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## APRIL 2008

10  
6:30- AIPAC Dinner Off Site  
7am-Minyan-HA  
3-5pm - preschool soccer shots in gym-  
AJCC  
6 P.M.-Parent Committee Meeting-AJCC  
7:30p Intro to Judaism-14 -TBE

11  
6:30pm - Services Tot Shabbat - HA  
7:00p Class Service -TBE

12  
9:30a-Services-HA  
10a-Torah Study-TBE  
Bar Mitzvah Bryan Berube-HA  
Torah study following Kiddush-HA  
12:30 p.m.-5:30 p.m.-Opera Practice-Full  
Orchestra

13  
HARS Parent Education Day Wax  
Museum-HA  
9a-Talmud study-HA  
9:30a-12:30p Religious School Seder -  
TBE  
9:45a-Minyan-HA  
10:00a-Sisterhood Judaica Shop  
Passover Sale-HA  
1-4pm-Bone Marrow Drive, UT Campus,  
HYPR Bldg.  
1:00 P.M.-TEEN J-SERVE-TBA  
3p-Private Basketball-gym  
5:00-8:00 p.m. BBYO-BBG DARFUR  
DINNER-AJCC

14  
7a-Minyan-HA  
2:15-KINDERDANCE-AJCC-GYM  
5-7p-HillelHoopsHealthGame,  
BoneMarrowDr-off site  
7:15 pm-KJA Executive Committee Mtg.

15  
10:30a-Friendshippers Steering Com-  
Gym  
6p-Private basketball AJCC-Gym  
7p Rit. & Wor. Committee -TBE  
7:30p-Rabbi & Rel Serv Committee mtg-  
HA

16  
Adult Education- TBE  
Midweek Hebrew -TBE  
4:00 P.M.-PRIVATE USE BBYO ROOM-  
AJCC  
12 noon-Sheriff's presentation to  
Friendshippers  
6-7:30pm-Dr.Mary Jane Moran-AJCC  
Adult Lounge  
6:30-8:30pm Private Basketball-AJCC  
Gym

17  
Ta'Anit Bechorot - Fast of the First Born  
7am-Minyan, Fast of the First Born-HA  
3-5pm - preschool soccer shots in gym-  
AJCC  
7:30p Last Intro to Judaism-15 -TBE

18  
6p Tot Shabbat (Passover Activity) -TBE  
6:30pm - Services - HA  
7:30p Shabbat Service -TBE

19  
Birthday and Anniversary Shabbat-HA  
Erev Pesach First Seder - HA  
9:30a-Services-HA  
Torah study following Kiddush-HA

20  
Pesach  
NO HARS - HA  
No Religious School -TBE  
Second Seder - HA  
9a-Talmud study-HA  
9:30a-Services First Day of Pesach-HA  
9:45a-Minyan-HA  
10a Passover Service -TBE  
3p-Private Basketball-gym  
6:30p Temple Seder -TBE

21  
Pesach  
NO HARS - HA  
7:00am-Services, Second Day of Pesach-  
HA  
2:15-KINDERDANCE-AJCC-GYM  
7:30-9:30pm Israeli Dancing - AJCC Gym

22  
Pesach  
11:00am-HAZAK - HA  
6p-Private basketball AJCC-Gym

23  
Pesach  
No Adult Education- TBE  
NO HARS-Staff In-service - HA  
No Midweek Hebrew -TBE  
4:00 P.M.-PRIVATE USE BBYO ROOM-  
AJCC  
11:30a-JFS Passover celebration at  
Elmcroft  
6:30-8:30pm Private Basketball-AJCC  
Gym

24  
Pesach  
7am-Minyan-HA  
3-5pm - preschool soccer shots in gym-  
AJCC

25  
Pesach  
6:30pm-Traditional Service-HA  
8p Shabbat Service -TBE

26  
Pesach  
9:30a-Services Seventh Day of Pesach-  
HA  
10a Service Last Day Passover -TBE  
Torah study following Kiddush-HA

27  
Pesach  
NO HARS-HA  
JCC Association BIENNIAL (national)  
9a-Talmud study-HA  
9:30a-12:30p Religious School -TBE  
9:30a-Services,Eighth Day of Pesach-HA  
9:45a-Minyan-HA  
10a Sisterhood Meeting -TBE  
3p-Private Basketball-gym  
7-10p-IsraeliFestival &Seed of  
SunIsraelJazzCon-UT

28  
HARS Resumes-HA  
JCC Association BIENNIAL (national)  
7a-Minyan-HA  
2:15-KINDERDANCE-AJCC-GYM  
7:30p-UT lecture series-AJCC gym

29  
Education committee meeting-HA  
JCC Association BIENNIAL (national)  
6p-Private basketball AJCC-Gym

30  
Adult Education- TBE  
Last Midweek Hebrew -TBE  
JCC Association BIENNIAL (national)  
4:00 P.M.-PRIVATE USE BBYO ROOM-  
AJCC  
6:30-8:30pm Private Basketball-AJCC  
Gym  
7p-Yom HaShoah event

## MAY 2008

1  
Yom HaShoah - Holocaust  
Remembrance Day  
3-5pm - preschool soccer shots in gym

2  
Bar Mitzvah - Hazak Parsons - TBE  
Birthday/Anniversary Blessing - TBE  
Book Fair set up for 5-4,5-5,5-6,5-7 -  
AJCC gym  
8p Shabbat Service - TBE

3  
Book Fair set up for 5-4,5-5,5-6,5-7 AJCC  
gym  
Shabbat Hinuch upper  
grds,Confirm.&MattanSiddur-HA  
Sisterhood Regional Conference in  
Savannah-HA  
9:30a-Services-HA  
Torah study following Kiddush-HA

## David Syme in Concert: A Musical Salute to Israel



Pearl Zwick Cultural Fund. Our friends at First Baptist Church in downtown Knoxville are graciously providing their nine foot Steinway concert grand piano, recital hall and reception area. A dessert reception will follow. The concert is open to the entire greater Knoxville community. The cost of each ticket is your gift of a non-perishable food item for the Second Harvest Food Bank.

Event Chair is Laura Berry, with assistance from Charlene Gubitz, Diane Cole and several other volunteers, are hard at work on this exciting salute to Israel on the 60th Anniversary of the State of Israel.

Based in Houston, Texas and in Ireland, Detroit native David Syme, has emerged in recent years as a pre-eminent and definitive interpreter of the works of Gershwin. David Syme is a classically-trained master having represented the U.S. in international piano competitions. He has played at Chopin's birthplace, and has appeared at Lincoln Center, the Dorothy Chandler Pavilion, and Kennedy Center; He has recorded 25 concertos on 19 CDs with such

orchestras as the Royal Philharmonic, the London Philharmonia Orchestra, the Vienna Symphony, and the Czech National Symphony. Above and beyond his virtuosity David Syme offers an engaging personality, a sharp wit and an entertaining show that is unique in its versatility.

As soloist with the Czech National Symphony, Syme toured England two consecutive seasons. Recent appearances have been with the Moravian Philharmonic of Olomouc, Hradec Kralove Philharmonic and Pilsen Philharmonic (all Czech Republic), Schleswig-Holstein Symphony (Germany), Champaign-Urbana (IL) and Rockford (IL) Symphonies, Jackson (MI) Symphony, Tucson Symphony, Tucson Pops and Los Angeles Pops Orchestras.

He has an uncanny gift of recall, and can instantly play back any melody at first hearing, an ability which has earned him a following all over the U.S. through hundreds of live radio shows heard in virtually every part of the country. David is known for his spontaneous wit and accessibility, qualities which he brings to his appearances before widely diverse audiences in both formal and informal settings.

A protégé of the late Jorge Bolet, Syme has studied with Sascha Gorodnitzki at Juilliard, Louis Kentner in London, and Ozan Marsh in Tucson, Arizona.

Additional information will be coming to your mailbox and will be available at our website, [www.jewishknoxville.org](http://www.jewishknoxville.org). Listen to David Syme at [www.symepiano.com](http://www.symepiano.com).

## Knoxville Jewish Alliance Commemorates Holocaust Memorial Day 2008

The Knoxville Jewish Alliance invites the community to remember the Holocaust and commemorates the 63<sup>rd</sup> anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz with a showing of the film *The Grey Zone* on Wednesday, April 30, 2008. The entire Knoxville community is invited to join the commemoration. Auschwitz was not just a killing factory for European Jews. Countless people, of all religions, ethnicity and nationality were murdered by the Nazis and their co-conspirators in that place of death and torture. The film will be shown at Regal's Downtown West Theatre and begins at

7:00pm. A follow up discussion to the film will be held on Sunday, May 4.

The theme for this year's commemoration is the story you haven't seen. *The Grey Zone* tells the story of the *Sonderkommando* XII in the Auschwitz concentration camp in October 1944. The Sonderkommandos were prisoners enlisted to assist the Germans in herding their victims to the gas chambers and later the disposal of the victims in the crematoria that relentlessly belched black smoke 24 hours a day.

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## Online Registration Makes It Easy for Members

Parents wanting to register their children for Milton Collins Day Camp and Swim Team can now do so online.

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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

It always strikes me as odd that something that at one time was considered miraculous or extraordinary, becomes commonplace and mundane quickly. People often

have short-term memory and act as if the way things are now, is the way they have always been. We, in the Jewish world, have a chance to reconnect to one of those miracles that we often take for granted. Specifically, I am referring to the 60th anniversary of the founding of the State of Israel.

On May 8, 2008, Israel will be celebrating 60 years of existence. Certainly one of the major accomplishments in the history of the Jewish people. In 70 AD, the Temple was destroyed in Jerusalem. Along with that destruction went the last vestiges of Jewish sovereignty for the next 1878 years. Jewish liturgy and prayers longed for the days of the return of the sovereignty. As the song says, "By the waters of Babylon, we wept for thee Zion, we remember thee Zion." The Jewish people were only able to live in a country or land based on the whim of the church, a king, or a dictator. With the creation of Israel, that

all came to an end. Jews could live on their own land, freely and independent of the vagaries and whims of a third-party government.

The road has not been an easy one. Israel has been beset with a multitude of problems from its inception. There is no need to list them here, other than to say they are serious. But if you look at the historical big picture, the good far outweighs the bad. No other group of people has re-established their sovereignty after being scattered to the ends of the globe. Think about what has been accomplished in this 60 year period. Israel has gone from a backwater desert outpost to a modern 21st century state. Israel continues to be a beacon of democracy in the Middle East, in an area with some of the most repressive regimes of earth.

The KJA will have a series of programs celebrating Israel's birthday culminating with our community-wide IsraelFest celebration, May 18 at the AJCC. I urge each and every one of you to attend and come celebrate with us the miracle of the Modern Jewish state. Take a moment and think what a very different world it would be without Israel and what it means to us as a Jewish people. Please don't take Israel's existence for granted because we do so at our own peril.

**ON YOUR, MARKS, Let's Swim**

Philip Donihe is our new Aquatics Director. He will be the pool manager and head swim coach of the Smokin' Salmon for the Summer of Fun 2008.

Phil graduated from the McCallie School in Chattanooga and is now a student at the University of Tennessee and is the head manager of the Varsity men's Swim team. In a recent interview, Phil reflected that "Swimming is a sport that I have been actively involved in for a majority of my life. I am an accomplished athlete with experience in coaching all types of individuals to achieve various fitness goals." Phil goes on to say that he is "results driven, with a hands-on coaching style, a winning attitude and a strong people orientation."

Phil has been competitively swimming year-round since a very early age on teams in Michigan, Dalton, Georgia and Chattanooga." He was a member of the McCallie School State Championship Swim team and was awarded the 2000 Captain's Award at Dalton High School. He is a firm believer that team sports, like swimming are ways to build strong and caring youth for the future. Phil stated further, "It is important to me that the numerous four and five year olds who join each year for the first time, end the summer with nothing but good memories of their initial team experience. There are so many

benefits they receive as athletes: health, camaraderie, structure, and a sense of achievement. Catching their attention with a fun team environment, then keeping them involved and motivated are key."

Phil knows the tradition of excellence of the AJCC swim team family and reflects that "in the past, the AJCC has been blessed with coaches who rightfully value the preservation of a fun, light, family atmosphere. He went on to say, "I hope that I can continue that tradition."

Currently he is enrolled at UT working towards a degree in Exercise Science. His past coaching experience includes serving as swim coach at the Sportsplex in Windsor, New York, and work at United Swimming clinics. He was the Aquatic Director at the Sports Barn in Chattanooga and has worked as a personal trainer at the Rush in Knoxville, the Sports Barn in Chattanooga. He has attended seminars, including Flexibility and Biometrics seminars and the American Swim Coach's Association Conference, as he has worked to improve his own swimming and athletic management prowess.

We welcome Phil for another successful summer pool season. It is still time to sign up for the swim team, Milton Collins day camp, and join the AJCC for the Summer of Fun 2008.



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**Becker Fund Enriches Judaic Teachings at AJCC Preschool**

The AJCC Preschool has enhanced their Judaic curriculum, as well as begun the process of formalizing its Jewish teachings. Preschool families had requested more emphasis on Judaic studies for the preschool children and desired a more formalized curriculum. As many teachers are not Jewish and have many responsibilities in the classroom, Preschool Director Brooke Seeliger sought to hire Jewish teachers who only focus on Jewish teachings. In order to do that, she asked the KJCFF for help in funding this program.



The Nancy and Jeff Becker Community Enrichment Fund of the KJCFF answered the call. A generous grant from the Becker Fund supported the addition of Charlene Gubit in the 2007/2008 school year. Charlene is a fabulous and talented multicultural musical entertainer and a veteran Jewish educator. She spent time in each classroom playing and singing Hebrew and Jewish songs.

For the 2008/2009 academic year, this grant will partially support Jennifer Young as the Judaic Specialist. She will be on staff five days each week teaching in each classroom every day. The grant will pay for teaching supplies, holiday books and other items to enhance the Jewish curriculum.

The preschool staff, director Brooke and preschool parents really do appreciate the Becker's contribution and can't thank them enough.

**New Grants:**

The Becker Community Enrichment Fund made a generous grant to support the Jewish Curriculum of the AJCC Preschool.

The Bernard E. and Barbara W. Bernstein Charitable Fund made several generous grants. Their support of the KJA Archivist makes it possible for the Knoxville Jewish Community to preserve our history.

An additional grant from the Bernard E. and Barbara W. Bernstein Charitable Fund will support the Knoxville Museum of Art.

The Zelda and Max Morrison Cultural Fund has made a grant to support the upcoming KJA events to celebrate Israel@60. This fund will assist with the expenses of bringing the internationally renowned Steinway pianist David Syme to Knoxville on May 8.

The Sylvia Robinson Memorial Fund once again is supporting a fabulous program at Heska Amuna Synagogue. On September 14, 2008 Joshua Nelson will perform thanks to this generous grant.

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## The Human Side of Terror

From [www.sderotmedia.com](http://www.sderotmedia.com)

The daily reports of Quassam rockets launched towards Sderot in past years provide a poor picture to what the residents of city have to go through in their everyday life. In order to show support and help the residents of the city, a random coalition of students from all over Israel arrived to a three day volunteering project.

Chava Gada offers a diluted, yet authentic smile as she welcomes guests to her patio. She pops a cigarette into her mouth as she sits down and starts recounting some of the stories that have unnaturally aged her otherwise youthful face. Years of Quassam rocket attacks aimed at her hometown of Sderot have taken their toll on her and her family. As she begins to tell her guests about her children and their suffering at the hands of this terrorism, her voice begins to crack. Then the tears start to trickle down her face.

Over 20,000 people live in Sderot. They come from varied backgrounds; Russians mingle with Ethiopians, long-timer Sderot residents walking alongside North African olim chadashim. Their fears and concerns, however, are one and the same: the constant threat of terrorist Quassam rockets, and the government's inadequate rush to aid Sderot citizens. Chava's story is far from the exception in this working-class town one mile outside the Gaza Strip. These days it's the rule.

Despite an average of 3.2 Quassam rockets fired at Sderot per day, bomb shelters and safe rooms are inadequate. Existing facilities lack the necessary infrastructure to provide safety and security to residents fleeing for their lives when the "tzeva adom" (red alert) siren rings out. Water is lacking. Ventilation is poor. And the elderly have problems reaching the scattered shelters in the 15 seconds afforded from the time a Quassam is launched out of Gaza to the point of impact in Sderot.

Despite Israel's status as a world leader in many fields, including high-tech and medicine, many Sderot residents reference their everyday lives when pointing out Israel's profound domestic failures.

"The wealthy people of Sderot left, and the government is failing us," says 55 year-old Sasson Sara, a resident of Sderot for over 40 years. "I've sent my kids away from the city. What kind of father wants to send his kids away? But I'm staying because I don't want to run away like the government has."

"We feel abandoned," said Shoshana Chazan, a Sderot resident who says she cannot leave the city because she does not have enough money to move.

"The city, the mayor and the entire national government is corrupt. What else can I think? No one is doing anything to help us," says Yiftach David, a 46 year-old

lifelong Sderot resident.

Ultimately, the blame for the Quassam attacks, now in their seventh year, lies with the terrorists in Gaza. And until something is done to curb the attacks, people in Sderot will continue to suffer from the trauma of living under constant terrorist threat.

"Personally, this has really affected me because I've turned into a person who receives instead of a person who gives. This is one of the lowest points of my life," admits Gada. "I want my independence returned to me."

Solutions have thus far been fruitless, but that has not stopped some Sderot residents from attempting to find a sense of normalcy in a decidedly unnatural setting. "I'm not afraid. I'm still going out and still having fun. I'm still living my life," says 16-year-old Meital Desko.

While optimism still peeks out occasionally, a sense of realism tends to set in. "When you pinch the cheek of an Israeli child and you pinch the cheek of a Palestinian child, it's the same thing. It's the same blood," says Gada. "But why do we keep giving them gestures and they don't offer anything in return? They don't fight fair. When I go to a fight, I don't take 4 year-olds with me like they use in Gaza to launch the Quassams. At the end of the day, if I have to choose between my kids and theirs, I choose mine."

## Two Named Fulbright Scholars



Jon Shefner



Kurt Piehler

American history. Dr. Piehler will also be teaching a graduate course on American Military history and a seminar on history and memory.

Dr. Piehler and his wife, Susan Contente, and almost 3-year-old twins, Aaron and Stella Contente, will be traveling with him to Kobe, Japan. The family is looking forward to this big adventure and are pleased to report that there is a synagogue in Kobe, as well as lots of good bakeries and sushi.

Jon Daniel Shefner, an associate professor in the Department of Sociology, also received a Fulbright Award traveled to Simon Bolivar Andean University in Quito, Ecuador, to conduct research on the "Economic Stabilization and Political Change: Lessons From Ecuador."

Sponsored by the U.S. Department of State, the program seeks to broaden worldwide understanding of political, economic, educational and cultural institutions. The five professors are among approximately 800 faculty and professionals who will travel abroad from the United States through the Fulbright U.S. Scholar Program during this academic year. Most UT award recipients will or have devoted up to

a semester working in a university department or institute engaged in teaching and research. The recipients were chosen for their academic or professional achievement and demonstrated leadership potential in their fields.

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## AJCC Preschool Happenings

By Brooke Seeliger, AJCC Preschool Director

Patrick Daffener is a new Extended Care Worker in the Bet classroom. He began his duties on March 3, 2008. Patrick has been employed by the Memphis Jewish Community Center as a lifeguard, swim coach, and swim instructor for the past three years. He is currently enrolled at the University of Tennessee majoring in Elementary Education. Patrick is very excited about his new position, has made wonderful connections with the students, and been a great addition to our staff.

Summer camp registration is now open to the public. Spaces are filling up very quickly! If you are interested in sending your child, please call the AJCC Preschool and speak with Brooke Seeliger at (865) 690-6343 to secure a spot.

The AJCC Preschool is currently selling Knoxville Lifestyle Books. The book contains many wonderful places to eat! Knoxville Lifestyle is like a gift certificate with over \$25,000 in savings for a cost of only \$35.00. The preschool makes \$10.00 off of each one

that is sold. The book contains a plastic dining card that offers you 2 for 1 dining and 50 percent off savings on fine and casual dining, fast food, entertainment, sports and much, much more. The preschool will be selling these books until April 27. If you would like to purchase one, please come by the preschool or call Brooke Seeliger at 865-690-6343. Thanks for all of your support.

Dr. Mary Jane Moran from the University of Tennessee will be at the AJCC Preschool on Wednesday, April 16 at 6:00 p.m. She will be here to discuss the key principles and practices of the Reggio Emilia Approach. Childcare will be available upon reservation. RSVP is appreciated by Friday, April 11. To RSVP contact Brooke at 690-6343 or [bseeliger@jewishknoxville.org](mailto:bseeliger@jewishknoxville.org).

A special thank you is sent to Nancy and Jeff Becker for approving the grant request to enrich the Judaic curriculum within the preschool. The AJCC Preschool staff is very grateful for their generosity.

## IsraelFest@60 Celebration Underway

By Brooke Seeliger, AJCC Preschool Director

Plans are underway for the best and biggest celebration ever! A Teen Connection Event with Jonathan Livny will be held May 4 followed by a dinner and program for the community. Pianist David Syme will perform on May 8 at the First Baptist Church. IsraelFest's activities on May 18 from noon to 5 pm will include live camel rides, entertainment, magic, balloons, face painting, moon walk, and more! A walk for Israel and a mile swim are also part of the celebration. A

wonderful array of delicious food to add a "taste of Israel" will be available for sale as well as Kosher hot dogs, cold drinks and ice cream. Parking will be available at nearby buildings and a free shuttle bus service will run. The entire community is invited. We are in the process of preparing corporate sponsorship letters as well as soliciting donations in-kind. We will be contacting the Israel Embassy and local government officials to join us. Manny Herz is chair of this event.

## Passover Recipes Abound on Web

If you are looking for food to prepare for Passover, the Internet abounds with ideas from appetizers to full meals. Not only do traditional Jewish sites have ideas, but so does The Food Network. Here's a simple recipe from About.com.

### Barb's Brisket

4 lb. beef brisket (not corned)	2 tsp. salt
1 tsp. paprika	1 1/2 cup boiling water
2 Tbsp. fat	1/2 tsp. pepper
1/2 tsp. garlic powder	1 Tbsp. browned flour (optional)
3 diced onions	
1 bay leaf	

Place meat and fat in heavy saucepan or dutch oven. Cover and brown over medium heat until browned on all sides. Add onions and continue browning. Add salt, pepper, paprika, garlic powder, bay leaf, and water. Cover and cook over low heat for 2 hours or until meat is tender. (optional: mix flour with a little water and stir into gravy. Cook 10 minutes. Remove bay leaf.) The meat can be cut across the grain on a steep angle or just sliced as usual.

## The AJCC Preschool's Scholastic Book Fair

*Get READY for The Summer Reading Road Trip*

Stock up on those summer essentials like picture book favorites, selections from the summer reading list, the latest adult best seller, and everything in between. We will also have Jewish interest books for the entire family. Even if you are not traveling by plane, train, or automobile, a great book can take you to the ends of the earth and back!

Everyone is invited. May 2 – May 7, 2008  
Family Shopping Day is  
Sunday May 4, 2008 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

## SAVE THE DATE:

Sunday, May 18, 2008 at the AJCC!!!  
Make history as Knoxville joins the world in celebrating Israel's 60th anniversary by participating in a worldwide walk-a-thon!! The Knoxville walk-a-thon will be roughly 1.1 miles. Registration begins at 9:30 and the walk begins at 10:00. Registration is free, but if you want the T-shirt, water bottle and sling pak the cost is \$5 and you must register by April 1. Register online today at [www.walktheland.org](http://www.walktheland.org). A donation will be collected along the route for the citizens of Sderot, Israel. Please give generously. After the walk, the celebration continues at the AJCC with an IsraeliFest from 12:00 to 5:00. You don't want to miss this. For more information or to volunteer to help call Ric or Cindy Pasi at (865)693-0299.

## KJA Commemorates Holocaust Memorial 2008

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Yom Hashoah, the National Day of Holocaust Remembrance, is held every year in remembrance of the nearly six million Jews who were murdered in the Holocaust. It is a day set aside by the U.S. Congress for all Americans to take time to pause and remember, as it our responsibility to not only preserve the memory of those who died and those who survived, but those, as well who suffered through this unprecedented time in history

**We must remember...and we must remind** people everywhere that evil happens because of intolerance and indifference.

As citizens of a great democracy, we must understand the importance of seeing that high moral standards prevail. As the years pass and the eyewitnesses to that terrible time are gone...we are faced with the question: **Who will remember?**

## Friendshippers Featuring Intriguing Luncheons

The Friendshippers features several interesting programs and activities for persons age 55 and older. Call 690-6343 to make your reservation.

**Wednesday, April 16:** Bob Faulkner with the Knox County Sheriff's 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.

**Thursday, May 15:** Dr. Lorri Glover, will present her program, The Founding Fathers. In this presentation, Dr. Glover describes the family lives of George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, James Madison, Benjamin Franklin, and John Adams.

**Thursday, July 17:** Joan L. Markel, Ph.D., Frank H. McClung Museum, Outreach Educator, will present, "Ancient Egypt."

**August 14:** Jack H. ("Nick") McCall serves as Procurement and Corporate Contracts Attorney and as Deputy Designated Agency Ethics Official will present "Justice Denied, or Justice Deferred? The Troubling – and Continuing – Case of John Demjanjuk."

**September 24:** Dr. G. Kurt Piehler, Department of History at the University of Tennessee, will present a program on his recent trip to Japan

### FRIENDSHIPPER BOOK GROUP

The Friendshipper Book Group is going strong, and has increased in size, with new members still joining. They meet the first Tuesday of the month at 1:30 p.m. For the latest book under discussion or more information, call 690-6343.

### TRANSPORTATION

The arrangement with Chariots of Hire to provide transportation for participants to the Friendshipper luncheon programs continues to run smoothly! Many thanks to the Friendshipper Rosen Fund for underwriting the cost of this critical transportation program.



UT Singers entertain Friendshippers.

## Soviet Jewry Website Curriculum Launched

Over the past several months, the 40th Anniversary of the Soviet Jewish struggle has been marked in various ways in Israel and the United States. Beth Hatefutsoh is proud to have contributed to these anniversary events by mounting the groundbreaking exhibition "Jews of Struggle: The Jewish National Movement in the USSR, 1967-1989" and concurrently developing a comprehensive education program.

According to Dr. Shlomi Ravid, Director, the International School for Jewish Peoplehood Studies, "Indeed, since *Jews of Struggle* opened at Beth Hatefutsoh in late October, not only has it attracted thousands of visitors, but Israeli teachers have simultaneously been using an interactive online educational resource to bring the story of the movement into their classrooms. The site was developed by Beth Hatefutsoh's School for Jewish Peoplehood Studies in collaboration with the Israeli Ministry of Education and relies on the technical expertise of the Center for Educational Technology (CET), a leading provider of web-based curricular resources in

Israel."

Beth Hatefutsoh has adapted the web-based educational tools for English and Russian speaking audiences so that even those who can not physically get to the exhibition can still enjoy, benefit from, and educationally transmit the story of the Soviet Jewish struggle and the worldwide response to it – all electronically. This comprehensive and multi-layered learning resource is available free of charge after March 15 at:

<http://bh.cet.ac.il/Eng/>

The Soviet Jewry movement stands out as one of the greatest achievements in modern Jewish history – a heroic victory brought about by Jews of all ages and walks of life throughout the world. In every dimension – personal, political, communal – it presents compelling stories and important lessons. The lack of knowledge about this important event, especially among many young people, be they children of émigrés and activists or not, know little about the movement. This web-based curriculum can help remedy that situation.

### Website Provides Free Jewish Materials

A website features a variety of materials that can be used for Preparing for Passover, Seder Haggadot - from Complete to a Model Seder Haggadah, Song Book, and other materials - all free.

The major advantage is that all Hebrew texts also appear in transliteration as well as English translation.

Materials are designed to be inclusive for a community or a family. They are appropriate to include family and guests who want to participate in the Seder and don't know Hebrew fluently or at all.

How To Use the Website. [No password, no registration, no log-in required]

Key in [www.Jewishfreeware.org](http://www.Jewishfreeware.org)

Click on "downloads"

Click on "Passover"

Select your preferred materials

All materials can be copied without limit.



Gilya Schmidt, Phd, presents Growing Up Jewish during a recent Friendshipper meeting.

## TERROR RETURNS TO JERUSALEM

March 7, 2008

Shalom,

This morning, eight coffins were carried from the Merkaz Harav Yeshiva, accompanied by thousands who had come to pay their last respects at the funeral. After the ceremony, each one was taken to be buried in different parts of the country. Yochai Lipschitz, 18, of Jerusalem; Yonatan Yitzchak Eldar, 16, of Shiloh; Yonadav Chaim Hirschfeld, 19, of Kochav Hashahar; Neriah Cohen, 15, of Jerusalem; Roey Roth, 18, of Elkana; Segev Pniel Avihayil, 15, of Neveh Daniel; Avraham David Moses, 16, of Efrat; and Maharata Trunoch, 26, of Ashdod.

Yesterday, all at once, Israel went back to the pain and trauma of terror. This was the first terrorist attack since the disengagement in August 2005. One terrorist, wearing a disguise, infiltrated the Merkaz Harav Yeshiva and, for five minutes, shot indiscriminately at the students who were sitting and studying in the library, until a neighbor – an officer in the Paratroops Brigade – managed to kill him with the help of one of the students. Eight people were killed and 10 were wounded and taken to the hospital.

This attack is what is known as a "strategic terror attack." It has implications

beyond the significance of the act which was, in and of itself, a great tragedy. First of all, it heralds the revival of mass terrorism, and the target was one of Israel's important, leading Zionist Yeshivas. Secondly, Jerusalem, once again, became a focus for terrorist activity and, finally, the timing – Rosh Hodesh Adar, a time during which we are commanded to rejoice.

The combination of these factors created an affect similar to the Park Hotel massacre in Netanya in 2002. Following that attack, Israel launched Operation Defensive Shield, which resulted in the Israeli army returning to Judea and Samaria and the decline in the level of terrorism. However, this time, Israel cannot identify an immediate target for retaliation. The terrorist carried an Israeli identity card and came from East Jerusalem.

It is difficult to be forewarned about attacks of this type, by an individual, with no prior alert and no terrorist cell backing him up. Such things can happen at any time. The problem is the ripple effect. The events in the Gaza Strip sparked off repercussions in Jerusalem. These may spread to other parts of the country and the hostilities, which had previously died down, may suddenly flare up again.

To be honest, however, the Second

intifada never really came to an end. It has been going on in one level of intensity or another. The difference is that Israel has learned to live with it and to go on, stubbornly, with daily life.

The summary of this week would not be complete without mentioning the Bedouin IDF scout and his fellow Jewish soldiers who were attacked next to the Gaza border, where Kassam rocket fire continues. The terrorist ambush killed the Bedouin soldier, and one of his Israeli comrades, Ilan Banai, was seriously wounded and later had both legs amputated. Both of Ilan's parents are hearing- and speech-impaired. Ilan was their sole provider. Yesterday, they were horrified to receive the news about their son, who had, until now, supported them. The look of shock and pain on their faces – the only way they could express their sorrow – will be hard to forget.

That's Israel and that's our life here – and with all that, we will go on.

We must go on.

B'Shalom,

Nachman Shai

Senior Vice President, UJC Director-General, External Relations, UJC Israel

## TBE Sisterhood Helps with BOWLing Project

By Liz Gassel

In January and February the Sisterhood of Temple Beth El worked along with the Religious School and the Social Justice Committee - "Isaac's Shelter" to bring Temple Beth El 'BOWLing for Hunger.'

To raise funds for MAZON, Second Harvest Food Bank of East Tennessee, and new this year, Volunteer Ministries, TBE put together a two part program. On two weekends in January the religious school children and all congregants were invited to spend a morning creating a personal art project in the form of a white bisque bowl painted with colorful glazes. Cheri Pollack, our resident artist, instructed participants on how to apply the glazes.

We also invited accomplished Knoxville artists to join us and create distinct 'Special Edition' Bowls. Denise Stewart-Sanabria, Olga Rader, Booder Barnes, Alan Finch, Karen L. McDonald and Moema Furtado contributed their time and talent. Having these artists work among our students and congregants was an extra treat and their presence influenced the creativity of all present.

The bowls were fired by Cheri and on Friday evening, February 1, they were purchased with the price of a meal at the 'Bowling for Hunger' Dinner. The 'Special Edition Artists Bowls' were on display in the

foyer and were available for a contribution of \$36.00.

The 'BOWLing for Hunger' dinner had an additional element to it. The congregation donated pots of chili or soup for our main course. They were entered into the Chili/Soup Cook-Off. Our Cook-Off judges this year were Stephen Eisen, Temple Beth El President, Lawrence Hoffman, Chef for the Everyday Epicurean, Ginny Weatherstone, Chief Executive Officer of the Volunteer Ministry Center and Jerry Mincey, Chair of TBE's Social Justice Committee – 'Isaac's Shelter'. Prizes were awarded for the best entry in each of six categories including two new categories this year for kids. The winning recipes were published by Sisterhood in the Temple Beth El Bulletin.

After the dinner, the ninth grade religious school students led a Shabbat service with the emphasis on Tikkun Olam – Repairing the World.

The dinner raised \$2,104.89. Checks in the amount of \$701.63 went to MAZON, A Jewish Response to Hunger, Second Harvest Food Bank of East Tennessee and Volunteer Ministry Center.

## UJC Fact

UJC/Federation dollars help fund the Jewish Agency for Israel's Machon: Institute for Youth Leaders from Abroad. Established in 1946 by the World Zionist Organization, this program nurtures young leaders from Zionist movements worldwide. Today there are over 12,000 graduates, many prominent in Jewish life. About one-third of Machon graduates make aliyah. Machon's current class has nearly 300 students, including 100 from Latin America.

## Mark Your Calendar

IsraelFest  
is  
Sunday, May 18  
12 - 5 p.m.  
at the  
AJCC

## YOU MAY BE HIS MIRACLE MATCH!

### This boy and others like him need your help.

This young boy was diagnosed with a rare genetic blood disorder known as HLH and is in need of a bone marrow transplant. Since tissue type is inherited, the best chance of finding a genetically matched donor for this young boy, as well as hundreds of other patients lies with those of similar ethnicity. Gift of Life Bone Marrow Foundation, North America's Jewish donor registry, has been facilitating drives and providing donor and patient support since 1991. For more information call **800-9-MARROW** or visit [www.giftoflife.org](http://www.giftoflife.org).

## Event Information

## University of Tennessee



**When: Sunday, April 13, 2008**

1:00 pm to 4:00 pm  
**HPER Building**  
1914 Andy Holt Drive  
Knoxville, TN 37996

**When: Monday, April 14, 2008**

5:00 pm to 7:00 pm  
**Pratt Pavilion**  
Neyland Drive  
Knoxville, TN 37996

**Contact: Deborah Oleshansky,**  
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- Eligible donors must be between the ages of 18-60 and in general good health.
- Registration involves a simple swab of cells from inside the cheeks (No blood required at this stage).
- Those previously tested do not need to be retested.

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**Hillel Hoops for Health**

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Gift of Life facilitates bone marrow, blood stem cell and cord blood transplants for children and adults suffering from life-threatening illnesses. Since tissue type is inherited, a patient's best chance of finding a genetic match lies with donors of similar ethnicity. Gift of Life strives to increase the representation of Jewish donors in the registry in order to overcome the devastating effects of the Holocaust, which severed bloodlines.

## Heska Amuna to Feature Adult Seder Workshop

Rabbi Yehoshua Kahan, former spiritual leader at Heska Amuna Synagogue, will return to Knoxville on Monday, April 7 to conduct an Adult Seder Workshop. You are invited to join Rabbi Kahan at 7:30 p.m. at Heska Amuna.

An Adult Seder Workshop for the children inside us. In this 2 1/2 hour session, participants will:

- Gain a comprehension of the overall structure of the traditional Pesach Seder
- Learn not only how we came out of Egypt, but why we went down there to begin with
- Understand the symbolism of the various ritual foods, items and actions of the Seder
- Get a taste of Chassidic and mystical insights into meaning of the Seder
- Pick up lots of juicy morsels to give out at their Pesach Seders
- Come to appreciate first hand how the telling can transform the teller.

Rabbi Yehoshua Kahan was born and raised in Los Angeles in a fairly typical Jewish American home. He studied physics, philosophy and Hebrew at U.C.L.A.

## KJA Sympathy

The KJA board and staff express condolences to the following:

- Herb and Elise Jacobs on the passing of Herb's father, Samuel Jacobs
- Joyce Diftler and family on the passing of Joyce's aunt, Dora Green.
- The family of Esther Joffe (Mrs. Abe Joffe) Neal Busch, on the passing of his mother, Rose Busch
- The family of Daniel Chaskin
- Joyce York and family on the passing of Joyce's aunt, Gladys Willson
- Raeus Cannon and Adria McLaughlin on the passing of mother and grandmother, Harriett Weisman

## UT Faculty Lecture Series Features Pearl

April features UT Head Basketball Coach Bruce Pearl fresh off his experiences at the NCAA Tournament. Lectures are held at the AJCC. Call 690-6343 to register.

**April 28, 2008 7:30—8:30 p.m.**  
Bruce Pearl, Head Basketball Coach  
"Wear It on Your Sleeve"

(B.A. in Physics, 1978). His junior year, spent in Israel, was life-reorienting, launching him on a lifetime of Jewish exploration and commitment. An undulating early professional path led him from programming computers through teaching Jewish day school to the rabbinical program of the Conservative movement. An additional two years spent in Israel within that framework proved once again life-reorienting, and decisively directed him toward an ever-deeper engagement with both halachah and kabbalah. After finishing his rabbinical training in 1986, Rabbi Kahan served congregations in Knoxville, Tennessee and Los Angeles, California. In L.A., he resumed his studies at the Los Angeles Yeshiva, and, after making Aliyah in 1990, at the National Torah Center in Tzfat, where he studied for Orthodox semichah. He served

as Educational Director for Livnot U'Lehibanot until 1998, when he joined the staff of the Bat Ayin Yeshiva, teaching mishnah, midrash, aggadah, chumash, introductory gemara and the thoughts of Rav Kook. Rabbi Kahan/Rav Yehoshua has been active in Jewish education for over twenty-five years, having taught children, teenagers and adults in a variety of settings both formal and informal and has lectured at synagogues and college campuses around the United States. He also writes a weekly e-mail d'var torah, the Pshat Heard 'Round the World, posted at [www.pshat.blogspot.com](http://www.pshat.blogspot.com). Rabbi Kahan lives with his wife and five children (bli ayin hara) in Bat Ayin, Israel.

## DELIVERING JUSTICE: TOWARDS A BRIGHT FUTURE

An African dinner and festival to benefit  
Bridge Refugee Services and  
American Jewish World Service

**Sunday, April 13, 2008**

**5:00: Information Festival**

- African drumming, dancing, and art
- Opportunities for action to raise awareness and support for those affected by African conflicts

**6:00-8:00: Dinner and Speakers**

Dinner tickets: \$10 in advance, \$15 at the door  
**Arnstein Jewish Community Center**  
6800 Deane Hill Drive



**Presented by BBYO and B'nai Tzedek**  
**with additional support from Panim.**



For more information or tickets contact  
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or 865-690-6343



# Passover Greetings

<p><b>Hag Pesach Sameach</b>          Jeff &amp; Nancy Becker and our children and grandchildren.          Rachel, Micah, Sophie and Reuben Becker-Klein,          Ben &amp; Amy Willis Becker,          Sarah Becker, Jeff &amp; Tracey Cohen,          Dan, Lora, Noah and Benjamin Cohen-Vogel.          Debbie, Jeff and Samantha Abrams-Cohen</p>	<p><b>Hag Sameach</b>          KIM, STEPHEN, NATHAN,          ARIELLE AND          TIFANNIE ROSEN</p>
<p>Warm greetings to all our good friends in Knoxville          Peggy, Mark, Beth,          and Owen Littmann</p>	<p><b>Happy Passover Greetings</b>          from the Oberman family</p>
<p><b>Hag Samayah</b>          The Liberman family</p>	<p><b>A Joyous Passover</b>          From our Home to Yours          The Robinson Family</p>
<p>We wish all our Family and Friends a Peaceful, Happy Passover.          Eleanor and Bernie Shorr</p>	<p>Natalie, Pace, Karen, Eli and Asher          A.J., Nicole, Micaela, Ethan and Nathaniel          Randy (Rayzel), Simcha, Yigdal and Hallel”</p>
<p><b>Happy Passover</b>          Tony and Barbara Meyers</p>	<p><b>Best Wishes</b>          Shirley Leeds and Family</p>
<p><b>PASSOVER GREETINGS</b>          Barbara &amp; Bernie Bernstein</p>	<p>May all Jews all over the world have peace, tranquility &amp; happiness and may Israel be strong and a beacon to the world          Harvey &amp; Judy Kaufman</p>

## GA: Jerusalem Offers Special to Lion of Judah Participants

When we have good news we want to share it as soon as possible! UJC advises that International Lion Of Judah Conference participants who stay on for the GA ,are waiving the GA registration fee for any fully registered ILOJC participant who continues on to the GA in Jerusalem. They are also providing transfer from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem as part of the package for ILOJC registration.

REGISTRATION HAS NOT BEGUN YET. At this moment in time, UJC is still working on developing the registration platform for the conferences and they appreciate your patience and understanding that they are doing this carefully for your benefit. Once the site goes live (estimated to be up and running by the end of March), the registration fee for the ILOJC will be \$600 and the registration fee for the GA will be \$600. There will be a mechanism by which ILOJC registrants will be able to click through to the GA registration at no extra cost. Costs for hotels will still be in force, however, and for the ILOJC the cost will be \$500 per person for 4 nights based on double-occupancy. The cost for GA hotels will be available in the near future and will depend upon assignment.

Though the GA registration fee is being waived for ILOJC participants, there will be a cancellation fee in effect of \$150 per conference. This cancellation fee will be in full force and effect regardless of when the cancellation is made.

UJC hopes this answers at least some of your outstanding questions, and provides some great incentive to recruit your participants for BOTH the ILOJC and the GA. UJC Women's Philanthropy plans to have a fabulous experience for all our UJC family in Israel this coming November, and they want you all to be a part of it.

## Shorrlines:

### LOVE, ROMANCE AND THOSE VOLTS

*By Eleanor Shorr, KJA Publications Chairperson*

There we were – the Civic Auditorium was full – rustling, murmuring, coughing discreetly – all in anticipation of one of the most delightful evenings in Knoxville. Who can top George Gershwin (nee Jacob Gershowitz) for singable, danceable, unforgettable music. Lucas Richman – what a multi-talented showman he is! When Kim Criswell, a lead singer, decided to credit Ethel Zimmerman as one artist who made some of Gershwin's songs famous we could sense the puzzlement in the majority of the audience as they turned to each other – “Who's she?” Then Criswell belted out “I've Got Rhythm” and the teeny tiny number of us who always knew that Ethel Zimmerman was our Ethel Merman hugged the knowledge to our hearts.

This season Brian Salesky and the Knoxville Opera Company will present “Tosca.” We wonder why such magnificent music is sung to such a heart-rending romance. We recall at one of the Met performances we saw and heard, (the play is almost as good as the music) the woman sitting in the next seat was sobbing as the curtain rang down. Love and romance isn't always fulfilling and happy especially in grand opera.

And then we have the triumph of the Tennessee Vols and Bruce Pearl bringing UT basketball to the unthinkable heights of Number One in national ranking. Our cup runneth over. As this is written, he is the darling of Knoxville and responsible for our near heart attacks when they win by such slim margins.

And speaking of love and spring, the bluebirds have become “tse chitzed”.

To the uninitiated, “tse chitzed” means “romantically inclined” to put it more politely. They have moved into their honeymoon house. The much more beautiful blue male hovers around his mate protecting her and taking good care of her as she sits on her eggs. Male and female – the oldest story around.

Here's a story that really amused us:

Shmuel looked up to the heavens and asked that a bridge be built over the Pacific so he could drive from L.A. to Hawaii. A Mighty Voice boomed “That's a huge request. Of course I can do it but is there anything less that I can help you with?” Shmuel replied, “Lord, I cannot understand my wife, her feelings, what she is thinking. Tell me, how can I make her happy.” The Mighty Voice answered slowly, “About that bridge. Do you want two lanes or four?”

## JCRS Scholarship Programs Accepting Applicants

The Jewish Children's Regional Service, the only regional Jewish children's agency in the United States, continues to accept applications for various scholarship programs. All applicants must be residents of the following states:Alabama, Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Oklahoma, Tennessee and Texas.

Unless otherwise indicated, all scholarship program decisions are based on financial need. Over 600 Jewish youth received scholarship aid in 2007 and hundreds of others received additional services, from case management assistance to holiday gifts.

The college aid program provides financial assistance to undergraduate students. Approximately 85 percent of the funds distributed are grants, while the remainder of funds are provided as no-interest loans. The application deadline is May 31, 2008, for the 2008/09 Academic Year. Annually, 150-175 college students receive funding.

While the camp scholarship application deadline of March 1 has passed, the JCRS continues to consider late overnight camp applications. In 2007, the JCRS funded 393 Jewish youth to attend non-profit, Jewish camps.

The special needs program funds handicapped and dependent Jewish youth for specialized services. Applications are accepted on a year-round basis. From 60-100 youth are funded each year. This is the only special needs program of its type in the United States.

The JCRS also operates a Special Friends Club for socially isolated Jewish youth; a support group for grandparents rearing grandchildren; and will soon embark on a program to send a monthly Jewish book to every child in the region, ages seven and under. All of these programs are open to Jewish youth and their families who reside in the seven Southern states listed in the second paragraph of this article.

There are numerous ways to apply for aid or provide financial support to the programs that aid, over 1000 Jewish youth each year.

To contact the JCRS, call 1-800-729-5277, write, P.O. Box 7368, Metairie, LA, 70010-7368, or visit the website at [www.jcrsnola.org](http://www.jcrsnola.org).

# KJA Donations

The following contributions were received as of March 14, 2008.

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## BBG a Busy Chapter

*By Mara Hahn*

The Wacky World of Weinstein just keeps getting crazier! After an amazing Regional Executives Weekend at which the board learned about leadership and their specific positions, we are energized and ready to accomplish great things. We started off with a "Super Sweet Sisterhood Program" planned by Alex Galvin where we bonded over some cooking and coloring. Next we hosted a program based off the popular T.V. show "Ace of Cakes" in which we decorated yummy cakes like our favorite Torah portion and then our favorite Jewish holiday. Next we got our community service on with some Hamantashen baking for the people at Elmcroft Assisted Living and collected baby supplies to aid Rachel Zoldessy in her Bat Mitzvah project. That's all for now!

## Passover Greetings continued

# The Knoxville Jewish Alliance board and staff wish everyone a Happy Passover

Chag Sameach Pesach Jeff, Charlene, Ron, Jennifer, and Leslie Gubitz Betty Gubitz		PASSEVER GREETINGS Marilyn Rabin – Sarasota, FL Cheryl, Nicki, Aviya Bensky – Tampa, FL Micah and Eve Bensky – St. Louis, MO Bill Rabin – Knoxville, TN	
Happy Passover! Janice, Howard, Sophie and Leo Pollock		Rabbi Schwartz and Larry Washington wish the entire Jewish Community a Happy Passover and a prosperous year	
HOLIDAY GREETINGS FROM PAM, NAOMI, ANNA, ERNIE GROSS, EVA AND DAVID BARNETT		Happy Passover Richard Licht Shirley McGuire	Happy Passover! Mathis and Bea Bush Deborah, John, Megan and Daniel Roberts Carolyn Bush Jennifer Bush and Kathryn Otte
THE BENDRIEM FAMILY wishes you a Happy Passover	Happy Passover Murray and Wilma Weinstein	Hag Sameach! With love from the Oleshansky Family David, Deborah, Ben, Bryna and Rae	Hag Sameach from Heska Amuna Synagogue
Happy Passover From Jill, Stuart, Evan & Aaron Chasan	Hag Sameach v Kasher, Gilya Schmidt & Family	Passover Greetings to All Bunny and Allan Gerson and Family	HAPPY PASSEVER TO EVERYONE PESSA BRODY
HAPPY PASSEVER TO A WONDERFUL COMMUNITY! Bernie & Lesley Rosenblatt	Freedom is not free; it is priceless. Arlene Goldstine, Gloria, Michael & Hannah Wald, Philip, Leigh Anne, Grant & Mathew Goldstine	Chag Sameach from Stephen, Rosalie, Mara and Evan Nagler	We wish the entire community a healthy, happy Passover Norman and Sandi Licht
Wishing you a warm and wonderful Passover Lucas & Debbie Richman	Best Wishes from the Handlers: Leonard, Barbara, Charles and Anne Churchill, Amy, Phil and Oliver William Oppenheim	Wishing everyone a good Pesach Judi & Martin Abrams, Rachel, Carl, Emily & Samantha Myers, Stephanie & Mark Needle and Deborah Spector	We wish the entire community a healthy, happy Passover Wendy & Richard Good & family

## Weinstein BBG member Kelley Kidd to Receive Community Shares Service Award



On April 26, Kelley Kidd will be honored with the Seed of Change award from Community Shares, a non-profit organization dedicated to supporting Tennessee social change

organizations in order to promote a more just and caring community. The Seed of Change award is presented to a young person (under age 25) who has shown leadership, vision and courage in addressing injustice. Kelley is being honored for her leadership in creating the program: Delivering Justice: Toward a Bright Future which will be held at the Arnstein Jewish Community Center on Sunday, April 13, and is sponsored by BBYO and B'nai Tzedek with support from Panim. Kelley is a junior at Webb School of Knoxville and teaches at Temple Beth El Religious School. She is the daughter of Jeanne and Will Kidd. Additional information about Community Shares and the Seed of Change award dinner is available at the website: [www.communitysharestn.org](http://www.communitysharestn.org)

## Suzy Snoops

- Bryna Oleshansky competed in the 2008 C.R.A.S.H.-B. Sprints World Indoor Rowing Championships on February 24, at the Agganis Arena in Boston. Bryna finished 8th in a field of 270 international competitors in the 18 and under Junior Women's event, and was the youngest competitor in the top 20. Bryna rows with the Oak Ridge Rowing Association and plans to attend the US Rowing National Development camp this summer.
- Kentucky's Billy Gillispie and Tennessee's Bruce Pearl shared SEC Coach of the Year honors. Tennessee men's coach Pearl and two of his players were also honored by the U.S. Basketball Writers Association. Pearl was named District IV coach of the year; Chris Lofton and Tyler Smith were named to the All-District IV team. The district includes Tennessee, Kentucky, Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia and Florida.
- Bruce Pearl has received yet another accomplishment. He was appointed head coach of Maccabi USA's Open Men's Basketball Team. The team will compete at the 18th World Maccabiah Games in Israel from July 12-23, 2009.
- Mazal tov to Anne and Eli Greenaum on daughter Susan's marriage to Scott Rosenbaum.
- Samuel Winston, son of Barry and Annette Winston, is engaged to Lea Morgenroth.
- Former Knoxville residents Bob and Ianne Koppel are the proud grandparents of triplets! Samuel Henry, Jason Aaron, and sister Dylan Frances are the children of Penny and David Koppel.
- Michael Brown, son of Ken and Susan Brown, is now a bass trombonist for the New Orleans Symphony.

## Jewish Family Services News

By Laura Faye Berry, BSSW, Esq., Jewish Family Services Director

I am excited to have completed my first full month as the new Jewish Family Services Director. I have enjoyed meeting many of you already and look forward to meeting more members of our community in the coming months.

Jewish Family Services is expanding our visitation program to include the youngest members of our community. If you have little ones and would like to take them to visit our older adults in assisted living facilities and nursing homes, please call Laura Berry or our Volunteer Coordinator, Evan Sturm, at the AJCC, 690-6343.

On Wednesday, March 19, 2008, Jewish Family Services held a Purim celebration at Elmcroft of Knoxville for our Jewish older adult residents of assisted living facilities and retirement homes. Rabbi Yossi Wilhelm read from the Megillah and then the attendees were treated to musical entertainment by Heartstrings before enjoying lunch (with hamantaschen for dessert!). Our next special holiday event will be a Passover mini-seder at Atria Weston Place on April 23. If you would like to be involved, please contact Laura Berry or the Jewish Family Services Committee Chair, Marilyn Burnett, at the AJCC, 690-6343.

## Bookstore Offers Variety of Haggadahs

- Amazon.com's listings for haggadahs features a variety of books to lead families through a seder. Commentaries are also available. For more information on these Passover guides, please visit [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com).
- Family Haggadah: Hagadah Shel Pesah (Artscroll Mesorah Series) by Scherkan Zlotowitz, Nossan Scherman, and Avie Gold
- A Family Haggadah II by Shoshana Silberman and Katherine Janus Kahn
- Family Haggadah by Shoshana Silberman
- My People's Passover Haggadah: Traditional Texts, Modern Commentaries Volume 1 by Lawrence A., Rabbi, Ph.D. Hoffman and David, Ph.D. Arnow
- JPS Commentary on the Haggadah: Historical Introduction, Translation, and Commentary (JPS Commentary) by Joseph Tabory and David Stern
- Family Haggadah: Hagadah Shel Pesah (Artscroll Mesorah Series) by Scherkan Zlotowitz, Nossan Scherman, and Avie Gold
- A Night to Remember: The Haggadah of Contemporary Voices by Mishael Zion & Noam Zion and Michel Kichka

## Rabbi Receives Community Honor

Rabbi Beth Schwartz of Temple Beth El was recently honored and presented an Award of Excellence plaque for her spiritual leadership. The Tennessee Conference Community Development Corporation of the AME Zion Church honored Rabbi for her devotion to family and community. She was honored for her commitment to preserving family life as well as teaching us the "power of diversification in religious beliefs."



## WALK FOR ISRAEL

Sunday, May 18, 2008 at the AJCC!!!

Make history as Knoxville joins the world in celebrating Israel's 60th anniversary by participating in a worldwide walk-a-thon!!

The Knoxville walk-a-thon will be 1.948 kilometers or roughly 1.1 miles. Registration begins at 10:00 a.m. and the walk begins at 10:30 a.m.

Registration is free, but if you want the T-shirt, water bottle and sling pak, the cost is \$5.00 and you must register by April 1.

Register online today at [www.walktheland.org](http://www.walktheland.org). A donation will be collected along the route for the citizens of Sderot, Israel. Please give generously. After the walk, the celebration continues at the AJCC with IsraelFest from 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

You don't want to miss this. For more information or to volunteer to help, call Ric or Cindy Pasi at 865 693-0299.

## Dancing Lessons Available

Israeli Dancing at the AJCC on the 1st and 3rd Mondays of every month from 7:30 ~ 9:30 p.m. unless it's a holiday. Call Fay Campbell at 694-2628 or 384-3872 for further information or leave your name and phone number.

## Swim Meets for the Summer of Fun 2008

- June 10 at AJCC versus Concord Hills-meet begins 6:00 p.m.
- June 24 at AJCC versus Cherokee Country Club- meet begins 6:00 p.m.
- June 30 at North Side Y versus North Side Y and National Fitness- meet begins 6:30 p.m.
- July 15 at View Harbor-meet begins at 6:00 p.m.
- July 21 at KRC Times TBA

Lynn Davis returns as our swim team chair. Lynn could use some help this year; please contact her at [Faeryangel124960@aol.com](mailto:Faeryangel124960@aol.com)

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