



# Ha' Kol

COMMUNITY NEWS FROM THE KJA, HESKA AMUNA & TEMPLE BETH EL

## Heska Amuna's Hanukkah Potluck Celebration 5774 Edition!

**Wednesday, December 4, 5:30 p.m.**

*Latkes will be provided by Heska Amuna Synagogue.*

**Cost:** One \$18.00-or-under gender-neutral wrapped gift to be swapped. The more interesting the wrapping, the better!

### Events include:

- Michael Messing's Magic and Illusions
- Kids Korner – Arts and Crafts for everyone!
- Hanukkah-Themed Face Painting
- Cookie Decorating Game
- Hanukkah Gift Swap

### Pot Luck Assignments (By first letter of LAST NAME)

- A-D** - Some type of salad; **E-H** - Latkes condiments/Jelly donuts; **I-N** – Beverages; **O-S** – Pasta dish;
- T-Z** – Dessert

**Don't miss the Fun! R.S.V.P. today by e-mailing [admin@heskaamuna.org](mailto:admin@heskaamuna.org) or calling (865) 522-0701.**



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## Please Join Us for Heska Amuna Sisterhood's Forty-Fifth Annual Torah Fund and Shabbaton

**Saturday, January 11, 9:30 a.m.**

**Shabbat Services with Featured Guest: Barbara Ezring**

Barbara Ezring, an educator by profession, has travelled extensively in Israel and will share her first-hand knowledge of Torah Fund, the Conservative/Masorti movement, Women's League, and the Israeli Tali education system.

**The entire community is invited to Kiddush Luncheon following services.**

### Havdallah & Vegetarian/Dairy Potluck Dinner 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Program: *Women's League Wellness and Learning—Resilience and Healing*

Presented by Barbara Ezring and Barb Levin in the Rosen Social Hall

**RSVP by January 6, 2014 to 693-5757 or [anitakay@knology.net](mailto:anitakay@knology.net).**

**Sunday Brunch: January 12, 10 a.m.**

Program: *Mishpachah, the Modern Jewish Family* with Barbara Ezring

Hosted by Peggy Littmann, 6911 Haverhill Drive in West Hills

**RSVP by January 6, 2014 to 588-6661 or [plittmann@comcast.net](mailto:plittmann@comcast.net).**



## Perils of Empathy

By Rabbi Alon Ferency

In 2005, “Americans were riveted by the fate of Natalee Holloway, the teen-ager who went missing in Aruba, [even as] the story of her plight took up far more television time than the concurrent genocide in Darfur.” (Paul Bloom, *The New Yorker*, 5/20/13) Such misaligned values led Nicolas Kristof to suggest that what Darfur really needed was a photogenic “suffering puppy with big eyes and floppy ears.”

I feel the same frustration in the Jewish discussion of ethics. Our tradition prizes solidarity, fellow feeling, and empathy (from the German *Einfühlung*, “feeling into”), repeatedly avowing concern for the most vulnerable segments of society: the immigrant, the orphan, and the widow. (Each person of the triad symbolizes a class with sparse legal and economic protections.) Such concern is later amplified by our sages, most outstandingly in the renowned saying of Rabbi Akiva “This is a great principle in the Torah: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself’ (Lev. 19:18), for one should not say that since I have been shamed, let my fellow person be shamed with me, [nor that] since I have been disgraced, let my fellow person be disgraced with me.” (Genesis Rabbah 24:7). Furthermore, in various *Mishnah* and *Midrash*, God’s compassion is adduced to show that we, too, ought to be compassionate. Today, this promotion of the empathetic personal response to others’ suffering is echoed in President Barack Obama’s advice “to broaden your ambit of concern.”

Yet empathy proves to be a surprisingly faulty gauge for policy. For instance, Deuteronomy insists “There will be no poor among you!” (Deut. 15:4), and its solution appears quite empathetic: septennial debt remission (*shemittah*). Nonetheless, by retroactively canceling debts, *shemittah* may deter creditors from entering into lending relationships. In the end, if creditors stop lending to the poor, prospective borrowers and the poorest citizens will suffer most. This is far from the only case in which the empathetic answer is, in fact, the wrong answer. To wit, in many cases such as local farmers’ markets or fair-trade coffee, what purports to be an empathetic choice has greatly undesirable consequences; for example, depressing prices, increasing energy inputs, or reducing diversity of production.

Put simply, the problem with empathy is that it is most often “parochial, narrow-minded, and innumerate.” Empathy is only amenable to what can be experienced, seen, or at least felt; it does not respond to issues with no affective component. That is, we are transfixed by the baby in the well, but indifferent to standards that promote well safety. This opens a yawning gap between good intentions and their results, which are often as not counter-intuitive, negligible, or even counter-productive. Ultimately, empathy may spur us to take action, but in order to be effective and not merely affective, our actions must also be shaped by a host of other values, “like prudence, reason, fairness, self-control, norms and taboos, and conceptions of human rights.”

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### Heska Amuna Synagogue’s Mission Statement

Heska Amuna Synagogue is a sacred home, animated by Jewish tradition:

- ◆ Finding purpose through reflection (*Cheshbon HaNefesh*);
- ◆ Healing lives through service (*Chesed*); and
- ◆ Celebrating God with awe and joy (*Yirat Shamayim*).



## From The President

By Jenifer Ohriner

December has always been a time for relaxation for me. When I was working, I would watch my Christian colleagues go nuts with their holiday preparations, and remind them that I had the same hectic season, only a few months earlier (as in the High Holy Days). My thoughts of resolutions, always seemed to come more easily around the secular New Year as well.

Now that I am retired and focused, as president, on the New Year, some of that has changed. I have realized the benefits of taking serious assessment of my life during "our" holiday season, even if it was too early this year. Now that I have three grandsons, I can get excited all over again about the rituals of lighting candles and taking pleasure in the customs of the Chanukah season.

We'll be continuing our "Guess Who's Coming to Shabbas? dinner" program on January 10. Please let Bradley in the office know to put you on the list to be invited to someone's Shabbat dinner. Or, take a deep, daring breath, and volunteer to host a Shabbat dinner! I promise you will have fun!

We are going to have some wonderful programs planned for everyone for the winter holiday season. Do you want to explore your creative juices? Come to the Painting and Potluck planned for December 1. Want to watch children enjoying being Jewish? Come to the Hanukkah Celebration being planned by our Religious School leader Betty and her merry band of teachers and parents on December 4!

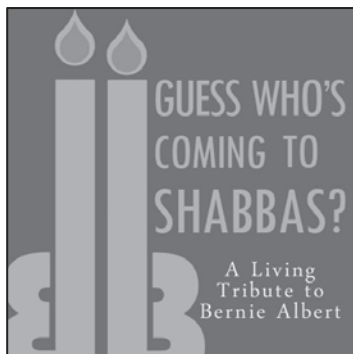
Can't find anything appealing? Talk to me! Help us come up with programming that will satisfy your needs at Heska Amuna Synagogue.

## Guess Who's Coming to Shabbas?

Did you miss November's Guess Who's Coming to Shabbas event? Don't worry. You can host or attend a

Shabbas dinner on **January 3, 2014**. We are now taking R.S.V.P.s for hosts and those who would like to attend a Shabbas dinner at someone's home.

For more information or to R.S.V.P., call (865) 522-0701 or e-mail [admin@heskaamuna.org](mailto:admin@heskaamuna.org).



## From the Chair of the Board

By Barry Allen

Depending on the exact date of delivery of this month's *Ha'Kol*, we may still be celebrating Chanukah, or the holiday will have just ended. In either case, I hope that you and your family have enjoyed this Festival of Lights and Freedom.

Some years ago, a friend and rabbi was contemplating making Aliyah. He noted that one consideration in his thinking was that he found the last three months of the secular year very discomfiting, with its commercialization and 24x7 emphasis on one holiday. He knew that living in Israel would significantly change how he viewed and experienced this part of the year.

I agreed with the rabbi's unease then and now, and I have no doubt that we are not unique among those of you reading this article. At least some of us have trouble understanding how one holiday can become so all-encompassing and pervasive, but then, I recognize that we are in a distinct minority. (Yes, there is an intentional double entendre here, since the minority of which I speak can refer to Judaism in comparison to other religions, as well as the minority that may wish one holiday did not co-opt a fourth of the secular year.)

We obviously wish our friends and neighbors much joy during their own observances. However, I think it is more productive for the purposes of the current discussion to concentrate on the values Chanukah imparts to our month and year - our entire life, for that matter - rather than just focusing on a holiday we do not celebrate. What are some of those Jewish values that can and should suffuse each of our years?

Here is one possible list, not necessarily in priority order: A) Time spent together as a family is important, and warm, vibrant memories created during family celebrations can last a lifetime. B) We have a rich historical and cultural tradition that can stand on its own. We do not have to adopt such secular practices as vast amounts of gift-giving just so we can emulate the majority. C) Miracles are always possible, even if we cannot predetermine when they will occur or under what circumstances. D) Leadership positions carry with them responsibilities to our family and the greater society. E) Freedom is not a gift. It takes commitment and sacrifice to create the conditions for freedom to exist, as well as continuous hard work to make it last.

Taken in the light just described, the lessons of Chanukah transcend eight days or a whole month. Those lessons - founded on values with which we can identify, both religiously and culturally - instead form the basis for long, happy, productive, and socially conscious lives.

In a paraphrase of the words of the great Jewish sage from *Star Trek* - Mr. Spock - may we all live long and prosper, and may we enjoy the lessons learned from many Chanukahs. Happy secular New Year to all of you.

## Judaica Shop News

### New Items Just In!

Heska Amuna's Judaica Shop has a wide range of Chanukah items that are now on display. We have everything that you could possibly need for your amazing and wonderful nights of lights.



- ◆ Chanukah-themed plates
- ◆ Napkins
- ◆ Cups
- ◆ Cards
- ◆ An assortment of Dreidels
- ◆ Chanukah candles
- ◆ Chocolate coins
- ◆ Gift wrapping paper
- ◆ A beautiful array of artisan handmade Chanukiyot

## Religious School News

By Betty Golub, Youth and Family Programming Director

Several weeks ago during Tefillah with our students, I decided that I would teach the children the *Shema* using sign language. However, I am convinced that I have 10 thumbs. Our children had no problem learning. We are now signing during Tefillah.

The *Shema* has been a declaration of our faith and belief in God for thousands of years. Jews from all around the world begin their day and end their day saying the *Shema*. It is a way to remind us that life is a gift from God. It is our personal expression of belief in God as well as a communal affirmation. It shows the relationship between God and the Jewish people. The *Shema* is between parents and God, parents and children and God and children.

So...let's make bedtime Jewish and it is easier than you think! What works best for each parent and child is a guide to creating a personalized Jewish ritual. When we transform bedtime into Jewish time, we provide our children with a deep understanding that being Jewish is a way of life that is a constant source of comfort!

- ★ Here are some ways that you can make bedtime Jewish:
- ★ Have your child select a book that you will read
- ★ Ask your child why they chose this particular book
- ★ What did your child like about the book?
- ★ Reflect on your child's day; what went well, where there any challenges during the day?
- ★ Ask your child if there is a special person they would like to say good night to? You call or e mail
- ★ Now...close your eyes and say the *Shema*

שְׁמַע יִשְׂרָאֵל יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ יְיָ אֶחָד

*Sh'ma Yis'ra'eil Adonai Eloheinu Adonai echad.*

Hear, Israel, the Lord is our God, the Lord is One

Here are some suggestions for books:

### Ages birth – 3 years old:

- *Good morning Boker Tov* by Michelle Abraham
- *Good night, Leilah Tov* by Michelle Abraham
- *Shabbat Shalom* by Michelle Abraham

### Ages 4 through 8

- *Hello, Hello Are You There God?* By Molly Cone
- *Shabbat Angels* by Maxine Handelman
- *Chocolate Chip Challah* by Lisa Rauchwerger
- *Sammy Spider* by Sylvia Rouss
- *Rifka Takes a Bow* by Betty Rosenberg Perlov
- *Sadie's Almost Marvelous Menorah* by Jamie Korngold
- *ABC Hanukkah Hunt* by Tilda Balsley

## Birthday Book Club

*A book is like a garden carried in the pocket. ~ Chinese Proverb*

The secret is out at HARS!  
We have a wonderful Children's Library located within the Winick Library. I would like to see it grow and I need your help!

Books allow our children to enter a world of great excitement, where they can travel back to Biblical times or meet Golda Meir. To honor your child's birthday, why not make a donation of \$18.00 in your child's name so we can grow our garden filled with books. Please make checks out to Heska Amuna Religious School. A bookplate will be placed in each new book with your child's name on it.



Together, let's plant a garden of books for our children!

## Dates to Remember

<b>December 1</b>	No school
<b>December 4</b>	Congregational Chanukah Pot Luck Dinner & Chanukiah Contest
<b>December 7</b>	Family Minyan, 10:30 a.m.
<b>December 14</b>	Kids Night Out, AJCC
<b>December 15</b>	Gan K'Tan
<b>December 20</b>	Tot Shabbat
<b>December 22</b>	No school
<b>December 25</b>	No School
<b>December 29</b>	No School
<b>December 31</b>	No School

**SAVE THE DATE**

**COMING UP**

## Among Our Members

- ◆ Get well wishes go out to the following people who were ill or recuperating: **Joyce Beerman, Greta Besmann, Elaine Brown, Harriet Cooper, Erik Golub, Marion Goodstein, Debbie Gordon, Eliyahu ben Shulamit, and Judy Rattner.**
- ◆ Todah Rabah to **Sandy Parker** and **David Hecht** who continue to work in the Synagogue office every week. We appreciate your time and the effort on behalf of the Shul.
- ◆ Heska Amuna Synagogue procedures to pay your dues and other fees or charges - You have two preferred ways to pay: (1) set up direct withdrawal from your bank checking or savings account (ACH); or (2) charge to your credit card. (You can, of course, mail in a check to the synagogue office, but that costs you postage and takes extra time and effort on our end to process this payment.) Before you decide which of the two preferred methods you wish to use, please note that the first method is the least expensive for the synagogue. We pay only a small processing fee for direct withdrawal payments. On the other hand, Heska Amuna pays a fee equal to 2.3% of the amount charged, PLUS an additional small processing fee, for all credit card payments. We strongly encourage you to pay by direct withdrawal from your checking or savings account. When you choose direct payment, more of the financial support you generously contribute is available to provide synagogue services to you and your family and less of that support has to be diverted to pay third party fees. This can only strengthen the synagogue's finances in both the short and long term. If you pay by ACH transfer or credit card, please make sure you indicate the amount of your payment. 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. Should you have any questions, you can reach our Finance Vice Chair, Markus Eisenbach, by email at [meis@gurla.net](mailto:meis@gurla.net), or you can leave a message for him by calling the synagogue at 522-0701.
- ◆ 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.

If you or a loved one is ill or hospitalized, please let us know so that we can attend to him or her as a community, and place the name on our *Mi Sheberach* prayer list. Unfortunately, federal law prohibits hospitals from notifying us when community members are admitted.



## 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. *It's now possible to contribute any amount toward the weekly Kiddushim to help defray the Synagogue expenses by mailing your check to the Synagogue Office, marking Kiddushim.*

# Heska Amuna Synagogue *HaShofar*

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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 Jenifer Ohriner, 719-0584, one week before.

Sunday Minyan.....9:30 a.m.

For a list of Heska Amuna's funds and other information, please visit [www.heskaamuna.org](http://www.heskaamuna.org)

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## Contributions from Caring People

For a list of synagogue funds, please check our website at

[www.heskaamuna.org](http://www.heskaamuna.org)

Donations received by October 25, 2013

### GERTRUDE GLAZER COHEN AND I.B. COHEN ENDOWMENT FUND

*In memory of Günsa Glazer, Gertrude G. Cohen, Anna Cohen, and Oscar Glazer*

By: Arnold Cohen

### GENERAL FUND

*In honor of Betty Golub and Bradley Drew*

By: Robert and Carole Martin

*In memory of Nathan Rattner*

By: Judith Rattner

*In appreciation for the High Holiday honor.*

By: Robin Brown

*In honor of Bradley Drew*

By: Evan and Jenifer Ohriner

*In honor of Betty Golub and Bradley Drew*

By: Gilya Schmidt

*In memory of Bernard Iroff*

By: Honora Wasserman

By: Robert and Shirley Weatherstone

*In honor of Elaine Dobbs High Holy Day honor.*

By: David and Elaine Dobbs

*In appreciation of the holiday honor*

By: Stella Iroff

*In honor of Bradley Drew and Betty Golub*

By: Steven Beber and Sandra Parker

*In memory of Lillian Silver*

By: Thomas and Nancy Britcher

*In honor of Betty Golub*

By: Evan and Jenifer Ohriner

*In memory of Albert E. Ring*

By: Susan Ring

*In memory of Bernard Binder, brother of Marilyn Abrams.*

By: Jared and Laura Binder

### SYLVIA LEIBOWITZ FUND DONATION

*In memory of Anna Leibowitz*

By: Gale and Margaret Hedrick

### LIBRARY DONATION

*In memory of Bernard Binder*

By: Mark and Carol Harris

### RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

*In memory of Esmeralda Benhayon and Sasson Benhayon*

By: Jack Benhayon

*In appreciation of the High Holiday Honor and Rabbi's counsel.*

By: Ellen Kern

*In memory of C.B. Brown*

By: Adam Brown

*In appreciation of the High Holiday Honor*

By: Margy and Mitchell Goldman

### KIDDUSHIM DONATION

By: Evan and Jenifer Ohriner

### RELIGIOUS SCHOOL DONATION

*In honor of Betty Golub*

By: Mark and Peggy Littmann

### YAHARZEIT FUND

*In memory of Selma Dobbs, Sara Dixon, Leon Dobbs, and Morris Dixon*

By: Elaine and David Dobbs

*In memory of Joseph Solomon*

By: Alan Solomon

*In memory of Malvina Schwartz*

By: Evan and Jenifer Ohriner

*In memory of C.B. Brown*

By: Edith Brown

*In memory of P.L. Fuson*

By: Lynn Fuson

*In memory of David Norynberg*

By: Helene Messing

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Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

### *Heska Amuna Synagogue*

Earth Fare	\$25 _____	\$50 _____	\$100 _____
Fresh Market	\$25 _____	\$50 _____	\$100 _____
Food City	\$25 _____	\$50 _____	\$100 _____

**Total Amount** \_\_\_\_\_

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*

Earth Fare	\$25 _____	\$50 _____	\$100 _____
Fresh Market	\$50 _____	\$100 _____	
Food City	\$50 _____	\$100 _____	

**Total Amount** \_\_\_\_\_

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: Amy Rosenberg 356-6830; Patti Austin 483-3049; Evan Sturm 584-0429.

# DECEMBER 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
<b>1 Chanukah</b> 9:30a minyan-HA 9:30a Religious sch-TBE 9:30a Beginning, Intermediate, Adv. Hebrew classes-HA 4-6:30p Painting & Potluck-HA	<b>2 Chanukah</b> 7a minyan-HA 4:30-6p piano lessons-AL 6:30p Archives-BR 6-9:30p fencing-gym 	<b>3 Chanukah</b> 4:30-8p piano lessons-AL 6-8p UTK Campus Chanukah Celebration-TBD 6-9:30p fencing-gym	<b>4 Chanukah</b> 5:30p Hanukkah Potluck-HA 5:45-6:15p ZUMBA-gym 6p Latke Celebration-TBE 6:45-9p fencing-gym 7p Chanukah service-TBE	<b>5 Chanukah</b> 7a minyan-HA Noon-Preschool Comm-AL 3-4p TOT basketball-gym 5:30p Menorah Madness-AJCC	<b>6</b> 7:30p Shabbat service-TBE	<b>7</b> 9:30a Shabbat service-HA 9:30a Shabbat service-JCOR 10:30a Family minyan-HA 8p Tennessee Schmaltz-Laurel Theatre	
<b>8</b> 9:30a minyan-HA 9:30a Religious sch-TBE 9:30a Religious sch-HA 9:30a Beginning, Intermediate, Adv. Hebrew classes-HA 9:45a Torah Tots-TBE 10a Ed Comm-HA 4p <i>Alice in Wonderland</i> KJDS play	<b>9</b> 7a minyan-HA 4:30-6p piano lessons-AL 6:30p Trifecta Dinner 6-9:30p fencing-gym 7p KJA Exec Comm-AL	<b>10</b> 4:30-8p piano lessons-AL 6-9:30p fencing-gym 6:30p Board-TBE 6:30p Hadassah Brd 7-8p Bible Stories Never Heard in Hebrew-HA	<b>11</b> Reform Biennial 4:15p Religious sch-HA 5:45-6:15p ZUMBA-gym 6:15p Midwk Hebrew-TBE 6:45-9p fencing-gym 7-8p Talmud-HA	<b>12</b> Reform Biennial 7a minyan-HA 3-4p TOT basketball-gym 5:45-6:15p ZUMBA-gym 6p AJCC Parent Comm mtg 6p Sisterhood Brd-TBE 7:30p Board mtg-HA 7:30p Israeli dancing-gym	<b>13</b> Reform Biennial 7:30p Shabbat service-TBE	<b>14</b> Reform Biennial 9:30a Shabbat service-HA 9:30a Shabbat service-JCOR 7p Hadassah Meet & Greet 7-9p Kids Night Out	
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# KNOXVILLE

## Real-Life Zohans Here in Knoxville

Adam Sandler's 2008 film, *You Don't Mess with the Zohan*, about an Israeli counter-terrorist turned hairdresser is coming to life at the Tennessee School of Beauty, where two former Israeli soldiers are students. **Michael Miller** and **Tzion Achvan**, 26 and 27, respectively, have been enrolled in the school since March. While both men intended to have life-long military careers in a country where service is required of all citizens after high school, Michael left the army after three-and-a-half years, and Tzion after four. Both men moved to the United States to be closer to friends and family.

"I had been here many times while growing up, and I loved it," Tzion said. Tzion lived in New York and San Diego before settling in Knoxville; Michael, on the other hand, moved straight to Knoxville to be near a close friend. Both men also sold hair care products, and soon set their sights on become hairdressers. "I was good at sales but decided to give hairdressing a try," Michael said. "I started to style my friends' hair and saw that they were happy. And for the first time since I left the military I found something that satisfied me." He says he had the desire but not the drive to go to beauty school until he met **Adam Brown**, a fourth generation Jewish owner of Tennessee School of Beauty, who had already been talking with Tzion, who also worked on friends' hair. "I love doing hair and making my clients happy with how they look and feel," Tzion said.

Brown said that when he met Tzion and Michael, he could immediately tell they had the desire and the drive to become successful salon professionals and Brown felt that as a fellow Jew, it was the least he could do to help the men and provide some scholarship opportunities to help make their dream a reality. Now, they are students together, are roommates and plan to learn the business together after graduation before opening their own salon. Brown added "all of the students and clients love these guys. They're in school every day, have a great attitude, and are both actually very talented hairstylists. Not to mention, they could sell ice to Eskimos and are by far, our top retail sellers."

On a more poignant note, while Michael and Tzion are practically connected at the hip now, they didn't know they were in the same military unit until they met at a mutual friend's house. As they talked, they learned they had both been involved in an incident in Lebanon where two members of a special forces unit were killed after stepping on a landmine during border patrol. Tzion was in the special forces unit, Michael was with on the rescue team.



## Holiday Klezmer Concert Set for December 7

The Tennessee Schmaltz klezmer band will host a concert on Saturday, December 7 at 8:00 p.m. at the Laurel Theater, 1538 Laurel Avenue (16th Street and Laurel Avenue in the Fort Sanders community).

Tickets prices are \$11.00 general admission; \$10.00 seniors/students; and \$6.00 children 12 and under.

Online ticket are available at [www.knoxtix.com](http://www.knoxtix.com). Telephone sales are at (865) 523-7521.

(L to R) Rob Heller, Dan Shapiro, Manny Herz and Larry Hoffman

# H A P P E N I N G S

## AZA's Heart and Soul Dinner January 12

On Sunday, January 12, 6:00 p.m. at the AJCC, Winick AZA will host its annual Heart and Soul Silent Auction and Dinner fundraiser. Winick AZA is a chapter of the B'nai B'rith Youth Organization (BBYO), a not-for-profit, youth-led organization of Jewish high school teens across the world. They have programs almost every weekend throughout the school year and give back to the community. While a fundraiser may not appear like it is giving back to the community, Winick AZA's Heart and Soul Silent Auction and Dinner actually is.

The money Winick raises from the Heart and Soul Dinner goes back to the community. Winick AZA donates the proceeds to the American Heart Association and the International Service Fund (ISF). ISF uses the money to help Jewish teens abroad experience Jewish life and heritage when they would not normally have the opportunity. BBYO is often the only link these teens have to Judaism, and the ISF allows it to stay alive. Proceeds from this fundraiser are also donated to the local Program Endowment Fund (PEF). PEF allows for Jewish teens in the region of Tennessee, Alabama, Mississippi, Arkansas, and Louisiana to attend regional programs where they get together with other Jewish teens in the region and increase their Judaic identity and understanding. Other proceeds are used to fund Winick AZA's programs and expenses that arise while giving back to the community.

Winick AZA's Heart and Soul fundraiser may not seem like giving back to the community at first glance, but it is. It helps people across the United States who are suffering from heart disease. It also allows Jewish teens worldwide to keep their link to Judaism and Judaic life alive and well. Heart and Soul Dinner is just another facet of Winick giving back to the community, both locally and worldwide.



## Marty's Mission: Thanks to a Wonderful Community

*By Joyce Traugot, Marty's Mission Organizer*

What a very special High Holy Day season. The Marty's Mission food drive was a tremendous success. Thank you to the entire Jewish community for your continued support and involvement in the Marty's Mission High Holiday Food Drive.

The Temple Beth El Religious School high school students really gave it their all. They set a goal to collect 1,000 items and exceeded this goal by collecting 1,100 items. The students announced their requests from the bimah, made fliers and along with Marty's Mission traditional information, sent the word out through the entire Temple community. Thanks to all of you.



## Conference of the Southern Jewish Historical Society

*by Susette and Raphe Panitz*

We attended the conference that was held in Birmingham, AL from November 1-3, 2013.

We enjoyed the speakers, made new friends, reconnected with old friends, and learned much about Birmingham Jewry, especially its varied roles and tensions during the struggles for Civil Rights during the turbulent 60's.

We observed a panel discussion devoted to the Jewish community's involvement in the 60's demonstrations against Bull Connor and the arch segregationists of Birmingham. Following the panel, Professor Julian Bond, politician and NAACP president, presented his thoughts about the discussion.

We attended Shabbat services at the Reform Temple Emanuel. During the service Professor Bond delivered a thought provoking status report of civil rights now and how to repair the current schisms between the African American and Jewish communities.

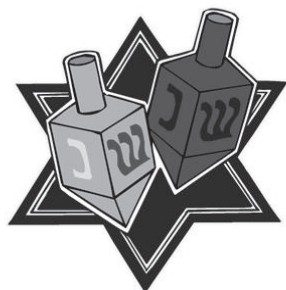
Saturday morning's sessions focused on various aspects of Jewish life in the South. Panels explored Jewish life in Alabama, in the cities of Muscle Shoals, Mobile, and Birmingham; the development of classical Reform Judaism in various southern Jewish communities. Art historian Samuel Gruber, presented an overview of the styles of architecture present in the late 19<sup>th</sup> and early 20<sup>th</sup> century synagogues in the South.

We urge more Knoxvilleans to attend these regional meetings in the future.



# TEMPLE BETH EL TIMES

28 Kislev - 28 Tevet 5774



**HAPPY  
CHANUKAH**

## CHANUKAH LATKE CELEBRATION

**Wednesday, December 4, 2013  
6:00 – 7:30 p.m.**

Cost: \$7.00 per person  
Dinner with all the fixings:  
Brisket, latkes, applesauce,  
sour cream, challah, green salad and beverages

Send payment to TBE office or pay the night of the event

*RSVP* by November 30

Call TBE office 524-3521 or  
email Amy Rosenberg at  
[Rockybergs@tds.net](mailto:Rockybergs@tds.net).

Bring your own Menorah to  
decorate the table!  
We will supply the candles.



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**From Your TBE Board  
and Staff**



## The Power Of Community

By Rabbi Mathew D. Michaels

In the middle of this month, I will join some of our Temple's leadership in San Diego for the Union of Reform Judaism's 72<sup>nd</sup> Biennial Convention. Concurrent with the URJ Biennial will be the assembly of the Women of Reform Judaism. This year marks the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration of the WRJ.

The Biennial affords participants a wide array of experiences and opportunities. The list of workshops, meetings and general sessions include the following areas: Education; Inclusion & Accessibility; Israel Engagement; Leadership Development; Managing & Supporting Congregations; Social Justice; Spirituality & Community; Torah Study; Young Adult Engagement; and Youth Engagement.

The first Biennial I attended was back in the early 1980s. The majority of sessions and break-out groups focused on the "nitty-gritty" of running synagogues. The concerns centered on fundraising, membership growth, social action programming and synagogue management. It was 90 percent business-oriented and 10 percent spiritually-focused. Shabbat morning service was the least attended session, though delegates came into the main ballroom after services in order to hear the Presidential address.

At this year's Biennial, more than 5,000 delegates will create a *Kehillah Kedosha* – a sacred congregation – during the Shabbat Morning service. The volunteer Biennial choir (including our own Norma James) will join with clergy from across North America to lead an inspiring worship experience. During the convention, participants will choose from a variety of learning tracks. Using Torah values as the foundation, workshops ranging from the practical to the spiritual will be offered.

The Biennial is the paradigm for the power of community. The opportunities for learning, worship, networking, creating and strengthening relationships is plentiful. The energy throughout the convention venue is palpable. Those who attend the Biennial return to their communities re-energized and re-committed to their congregations. Inspired and excited, delegates return to their congregations with the mandate to share what they have learned and experienced. Hopefully, upon our return, you will be hearing more and sharing in the excitement. Regardless of geography and setting, the power of community is real and potent! As always, I invite you to come and be part of the Jewish experience at Temple Beth El!

## President's Message

By Stu Elston

It's December and time for our wonderful annual Chanukah Latke Dinner event, which has been such great fun in past years and promises to be so again this year. Please look for details on the first page of our Temple Times section of this Ha'Kol.

Another 'December thing' I might remind you of is that this month gives you a last opportunity to make a charitable donation that will produce a benefit for you in this tax year, not to mention the benefit to your Temple . . . and it goes without saying that these year-end donations are hugely appreciated and of course go to a very good cause. .

I look forward to seeing you throughout December at the Shabbat services you make possible for both you and your friends through your generous dues and donations, both now and in the past. Thank you for your continuing generosity.

## A New Memorial Tablet for Our Sanctuary

The Ritual and Worship Committee of Temple Beth El announced at the Temple Beth El Semi-Annual meeting on October 8, 2013 that Becky Winston has donated a new Memorial Tablet for our sanctuary in memory of her husband Dr. Harold J. Winston.

Dr. Winston played many roles as a member of Temple Beth El. At the time of his death, in 2011, he was serving on the Rabbi Search Committee. Over the course of his long life and professional career as an optometrist, he worked diligently for both the Jewish community of Knoxville and for our congregation. He chaired the committee for the development and construction of our Kingston Pike building and when the time came, served as the Honorary Chair of the building's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration. Other positions included President of the Congregation and President of the Arnstein Jewish Community Center. He was an avid photographer and videographer who documented a myriad of Temple and Jewish community events. He was known as kind and gentle, always having some butterscotch candies in his pocket to give out to children and adults alike.

The Tablet will be placed to the left of the existing Tablets on the inner long wall of the sanctuary. It will allow space for the purchase and placement of additional name plaques for many years to come.

The Ritual and Worship Committee and the entire Congregation wish to thank Becky for this generous contribution to Temple Beth El.



Dr. Harold Winston

## It's Time for Sisterhood at Temple Beth El

By Karen Smith and Kathy Young, Sisterhood Co-Presidents

Temple Sisterhood will host Rosh Chodesh Tevet on Tuesday, December 3 at 6:00 p.m. The combined Sisterhoods of Heska Amuna, JCOR, and Temple Beth El will celebrate the new month with a light dinner and program. RSVP to Meredith Jaffe at [ldlady@charter.net](mailto:ldlady@charter.net) or 408-1420. We look forward to welcoming you.

Then on Sunday, December 15 at 10:00 a.m. at Temple, Sisterhood will welcome *Karen Armsey*, **Program Coordinator for H. A. B. I. T.** (Human-Animal Bond in Tennessee) and her program "Fur Covered Miracle Workers." She will be assisted by her *Golden Retriever Maggie!* Sisterhood members *Phyllis Hirsh* and her *Australian Labradoodle, Sam*, and *Joan Cohn* and her *Cocker Spaniel, Macy*, will also be part of the program. Of course, we will include Sisterhood, conversation, and food as part of the morning.

Plans for **Sisterhood's program on Sunday, February 9 at 10 a.m.** are underway. Hold the date and watch for more information coming soon.

A special Shabbat evening is planned for Friday, February 28 as Sisterhood sponsors "**Shabbat for Child Life**" (**Children's Hospital**.) Child Life at East Tennessee Children's Hospital and Child Life specialists ease anxiety through the power of play. To do so, the specialists provide age-appropriate hands on explanations to demonstrate procedures such as inserting an I.V.

Sisterhood will continue its support of Marty's Mission/Second Harvest Food Bank/FISH Hospitality Pantry by collecting non-perishable food items that evening. Everyone bringing a food item will receive a "Shabbat surprise."



*Bernie McNabb, Stefanie Rich, Angie Diviney, and Judi Abrams visit during Mah Jongg Madness on Sunday, October 20.*



*Temple Sisterhood congratulates all of the winners from Mah Jongg Madness! Bobbi Thompson, Charlene Gubitz, Regis Loffman, Barbara Winston, Joyce Traugot, Marian Jay, Leslie Badaines, and Marilyn Giddish.*

Not only has Sisterhood changed the theme for the evening, but we have changed the menu for dinner. Sisterhood will need donations of pasta casseroles. More information about this will be coming soon.

The cost for dinner is \$8.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children under 12 years. There is a \$25.00 cap for families (parents and children.) Sisterhood will provide bread, drinks, and salad.

**Membership Co-Vice Presidents** *Marcy Frankel, Barbara Holz, and Ava Radoff* remind everyone to return membership applications and checks for \$45.00 payable to Temple Beth El Sisterhood so YOU can be counted in for a year of Sisterhood.

Sisterhood's **Beiler Floral Fund Co-chairs** *Emma Fleischmann and Bella Lester* remind us that a standard flower arrangement for bimah flowers for Shabbat, holidays, or special occasions is \$36.00. Please contact Emma to order a more elaborate arrangement.

***It's time for Sisterhood!***

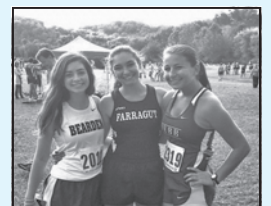


*Dr. Henry Fribourg*

### Kudos

◆ **Lizzy Noon, Danielle Goldfeld, and Jessie Rosenberg**, representing their respective schools, ran together during the K.I.L. Championship for high school cross country teams on October 10.

◆ On October 17, the University of Wisconsin-Madison College of Agricultural and Life Sciences honored **Dr. Henry Fribourg**, emeritus professor of Crop Ecology at the University of Tennessee, with its highest honor, the **CALS Distinguished Alumni Award**. Henry, accompanied by his wife, Claudia, attended the ceremony in Madison, Wisconsin.



*Lizzie Noon, Danielle Goldfeld and Jessie Rosenberg*

## Temple Beth El Religious School

By Norma James, Religious School Director, [normajames@tbeknox.org](mailto:normajames@tbeknox.org)

### Chanukah Celebration and Latke Supper December 4!

With Chanukah starting before Thanksgiving, the only time we can have a congregational celebration is on a Wednesday night. Crazy, huh? We will begin with supper at 6:00 p.m. followed by a short service. Bring your family menorah to decorate the table as we all light our candles together. This is a perfect event for all ages of RS children. The whole event will end by 7:45 p.m. with time to get everyone home. If you need to put your tot to bed sooner, we will understand if you leave early. All Midweek Hebrew students should plan to attend since this is our usual class time. Participating in holiday services is part of your Hebrew education as well. *The Chanukah supper will take the place of our monthly midweek pizza night.*

### December 8 is Torah Tots!

It's time for another great session of fun for our youngest children and their parents. I am so excited about how great this program is going. Emily, Rabbi, and I have such a good time coming up with lessons that the kids will love. The parents have also enjoyed getting to know each other. Our program is open to all two-, three-, and four year olds. For more information contact Norma. For feedback on the program, ask any family who attends. We have a blast!

### Norma is going to the URJ Biennial to learn new ways to improve our school

Every two years the Union for Reform Judaism has a huge conference, and this year it is in San Diego, CA. It is a fabulous opportunity for me to meet with other directors, rabbis, and congregational leaders. I always get many new ideas to use in our programs. I also have the opportunity to sing in the large Biennial choir and bring back new music for our own congregation. Best of all, I have an opportunity to study and worship with Jews from all over North America.

### Religious School Winter Break Wednesday, December 18 - Sunday, January 5

Religious school starts back on Wednesday, January 8 with a pizza dinner at 5:45 p.m.

### Teen Retreat January 17-19

Put MLK weekend on your calendar today! We want all of our 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders to attend our Teen Retreat 2014 at Camp Wesley Woods. Rabbi Matt will be our Rabbi for the weekend. His many years of experience as a Summer Camp Rabbi will make for a great weekend of activities.

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## PREPARE TO CELEBRATE!

THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF TEMPLE BETH EL, INITIALLY KNOWN AS THE KNOXVILLE HEBREW BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION, WILL BE CELEBRATED IN NOVEMBER 2014.



**TBE  
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SAVE THE DATE!!!

THE OFFICIAL WEEKEND IS *NOVEMBER 7-9*

PLANS ARE ALREADY UNDERWAY AND WE HOPE TO REACH ALL PAST TEMPLE MEMBERS. PLEASE SEND US CONTACT INFORMATION FOR ANYONE YOU KNOW WHO MAY BE INTERESTED OR WHO WAS A FORMER STUDENT, TEACHER, OR MEMBER.

## Dedication of the Shem Tov Tree of Life

On September 20, our Shem Tov Tree of Life was formally dedicated in a beautiful ceremony with moving words by Ann Wayburn. Some of her remarks are excerpted on page 13. A letter from Abe Pardee, who designed, constructed and installed our one-of-a-kind tree, is also included. To add your joy to the tree, see the information and order form on our website: [www.tbeknox.org](http://www.tbeknox.org)

### Ruth Sherrill Distinguished Service Award Recipients

#### 2011 Ruth Sherrill

The majority of Ruth's family died in the Holocaust and she came to the United States as a child orphan. She never had children of her own. After her husband had passed away Ruth moved to Knoxville to be closer to her doctors.

Now in her 70s, living in a new city and not knowing a soul (outside of her doctors) Ruth contacted and then joined Temple Beth El, her first ever congregation. She was quickly asked to join the board of directors as it was evident she was full of life and good intentions



*Facing front: Rabbi Mathew Michaels and Ann Wayburn*

In the 15 or so years she lived among us she had a profound impact. She created a caring committee: taking food to the families of those who had passed away, sending cards to and visiting the sick, and all kinds of other 'caring' things. This was important to her and became important to our congregation, too. She loved playing Mah Jongg and helped organize a tournament now named in her honor. Ruth adopted Temple Beth El and enveloped herself in it. More than any one thing, Ruth lived a life worth emulating. She cared about people. She was selfless and kind. She took an interest in others. She led by example.



*Stephen Eisen and Ruth Sherrill*

#### 2013 Stephen Eisen

Stephen Eisen was also a newcomer who spent even fewer years among us than Ruth did before returning to his family home in Texas. Like Ruth, Stephen had a vision of a Holy Community, a *Kehilla Kedosha*. Both he and Ruth were the kind of people that know this is the way to live as Jews. Stephen became Temple president and, though quite new to Temple and the board, took his role seriously. He saw an opportunity to make a difference. He encouraged members to participate and gave them the opportunity to demonstrate their skills and vision. He carried ideas to the board and worked with the board's version of those ideas. He gave people a chance to excel at what they do best. He

'expected' of us until as a congregation, we believed we could be as he expected.

Under Stephen's leadership the fabric of our existence changed. He breathed new life into our board. Our congregation came to a deeper understanding of service to others. We regained our ability to work as a team. We learned how important it is to honor one another and how to best show our respect. We saw the direction in which we wanted to go and he provided a road map for us to follow. He knew what was needed and under his leadership we delivered.

### To the Congregation of Temple Beth El

*By Abraham Pardee, Artist*

I'd like to extend my sincerest gratitude for having been given the opportunity to build and install your Temple's Tree of Life. It has been a project long in the works that proved both a stimulating challenge and a satisfying reward.

Almost three years ago, I was approached, at the behest of Ruth Sherrill, about the possibility of creating a donor tree with the dual purpose of honoring individuals who have made extraordinary efforts on behalf of Temple Beth El and providing a means for Temple members to celebrate special life events. Ultimately, Ruth became the first honoree and the TBE Tree of Life is dedicated to her memory.

After doing some research to see what kinds of donor trees of life were already out there, I knew I needed to make something that, while still fitting the bill of "tree" and serving its functional purpose, would convey more energy, life and originality than commercially available options.

I could wax 'artsy' here and talk about rhythm and balance and use of negative space, but instead I'll just say this: The design problem posed by this project inspired me and, hopefully, the end result inspires you.

I had to tackle a lot of firsts and some unknowns going into this piece, but, like all substantial undertakings, it has seen me grow as a person and an artist. Hopefully, as its leaves fill with dedications and birds take their places with the names of outstanding and supportive members of the community, it will grow to be a cherished fixture of the Temple and, I would like to think, a legacy that Ruth would be honored by.



*Abraham Pardee, Artist*

## Torah Tots Measure Up



*Rabbi Matt measured each child to the Torah - and will measure them again this spring.*

*(Far Left) Karl and dad, Kevin James*

*(Left) Lucy Theriot, daughter of Tot teacher, Emily Theriot*

*Tots make trees with their names spelled on the leaves, following a PJ Library story and sing-along.*

*(Left) Abby and dad, Yarom Polsky*

*(Right) Zach and mom, Briana Rosenbaum*



### Next TORAH TOT Program



**Sunday, December 8**

**9:45-11:15 a.m.**

## Contributions to the Funds of Temple Beth El

Donations listed were received as of October 24, 2013

### BEILER CULTURAL FUND

*In memory of Isaac Routenberg*  
By: Sandra Murray

### BEILER FLORAL FUND

*In memory of Dorothy Levy Licht*  
By: Richard Licht & Shirley McGuire  
*In memory of Evan Brody*  
By: Buzz & Sondra Brody  
*In memory of Lillian Harwell*  
By: Dick & Beverly Hancock  
*In memory of Stephen & Pamela Feldman*  
By: Howard, Janice, Leo and Sophie Pollock

### CLARENCE STRASBURGER MEMORIAL SACRED MUSIC FUND

*In memory of Mordecai Heiser*  
By: Gilya Schmidt  
Donation By: Robert & Nancy Vetzner

### ENDOWMENT FUND

*In memory of Sara Hirsh*  
By: Ken & Phyllis Hirsh  
*In memory of Gertrude Frankel*  
By: Jay & Valerie Frankel  
*In memory of Dina Shklyarova*  
By: Boris & Bella Budik

### GENERAL FUND

*In memory of David Feldman*  
By: Maria Shusterman  
*In memory of Linda Scheiner and David Sachs*  
By: Steve & Joan Cohn  
*In memory of Allan Gerson*  
*In honor of Consecrants*  
By: Jeff & Charlene Gubitza  
*In memory of Israel Potter and Dora Brody*  
By: Ivan Brody

*In memory of Mildred Jacobson*

By: Joyce Traugot

*In memory of Daniel Taubman*

By: Irv & Sylvia Witcoff

*In memory of Tillie & Karen Brown*

By: Nina Reineri

*In memory of David Feldman*

By: Boris & Bella Budik

*In memory of Morris "Mike" Goodfriend*

By: Bill Wilson, Jr.

By: Glenda Starks

By: Thomas & Deborah Hamilton

By: Bert & Janet Gurwitch

By: East Tennessee Children's Hospital/Kenneth Goodwin

By: Allen & Andi Schwartz

By: Bible Harris Smith, PC and Staff

By: Jeff & Charlene Gubitza

By: Kathy Buchman

By: S. Clark Butler Properties, Ltd.

### MARX FAMILY EDUCATIONAL FUND

*In memory of Martin Guthman*

By: Ursula Marx

*In memory of Alexander Zatlin*

By: Wilbur & Joani Wilson

### PRESERVATION FUND

*Speedy Recovery to Dick Jacobstein*

By: Paul Erwin & Renee Hyatt

### RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

*In memory of Charlotte Pais*

By: Arthur & Mimi Pais

*In memory of Mike Goodfriend*

By: Harold Markman

*In memory of Peter Lawrence Marchand*

By: Gertrude Seigel

By: Jerry & Meredith Jaffe

### RONA SIMON ISRAEL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

*In memory of Ida Markman*

By: Harold Markman



## Meet Pray Learn

Rabbi Matt Michaels, Norma James,  
and Liz Gassel join thousands of  
others to REIMAGINE Jewish life at  
the largest Jewish gathering in  
North America.





# Knoxville Jewish Alliance

# Ha' Kol

## KJA President's Report

By Renee' Hyatt, KJA President

Last year at this time, I asked Adam Brown, KJA Treasurer, to apprise you of KJA's financial status. It was, and still is, an unenviable role – one that I will assume this year.

Current projections have us ending the year with a deficit – perhaps less than the budgeted deficit, but a deficit nonetheless. And, although the 2014 budget proposal has yet to be presented to the KJA Board as of this writing, KJA will end 2014 in the red.

No, this is not a sustainable way to run any organization, much less a non-profit one. Our mission remains “to serve the Jewish people locally, in Israel, and throughout the world.” We do need to start here in *our* community, as a community, *together*. Here and now, we need everyone to do what they can, whether it is giving your first or an additional gift to the KJA Campaign, enrolling your child in Milton Collins Day Camp, Camp K'ton Ton, the Smokin' Salmon Swim Team, the AJCC Preschool, or making a referral to any or all of these programs. You also know there are many adult programs to support, to participate in, to volunteer for, including Jewish Family Services, Friendshippers, and Israel Partnership initiatives.

It really is up to each of us to sustain, and hopefully grow, Jewish life here in Knoxville. May we all take guidance from Rabbi Tarfon/Pirkei Avot: *You are not required to complete the work, but neither are you at liberty to abstain from it.*

## I Want to Make a Gift...

By Jeff Gubitz, Executive Director

Too often we hear from our membership that they wish to make a campaign gift to the Annual Campaign but they cannot afford to do so at that particular time.

We also hear from some of our members that they limit their gift to a certain amount because they can write a check for it then.

### Just a reminder....

- ◆ Pledges to the KJA Annual Campaign are not due in full until December 31.
- ◆ We offer convenient monthly and quarterly billing to your credit card on file.
- ◆ Write a series of postdated checks and we will deposit them one by one.

Have some stock in your portfolio that your great aunt gave you on your bar mitzvah and you have no idea what its value was at gifting? Save yourself some grief and use it to pay your gift. Many members choose to use appreciated stock in their portfolios.

We can make a plan that works for you and helps the KJA continue the work we do here in Knoxville, regionally, nationally and abroad.

Please call the office and make your gift today. Your continued and/or new support is vital to our mission.



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### KJA 2013 Campaign

**Campaign Goal \$375,000**

As of 11/11/2013

2013 Annual Campaign: \$317,687

49 new donors

123 increased gifts from 2012

*It's not too late to make your gift, please call the KJA office at 690-6343 or Gene Rosenberg at 693-3162. You can also go online at [www.jewishknoxville.org](http://www.jewishknoxville.org) and click "donate."*

## Save the Dates

**KJA Shabbat at Temple Beth El**  
Friday, January 24, 7:30 p.m.

**KJA Shabbat at Heska Amuna**  
Saturday, January 25, 9:30 a.m.

**KJA Youth Philanthropy Party**  
Saturday, January 25, AJCC 7-9 p.m.

**Pacesetters Campaign Kick-Off**  
Sunday, January 26

**Mitzvah Day**  
Sunday, February 2, 9:30 a.m.

## See You Around...I Hope

By Gene Rosenberg, KJA Campaign Chair

For the past four years, I have had the honor and privilege to serve as chairman of your annual fund raising campaigns, an experience not to be forgotten. This will be my final article for *Ha'Kol*.

It's never easy or fun asking people for money. It's always gratifying to see all the good and positive things that happen with your contributions. **PLEASE CONTINUE TO DO SO.**

To all of you who have made this a wonderful opportunity for me...thank you. To all of you who chose not to participate...please reconsider. If I have offended anyone and I hope I have not, I apologize.

See you around.



## Friendshippers

By Laura Faye Berry, BSSW, Esq., Director

Please join us for December's Friendshippers program. The Friendshippers group gets together once a month for lunch and entertainment. Friendshippers is open to all—we don't check IDs at the door!



**Wednesday, December 18: Joan Cohn and Phyllis Hirsh, H.A.B.I.T. (Human-Animal Bond in Tennessee)**

H.A.B.I.T. volunteers Joan Cohn and Phyllis Hirsh (and their dogs, Macy and Sam) will tell us about their work with the H.A.B.I.T. program. H.A.B.I.T. sponsors programs which foster pet visitation to nursing homes, assisted-living residences, retirement centers, mental health centers, residences for children with special needs, rehabilitation facilities, hospital settings, schools, and other facilities.

**Program location: Sherrill Hills Retirement Community, 271 Moss Grove Blvd. Knoxville, TN 37922**

The luncheon begins at noon and the program begins at 12:30. Lunch is \$8 (please note the **new lower price**, due to our new location). There is no cost for attending the program alone. Transportation is available upon request. For more information, please contact Laura Berry at 690-6343 ext. 18 or [LBerry@jewishknoxville.org](mailto:LBerry@jewishknoxville.org).

## Second Wind Dreams

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

Two of our Jewish residents at Elmcroft of West Knoxville recently got to participate in Second Wind Dreams ([www.secondwind.org](http://www.secondwind.org)). Second Wind Dreams' mission is to change the perception of aging through the fulfillment of dreams and the offering of innovative educational opportunities to caregivers and communities.

In October, Faye Raymon took a "behind the scenes" trip to the Oak Ridge Playhouse. As a young woman, Faye enjoyed being involved in local theater groups. While she was at the Oak Ridge Playhouse, Heritage Video Company surprised her with an additional gift: an opportunity to record a family biography. In November, Sid Dubinsky went on a golf outing to Gettysvue Polo, Golf and Country Club. While he can't play as many holes as he used to, he had a wonderful time and Gettysvue treated him to lunch afterward.



*Phyllis Shey watches her father, Sid Dubinsky, putt.*



*Faye Raymon tries on a hat in the costume shop of the Oak Ridge Playhouse.*

# trifecta



Jewish Activities Group

*trifecta* is a **NEW** social group for Jewish men and women in the Knoxville area. *trifecta* welcomes singles and couples who wish to reconnect with old friends and make new ones within our community.

*trifecta* was conceived by Jewish community volunteers who recognized the need for fun and meaningful activities for Jewish adults.

## December Activities

**December 9** Meet at Calhoun's in Bearden at 6:30 p.m.

**December 19** Meet at Chuy's at 6:30 p.m.

Please email [rhale@jewishknoxville.org](mailto:rhale@jewishknoxville.org) or call 690-6343 to let her know you would like to attend these events. Have a suggestion for a group outing? Your ideas are welcome.

The Knoxville Jewish Alliance presents

***What does Florida's past have to teach us about the future?***

**Don Goldstein**

**Monday, December 16  
7:30 p.m., AJCC**

During the past 2 million years, the Florida peninsula has been repeatedly, covered by the sea during interglacial periods. The studies of fossils from these periods, shows that the southern half of the peninsula had a marine environment similar to today's Florida Bay complete with tropical storms. The pattern of flooding of the peninsula revealed by the geographic distribution of the Pleistocene deposits gives us a picture of where future flooding may occur for sea level changes of various heights above the current level.

Mr. Goldstein retired from theater after a 35-year career. He then turned his attention to paleontology, which he had always found interesting, receiving his masters from Columbia University, then teaching until moving here with his wife Kathy, in 2007. He is currently a paleontological researcher, doing his work at the University of Tennessee. His area of focus is paleoecology, including the predatory and symbiotic relationships of extinct and modern animals. His study of the hunting behaviors of modern olive snails received an award from the Society for Sedimentary Geology (SEPM). His current research projects are looks into the paleoecology of the Pleistocene (11,000-2.2 million years ago) in Florida, and the predatory relationships of molluscs from the Lutetian period (40- 48 million years ago) in France. He has been a volunteer coach for the Science Olympics for several years, and is now working with the fledgling team at South Doyle Middle School.

This program is a free community education program provided by the Knoxville Jewish Alliance. Please let us know you're coming by calling 690-6343 or e-mailing KJA Program Manager Rachel Hale at [rhale@jewishknoxville.org](mailto:rhale@jewishknoxville.org).



**Learn to Play Mah Jongg  
Tuesday, January 7, 6:00 p.m.**

Four Bam! Three Crack! Two Dot! Those marvelous sounds. Tiles clacking, women bonding and laughing and, of course, the best sound--Mah Jongg!

Knoxville women are rediscovering what women of the 1950s recognized as a comfortable diversion and respite from life's everyday complexities. Mah Jongg, the cordial game whose clacking tiles brought countless women together around folding tables on porches and Formica tables in kitchens, resoundingly clacks once again. It is fun, sociable, and relaxing. With patience and a few lessons, one can master the intricacies of Mah Jongg.

Join expert teachers Marian Jay and Robin Brown at the Arnstein Jewish Community Center for a wonderful journey into this timeless game.

The first night will be Tuesday, January 7, followed by three more classes on January 14, 21, and 28 at 6:00 p.m.!

Please tell us if you plan to attend this program by contacting Rachel Hale at [rhale@jewishknoxville.org](mailto:rhale@jewishknoxville.org) or (865) 690-6343 x16.



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## MITZVAH MENORAH

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**Thursday, December 5<sup>th</sup>**  
**5:30 pm**

**Arnstein Jewish Community Center**  
**6800 Deane Hill Drive**

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Truck**

**Admission: \$6 · Family Max: \$30 · Children under 2: Free**

For more information contact

Rachel Hale at 865.690.6343 · rhale@jewishknoxville.org  
or Rabbi Yossi at 865.588.8584 · rabbi@chabadknoxville.org

## Should Reading Be Required Before Kindergarten?

By Melissa Schweitzer, AJCC Preschool Director

I recently read an article by Joan Almon (*SEEN* magazine, August 21, 2013) titled “Reading at Five: Why?” She discusses the current trend and pressure to require that students entering kindergarten be able to read. She cites several reasons that this may be happening and even more reasons that it should not. Just as kindergartens are rarely play-based and experiential learning environments any more, preschools are also becoming solely focused on cognitive learning. Parents and teachers alike cite that reading is required in the Common Core in kindergarten. Common Core standards seem to be vague, “Reading emergent-reader texts with purpose and understanding.” What are emergent reader texts? If a child has memorized sight words (common repetitive words), do they really have an understanding of what they mean? And purpose? Most preschoolers and kindergarteners alike read for one purpose – because they like the story or the pictures – they read for enjoyment.

No one disputes the fact that reading fluently by third grade is a necessary and age-appropriate milestone, even a make-or-break deadline. However, by third grade, the brain is ready for moving from “learning to read” to “reading to learn”. A third grader who does not know how to read will certainly struggle with school. This however does not seem to translate



to kindergarten students. In her article, Almon points to the Department of Education NAEP scores, “(they have not) over the past 20 years increased enough to indicate that we are making strong gains, especially when one considers the problems that accompany the current focus on cognitive learning in kindergartens and in preschools. “What is the purpose in requiring that children know how to read at age 5? No one truly knows. The workforce of the 21<sup>st</sup> century and beyond needs creativity, curiosity and imagination to tackle our changing world. We need to be able to solve problems that do not even exist yet. How can

we (or our children) expect to meet future challenges without creativity and imagination? Children learn these qualities not by reading about them but by exploring, failing and trying again, thinking ‘outside the box’, and persisting. They need to be able to play – this is the way that developing brains (and maybe even adult brains) learn best.

*As a parent, we can get our children ready for reading by reading to them.* Twenty minutes a day makes a world of difference. There are so many benefits – bonding, learning that words convey meaning, learning sequencing, conversation starters... and the list goes on. Let your children play with books. Take them to the library. Let them see you reading for pleasure. Do not push them before they are developmentally ready. This builds a great foundation so that when the time comes for your student to read independently, he or she is ready.



### AJCC Preschool Snow Policy

It is that time of year again to begin to think about snow. We do our best to close only when absolutely necessary for the safety of the children and staff. Please review the AJCC Preschool policy and see Melissa Schweitzer if you have questions. You may also want to sign up for text alerts at [www.wbir.com](http://www.wbir.com) –use Webb School.

If **Webb School** closes due to weather, we will be closed.

If Webb School is opening late, we will open at 10:00 a.m. We will update the AJCC Preschool Facebook page and announcements will be on television channel WATE-TV6 and [www.wate.com](http://www.wate.com).

If conditions become hazardous during the school day, the Early Childhood Program Director will contact you to pick up your child immediately.

## Enroll Your Children in the PJ Library

### What is the PJ Library?

The PJ Library (PJ for pajama!) is a unique program that seeks to engage Jewish families with young children in Jewish life. To accomplish this goal, each participating family with children between the ages of six months and six years, will receive a monthly mailing of a Jewish children's book, CD, or the occasional parenting resource. Each book comes with guides to help families use the selection in their homes. The book and music list was chosen by foremost early-childhood and children's literature experts. The list includes a wide array of themes such as Jewish holidays, folktales and Jewish family life.

Created by the Harold Grinspoon Foundation, the PJ Library is FREE for the first year of participation, with a nominal donation requested each year thereafter for Jewish children ranging in age from 6 months through 7 years of age.



### Why does the Harold Grinspoon Foundation (and the Knoxville Jewish Alliance) believe this is an invaluable program?

Parents and children have warm memories of that special time right before bedtime, when they snuggle together and end the day with a book. Reading stories and listening to music together are among the most powerful and nurturing early childhood experiences. The PJ Library will turn these special moments into Jewish moments.

### How did The PJ Library come to Knoxville?

Grace and Thomas Theriot (the children of Emily and Matthew Theriot) were signed up with the Houston area program by their grandparents Castine and Tom Theriot. Emily, a former elementary school teacher, was so impressed by the quality of the books and the corresponding parent guides that she decided Knoxville area children needed the PJ Library, too. She met with KJA leadership and volunteers and created the groundwork. Today as a result of that seed money from Castine and the late Tom Theriot and Emily and Matthew Theriot, the AJCC Preschool, Knoxville Jewish Alliance Annual Campaign, Sylvia Greenberg Family Fund, Harry and Mollie Brieststein Memorial Fund, and Pat and Gene Rosenberg Fund, the program has continued since 2007.

To enroll, visit [www.jewishknoxville.org/PJLibrary](http://www.jewishknoxville.org/PJLibrary) or get a brochure at the KJA office.

## Recycle Halloween Costumes For Purim

Do you have a old Purim/Halloween Costume?

Donate your costume to the Purim

Costume Library that has been established in Pardess-Hanna, Israel. We are working with other leaders in their community that have an agreement with the Local Council Welfare Department in Pardess-Hanna for the benefit of families and children who are unable to buy Purim costumes for themselves. Women's International Zionist Organization will arrange a bazaar for families to choose costumes in time for Purim.

Costumes can be donated to the KJA, Heska Amuna, Temple Beth El, AJCC Preschool, or the Knoxville Jewish Day School.



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## Suzy Snoops

- ◆ **Mitchell Goldman**, MD, UT professor and chairman of the Department of Surgery, was honored as one of the *Greater Knoxville Business Journal's* 2013 Health Care Heroes. More than 300 business and community leaders celebrated the honorees at a luncheon. Their stories appeared in the publication's October issue and can be found at [www.knoxvillebiz.com](http://www.knoxvillebiz.com).
- ◆ **Lucas Richman**, Knoxville Symphony Orchestra director, debuted his piano concerto, *Concerto for Piano and Orchestra: In Truth* at a KSO concert. in October.
- ◆ **Bryna Oleshansky**, daughter of David and Deborah Oleshansky, was featured in October's *Cityview Magazine's* cover story on talented local athletes. A senior at the University of Michigan, Oleshansky is a world-class rower—and a potential 2014 Summer Olympian. During her years in Knoxville, she rowed at the Oak Ridge Rowing Association. She recently returned from Linz, Austria, where she participated in the Under 23 World Championships in the Women's Four.
- ◆ **Melissa Feinbaum** has been selected to the 2014 Class of Leadership Knoxville.
- ◆ **Rachel Brown**, daughter of Ken and Susan Brown, was featured as a vocal soloist on the October 7 "Mighty Musical Monday" program at the Tennessee Theater. She is a sophomore at UTK.
- ◆ Mazel tov! **Adam Brown** and **Angela Honeycutt** were married on October 29.
- ◆ **Sam Winston**, O.D., was chosen by the State's professional association, the Tennessee Association of Optometric Physicians, as Tennessee's Young Optometrist of the Year at the annual convention. Sam is the grandson of Becky and the late Dr. Harold Winston, and the son of Dr. Barry and Annette Winston. He and his wife Lea have two children.
- ◆ At a recent cyber security conference in Washington, DC, Knoxville was well represented by **Katheryn Rosen**, deputy assistant secretary for financial institutions, U.S. Department of the Treasury. Katheryn recently visited Webb School.
- ◆ **Sandy Reback** is a senior global business analyst for Bloomberg Government.
- ◆ **Leslie Snow** recently produced a documentary for public radio's WUOT that featured stories from five East Tennesseans living with HIV/AIDS and aired in November.
- ◆ Rabbi **Lynn Liberman**, daughter of **Marilyn** and **Harvey Liberman**, had an article published in *Sh'ma Journa* (<http://shma.com/2013/11/a-hard-place-to-live-compassion-at-a-womens-prison/>)
- ◆ The **Knoxville Jewish Day School's** Mystery Skype program was featured in the November 4 *Bearden Shopper News*. Students "visit" another school online and must guess the school's location from cultural and geographic clues offered during a quiz.
- ◆ **Elliot Baerman**, son of Drs. Jeff and Sally Baerman, is a 2014 National Merit Semifinalist. He is a senior at Webb School of Knoxville.

## Amazon Smile Helps Jewish Communities

If you're ordering items from Amazon.com, you can make a donation to the Knoxville Jewish Alliance without any additional cost to you.

Please use <https://smile.amazon.com> to designate the Knoxville Jewish Alliance. Amazon.com will donate a percentage of your purchase to the KJA each time you place an order.

## Donate Your Used Vehicle to the KJA

**It's easy! Call toll free (877) JFS-4CAR or (877) 537-4227 or visit [www.donatingiseasy.org/donate-car-knoxville-jewish-alliance.htm](http://www.donatingiseasy.org/donate-car-knoxville-jewish-alliance.htm).**

Charitable Auto Resources, Inc. (CARSTM) makes all arrangements. Your tax deductible donation will benefit the KJA.



## KJA Donations

October 1 - 31, 2013

### Stephen & Kim Rosen

Donation to General Fund in memory of Mabel York

### George & Ellen Kern

Tzedakah Box Donation

### Stephanie Hall & Gene Fitzhugh

Donation to KJA

### Warren & Donna Dropkin

Donation to Camp program

### Arnold & Susan Cohen

Donation to AJCC Preschool

### Eugene & Pat Rosenberg

Donation in memory of Nancy Britcher's mother

### Ian & Maria Gellis

Donation to UT Hillel

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Donation to UT Hillel

### Stephen & Kim Rosen

Gordon Brown Recreation Fund donation in honor of Adam and Angie Brown

### Bernard & Anne Bendriem

Colorado Flood Relief

### Melvin Sturm

Colorado Flood Relief

**2014 Leadership Jewish Knoxville Program coming soon. Watch for announcements.**

## Save the Date...and your Hair!

**February 2, 2014  
Mitzvah Day**

Donated hair must be 10 inches in length. Can be colored and/or permed.



## Cookies Anyone?



*(Top Left and Right) Mouths were watering as Mary Linda Schwarzbart and Phyllis Hirsh took over the AJCC kitchen to teach over 20 of our local ladies how to create their most requested cookies. During this hands-on workshop, we gathered around the island as Phyllis taught us to make her famous Black and White cookies and Mary Linda showed us how to make her most requested Chocolate Scotch Shortbread cookies. The morning with filled with camaraderie and laughter by all who attended. A big thank you to Mary Linda and Phyllis for their time and expertise. Look for more cooking programs in the future and if you would like to teach a class please email Rachel Hale at [rhale@jewishknoxville.org](mailto:rhale@jewishknoxville.org).*

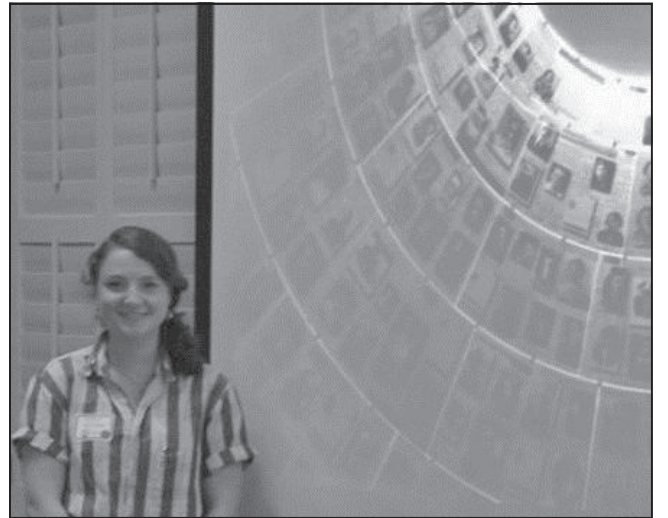
## Boyarin Visits Knoxville

Daniel Boyarin, Herman P. & Sophia Taubman Professor of Talmudic Culture, University of California at Berkeley, delivered the first 20th anniversary lecture for Judaic Studies at UT with a presentation on "Imagining No Judaism." The McClung Museum Auditorium was filled with an eager audience; one family even drove from Memphis to hear him and get his autograph for one of his books. While on campus, Professor Boyarin also met with Professor Tina Shepardson's faculty research seminar on "The Mediterranean World in Late Antiquity" and with the Religious Studies student association.



*(Left) UT Professor Gilya Schmidt speaks to the audience.*

*(Right) Seated: Professor Boyarin. Standing (left to right): Professor Gilya Schmidt, Nikki Swartwood, Nancy Smith, Alissa Reeves. Courtesy of Alissa Reeves.*



*(Above) Emily Hoffman shares photos from her Birthright Israel trip last summer during an on campus UTK Hillel Shabbat dinner.*





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## Knoxville Jewish Community Family of Funds

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### The Magic of the Blue Box

By Scott B. Hahn, Esq., KJCFF President

As part of my morning ritual, I enjoy watching *Squawk Box* on CNBC (the business channel), before I head off to work. As well as being a highly entertaining show about the stock market, they usually have a stellar panel of guests from all over the business world. One of my favorite guests is David Tepper. For those of you who have never heard of Tepper, he founded and heads the Appaloosa Hedge Fund. His net worth is approximately \$7 billion and he has some interesting views on the market, but what makes him even more fascinating are his views on philanthropy.

Tepper gave a gift of \$55 million to Carnegie Mellon's business school, which has since been named after him. He gave \$1 million to Metro West Federation in 2006 for its Israel Emergency Campaign. He also serves on the board of the Robin Hood Foundation, one of the largest philanthropic organizations in New York City. This is a man who knows about giving and is willing to use his net worth to back him up.

So imagine my surprise during a recent interview on CNBC when Mr. Tepper was asked how he began his career in

philanthropy. His answer: putting money into his blue tzedekah box as a child. I was left dumbfounded.

David Tepper, a man who has given millions to different worthwhile organizations, traces his charitable origins to his childhood experiences with tzedekah. To those of you who have children, the message could not be any clearer. The vast majority of people learn about charity from the examples their parents or families set. It is so important to share with your children the gifts that you make to charity and why you make them. It is a lesson that will last with your offspring the rest of their lives. It is the example that you set which has the biggest impact for your children's future giving. For those of you who would like to teach these lessons by setting up a donor advised fund, the KJCFF is here to help. What could be more meaningful than setting up a charitable fund that the entire family can give direction to? As the old adage states, charity really does begin at home.



### Donations

#### Dewey Reich *Chesed Shel Emet* Fund

*In Memory of Lillian Silver (mother of Nancy Britcher)*  
Drs. Renee' Hyatt and Paul Erwin

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*In Honor of Sarah's Bat Mitzvah*  
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*In Honor of Mira Kimmelman's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday*  
Arnold and Mary Linda Schwarzbart

#### Heska Amuna Educational Enrichment Fund

*In Honor of Peggy Littmann*  
Douglas Warner

### Grants

- ◆ The **Alice Greenberg Preschool Fund** made a grant to the Knoxville Jewish Alliance to provide registration costs for three preschool teachers to attend a conference. The KJA also received a grant from the **Zelda and Max Morrison Cultural Enrichment Fund** to support a program by Dr. Stuart Rockoff of the Goldring/Woldenberg Institute of Southern Jewish Living in conjunction with University of Tennessee's production of the play *The Whipping Man* by Matthew Lopez.
- ◆ Heska Amuna Synagogue received a grant from the **Sylvia Robinson Memorial Fund** for the musical performance during Kol Nidre services.
- ◆ The **Sharon Brietstein Memorial Fund** made a grant to NAMI Knoxville.

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# Mazel Tov!

## Heska Amuna Synagogue

### Happy Anniversary!

Jacob and Theresa Love  
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 Michael Zemel and Siri-Datar Khalsa-Zemel  
 William and Kappy Lapidés  
 Mark and Peggy Littmann  
 Jan and Carolyn Fay  
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 David and Bella Wolitz  
 Walter and Alice Farkas  
 Mark and Carol Harris  
 Stephen and Rosalie Nagler  
 Harold and Susan Silber  
 Allen and Andrea Schwartz  
 Omer and Yael Shloush

### Happy Birthday!

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 ◆ Laura Floyd  
 ◆ Jeffrey Hecht  
 ◆ Sarah Milford  
 ◆ Jeffrey Miller  
 ◆ Ellen Schnoll



*All members whose birthday or anniversary occur in December are invited to receive a blessing at kiddush on Shabbat morning, December 14.*

## TEMPLE BETH EL

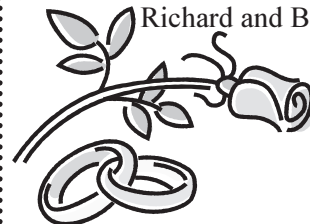
### Happy Birthday!

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 ◆ Michael Goins  
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 ◆ Robert Ivins ◆ Kristy Newton  
 ◆ Pam Schwartz ◆ Ellen Markman  
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### Happy Anniversary!

Bert and Jeanie Gudis  
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 Wesley and Norma James  
 Michael and Jessica Frankel  
 Vladimir Livshits and Lyubov Morkovnikova  
 Brian and Susan Billinson  
 Richard and Beverly Hancock



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## TEMPLE BETH EL

### December 6

◆ Ben Altschuler ◆ Shiela Belensen ◆ Harold Bernard ◆ Bessie Gelber ◆ Morris Goldstein ◆ David Rayman ◆ Rose Sims ◆ Simon Kaufman  
◆ Shirley Blumenthal ◆ Ella Heart ◆ Iris Anita Kenton ◆ Werner Mangold ◆ Gladys Caller ◆ Miles Mark Fisher ◆ Elise Levy ◆ Esther Waldman

### December 13

◆ Gloria Farowich ◆ Harry Sturm ◆ Homer Roy Waugh ◆ Mildred Berger ◆ Louis Cohen ◆ Matilda Goodfriend ◆ Lillian Herrmann  
◆ Herta Sonder ◆ Pearl Salky ◆ Isadore Shey ◆ Joseph Rabin ◆ Morris Rozolsky ◆ Pauline Weinbaum ◆ Ruth Brown ◆ Samuel Mash  
◆ Norman Nadler ◆ Jacob Pais ◆ Mary Ellen Epstein ◆ Anna Gassel ◆ Harry L. Jaffe ◆ Edwin E. Miller ◆ Jacob Victor ◆ Norma Wolf  
◆ Nachum Barkan ◆ Jennie Coons Levitt

### December 20

◆ Irving Hyman Cohn ◆ Barbara Lubar ◆ Charles Manis ◆ Lena Rosenberg ◆ Paula Samoje ◆ Roxie Perley Arms ◆ Irma Hill ◆ Regina Miller  
◆ Benjamin Slate ◆ Frances P Brody ◆ Jack Misner ◆ Lydia Adkinson ◆ Roxie Cox ◆ Gersh Dolgonos ◆ Elise R. Guthman ◆ Lillie Haas  
◆ Milton Katz ◆ Louis Pollock ◆ James Friedman ◆ Abraham Garber ◆ Harold Winston ◆ Madeline Berliner ◆ Minnie Goldberger  
◆ Elise Goldberg Hyatt ◆ Gregory Waugh ◆ Naftula Zauber ◆ Esther Feldman ◆ Doris Plachter ◆ William Rockmaker ◆ Julius Sanders

### December 27

◆ Barbara Dillon ◆ Lena Walowitz ◆ Sigmund Green ◆ Abraham Markman ◆ Logan Ossinsky ◆ Leah Freeman ◆ Florence Straus Gerson  
◆ Jacob Nechamkin ◆ Samuel H. Robinson ◆ Tess Weinbaum ◆ Risel Kronick ◆ Curt Lisser ◆ Hanni Haller Lisser ◆ Fletcher C. Little, Sr.  
◆ Bennie Salky ◆ Sam Salky ◆ Lena Loveman Bloom ◆ Ann Lieberman ◆ Melvin Joseph Freedman ◆ Samuel Lipshitz ◆ Ted Pais  
◆ Marian V. Waxelbaum ◆ Mark Balloff ◆ Mollie Bolshine ◆ Eileen Pucci ◆ Hyman Henry Smith ◆ Bessie Weinstein

### January 3

◆ Luba Golburt ◆ Samuel Levy ◆ Leonard Rader ◆ Ben R. Winick ◆ Barnie Frankel ◆ Esther Reich ◆ Abe Schwartz ◆ Samuel Mofsky  
◆ Lena Silverman Moskowitz ◆ Rabbi Jacob M. Rothschild ◆ Rosa Bart ◆ Rika Licht Goodfriend ◆ William Haas ◆ Bernard Newton  
◆ Pauline Orovan ◆ Morris Schwartz ◆ Lawrence R. Sloan ◆ David Solomon ◆ Lillian S. Weiss ◆ Jacob Caller ◆ Oscar Green ◆ Mone Hess  
◆ Ida Feldman Kaminsky ◆ Fred Levy ◆ Tammie M. Brodie ◆ Jean Fribourg ◆ Sam Morrison ◆ Harry Bronstein ◆ Josephine Engle  
◆ Alexander Feldblum ◆ Jacob Friedman ◆ Robert Oury

## *Heska Amuna Synagogue*

### December 7

◆ Calvin Hahn ◆ Joseph Shamitz ◆ Moe Slovis ◆ Mamie Berry ◆ Irene Binkley ◆ Liebel Goldstein ◆ Helaine Jacobs ◆ Bonny Barsky  
◆ James Greenfield ◆ Madelyn Millen ◆ Sophie Rosenthal ◆ Helen Billig ◆ Alvin Ellin ◆ David Mandell ◆ Benjamin Zwick ◆ Fances August  
◆ Ida Glazer ◆ Idell Harris ◆ Louis Glazer ◆ Renee Perl ◆ Samuel Rosen ◆ Simon Deitch ◆ Ben Diftler ◆ Joseph Krinsky ◆ Samuel Mintz  
◆ Jeanette Scyefsky ◆ Bernard Simon ◆ Minnie Slovis ◆ Henry Sturm ◆ Morris Schneider

### December 14

◆ Minni Kramer ◆ George Busch ◆ Rose Mintz ◆ Julius Siegel ◆ William Shaw ◆ Virginia Waugh ◆ Gerson Corkland ◆ Dora Friedlob  
◆ Lottie Mottsmann ◆ Norma Wolf ◆ Julian Kaoltkin ◆ Lazarus Abrams ◆ Samuel Forman ◆ Arthur Meyer ◆ Isadore Rosenblatt ◆ Sam Saroff  
◆ Selma Vogel ◆ Bertha Bernstein ◆ Hyman Gabler ◆ Abraham Garber ◆ Benjamin Joffe ◆ Morris Kraut

### December 21

◆ Taube Diftler ◆ Louie Herbin ◆ Herbert Ogle ◆ Aaron Gurwin ◆ Lillian Solomon ◆ Edna Cohen ◆ Beatrice Routman ◆ Alice Abrams  
◆ Adrian Harris ◆ Leon Saroff ◆ Lillian Simon ◆ Gregory Waugh ◆ Charles Brown ◆ Leib Gabler ◆ Aaron Glazer ◆ Abraham Schwartz  
◆ Nathan Deitch ◆ Channah Goldstein ◆ Terry Hahn ◆ Maurice Lieberman ◆ Manuel Marvet ◆ Melvin Shorr ◆ Samuel Bebergal ◆ Louis Gluck  
◆ Helen Shersky ◆ Mary Wolf

### December 28

◆ Stephen Sugarman ◆ David Abramson ◆ Clarence Mann II ◆ Stanley Webster ◆ Jill Witten ◆ Mark Balloff ◆ Joseph Bernstein ◆ Melanie Hicks  
◆ Fannie Moskowitz ◆ Rachel Menachem ◆ Jack Ruchlin ◆ Rose Bart ◆ Morris Schwartz ◆ Morris Simon ◆ Bella Bresoff ◆ Nathan Diftler  
◆ Rafael Anidjar ◆ Ben Winick

# Jewish Congregation of Oak Ridge



## President's Corner

By Sig Mosko

About a year ago, I wrote about our changing communications media where we phased out our "Beth-El Newsletter" and began using *Ha'Kol* for most of our hard-copy communications.

Some of us thought that it would be easy to handle short notices and congregation business by email with a few printed copies for members without computers. Al Good and Matt Niad have teamed up to produce an email version of our old Beth-El Newsletter with excellent results, but wow...the time involved is beyond what they can handle on a regular basis. We need to find someone willing to devote time coordinating material for submission to our email newsletter. Al and Matt will still help with the technical aspects of this project. Are there any volunteers out there? Call me if you are interested. By the way, Katie Niad is continuing to do a great job coordinating our submissions to *Ha'Kol*. Thank-you Katie!

At our October JCOR Board of Directors meeting, we discussed possibilities for new fund raising events. The board seems to be overwhelmingly in favor of another "Ah-Men Feast". So, begin saving your white elephants again; we will need them soon. We will hold the next feast sometime in February or March. Watch for our announcements.



*Current JCOR Board of Directors. Front row: Eileen Handler, Bruce Tomkins, Al Good, Sig Mosko, and Jim Bogard. Back row: Irv Barrack, Ron Sternfels, Mel Tobias, and Rabbi Victor Rashkovsky. Not pictured are Len Gray and Hilary Shreter.*

## Torah Fund Cards

To send a Torah Fund card for all occasions, please call Eileen at 482-1341, or Brenda at 483-9463.

Torah Fund cards sent:

- ◆ Get Well to Janne Zlotchenko from Rose Holz, Brenda and Sig Mosko
- ◆ Mazel Tov to: Rosalind Schmorak for 90th birthday from Berthe Weistman, Sisterhood JCOR, Eileen Handler
- ◆ Marcel and Rosalind Schmorak on their 50th wedding anniversary from Sisterhood JCOR, Eileen Handler, Berthe Weitsman
- ◆ Brenda and Sig Mosko on the marriage of Beth and Eric David from Rhonda and Ron Sternfels, Sisterhood, Eileen Handler
- ◆ Catherine and Jerry Braunstein on the birth of their grandson, Tobias, from Rose Holz. Eileen Handler, Sisterhood, Berthe Weitsman, Yardena and Moshe Yair, Evelyn and Peter Blau, Brenda and Sig Mosko, Rhonda and Ron Sternfels
- ◆ Anne and Eli Greenbaum, on birth of their grandson, David, from Fran Silver, JCOR Sisterhood, Eileen Handler, Evelyn and Peter Blau, Yardena and Moshe Yair, Brenda and Sig Mosko
- ◆ Evelyn and Peter Blau, on David's marriage from Anne and Eli Greenbaum
- ◆ Bess and Andy Seewald, on birth of son David, from Fran Silver
- ◆ Linda and Zane Bell, on Noah's engagement to Orly, from Penny Lukin, Evelyn and Peter Blau
- ◆ Rose Holz on her birthday, from Rosalind and Marcel Schmorak

**Sisterhood Mimosa Brunch at Becky Charles' home on Sunday, October 13**



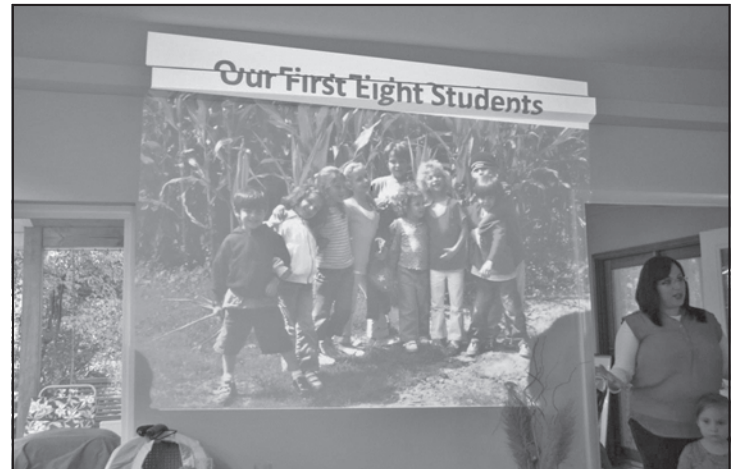
*Fran Silver (on right) introduces JCOR Sisterhood officers for the current year who are from the left, Linda Bell, co-president; Evelyn Blau, treasurer; Peggy Laxton, fund raising vice president; and Becky Charles, co-president. Beth Meyer, secretary, is not shown.*



*(Right) Becky Charles at work in her kitchen flipping pancakes.*



*(Left) Evelyn Blau and Eileen Handler looks over the buffet table.*



*(Right) Guest speaker Miriam Esther Wilhelm of the Knoxville Jewish Day School shows slides of her students.*

**Thank You**

Dear Friends,  
 How can I ever express my deep thanks for all your kindness, your support, your friendship. I was very touched to see so many of my friends at Shabbat Services to help us celebrate my 90<sup>th</sup> birthday. I cannot thank you enough for your generous contributions to Hadassah and our Congregation. So many of you contributed toward the plaque on the Tree of Life Wall in our lobby. There are not enough words to show my gratitude.  
 My family and I thank you from the bottom of our hearts. May we enjoy many happy moments together.

With Love,  
 Mira Kimmelman

**Hostesses**

Thank you for your hospitality. If you need to make a change, please do so, and call Eileen Handler at 482-1341.

**December 7** Shelby and Mark Kaye, Peggy and Randy Laxton

**December 14** Brenda and Sig Mosko, Nona and Sam Poole

**December 21** Avigail and Victor Rashkovsky, Shirley Schwartz

**December 28** Hilary Shreter, Caroly and Bud Stein

**Donations to JCOR**

**Yahrzeits:**

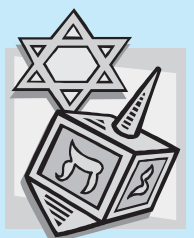
David Volkin from Karen Brunner  
 Sarah Maya from Leon & Vera Maya  
 Jacob Tobias from Melvin Tobias

**Donation:**

To Synagogue from Carol Plasil

**Chanukah Celebration**

**Wednesday, December 4**





# Hadassah Highlights

## Knoxville Chapter Wins Regional Award, Plans for 2014

By Shuli Mesa, Knoxville Hadassah Co-President

On the heels of the 2013 Fall Regional Board Meeting, a special Congratulation goes to the Knoxville Chapter and Barbara Mintz (Membership VP) for coming in third place for Membership in the Region. We are honored to have had so many amazing women and men join the Knoxville Chapter during this last year. We hope to continue the good work in 2014 and that begins with the Installation ceremony of the 2014 Executive Board. Lee Kansas, the Southern Region president, will be here the weekend of **December 14-15** to join us. We begin this weekend with a fabulous Grapes & Gouda social meet and greet at the home of John and Mary Evars-Goan on December 14 at 7:00 p.m. Sunday, December 15 at 10:00 a.m. features the Board and Officer Installation at the gorgeous Paris Apartment (*oui, oui*).

Come join us for one or both of these events! We hope to see you there and congratulations to all of the new Board Members!

### Help Israel by Purchasing Tree or Water Certificates

Fires have ravaged the Carmel Forest, near Haifa, in northern Israel. Many of us met the Israeli firefighters who visited Knoxville and showed pictures of this tremendous fire and the destruction. Five million trees on 12,500 acres are gone. We must reforest, replant, regrow. Plant a tree – or ten, or more – today. Since 1926, through generous donors like you, we have partnered with JNF to drain swamplands, plant forests, develop water resources and preserve Israel's ecology.



Giving opportunities include:

*One Tree - \$18*

*Ten Trees - \$150 (Circle of Trees)*

*Fifty Trees - \$750 (Garden of Trees)*

Yes, you can help Israel simply by contacting Joyce York and purchasing a tree certificate for \$18.00 or a much needed water certificate for \$18.00. You may designate a name for either certificate in memory of someone, sending get well wishes to an individual, in honor of a birthday, anniversary, birth, marriage, engagement or someone's accomplishment. Israel is always in need of trees and water. Please help the forests by planting a tree and helping the trees grow in Israel by giving them some water. You can call Joyce at 384-6177 or email Joyce at [joyceyork12@gmail.com](mailto:joyceyork12@gmail.com) to arrange for a tree or water certificate to be sent out for you.

### Hadassah Book Club

December's book club selection will be *Plainsong* by Kent Haruf. We'll meet December 17, 7:30 p.m., in the coffee shop area of Barnes and Noble on Kingston Pike.

All Jewish women and friends in the greater Knoxville area are most welcome.

Please call Peggy Littmann 588-6661 or contact Peggy at [plittmann@comcast.net](mailto:plittmann@comcast.net) if you have any questions.

#### *Plainsong* by Kent Haruf

"Ambitious, but never seeming so, Kent Haruf reveals a whole community as he interweaves the stories of a pregnant high school girl, a lonely teacher, a pair of boys abandoned by their mother, and a couple of crusty bachelor farmers. From simple elements, Haruf achieves a novel of wisdom and grace--a narrative that builds in strength and feeling until, as in a choral chant, the voices in the book surround, transport, and lift the reader off the ground."

### Time Running Out for Life Membership Discounts

As Hadassah's centennial celebration ends, so will the Life Membership rate of *only \$212.00* on December 31. It is expected that the rate will return to the usual \$360.00 at that time. Take advantage of this very special opportunity and join now!

You can start now supporting Israel, supporting critical health issues including cancers, AIDS, children's diseases, diabetes, women's health issues, and so much more. At the same time, Hadassah works on improving the environment and much more while you get to network with local Jewish women of all ages and backgrounds. One membership has so many advantages!

Contact Barbara Mintz via [barbara@bmintz.com](mailto:barbara@bmintz.com) or (865) 690-7191 for information and assistance.



KNOXVILLE CHAPTER OF HADASSAH

# BRUNCH AND OFFICER INSTALLATION

2014 Executive Board Installation conducted by  
Lee Kansas, Hadassah Southern Region President



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2013  
10 AM - 12 PM



The Shops at Western Plaza  
4461 Kingston Pike

\$15 PER PERSON

RSVP to Jill Weinstein 865-539-0314  
or [jkweinstein5@gmail.com](mailto:jkweinstein5@gmail.com) by December 12th

## Introducing the 2014/2015 Hadassah General Board

### Executive Board

Raeus Cannon	Co-President
Shuli Mesa	Co-President
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Barbara Mintz	Membership Vice President
Elizabeth Spenser	Programming Vice President
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Laura Floyd	Treasurer
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Bonnie Boring	Advisor

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Mary Evars-Goan	Youth Aliyah
Bridge Biernacki	Web Master/Social Media
Nora Messing	Historian
Marcia Shloush	Leadership Development

## MAHJ CARDS

To Benefit Hadassah. Mahj card money is due at National Mahj Jongg League offices by February 1, 2014. Cards are \$8.00 for standard, \$9.00 for large print.

Mail your checks to: Stefanie Rich, 718 Dogwood Valley Road, Kingston, TN, 37763

Any questions call Stefanie Rich at 865-376-7219, or email [stefanierich@bellsouth.net](mailto:stefanierich@bellsouth.net).

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Please provide your e-mail address. We are trying to go paperless!



Hadassah invites you to...

## Grapes and Gouda

An Evening with Regional President  
Lee Kansas

Installation Weekend Begins!

We are so honored to have Southern Regional President Lee Kansas join the Knoxville Chapter of Hadassah for the 2014/2015 Board Installation Weekend.

Join us as we celebrate the end of one term and the beginning of the next. Enjoy a night filled with Wine & Cheese and Delicious Desserts! Socialize, schmooze, and get your Hadassah ON!

Associates Invited and Welcomed!

**WHEN:**

December 14, 2013

**TIME:**

7:00 p.m.

**WHERE:**

At the home of:  
John and Mary Evars-Goan  
933 Dartford Road  
Knoxville, TN 37919  
(865)690-4617

**RSVP BY  
DECEMBER 12:**

Shuli Mesa  
shulime@gmail.com  
(865) 356-7749

### Hadassah Welcomes New Member

Knoxville Chapter of Hadassah is very excited to welcome **Heather Laing** as our newest member. Heather and her family have been in Knoxville for six years. She and her husband both attended the University of Arizona and prior to that she lived in San Antonio, Texas.

Heather's professional experiences include teaching at the elementary school level, taking a very active role in the development of statewide assessments for Texas schools, and traveling statewide training and mentoring teachers. Currently, she is home-schooling her two charming children, Nathanael who is 10 and Avigail who is 7.

Heather's favorite recreational pleasure is hiking. She also enjoys reading, and traveling. She says that she is very excited about connecting with local Jewish women while supporting so many important health issues. We look forward to Heather's involvement in Hadassah beyond her book group participation.

### Hadassah Nefesh

*By Joyce York*

As chilly days envelope us and winter holidays loom, there's no better time to curl up with a book, whether it's enjoying a Knoxville Hadassah Book Club selection or a new author. Readers who want to sample mysteries/thrillers set in Israel or that feature Jewish detectives or characters should explore these websites for potential treasures.

Two websites featuring mysteries set in Israel and the Middle East are [www.stopyourekillingme.com](http://www.stopyourekillingme.com) or <http://addictivebooks.com> (search for Israel or the Middle East). To explore books with Jewish characters, visit the *Jewish Mysteries* website ([www.jewishmysteries.net](http://www.jewishmysteries.net)), edited by Rabbi Larry Raphael. Its bibliography is divided into three categories. *Assimilation*, in which Jewish characters just happen to be Jewish. *Affirmation*, in which the Jewish characters are proud of their Jewish identity and some aspect of Judaism advances the plot. *Acculturation*, in which Jewish characters demonstrate some aspect of their religious, cultural, or ethnic background which develops the character or plot. Another book list can be found at the website Library Thing ([www.librarything.com/tag/Judaism,+mystery](http://www.librarything.com/tag/Judaism,+mystery)).

Want some specific suggestions:? Historial fiction buffs can enjoy David Liss's Benjamin Weaver series, set in 18<sup>th</sup> century London; *DaVinci Code* fans may like Ezra Barany's *Torah Codes*, and thriller lovers will adore Daniel Silva's complex Gabriel Allon series featuring a former Israeli operative turned art restorer.

# Hadassah Wishes Sylvia Silver Happy 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday

In 1990, Sylvia Silver was named as the lifetime honorary president of the Knoxville Chapter of Hadassah. She served on the Hadassah Board in many capacities; most notable was as the President twice, in 1948-1949 and again from 1961-1963. She went on to be the Hadassah Southern Region president from 1972 to 1975. She continues to support Hadassah and the entire Jewish Community.

“My life has been intertwined with Sylvia’s as long as I can remember. Our families were friends, and the two of us made many, many good memories over many years. I still have the rolling pin signed by everyone who attended the wedding shower Sylvia hosted for me. Another meaningful gift came when Sylvia was regional Hadassah president in the early 1970s and invited me to a regional Hadassah leadership training session led by Dr. Daniel Thurz, at that time Dean of the University of Maryland School of Social Work. Since that session, I have used the skills and techniques shared by Dr. Thurz repeatedly in both my volunteer and professional work. Sylvia has been a wonderful friend, mentor and role model.”

*Mary Linda Schwarzbart*

Dear Sylvia,

You and I go back a long way---practically back to B.C.E. I loved working with you for over 20 years on the Hadassah Membership Directory. You were always my mentor and my inspiration. I wanted to be just like you when I grew up.

And, it was because of you that Lenny and I bought the apartment building you lived in and we enjoyed many years of that happy association. I remember one scary time when you dropped your keys down the elevator shaft and Lenny had to climb down into the pit to retrieve them. He was so scared that the elevator might accidentally descend on him.

Your children have all been so kind to us over the years. Jane, and David, who invited us over for cocktails when we were in Santa Fe for a meeting. And especially Matthew who went out of his way for us during several snowstorms in Indianapolis when Seth had such terrible cancer surgery at the hospital there. He'll always be in my thoughts and prayers.

I always think of you and the love and friendship between us forever.

*Love,  
Lee Miller Blotner*



## Hadassah Highlights

### Knoxville Chapter of Hadassah

#### Executive Board

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# Stanford Eisenberg Knoxville Jewish Day School

## Pumpkins, Pumpkins, and More Pumpkins

The Kindergarten/1<sup>st</sup> Grade class celebrated the arrival of Fall this year with a trip to the Oakes Farm Pumpkin Patch and Corn Maze. The kids had been studying the life cycle of a pumpkin, so what better way to complete their unit. After an educational talk given by the farm, the kids got to go on a hay ride to the pumpkin patch where they chose their own pumpkins! The kids also got to go in the corn maze and play a lot of fun farm games. What a wonderful way to start the season!



## Mommy and Me

Great fun at Mommy and Me. Next session begins in January 2014, e-mail Miriam Esther, [me@kjds.org](mailto:me@kjds.org), for more information.



*(Above) Little ones socialize  
(Right) Singing songs*

## Living It Up Old Style

The 2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> grade class participated in a wonderful field trip to the Museum of Appalachia. They had been studying the lives of the pilgrims in their Social Studies unit, and what better way to learn about life in a pre-digital age than to experience it first-hand?

The class learned how to make candles, watched a mule turning a grist mill in the process of making sorghum syrup and played all kinds of old-time games that involved, gasp!, no technology. They saw different artifacts from the period and had fun guessing their uses. Students also explored cabins and the schoolhouse and were really able to get a feel for what life was like for kids their age when the colonists first arrived.



## Creating Genius

*"One is not born a genius, one becomes a genius."*  
(Simone de Beauvoir)

At KJDS, we believe creating genius is possible, especially when kids are allowed to explore what they are passionate about. To that end, we have created Genius hour- a weekly session which allows students to explore their own personal interests.

The students initially were grouped into pairs and decided together what they would like to learn more about. They were instructed how to research online using search engines, links and key words to perform a "web quest." The students have also been taught how to differentiate between useless and quality information.

Once they have completed gathering their information, the pairs will choose how they want to represent their topic (e.g. a PowerPoint presentation, a poster, etc.). The next step is for each child to do a research project individually and present it to their peers. We believe that the skills they learn in researching their passion will generalize through all aspects of their learning, helping them to become the geniuses we know they can be!



## Mark Your Calendar

### The Stanford Eisenberg Knoxville Jewish Day School

### Annual Gala

### Honoring Lucas and Debbie Richman



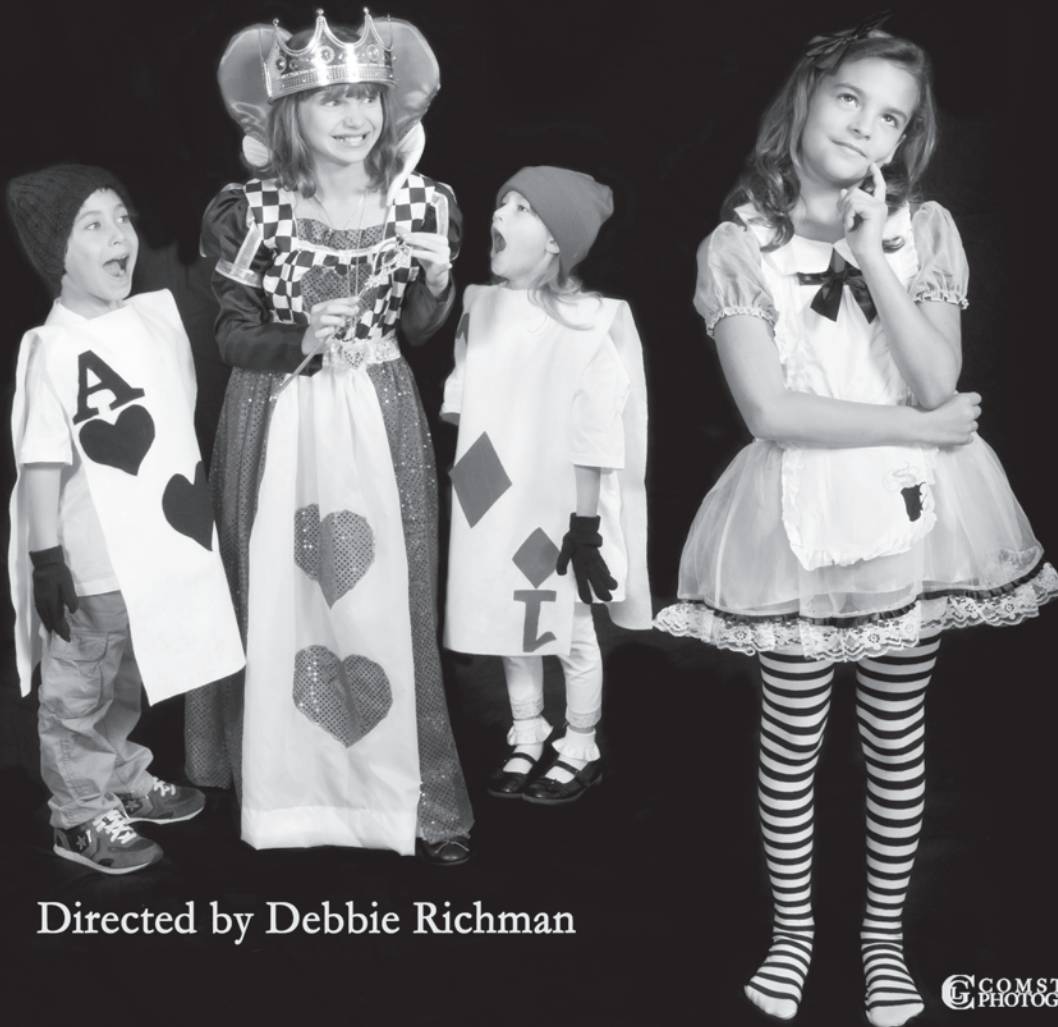
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## Sunday, December 8 @ 4pm

## Leaders for Life

At KJDS, we take pride in providing a quality academic education. We also take pride in the fact that our students become leaders while attending KJDS and we are pleased to have Dan Grabel, a KJDS parent, and owner/director of Camp Manitowa, work with our students this year on leadership skills.

Dan has been working with our older students on skills such as using good manners, being cooperative, being able to compromise, and the very important skill of listening. Dan teaches these skills through fun games, such

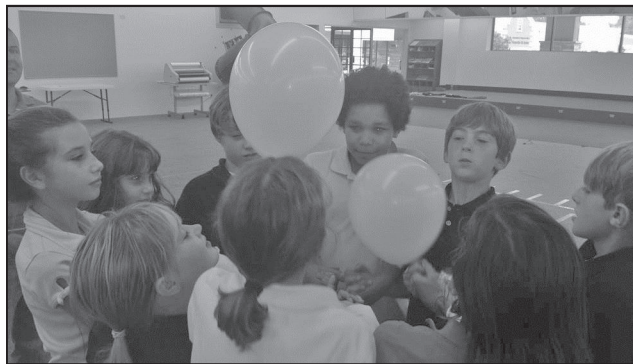
as: The Name Game, which involves thanking people for what they do, and The Towel game, where students had to stand on a towel and work together to turn it over while standing on it, without falling off of it. They pretended the carpet was lava and you definitely don't want to fall in the lava! They also

played The Balloon Game, where they all held hands and Dan threw two balloons, which represented two classmates, into the center of their circle and they had to keep the balloons in the air without letting go of one another. They had to work together to stay connected. Another fun activity was where they drew shapes on a card. They then had to get together with a partner and try to dictate to their partner how to draw it. They had to sit back to back and the goal was to try and duplicate the picture without being able to see it. You had to trust your partner, listen, and be specific with your instructions.

These skills are so important for our students to learn and we are proud of the carry-over we are seeing already in the classrooms. These leadership skills are being put to good use as we start our KJDS Roadshow project. Thanks Dan for volunteering your time to work with our students. These are the leaders of tomorrow!



(Above) Practicing the skill of being specific and trusting our peers  
(Below) Staying connected



# Stanford Eisenberg Knoxville Jewish Day School

## KJDS Staff and Board

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Miriam Esther Wilhelm

**Principal**  
Jennifer Dancu

**Office Administrator**  
Joelle Adajian

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Corinne Cruz  
Julie Parrish

**2-3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Teacher**  
Jessica Vose

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Kari Schubauer

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Revital Ganzi

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### The Way We Were in 1989



#### AJCC Afterschool Artists

AJCC Afterschool Artists program with their creations (left to right): Robin **Goodman**, Abby **Kaplan**, Jill **Miller**, Jordan **Hirschhaut**, Sarah **Hecht**, Joshua **Koller**. Abby is the daughter of Rich and Cheryl **Kaplan**, Jordan the daughter of Steve and Joni **Hirschhaut**, Sarah the daughter of Jeff and Shelley **Hecht**, Joshua the son of former KJF and AJCC Executive Director Conrad **Koller** and Sue **Koller**. Josh **Koller** is married to Megan **Roberts**, daughter of Knoxville Deborah **Roberts**.

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