowd with their musical efforts at the May Friendshipper meeting.

Suzy Snoops

High School Graduates

- **David A. Barnett**, nephew of **Pam** and **Ernie Gross**, graduated from West High School.
- **Ian Alexander Carson**, son of **Shush** and **Dave Carson**, graduated from the Doris Walker Academy. He plans to attend Pellissippi State in the fall.
- **David Samuel Cohn**, son of **Lisa** and **Michael Cohn** of Stockholm, Sweden graduated from Lidingo High School on June 8. He is the grandson of **Marilyn Cohen Presser** and the late **David Stanley Cohen** and **Jacob Joslyn Presser**. David will be coming to the United States after graduation to be a counselor at Camp Ramah in Massachusetts. After two months he will come visit his grandmother in Knoxville. In the fall, he will spend a year in Israel before attending college, probably in Sweden.
- **Leslie Michelle Gubitz**, daughter of **Charlene** and **Jeff Gubitz**, graduated from South Side High School, Fort Wayne, Indiana and will attend Indiana University, Bloomington in the fall. Leslie is the recipient of the Borns Jewish Studies incoming Freshman Scholarship.
- **Miriam Kramer**, daughter of **Dina** and **Andy Kramer**, graduated from Farragut High School and

will be attending the University of Tennessee. Her interests include journalism, English and psychology.

- **Evan Chasan**, son of **Jill** and **Stuart Chasan**, graduated from Oak Ridge High School and will be going to Tufts University in Medford, Massachusetts in the fall. Evan plans to study math and Spanish.
- **Avital Elizabeth O'Brien Hahn** (better known as **Avi**), daughter of **Heather O'Brien** and **Jan Hahn**, graduated from Webb School. She plans to attend Tulane University in the fall. At this point Avi is uncertain what her major will be, but she is leaning toward psychology.
- **Benjamin Heller**, son of **Beth** and **Rob Heller**, and brother to **Joel**, graduated with Honors from Bearden High School on May 18. Benjamin received the senior math award and the Bearden Bulldog English award. Benjamin has been accepted to the UT Chancellor's Honor's College, and has been awarded the UT Neyland Scholarship.
- **Joshua Horton** graduated High School Thursday, May 17. He plans to pursue a career in film making.
- **Eric Eisen**, son of **Stephen** and **Charlotte**

Eisen, graduated from West High School and will attend the University of Tennessee this fall.

- **Daniel Roberts**, son of **Mr. & Mrs. John Roberts** graduated from Bearden High School and will be attending University of Alabama in the fall.
- **Rachel Weiss**, daughter of **Mitch** and **Mary Weiss**, graduated from Catholic High School, and will attend Vanderbilt University.

College Graduates

- **Jenny Pfeffer-Rodriguez** will graduate this summer from the University of Tennessee with a Master of Science degree, with a concentration in horticultural therapy.
- **Jonathan Schultz**, son of **Beverly Schultz**, graduated from the University of Tennessee.
- **Katey Hume**, daughter of **Sue Hume**, recently graduated from the University of Tennessee.
- **Jonathan Allender-Zivic**, son of **Rabbi Louis Zivic**, graduated from Rocky Mountain College with a degree in theatre and theatre technology. Jonathan will attend Western Illinois University in Macomb, Illinois for a MFA in Theatre.

Erwin to Celebrate Bar Mitzvah June 30

Noah Erwin, son of Paul Erwin and Renee' Hyatt and brother of Jenny, will celebrate his bar mitzvah June 30 at Temple Beth El.

Noah attended Heritage Middle School this year. He served on the Student Council, played on the junior varsity basketball team and the varsity soccer team. He participated on Heritage's Academic Bowl and Current Events Bowl teams. Noah came in second place for seventh grade in

math at the Blount County Academic Olympics, and has been nominated for the National Junior Honor Society. Noah also plays competitive soccer for the Blount United Hammers. He has achieved the first class Boy Scout ranking. Noah also enjoys biking, hiking, camping, reading, and helping the community.



Triple Bat Mitzvah Spurs BBYO Summer Reunion

By Joani Frumin Leeds

Last summer, Julie Cooper Sugarman, Teresa Loeff Friedman, and I spent a delightful day together. The three of us hadn't been together in many years, so it wasn't a shock to any of us that we spent most of the time reminiscing about our youth. We had lunch at Long's Drugstore and then drove through the old neighborhood of Park City. We laughed and cried as we remembered the strong friendships that our parents and grandparents shared, the days of playing together, going to Hebrew school together, having the first



"triple" bat mitzvah in Knoxville together, and our fond memories of BBYO. As we discussed the importance that BBYO held for us during our high school years, we started wondering where everyone is now. We thought it would be great to locate our friends from the past and see if a few folks would be interested in returning to Knoxville to get reacquainted. Since I had recently returned to Knoxville myself, I volunteered to attempt to locate a few friends.

It started out as three girlfriends wondering about their high school friends. Today, it has turned into a reunion of more than 30 participants! The excitement that this endeavor has generated is more than I ever imagined. Many of the friends are still in Knoxville, and we worked very hard planning the weekend. So, look forward to a report on some familiar faces from the June 8-10 event.

What Makes Our School Special!

by Alex, Gabe, Havah, Jacob, Joey, Leah, Sarah, Sophie and Yakov (K-1 students at the Stanford Eisenberg Knoxville Jewish Day School)

At the Stanford Eisenberg Knoxville Jewish Day School we love coming to school! We do a lot of cool things in class. **Joey:** A long time ago we studied the moon. **Havah:** We like to learn about animals. **Sarah:** We like to study about butterflies. **Alex:** I enjoyed our class trip to the desert. **Yakov:** We learned about the states and I'm studying Texas. **Leah:** I liked studying about the United States of America. **Jacob:** I like learning about fireflies, they flash their lights to communicate with others. **Sophie:** I like to learn with Ms. Jessica about the slugs - they are snails without a shell. **Gabe:** I am studying Florida, In Florida they have hurricanes. The rest of us are studying California, Nevada and New York for our State Research Project.

Our school is really special! **Alex:** We speak

Hebrew. **Jacob:** No other school here speaks Hebrew. We learn lot more stuff than in my old school. **Joey:** We have a Mommy and Me at our school. **Yakov:** We perform plays. **Leah:** Our school is really interesting. We get to read a book and have a book club to discuss it. **Sophie:** We do art every single week. **Alex:** We research and study about different states for our states project. **Yakov:** We have a Shabbat Party and Karate. **Sophie:** No other school has that because this is the first Jewish Day School in Knoxville. **Havah:** We like to learn about the Jewish people. **Joey:** I like donating things to our school. **Sarah:** Our teachers do so many things to make sure we are learning and having fun. **Joey:** We had a desert trip, inside. **Alex:** Every single Friday we have a Shabbat party and make our own challah.

We have some great lessons at our school. My favorite is: **Sarah:** The science lesson where we get to put water, vinegar and baking soda in raisins and watch them pop up and go back down. **Leah:** The

Literacy Lesson where we label the nouns and add adjectives, verbs, adverbs, pronouns and articles to create sentences. **Alex:** The science sink and float lesson. You get a cup of water, put in different things and if it sinks put it on one side if it floats put it on the other. Then you graph your results. **Havah:** The Hebrew house lesson. You get to set up the house and then label it. **Gabe:** The math lesson where you set out the units, tens, hundreds and thousands. **Sophie:** I like looking at the picture packets of each of the continents. South America is my favorite. **Jacob:** I love the states game, you get to find the state and match them. **Joey:** The body lessons, you take out the body parts and name them, my favorite is taking apart the head and naming the brain. **Yakov:** The magnet lesson in the science section. We can test what magnets do and magnetic forces and record our observations.

Lag B'Omer Celebration Draws a Crowd

On a beautiful Sunday afternoon, families enjoyed a short service followed by picnics, games, and a bike-a-thon at the Lag B'Omer celebration held at Cove Park in west Knoxville. Coordinated by the Knoxville Jewish Alliance, Heska Amuna Synagogue and Temple Beth El

religious schools, Chabad, AJCC Preschool, and the Jewish Day School. BBYO planned children's activities and children rode scooters, bicycles, and skates along the Cove's paved pathways. A Bike-a-Thon for older teens

and adults raised \$700 for MAKSAM, a network of five neighborhood centers founded by Ethiopian volunteers in Hadera, that helps Ethiopian-Israeli children integrate into mainstream Israeli life.



Paul and Noah Erwin relax after completing the Bike-A-Thon.



Bikers listen to last minute instructions from course leader Paul Erwin before embarking on the Bike-A-Thon.



A Mini Bike-A-Thon allowed younger bikers a chance to travel a looping path.



Children's games attract young and older kids.



BBYO teens gather at the Lag B'Omer picnic.



Volunteer Emma Silver-Alford paints Allie Hull's face as part of the children's activities.

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B'nai Tzedek Teen Philanthropists Award First Grant

By Deborah Oleshansky, B'nai Tzedek director

A group of local teen philanthropists gathered at the AJCC on Sunday, May 20 to continue their exploration of Jewish philanthropic giving (tzedakah) and to decide which Jewish non-profit organization to donate to this year. Dr. Jeff Becker joined them and shared how he came to establish his family fund and how he helped create our local B'nai Tzedek Teen Philanthropy program. It was through Dr. Becker's generosity that the teens were able to allocate \$500 for grants this year. Since the B'nai Tzedek program is not yet a year old, it does not have enough income to make grants. Next year the teens will use the interest they earn from their individual funds to make grants. Also joining them with words of encouragement, support and praise were Pace Robinson current president of the Knoxville Jewish Community Family of Funds, and Mary Linda Schwarzbart, KJCFF Immediate Past President.

After much discussion and extended research, the teens voted to make their first grant to the American Jewish World Service. Over the course of the school year, the teens have met several times both to learn about life long tzedakah and to participate in community service, social action, and advocacy activities. Each participant was asked to explore different Jewish non-profit groups and share a description of one that was of particular interest. Several teens spoke about the work of the



B'nai Tzedek teen philanthropists gather for allocations meeting.

American Jewish World Service, an international development organization motivated by Judaism's imperative to pursue justice. AJWS is dedicated to alleviating



Michael Newman and KJCFF Pace Robinson execute his B'nai Tzedek Fund document

poverty, hunger and disease among people of the developing world regardless of race, nationality or religion. What was engaging to many of the teens is that AJWS works with people of varied backgrounds in many different parts of the world, and has been in the forefront of the effort to raise awareness and coordinate a response to the genocide in Darfur.

At the meeting, students participated in a conference call with a representative of AJWS. Students also had a telephone conference with a representative of the Jewish Agency for Israel, another charity of particular interest to the teens. Thank you to Stephen Rosen for his help in making the connection with AJWS and to Jeff Gubitz for the contact at JAFI.

After these calls, questions, and discussion of other possible Jewish non-profits, the vote was cast and they decided to grant the full \$500 to AJWS for their Darfur Relief and Advocacy Fund. Thank you to Jeff and Nancy Becker for making this gift possible.

B'nai Tzedek programming will take a short break for the summer and will begin again in the fall. To establish a B'nai Tzedek fund or for information on making a contribution to an existing B'nai Tzedek fund, please contact Deborah Oleshansky at 690-6343 or doleshansky@jewishknoxville.org.

New Grants

Abe Collins Fund -- to support the 2007 Pacesetter Dinner with special guest David Livny.
 David Blumberg Youth Leadership Award Fund -- to support a BBYO member to attend the BBYO International conference.
 Alliance Opportunities Fund -- to support the KJCFF.
 Zelda and Max Morrison Cultural Enrichment Fund -- to support the documentary project: Living On: Portraits of Tennessee Survivors and Liberators.
 Sam and Esther Rosen Community Enrichment

New Funds

Synagogue Fund -- to Heska Amuna for building maintenance.
 Stephen and Kim Rosen Donor Advised Fund was established to support Jewish, educational and other causes.

Donations

- B'nai Tzedek Fund of Britt Sturm
- Britt Sturm
- Melissa Sturm
- Richard and Cheryl Kaplan in memory of Dale Hasden
- Mary Linda and Arnold Schwarzbart in memory of Dale Hasden
- B'nai Tzedek Fund of Rachel Brown
- Mary Linda and Arnold Schwarzbart in honor of her Bat Mitzvah
- Robert and Carole Martin in honor of her Bat Mitzvah
- B'nai Tzedek Fund of Zack Snow
- Leslie and Craig Snow
- B'nai Tzedek Fund of Jennie Frost
- Richard and Susie Frost
- Bernard and Barbara Bernstein
- B'nai Tzedek Fund of Harris Bailey
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