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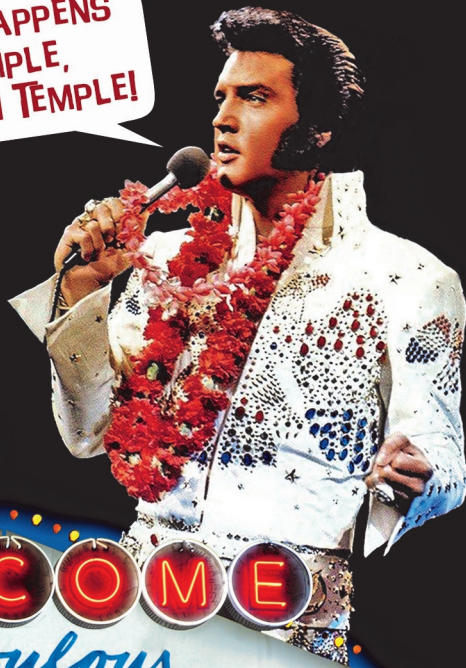
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Tickets are available during regular Temple Beth El office hours, Wednesday evenings and Sunday mornings. Or, send check payable to TBE, "Attn: Auction" on the envelope.

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TEMPLE BETH EL TIMES



From the Rabbi's Study

By Rabbi Beth Schwartz

How do you explain Purim to people who have never heard of it? It is so unlike our other festivals and holy days, and so unlike the stereotype of Jews as very serious people. The old, "They tried to kill us; we won; let's eat," doesn't quite fit. "Small town girl makes good?" Sort of. "Revenge is sweet?" We don't like to talk about that part of the story. The Jewish Halloween? The Jewish Mardi Gras? Elements of play, of theater, of political satire are all there, not to mention pure silliness.

Purim is so many things. But it is always a story of courage, of stepping outside of the normal way of doing things, and of taking risks, even when your life depends on it. It is always about the need to look beneath the surface at what is really going on. And it is always, always, about using humor to tell the truth. Humor is subversive, and it is healthy. Humor lets you say, safely, what can't say otherwise. Just as pain hurts, humor heals.

Our ancient rabbis taught that in the world-to-come, the only holiday that will remain is Purim, so important is it that we be able to laugh at ourselves and the world around us. When you are laughing so hard that you can't tell the difference between Mordecai and Haman, then you have truly celebrated Purim. "Forget your troubles, c'mon get happy" – it's Purim!



Rabbi Beth Schwartz

5 Adar - 6 Nisan, 5769

Rabbi Beth L. Schwartz
Rabbi Emeritus Howard Simon
Temple President Stephen Eisen
Sisterhood President Liz Gassel

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SERVICES IN MARCH

March 6 at 7:30 p.m. – Annual Purim Service and Spiel. This year's theme is the movies! Services begin at 7:30 p.m., immediately following our annual Purim Supper.

March 7 at 10:00 a.m. - Harrison Roth will be called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah. Harrison is the son of Jonathan and Lori Roth, and brother of Spencer and Joelle.

March 13 at 7:30 p.m. – Shabbat services.

March 20 at 7:30 p.m. – Shabbat services "in the round."

March 27 at 7:30 p.m. – Shabbat services.

March 28 at 10:30 a.m. – Jessie Rosenberg will be called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah. Jessie is the daughter of Hall and Amy Rosenberg and sister of Dani and Jake.

March Oneg Hosts

- March 6** Ava and Frederic Radoff & Leslie and Craig Snow
- March 7** Bar mitzvah – Harrison Roth
- March 20** Jan and Stu Elston & Shirley McGuire and Richard Licht
- March 27** Bat mitzvah – Jessie Rosenberg
- April 3** Belinda Smith & Jeff and Kaye Goodfriend

President's Message

By Stephen Eisen

Temple Beth El remains a busy place as we transition from winter to spring. This month alone we have our annual Purim Schpiel and we will be blessed with not one, but two b'nei mitzvahs. Harrison Roth will come to the bimah on Saturday, March 7 and Jessie Rosenberg will do the same on Saturday, March 28. Please support our youth and their families by attending these very special life cycle occasions.

To me, being affiliated with the Temple is about joining with others to share life cycle events, good times and bad, and to celebrate our Judaism. Temple Beth El serves as a meeting place to share our thoughts and stories, to make new friends and strengthen our old relationships. It is a place to relish in our differences and to look for common ground. I'm thankful every day for our Temple and hope you are as well.

In order to keep our Temple operational, many people work on a daily basis tending to the business side of things. First and foremost, Nancy and Fae are doing a fantastic job in the office. It is rare that a week passes by that I don't receive at least one compliment on how kind and professional they are. If you have never had the opportunity to meet them you should stop by the office to introduce yourself and say hello. Of course most everyone knows Scott and is aware of how well he maintains our facility. We are so lucky to have him on our staff. The list of volunteer members that stop by to take care of different things on a regular basis is a long one. The members of the executive committee as well as the chairs and co-chairs of our committees, and many others, wear a path in the carpet coming in and out of the office daily. We would be nowhere without their dedication.

You too can participate in the resurgence of Temple activity by volunteering to serve on a committee. Most of the committees meet on an as-needed basis and are task-oriented so no one has to commit to a certain night every month or feel they will be recruited to head up a project just because they suggested an idea. If you are unsure of where you might fit or how to get involved please let me know and I will lead you in the right direction.

Shabbat in the Round

March 20

What would it be like if we could all see each other during services, if everybody had a front-row seat? What if there were no podium, no bimah, and the Torah was in the middle? Get the answers to these questions on Friday, March 20 as we gather in a circle to welcome Shabbat in the Arnstein Social Hall. Our service will be inclusive and participatory – be there!



*Jewish Words
of Wisdom...*

Old friends,
like old
wines, don't
lose their
flavor.

– *Yiddish proverb*

Condolences

Melvin Goldberger

Our condolences to the Roth family for the death of Melvin Goldberger, grandfather of Lori Roth and great grandfather of Spencer, Harrison and Joelle. Melvin supervised in the building of Temple Beth El and served as President at Temple Beth El and was a benefactor of our congregation. Melvin resided with his wife Betty at 590 Isaac Prugh Way, Apt. 344, Dayton, Ohio 45429-7416. May his memory be for a blessing.

Muriel Blatt Zuckerman

Muriel Blatt Zuckerman, age 88, passed away on January 18, 2009 at home after a short illness, surrounded by her loving family. Muriel and her husband, Gene, settled in Harriman, Tennessee in 1948 and raised their two daughters in Harriman and then in Knoxville, where they were devout and active members of Temple Beth El. Mrs. Zuckerman served several terms as Sisterhood President and combined her loves of gardening and philanthropy by introducing flower bulb sales to raise funds for the congregation. Mrs. Zuckerman is survived by her husband of 66 years, Dr. Eugene Zuckerman; her daughters Ronni Kirsch (Joe) of Germantown and Emmy Zuckerman (Ed Bonfield) of West Windsor, NJ; and her three grandchildren, Philip Kirsch, Anna Klausner and Holly Klausner. May her memory be for blessing.

The Sisterhood of Temple Beth El

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'BOWling for Hunger' Part One – Painting the Bowls

Sponsored by Sisterhood, Religious School and the Social Justice Committee

Congregants and friends came together to create their special bowl to be picked up at the 'BOWling for Hunger' Dinner and Shabbat on February 6 with all funds going to MAZON and Second Harvest Food Bank of East Tennessee.



March Events

Hamentaschen Bake - March 1 at 9:30 a.m. in the Temple Kitchen

Bring a rolling pin and an apron and join us. If you love to bake or even if you don't, this is a fun morning of rolling, filling and chatting. We raise funds for Sisterhood projects through the sale of Hamentaschen orders.

If you submitted a bulk order, you may pick it up on March 8 at the Purim Carnival. We plan on having some to purchase individually at that time also. For more info, contact Linda Zaretski at 356-4879 or Lesley Krakauer at 691-3208.

As March progresses we find we have a little down time to consider our plans for the rest of the year and next year. Our nominating committee is in the process of searching for a new president as Liz Gassel's term is up in June. We are looking for people to serve as vice presidents and chairs for our various programs and also are considering new ideas for programs. Our goal is to interest every one – maybe not in every event or program - but we would like to provide opportunities, over the course of our sisterhood year, that engage most of you at least once or twice. We hope to continue to provide study and worship opportunities, social time for our members and also to be able to raise funds for temple and religious school needs and of course, to continue to think in terms of 'Tikkun Olam' as our overriding theme to all that we do. We cannot stress enough that *we welcome* your suggestions. Coming up in late April, plans are in process for a havdallah gathering and book discussion hosted by one of our members. We'll keep you posted in the April *Ha'Kol* and in the *TBE blast* as the plans firm up.

Happy is he who performs a good deed: for he may tip the scales for himself and the world. Talmud: Kiddushin 40a

We welcome all Temple members. It is never too late to join us. Please note that dues are now \$40.00 a year and yes, we welcome men as Associate members. A portion of your dues goes to support Women of Reform Judaism and their projects.

Be our guest for the year. If you are a new member of Temple Beth El, your first year of Sisterhood membership is on us. For more information, please contact Liz Gassel, Sisterhood president, at 546-2813 or pardee3@comcast.net

Purim and More at Religious School

By Norma James, Education Director, nfjames@aol.com, 483-5213 home, 719-2614 cell

It's One Big Purim Weekend!

Special Family service, March 6, 5:45 p.m. - Continuing our family series, Norma will conduct a brief Purim service geared for ages three to ten. Your children will enjoy dressing up for this exciting Megillah reading designed just for them. Stick around after the service for our Temple Purim supper.

Purim Shabbat, March 6 - Last year we had a fabulous Purim service complete with a sports theme in honor of the Olympics. The tradition continues as we share a Purim supper and Shabbat service. This year the theme is Hollywood. So dress as your favorite character or movie star or any other wonderful character you want. Temple Beth El really knows how to enjoy Purim. Bring your family and make our Temple tradition part of yours.

Harrison Roth becomes a Bar Mitzvah for Purim! As if the weekend weren't already super, we have even greater celebration in store! Harrison Roth will read the Torah on Saturday morning. Harrison and his family are relatively new to our congregation, but have joined right in on every activity. Harrison's mitzvah project has been a real plus for our religious school. He is sanding and repainting EVERY set of shelves in our school. They look amazing and really set off the wonderful wall paintings being done by Amy Rosenberg and Haley Goldfeld. Please join Harrison and his family for this special service.

Sunday, March 8 is our annual Purim carnival! We are thrilled to invite our friends at Heska Amuna to join us for the fun. Again this year we are inviting all of our preschool through 6th graders to Bring-A-Friend to the carnival.

The more the merrier! We will plan a day that will be a positive learning experience for your non-Jewish friend, topped off with the carnival and hot dog luncheon beginning at 11:00 a.m. Let your friends enjoy one of Judaism's most "FUN" holidays. We encourage everyone to dress in costume for added fun. Most games will only cost a shekel, and shekels can be purchased four for a dollar. The cost of a hot dog lunch w/ chips and a drink is a mere \$2.00. There will also be baked goods from our Sisterhood. This is not just a time for the students. All parents are invited as well. We can use your help with shekel sales, set up, manning booths and clean-up. Don't worry; there will still be plenty of time to enjoy the day. E-mail Norma if you can help out and let me know what you want to do.

It's a Double Mitzvah Month as Jessie Rosenberg becomes a Bat Mitzvah

Saturday, March 28 - Jessie has been working very hard preparing for this special day, and we know she will be fabulous. Jessie has done two mitzvah projects. She tutored children all year at the Boys' and Girls' Club. In addition, Jessie has combined her love of horses with her love of children through her work with STAR. This is an organization that teaches special needs adults and children how to ride horses. Jessie has enjoyed working with the children in this program. We say "Mazel Tov!" to the Rosenberg family on this important occasion.

There will be NO school Sunday, March 15, Wednesday, March 18, and Sunday, March 22. School resumes Wednesday, March 25. March is a short month at religious school because of spring break. We hope you have lots of wonderful and relaxing plans for the break.

TBE Religious School travels to Heska Amuna for another day of combined learning Sunday, March 29 - This is getting to be a very nice habit! Our students and parents really look forward to spending time as a larger religious school community. I know that Heska and their ISJL Fellow will have another wonderful day planned.

Remember that drop off at Heska is at 10:00 a.m. and pick up is at 12:30 p.m.. This program is for PreK through 7th grade only.

8th Grade and 10th Grade will be at Temple 9:30 a.m. -12:30 p.m. and 9th Grade will be at Elmcroft as usual.

TEMPLE BETH EL TIMES

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Temple Office Hours

Monday – Friday

9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Beiler Bimah Floral Fund

The *Beiler Bimah Flower Fund* is maintained by our Women of Reform Judaism.

Pulpit flowers are a great way to honor a loved one, observe a Yartzheit, or any occasion.

Your \$30 payment, made payable to Temple Beth El Sisterhood, should be sent at least TWO WEEKS prior to the Friday you wish flowers.

Ruth Sherill will handle any special arrangements, flowers or extra quantities. Call her at 690-5015.



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---in every place where I cause my name to be mentioned I will come to you and bless you.

TORAH: EXODUS 20:21

Beit Daniel—The Center for Progressive Judaism in Tel Aviv-Jaffa opened its doors in the Autumn of 1991. Beit Daniel strives to be a model of Reform Judaism, pluralistic thought and practice, and community service for all of Israel. AS THE ONLY REFORM CONGREGATION IN THE TEL AVIV AREA, it serves more than its congregation by providing a multitude of Jewish programs, life cycle events, and tikkun olam outreach programs along with Reform religious services.

Its endeavors include

- Jointly running 12 preschools with the city municipalities
- Coordinating various social outreach programs
- Conducting 200 bar and bat mitzvahs annually
- Operating a conversion center with more than 100 students annually.
- Operating a legal aid office for immigrants
- Conducting more than 500 Reform weddings annually

Serving as both community center and synagogue, Beit Daniel offers the greater Tel Aviv area a wide range of cultural, religious, and educational activities. In an area where exclusiveness is often prevalent, Beit Daniel offers a refreshing breeze of pluralism and inclusiveness that marks Reform Judaism, while still adhering to traditional Jewish values that provide an invaluable link to the past. For more information and ways to help, see the Beit Daniel website or contact me at: Jmincey09@comcast.net or (865) 687-3071.

MARCH 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>1</p> <p>No HARS K-7 HARS Prozdor meets 9:30-TBE school 9:30-12:30-TBE Hamentashen Bake 2:30-Grandparents Circle, AJCC Purim Spiel-Chabad 5:00-HA Vashti Dinner</p>	<p>2</p> <p>7a-HA minyan 3-7p-Kinderdance, AJCC 4:15p-HARS 6:30p-Archives Com Mtg, AJCC BR 7:15p-KJA Exec Mtg 7:30-9:30p-Israeli Danc- ing, AJCC gym</p>	<p>3</p> <p>1:30-3p-Friendshippers Book Club, AL 5:30-9:30p-fencing, AJCC gym 6p-TBE Exec Com Mtg 6:30p-Hadassah Bd Mtg, AJCC AL 7:30p-HA Exec Com</p>	<p>4</p> <p>4:15p-HARS 5:30-9:30p-fencing, AJCC gym 6:15p-TBE midweek Hebrew 6:15p-TBE adult ed</p>	<p>5</p> <p>7a-HA minyan 3-5p-Preschool Soccer Shots, AJCC gym 6:45-8:30p-KJA Cam- paign Call Night, AJCC 7:30-8:30p-TBE Jewish Life & Thought class</p>	<p>6</p> <p>5:45p-TBE Family Shab- bat 6:30p-TBE Deli Supper 7:30p-Shabbat Sve Spiel, Bday & Anniv Blessing</p>	<p>7</p> <p>9:30a-HA-Lilly Silver- Alford Bat Mitzvah 10a-TBE Harrison Roth Bar Mitzvah HA-Torah study following kiddush</p>
<p>8</p> <p>TBE Hamentashen Bake Sale TBE Purim Carnival with HARS 2:30p-Grandparents Circle, AJCC 5p-KJDS Auction</p>	<p>9 Fast of Esther</p> <p>7a-HA minyan 11:30a-JFS mtg, BR 3-7p-Kinderdance, gym 4:15p-HARS 6:30-HA Purim Dinner 7p-HA megillah reading</p>	<p>10 Purim</p> <p>7a-HA megillah reading 10a-AJCC Preschool Purim Carnival, gym 11a-HA HAZAK, Atria 5:30-9:30p-fencing, AJCC gym 6:30p-TBE Board Mtg 7:30p-HA Board Mtg</p>	<p>11 Shushan Purim</p> <p>12p-Friendshippers 4:15p-HARS 5:30-9:30p-fencing, AJCC gym 6:15p-TBE midweek Hebrew 6:15p-TBE adult ed 6:45-KJA Campaign Call Night</p>	<p>12</p> <p>7a-minyan 3-5p-Preschool Soccer Shots, AJCC gym 6p-Parent Comm mtg, AJCC BR 7:30-8:30p-HA Jewish Life & Thought class</p>	<p>13</p> <p>7:30p-TBE Shabbat Service</p>	<p>14</p> <p>9:30a-HA services HA-Torah study following kiddush</p>
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<p>22</p> <p>11-3p-Harold's at Heska Amuna 10-2-HARS Staff mtg 10:15a-HA Sisterhood Bd mtg 1:30-3p-Youth Zone, Mitzvah Vols 2:30p-Grandparents Circle, AJCC</p>	<p>23</p> <p>7a-HA minyan 3-7p-Kinderdance, AJCC gym 4:15p-HARS 7:30-8:30p-UT Faculty Lecture Series, AJCC AL</p>	<p>24</p> <p>11a-HA HAZAK, Atria Weston Place 5:30-9:30p-fencing, AJCC gym 7:30-8:30p-Jewish Women's Circle</p>	<p>25 4:15p-HARS</p> <p>5:30-9:30p-fencing, AJCC gym 6p-HA Sisterhood Rosh Chodesh 6:15p-TBE midweek Hebrew 6:15p-TBE adult ed 6:45p-KJA Campaign Call Night</p>	<p>26 Rosh Chodesh</p> <p>7a-HA minyan 3-5p-Preschool Soccer Shots, AJCC gym 7:30p-Israel Partnership Comm Mtg, AJCC AL 7:30-8:30p-HA Jewish Life & Thought class</p>	<p>27</p> <p>6:30p-HA Shabbat ser- vice 7:30p-TBE Shabbat service</p>	<p>28</p> <p>9:30a-HA services 10:15a-HA Junior Con- gregation 10:30a-TBE Jessie Rosenberg Bat Mitzvah HA-Torah study after Kiddush</p>
<p>29</p> <p>10a-CLC Day at HARS for HA, TBE, JCOR HA Sisterhood Pass- over workshop 2:30p-Grandparents Circle, AJCC</p>	<p>30</p> <p>7a-HA minyan 3-7p-Kinderdance, AJCC gym 4:15p-HARS 7p-Hadassah Book Club, AJCC BR</p>	<p>31</p>				

For the most up-to-date listings or event contact information, please visit the KJA website at www.jewishknoxville.org

AL=AJCC Adult Lounge
BR=AJCC Board Room

HA=Heska Amuna—www.heskaamuna.org
TBE=Temple Beth El—www.tbeknox.org

K N O X V I L L E

Kallet Debuts Poetry

UT Knoxville English professor Marilyn Kallet's new poetry collection debuted at the first UT Writers in the Library reading of the spring semester. Kallet performed poems from her new collection, *Packing Light: New and Selected Poems* (Black Widow Press, 2009).

Kallet's new book includes selections from more than 35 years of writing as well as new poems. Her poetry includes sensual love poems, song sequences and poems on Jewish identity and the Holocaust.

Of Kallet's recent poetry, poet Yusef Komunyakaa has written, "Marilyn Kallet's *Circe, After Hours* shines with a high-intensity light into the underworld of ordinary lives, creating bridges between the North and the South, America and Europe, as well as a marriage between the brain's left and right hemispheres - reason and passion. In this marvelous collection, the process of art illuminates life's path."

The event was co-sponsored by the Creative Writing Program in association with the John C. Hodges Better English Fund and by Writers in the Library.



KJDS Features Japan, American Flag

We have had a busy month here at the Knoxville Jewish Day School! We celebrated the beginning of the month of Shvat by having our students braid challah. Children of all ages rolled up their sleeves and dove into the task excitedly. The 3rd-4th grade class finished their research project on Japan by having a Japanese Festival. They proudly showed off their new knowledge by making sushi, writing their names in Japanese, designing their own kimonos, and making paper lanterns.

On January 23, we had an important visit from one of the school's "Special Friends," Mel Sturm. He had received a flag from his special friend's father, Commanding Officer Andrew Davis, who is stationed in Afghanistan. In fact, this very flag used to fly over Officer Davis' duty station at Bagram Air field. We hung this flag in the lobby of our school and recited the Pledge of Allegiance. The teacher then quizzed our students about the many significant details of the flag and our students knew everything! This month, the students enjoyed field trips to the Planetarium, the Children's Museum of Oak Ridge, and Safety City. More exciting field trips have been scheduled for the following months, including a trip to the Zoo. And that's just some of what is going on at the KJDS. For more information, please call us at 560-9922.



Loaves of Love Loving Event

On Tuesday evening, January 27, a group of women gathered for an evening of warmth, sisterhood and delicious challah. The event, hosted by Miriam Esther Wilhelm at the Knoxville Chabad House, provided an opportunity to discover the beauty of the tradition of baking challah, and the traditions and blessings that are unique to women.

It was also a tribute to the late Rivky Holtzberg, who together with her husband, Rabbi Gabi Holtzberg, directed the Chabad Center in Mumbai, India and were the victims of the recent terror attack there. Rivky Holtzberg is described by those who knew her as warm, deeply engaging and as someone who celebrated her role as a Jewish woman. The evening embodied that theme, reflecting Rivky's unique passion and the joy which she brought to her work.

The Loaves of Love evening was a way to respond to the tragedy in Mumbai with acts of goodness and kindness. Everyone left with two challot – one to keep and one to share with someone needing the special joy and comfort that comes from freshly baked homemade challah. It was a beautiful evening with a beautiful message.

Hadassah Hosts Book Group

The Hadassah Book Club will be meeting March 12, 7:30 p.m. at the AJCC. Come join us for a stimulating discussion of our next book, *Netherland* by Joseph O'Neill.

Here is a very brief synopsis of *Netherland* taken from the *NY Times Review*. "...here's what "Netherland" surely is: the wittiest, angriest, most exacting and most desolate work of fiction we've yet had about life in New York and London after the World Trade Center fell. On a micro level, it's about a couple and their young son living in Lower Manhattan when the planes hit, and about the event's rippling emotional aftermath in their lives. On a macro level, it's about nearly everything: family, politics, identity." The whole review is available at <http://www.nytimes.com/2008/05/18/books/review/Garner-t.html>.

Another review at http://www.newyorker.com/arts/critics/books/2008/05/26/080526crbo_books_wood.

Questions? Please call or e-mail Peggy Littmann 588-6661, plittmann@comcast.net.

H A P P E N I N G S



BBYO Welcomes Area Teens

BBYO is known as the largest and most effective provider of identity-building and leadership development programs for Jewish teens. Headquartered in Washington, DC, BBYO encompasses over 40 regions across North America, as well as Europe, Israel, South Africa, Australia and New Zealand, and comprises more than 130 employees and over 800 volunteer advisors. Among BBYO's 250,000 living alumni are many of the most prominent figures in Jewish communal life, as well as people of note in the business, political, academic and cultural worlds. Key to the organization's success has been a highly effective leadership model operating on the local, national and international levels through a fraternity/sorority-based chapter structure (AZA for boys and BBG for girls).

If you like more information on BBYO activities, please call 633-5902 or email jrosenberg@bbyo.org. You may also visit www.bbyo.org.

Mark Hoffman prepares chicken soup with matzah balls for the Hillel Shabbat dinner.



Zack Kramer and Kelley Kidd enjoy the San Diego sunshine at the National J-Serve Training Conference.



Local Youth Elected to Regional Offices

Knoxville BBYO continues to represent itself well past the local level. At the Regional Convention in Memphis, Mara Hahn was elected as the BBG Regional President (N'siah) and Megan Weiss was elected Regional Membership Vice President (Aym Ha-Chavairot).

Additionally, both Winick AZA and Weinstein BBG were recognized for various programming and individual awards.

BBYO Chapters Elect New Officers

Elections for Weinstein BBG and Winick AZA chapters of BBYO were held in January. The following members were elected to the board:

AZA:

Zack Kramer: Gadol
Sam Talman: S'gan
Justin Spiegelman and Will Brody: Moreh
Noah Erwin; Mazgiz
Britt Sturm: Gizbor
Max Silver-Alford: Shaliach

BBG:

Bryna Oleshansky: N'siah
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David Ortiz, Rachel Zemel and Brittany Spiegelman at Hillel Shabbat dinner on campus at International House.



Gert Weinstein BBG new members taking the pledge include Jolie Spiegelman, Leah Pearl, Liza Rineiri, Rachel Brown, Stephanie Pfeffer-Rodriguez and McKenzie Felthoff.

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AJCC Camp Registration is Now Open

What are you doing this summer? There is no better way to spend the warm summer months than with your friends at the Arnstein Jewish Community Center camps, Camp K'Ton Ton (14 months to 5 years of age) and Milton Collins Day Camp (Kindergarten through 10th Grade), with the swimming pool, tennis courts and 13 acre site. It is without a doubt "The Most Fun Under the Sun!"

The American Camping Association accredited -Milton Collins Day Camp and the Department of Human Services licensed-Camp K'ton ton are ready for another fantastic season! Whether you are joining us for the first time or as a returning camp family, the 2009 season offers excitement and fun for everyone. Many of your camper's favorite activities and traditional programs will return this summer. We have planned many new experiences for all age groups.

Registration is now open. Save time and register online with registration forms at www.jewishknoxville.org. If you are a returning friend of camp, you may note that a few changes have been made for the upcoming summer in order to provide the BEST quality experience possible for you and your campers.

There are some minor differences between Milton Collins and Camp K'ton ton registration. Please contact us with any questions or for additional information. We welcome the chance to talk with you at any time about ways to enhance your child's camp experience. Camp K'Ton ton Director, Brooke Seeliger and Sarah Price, Milton Collins Day Camp director, can be reached at (865) 690-6343 for additional information.

We can't wait to see you!



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Volunteer at the AJCC

Event Volunteers Needed

All of the wonderful events and fundraisers hosted by the KJA depend on the many volunteers who make these events happen. Share your talents by contacting the KJA at 690-6343 or kja@jewishknoxville.org. There is something for everyone who wants to give an hour or a day – donate your time and get back more than you give!

AJCC Preschool Students Celebrate Tu'B'Shevat and Shabbat

On Monday, February 9, 2009, the AJCC preschool students, some parents, and AJCC Preschool Staff came together for a Tu'B'Shevat Celebration. Debbie Abrams-Cohen graciously did the Seder and Charlene Gubitz sang some great Tu'B'Shevat songs. The students even sang "Happy Birthday" to the trees in Hebrew! It was truly a wonderful program! The students had worked very hard and created some unique table decorations that decorated the gym very nicely. Each class also had a platter with various fruits and nuts for tasting. It was great to see the students trying new fruits for the first time! Overall, it was a really fun program where the students learned lots of new things about Tu'B'Shevat.



The AJCC Preschool students celebrate Tu'B'Shevat.

KJA Raises and Allocates Funds to Save Jewish Lives, Build Jewish Identity

By Stephen Rosen

In the last edition of *Ha' Kol*, I discussed how leadership will take its direction from the early success of the KJA Annual Campaign. Since that time, we have engaged in two of our most important processes. Community leaders met to “Celebrate Tzedekah” at the annual Pacesetters event held at the Knoxville Museum of Art on January 25. This group reminded us that giving is to be enjoyed and done in excess. Approximately \$100,000 was raised that night and we had a several thousand dollar increase on a donor for donor basis.

I always like to remind people that the funds that you contribute through the campaign allow KJA to build Jewish life in Knoxville while saving Jewish lives in Israel, Europe and around the world. In Knoxville, with the exception of prayer, lifecycle events, and formal Jewish education, we try to be all things to all Jews. We deliver a program too broad to describe here, but you can see it throughout *Ha' Kol* and at www.jewishknoxville.org. At the same time, we recognize that other organizations can do certain jobs better than we can so we provide funds through our allocations to invest in their missions.

In pursuit of this purpose, on January 28 the Allocation Committee was convened by our chair Jill Weinstein. The goal of the allocations effort can best be described by the concept that one Jew is responsible for all Jews, and our mutual task is *tikkun olam*, the healing of the world. Historically, the greatest portion of our allocated funds has gone to meet social service needs of Jews in Israel, the former Soviet Union, Europe and various other countries. This is accomplished by funding the Joint Distribution Committee (JDC) and the Jewish Agency for Israel (JAFI). Both of these entities are supported through our commitment to United Jewish Communities (UJC), the successor organization to United Jewish Appeal (UJA). The theme here is a simple one – saving lives.

In the past, the next largest allocation was made to the Arnstein Jewish Community Center. Since the KJF and AJCC merged in 2001 to create KJA, this allocation is no longer necessary. However, several local organizations still receive allocations. Recently, this list has included the UT Judaic Studies, Hadassah and the B'nai Brith Youth Organization. These allocations have typically emphasized education and leadership development within our local Jewish community.

The list of national organizations that we support as a community tends to be long. Some of the larger commitments in recent years have been to the American-Israel Chamber of Commerce, the Tennessee Holocaust Commission, and Jewish Children's Regional Services. In general, areas touched by these allocations have involved building Jewish identity and increasing Jewish education.

As you will see in the list of 2008 allocations to be printed in next month's issue, we are missing plenty of opportunities to advance Jewish life at home and abroad. We have a lesser commitment to Israel at a time it needs to be greater. At the same time, we are doing a better job of delivering Jewish programming and services in Knoxville than we ever have. Is the investment in Jewish life better spent in Beersheba, Bratislava, or Bearden? I'm not sure I have the definitive answer to this question, but I am always open for your input.

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Ha'Kol Means....

By Jeff Gubitz, Publisher

Well as you read the third edition of the *Ha'Kol*, those of us working on it think it is a good idea to tell you what the name of our new community publication means.

Like many Hebrew-to-English translations, *Ha'Kol* cannot be precisely translated. Our *Ha'Kol* is meant to convey the English equivalent of the word everything or all. *Ha-kol beseder* means “everything is ok.” This publication certainly speaks to that issue.

Ha Kol Ze Letova means “everything is for the best.” That term also describes the efforts that were made of nearly 23 months of meetings and reviews to reach the point we are today. After some research, I have also found that Hakol is a community in North Korea!

Unlike the proverbial giraffe or platypus, animals seemingly designed by committee, the committee that worked to bring you the *Ha'Kol* thoughtfully looked at a number of names before a consensus was reached to use the name *Ha'Kol* in its present form.

Everyone submitting articles to the *Ha'Kol*, the congregational editors who review content, and the KJA publication staff, work together to make this a community effort. As each organizational develops its own material, we are striving to be concise, meaningful, and non-duplicative. We have asked each of our correspondents to look at their own submissions and stretch to make them readable, informative, relevant and contemporary.

Most comments are very receptive to the current *Ha'Kol*. We have responded to some suggestions by changing the layout somewhat. Where possible, a story that is featured in more than one section has been combined as a Knoxville Happenings feature.

Some have stated that they do not wish to read what other organizations are doing. That is always the prerogative of you, the reader. That is why we created a table of contents to make that “search” easier. On the opposite, are those calls we receive telling us, “Wow, I did not know that was happening in the community.”

Each of us as a community participant has the capacity to reach and stretch beyond our normal feelings of comfort and levels of satisfaction.

Keep reading and keep watching as we get better, one issue at a time.

My Israeli Education

By Marc Forman, South-Doyle High School math teacher

(Editor's Note: Marc Forman joined teachers Jenifer Ohriner and Melissa Treece on a Knoxville-Israeli teacher exchange program sponsored by the KJA. They spent a week in Israel and will later host Israeli teachers here.)

I feel very fortunate to have had the opportunity to represent the Knoxville Jewish community in the P2K teacher exchange. I was able to spend two days at Pardes Hanna High School with Galit, an 8th grade biology teacher, then spent two days visiting other schools in the Hadera region.

Writing an article about how much I enjoyed my first visit to the State of Israel would be easy; however, I think the Jewish community would be that better served if I talked about what I found in the schools. Don't misunderstand, seeing the historical sights of Israel was a life-changing experience, and one that I will never forget. If you want to know more about those experiences, please read the article posted on the KJA website. For now, let me focus on the educational aspects of Israel.

Let me start by listing some of the more unique observations:

- 1) Most of the schools run on a six-day schedule. The typical school day is from 8:30 – 1:20, Sunday thru Friday. Teachers work a five-day week. Each school has a group of teachers that work the sixth day.
 - a) I like this idea. A shorter day means that students are not so mentally out of it at the end of the day.
 - b) Could this happen in the states? I doubt it! Living in a Christian world going to school on Sunday is out, and obviously going on Saturday would not work either.
- 2) Students call their teachers by first names.
 - a) Maybe this works to build a better working relationship, but I still think that there is a respect level needed by calling people in authority by their last names.
- 3) All the students had their books, pencils, and supplies.
 - a) This might have to do with the students owning their own textbooks.
 - b) Education appears to be a much higher priority in Israeli homes. Not that this is not true in the States, but it is more consistent in Israel.
- 4) The schools are much cleaner in Israel.
 - a) The exterior and interior of the schools is exquisite. The grounds are in very poor shape, but water is needed for farming, not nice looking yards.
 - b) I saw no graffiti in the schools; I think this credit goes to the students and their families taking ownership.
- 5) The bells play songs!
 - a) This was a big shock to me. But each time the bells rang they played a different song.
 - b) I like this. It makes going to class a celebration and not an alarm.

There were some disappointments. The schools lack supplies like computers, nice tables, chairs, and desks. But these are not the things that make you learn. A commitment to education is what helps one to learn and Israel has that commitment.

I would like to close by thanking the P2K Partnership for allowing me this opportunity. I hope that I will be able to travel back to my school in Israel, and spend more time discussing curriculum and pedagogy with the teachers in Israel. I also hope that the Knoxville community will be able to fully fund this program, as the other communities are able to do.



Melissa Treece, Jenifer Ohriner, and Marc Forman traveled to Israel to learn about Israeli education.

KJA Faculty Lecture Series Features Shefner

The KJA Institute for Jewish Studies presents the UT Jewish Faculty Lecture series. The sessions meet the fourth Monday February through April at the AJCC from 7:30-8:30 p.m. Please call 690-6343 to register.

- **March 23:** Jon Shefner, PhD, associate professor, Department of Sociology and director, Interdisciplinary Program in Global Studies, will present "Global Financial Crisis and the Turn to the Left in Latin America."



Jon Shefner

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March of Living Trip Life-Altering for Student

By Eric Eisen

This past summer, I received one of the greatest gifts a young Jew could ask for, a trip to Poland and Israel. Thanks to Temple Beth El and the Knoxville Jewish Alliance, I was able to attend the June 2008 International March of the Living program, sponsored by Taglit-Birthright Israel. The March of the Living program is an international program that brings Jewish teens and young adults from all over the world to Poland for a few days to observe sights from the Holocaust and then to Israel, to celebrate how far the Jewish people have come in our long history.

The first days of my journey were very tough, physically and emotionally. After arriving in New York and meeting 40 fellow travelers, we were off to Poland to see and learn about the horrible events that occurred during the Holocaust. Within those few days I saw many ghettos, concentration camps, and old synagogues that really made me think how lucky I was to be a part of such a strong Jewish community back in Knoxville. All I could think about was, "What if it was my parents and me that were being separated," or "What if it was my Jewish neighborhood that was destroyed?" I learned about, and saw many important things in Poland that truly engraved "We will never forget" into my head and I will remember that forever.

For Jews, part of never forgetting the Holocaust is being proud of who we are and how much our people have progressed over time. As I stepped off the airplane from Warsaw into Tel Aviv, I could not stop smiling even though I had not even kissed Israeli soil yet. I was just so excited to know that most of the people I was around were Jews, happy and proud Jews. The trip was planned in such a way that everyone was so emotionally drained from walking through Auschwitz, Majdanek, Birkenau, and the Warsaw Ghetto that we all were forced to embrace each other and become great friends within only a few days. So here I find myself walking through Israel with, for the first time in my life, 40 new Jewish friends. One could not ask for much more.

I spent the next week and a half in Israel. Israel is a very easy country to travel in, given that it is only 260 miles long from the North to the South. We began in the northern Golan Mountains, viewing and learning about many sites where the Israelis have fought some of their best battles. As we moved south, I was able to venture into the large cities such as Tel Aviv and Jerusalem, where I could really interact and learn about modern Israeli life. I must say that the falafel and shwarma from the street vendors beats any Vol burger and fries in Knoxville. My favorite part of the trip was the day that we went to Jerusalem. After hiking up Masada to watch the sunrise, our group visited the Old City of Jerusalem, where I was able to immerse myself in my religion. While visiting the Western Wall or the *Kotel*, I wore tefillin for the first time and prayed for quite a while. After being forced to leave because our tour bus was leaving, I could not keep the tears from rolling down my face for the rest of the day. Never had I felt more religious and more connected to all my ancestors that made our people who we are now.

Throughout the entire trip, I took many hikes and walking tours through the beautiful landscape of Israel. We floated in the Dead Sea, swam in the Sea of Galilee, and visited an amazing Israeli winery. The Israelis are so proud of their land and take very good care of it. I was also able to interact with many Israelis, especially the eight IDF soldiers who joined our group for the last few days of the tour. I was amazed to see how happy and proud all the Israelis were even when there is a constant military struggle in their country.

Once I arrived back to America, I was happy to be home, yet sad to leave a place that all Jews can honestly call home. I am very lucky to have gone with a free organization, Taglit-Birthright Israel, and I strongly recommend taking one of these journeys if you are age 18-26. I also encourage all others to try to make it to Israel one day. It may be an expensive trip to travel across the world, but you cannot put a price tag on the emotions and memories that you come home with. I can honestly say that I found my Jewish identity this summer, and will embrace it forever.

Upcoming Friendshipper Programs

Come have fun with us at these upcoming events!

- **Wednesday, March 11: Purim fun with Joyce and Charlene!** Purim is one of the most joyous and fun holidays on the Jewish calendar. Join Joyce Traugot and Charlene Gubitz as we celebrate Purim – and of course we will have hamentaschen. Catered lunch at \$8.00 per person; no charge for program alone. **Program location: Rothchilds, 8807 Kingston Pike.**
- **Friday, April 3: Maestro Lucas Richman will speak about the 2009-2010 season and the Knoxville Symphony music and wellness program.** The KSO String Quartet will perform representative selections. Catered lunch at \$8.00 per person; no charge for program alone. **Program location: Rothchilds, 8807 Kingston Pike.**
- **Wednesday, April 22: Joan Cronan, Director of Women's Athletics at the University of Tennessee. Joan Cronan** is currently in her 24th year as Women's Athletics Director at Tennessee. UT's successes in both the athletic and academic realms speak volumes to her decision-making and leadership ability, as demonstrated by her recent recognition by her peers at the National Association of Collegiate Women Athletics Administrators (NACWAA) with their 2005 Athletic Director of the Year award. Catered lunch at \$8.00 per person; no charge for program alone. **Program location: Rothchilds, 8807 Kingston Pike.**

Transportation available to all programs. Don't miss out!

Friendshipper Book Group

Meets the first Tuesday of each month at 1:30 p.m. at the AJCC.

Passover Goods Available

The management of Kroger's at Knox Plaza (Bearden area) says that dairy and perishable items for Passover will be available around March 21. Baked goods will be available around March 30.

KJA Sympathy

*The KJA board and staff express condolences to the family and friends of **Muriel Blatt Zuckerman.***

May her memory be for a blessing.

Jewish Family Services News

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

The Jewish Family Services Committee is growing! We welcomed our newest member, Elaine Dobbs, at our last committee meeting on January 12. We are thrilled that Elaine decided to join us and look forward to working with her. We hope that you will consider joining the JFS Committee as well. No matter what your specialties or interests are, we have a subcommittee that could use your help. Our next committee meeting is March 9 at 11:30 a.m. and we meet every other month. If you are interested in joining us, please call Jewish Family Services at (865) 690-6343 extension 18 or e-mail lberry@jewishknoxville.org.

Get Ready for the Summer of Fun 2009

If you didn't make it to the pool last summer you missed all the pool side improvements at the Arnstein Jewish Community Center. This winter we had our old filter system replaced with more energy efficient filters and the water will be an incredible summer experience.

The pool opens May 23, 2009. Contact the AJCC for information regarding pool parties and swim lessons. There will be several family and adult pool parties this summer.

The Smokin' Salmon's swim team won their league in 2004, 2005 and 2006. The swim team builds friendships, self esteem, strength and leadership. Coaches will work with swimmers during practices to ensure the swimmer is working at a level that both challenges and encourages. Join now.

A member of Greater Knoxville Area Interclub Swim Association (GKAISA), Smokin' Salmon's is open for girls and boys ages 5-18. Swimmers are divided into age group competition levels.

The AJCC Swim Team coaching staff always consists of experienced, highly motivated persons. Staff announcements will be made shortly.

Practice your game on one of our newly renovated four tennis courts.

Membership is open to all – so come and join us and get ready for the Summer of Fun 2009 summer at that AJCC!



Shorrlines

By Eleanor Shorr, Publications Committee

Yes, Rivka, there is a holiday called Purim and yes, Rivka, there are unusual little cookies that are called Hamantashen to celebrate the holiday; So now we will take the liberty of retelling the story of how Hamantashen got its name so it does not get lost in antiquity.

Purim is an unusual type holiday for Jews – unusual in that it is a very joyous holiday – and all of us know we are not known for very many really happy holidays with the exception of course for the birth of modern Israel as a sovereign nation. But with the defeat of Haman in the time of Esther, we celebrate with much happiness, with costumes and dancing and drinking and eating. (Always with eating – we know what is important to a really good celebration!) Which brings us to Hamantashen.

Hamantashen is the plural form of Hamantash and Esther, being a Jewish queen, didn't bake too much or too skillfully, and when she rolled out and baked this thing that had a funny shape and looked just awful, she called it "Haman's Tush" but with her southern Shushan drawl, it came out "Hamantash."

In pre-supermarket days, Jewish women baked the Hamantashen at home with flour and sugar and jelly filling into the three cornered dough. But then came Manischewitz of Cincinnati fame who packaged them and sold them at Krogers and Food City and for the food gourmets, at Fresh Market and they paid a lot of shekels for them but no one minded because the Shul, Temple and Chabad got five percent.

So, Rivka, as you read this you will realize you are being given the real truth on the story of Purim. In this time of downturned economy, and low, low returns on hard earned money, rejoice. You have learned the truth about a very favorite Jewish custom as we celebrate our deliverance from still another tyrant.

Welcome Dr. McIntyre

The Knoxville Jewish community is invited to a reception welcoming Knox County Schools Superintendent Dr. James McIntyre to the Knoxville Jewish community. The reception, sponsored by the Community Relations Committee (CRC), will be in the AJCC Adult Lounge, 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. on Monday, March 30. The AJCC is located at 6800 Deane Hill Drive.

The goal of the meeting is to introduce Dr. McIntyre to the greater Knoxville Jewish community. Coming from the Boston, Massachusetts area, he has an extensive background working with religious and ethnic diversity in the school system. It is important that he has the opportunity to understand the workings of the Knoxville Jewish community, meets our members and leadership, and that he can put a "face" on our community.

Light refreshments and beverages will be available. The reception is free and those wishing to attend this event should call and advise the office of their plans to attend by Thursday, March 26. Please e-mail mandrus@jewishknoxville.org or call 690-6343. Reservations are necessary.

Arnold Cohen is the CRC chair. Event chair is Marilyn Wohl.

Suzy Snoops

Got good news? Please share it with our community. E-mail to hakol@jewishknoxville.org, fax to 694-4861, or mail to *Ha Kol*, 6800 Deane Hill Drive, Knoxville, TN 37919. Photos are also welcome.

- The Knoxville Presidential Inauguration Celebration Committee hosted a Civil Rights Movement celebration on Presidential Inauguration Day, January 20, 2009 where 12 East Tennessee residents who were active in the movement were honored. **Arnold Cohen**, a local attorney who is KJA's Committee Relations Committee chairperson, and also serves as vice president and board member of The Race Relations Center of East Tennessee and the Beck Cultural Exchange Center was one of those honored.

Arnold Cohen

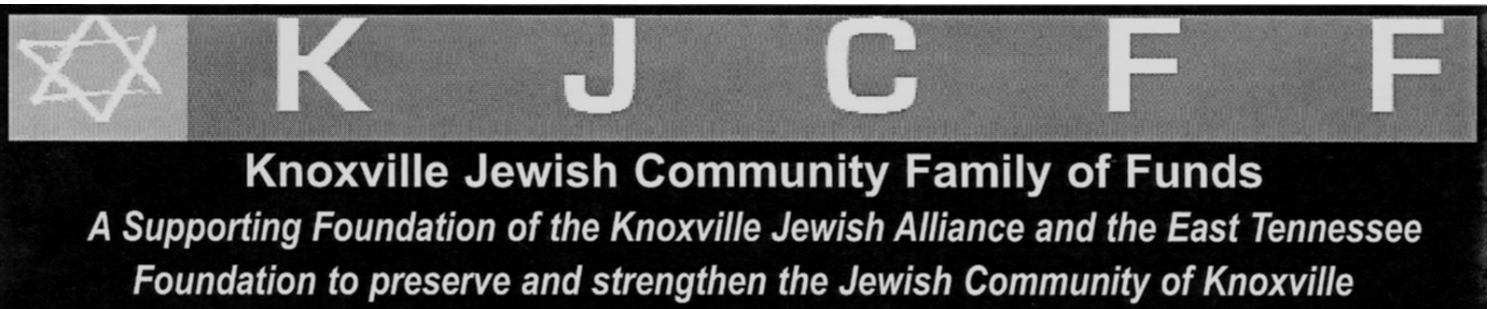


- Jon Shefner**, PhD, was honored as the University of Tennessee's QUEST scholar of the week. **Shefner**, an associate professor in sociology, has just published *The Illusion of Civil Society: Democratization and Community Mobilization in Low-Income Mexico* with the Pennsylvania State University Press. This book is the product of over 10 years of ethnographic sociological fieldwork in and engagement with a poor community in Guadalajara, Mexico, from 1994 to 2004. It is a sobering analysis of how democratization does not bring improved economic conditions to an actively mobilized segment of the poor. **Shefner** is also the director of UTK's Interdisciplinary Program in Global Studies, which has about 75 majors. The Scholar of the Week highlights the work of a faculty member at UT Knoxville who is doing outstanding work regardless of the field. Only one individual is honored each week.



- Jason Mesnick** is *The Bachelor's* first single dad and looking for love among the bevy of beauties vying for his attention. **Mesnick**, a 32-year-old account executive, lived in Knoxville until age 8 (circa 1980). His dad, **Dennis**, was a director of Knoxville's Jewish Federation. When the **Mesnicks** moved, they went to Seattle. He was runner-up on *The Bachelorette* last season. He has a 3-year-old son, **Ty**.

Jason Mesnick



Seth Roseman smiles while signing his B'nai Tzedek document. Seth joins 50 Knoxville youth, who are also B'nai Tzedek fundholders, on their way to becoming lifelong philanthropists. B'nai Tzedek fundholders are able to make grants to non-profits and support the needs of our local community and beyond.



Brietsteins sign documents for new KJCFF funds in memory of beloved family members.

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Heska Amuna Celebrates Purim with Festivities Galore

Monday Evening, March 9 ~ Purim Celebration

Immediately following religious school, the entire Heska Amuna family will join for a warm and groggery evening of food, fun and rejoicing as the Book of Esther is read. Our evening will begin at 6:00 p.m. with a dairy potluck meal. Please bring a vegetarian or dairy salad, dessert, or entrée for 6 – 8 people. Drinks and paper goods will be provided. The meal will be followed by a gala costume parade for all ages, Purim music sung by our religious school children, and of course a reading of the story of Queen Esther with groggers blazing. If you have any questions – contact the Synagogue Office at info@heskaamuna.org.



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Students Celebrate Tu B'Shevat



Heska Amuna Religious School hosted Temple Beth El Religious School kids for a joint 5769 Tu B'Shevat program. The day was filled with the special events including Tu B'shevat seders, art projects, text study sessions, a visit from Jewish National Fund's Ellen Rosenberg who spoke to teens and adults about environmental issues and Israel, and a visit from the Knoxville Zoo with reptiles, mammals, and birds! The program was made possible thanks to the generosity of the Rose Rosenthal Environmental Fund.

Jenny Pfeffer helps children plant seeds at a recent celebration of Tu B'Shevat, which was part of a Cooperative Learning Community program with Temple Beth El.

Continuing Education

Shabbat Afternoons

March 7, 14, 21, and 28

Following Kiddush
Torah Study with Rabbi Zivic

Sunday Mornings

March 8 and 29 at 9:00 a.m.

Talmud Study with Rabbi Zivic

Tuesday Mornings

March 10 and 24 at 10:30 a.m.

HAZAK with Rabbi Zivic at Atria
Weston Place on Middlebrook Pike

Harold's Deli @ Heska Amuna Returns

Join Us! Sunday, March 22 and Monday, March 23

Harold and Addie Shersky's K kosher Deli on Gay Street was a true Knoxville landmark. To honor and remember their contributions to our congregation, Heska Amuna will once again recreate Harold's K kosher Deli. As you can see from the list of events below, Harold's Deli will offer some old favorites as well as some new offerings.

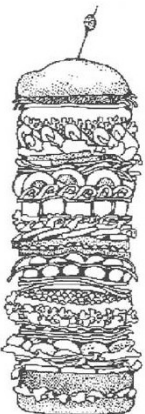
Sunday lunch will include many of the Harold's favorites – from matzo ball soup to a piled-high corned beef on rye. On Monday, a special **Take-Out/Delivery** menu will offer a selection of boxed lunches. Plan ahead! Organize lunch with your co-workers on Monday and let us do the driving! Monday delivery is free for orders over \$40.00 that are received by Monday, March 16. Call the office or go to <http://www.heskaamuna.org/> and click on the "Harold's Deli @ Heska Amuna" link to pre-order Sunday lunch, Monday delivery or make a bid at the "Harold's Silent Auction."

In addition to enjoying the Deli, organizers Susan Contente and Mary Ann Merrell have many opportunities for volunteers to help make Harold's Deli a success. Even if you only have an hour or two of time to spare, call Marian Jay at 522-0701 or e-mail to haroldsdeli2009@yahoo.com to join "TeamHarold."

Harold's Deli Delivery Order Form

Quantity	EACH LUNCH INCLUDES: <u>Sandwich, Potato Chips,</u> <u>Brownie</u> (and, a Pickle, of course) - \$10 each	<i>Return this form to the office, call 522-0701, or email to haroldsdeli2009@yahoo.com</i>
	CORNEB BEEF ON RYE	Name:
	PASTRAMI ON RYE	Phone:
	SALAMI ON KAISER ROLL	Email:
	TURKEY ON KAISER ROLL	Delivery Address:
	DRINKS \$1.00 Dr. Brown's Cream Soda (regular or diet), Dr. Brown's Diet Black Cherry	Delivery Time Requested:
	DRINKS \$1.00 Coke, Diet Coke, Sprite, Water	
Bulk Items – Available Sunday, March 22 and Monday, March 23		
	Rye Bread – Sliced, 1.5 Pound Loaf (\$5 per loaf)	
	Corned Beef – First Cut; Sliced (\$15 per pound)	
	Corned Beef – Second Cut; Sliced (\$10 per pound)	
	Black Pastrami – First Cut; Sliced (\$15 per pound)	
	Salami – Sliced (\$10 per pound)	
	Turkey Breast – Sliced (\$10 per pound)	
	TOTAL	Do NOT include billing information on this form.

Orders Must be Received by Monday, March 16

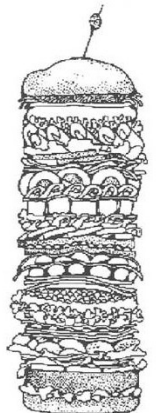


Enjoy Harold's Deli @ Heska Amuna!

First Time Ever! Delivery Day!
Let us deliver your lunch on Monday, March 23rd!!
 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

**Take-Out and Delivery Orders Must Be Received by
 Monday, March 16th.**
 (\$40 minimum order required for Delivery)

**Take-Out available: Sunday, March 22 & Monday, March 23, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. at
 Heska Amuna Synagogue, 3811 Kingston Pike
 (Don't Forget: We also offer Eat-in Lunch on Sunday 11- 3)**



From the Rabbi's Desk

By Rabbi Louis Zivic, D.D.

Dear Friends,

Soon the Feast of Purim will be here. We will have the opportunity to celebrate and to learn about events the author of *Megillat Esther* details for us.

While *Esther* might be the *megillah* most of us know about, there are also four other *megillot* (scrolls) in the *Tanakh*. They are: *Shir HaShirim* (Songs of Songs), *Rut* (Ruth), *Eychah* (Lamentations), and *Kohelet* (Ecclesiastes). Each of these scrolls is read at the time of a holiday. Song of Songs is read on Pesach, Ruth on Shavuot, Lamentations on Tisha B'Av and Ecclesiastes on Sukkot. Each has a theme related to the holiday; Song of Songs, the love God has for the people Israel; Ruth because it takes place at the time of the harvest; Lamentations bewails the destruction of Jerusalem in 586 BCE; and Ecclesiastes can be seen as an early winter elegy. Only Esther tells the story of the event the story celebrates.

Esther is also the only *megillah* without the name of God in it. There are no scenes of any of the Jews or for that matter, Persians, praying. Their salvation from death at the hands of Haman comes not because of divine intervention but because the Persian Jews took up arms, defended themselves against their enemies and were victorious. One of the ideas that we get from the story of Esther is God helps those who help themselves.

Too often, in times of trouble we ask God for help but do nothing to help ourselves. Can God help us win the lottery of we don't buy a ticket? Of course, God can but should God if we are unwilling to take the smallest of steps to help ourselves. Our religion teaches that humans and God are partners in creation. As partners, we may support each other on our respective journeys, but we cannot complete the journey for the other. God and we each have our roles to play. If we do not do our part, God cannot save us. If we do not do our part, the world will not be perfected under the rule of God.

This year, as we boo Haman and cheer for Mordecai and Esther, let's remember to cheer for ourselves as well.

From the Chairman

By Ted Besmann

Jack Neely, who writes about Knoxville history in the weekly newspaper *Metropulse*, recently referred to a long time fixture on Gay Street in downtown Knoxville, Harold's Deli. Neely says he knows that people are reading his column because whenever he mentions Harold's he invariably gets mail about it. Harold and Addie Shersky are now gone from our community. Yet we at Heska Amuna have tried to keep Harold's Deli alive with our once-a-year "Harold's at Heska Amuna." This year it is scheduled for March 22, co-chaired by Mary Ann Merrell and Susan Contente. "Harold's" is the biggest project at Heska Amuna for the entire year, and it is also the largest fundraiser outside of the Yom Kippur appeal. This is also an opportunity to obtain income for Heska Amuna from individuals who are not members, and thus reduce the burden on our membership.

To be successful this year, "Harold's at Heska Amuna" will require volunteer efforts from all of us. First and foremost, we need to get the word out. Besides using the media in all possible ways, we need to have posters in shop windows and up on bulletin boards where people work. You need to tell your friends about it, and even get them to place

posters in their churches or where they work. We also will need to arrange for shuttle service, solicit silent auction items, order and store food and supplies, and the myriad of other details needed to make it happen. And of course we will need an army of volunteers just before and during the event to make sandwiches, serve food, and handle the auction. Sisterhood has volunteered its membership to help - and the Board of Trustees will be slinging slaw as well. We will need more still, and I am therefore asking for your support in any way you can help. Let Mary Ann and Susan know when you are available and what you can do. Harold's is a fun occasion that also remembers beloved past members and the institution they ran for so many years. Please join us in being part of that event.

Heska Amuna Board Minutes Summary – January 13, 2009

- Rabbi Zivic said the FBI provided an agent to investigate the vandalism at the synagogue.
- Eric Bank said that since Homeland Security does not provide funds for protection of a synagogue unless it is in a big city like Nashville or Memphis, that Heska Amuna, Temple Beth El, the KJA, as well as other religious institutions in Knoxville gather a petition to send to our congressman

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Permanent Schedule

Friday Night Services.....Varies
Saturday Morning Service.....9:30 a.m.
Mon. & Thurs. Minyanim.....7:00 a.m.

Evening minyanim can be arranged
by calling President Marty Iroff,
691-4420, one week beforehand

Sunday Minyan.....9:45 a.m.

For a list of Heska Amuna's funds and
other information, please go to our
website www.heskaamuna.org

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- requesting funding for security.
- The board passed a motion to provide \$3,000 to install plastic film on exterior glass doors and windows that will prevent them from being shattered.
- Susan Contente is currently getting estimates and looking for contributions to renovate the babysitting room.
- Mary Ann Merrell is requesting items for the silent auction on March 22 and 23 that is part of the fund raiser Harold's at Heska Amuna.

Heska Amuna Synagogue Religious School News

March 2009

Friday Evening, March 13 - 6:30 p.m.

A special service for families with students in grades 3 – 7 is our Junior Choir service which incorporates some of today's most popular melodies for Friday night as well as traditional favorites. The service is short and upbeat. We will provide a modest snack starting at 6:00 p.m. for folks who need a little nosh to tide them over until dinner. Please plan to come with your family. Everyone is always welcome.



Saturday Morning, March 28 at 10:15 a.m. - Junior Congregation

Junior Congregation is a participant-driven Shabbos morning service which captures the imagination of young people up through 7th grade. We will chant prayers from the morning liturgy, study Torah, and enjoy the service leaders of the future. After the service, we join the adults for a delicious Kiddush. All young people and the young-at-heart are invited.

Sunday Morning, March 29 - 10:00 a.m.– 12:30 p.m. Fourth Cooperative Learning Curriculum Day

Thanks to the generosity of the Rosen Family, Heska Amuna is again able to host the youth of our community for a day of cooperative learning and fellowship. This program is for all students in grades PreK – 7. This program allows us to bring in educational interns from the Institute or Southern Jewish Life to work with local educators to create hands-on learning programs on a variety of subjects. The topic for the March CLC program is *Shalom Bayit: Getting Along with Our Family, Our Friends, and Our Neighbors*. Parents are asked to drop-off their children at Heska Amuna starting at 9:45 a.m. The program will begin promptly at 10:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary of the Six Million. If you are not currently enrolled at TBE or HARS, don't be shy! Give us a call and pre-enroll for this program – we welcome guests on this special day. For information, contact EdDirector@Heskaamuna.org.



Heska Amuna Religious School's First Cooperative Learning Day

Staff and children enjoy the very best in Jewish education at a CLC program. Students listen attentively as Michelle Cohen, a Heska Amuna teacher, shares a book about the value of telling the truth and not spreading gossip. The staff enjoyed spending the day with children from the Jewish Congregation of Oak Ridge, Temple Beth El and Heska Amuna participating in art, games, stories, and fun. The next CLC day will be at Heska Amuna on March 29 starting at 10:00 a.m. For details, contact Morah Chaya at 522-0701.

Winick Library Book Nook

By Marilyn Liberman

One of the strengths of Heska Amuna's Winick Library is the book donations by our members. Nancy Young donated *With Strength and Splendor* by Lisa Kogen. This book highlights extraordinary North American Jewish women from the past two centuries. The book reflects how Jewish women disassembled old gender roles, shattered boundaries, and expanded the options for further generations. The collection not only honors exemplary Jewish women, but it also serves to encourage and inspire young Jewish women fighting similar and disparate battles every day.



Heska Amuna Religious School kids gather around food donated as the admission fee to this year's family Hanukkah event. Learning about feeding the hungry is part of this the HARS Mitzvah Program.

Credit Card Option Makes Payments Simple

We accept credit cards for payment and you have the option of paying your balance partially or in full or setting up an "auto pay" which would charge your credit card monthly over the next 12 months. If you wish to make a payment by credit card, please complete the "Credit Card Information" box on your statement and indicate the amount you are paying next to the account and make a note if you wish the 1-time pay or the auto-pay setup. Tear off the bottom portion and return in the enclosed envelope. All credit card information will be kept confidential. If you are making a payment by check, please indicate the amount you are paying next to the account, tear off the bottom portion and return in the enclosed envelope.

Sponsor a Kiddush – It's So Easy

All kiddushim are deliciously prepared by Marilyn Burnett. Call Gene Rosenberg at 693-3162 for more information and to reserve a date. We thank the following people for sponsoring Kiddushim in January – Heska Amuna Sisterhood in honor of the Sisterhood Torah Fund Shabbat. In February: Ken Levine in honor of his daughter Peri Sophia's naming; Wendy and Ted Besmann in honor of their family birthdays; Knoxville Jewish Alliance in honor of the KJA Shabbat.

Among Our Members

- Get well wishes go out to the following people who were ill, in the hospital, or in rehabilitation during the past month: **Josh Gettinger, Betty Himes, Shirley Leeds, Seth Roseman, Rose Rosenthal, Toby Schwartz and Melissa Schweitzer.**
- Mazal Tov to the following members and their families: **Ken Levine** on the birth of his daughter, **Peri Sophia Levine**; **Siri Khalsa-Zemel** and **Michael Zemel** on the birth of grandson, **Samuel James Sparks**, son of **Abby** and **Jason Sparks.**
- Todah Rabah to **Ethel Wittenberg** and **Marilyn Burnett** who both helped out in the Synagogue office last month. We appreciate your time and the effort on behalf of the Shul.

Federal law keeps us from knowing who is in the hospital. Therefore, if you or a loved one is hospitalized, please let us know so we can place you on our Misheberach list.

Crave Kosher Items? Order from Heska Amuna

LEAN CORNED BEEF
\$15.00 per pound

PASTRAMI
\$10.00 per pound

DELI TURKEY
\$9.00 per pound

SALAMI
\$15.00 per 2 lb. stick

STUFFED CABBAGE
14.50 per box

BRISKET
whole & uncooked; current market price

DINNER FRANKS
\$5.50 for package of 4

TURKEY DOGS
\$2.00 for package of 8

NEW YORK RYE
6.00 per loaf

OTHER ITEMS AVAILABLE

SEVEN LAYER PAREVE CHOCOLATE CAKE
\$20.00

5 POUND TUBS OF WHITEFISH SALAD
\$35.00 per tub
(share with friends or buy it alone!)

HUMMUS
\$25.00 per tub

BABA GHANOUSH
\$25.00 per tub

If interested, please call Marilyn Burnett at 922-2626 or shbmhb@aol.com.

Sympathy

Condolences go out to the following members and their families: Martha and Marty Iroff on the loss of Martha's grandmother, Gladys Johnson; Alexandra Rosen and Kim and Stephen Rosen on the passing of mother-in-law and grandmother, Esther Rosen. May their memories be a blessing.

Support Heska Amuna and Temple Beth El Buy Grocery Store Certificates

Everyone has to eat, so you can help your temple or synagogue raise funds without increasing your monthly expenses. Purchase grocery certificates and a percentage will go to your local organization. Simply complete the form and mail it or call a representative to learn more.

Name _____ Phone _____
Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Kroger	\$10 _____	\$25 _____	\$50 _____	\$100 _____	Total	\$ _____
Fresh Market		\$25 _____	\$50 _____	\$100 _____	Total	\$ _____
Food City		\$25 _____	\$50 _____	\$100 _____	Total	\$ _____

Total Order Amount: _____

Heska Amuna Sisterhood and Synagogue Members:

Please complete the form, mail your check payable to Heska Amuna Sisterhood and send to either Marilyn Liberman, 7932 Corteland Drive, 37909 or Gene Rosenberg, 717 E. Meadecrest Drive, 37923.

Temple Beth El Members:

Temple Beth El, P.O. Box 10325, Knoxville, TN 37939-0325. Gift Cards can also be obtained in person from the Temple Office or any of the following individuals: Patti Austin 483-3049; Ruth Sherrill 690-5015; Evan Sturm 584-0429.

CONTRIBUTIONS FROM CARING PEOPLE

FOR A LIST OF SYNAGOGUE FUNDS PLEASE CHECK OUR WEBSITE AT WWW.HESKAAMUNA.ORG

BRADLEY STURM MEMORIAL FUND

For Bonnie Barsky's yarzheit

By: Shirley Leeds

BUILDING FUND

For Joseph Billig's yarzheit

By: Suzi and Jerry Candy

GERTRUDE GLAZER COHEN AND I.B. COHEN ENDOWMENT FUND

In honor of Arnold Cohen receiving the race relations award

By: Barbara and Bernie Bernstein

GENERAL FUND

In memory of Sylvia Greenberg

By: Reed Maidenberg

A general donation to the fund

By: Suzi and Jerry Candy, Judy and Jerry Zivic

In support of Heska Amuna on the vandalism

By: Holy Cross Angelican Church

In honor of the birth of Peri Sophia Levine

By: Wendy and Ted Besmann

For Joseph Richer's yarzheit

By: Peggy and Gale Hedrick

In memory of Bernard Simon

By: Shelley and Jeff Hecht

For Yizkor

By: Arnold Tew

HESKA AMUNA RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

Happy Chanukah to Mark Littmann

By: Aaron Chasan

In memory of Charlotte and Julian Kalotkin, Hilda Kalotkin and Sandra Levinston

By: Anne Ehrenshaft

PRAYERBOOK FUND

Get well wishes to Josh Gettinger

By: Rosalie and Stephen Nagler

In memory of Bernard Simon

By: Judi and Martin Abrams

RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

For Isadore Kleg's yarzheit

By: Evelyn and Steve Oberman

A general donation to the fund

By: Evan and Jenifer Ohriner

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL FINANCIAL AID FUND

For Selma Vogel's yarzheit

By: Nancy and Jeff Becker

SISTERHOOD TORAH FUND

In honor of Sisterhood Torah Fund Shabbat

By: Rodney Peron

WINICK LIBRARY FUND

Get well wishes to Josh Gettinger and Shirley Leeds

By: Barbara and Bernie Bernstein

In honor of Rabbi Zivic and Chaya Silver-Alford

By: Lynn and Scott Dryzer

Get well wishes to Josh Gettinger

By: Rabbi Louis Zivic

In honor of Tamar Ribak-Gil's Bat Mitzvah

By: Barbara and Bernie Bernstein

For Charles O'Brien's yarzheit

By: Heather O'Brien

In memory of Bernard Simon

By: Scott Hahn, Susan and Tommy Hahn, Marilyn and Harvey Liberman, Pat and Gene Rosenberg

YARZHEIT FUND

Jacob Goodstein

By: Barbara Rubin

Maurice Lieberman

By: Marilyn and Harvey Liberman

William Shaw

By: Genevieve Kramer

Delia Skalet

By: Priscilla and Victor Skalet

Harry Tobe

By: Selma Tobe

Join us for a Seder!

"Let all who are hungry, come and eat." Heska Amuna Synagogue invites the community to a Seder for the second night of Passover, Thursday, April 9, 2009 at 7:15 p.m. A traditional meal will be served and a vegetable meal will be available. Please indicate that preference when making reservation which must be made and paid for by Monday, March 9th. ALL ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND! The price is \$25.00 for adults; \$12.50 for children 6-12 years of age; \$6.00 for children under 6. If reservations are made for enough children, childcare can be arranged. Come celebrate Pesach with your congregational friends and family at the Synagogue.



Help Update Our
Mailing List!
Away? Moving?
Leaving Soon?
Let us know!!

Israeli Bond Ratings Strong

In late January, Standard & Poor's Ratings Services said it had affirmed its 'A/A-1' foreign currency and 'AA-/A-1+' local currency sovereign credit ratings on the State of Israel. The outlook is stable, and the Transfer & Convertibility assessment remains 'AA'.

"The rating affirmation reflects the government's commitment to continued fiscal discipline and the resilience of the Israeli economy after five years of strong GDP growth at over 5 percent, notwithstanding a tense political and fiscal environment," Standard & Poor's credit analyst Veronique Paillat-Chayrigues said. "We do not expect the conflict with Hamas in Gaza to have significantly damaged the sovereign's creditworthiness. However, it will contribute to the increase in Israel's fiscal deficit in 2009 and 2010, as will an exceptional stimulus package and a reduced tax take as a result of continued deterioration of the external economic environment and lower domestic demand.

We forecast the general government deficit to swell to 6 percent of GDP in 2009 and 3 percent in 2010. Consequently, we expect debt to temporarily increase by around 4.5 percent of GDP to 82 percent of GDP this year (compared with almost 28 percent of GDP expected in 2009 for the 'A' median), before trending back to below 80 percent of GDP by 2011.

Despite the expected expenditure increases and revenue shortfalls, we believe debt reduction will remain a top priority of the new government, whatever the outcome of the upcoming general elections. Despite our expectation that any future ruling coalition will remain fragmented, we expect that the 2009 budget will be passed as a priority.

Israel's export-driven economy is strongly linked to the U.S. and EU, and we therefore expect growth prospects to deteriorate compared to previous years, with GDP growth of 1.4 percent and 3.6 percent forecast for 2009 and 2010. We believe Israel has an economy free of major imbalances and expect the current account surplus to remain broadly balanced from 2009 onward. We do not, therefore, expect Israel to face significant or sustained difficulties in securing external financing.

Unlike its similarly rated peers, we expect Israel to make use of its additional borrowing flexibility due to a loan guarantee program with the U.S. and the Israel Bonds Corporations, which in times of geopolitical tension has mobilized savings from the Jewish overseas community.

In our view, the geopolitical risks in the region have been heightened because of the conflict between Israel and Hamas. However, we do not expect that this conflict will significantly affect Israel's economy beyond the short term.

"The stable outlook reflects our opinion that Israel's strong consensus in favor of reducing the public debt burden will remain intact following the election," Ms. Paillat-Chayrigues said. "As the global environment has taken a decisive turn for the worse, we now believe that the debt consolidation process is likely to take longer than hitherto expected."

MITZVAHS

Rosenberg to Celebrate Simcha

On March 28, 2009, Jessica "Jessie" Rosenberg will celebrate her bat mitzvah at Temple Beth El. Please join Jessie, her family, and guests from as far as New York, Philadelphia, Florida and California as she continues the time-honored tradition of this special Simcha.

Jessie is a seventh grade student at the Webb School of Knoxville and has attended the Temple Beth El Religious School for the past three years. Known by her Native American nickname "Walks Like Thunder," Jessie is an avid equestrian and cellist. On most afternoons and weekends, Jessie can be found caring for and jumping her horse, A.J., at Noah's Ark Farm in Lenoir City.

As her Mitzvah project, Jessie is an active volunteer at the Boys and Girl's Club of Knoxville where she tutors kids in all academic subjects, and Star Therapeutic Riding Academy assisting special needs children with horse-related activities.

As you can imagine, Jessie has been working very hard to make this special day a memorable one. We hope to see everyone there!



Silver-Alford to Celebrate Bat Mitzvah

On Saturday morning, March 7, Shabbat Zachor, (the Sabbath before Purim), Lillian Freya Silver-Alford, daughter of Terry and Chaya Silver-Alford, sister of Emma and Max, and granddaughter of Fran Silver, will be called to the Torah as a bat mitzvah. Lilly is a sixth grade honor student at Cedar Bluff Middle School where she plays on the Lady Giants basketball team. Lilly enjoys all sports and was an active ice hockey player for several years. Being the youngest of three children, Lilly is both excited and relieved to finally have her chance to lead services for the community. The service will begin at 9:30 a.m. and will be followed by a festive Kiddush lunch given in Lilly's honor. The entire community is invited to share this wonderful day with the Silver-Alford family.

Mazel Tov!

Heska Amuna Synagogue

Happy Anniversary!

Amy and David Hull
Tamar and Marc Margolis
Susan and Marc Forman
Sally and Jeff Baerman
Marilyn and Isadore Abrams
Jill and Doug Weinstein

All members whose birthday or anniversary occurs in March are invited to receive a blessing at kiddush on Shabbat morning, March 1.

Happy Birthday!

◆ Anita Merlin ◆ Manny Herz ◆ Bryan Merrell
◆ Alan Merlin ◆ Charlene Gubitz ◆ Arnold Schwarzbart
◆ Arnold Tew ◆ Muriel Levin ◆ Gene Rosenberg
◆ Shirley Leeds ◆ Selma Tobe ◆ Ricky Caplan
◆ Charlotte Slovis-Cooper ◆ Bruce Pearl ◆ Sharon Toedte ◆ Ivan Cooper
◆ Judith Bocknek ◆ Sharon Poore ◆ Richard Good ◆ Judith Rosenberg
◆ Mindy Goldberg ◆ Phyllis Brownstein ◆ Larry Leibowitz ◆ Andy Singer



TEMPLE BETH EL

Happy Birthday!

◆ Robert Kronick ◆ Robert Pollack ◆ Leona Spritz ◆ Ivan Brody ◆ Moema Furtado
◆ Heather Sandberg ◆ Noah Erwin ◆ Keith Derrington ◆ Mark Frankel ◆ Elizabeth Austin
◆ Richard Licht ◆ Bruce Bursten ◆ Michelle Safro ◆ Murray Weinstein ◆ Rachel Weiss
◆ Charlene Gubitz ◆ Spencer Roth ◆ Jan Elston ◆ Henry Fribourg ◆ Maria Shusterman
◆ Zackary Snow ◆ Stuart Elston ◆ Jay Frankel ◆ Maurice Greif ◆ Amy Rosenberg
◆ Arthur Schwartz ◆ Sherry Schoenfeld ◆ Theresa Haberman ◆ Monty Lewis ◆ Peter Branton
◆ Charolette Evans ◆ Michelle Gaddis ◆ Travis Hancock ◆ Kaye Goodfriend ◆ Lori Roth
◆ Sylvia Miller ◆ Elizabeth Noon ◆ Allan Gerson ◆ Gabrielle Goodfriend ◆ Daniel Hookman
◆ Gregory Stein ◆ Julese Cepero ◆ Matthew Lauer ◆ Frances Brody ◆ Nancy Altshuler
◆ Brian Hancock ◆ Jessica Rosenberg ◆ Mark Barkan ◆ Allan Schoenfeld ◆ Ryan Gibbons

Happy Anniversary!

Julese & Ralph Cepero
Jeff & Lorie Hirsh
Ilya & Bella Safro
Joshua & Heather Chrusciel
Mark & Irina Abrams
Tom & Charolette Evans



Jazz Artist Releases Jewish CD

Herbie Hancock's *Hear O Israel* is an almost totally unknown album from 1968 that was released on a tiny independent label run by a New York Jewish organization that ran only a few hundred copies. That it has remained obscure until now is surprising given the outstanding quality of the music and an all-star line-up led by none other than the great Herbie Hancock, alongside a host of other top-flight New York jazz musicians including Grady Tate, Ron Carter, and Thad Jones.

The rediscovery of a long-lost classic-era album featuring all these great players would be reason enough to celebrate, but it's even more exciting than that, because this album combines deep modal jazz with Middle-Eastern-sounding Hebrew religious singing and even a narration from a rabbi on a couple of tracks.

Hancock was at the height of his powers in 1968 and was searching for new directions in which to take his and this album represents a pinnacle of 1960s deep jazz experimentation. To learn about its rediscovery, visit <http://www.trunkrecords.com/turntable/hearoisrael.shtml>.

Hear,
O Israel

A Prayer
Ceremony
in Jazz

Herbie Hancock
Thad Jones
Ron Carter
Jerome Richardson
Grady Tate
Jonathan Klein



YARZHEITS

TEMPLE BETH EL

March 6

Jacob Chotiner
Herman Werner
Faisel Schuck
Arthur Shor
Morris Bart
Robert Loebel
Harry Marshall
David S. Striner
Martin Andrew Koplan
Murray Steinfeld
Stewart Crosier
Sylvia Kessler Robinson
Sonia Gurin
Ginda Katz
Rosa Kern
Marjorie Freedman

March 13

Leonard D Licht
William Brody
Julia Markman
Anna Wallace Rosenbloom
Lana Schaefer
Jacob Katz
David Miller
Morris Friedman
Anna Kolodkin Bush
Jessica H. Rosenthal

March 20

Amy Bleier
Germaine Kern
Fe Dolar Serrato
Bill Ray Treece
Alice Willis
Sarah S. Steinberg
Augustine Bressler
Carl Kaplan
Fred Marx
Elva Wells
Bertha Goldberger
Lester Popkin
Henry Goldberg

March 27

Hyman Markowitz
Leon Potter
Isaac Bressler
Yetta F. Manis Speert
Paul Davis Friedman
Nannette Hope Hyatt
Lillian Richer
Theresa Greif
Pauline Silverman
Jason Alan Treece
Alexander Traugot

Heska Amuna Synagogue

March 7

Paula Rader
Ruben Robinson
Sarah Abrams
Nathan Samet
Lillian Ellin
Herman Linke
Rose Rosen
Sol Foster
Ray Nathan
Aaron Wise
Samuel Fayonsky
Edna Hirschhaut
Edwin Markoff
Herman Werner
Mayer Zucker
John Abrams
Helen Cooper
Mary Ginsburg
Annie Green
Barney Schiff
Elsie Shorr

March 14

Sarah Berry
Lucille Bruskin
Rudolph Deitch
Debby Freeman
Pearl Goodstein
Elsie Rattner
Ruth Kaplan
Mary Katz
Louis Klinkowstein
Ida Nius
Leah Wise
Pauline Botnick
Bessie Greenbaum
Esther Kisilinsky
Bessie Liberman
Rae Weisberg
Arthur Zivic
Max Burnett
Daniel Goldberg
Albert Goodstein
Morris Rattner
Louis Rosen
Sam Rosenblatt
Esther Strauss
Leah Herz
David Leibowitz
Yetta Nadler
Oscar Pfeffer

March 14

Dora Green
Norma Herz
Dorothy Rothman

March 21

Irving Bayer
Donald Brown
Samuel Jacobs
Max Rubenstein
Lazar Schwartz
Isaac Slovis
Eli Yatsko
Sarah Zwick-Daum
Meyer Cohen
Paul Kanfer
Bernard Kronenberg
Joslyn Presser
Rebecca Reznick
Sarah Robinson
Jacob Winick
Monte Kaplan
Caroline Nadler
Caroline Schwartz
Sally Brownstein
Lillian Cantor
Pearl Meyers
Theodore Nius

March 28

Morris Bart
Gordon Brown
Mary Brown
Ida Finestone
Harold Leibowitz
Margaruite Mandell
Lillian Richer
Joseph Imbrey
Mazeltov Benhayon
Matilda Davis
Jacob Katz
Casper Perelman
Max Weinstein
Philip Baggish
Sam Chandler
David Renert
Esther Thompson
Lillian Weinbren
Jack Rosenberg
Miles Siegel

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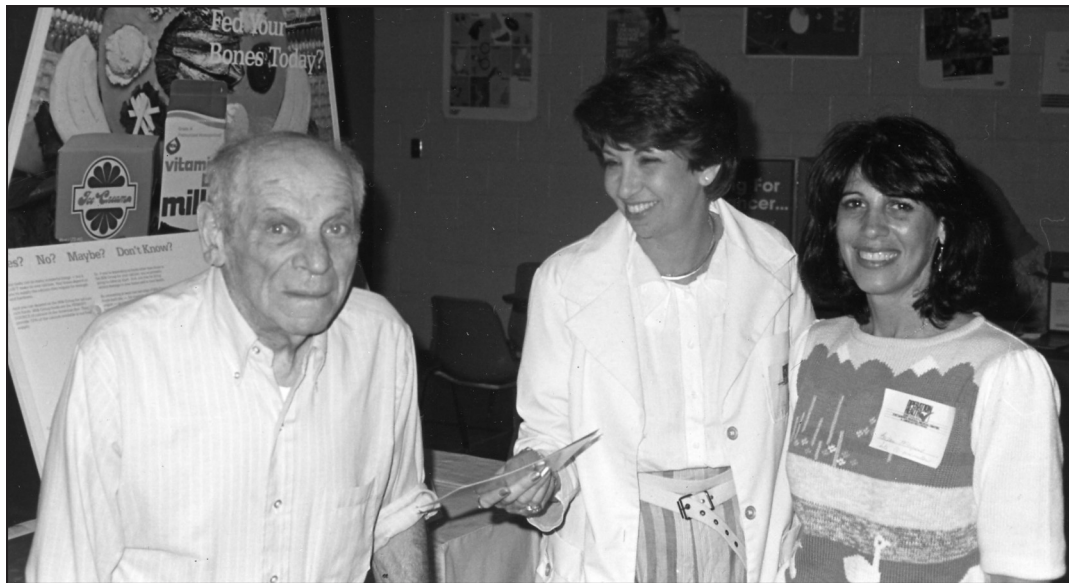
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