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

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2:15-KINDERDANCE-AJCC-GYM
7:30p-Israeli Dancing-Gym

16

10:30a-Friendshippers Steering Com-AL
4:00-PRIVATE USE BBYO ROOM-AJCC
7p-Fit & Wor Committee-TBE
7:30p-Rabbi & Rel Serv Committee-HA

17

NO HARS-HESKA AMUNA
HARS STAFF IN-SERVICE-HESKA
AMUNA
4:00 P.M.-PRIVATE USE BBYO ROOM-
AJCC
6:30 HADASSAH FALL PROGRAM-
AJCC-AL
6:30 p.m.-PRIVATE BASKETBALL-GYM-
AJCC

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NOON-FRIENDSHIPPER PROGRAM
GYM-AJCC
1:00 p.m. Friendship Card Game
4:00 P.M.-PRIVATE USE BBYO ROOM-
AJCC
6p.m.-Garza BB-GYM

19

BBYO NEW MEMBER WEEKEND-
CAMP COSBY, ALABAMA
TEEN SERVICE TRIP TO NEW
ORLEANS
6:30 p.m. Services-HA
8p-Shabbat services-TBE

20

BBYO NEW MEMBER WEEKEND-
CAMP COSBY, ALABAMA
TEEN SERVICE TRIP TO NEW
ORLEANS
9:30a-Services-HA
10:15 a.m.-Junior Congregation
Torah study following Kiddush-HA

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BBYO NEW MEMBER WEEKEND-
CAMP COSBY, ALABAMA
Knox County School Break-HA
NO TALMUD STUDY-NO HARS-HESKA
AMUNA
TEEN SERVICE TRIP TO NEW
ORLEANS
9:45a-Minyan-HA

22

Knox County School Break-HA
NO TALMUD STUDY-NO HARS-HESKA
AMUNA
TEEN SERVICE TRIP TO NEW
ORLEANS
2:15-KINDERDANCE-AJCC-GYM

23

Knox County School Break-HA
NO TALMUD STUDY-NO HARS-HESKA
AMUNA
TEEN SERVICE TRIP TO NEW
ORLEANS

11:00 a.m.-Hazak-HA
4:00-PRIVATE USE BBYO ROOM-AJCC
6p.m.-Garza BB-GYM

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Knox County School Break-HA
NO HARS-HESKA AMUNA
TEEN SERVICE TRIP TO NEW
ORLEANS
4:00 P.M.-PRIVATE USE BBYO ROOM-
AJCC
7:30 P.M.-PATHWAYS class begins-HA
6:30 p.m.-PRIVATE BASKETBALL-GYM-
AJCC

25

4:00 P.M.-PRIVATE USE BBYO ROOM-
AJCC
6:30 p.m. Parent Awareness Meeting-
AJCC

26

NO SERVICE-HESKA AMUNA
8p-Shabbat services-TBE

27

Lindsay Wright & Chad Parizman Auruf-HA
9:30a-Services-HA
Torah study following Kiddush-HA

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9a-Talmud study-HA
9:45a-Minyan-HA
10:15 a.m. Sisterhood Board Meeting-HA
12:00-3:00pm-Torah Completion
Ceremony

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9:00 a.m.-4:00p.m.-Archive Work Session-
BR
2:15-KINDERDANCE-AJCC-GYM
4p-A Dessel private use-BBYO Room
5:30 - 7:00-UT-Hillel Faculty Event

30

12:30-5:00 pm.-Opera Practice-String
Orchestra-GYM
4:00-PRIVATE USE BBYO ROOM-AJCC

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PAJAMA DAY-WEAR PJS TO SCHOOL-
AJCC PRE-K
4:00-9:00 pm-Opera Practice-Full
Orchestra-AJCC
6:30 p.m.-PRIVATE BASKETBALL-GYM-
AJCC
7:30 p.m.-Pathways Class-HA

1

4:00 P.M.-PRIVATE USE BBYO ROOM-
AJCC
6p.m.-Garza BB-GYM

2

6p-Zack Messing Bar Mitzvah-HA
8p-Shabbat services-TBE

3

9:30a-Services-HA
Zack Messing Bar Mitzvah-HA
Torah study following Kiddush-HA

4

BBYO-BBG DARFUR DINNER-AJCC
DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS
9a-Talmud study-HA
9:45a-Minyan-HA
10:00 a.m.-Bagel Cafe-HARS PJS &
Sisterhood Book
11a-Jewish Book Month at Borders

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10-11:30 Archive Committee Meeting-
AJCC Board R
2:15-KINDERDANCE-AJCC-GYM
7:30p-Israeli Dancing-Gym-AJCC

6

Celebrate At a South American Jewish
Wedding
1:30p-Friendshipper Book Group-AL-KJA
4:00-PRIVATE USE BBYO ROOM-AJCC
6p-Executive Committee-TBE
7:30-Executive Committee-HA

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4:00 P.M.-PRIVATE USE BBYO ROOM-
AJCC
Noon - Friendshipper - Gym
4:30 p.m.-Education Committee Meeting-
HA
6:30 p.m.-PRIVATE BASKETBALL-GYM-
AJCC
7:30 PM.-PATHWAYS CLASS-HA

8

4:00 P.M.-PRIVATE USE BBYO ROOM-
AJCC
5:30 P.M.-PARENT COMMITTEE
MEETING-AJCC
6p.m.-Garza BB-GYM

9

Aleph through Hey Retreat-HA
8p-Shabbat services-TBE

10

Aleph through Hey Retreat-HA
pm-Sisterhood Rosh Chodesh event-HA
9:30a-Services-HA
10a-Torah Study-TBE
Torah study following Kiddush-HA

11

Veterans Day
Rosh Chodesh Kislev
Aleph through Hey Retreat-HA
UJC General Assembly (national)
9a-Talmud study-HA
9:45a-Minyan-HA

JFS Honors Evan Sturm as Volunteer of the Year

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

Jewish Family Services' volunteers and board members met to honor Evan Sturm, JFS's Volunteer Coordinator, as Volunteer of the Year. Evan has organized our volunteers' visits to area long-term care facilities, recorded all of our visitation data and has even had time to recruit many new volunteers! Evan was presented with a certificate of appreciation and a gift certificate. We met at Elmcroft of Knoxville in their Harold's Deli Room, (created to honor Knoxville's own Harold Shersky, a resident at Elmcroft). A delicious brunch was provided by our JFS committee members. Attendees were also given a volunteer handbook and assorted tokens of appreciation. Pat

Rosenberg, current JFS Chair, welcomed everyone and introduced Evan. Nancy Britcher, JFS Director, discussed the role of our volunteers and how the handbook's material could help those making visits, and presented Evan with his certificate.

Many thanks are given to all who contributed food, decorations, and

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Evan Sturm was honored as the Jewish Family Services Volunteer of the Year. He receives a certificate from JFS Director Nancy Britcher.



JFS volunteers and board members met at Elmcroft of Knoxville's Harold's Deli Room.

November 4 Kicks Off Jewish Book Month

Sunday, November 4 features music, book signings, and art at both local Borders bookstores as part of Knoxville's celebration of Jewish Book Month. The event features the following authors and entertainment.

Borders on Morrell - Music and Cafe -

11 a.m. - 3 p.m.

- Charlene Gubitz will sing and play guitar
- Dor L Dor (local klezmer band) will perform from 1 - 3 p.m.
- Rabbi Beth Schwartz will sign copies of "The Woman's Haftarah Commentary"
- Shirley Johnson, author of "A Soldier's Promise" (till 2 p.m.)

- Sylvia Skrmetta, author of "Giovanna: Angels in Hell" (till 2 p.m.)
- Noon - 3 p.m. - Marilyn Kallet, author of "Jack the Healing Cat" A story for children ages 4-6 about a rescued cat that helps a family
- Flora Rosefsky —spiritual collage artist who draws with scissors - will present her artwork. For a preview, visit www.florageart.com.

Borders at Turkey Creek - 3 - 5 p.m.

- Tennessee Schmaltz (local klezmer band) will perform from 3 -5 p.m.
- Dr. Gilya Schmidt, UT Department Head,

Religious Studies and

- Mira Kimmelman - editor and author of "Life Beyond the Holocaust" and "Echoes from the Holocaust"
- Shirley Johnson, author of "A Soldier's Promise"
- Sylvia Skrmetta, author of "Giovanna: Angels in Hell"
- Flora Rosefsky —spiritual collage artist who draws with scissors - will present her artwork. For a preview, visit www.florageart.com.

On December 2, Jewish Book Month will present Yitzhak Buxbaum.

KJA Campaign Statistics

Total: \$414,375

Increase from 2006: \$19,000

Donor families: 289

Increased gifts from 2006: 138

New gifts: 21

It's not too late to make a pledge. Contact Ed Hunter at 690-6343 or ehunter@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 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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GA Offers Something for Everyone

Where can you rub shoulders with leaders, tap your feet to tunes from top songwriters, feed your brain with up-to-the-minute information, and catch up with old friends?

Thanks to teams of volunteers across Tennessee who are working with our state's four Jewish federations, you can do all that at the TN G.A., the United Jewish Communities General Assembly, taking place in Nashville this November 11-13.

The G.A., the largest gathering of Jewish leadership in the world, will bring an estimated 4,000 Jews from around the world to Nashville's Gaylord Opryland Hotel Resort and Convention Center. It's been called the Super Bowl of Jewish events, and it's a first for the state of Tennessee.

"We are the smallest Jewish community to be the site of a G.A., at least in my history of the past 34 G.A.'s; consequently, we extended an invitation to the other Tennessee communities," said Steve Edelstein, executive director of the Jewish Federation of Nashville. As a result, all four federations are hosting the event. "Together, our strength is formidable," Edelstein said.

All of the federations' executive directors have been promoting the TN G.A. in their own communities and have been involved in joint decision-making. They've been lining up corporate sponsors, recruiting volunteers, and helping develop an exhibit, titled "Bagels and Barbecue," that illustrates the history of Jews in the Volunteer State.

Here are a few illustrations of the statewide commitment to host the G.A.:

- International co-chairs Jack Belz and Andy Groveman are from Memphis;
 - University of Tennessee men's basketball coach Bruce Pearl – a favorite in his hometown of Knoxville and across the state - will appear at the opening plenary session;
 - Nashville-based singers and songwriters will entertain G.A. delegates; and
 - Chattanooga-area middle school principal Linda Hooper, nationally recognized for teaching students about the Holocaust, will speak at the G.A.'s Women's Philanthropy Lunch.
- Before the UJC picked Tennessee for the 2007 G.A., the four executive directors had kept in touch and met

periodically. "The GA in a sense gave a project to work on – a large project," said Michael Dzik, executive director of the Jewish Community Federation of Greater Chattanooga. "It's been wonderful."

Having four smaller Jewish communities collaborate on the UJC's premier event should benefit the larger organization, which represents and serves 155 Jewish federations and 400 independent Jewish communities across North America. Knoxville Jewish Federation Executive Director Jeff Gubitz put it this way: "There are many small communities that often feel out of touch with the UJC, yet smaller communities like Knoxville, Chattanooga and Nashville and Memphis make up nearly 85 percent of the overall constituency."

All four executive directors urge members of the state's Jewish community to attend the G.A., either as a delegate or a volunteer. Volunteers may attend G.A. events on the days they work, and Tennessee residents are eligible for discounts on registration fees.

"This is a great opportunity to be part of the larger Jewish world without having to travel far. For Knoxville, it is a pleasant two-and-a-half hour drive to the Opryland Hotel site," Gubitz noted.

"This general assembly has been in the works for several years," said Jeff Feld, executive director of the Memphis Jewish Federation. "It's in our backyard. We're never going to have this again. It's a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity."

Tennessee G.A. volunteers also have a unique opportunity to tell delegates from across the country, "We're a vibrant Jewish community and we're proud to have you here." They can show delegates from larger Jewish communities what it's like to be part of a smaller one. "We've always been committed to our community," Nashville volunteer committee member Sandra Hecklin said at a recent meeting of G.A. committee members. "Other Jewish communities throughout the United States don't realize how important our community is to us."

It's important to attend, Chattanooga's Dzik said. Next year's G.A. will be held in Israel, but the 2007 event is "in our backyard, with top-notch speakers and programming. There's a little something for everyone at the G.A."



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- It only applies to gifts made in tax years 2006 and 2007.
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If you are interested in making a special IRA rollover donation, please give me a call: 584-9090 or e-mail me at pacer@modernsupply.com. Looking forward to talking to you about this opportunity, — Pace Robinson.

Here's a list of our current funds.

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- Sylvia Robinson Memorial Fund
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- Gilya Schmidt in honor of her Bat Mitzvah
- Mary Linda and Arnold Schwarzbart in honor of her Bat Mitzvah

B'nai Tzedek Fund of Andrew Messing

- Arnold and Mary Linda Schwarzbart in honor of his Bar Mitzvah

B'nai Tzedek Fund of Stephanie Pfeffer-Rodriguez

- Arnold and Mary Linda Schwarzbart in honor of her Bat Mitzvah

B'nai Tzedek Fund of Talia Dessel

- Arnold and Mary Linda Schwarzbart in honor of her Bat Mitzvah

B'nai Tzedek Fund of Brit Sturm

- Leon Hasden in memory of Dale Hasden

B'nai Tzedek Fund of Jennie Frost

- Gilya Schmidt in honor of her Bat Mitzvah

B'nai Tzedek Fund of Noah Erwin

- Renee Hyatt and Paul Erwin
- Mary Linda and Arnold Schwarzbart in honor of his Bar Mitzvah

Ted and Dolly Reback Youth Fund

- R. Robinson Raphael
- Bruce Zucker

AJCC Endowment Fund

- Arnold and Susan Cohen with thanks to their friends for their well wishes on their marriage.

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BBG: Weinstein Back in Action

By Bryna Oleshansky

Weinstein has not stopped for one second since the beginning of the summer. We have been working and playing and swimming and dancing all summer. We started our summer with our HUGE spring fundraiser Boogie-for-Buck dance-a-thon. All of the members of Weinstein recruited sponsors and then danced their tails off all night long.

During the hot summer days everyone was off doing something different. Three members of Weinstein went to a BBYO leadership conference for two weeks, four members participated in an exchange program in Israel this summer, and many members used this summer to relax and hang out by the pool.

At the end of the summer we said good-bye to our graduated seniors with two different fun filled programs. One was Senior Appreciation in which we took our three seniors out to dinner and then went back to Alex Galvin's house and watched movies, ate cake, and partied like rock stars. After

Senior Appreciation we had LIFE which is the last program the seniors attended. At this program the seniors said their final words to everyone in the chapter, gave advice, and shed a few tears.

After summer, Weinstein hit the ground running. Our first program after school started was board bonding. This was a chance for the new board to get acquainted with each other and plan an awesome term. The new board for this term is Anna Kern as President, Megan Weiss as Vice President, Alex Galvin and Hannah Kline as MIT Moms, Bryna Oleshansky as Secretary, Mara Hahn as Treasurer, and Emma Silver-Alford as Jewish Programming Chairwoman.

Since board bonding we have had many unique programs. We have had Weinstein Works Out where we played volleyball, did jazzercise with Richard Simmons, and prepared a healthy dinner. We have also participated in a clean-up at the preschool playground. Recently many of the members of Weinstein attended a regional program in

Nashville called Fall Kallah. There we learned about inter-marriage, abortion, and many other topics; the Jewish view on these topics; and we expressed our views on the subjects. This was a great learning experience for all who attended.

The weekend of September 15 and 16 we had two great programs. One was a culture night where we learned about cultures from all over the world and the other was Brunch with Bubbies. At this program we ate, talked, and laughed with many of the "Bubbe" aged women in our community. We also collected recipes to start our next fundraiser which will be a Weinstein cookbook.

We have many programs coming up in the near future. Two other major programs coming up are a Sex and the City program in October and our much awaited Darfur Dinner in November.

Weinstein is off to a great start this year and we hope that we can make this the best year ever.

KJA President's Report

By Scott B. Hahn



One of the most perplexing issues that has faced late 20th century, early 21st century Judaism is what is the best way to transmit Jewish values to future generations.

Education is often seen as a possible solution. However, as we all know, high educational achievement and morality can be mutually exclusive. One exciting program that the Knoxville Jewish Alliance has initiated to help confront this issue is our B'nai Tzedek teen philanthropy program run by its director, Deborah Oleshansky.

For those of you who are unfamiliar with

the program, Knoxville was fortunate to receive a grant from the Harold Grinspoon foundation for three years. The Grinspoon Foundation has established various teen philanthropy programs throughout the U.S. Members of the Knoxville Jewish Community have voluntarily matched this grant. Upon entering the program, the teen participants put \$125.00 into the account. This is matched with \$125.00 from each congregation or individual family and \$250.00 from the KJCF. These individual funds are then invested through the East Tennessee Foundation where they generate interest.

The participants then meet on a regular basis and make allocations to various Jewish charities. To date, there are 30 participants in this program. This is a fantastic percentage of

the Jewish teen population in East Tennessee. What is remarkable about the program is that the participants learn about the world of Jewish giving in an educational and fun forum. The teens also get into the habit of giving to Jewish charities on a regular basis. We all know that when you get into the habit of doing activities at a young age, the more likely you are to continue the same activities in the future. I can think of no finer method to transmit Jewish values than through teaching young people a hands on approach to giving tzedekah. If you or your family is interested in learning more about this dynamic and innovative program, please contact Deborah Oleshansky at the KJA office.

JFS Honors Evan Sturm as Volunteer of the Year *continued from page 1*

favours. We thank everyone who shares some of their valuable time to make others lives a little brighter. If you would like to be involved as a JFS volunteer, please contact Nancy Britcher at the JFS office, 693-5837 and we will gladly connect you with Evan Sturm.

and from individual homes. A delicious lunch prepared by our volunteers included stuffed cabbage, vegetable kugel, potato kugel, challah, apples dipped in honey and apple cake and assorted desserts. Rabbi Beth Schwartz opened our program along with blessings for our meal and for the holidays, Rabbi Louis Zivic discussed important meanings of our High Holidays, and Rabbi Yossi Wilhelm blew the shofar in order for us to "wake up" to the sounds of the New Year. Our entertainment was provided by Charlene Gubitz who sang wonderful songs accompanying herself with her guitar. Everyone joined in with the singing and all agreed that it was a wonderful experience to get together to celebrate the coming New Year.

"Thank You's" from Jewish Family Services

Many thanks go out to numerous people for their continuing help with Jewish Family Services programs. Eleanor and Bernie Shorr and Marilyn Presser for our wonderful "Chai" Holiday Bags and decorations, Joan Cohn for the beautiful challah, Pat and Gene Rosenberg, Marilyn Burnett, Evan Sturm, Nancy Becker and Trudy Dreyer for homecooked food and help, Lesley Rosenblatt for apples and honey and Marilyn Wohl for her mini-challahs. Also, thanks to Zilla Weininger for transportation. Many thanks also to Rabbis' Schwartz, Wilhelm and Zivic for participating in our program, and to Charlene Gubitz for her beautiful voice and warm presence. Thanks also to Ken Brown, Rabbi Zivic and Rabbi Wilhelm for delivering additional Chai bags and blowing shofar for ALL of our assisted living and nursing

residents throughout the community. What a mitzvah all of you perform when you show how much you care for the older adults in our community.

JFS coordinates "Chai" Bags for Special Visits

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.

SAVE THE DATE!!

Sunday, November 18, 2007

MAH JONGG MADNESS



Temple Beth El Sisterhood

Info: Ruth Sherrill 690-5015

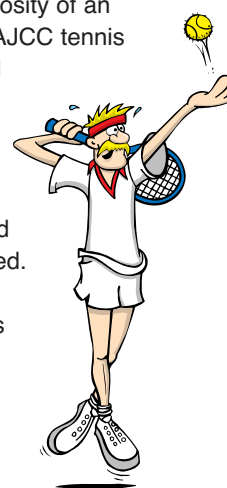
Well I have the clothes, now maybe it's time to learn.....

Periodically this summer I have made my walk on the AJCC grounds and could swear I saw Gordy Brown playing tennis with the gang. A wishful memory and longing for days gone by.

Well Gordy is a fond memory for many for us, but the glory days of the AJCC tennis courts are back! Look behind the pool and you will see a bright green fence and a newly refurbished tennis court.

Thanks to the generosity of an anonymous donor, the AJCC tennis courts will be revitalized and should become a destination point for many of us in the community. The fences have been fixed, painted and the courts resurfaced. New nets are in place. The only thing lacking is you!

Come and play and use our great facility.



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UT Hillel/Jewish Student Center A Very Busy Fall Semester

By Deborah Oleshansky, JSC/Hillel Director

UT Hillel has been busy so far this fall with social programs, holiday celebrations and campus wide events – and it's still only September!

Over 30 new students joined returning students at the opening program in August, including Knoxville natives Benjamin Heller and Miriam Kramer. Coach Bruce Pearl and Steven Pearl came by to meet the new students and to share some stories of their trip with the UT Men's Basketball team to Europe this summer. In addition to basketball tournament play, the trip included a visit to a memorial for those killed at the Terezin concentration camp during World War II. Steven spoke of the impact the visit had on him and some of the strong and emotional reactions of his teammates.



Aaron Ameen, Noah Kess and Zan Rosenthal enjoy the opening Hillel program held at the Copper Cellar.

The full trip experience has led to a shared common bond among the players and has raised understandings among them.

In early September, UT students partnered with the International House on campus to present Jewish Culture Night. The event was held on a Wednesday evening at the International House and included food and

information about Jewish culture around the world. Hillel President, Elyse Messing, organized some fun question/answer activities and with the help of Hillel student leaders presented a wide variety of information. The program was open to the entire campus and over 130 people attended. In fact, we had to stop selling food tickets because the room was overflowing! SPECIAL THANKS to Marilyn Burnett and Marilyn Wohl for their help preparing food for 130 people!

Thank you to Temple Beth El and Heska Amuna Synagogue for allowing UT students to attend Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur



Senior Seth Schklar welcomes new students Jake Baron, John Reinhardt and Spencer Glaser.



New students Rebekah Zeitlin and Townley White meet returning student Jessica Bogach.



Coach Bruce Pearl chats with students at the opening Hillel program.

services. New and returning students enjoyed a group Rosh Hashana lunch after services, hosted by David and Deborah Oleshansky. Students were joined by UT faculty and staff members Andy Kramer, Rob Heller and Bruce Pearl, who all attended with their families. The family atmosphere helped to create a welcoming experience for new students celebrating away from home for the first time. Hillel President Elyse Messing also attended with her parents, Pat and Nora Messing. Thank you to Nora Messing, Dina Kramer, and Melissa Sturm for supplying the delicious desserts! Students gathered again to celebrate Sukkot on Friday, September 28 and Sunday, September 30. Watch for pictures in the next Voice!

We are in the process of completing the Shabbat Dinner schedule for the remainder of Fall Semester. If you are interested in hosting UT students for Shabbat dinner in your home, please contact Deborah Oleshansky at 690-6343 or d. You can also keep current with Hillel scheduling by visiting our website at: w.

Sixth Annual Day of Learning Covers Environmental Theme

By Wilma Weinstein

Why does God take six days to create the world rather than creating it in an instant? That was just one of the questions discussed in our program Sunday, August 26 at The Day of Learning. The sessions were led by Melissa Simon and Nati Passow who are staff members of Teva Learning Center. The Teva Learning Center is North America's foremost Jewish Environmental Education Institute.

Thousands of years ago our ancestors lived with a keen awareness of their dependence on the natural systems that support life. Through their daily interactions with soil, water, and air, they developed a great respect for the Earth and sensed the presence of the Divine within all of Creation. Today, although many Jews today have lost this connection, our ancient relationship with nature is nevertheless reflected in Jewish law, in our prayers, in the celebration of our holidays, and in the core values of our tradition.

The Teva Learning Center exists to renew the ecological wisdom inherent in Judaism. By immersing participants in the natural world and providing structured activities which sensitize them to nature's rhythms, we help them develop a more meaningful relationship with nature and their own Jewish practices. This process also facilitates personal growth, community building, and a genuine commitment to tikkun olam, healing the world. All Teva programs are built on a thematic progression - from Awareness to Interconnectedness to Responsibility.

A special thank you to The Day of Learning Committee: Joani Leeds, Nancy Becker, Rabbi Beth Schwartz, Rabbi Louis Zivic, Jeff Gubitz, Larry Bayer, and Evan Ohriner. Thank you to Hogan's Bakery, Starbucks, Dippin' Dots and Nature's Pantry for their donations.

Buy Your Chanukah Stamps




The 2007 Chanukah stamp will be released on October 26. It should be available at all post offices no later than October 27. The 41 cent Chanukah stamp will be the same dreidel design that has been used since 2004. Despite the nearly annual revision of the Christmas stamp, the United States Postal Service has been reluctant to change the Chanukah stamp design even when

there is a rate change. The dreidel is only the second design used in 12 years. The Menorah design was used for 8 years. The dreidel design is now 4 years old.

Please buy Chanukah stamps as soon as they are available. Ask your postal clerk to order more when they run out. Use them throughout the holiday season. Buy extras and use them all year long.

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The Way We Were
Sisters Rose Kate Lippner and Mary Lippner



Carolyn Silver-Alford of Heska Amuna Religious School shows preschoolers a lulav under the AJCC sukkah.



Children get to see shofars as part of the focus on Rosh Hashanah as Rabbit Yossi Wilhelm explains.



Leaving Knoxville for a warmer climate?

Please call the KJA office and make sure your mail follows you. It only takes a minute and that minute saves the KJA money and frustration.

Call Robin at 690-6343 or e-mail
rvaughan@jewishknoxville.org.

Friendshippers - Where life Begins at 55!

Chair: Bernie Shorr, Program Director: Wilma Weinstein

The Friendshippers are active adults age 55 and over who meet regularly at the AJCC for an array of luncheon speaker programs.

Monthly speakers include members of the Jewish community, local celebrities and programs given by visiting guest speakers.

Topics include book reviews, travelogues, humorous or musical programs, Jewish holiday celebrations, discussions of current events, our "Growing Up Jewish Around the World" series and more!

Friendship Book Group meets the first Tuesday of the month at 1:30 p.m. New members welcome!

- Spend time with old and new friends!
 - Enjoy great meals from area restaurants & caterers!
 - Enjoy a free meal in the month of your birthday!
 - Learn something new while enjoying entertaining programs!
- New participants always welcome!!!
Rides available to all programs!!

For more information, contact Wilma Weinstein at the AJCC, 690-6343 x 16

UPCOMING FRIENDSHIP PROGRAMS

Come have fun with us at these upcoming events!

Thursday, October 18: *Rob Heller's presentation on the opening of his exhibit, "Living On" in Warsaw and photos and discussion of his trip to Poland.* Catered luncheon at \$8.00 per person from Olive Garden; no charge for program alone. Luncheon sponsored by Manorhouse.

Wednesday, October 24: *Rabbi Louis Zivic will discuss, "What will the Judaism of 2050 be like?"* Catered luncheon at \$8.00 per person; no charge for program alone.

Shorrlines: Prayer, Peace and Maybe a Few Triumphs

By Eleanor Shorr

The huge lighted blowup figure of Smoky, the Vols' canine mascot, stood tall and bright, welcoming invited guests to the neighborhood backyard tailgate party for the kickoff game of the new season.

The miserable summer heat had abated somewhat and the huge borrowed fan kept us comfortable until sundown. California time lapse allowed us to have two hours of drinking and noshing until the game actually began. and boy! did we. The enormous six foot sandwiches were cut into manageable size, the wings and drumsticks were devoured, as well as the ubiquitous southern desserts, banana pudding and chocolate cake. We gossiped and schmoozed while the men strutted their plumage in Vol orange shirts - after all, we do live in Big Orange country.

Finally, the cheer that rose to the sky over the Golden Gate Bridge from Berkeley, was the clarion call echoing from the two television sets that had been set up out of doors. The first football game of the season had begun. It was a darn good game even if the Vols did lose. There were lots of touchdowns on both sides, great playing on both teams and even if the stadium crowd of California rooters made noise, hey - the orange section gave as good as they got. No one can match the enthusiasm and racket and noise from Neyland Stadium. Why even those still here in Knoxville could have been heard.

Wednesday, November 7: *"Dear Diary..." Barbara Bernstein will share diary entries from generations of her family who have been GROWING UP JEWISH IN KNOXVILLE since 1895. From these intimate writings, you can get a glimpse of Knoxville from each of her parents' viewpoints as teenagers and young adults during the "Roaring 20s"...and from Barbara's own journals as a teenager in post World War II Knoxville.* Catered lunch at \$8.00 per person; no charge for program alone. Also special guest Mayor Ragsdale will update us on Knox County senior initiatives.

Thursday, December 13: *Annual Chanukah Musical and Sing-a-long featuring Susan Shorr-Brown.* Catered lunch, including latkes, at \$8.00 per person; no charge for program alone. Luncheon sponsored by Elmcroft.

Friday, January 11, 2008: *Maestro Brian Salesky will present a program about the Knoxville Opera with selected talent.* Catered lunch at \$8.00 per person; no charge for program alone.

Wednesday, February 20: *Wendel Werner and the UT Singers will entertain us!* Catered lunch at \$8.00 per person; no charge for program alone.

Wednesday, March 12: *Growing Up Jewish Around the World, featuring Dr. Gilya Schmidt.* Catered lunch at \$8.00 per person; no charge for program alone.

Wednesday, April 16: *Bob Faulkner with the Knox County Sheriffs Office will present Identify theft, fraud and scams. More than 10 million Americans have their identities stolen every year. Identity theft and fraud is the prime focus of organized crime and you could be the next victim.* Catered lunch at \$8.00 per person; no charge for program alone.

Our enthusiasm reached all the way to the mountains of New Jersey and the desert of Arizona. Earlier our sister gleefully watched Rutgers win handily and then the later loss for the Vols. The Arizona branch called Sunday afternoon after realizing that we did not get to sleep until much much after midnight. We must say that the condolences were rather lukewarm. We told them that you gotta be here to realize big orange football mania.

So now we have to settle down to the real and important issues in our lives. Rosh Hashana, Yom Kippur, Succot - these are vital to our well being. We cannot enjoy a football game without realizing the we, as Jews, have come once more to that time of the year when prayer, repentance, renewal and tzedakah are the backbone of our existence. When the shofar blows, we stand to be judged. We pray that our year will be filled with health and happiness and, maybe, if it isn't too trivial, a winning basketball team for our much loved Bruce Pearl.

Sukkah Raising a Success

Families spent a beautiful fall Sunday building a sukkah on the AJCC grounds. Children designed colorful arts and crafts, as adults built the sukkah. Seventh and eighth graders from the Teen Connection also helped. Everyone enjoyed a pizza luncheon as the project unfolded.



Kim Rosen helps daughter Tifannie create a glitter gourd as Arielle works on one of her own. The gourds will help decorate the sukkah.



Andrew Messing, David Floyd, Seth Shuman, and Logan Brown take turns with the power tools as the sukkah project gets underway.



Logan Brown drills the support beam as Marc Margolis looks on.



Jeff Gabitz and Rick Ely build a support beam.



Jake Rosenberg helps construct the AJCC sukkah.



Keaton Noon and Noah Erwin attach the siding with bindings.