

AJCC Preschool: Our Score Is In

Brooke Seeliger, AJCC Preschool director, is very pleased to announce that the AJCC Preschool received **THREE STARS** again this year for the program.



The AJCC Preschool participates in the State of Tennessee's Star-Quality program for child care providers. Each year, two classes are chosen to be observed for approximately four hours, and this year Aleph and Daled were picked. There are a possible seven points that can be earned during the observation for a perfect score. The Aleph class scored **5.86**, which is a TERRIFIC score for the toddler class. The Daled class scored **5.97**, which is also an OUTSTANDING score. The overall program score is 5.92 and is an improvement

from last year's score of 5.80. These are the highest classroom scores and overall score the AJCC Preschool has ever received since the start of the 3 stars visit. Courtney Housefield, Lauren Hinton, Maria Landry, and Merrill Hughes deserve big congratulations for wonderful scores. All of the teachers put in so much effort to make sure that we kept our three stars, and Brooke is very proud of them!

Professor Rivka Ribak to Present Public Lecture

The Fern and Manfred Steinfeld Program in Judaic Studies presents Dr. Rivka Ribak, the 2008-09 Schusterman Visiting Israel Professor and Senior Lecturer in the Department of Communication at the University of Haifa. Dr. Ribak will present a lecture entitled "People of the Book: Resistances to the Media in Israel," on Thursday, November 6, 2008 at 7:30 p.m. at the University of Tennessee Law School, Room 132.

Dr. Ribak's lecture is cosponsored by the College of Arts and Sciences, Departments of Religious Studies and History, the Rebecca Solomon and Ida Schwartz Distinguished Lecture Fund, University of Tennessee; Knoxville Jewish Alliance, and the Jewish Community of Knoxville.

For further information please contact Professor Gilya G. Schmidt, UTK at 974-2466 or gschmidt@utk.edu.

Join KJA, Bruce Pearl for a Mission to Israel

Join Mission Chairs Nancy and Jeff Becker, Bruce Pearl and the US Maccabiah Basketball team this summer! Experience the Israel you have never seen before! Newly opened excavations, boutique wineries, the Mediterranean coast, the vast splendor of the Negev at sunrise and Shabbat in Jerusalem, as it can be felt nowhere else in the world!



This is a great time to see Israel with your friends from our community. Air conditioned charter buses led by an experienced tour guide and veteran Israel mission chairs like Jeff and Nancy will make this an opportunity you won't want to miss. We will also visit our Partnership 2000 community in Hadera.

Save the dates of July 9-22. The itinerary is still being developed and these dates may move a bit. More details will follow, but now is the time to check your calendar and let the KJA office know of your interest in receiving additional information as it is developed. Please call 690-4363 or e-mail jqubit@jewishknoxville.org or jbecker@utk.edu

KJA Not Immune to Financial Crisis

Our 2008 KJA Annual Campaign as of 10/23 is at \$384,208, shy of our goal of \$420,000. We have received gifts from 245 families with 111 increases and 17 new gifts. Unfortunately, due to the economy, 27 families have been forced to reduce their support. If you have not yet made your gift for 2008, please call Stephen Rosen at 599-1853, the KJA office at 690-6343 or go online at www.jewishknoxville.org. You can also mail a check to the KJA office at 6800 Deane Hill Drive, 39719.

There are over 300 households that receive this newspaper and do not participate in our campaign. If you would like to join us in building Jewish life at home and saving Jewish lives abroad, this would be a great time to start.

KJA Annual Meeting

SAVE THE DATE!

The KJA Annual Meeting will be held:

Sunday, December 14

11:30 a.m.

AJCC Gym

Come hear about KJA and elect your new slate of officers.

Watch your mail for more information, including the list of nominees.

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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

This article is significant for two reasons. First, this is the last article that I will be writing as the KJA president for the Voice. But far more significant, this should be the last edition of the Voice. Coming shortly, Temple Beth El, Heska Amuna Synagogue, and the Knoxville Jewish Alliance will be publishing one community newspaper. The name of this paper will be the Hebrew, *Ha Kol* (which means the voice).

This was a group effort that involved the leadership of the KJA and both congregations. Special thanks go to Stephen Eisen, Ted Besmann, and Jeff Gubitz for helping to make the new paper a reality.

When I became president almost two years ago, one of my goals was to eliminate duplicative services and try to foster a greater sense of cooperation within our community. I believe a community paper is a significant step in that direction. Hopefully our community will benefit from having one central publication.

One of the most frequent criticisms I have heard about the Knoxville Jewish community is, "I wish we were more unified." Sometimes, this is easier said than done, but it does not mean that it is a goal not worth pursuing. As resources such as manpower, finances, and time potentially become more and more scarce, further cooperation between the organizations seems to be a natural solution.

There is a famous story about the patriarch of the Rothschild banking family, Amschel Rothschild. Amschel took his five sons and gave each one a stick and told them to break it. The brothers were able to do so easily. He then took five sticks and tied them in a bundle. They could not break the sticks. Amschel then pointed out that as individuals, they were much weaker than when they worked as a cohesive unit. This was a lesson the family took to heart for many generations long after Amschel had passed on. The Rothschilds were one of the dominant banking families in Europe for many years. In Knoxville, we have started to learn the secret of the Rothschild's success. We are stronger acting in concert than as individuals. I hope that as one, we can reach new heights for many years to come.

Charitable Donations from IRAs Reinstated for 2008

If you are 70 ½ or older, you may make a gift of up to \$100,000 per year to the Knoxville Jewish Alliance from your IRA with no federal income tax impact and your gift will be counted toward your required minimum distribution. To obtain this benefit, you must instruct your IRA administrator to transfer funds **directly** to the Alliance. If you withdraw the funds from the IRA first and then contribute them to KJA, you will lose the tax benefit.

This charitable IRA rollover, as it is called, is only available this year and next. We urge you to act soon to take advantage of the 2008 opportunity to make your KJA Annual Campaign gift. If you would like to prepay a series of gifts for the coming years, please contact Stephen Rosen or Jeff Gubitz to discuss your intentions. If you have already made a gift to the annual campaign, there are many other opportunities for philanthropy inside of KJA from Archives to B'nai Tzedek.

For additional information, please call Jeff Gubitz or Ed Hunter at 690-6343; or you can contact Stephen Rosen at 599-1853 or stephen.rosen@morgankeegan.com. As KJA does not offer tax advice, we encourage you to speak with your professional advisor before you make a charitable IRA rollover gift.

Make KJA Contributions by Year's End

Those wishing to donate to the Knoxville Jewish Alliance need to make sure donations are received by December 31, 2008 in order to receive tax credit by the IRS. If you have questions, please contact Ed Hunter at ehunter@jewishknoxville.org.

Tax Forms Available January 2009

Tax forms listing donations and child care expenses will be mailed by January 30, 2009. Please do not call the office requesting individual forms. All forms will be mailed at one time.

New Lunch Program at the AJCC

By Wilma Weinstein



The AJCC offers a daily kosher-style lunch program served to all children on Monday through Thursday each week. The cost of the lunch is included in the school tuition. On Fridays, pizza and fruit is served. This fall, the AJCC initiated preparing lunches and snacks in our kitchen rather than having a caterer prepare and deliver the lunches on a daily basis.

Staff member Jessica Scott is responsible for selecting and preparing lunches. She puts a great deal of care in designing each lunch to meet the nutritional needs of students and

recommended proportion sizes for their age. Lunches follow DHS guidelines for nutritional content and adhere to the KJA kashrut policy which prohibits non-kosher meat products of any kind. Lunch is never a mystery! Menus rotate on a regular basis. Menus are prepared and displayed each week so that the parents know what their child is being served. Children are encouraged to take at least one bite of each food offered; however, no one is ever forced to eat. Miss Jessica's lunches are so popular that even the Friday favorite of pizza has been questioned by students, wanting Miss Jessica to make lunch instead!

Our kitchen is a very busy place and is used every day to prepare lunches and for special events. Our wish list includes an additional refrigerator and/or freezer to accommodate our growing activities. If you would be willing to donate a refrigerator or freezer to the AJCC, please contact Jeff Gubitz.

AJCC Preschool a Fun and Busy Place

By Brooke Seeliger, AJCC Preschool Director

On September 18th the AJCC Preschool had its Back to School Night. Many parents came and enjoyed a wonderful meal prepared by Brooke Seeliger's mother, Shirley Johnson. Helping with the preparation with the meal was Maria Landry, a Daled teacher, Charlene Gubitz and Brooke Seeliger. The parents were greeted with a large "Welcome" sign. Each classroom decorated a letter using art items of their choice. It turned out really cute! The tables were decorated with beautiful sunflower arrangements, children's books, crayons, scissors, and many other school supplies to give it a school-like feeling. After enjoying a wonderful dinner, there was a parent meeting, and then the parents visited their child's classrooms. It turned out to be a great event and was a big success.

Rabbi Beth Schwartz visited the preschool on Wednesday, September 24 as a part of the Preschool Rosh Hashanah Celebration. She brought a shofar and blew it for everyone to hear. The children's faces lit up when she blew it. The children also sang songs; Mrs. Charlene played the guitar and read a story to the children. It was a wonderful program. We are very thankful that Rabbi Schwartz took the time to do this very special program for us.

The preschool students had their Sukkot Celebration on October 17. Charlene Gubitz planned some special activities for the celebration which included celebrating Shabbat together in the sukkah.

Other upcoming events include the Annual Thanksgiving Feast. This event will include a pot luck lunch and each classroom will prepare a special presentation with adorable costumes that will be sure to delight everyone.

The Fall Book Fair will be here very soon. The dates are November 19-21 and 24-26. Please feel free to come and browse the many selections that will be on display at the AJCC Preschool Gym.



Friendshipper Book Group

The Friendshipper's book group is going strong. The group meets the first Tuesday of each month at the AJCC. The group has read and discussed many interesting books including: *Grapes of Wrath*, *Acts of Faith*, *Cross Bones*, *The Woman Warrior*, *I Feel Bad About My Neck*, *People of the Book*, and others.

All are welcome! The next meeting is Tuesday, November 4, 1:30 pm in the AJCC's Adult Lounge. The book discussion will focus on *Scoring Points* by Gary D. Gerson. Please contact Bunny Gerson at 558-0092 if you would like to order a copy of the book!

For more information or if you are interested in participating, call Wilma Weinstein at the AJCC, 690-6343.

Suggestions? Ideas for programs? We would love to hear from you! Please contact Wilma Weinstein at the AJCC, 690-6343, or any member of the Friendshipper Steering Committee.



Charlene Gubitz reads to children during Sukkot.

Back to School Night drew many to the AJCC.

Rabbi Beth Schwartz of Temple Beth El blew the shofar for students during Rosh Hashanah.



TVUUC Attacks Too Close to Home

Commentary by Stephen Rosen, president-elect of the Knoxville Jewish Alliance

The recent attacks at the Tennessee Valley Unitarian Universalist Church hit too close to home for many of us. The Unitarian and Jewish communities seem to have a parallel history where we intersect at times of need. My family's history is part of this phenomenon on both sides. Part of my grandmother, Alice Palmer's family is from the Transylvania region of what in the 1940s was the Austro-Hungarian Empire. When the Nazis came, it was the Unitarian community that hid the Jews in the Carpathian Mountains. In the 1950s in Knoxville, my grandparents Sam and Esther Rosen were involved in the civil rights movement. Along with other members of the Jewish and black communities, they helped create Fellowship House, an interracial day camp. Some of the few people in the general community that were supportive were representatives of the local Unitarian movement. Even today, we are linked with the local Unitarian churches through the Family Promise program (KJA's Jewish Family Services division) where the homeless are housed temporarily in houses of worship. Finally, we have several members of our extended Milton Collins Day Camp family that are members of TVUUC. It seems that though we may not always agree on issues, there is a level of comfort between Jews and Unitarians. It is no secret that many adherents to Unitarianism are born Jewish. We share a commonality of openness, acceptance, and optimism. Like electrons, we may each run at the speed of light, but when we collide, the purpose and results tend to be more positive than negative.

Immediately after the TVUUC tragedy occurred, staff members Jeff Gubitz and Laura Berry were in action seeing where KJA could help in an organized and responsible fashion. We didn't want to intrude but wanted to be supportive in the background. Our efforts, at the request of the TVUUC leadership, were oriented towards hands-on support for specific families affected by the events. I believe we have done an effective job and proved that Jewish Family Services is a vehicle which can deliver help to the general public when needed.

The alleged attacker was very clear in his written statement that he was going after liberals. Though the Jewish community is far from monolithic in this regard, I am forced to remember Garfield's immortal words: "I resemble that remark." No one likes being a target and as Jews we have way too much history in this area. Empathy is very easy when suffering is too close to home.

Celebrate Jewish Book Month on November 8 and 9

By Wilma Weinstein, Program Director

Join us Saturday evening

November 8 at 7:30 pm at the AJCC

Kvetch with Wex, meet the author and book signing, enjoy dessert and coffee
RSVP 690-6343

Michael Wex is the author of the bestselling book on the Yiddish language *ever* - *Born to Kvetch* - and his new follow-up phrasebook - *Just Say Nu*. He is a novelist, playwright, lecturer, performer and authority on language and literature, Michael Wex was called "a Yiddish National Treasure" and "the finest translator around." by Henry Sapoznik in his authoritative book *Klezmer!*.

Wex has brought the language back into the North American mainstream. Acclaimed by academics, talk-show hosts and just plain folks, Jewish and Gentile alike, *Born to Kvetch* and *Just Say Nu* provide a deadly accurate and wickedly funny overview of the language and culture from the Middle Ages to the present day. Whether he's revealing the real origins of well-known Jewish customs or explaining how The Three Stooges helped bring Yiddish to millions of unsuspecting children, Wex can turn your world into a different—and much funnier—place.

Remember - you don't have to be Jewish to enjoy his presentation. As Wex always says – "Previous knowledge is unnecessary and possibly dangerous."

November 9, 2008

Michael Wex, Marilyn Kallet and Rob Heller will be at the Knoxville Jewish Alliance's Jewish Book Month event Sunday, November 9th at Borders Books, Music & Café, 202 Morrell Road. The event runs from 11:00 – 2:00p.m.

Marilyn Kallet will be at Borders to read from and sign her latest books! Award winning Poet, Dr. Kallet, was Director of the Creative Writing Program at the University of Tennessee in Knoxville for 17 years and is the author of 14 books, including poetry, translations, anthologies, and criticism.

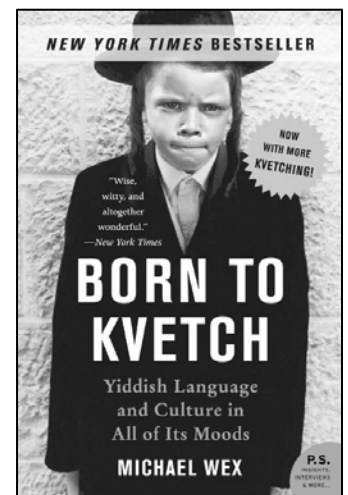
Recent books include a collection of poetry, *Circe, After Hours*, published by BkMk Press, University of Missouri - Kansas City, in 2005, *The Art of College Teaching: Twenty-eight Takes*, co-edited with April Morgan, published by the University of Tennessee Press in 2005 and in 2006 from Black Widow Press a revised and updated edition of *Last Love Poems of Paul Eluard*, translated and edited by Marilyn Kallet.

New books include *Jack The Healing Cat*, a children's book, and *The Movable Nest: A Mother/Daughter Companion*, co-edited with Kathryn Stripling Byer. Dr. Kallet is a Lindsay Young Professor of English at The University of Tennessee, Knoxville.

Rob Heller will sign his book *Living On*, at Borders, November 9, 2008. *Living On: Portraits of Tennessee Survivors and Liberators* documents, through photographs and texts, "the lives and stories of approximately 40 survivors of the Holocaust and the soldiers who liberated them at the end of World War II."

Rob Heller and his collaborator, writer Dawn Weiss Montgomery, photographed and interviewed dozens of Tennesseans across the state.

See you at Borders!



Friendshippers Gatherings

Friendshippers is a group of persons age 55+ who meet regularly for fun and friendship. Come visit with us.

FRIENDSHIPPER STEERING COMMITTEE

The Friendshipper Steering Committee continues to meet monthly to plan programs and discuss policy issues.

LUNCHEON PROGRAMS

Luncheon programs continue to be very well attended with much positive feedback. Luncheon programs are scheduled through 2008.

Wednesday, November 19: Celebrated author and Jewish Community member, Dr. Marilyn Kallet will present "Performance poetry and Jewish identity."

Monday, December 29: Reminiscence like something between nostalgia and heartburn as we celebrate Chanukah with Bernie Shorr. Humor of the borscht belt and potatoes latkes – you'll laugh 'til you hurt.

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.

TRANSPORTATION

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

Jewish Family Services News

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

Mitzvah Meals continue to be in high demand. These are meals prepared by Jewish Family Services volunteers for people needing some assistance with meals on a short-term basis following an illness or hospital stay. We would love to be able to prepare some of these meals in advance, but we simply do not have anywhere to store them. If you or someone you know is replacing a freezer or full-size refrigerator, please keep us in mind. In addition, if you enjoy cooking and would like to help prepare Mitzvah Meals, we would welcome additional volunteers and can be reached at 690-6343.

For the High Holy Days, Rabbi Zivic, Rabbi Yossi, and Ken Brown all visited our local long-term care facilities to blow the shofar for the residents. They brought each resident a chai bag filled with apples, honey, and challah rolls baked by Marilyn Wohl. The bags were decorated by AJCC preschoolers and included cards made by students from the Knoxville Jewish Day School. We also held a Rosh Hashanah luncheon at Elmcroft on September 23, with musical entertainment provided by Chaya Silver-Alford, as well as a Sukkot party at Atria Weston Place on October 16, with entertainment provided by Joyce Traugot. The Jewish Family Services Committee is so thankful for the help we received in making the High Holy Days special for our residents.

The Jewish Community Archives Of Knoxville and East Tennessee



The Way We Were

The Knoxville Jewish Federation honored Mitchell Robinson with a plaque of appreciation at the Federation meeting held on October 8, 1984 when he stepped down from many years of service as treasurer of the Knoxville Jewish Welfare Fund/UJA and its successor, the Knoxville Jewish Federation (the Knoxville Jewish Welfare Fund became the Knoxville Jewish Federation in 1983).

Posing with Mitchell were KJF officers Michael Feinman, president, Mary Linda Schwarzbart, treasurer, Myra Weinstein, vice president, and Bernie Silverstein, secretary.

Day of Learning Program entitled NOW JUDAISM

Plans are underway for Day of Learning for educators and the community to be held November 23. Joani Leeds is chair of this event. Rabbi Arthur Blecher, author of the controversial book, *The New American Judaism* will be the guest speaker. Having written his dissertation on counseling of interfaith couples, he has appeared on network television and radio, speaking on Jewish, interfaith and couples' issues. Stay tuned to learn more about **NOW JUDAISM!**



Marty's Mission Food Drive A Success

By Joyce Traugot

I want to thank the entire Jewish community for a job well done. Your support and participation in this years "Marty's Mission", which supports the Second Harvest Food Bank, was a TREMENDOUS SUCCESS.

During these difficult times, more and more families find themselves struggling to feed their loved ones. Your involvement in this Jewish Community effort has helped ease the burden for so many families in need.

Marty's Mission will continue to supply barrels during the entire year, so that you can continue to bring in non perishable foods when you visit your facility. **Unfortunately, hunger is an ongoing problem.**

Phase II of this effort is our 'TURKEY TROT'. A check made out to the "Second Harvest Food Bank" in the amount of ten dollars or more will feed four or five families a lovely Thanksgiving Dinner. Imagine, families in our very own community are not able to enjoy a Thanksgiving Dinner. You and I can help... let's make a difference!

Please drop your checks off at the Temple, Synagogue, Chabad or KJA office and I will pick them up and get them to the Second Harvest Food Bank. It makes a greater impact if we bring them in as a community. If you would prefer, you can mail the checks to me at: Joyce Traugot, 10744 Meriwether Lane, Knoxville, TN 37934.

Once again, THANK YOU for what you have done and what I know you will do. How fortunate we are to live in this very special community.



Shorrlines: Upton Downs

By Eleanor Shorr

This is not a column about a British race track which certainly would not have a "Yiddishe Tom."

Hopefully we are coming out of a series of downers and have turned things around so that we can be looking up again. After a long steamy drought ridden summer, the trees are in gorgeous fall colors and the cool sweet smelling breezes each morning invigorate and renew us. Even the flowers in gardens have perked up since they can breathe the cool air again. This is all a harbinger of our bright New Year with new beginnings and fresh approaches to our annual rebirth.

That old dogma of "smile and the world smiles with you – cry and you cry alone" may be trite but these trite sayings do have a lot of merit to them.

Most of us have enjoyed the days of the booming economy and pulling in our expectations a little is not the end of the world. A happy home does not have to be a 5 bedroom 5 bath edifice – even a one car family can manage to get the kids to school, get to work, and run errands with good planning and a little patience by all.

So what if our beloved Vols started their season with a whimper but, like in the past, this too shall pass. With more cheering and less booing we may not have a championship season but we can have a good funpacked year with the orange flags whipping around in the wind, the cheerleaders enthusiastically leading the 108,000 fans in the stands to Rocky Top and in case of some defeats, using the good old NY Met slogan – "Wait 'til next year!"

We hope your Thanksgiving is celebrated with family and friends and that Washington regains its good sense and prudence to bring our country back to its position as the foremost country in the world.

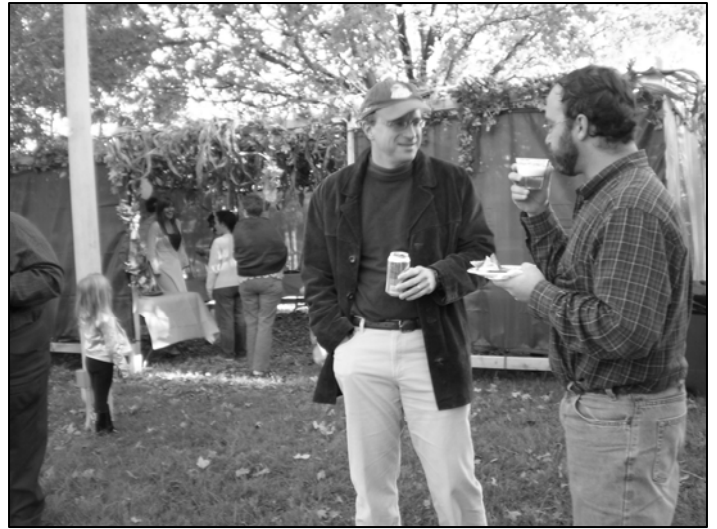
Suzy Snoops

Share your good news with the Jewish community by sending it to the VOICE. E-mail voice@jewishknoxville.org, fax to 691-4861, or mail to KJA Voice, 6800 Deane Hill Drive, Knoxville, TN 37919.

- Mazal Tov to **Peggy** and **Gale Hedrick** on son **Jesse's** engagement to **Allison Hayes**.
- Mazal tov to parents **Barry** and **Annette Winston** and grandparents **Harold** and **Becky Winston** on **Samuel's** marriage to **Lea Morgenroth**.
- **Dr. Gilya Schmidt** has been appointed to the International Connections Committee of the American Academy of Religion for a three-year term beginning January 2009. **Schmidt** is head of University of Tennessee's Department of Religious Studies and chair of the Fern and Manfred Steinfeld Program in Judaic Studies.
- **Jenny Pfeffer** was featured in the Fall 2008 issue of Tennessee Alumnus. She graduated from UT in 1983, then earned a master's in horticulture therapy in 2007. Today at the Sertoma Center of Knoxville, using horticulture therapy, she works to provide a good quality of life to people with developmental disabilities. With clients, she grows and pots herbs, houseplants, and flowers and cares for plants at businesses in the Knoxville area. "Our clients do very well, and they enjoy making a little money for their efforts," she says.
- **Wilma** and **Murray Weinstein** of Knoxville, TN and **Joel** and **Beth Weinbaum** of Decatur, AL are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, **Rachel Sharon** to **David Isaiah Seidman**. Durham, NC. **David** is the son of **Alice** and **Stanley Seidman** of White Plains, NY. A summer wedding is planned.
- The bat mitzvah of **Danielle Dryzer** was featured as a cover story in a recent News-Sentinel Faith & Family section. The article detailed the efforts of the **Dryzer** family and Heska Amuna's education director **Carolyn Silver-Alford** to prepare **Dani**, who is autistic, for her bat mitzvah.



Weinstein BBG members Megan Weiss, McKenzie Felthoff, Bryna Oleshansky, Rachel Iroff and Emma Silver-Alford with Joshua Nelson Singers at the Joshua Nelson concert at Heska Amuna on September 14.



Kurt Piehler and Jeff Abrams-Cohen enjoy the food at Sundown in the Sukkah on October 19.



The building of the Sukkah at the AJCC.



The Takvoryan Trio provided live music at Sundown in the Sukkah.



This year's Sundown in the Sukkah, chaired by Rebecca Merritt, was enjoyed by all ages.



Rabbi Louis Zivic and Mary Linda Schwarzbart enjoying Sundown in the Sukkah.

TBE Book Sale

Temple Beth El is holding a used book sale on November 2 and 9, from 9:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Paperbacks are 50 cents, trade paperbacks are \$1.00, and hardcover books are \$2. Lots of Judaica, lots of books in like-new condition, lots of kids' books, **lots of books!** Book donations are accepted until the end of the sale. Clean out your shelves and fill 'em up again.



Chant Sessions Offered at Heska Amuna

Every Tuesday morning from 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m., Jewish Chant and Meditation is offered at Heska Amuna Synagogue. Everyone is welcome – no prior chant experience is necessary. Sessions start promptly and end promptly so that folks can get back to their lives in a timely manner. **DO** wear comfortable clothing; **DO** bring a water bottle; **DO** come prepared to enjoy and share; **DO** invite friends – Jewish or non-Jewish.

Folks who wish to participate and have limited mobility for health reasons should contact Carolyn Silver-Alford before meeting so that your needs will be met comfortably. Questions? Call Carolyn at 522-0701.

KJA Sympathy

The KJA board and staff expresser their condolences to the families and friends of the following:

- **Millie Gelber** on the loss of brother-in-law, **Irving Lichter**.
- **Ellen** and **George Kern** on the passing of **Ellen's** mother, **Sylvia Greenberg**.

May their memories be for a blessing.

Temple Beth El to Host Chanukah Music Event

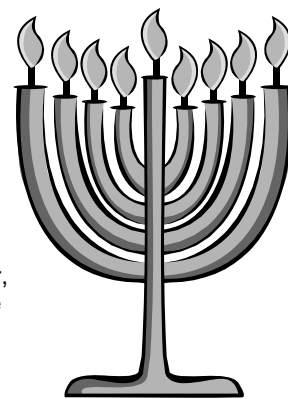
Temple Beth El, with assistance from the Gelber Cultural and Levy funds, invites the entire community to enjoy the Chanukah Music Fest! on Sunday, December 7, 2008, at 4:00 p.m. at the Temple. Knoxville Opera Music Director Brian Salesky created the unique and varied program; Knoxville community leaders are scheduled to speak.

Salesky's Chanukah Music Fest! includes everything from selections from Handel's Judas Maccabaeus (in English), to familiar Chanukah folksongs. There are some cantorial "gems" and Yiddish and Ladino songs related to the holiday, as well as a candle lighting ceremony involving our children. The program will be performed by Metropolitan Opera tenor Vahan Khanzadian and members of the Knoxville Opera Studio, with participation from TBE students.

Temple Beth El welcomes guest speakers Ms. Lynne Fugate, Mayor Bill Haslam, Fr. Ragan Schriver, Rev. Bill Shiell, and Rabbi Louis Zivic. Sen. Tim Burchett has also been invited. The insights of speakers like these at Beth El's very successful 2006 Passover Music Feast, were powerful.

A fabulous and elegant reception with traditional Chanukah foods and wine will follow. Between the substantial hors d'oeuvres, latkes, and desserts, people will not need dinner.

Put the Chanukah Music Fest! on your calendar. **BUY TICKETS EARLY. INVITE YOUR FRIENDS.** Call the Temple at 524-3521 to order your tickets.



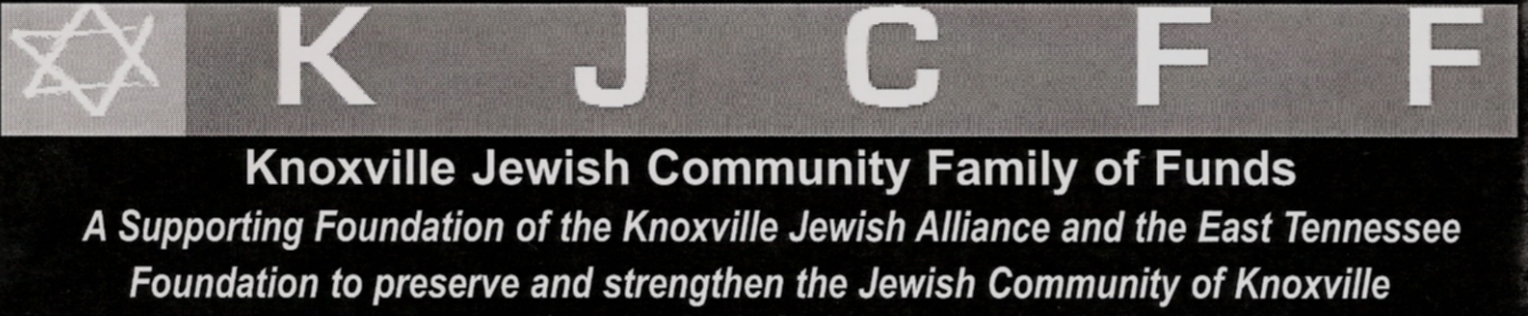
Laurel Theatre Features Klezmer Concert

The Dor L'Dor klezmer band will perform the annual Chanukah concert at the Laurel Theater on **Saturday, December 13, 2008, at 8:00 p.m.**

Join Dor L'Dor in celebration of the holiday season and the release of its new CD, **"Dor L'Dor---Not Your Father's Klezmer Band."** For ticket information, contact Jubilee Community Arts at (865) 522-5851.



Funded by **your** gifts to the KJA/UJC Annual campaign, the Magen David Adom Ambulance Volunteer Program, a joint program of Magen David Adom and the Jewish Agency for Israel, brings hundreds of Jewish young adults from around the world to volunteer as first responders on ambulances. The program has grown from 47 volunteers in 2000 to 600 volunteers in 2008. You too can be part of this program with your gift.



KJCF Fund Helps JCOR Celebrate 65th Anniversary

In 1943 while World War II was raging, Oak Ridge Jews brought together by Major William C. Bernstein, a doctor and second in command at the Oak Ridge army hospital, founded the Jewish Congregation of Oak Ridge. This nascent congregation's humble beginnings provided services at a variety of locations until 1951 when members broke ground for their own synagogue.

Over the past 65 years, the synagogue has continued to grow and mature. In recognition of their achievements and of the needs of their congregants, JCOR has expanded their lobby and built a new addition which includes a larger gathering area, a small one-g kitchen, and a handicapped accessible bathroom.

The weekend celebration included a Friday night service with a musical accompaniment; a talk entitled "Maturing Together: These are the stages..." was delivered by Professor Gilya Schmidt, Head of University of Tennessee's Department of Religious Studies and Chair of the Fern and Manfred Steinfeld Program in Judaic Studies. Shabbat services and a luncheon were followed by a Saturday evening reception and dedication of the new addition. The celebration included a wonderful spread and dancing to Klezmer band music of Tennessee Schmaltz. Funding for the klezmer band was provided by the **Frances Sturm Cultural Fund of the Jewish Congregation of Oak Ridge – fund of the KJCF**. Of course many JCOR members contributed their time and funds to this wonderful event.

New grants:

A generous grant from the **Sylvia Robinson Memorial Fund** made it possible for our community to enjoy Jewish gospel music at the Joshua Nelson concert at Heska Amuna on September 14.

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Heska Amuna Synagogue



Fran Silver, Penny Lukin, Rebecca Charles and Reeva Abraham.



Mel Sturm kicks up his heels with fellow dancers.

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HARS CLC at TBE
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7:00am Minyan HA
9:30a-12:30p-Religious School-TBE
10:30a Adult Hebrew - TBE
4:30p Rosh Chodesh "It's a girl thing" @
Pam Gross

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7:00am Minyan HA
3-7pm Kinderdance - AJCC Gym
4:15-6:15p HARS - HA
7:30-9:30p-Israeli Dancing-AJCC gym

4

7:00am Minyan HA
1:30-3 Friendship Book Club AJCC
AL
5:30-9:30pm Fencing - AJCC Gym
6p-Executive Committee-TBE
6:30p-Hadassah Board Meeting at AJCC
AL
7:30-Executive Committee-HA

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7:00am Minyan HA
12p-KJCF Board Meeting-Offs
4:15-6:15p HARS - HA
6p Adult Education - TBE
6p Midweek Hebrew - TBE
6:30pm Archives Committee Meeting -
AJCC BR
7:30 Pathways HA

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Kurious Kids at KJDS
7:00am Minyan HA
3-5pm Preschool Soccer Shots - AJCC
Gym
4-5:30pm Kindermotion AJCC BBYO
Room

7

7:00am Minyan HA
6:30pm Tot Shabbat - HA
7:30p-Kristallnacht commemoration
8p Shabbat Svc., Birthday & Anniv.
Blessing - TBE

8

7:00am Minyan HA
10a-Torah Study-TBE
Torah study following Kiddush-HA
Jewish Book Month event
7-8:30pm Youth Zone Dads 'N Sons @
Strike & Spare
7-8:30pm Youth Zone Moms 'N
Daughters @ Liza 'Moz

9

7:00am Minyan HA
9:30a-12:30p-Religious School-TBE
10-12:30 HARS - HA
Jewish Book Month event at Borders
10:30a Adult Hebrew - TBE
1-3p Teen Connection Program for
grades 6-8
Harold Brown's Unveiling at New Jewish
Cem. 1:30pm

10

7:00am Minyan HA
Jewish Fam. Serv. Meeting KJA Board
Room 11:30am
3-7pm Kinderdance - AJCC Gym
4:15-6:15 HARS - HA
7:15 pm-KJA Executive Committee Mtg.

11

Veterans Day
Remembrance Day
7:00am Minyan HA
11 am HAZAK HA
5:30-9:30pm Fencing - AJCC Gym
6:30p-Board of Directors Mtg-TBE
7:30pm Board Trustees Meeting - HA

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International Lion of Judah
Conference(nat'l)
Minyan 7:00am HA
4:15-6:15p HARS - HA
5:30-9:30pm Fencing - AJCC Gym
6p Adult Education - TBE
6p Midweek Hebrew - TBE
Pathways 7:30 pm HA

13

International Lion of Judah
Conference(nat'l)
7:00am Minyan HA
3-5pm Preschool Soccer Shots - AJCC
Gym
4-5:30pm Kindermotion AJCC BBYO
Room
6:30-8p KJDS Open House

14

7:00am Minyan HA
8p Landon Wilhite Bar Mitzvah - TBE
International Lion of Judah
Conference(nat'l)
Rae Oleshansky Bat Mitzvah-HA

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Birthday & Anniversary Shabbat - HA
International Lion of Judah
Conference(nat'l)
Rae Oleshansky Bat Mitzvah-HA
10a Tot Shabbat - TBE
Torah study following Kiddush-HA

16

7:00am Minyan HA
UJC General Assembly - Israel(nat'l)
9:30a-12:30p-Religious School-TBE
HARS - HA
10a Sisterhood Mtg. - TBE
10:30a Adult Hebrew - TBE
7-9:30p JWC "Mazalot-12 signs of
Zodiac" Chabad

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UJC General Assembly - Israel(nat'l)
7:00am Minyan HA
3-7pm Kinderdance - AJCC Gym
HARS - HA
7:30-9:30p-Israeli Dancing-AJCC gym
7:30pm Board of Directors Mtg. - AJCC
AL

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UJC General Assembly - Israel(nat'l)
7:00am Minyan HA
10:30a-Friendshippers Steering Com-
Gym
5:30-9:30pm Fencing - AJCC Gym
7p Ritual & Worship - TBE
7:30p-Rabbi & Rel Serv Committee-HA

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7:00am Minyan HA
12 N - Friendship Program
HARS - HA
5:30-9:30pm Fencing - AJCC Gym
6p Adult Education - TBE
6p Midweek Hebrew - TBE

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7:00am Minyan HA
3-5pm Preschool Soccer Shots - AJCC Gym
4-5:30pm Kindermotion AJCC BBYO Room
6pm Parent Committee Meeting - AJCC AL
7pm Education Committee Meeting HA

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NO SERVICE HA
7:00am Minyan HA
11am Preschool Thanksgiving Feast - AJCC
Gym
5:45p Family Shabbat - TBE
8p Shabbat Service - TBE

22

HARS Family Learning HA
Torah study following Kiddush-HA

23

9a-6p, Judaism Now!-AJCC
NO HARS - HA
No Religious School-TBE

24

7:00am Minyan HA
3-7pm Kinderdance - AJCC Gym
4:15-6:15 HARS - HA
7:00pm-Hadassah Book Club-AJCC AL

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7:00am Minyan HA
11 am HAZAK HA
5:30-9:30pm Fencing - AJCC Gym

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No Midweek Hebrew - TBE
NO PATHWAYS HA
NO HARS - HA
No Adult Education - TBE
Minyan 7:00am HA
5:30-9:30pm Fencing - AJCC Gym
6p Adult Education - TBE