

## Knoxville Jewish Alliance Launches Local B'nai Tzedek Teen Philanthropy Program

Ellen Schnoll, KJA President, is pleased to announce the establishment of a local B'nai Tzedek Teen Philanthropy program to be administered under the auspices of the Knoxville Jewish Alliance in cooperation with the Knoxville Jewish Community Family of Funds. The local program is made possible through a grant from the Harold Grinspoon Foundation. The Grinspoon Foundation's mission is to enhance the vibrancy of Jewish life through education and experiences that impart the knowledge and values of our heritage and the joys of being Jewish by funding programs for young people, adults, and families.

B'nai Tzedek programs exist in several other communities nationally. They provide opportunities for young people to learn how to create a more just society. An innovative and powerful branch of tzedakah, B'nai Tzedek redefines what it means to be a philanthropist by teaching that one does not have to be wealthy to have a personal and engaged relationship to life-long giving.



*Deborah Oleshansky has been named KJA b'nai tzedek director.*

The primary objective for the B'nai Tzedek Program will be to help every Jewish teen in our community establish an endowment fund in his/her name and to provide these teens with skills and knowledge in the area of Jewish sources on giving, financial literacy and modern philanthropy. It will also seek to help Jewish teens establish relationships with Jewish organizations locally and abroad and provide the opportunity for our teens to network with other Jewish teens locally and nationally.

Dr. Jeff Becker serves as Chair of the B'nai Tzedek Steering Committee and he and his committee have been meeting to develop the KJA's local policy and procedure regarding this program. Deborah Oleshansky will serve as Director of the program. She attended a national Youth Funders Conference at the end of March to learn more about how this program operates in other communities and how that experience and expertise can assist us as the KJA continues to define and develop its program locally.

### **B'nai Tzedek Youth Philanthropy Program Opening Meeting for Parents and their Children in Grades 6 - 10**

Sunday, May 7  
1:00 - 2:30 p.m.

Arnstein Jewish Community Center  
Lunch will be provided  
Join us to learn how you and your  
child can be part of this exciting  
new community program.

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### *Mark Your Calendar*

**Yom HaShoah Memorial Service**  
**"The Holocaust: Why We Remember"**  
Monday, April 24 • 7:00 p.m.  
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# SHORRLINES: It's a Passover Thing

By Eleanor Shorr, KJA Publications Chairperson

We Jews are lucky – we have so many opportunities to renew and refresh our lives. With Passover coming soon, we have a wonderful reason for a new anything – a new paint job on or in the house, a new car, a new diet book - the list goes on. The kids have it made – the new something for them is an extraordinarily pricey pair of jeans that have been treated and pummeled to make them look old. New is out – old is in. We of the more mature persuasion like new much better.

Let's face it - Passover is a very, very OLD holiday. Traditions in the Diaspora are very old – but there is a lot to be said for new. Look around – we have a great new Symphony Director, a great new Opera Director and a great new Men's Basketball Coach; we also will have a new KJA Director. At this rate, if we are very very lucky we may have new representation in Washington.

Surely eventually someone will come up with a new version of the Seder meal. How many more generations will be satisfied with chicken soup and matzoh balls (an absolute must!) brisket, potato kugel, and, as a sop to the healthy, a green vegetable like broccoli. We may even have a salad – not traditional in our house but we must move on with the times and have something new. No one wants to be called an Old Fogey. We have dipped into different

regional dishes and tried many varieties of the haroset. Most were not enthusiastically embraced. Old tried and true chopped nuts, apple, honey, wine and cinnamon is still the favorite.

Our old wine-stained haggadahs, handed out free from Maxwell House Coffee Co., are still treasured in our house. Let others color their Easter eggs – That BROWN-ROASTED hardboiled egg on the Seder plate next to the roasted chicken bone is a welcome sight - like an old friend. (Our butcher never had enough lamb bones to give to his customers so we always had to settle for a roasted chicken bone.)

In our family, we now number 8 to 10 vegetarians. Now that is really something new. What a challenge it is to have a Seder, serving a vegetable broth instead of chicken soup, stuffed cabbage with mushrooms, onions and matzo farfel and vegetable kugels. But even our vegetarian nieces and nephews went whole hog (you should pardon the expression) for the old SWEET Manischewitz wine. (We have been told by the revered head of our household that Manischewitz was an old important Cincinnati family.)

So - old or new, Pasach or Passover is still one of our most joyous holidays. We wish you, your family and friends a very zishe (sweet) holiday.

## Spring has Sprung Celebrate with the Friendshippers

By Beth Heller, Senior Adult Services Coordinator

**Mark your calendars & join us for the following programs:**

Thursday, May 4: Gene Patterson, WATE TV Channel 6 News Anchor presents, "How are Seniors Perceived by the Media?" Noon at the AJCC. \$7.50 per person for catered luncheon; no charge for program alone.

Sunday, June 25: Theatre Trip to Morristown Theatre Guild Production of West Side Story. Elaborate Pre-theatre Jazz Brunch at Morristown Country Club. \$48.00 per person includes luxury coach bus, jazz brunch and theatre tickets. Check your mail for details!

**FRIENDSHIPPER BOOK GROUP**

The Friendshipper book group is going strong. New members welcome. The group continues to meet the first Tuesday of the month at 1:30 p.m. at the AJCC. Interested? Contact Beth Heller at the AJCC, 690-6343.

Suggestions? Ideas for programs? Know someone

who would like to be added to the Friendshipper mailing list? Please contact Beth Heller at the AJCC, 690-6343.

**FRIENDSHIPPER DISCRETIONARY FUND**

Looking for a way to honor a friend, send get well wishes, or just let someone know you care? A contribution to the Friendshipper Discretionary Fund is a great way to show you care. The Friendshipper Discretionary Fund is a fund made up of community members' donations that is used to purchase equipment to be used by the Friendshippers or to help cover the costs of special Friendshipper programs and/or speakers. To date, the fund has been used to purchase a totally portable sound system, to help defray the cost of a larger portable sound system and to help cover the costs for outside speakers. For more information, please contact Beth Heller or Ed Hunter at the Knoxville Jewish Alliance, 690-6343.

*Best Wishes for a Happy and Health Passover.*

The Friendshipper Program is a program of the Knoxville Jewish Alliance. Thanks for your support.

## Rabbi Thinks Campaign Donations a Tax, Not Tzedakah

By Rabbi Louis Zivic, Heska Amuna Synagogue

It's campaign season for the Knoxville Jewish Alliance. We are being asked to support your Jewish community to the fullest extent possible so that it can continue to provide us with services and programs and still be able to give to others less fortunate than ourselves. As Stephen Rosen, this year's campaign chair, stated on Kick-Off Shabbat: "we may disagree over whether or not that money should go to Bearden, Bratislava, or Beersheva, but there is no doubt that we need to contribute."

I hope that you noticed that I have avoided the use of the term "tzedakah," often translated as "charity." Tzedekah is giving on a voluntary basis to the needy. I believe that we need to look at our payment to the Knoxville Jewish Alliance as a "tax," rather than a charity. A tax is what individuals pay to governing organizations to pay for the financial needs of a community.

The KJA tax enables Knoxville to have a

Jewish Community Center, a Jewish Family Services, and all of the programs that the Arnstein Jewish Community Center engenders and funds. This tax also allows us to contribute to the well being of our fellow Jews elsewhere in the world. A tax is not voluntary. It is computed on the basis of what one can give according to their income. While we might try to take advantage of the breaks a tax code allows us, in the end we pay the tax because we know that the money goes to providing for our needs and the government has the power to throw us in jail if we don't pay.

KJA does not have the power to force us to pay our tax to the Jewish community, but our failure to pay what we need to will put the Alliance in the prison of rising costs and fewer revenues. None of us wants to be responsible for that.

April 15 is a deadline we respect because we have to. Let's give to KJA because we want to.

### KJA Campaign Update

100 donors  
68 increased their gifts by 10%  
7 new gifts  
\$173,664 raised so far

Have you made your pledge?  
If not, please:

Call 690-6343  
E-mail [ehunter@jewishknoxville.org](mailto:ehunter@jewishknoxville.org)  
Call Stephen Rosen 540-5313 or  
E-mail [stephen.rosen@morgankeegan.com](mailto:stephen.rosen@morgankeegan.com)

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## Brown University Professor Speaks on Intermarriage

By Ellen Kern, Chair KJA Women's Network



Sunday evening, February 26, Dr. Keren McGinity, Assistant Professor of History at Brown University, presented an historical perspective of "Jewish Women and Intermarriage" in this country. McGinity's doctoral thesis and book topic focuses on a gender analysis of Jewish American women 'marrying out' over the past 50 years.

Overlapping social and political changes, participants heard how intermarriage gradually increased over the decades to the current rate of 47 percent. However, in the past 20 years, intermarried Jewish women have increasingly identified with Judaism; raising Jewish children. Although fairly academic, the presentation was

also sprinkled with personal stories from those women interviewed and gave us valuable insight into intermarriage.

More than 50 of us gathered to hear McGinity. The audience included grandparents, parents of adult children and several young women. Many familiar as well as new faces listened intently and enjoyed dessert afterwards.

Thanks again to the Zelda and Max M. Morrison Cultural Enrichment Fund of the Knoxville Jewish Community Family of Funds for providing a grant to cover most of the speaker's costs. We appreciate Ellen Markman and Linda Gray Slovis for creating a lovely table of desserts; as well as Pam Gross, Judith Rosenberg, Raeus Cannon and Adria McLaughlin for helping with sign in/donation table. Thanks also to the volunteers who brought an abundance of yummy treats. As KJA President, Ellen Schnoll remarked, "We have a remarkable group of volunteers and we do a wonderful job of promoting "...the cultural, social, intellectual and general welfare of the entire Jewish community of Knoxville."

### Get Out Your Dancing Shoes and Get Ready to Rock and Roll

By Susan Silver, KJA Adult Wellness/Special Events Chairperson

The KJA is assembling a "Back to the 70s" bash group to attend the performance of the smash hit musical MAMMA MIA featuring the extraordinary music of ABBA.

The date is Sunday, August 6, 2006 at the Civic Auditorium.

Curtain time is 2:00 p.m. The special group rate is \$60.00 per person for seats in the orchestra or the lower balcony. Plans are to get the best seats available closest to center. In order to secure good seats your early reservation is requested.

Your check or credit card payment is your reservation. Please make your reservations as soon as possible, no later than April 30, 2006. Don't wait till the last minute!

For further information contact Susan Silver, Chair Adult Wellness/Special Events. You can leave a message for Susan at the KJA office at (865) 690-6343.

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Delicious Kosher Recipes From Your Friends at Kroger



## Herring & Potato Casserole

- 16 oz Vita Herring in Sour Cream
- 4 medium Yukon Gold potatoes
- 4 tbsp plain bread crumbs
- 2 tbsp fresh parsley, chopped

- Cook the potatoes until tender, but still slightly firm
- Cut the potatoes across in 1/8" thick slices
- In a casserole dish, make alternate layers of potatoes and herring
- Sprinkle the bread crumbs over the top
- Bake in a 350° oven for 20-30 minutes or until heated through
- Top with the chopped parsley

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# March Madness: Hamantaschen, Matisyahu and NCAA Basketball

By Deborah Oleshansky, JSC/Hillel/Director

March has been a busy month for JSC/Hillel students. We have celebrated Purim both on and off campus by preparing, baking and sharing hamantaschen. After preparing hamantaschen dough at the home of Miriam Esther Wilhelm, JSC/Hillel students met at the kitchen of the International House on campus to roll, fill and assemble hamantaschen which were then baked and enjoyed. Elyse Messing, Rebecca Thaler and Justin Rubenstein were among those busy baking, and many other students stopped by to enjoy the finished results. The building smelled delicious!

While most of what was baked was enjoyed that day, the hamantaschen that remained were taken to the JSC/Hillel Coffee Club meeting the next morning. Students at the Starbucks at Hodges were surprised by the homemade treats and enjoyed sharing them with us. While munching on the goodies, students, led by Amy Riss, continued working on a University grant to get funding to bring the singer Matisyahu to campus next fall for a concert. JSC/Hillel member Rich Hohenbrick shared his expertise gained through his leadership of the Campus Programming

Council, and provided valuable information and contacts. More planning meetings were held with the assistance of Bryan Goldberg and Aaron Simon. Since then we have been in contact with a number of other campus groups and the grant is coming close to completion. We will know later this spring if the planning efforts were successful.

Last but not least, JSC/Hillel students join the campus community in celebrating the NCAA Tournament play of both the Lady Vols and Men's Basketball teams! Go Vols!

## KJA Board Member Dies in Automobile Accident

KJA board member, Dr. E. Marcia Katz was killed in an automobile accident in Indianapolis on Wednesday, March 1, 2006. She is survived by her two brothers, Bennett and Don, sister-in-law, Nancy, two nephews, Corey and Trevor, other devoted family members. The entire Knoxville Jewish community mourns this sudden and tragic loss.

Rabbi Lynn Liberman officiated at graveside services held in Chicago on March 6, 2006. A memorial service was held in Knoxville on Sunday, April 2 at the Arnstein Jewish Community Center. More than 200 friends attended.

Katz grew up in Peoria, Illinois. She entered Purdue University after completing only three years of high school and received her bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering in 1963. She was one of only 30 women in their engineering school, which was one of the largest engineering schools in the country at that time. Katz received a master's degree in 1972 and Ph.D. in 1975 from the University of Tennessee, where she was the first woman to earn a Ph.D. in engineering.

Before coming to UT as a faculty member in 1977, Katz worked for Combustion Engineering in Connecticut and for a national lab near Paris, France. Katz was the first female faculty member in the UT College of Engineering where she taught, conducted research and later retired as associate professor of nuclear engineering. In 1985, she worked in the office of Senator Jim Sasser in Washington D.C. and returned in 1995

as a White House fellow advising the Clinton administration on scientific and technological matters.

Katz' honors and achievements in her field are numerous.

- Allen and Hoshall Award for Excellence in Teaching, 1993
- Chancellor's Citation for Extraordinary Service to the University, 1993
- Finalist for Outstanding Tennessee National Alumni Teacher Award, 1993
- Knoxville YWCA "Tribute to Women Award" finalist in education, 1990
- Outstanding Teaching Award - Dept. of Nuclear Engineering, 1988-89
- DOE Faculty Summer Research Participant
- NASA-ASSE summer faculty fellow at the Johnson Space Center, 1980
- Faculty Research Fund award, 1979
- Lily Fellow for Improving Undergraduate Teaching, 1978-79
- Tau Beta Pi, Engineering Honor Society
- She was listed in five different "Who's Who" volumes.

Katz also was a member of the American Nuclear Society, American Society of Mechanical Engineers, and American Society of Engineering Education.

In Knoxville, Katz was an active member of the community. She served on the KJA Board of Directors as chair of the Missions Committee,

helped plan KJA programs, and she did presentations for the KJA Women's Group. Katz was also on the boards of the Knoxville Association of Women Executives and Contact. She served as president of KAWE and Heska Amuna Sisterhood. She was presently serving as a volunteer for Volunteer Ministry Center and organized a monthly group to feed the hungry at the VMC. She was a past board member of Helen Ross McNabb, a long-time campaign volunteer for WUOT, former Hadassah board member, and she trained for and participated in a Wellness Community Marathon. Marcia regularly donated blood platelets. She was a member of the prestigious Irving Club.

Marcia Katz was not "all work and no play," according to her friends. Among her numerous interests and hobbies were traveling, reading and listening to books (especially mysteries), playing bridge (she was an ACBL Certified Director), attending theater and musical events, collecting arts and crafts, and watching Court TV. Marcia approached everything in life as an adventure. Her curiosity was ceaseless and its breadth was infinite. Her enthusiasm was infectious.

Donations may be made to:

- Volunteer Ministry Center, c/o Heska Amuna Synagogue, P.O. Box 10162, Knoxville, TN 37939-0162
- Knoxville Jewish Alliance, 6800 Deane Hill Drive, Knoxville, TN 37919
- Hadassah, c/o Lee Miller, 7219 Coleridge Dr., Knoxville, TN 37919

## Sympathy

The KJA board and staff express condolences to the family and friends of the following:

- The Sauer family on the loss of Megan's mother, Mary Weekley.
- The Katz family on the loss of Marcia Katz.

## KJA Salutes Our Volunteers

The KJA board and staff salute our volunteers, including the following:

- Thank you to the following people for their help with the March Friendship luncheon program: Charles Mann for his fascinating program; Ruth Sherrill for collecting money at the door; Mimi Pais, Eleanor Shorr and Laura Supman for their deli decorations; Jerry Solomon for all his help with the equipment and for taking photos; Sandy Parsons for her help with the set up; and Alice and Walter Farkas, Cathy Ernst, Marilyn Presser; Marion Abrams, Zilla Weininger and Nancy Britcher for providing transportation.

<i>Happy Passover Murray and Wilma Weinstein</i>	<i>Happy Passover from Jill, Stuart, Evan, &amp; Aaron Chasan</i>	<i>We wish the entire community a healthy, happy Passover Norman and Sandi Licht</i>	<i>Hag Sameach Sandy Parsons &amp; Family</i>
<i>Freedom is not free. It is priceless. Arlene Goldstine; Gloria, Michael, &amp; Hannah Wald; Philip, Leigh Anne, Grant, &amp; Matthew Goldstine</i>	<i>Hag Sameach v Kasher. Gilya Schmidt and Family</i>	<i>PASSOVER GREETINGS Marilyn Rabin - Sarasota, FL Cheryl, Nicki, Aviya Bensky- Pensacola, FL Micah and Eve Bensky - St. Louis, MO</i>	<i>We wish the entire community a healthy, happy Passover - Wendy &amp; Richard Good &amp; Family</i>
<i>HAPPY PASSOVER TO A WONDERFUL COMMUNITY! Bernie &amp; Lesley Rosenblatt</i>	<i>Best Wishes from the Handlers: Leonard, Barbara, Charles and Anne Churchill, Amy, Phil, and Oliver William Oppenheim</i>	<i>Wishing everyone a good Pesach Judi and Martin Abrams, Rachel and Carl Myers, Stephanie &amp; Mark Needle &amp; Deborah Spector</i>	<i>Chag Sameach from Stephen, Rosalie, Mara and Evan Nagler</i>
<i>Passover Greetings from Jewish Family Services</i>		<i>HAPPY PASSOVER Mathis, Bea and Carolyn Bush Deborah, John, Megan and Daniel Roberts Jennifer Bush and Kathryn Otte</i>	
<i>Hag Samaech from The Oleshansky Family David, Deborah, Ben, Bryna and Rae</i>		<i>PASSOVER GREETINGS Barbara &amp; Bernie Bernstein</i>	
<i>Passover Greetings from Elaine and Bob Freeman, Monica and Andy Jacobs, Shelby and Halle Stephen and Bryna Freeman, Blake and Shane</i>		<i>TO OUR FAMILIES &amp; FRIENDS: WE WISH YOU A PEACEFUL, HAPPY PASSOVER ELEANOR &amp; BERNIE SHORR</i>	
<i>Passover Greetings TEMPLE BETH EL</i>		<i>Holiday Greetings from Pam, Ernie, Naomi, Anna Gross Eva and David Barnett</i>	
<i>Wishing you and your family a joyous Passover Kay, Larry &amp; Miriam Leibowitz Elizabeth, Garrett, Rebecca &amp; Eli Asher Vanessa, Adam, Shayna &amp; Daniel Leibowitz Roslyn &amp; Milton Shamitz</i>		<i>Hag Samay'ah The Liberman family</i>	
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<i>Happy Passover To All LEE MILLER LISSA, SHELLY and SETH</i>		<i>Chag Sameach From Lyle &amp; Iain Konigsberg &amp; Susan Frankenberg</i>	

# Knoxville Jewish Alliance

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Passover Greetings  
From the Friendshippers

Hag Pesach Sameach  
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Ben and Amy Willis Becker  
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Jeff and Tracey Cohen  
Dan, Lora, Noah, and Benjamin Cohen-Vogel  
Debbie, Jeff, and Samantha Abrams-Cohen

Warm Greetings to all our  
good friends in Knoxville  
PEGGY, MARK, BETH  
& OWEN LITTMANN

Hag Sameach  
the Schnoll and Haywood Family  
Ellen, Terry, and Sam

PASSOVER GREETINGS  
From  
UT Jewish Student Center-Hillel

# AJCC Preschool News

By Rebecca Goemaat, AJCC Preschool Director

## Purim at AJCC Preschool

Last Wednesday, the gym at AJCC was filled with strange and wonderful creatures – our children, dressed up for Purim! They were cats and superheroes, princesses and jungle animals – and I saw something that looked a lot like a dragon walking in the AJCC front door that morning!

Following a week of hearing the Megillah, baking hamentashen, making masks and collecting goodies for Michloach Manot bags, our families celebrated with a Purim Festival in the AJCC Gym, complete with activities such as grogger making, cookie decorating, a fish pond and a ball pool. Parents and children had a wonderful time celebrating together.

## Spotlight on Daled

Our children grow up fast! They toddle into Aleph, and before we know it, they are running out the Dalet door, headed for Kindergarten! Their final year of AJCC preschool is packed with learning and development that is crucial for educational success.

At four, children are maturing rapidly and developing new skills every day. They take pride in the fact that they can perform many tasks that were once relegated to the adults in their life – cleaning the lunch table, feeding their pet, choosing their own clothing, brushing their teeth. They enjoy being helpful and feel good about contributing to their families and their communities.

In the Dalet classroom, teachers Terri Adkisson, CDA, and Ginny Small, MS, help children practice skills such as pouring their own milk and cleaning up art activities. They assist them in developing responsibility for themselves and their belongings. Children leave the Dalet classroom at the end of the school year with the confidence that they can take care of themselves in a Kindergarten environment.

Four-year-old cognitive growth is amazing! As parents, we sometimes joke about all the questions our children are asking, “How do sharks breathe? Why do I have to clean my room? How are cars made? Why doesn’t the moon fall out of the sky? Where does God live?” But these inquiries are children’s attempts to add to and catalog their rapidly increasing databank of information.

In the Dalet room, teachers encourage these mental explorations. They consider each question to be important, and encourage children to think about the “What if’s” through scientific experimentation and literature. New library books are provided regularly on areas of interest to the children. The science center is stocked with natural objects, bug boxes, and classroom pets to give

children a chance to observe the natural world. Children go on nature walk regularly with biologist Morah Ginny Small.

The language of four-year-olds grows exponentially.

Teachers build language skills through alphabet and beginning phonics activities and through introducing children to new words and concepts through books and conversations. Lunch time conversations in the Dalet room may range from

“How many words start with the letter ‘V’”, to “What do elephants eat for lunch?” Through group discussions at meal times and in circle times, children learn to express their ideas effectively and to process the ideas of others. These are skills that form the basis for how children will learn with others in Kindergarten and throughout the rest of their academic journeys.

Four-year-old gross motor skills have progressed to the point where children can participate in activities such as soccer, tee ball and bike riding. Their fine motor skills have advanced to the point where they can learn to hold a pencil correctly, draw detailed pictures, lace beads and play games with small intricate pieces. In the Dalet classroom, attention is given to the development of both fine motor skills and gross motor skills. Children participate in both outdoor free play and organized exercise. They do art projects with small pieces (such as bean collages and



*Kim Rosen and daughter Tifannie decorate a Purim mask at the carnival.*



*Lily Hirsh and Aiden Roberts of Aleph Class decorate Purim bags with the aid of Ruth Romero.*

beadwork) and practice beginning handwriting.

Four year olds are also becoming socially adept. From the nurturing they have received in the first three years, they have come to trust that they will be taken care of, and this trust provides the foundation for them to reach out socially at ages four and five. They become less dependent on parents and primary caregivers, although at times they still very much need to be nurtured and reassured.

Four year olds relate to their peers in increasingly sophisticated ways. They do complex projects with one another and request play dates with peers. They experiment with personal power and the social consequences of their actions – for instance, they may dictate to one another who will and will not be invited to their birthday parties, based on classroom interactions. They become adept at using the social tools of negotiation and bargaining and practice these daily in classroom play centers. Dalet teachers offer guidance and ensure safety, but allow children to practice social skills and to work out conflicts with one another in order to develop social competence.

In the Dalet classroom, teachers encourage the individual growth and development of each child. They also prepare each child for a smooth transition into the next phase of their academic journey. As our children leave the Dalet classroom this Spring, I am confident that they are prepared for wherever their journeys lead.



## Kaufman to Celebrate Bar Mitzvah

Mark Kaufman was called to Torah, March 17, 2006 at Temple Beth El. He is the son of proud parents Steve Kaufman and Donna Dixon.

Kaufman attends Maryville Middle School and is in the seventh grade. He plays tuba with his school band and has been accepted to the East Tennessee Honors Band. Kaufman is a member of the Science Club and Builders Club. He is a Boy Scout First Class.

Kaufman has interests in rocket science, camping, hiking and traveling. Soccer, playing basketball and paint ball are also favorite pastimes.

# My Jewish Homeland: A Birthright Israel Journey

By Rebecca Kern

"Welcome home," was the first thing Iddo, my Israeli tour guide, said when I landed at the Ben Gurion airport exhausted and excited for my ten day Birthright Israel trip. Even though I knew I was physically thousands of miles away from the United States-the only home I have ever known, I somehow felt safe and at home in Israel as well. Israel was no longer the inanimate, tense and dangerous nation portrayed by the media, but a living nation with friendly citizens and exhilarating politics. Every Israeli I met treated me as an equal - not as a foreigner, but as a fellow citizen. From their warm smiles and welcoming embraces, to their brisk shoulder brushes in the busy markets, I felt as if I was an Israeli myself.

As I traveled through my homeland, I was in awe of the sheer beauty and stark contrasts of the terrain. Within this small country, were mountains (with snow) in the north and lush green forests in the Golan Heights. Then, in a mere three hours drive to the south, we encountered barren deserts, Mount Masada and the Dead Sea. Next, we would drive to the west coast, and walk along Tel Aviv's beautiful white beaches by the Mediterranean Sea. All of these incredible diversities were contained within this country the size of New Jersey!

Returning to the historical homeland of my ancestors also contributed to my immediate connection to Israel. The entire country is steeped in history dating back thousands of years before the U.S. was even discovered. Everywhere we went we were walking upon the same ground that Abraham, Isaac and Jacob had once traversed. While visiting the Western Wall, Iddo told us to select a stone and

make it our own, knowing that it will always be there whether we return or not, just as the Jewish people have survived despite persecution over the years. As we drove along the countryside of the north, Iddo pointed out the mountain where David fought Goliath. We were actually seeing the places described in the Old Testament! We even took part in a live archeological dig in the Tel Maresha caves, unearthing pottery pieces, some completely intact, from the 4th century B.C.E. Due to the mass number of sites and unearthed pottery, we were each allowed to take a piece of "history" back with us!

I also gained a great respect for the Israeli people's loyal dedication and service to their country. The Israeli soldiers I met were teenagers my age, fighting in defense of their country, something that is a rarity now-a-days in the U.S. I honestly felt somewhat unaccomplished compared to their disciplined natures and complete mastery of the English language, western trends and culture. However, despite our many cultural differences, we were able to share similar tastes in music, movies and foods.

Another aspect of my trip which really tied together the purpose of birthright was the speech made by Avraham Infeld, the President of Hillel. Infeld described the five pillars of Judaism, which included the Jewish history, the common Jewish family bond, Mt. Sinai and the laws of Judaism, the land and state of Israel, and the Hebrew language. If we each upheld three of these five pillars, then we were bound to have at least one in common. I chose to uphold the Jewish family bond in keeping my faith and raising my future family Jewish, always supporting both the land and state of Israel, and

vowing to learn to speak and understand the Hebrew language.

Finally, I want to express my gratitude to all of those Jewish philanthropists who have made it possible for a young Jewish adult to experience the rich cultural and religious experiences of Israel, free of expense. All that these altruistic philanthropists ask of me in return is to continue practicing Judaism and supporting Israel. Now, Israel is no longer a piece of land on a Middle Eastern map, but a physical entity, vibrantly bursting with Jewish culture, history and language. Being Jewish and an Israeli advocate are no longer abstract ideas I feel obligated to fulfill, but are life practices I embrace and proudly observe in my daily life. Visiting my Jewish homeland has also encouraged me to consider making *Alyiah* - establishing Israel as my one and only homeland.

*Birthright Israel is supported in part by the Knoxville Jewish Alliance campaign allocations.*



Rebecca Kern (last on right) and friends enjoy a birthright Israel visit.

## Billy and the Kids Enjoy Purim

By Miriam Esther Wilhelm, Chabad of Knoxville

Ropes twirling, cactus growing, boots clicking as Chabad's Purim Party got under way. After years of exotic Purim travels visiting China, the Shtetl, Israel, and the Caribbean Islands, this year's stop was closer to home...Purim was celebrated just two *whoops* and a *holler* away in the wild Wild West.

Dressed in their best western *bib and tucker*, more than 150 Knoxvilleians enjoyed the Purim *Ho Down*. The Megillah was read by the boss cowboy in town, and the cowbells made a *dreadful* amount of noise every time Haman's name was mentioned. We all had a *hog-killin'* time watching the slide show depicting the Purim story and finding familiar faces amongst the scenes.

After the Megillah reading, we were treated to an outstanding buffet of western *Chuck*. The meal consisted of Kosher chili dogs, buffalo wings, sloppy Joe, B-B-Q chicken, cornbread, buns, vegetarian baked beans, baked potatoes, coleslaw, cobbles and hamantaschen. *Bully* to the chefs: Lindsay Benjamin, Bonnie Boring, Shirley Clepper, Cheryl Rubin, Gerri Tumblin, Miriam Esther Wilhelm and Sara Wilhelm

for a job well done.

While the children were treated to buckets of trail mix and iced tea, the adults were able to *Bend an Elbow* at the Margarita Stand. Deborah did a *daisy job* mixing delicious cocktails to enhance our Purim party.

While most people would admit that playing with ropes is *Barkin' at a Knot*, Doug Smith is a feller who finds ropes extremely entertaining. A trick roper by profession Doug kept us amazed by his countless tricks and stunts he did with his ropes. As a bonus, he stayed around after the show and taught the children and some adults how to spin the rope. All present agreed that Doug, the rope tricker, is as *fine as cream gravy*.

Two contestants with a lot of *sand*, Justin Spiegelman and Samuel Bendriem, volunteered for our Pie Eating Contest. With the onlookers cheering them on they each dived into their apple pies. While Justin won tickets to a Vols baseball game for eating more than half of his pie, Samuel won tickets for coming in very close and coming out of the contest

with less pie on his face!

At the end of the *whole kit and caboodle*, all went home *played out* but happy, wondering where Purim travels would take us to next year.

### Western Dictionary:

A Hog-Killin' Time - A real good time  
 Barkin' at a Knot - Wasting your time  
 Bend an Elbow - Have a drink  
 Best Bib and Tucker - Your best clothes  
 Boss - The best, top  
 Bully - Outstanding (exclamation)  
 Chuck - Food  
 Daisy - Good, excellent  
 Dreadful - Very, a lot  
 Feller - Fellow  
 Fine as cream gravy - Very good, top notch  
 Ho Down - A party or celebration  
 Played out - Exhausted  
 Sand - Guts, courage  
 The whole kit and caboodle - The entire thing  
 Two Whoops and a Holler - Not far away

# Temple Beth El Sisterhood Travels Via Stories

By Liz Gassel, Sisterhood President

On Sunday, February 5, The Sisterhood of Temple Beth El hosted a meeting entitled 'Temple Beth El Members: Growing Up Around The World.' Participants included Laura Shenkman of Italy, Angie Anderson of South Africa, Bella Saftro of Russia, Lesley Krakauer of England and Babyling Pais of the Philippines. These members shared their history with us. They were articulate and painted a full picture of the lives they knew. We were able to get to know them better and to visualize their worlds and the differences and commonalities among us. Thanks to all who participated.

March saw our members baking hamentaschen

for our Purim Bake sale. Orders were distributed on the evening of the March 10 and at the Purim Carnival on March 12. In the spirit of Purim, we prepared gift baskets of sweets and fruits, Shalah Manot, that were delivered to the homebound. In addition, we sold individual baked goods at the carnival. Many members worked to make the baking go smoothly and efficiently. We hope this project will raise funds to support a future Sisterhood mitzvah project.

Sisterhood will not be hosting a Women's Seder this year but will still be holding a meeting on Sunday, April 2 at 10 a.m. Passover will be the topic

of discussion. The working title is: "Traditions and Meanings of Passover". Bring your traditions, memories and experiences to the table for conversation.

Sisterhood contributed to the Temple Beth El Seder. We participated in the preparation and cooking of the seder meal held on Sunday, March 19.

Mark your calendars for May 18 at 6:00 p.m. for our annual 'Sisterhood Goes Out'. This evening includes dinner out at a local restaurant with a special guest speaker, a noted local personality.

Sisterhood members worked on a Habitat for Humanity house on Mitzvah Day 2006.

# Heska Amuna Sisterhood Doins'

By Rosalie Nagler, Heska Amuna Sisterhood President

We are now well into spring and Pesach will soon be celebrated. With all the preparation over, finally sitting at the Passover table with family and friends and retelling with story and song of our exodus from Egypt always bring fond memories to me. I can recall my family celebrating the holiday in Montreal, my first Seder with my future in-laws in Calgary, our seders in New York, Florida and now in Tennessee. Wherever my family is, we can celebrate the holiday by repeating together the words of the story of our people.

We are looking forward to our Southern Branch of Women's League Conference to be held on April 30, May 1 and 2 at Ahavath Achim in Atlanta. I am planning to attend along with our incoming Sisterhood President, Barb Levin. If anyone else would like to attend, please let me know.

At this writing, we have just completed our very successful Wine and Cheese Silent Auction. Many thanks to all who donated dinners, goods and servic-

es: Judi and Martin Abrams, Anne and Bernard Bendriem, Nancy and Jeff Becker, Adrienne and JP Dessel, Pam and Ernie Gross, Shelly and Jeff Hecht, Dina and Andy Kramer, Peggy and Mark Littmann, Nora and Patrick Messing, Mary Evars Goan and John Goan, Jill Weinstein, Debbie Richman, Scott Hahn, Allyn Bailey, Marla Brody, Jill Chasen, Gilya Schmidt, Marian Goodstein, Ellen Berez, Mary Linda Schwarzbart, Bob and Sarah Milford, Evelyn Oberman, Steve Abeles/Men's Wearhouse, Kroger/Knox Plaza, Bradley's Chocolate, Markann's, Bernie Shorr, Arnold Schwarzbart, Karen Messing, Spa Visage, Susan Roseman, Marilyn Burnett, Linda Gray Slovis, Best Western/Zoder's Inn, Northshore Brasserie, Etcetera Restaurant, Andy Fagan/WBIR, Lucas Richman/KSO, Brian Salesky/Knoxville Opera, Hansen Galleries, Beth and Raymond Brody, and Coach Bruce Pearl/UT Men's Basketball, and Tony Pack and Michelle Hinds at Toni Michael's Salon.

Everyone who helped on the committee: Susan Roseman, Judi Abrams, Marian Jay, Jill Chasen, Peggy and Mark Littman, Judith Rosenberg, Pat Rosenberg, Nancy Becker, Nora Messing, and Stephen Nagler. Thanks to Eric and Stephanie Banks for providing us with the wine for the event. It put everyone in good "spirits" for bidding. Many thanks to Marilyn Burnett for the energy she put forth in making a spectacular spread for us to enjoy. A very big thank you goes to Amy and David Hull and their children, Samantha, Atticus and Ally, for allowing us to use their beautiful home. You were so easy to work with and the setting was great!

Last and certainly not least, thank you to everyone who participated in bidding online or in person. Without the great participation we would not have had an event!

In closing, I would like to wish you and your family a Chag Sameach for a happy Pesach!

## IsraelFest! NEW DATE!

Sunday, May 21

Arstein Jewish Community Center

12:00 - 3:00 p.m.

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### **WHAT DOES IT TAKE TO SUSTAIN A COMMUNITY?**

The topic of money makes us uncomfortable. But no organized community has ever been without a need for resources or an expectation of offerings, dues, or taxes to support its institutions. Jewish tradition views money as an expression of values and a commitment to godly action in the world.

The rabbis helped systematize the flow and allocation of resources with holiness, community building, compassionate action, and service to God as core values. This extended, in the Middle Ages, to the collection of a "Jewish tax," or tzedekah, to support the widows, orphans, and others in need.

(From: "Money and Spiritual Life – A Jewish Approach to Obligatory Giving" by Bob Leventhal and Shawn Israel Zevit.)



### **IS PHILANTHROPIC GIVING CRITICAL TO THE HEALTH OF OUR JEWISH COMMUNITY?**

- As Jews, we are responsible for one another's safety, health and quality of life. A responsibility we embrace.
- Every day in Jewish communities around the world we transform our commitment into care and hope for those marginalized by poverty or disadvantage.
- In communities such as ours each person who seeks to identify must actively and consciously choose to live a Jewish life. Together, we work to improve the quality of services for our own Knoxville Jewish community and for Jews in need in other countries.
- To do so requires the financial support of those who do have the resources. To do so is an expression of our Jewish tradition and values.



In every generation there are special people who recognize their debt to the past, their obligation to the future and their power to make a difference. Your gift to the KJCFF can help shape the Knoxville Jewish community and ensure that there will continue to be financial resources to sustain the

community in the future.

The KJCFF strives to preserve and strengthen the Jewish Community of Knoxville helping to meet the needs of today and tomorrow. Will you join your community's effort and be a part of its future?

### **HOW WILL THE KJCFF MEASURE ITS SUCCESS?**

We measure our success by the impact of the programs and activities we support through grants made by our funds. As a community we strive to:

- Invest in our children and teenagers through Jewish education, summer camping experiences, support of Hillel programs, and by providing a place for our kids to meet and hang out
- Meet the needs of and provide quality services for Jewish seniors
- Support Jewish programs and activities
- Support the people of Israel and Jewish communities elsewhere
- Rescue Jews who are persecuted
- Meet the needs of our Jewish poor
- Rise together as a people when necessary
- Demand justice for people who cannot advocate for themselves
- Respond to emergencies
- Groom future leaders and nurture volunteers
- Create a spirit of giving, service and hope that others will be inspired to emulate.

What would you add?



### **WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF INVESTING IN OUR JEWISH COMMUNITY?**

- With your support and investment, the Knoxville Jewish community can continue to provide support for needs both now and in the future.
- By creating a fund with the KJCFF, you help to ensure that your philanthropic traditions are passed down to your children and grandchildren.

"It may not be for us to complete the task, but we cannot desist from it."  
 Rabbi Tarfon, Pirke Avot



### **DID YOU KNOW?**

Jewish women's funds and foundations across North America exceed \$20 million in assets. In 2005, women's funds made over \$625,000 in grants to 100 domestic and overseas projects. Jewish women are finding ways to strengthen visibility and support for organizations and projects that meet the needs of women and girls and our communities.



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# KJA Community Events Calendar

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

For the latest updates to community events, please visit [www.jewishknoxville.org](http://www.jewishknoxville.org).

For the most up-to-date listings, visit the online calendar at [www.jewishknoxville.org](http://www.jewishknoxville.org)

## APRIL 2006

- 13** Passover  
• AJCC PRESCHL CLOSED-Passover  
• KNOX COUNTY SCHOOLS CLOSED  
• 10a-Service-Temple Beth El  
• 6:30p-Temple Seder-TBE
- 14** Passover  
Candle lighting: 7:50 PM  
• AJCC PRESCHL CLOSED-Passover  
• KNOX COUNTY SCHOOLS CLOSED  
• 8p-Services-TBE
- 15** • 9:30a-Services-HA  
• 2p-Torah Study-HA
- 16** • 9a-Talmud Study-HA  
• 12p-AJCC Gym reserved
- 17** • KNOX COUNTY SCHOOLS CLOSED  
• 10:30a-Passover Celeb-Gym  
• 7:30p-Israeli Dancing-Gym
- 18** • 10:30a-Passover Celeb-Gym  
• 10:30a-Friend Steer Com Mtg-BR  
• 4p-CFA Guitar Stud.-JFS Room  
• 4:15p-CFA Music. Theat-AL/Gym  
• 7:30p-Chamber Orch Lecture-Gym
- 19** Passover  
• AJCC PRESCHL CLOSED-Passover  
• HESKA AMUNA OFFICE CLOSED  
• 9:30a-Services-HA  
• 10a-Yizkor-TBE
- 20** Passover  
• AJCC PRESCHL CLOSED-Passover  
• 9:30a-Yizkor Serv-HA
- 21** Candle lighting: 7:56 PM  
• 8p-Services-TBE
- 22** 24 Nisan 5766  
• 9:30a-Services-HA  
• 10a-Tot Shabbat-TBE  
• 2p-Torah Study-HA
- 23** • 9a-Talmud Study-HA  
• 9:30a-Religious School-TBE  
• 10a-Relig. Sch.-HA  
• 10a-Tefillin Club-Chabad  
• 1p-Jewish Enrich Prog-Chabad  
• 1p-CFA Musical Theater Work-Gym  
• 4p-CFA Musical Theater Performance-Gym  
• 5:30p-KJA Staff-Board Mixer-AL
- 24** • 4:15p-Hebrew School-HA  
• 7p-Yom Ha'Shoah Service-TBE
- 25** • 11a-Hazak-HA  
• 4p-CFA Guitar Stud.-JFS Room  
• 7:30p-Had. Exec Brd Mtg-OffS  
• 7:30p-B'Nai Tzedek Mtg-BR
- 26** • 4p-CFA Voice Studio-AL  
• 4:15p-Hebrew School-HA  
• 4:15p-Prozdor-HA  
• 6:15p-Adult Education-TBE  
• 6:15p-Mid Week Relig Sch-TBE
- 27** • 10a-Mom+Me Group-Chabad  
• 6:30p-AIPAC-Modern Supply  
• 7:15p-Jewish Life+Thought-HA
- 28** Candle lighting: 8:02 PM  
• 8p-Services-TBE
- 29** • 9:30a-Service-HA  
• 2p-Torah Study-HA
- 30** • South Branch Sister Convent-GA  
• 9a-Talmud Study-HA  
• 9:30a-Religious School-TBE  
• 10a-Relig. Sch.-HA  
• 10:15a- Educ. Comm Mtg-HA

- 1p-Jewish Enrich Prog-Chabad
- 4p-Mitzvah Vols-Chabad

## MAY 2006

- 1** • South Branch Sisterhood Convent-GA  
• 10a-Archives Comm Mtg-BR  
• 4:15p-Hebrew School-HA  
• 6p-CRC Meeting-BR  
• 7:15p-KJA Women's Netw Prog-AL  
• 7:30p-Israeli Dancing-Gym
- 2** • South Branch Sisterhood Convent-GA  
• 1:30p-Frndshppr Book Group-AL  
• 4p-CFA Guitar Stud.-JFS Room  
• 6:30p- Parent Comm Mtg-BR  
• 7p-Exec. Comm Mtg-TBE  
• 7:30p-Exec. Comm Mtg-HA
- 3** Yom Ha'atzmaut  
• 4p-CFA Voice Studio-AL  
• 4:15p-Hebrew School-HA  
• 4:15p-Prozdor-HA  
• 6:15p-Mid Week Relig Sch-TBE  
• 6:15p-Adult Education-TBE
- 4** • 10a-Mom+Me Group-Chabad  
• 12p-Friendship Prog-Gym  
• 7:15p-JLI-AL
- 5** Candle lighting: 8:08 PM  
• KNOX COUNTY SCHOOL CLOSED  
• 6p-Kabbalat Services-TBE
- 6** • Junior Cong Banquet-HA  
• 9:30a-Services-HA  
• 2p-Torah Study-HA
- 7** • 9:30a-Religious School-TBE  
• 10a-Relig. Sch.-HA

## Jewish Family Services News

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

### JFS Coordinates "Chai" Bags for Special Visits

Jewish Family Services volunteers treat residents in community Assisted Living and Nursing Homes with our famous "Chai" bags. These bags enable volunteers to bring a little gift with them when they visit those confined to nursing homes or other long-term care facilities. They contain assorted toiletries and personal care items with separate bags designed for men and women. If you would like to know more about our "Chai" bag program or volunteer some time to visit our older adults in assisted living and nursing homes, please call Nancy Britcher, JFS, at 693-5837 or contact Volunteer Coordinator Evan Sturm.

### A Festive Purim Party at Outlook Pointe

On Thursday, March 16, a Purim Party was held by Jewish Family Services for our Jewish community older adult residents of assisted living and retirement homes. Held at Outlook Pointe, residents there were joined by friends who came from Atria Weston Place and Continuum Courtyards. All ate a fabulous dairy meal of challah, kugle, blintzes, gefilte fish and cheesecake, prepared by our volunteers including Miriam Esther Wilhelm, Evan Sturm, Pat Rosenberg, Eleanor Shorr, Marian Goodstein and Marilyn Presser. The AJCC Preschool children, accompanied by Director Rebekah Goemaat and her guitar, provided entertainment. The children also gave out treat bags and Purim decorations to all the attendees. The Outlook Pointe staff was very gracious and with about 30 people attending, including residents, volunteers, family members, friends and children, a lovely holiday luncheon appeared to be greatly enjoyed by all.

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