



# Ha'Kol

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

## Let Your Present Be Your Presence at Heska Amuna Synagogue's Traditional Family Shabbat Dinner and Hannukah Celebration



**Friday, December 11, 2009**

Spend the 1st night of Hannukah with your  
Heska Amuna Family  
and let the glow from the candlelight  
start your holiday out bright!  
Beginning at 4:30 p.m. with candlelighting  
followed by  
a Traditional Friday evening service  
at 5:10 p.m.  
Delectable dinner at 6:30 p.m.

Then be entertained by the HARS Hannukah Players  
Desserts, games and fun follow!  
Pray, Eat, and Socialize at Heska Amuna

Marilyn Burnett will prepare a delicious chicken dinner  
with latkes and all the trimmings,  
vegetables and assorted dazzling desserts.  
Children's menu includes chicken fingers.

**Cost:** \$23.00 per adult; \$9.00 for children under 10 years of age;  
Family cap \$65.00

### Become a Sponsor

\$72.00 at the Darling Dreidel Level for 2 adults

\$100.00 at the Luscious Latke Level for 2 adults and 2 children

\$118.00 at the Glorious Gelt Level for 2 adults and 3 children –  
or your mother-in-law or cousin once removed

### R.S.V.P. before Friday, November 20

Your check is your reservation!  
Send to: Heska Amuna Synagogue  
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# Heska Amuna Synagogue

# HaShofar



## From The Rabbi's Desk

By Rabbi Louis Zivic, D.D.

Dear Friends,

Chanukah is coming! As you know, Chanukah takes place at the time of the winter solstice; the darkest time of the year.

Chanukah tells of the bravery of a small group of Jews taking on a much larger empire. For understandable reasons of history, the Maccabees, also known as Hasmoneans were able, after feats of arms and martyrdom, to reach a negotiated settlement with the Seleucid Empire.

To celebrate their victory, the Hasmoneans planned an elaborate rededication of the Temple in Jerusalem. The Maccabees were of the priestly caste and the Temple and its welfare was one of their primary responsibilities. To begin the ceremony they wished to light the *Ner Tamid*, the Eternal Light.

Light would be not only the natural symbol for God and creation, but light is the perfect symbol for the darkest time of the year. Hence its incorporation in many of the pagan solstice festivals as a primary ritual.

The mitzvah of Chanukah is to place the *hanukkiyah* in our window so that the light shines outward. As anyone who has ever used a nightlight knows; a very tiny bulb can cast a lot of light.

In times of gloom and doom it is up to us to light our worlds with smiles and shining eyes. Reb Nachman taught: "if you don't feel happy, pretend to be. Even if you are downright depressed, put on a smile. Act happy. Genuine joy will follow." (*The Empty Chair* p.103)

*Chanukah sameyach!!*



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### Continuing Education

#### SHABBAT AFTERNOONS

December 5, 12, 19 and 26

Following Kiddush

Torah Study with Rabbi Zivic

#### SUNDAY MORNINGS

December 6, 13, 20 and 27

At 9:00 a.m.

Talmud Study with Rabbi Zivic

#### TUESDAY MORNINGS

December 8 and 22

At 10:30 a.m. at the Synagogue

HAZAK with Rabbi Zivic

## Chair's Report

By Rosalie Nagler

The celebration of Chanukah comes this month. Its importance in our calendar is minor relative to our other festivals. Often our Christian neighbors attribute importance to it due to the proximity in the calendar to their major holiday. It can present a myriad of responses from us as a community. At Heska Amuna, we are looking forward to a "major" celebration of a Shabbat dinner and the lighting of the first candle. The event is sure to appeal to all ages! The hope is to bring us together as a community for a great time. Many thanks to Susan Contente for arranging this program and to Marilyn Burnett for providing us with a delicious dinner. May the light of the candles of Chanukah enter into your homes and hearts.

B'Shalom



Laura Floyd holds Evyn Mesa during Gan K'tan playtime.

Zachary and Lila Singer enjoy snacks at Heska Amuna's Gan K'tan program. The next program is scheduled for December 13. See page 4 for more details.



## Reflections

By Chaya Silver-Alford, Education Director

A recent article I read raised the question about the order in which Jewish students are best served when considering the practical aspects of “how” with the ephemeral elements of “why” when it comes to Jewish education. While this chicken and egg discussion might not seem urgent to some, for those in the education business, it is a critical and necessary discussion.

Judaism in our culture seems to have changed from the status it once held as life style, tribal affiliation, and life path into a contained part of life that asks to be fit into our “real” lives along with volunteer work, membership in other civic organizations, or participation in recreational sports and leisure activities. People now try and figure out how to “make time” to have a family Shabbat dinner, or must “schedule” attending services, or must balance holiday involvement with professional obligations.

If, for a moment you consider this as a correct vision of contemporary Judaism, then the corollary to this attitude is that Judaism must “make sense” and following customs, traditions, and observances are only tolerated if they appeal to one’s reason. If there is a good enough *reason* for learning to chant the liturgy, then a person will make the time to learn the skills required. For our children this reason is increasing to allow them to have a bar or bat mitzvah with all of the pomp, gifts, and prestige that attend that occasion. Rarely is it about learning life long skills that will deepen with time and bring them closer to God.

It is harder than ever to sell the idea that skills must be learned because they are needed and expected and that after mastering basic skills, one earns the right to ask “why” questions, and “meaning” questions. The idea that we learn how to recite prayers and perform mitzvot and then spend a lifetime fleshing out these practices with meaning is a very hard sell. Educators are expected to give students a reason for spending time on learning how to pray and how to fulfill mitzvot NOW. It has to have meaning NOW. It is no longer enough to accept that we learn to do these things because God wants us to and that practicing Jewish ritual and participating

in Hebrew prayer is an act of faith that comes to life through the practice of the repeated performance of ritual.

In a 2009 article by Rabbi David Wolpe titled *Should we Teach Judaism by Beliefs or by Rituals* he writes “Ritual, the glue of action that often is more powerful and lasting than belief, is also central to Judaism’s history. Ritual changes us, and changes the way we see our world. Even differences of outlook sometimes pale when voices can be lifted together in song, candles lit in the darkness, prayers chanted at dawn.” In order for our children to be able to know why we do something, it is worth considering that they have to have first hand personal experiences doing the ritual before earning the secrets of its deep and ancient wisdom.

What does this mean for educators? It means that we must balance focused skills work with tempting promises. It feels like we have to trick our children into attending services or religious school by keeping attendance charts with promises of rewards. Coming to shul begins to look more and more like the Knox County Coupon Book sales marathon. Too often it seems we have to spend a large percentage of our time convincing parents and students why they should make the time to pray. We have to *sell* the idea that God is good and that repetition of ritual will in time take on meaning. When this juggling act happens in the classroom the time needed in lower grades for teaching prayer and *halacha* is affected. We have less time to teach how and spend more time on convincing why. Perhaps it is time for people to consider a paradigm of Judaism that suggests that faith dictates what we do, and that regular spiritual practice gains value only when practiced over time. So, parents, grandparents, and community adults, it is up to us to model that practicing the skills and concepts we teach at religious school has value in this world in this life time because God says so and because if we invest in this practice the yield will be spiritual meaningfulness.



## When Tzedakah Means Donations

By Chaya Silver-Alford

How can we achieve success and happiness in this world? The answer is given to us in texts many of us read on Shabbat. In *Pirket Avot*, (*Sayings of the Fathers*), we are taught that the world stands on three pillars: on *Torah*, on *Service*, and on *Acts of Kindness*. This statement was made by Shimon HaTzadik (The Righteous) over two thousand years ago.

*Torah* is the first mentioned. From learning *Torah* we know how to behave properly in this world both with people and with God. When we learn and behave according to *Torah*, we are engaged in “repairing the world” or as some say, “*tikkun olam*,” in accordance with God’s desires.

The second pillar is *Service*. In modern times we can think of this “service” as being “in-service” to God and *Kol Yisroel* (the People Israel) through leading and saying prayers, helping in the community, and supporting our religious and cultural institutions. During ancient times as today, service establishes a connection between human beings in a Godly manner

*Acts of loving-kindness* is the third “pillar” upon which the world stands. As opposed to the first two aspects which are about matters that affect the relationship between humans and God, the third element, *acts of loving-kindness*, is between people only.

Charitable giving falls into all three categories. Giving gifts of *tzedakah* is mentioned in Torah, as a way that we can support all of the important services our community offers, and in honoring others in this special manner, supports Jewish communal life in YOUR community: people to people. At this time the Religious School would like to thank the following people for their gifts:

- ◆ **Dr. Harold and Susan Silber** in observance of the *yahrzeit* of **Rhea Silber**; in memory of **Bob Gluck, Jerry Hirschhaut, Rose Rosenthal and Emily Eads Knight**.
- ◆ **Mark and Carol Harris** in memory of **Emily Eads Knight and Bernie Shorr**.
- ◆ **Harvey and Marilyn Liberman** in honor of the wonderful youth services over the fall holidays.

## Heska Amuna Synagogue Education News

Dear Friends,

What a joy to walk through the halls of Heska Amuna during Religious School! Classes are filled with eager learners, our Gan K'tan folks are having a great time doing family learning and Jewish fun, bar and bat mitzvah students are progressing with amazing tutors, our teens are learning in community harmony and our adult learning program "Pathways to Jewish Learning" is underway with more adult learners than ever before. At Heska Amuna, we are committed to learning and study as one of the pathways to God. When we learn together, it elevates our spiritual growth, deepens our friendships, and builds community. There are exciting learning opportunities for all ages at our synagogue as well as learning opportunities for folks with lots of time and those with limited free time. If you are hungry to explore a topic we are not currently offering, please let us know as we are here to serve you. Welcome Aboard!

Chaya Silver-Alford, Education Director  
Michael Zemel, Education Committee Chairman

### Educational Offerings for Families, Children, and Youth

#### Adult Learning at Heska Amuna Welcomes Jewish Community

Our adult learning series, **Pathways to Jewish Learning**, will continue in December and is open to the entire community. Classes will be held December 2, 9, and 16 at 7:30 p.m. Courses include *The Spiritual Path of Mussar*, *Introduction to Jewish Texts*, *Women in the Bible*, and *Mah Jongg*. In addition to our Pathways series, Heska Amuna offers a ongoing learning opportunities for adults. These include *Talmud Study with Rabbi Zivic* on Sunday mornings, *HAZAK*, an interesting discussion group for interesting adults, every second and fourth Tuesday of the month, *Jewish Devotional Chant* on Tuesday mornings. For details on any of these programs, please contact the synagogue at [info@heskaamuna.org](mailto:info@heskaamuna.org).

#### Friday, December 4 - Tot Shabbat ~ 6:30 p.m.

Everyone is invited to Heska Amuna's Tot Shabbat Service. This service is designed for families with very young children. Services include participatory music, games, prayers, and fun for parents and children. We end our service with a fantastic kid-friendly Oneg Shabbat reception. The theme for this Shabbat will be "Chanukah: A Festival of Light." If you would like to join us for the warm service and do not have children you are welcome. You will be renewed and inspired. Those saying *kaddish* are of course welcome.

#### Saturday, December 5 - Junior Congregation 10:15 a.m.

December begins with our second Junior Congregation service of the year. Come and support our 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders who will be taking a special leadership role that morning.

#### Friday, December 11

The Heska Amuna Synagogue Chanukah Celebration will feature a Chanukah play performed by HARS students. Please be part of this synagogue-wide celebration and enjoy the school's presentation of *Hershel of Ostropol and the Chanukah Goblins*.

#### Sunday, December 13 - Gan K'tan ~ 10 – 11:30 a.m.

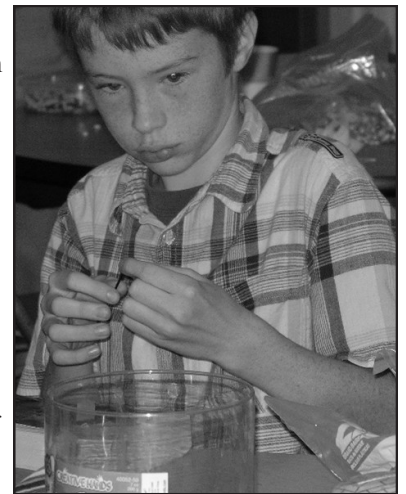
Gan K'tan, Heska Amuna's newest educational offering, is open to members and non-members. All are welcome to this toddler-centered morning of fun and learning. It is designed for parents and their children from birth through kindergarten age. This month's program will focus on **Chanukah**. The program is free to Heska Amuna members and costs only \$5.00 for non-members. The fee covers all snacks and supplies. For more information, please contact Nancy Becker at [nechama419@yahoo.com](mailto:nechama419@yahoo.com) or Morah Chaya at [EdDirector@Heskaamuna.org](mailto:EdDirector@Heskaamuna.org).

#### Thursday, December 17 ~ 7:00 p.m. - Education Committee Meeting

These meetings are open to our parents and our members. If you are interested in joining this committee, have ideas for our school, for Prozdor – our teen program or for Pathways, our adult learning program, please contact Michael Zemel at [mzemel@utk.edu](mailto:mzemel@utk.edu).

#### Winter Break: December 14 - January 4

HARS classes will **NOT** be in session from Monday, December 14 through Monday, January 4 in observance of Winter break. Classes will resume on their regular schedule starting Wednesday, January 6, 2010!



*Children made bell bracelets or anklets to wear as they danced around the Torah during Simhat Torah services. Patrick Yuhl creates a bell anklet to wear at Simchat Torah services.*



*Arielle Rosen, Sidney Yuhl, and Kayla Yuhl select decorative beads for their bangle bracelets as they listen to the story of Simchat Torah.*



*Heska Amuna members enjoy celebrating Simchat Torah.*



*The Tennessee Schmaltz Klezmer band performs for the Hakafot.*



*Peggy & Mark Littmann and Miriam Weinstein were honored at Simchat Torah.*

## *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 Bernard Bendriem, 584-9197, one week before

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

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

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## **Among Our Members**

- ◆ Get well wishes go to the following people who were ill or recuperating during the past month: **Elaine Brown, Betty Himes, Bernie Iroff, Shirley Leeds, Brandon Messing, Judy Rattner, Toby Schwartz, Myra Weinstein and Annette Winston.**
- ◆ Condolences to **Nancy and Tom Britcher** and family on the passing of Tom's brother **Brian Britcher.** May his memory be a blessing.
- ◆ Mazal tov to the following members and their families: **Gene Rosenberg** on receiving the Director's Annual Award for Excellence - The Award for Exceptional Public Service from the FBI. All 56 FBI offices nominated someone and **Gene** was selected for his work with the Traveling Trunk; **Judi and Martin Abrams** on the birth of granddaughter, **Ashley Nicole Myers**, daughter of **Rachel and Carl Myers**; **Jami and Alan Quartararo** and big sister **Paige** on the birth of daughter, **Abigail Michele.**
- ◆ Todah rabah to **Ethel Wittenberg** who continues to work in the Synagogue office every month. We appreciate your time and the effort on behalf of the shul.
- ◆ We accept credit cards for payment. Congregants have the option of paying balances partially or in full or setting up an "auto pay" which would charge credit cards monthly over the next 12 months. If you wish to make a payment by credit card, please complete the "Credit Card Information" box on your statement and indicate the amount you are paying next to the account and make a note if you wish the 1-time pay or the auto-pay setup. Tear off the bottom portion and return in the enclosed envelope. All credit card information will be kept confidential. If you are making a payment by check, please indicate the amount you are paying next to the account, tear off the bottom portion and return in the enclosed envelope.
- ◆ 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.

## **Sponsor a Delicious Kiddush and Schmooze**

All kiddushim are deliciously prepared by Marilyn Burnett. Call Gene Rosenberg at 693-3162 for more information and to reserve a date.

We thank Marilyn and Sidney Burnett for sponsoring the Kiddush in honor of Sukkot in October.

## Contributions from Caring People

For a complete list of funds, please visit [www.heskaamuna.org](http://www.heskaamuna.org)

### CEMETERY FUND

*Isadore Schwarzbart, Isaac Joffe, Anna Gruenberg, Blima and Samuel Schwarzbart and Virginia Morrison Jahrzeits and for Yizkor*

By: Mary Linda and Arnold Schwarzbart

### COHEN-PRESSER FUND

*In memory of Bob Gluck, Mel Nagler and Bernie Shorr*

By: Marilyn Presser

*In memory of Bernie Shorr*

By: Miriam Weinstein

### EDUCATION FUND

*C.B. Brown Jahrzeit*

By: Adam, Stephen and Logan Brown

*In memory of Bernie Shorr*

By: Stella and Bernie Iroff

### EDUCATIONAL ENRICHMENT FUND

*A general donation to the fund*

By: Sylvia Zemel

### GENERAL FUND

*In memory of Bernie Shorr and with much gratitude for the outpouring of kind thoughts and words from the community*

By: Susan Shorr Brown and Ken Brown, Jon Shorr and Kendra Kopelke, Bill Shorr and Tania Mireles, Kathy Shorr and Bob Finch and Bernie's grandchildren and great grandchildren

*In memory of Bernie Shorr and in appreciation of the Chesed and Chevra Kadisha committees*

By: Susan and Ken Brown

*In memory of Bernie Shorr and Emily Knight; in honor of her High Holiday honor; for Peter Dreyer's Jahrzeit*

By: Trudy Dreyer

*In honor of: David Besmann becoming a Bar Mitzvah and Mary Linda and Arnold Schwarzbart*

By: Lynn Fuson

*In honor of High Holiday Honors*

By: Alice Farkas, Kathy and Don Goldstein, Elise and Herb Jacobs, Marilyn and Harvey Liberman, Anita Miller, Mary Linda and Arnold Schwarzbart

*In honor of High Holiday services*

By: Jerry Abshire, Sara Cohen, Susan and Alan Salmanowitz

*In honor of Stella's High Holiday Honor and for Yizkor*

By: Stella and Bernie Iroff

*Earmarked for the Chesed Committee, in memory of Emily Knight*

By: Elise and Herb Jacobs

*In memory of Emily Knight*

By: Jan and Stuart Elston, Jacki and Richard Imbrey, Kim and Michael McClamroch, Kim and Stephen Rosen

*Get well wishes to Myra Weinstein, Judy Rattner and Dot Becker*

By: Barbara Leeds

*Muriel Littmann Jahrzeit*

By: Peggy and Mark Littmann

*For Yizkor; Yisrael, Anna and Lionel Mahler Jahrzeits*

By: Bernice Mahler

*In honor of Bernard Bendriem becoming a United States citizen; thanking God that injuries were not debilitating*

By: Lee Miller

*In memory of Bernie Shorr*

By: Jan and Stuart Elston, Jan and Wayne Haushalter, Manny Herz, Jacqueline and Wilson Horde, Gilya Schmidt

*In memory of Bernie Shorr and Emily Knight*

By: Ellen and Bill Berez, Janet and Bert Gurwitch, Joyce Traugot

*In memory of Bernie Shorr and Emily Knight; in honor of David Besmann's becoming a Bar Mitzvah*

By: The Oleshansky Family

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

*Gertrude Cohen's Jahrzeit*

By: Bella Leeds, Joani and Gary Leeds, Amy and Gene Dandy

*Gertrude Cohen and Günsa Glazer Jahrzeits*

By: Arnold Cohen

*Get well wishes to Eleanor Shorr, Judy Rattner, Bernie Iroff and Myra*

*Weinstein; in memory of Madge Glidewell Bob Gluck, Bernie Shorr*

*and Richard Mittleman; in honor of Jenny Pfeffer-Rodriguez, Carlos*

*Rodriguez and Bernard Bendriem becoming United States citizens*

By: Susan and Arnold Cohen

### LEIBOWITZ FUND

*In memory of Bernie Shorr and Emily Knight; in honor of Bernard*

*Bendriem becoming a United States citizen; Anna Leibowitz's Jahrzeit*

By: Mary Beth and Michael Eisenstadt and Peggy and Gale Hedrick

### RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

*In honor of Elaine's High Holiday Honor*

By: Elaine and David Dobbs

*In memory of Bernie Shorr and with gratitude to Rabbi Zivic*

By: Susan and Ken Brown

*Jean and Benjamin Tew Jahrzeits*

By: Arnold Tew

*Pearl Zwick Jahrzeit*

By: Carole Mandel

### RELIGIOUS SCHOOL FINANCIAL AID FUND

*Leo Vogel Jahrzeit*

By: Nancy and Jeff Becker

### VMC FUND

*C.B. Buster Brown Jahrzeit*

By: Robin Brown

### WINICK LIBRARY FUND

*In memory of Bernie Shorr*

By: Marilyn and Harvey Liberman

*In memory of Bob Gluck, Bernie Shorr and Emily Knight*

By: Nancy and Jeff Becker

*Get well wishes to Bernie Iroff; in memory of Bernie Shorr*

By: Barbara and Bernie Bernstein

*In memory of Emily Knight*

By: Scott Hahn

*In memory of Bernie Shorr, Emily Knight and Richard Mittleman*

By: Pat and Gene Rosenberg

### YARZHEIT FUND

*C.B. Brown*

By: Edith Brown

*Jennie Cooper*

By: David Cooper

*Morris Dixon, Sara Dixon and Leon Dobbs*

By: Elaine and David Dobbs

*Mark Fleishman*

By: Rodney Peron

*Mordecai Heiser*

By: Gilya Schmidt

*Bud Rattner*

By: Judy Rattner

*Morris Skalet*

By: Pricilla and Victor Skalet

*Joseph Solomon*

By: Alan Solomon

# DECEMBER 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
<p><b>AL</b> = Adult Lounge  <b>BR</b> = Board Room  <b>CHBD</b> = Chabad  <b>HA</b> = Heska Amuna  <b>KJDS</b> = Day School  <b>TBE</b> = Temple Beth El</p>		<p><b>1</b></p> <p>9-10a HA-Jewish Chant &amp; Meditation            2-3:30p Friendship Book Club, AL            5:30-9:30p Fencing, gym            6p TBE Exec Comm            6:30p Hadassah Brd, AL            7:30p HA Exec Comm</p>	<p><b>2</b></p> <p>10a-KJA Archives Comm, BR            11a TBE Brunch/Learn            4:15-6:15p HARS            5:30p Fencing, AJCC            5:45p TBE-Pizza Dinner            6:15p TBE Rel Sch            6:15p TBE Adult Ed            7:30p HA-Pathways to</p>	<p><b>3</b></p> <p>7a HA-minyan            11:30a Hadassah HMO Luncheon            5-7p basketball, gym            6p -KJA-Preschool Comm mtg, BR            7-9p basketball, gym            7:15p Jewish Learn-</p>	<p><b>4</b></p> <p>4:45p JFS Shabbat Service, Echo Ridge            6-8p CHBD-Absolute Shabbat            6:30p HA-Tot Shabbat            7:30p-TBE Shabbat. In the Round</p>	<p><b>5</b></p> <p>9:30a HA-Shabbat Service            HA-Torah study following Kiddush            10:30a TBE-Torah study            6:30p HA-Junior Congregation mtg</p>
<p><b>6</b></p> <p>9a HA-Talmud Study            9:30-12:30p HARS            9:30-12:30p TBE Religious School            9:30aTBE-Craft &amp; Bake Sale            10a HA-Judaica Shop Sale            11:30a HA-Gan K'tan            1p Teen Connection            1:30p Olive oil tasting, EarthFare,</p>	<p><b>7</b></p> <p>7a HA-minyan            3-6:45p Kinderdance            4:14-6:15p HARS            6:30p Archives Comm mtg, AJCC            BR            7:30-9:30p Israeli dancing, AJCC gym</p>	<p><b>8</b></p> <p>9-10a HA-Jewish Chant &amp; Meditation            5:30p-Fencing, gym            6:30p TBE-Board mtg            7:30p HA-Board mtg</p>	<p><b>9</b></p> <p>4:15-6:15p HARS            5:30p Fencing, AJCC            6:15p TBE Rel Sch            6:15p TBE Adult Ed            7:30p HA-Pathways to Jewish Learning</p>	<p><b>10</b></p> <p>7a HA-minyan            5-7p basketball, gym            7p KJA-Reception welcoming Israeli teachers, AJCC            7-9p basketball, gym            7:15p Jewish Learning Inst.            7:30p Israel Partnership Comm, AL</p>	<p><b>11</b></p> <p>4:30p HA-Candlelighting            5:45p TBE-Family Shabbat Service            6:30p HA-Chanukah Dinner &amp; Celebration            6:30p TBE-Chanukah Latke Dinner            7:30p-TBE Shabbat service</p>	<p><b>12 Chanukah</b></p> <p>9:30a HA-Shabbat Service            HA-Torah study following Kiddush            10:30a TBE-Torah study            8p Tennessee Schmaltz, Laurel Theatre</p>
<p><b>13 Chanukah</b></p> <p>9a HA-Talmud Study            9:45a HA-minyan            10a HA-Gan K'tan            1-3p basketball, gym            2p TBE Macabbiad            3-5p <b>MENORAH MADNESS</b>, Market Square—3p menorah building, 4p lighting ceremony</p>	<p><b>14 Chanukah</b></p> <p>7a HA-minyan            3-6:45p Kinderdance            4:14-6:15p HARS            7:30p KJA Board</p>	<p><b>15 Chanukah</b></p> <p>9-10a HA-Jewish Chant &amp; Meditation            11:30a JFS Chanukah Party, Echo Ridge            5:30p-Fencing, gym            7:30p HA-R&amp;R Comm.</p>	<p><b>16 Chanukah</b></p> <p>12n KJA-Friendshippers, Rothchild's—Chanukah party sing-a-long            4:15-6:15p HARS            5:30p Fencing, AJCC            6:15p TBE Rel Sch            6:15p TBE Adult Ed            7p Knoxville Opera Preview, AL            7:30p HA-Pathways to Jewish Learning</p>	<p><b>17 Chanukah</b></p> <p>7a HA-minyan            5p KJDS performance, gym            7-9p basketball, gym            7:15p Jewish Learning Inst. w/ Rabbi Wilhelm            7p HA-Educ Comm</p>	<p><b>18 Chanukah</b></p> <p><b>Rosh Chodesh</b>            7:30p-TBE Shabbat service</p>	<p><b>19 Chanukah</b></p> <p>9:30a HA-Shabbat Service, birthday &amp; anniversary blessings            HA-Torah study following Kiddush            10:30a TBE-Torah study</p>
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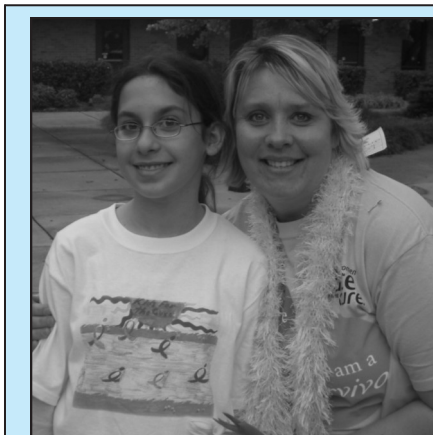
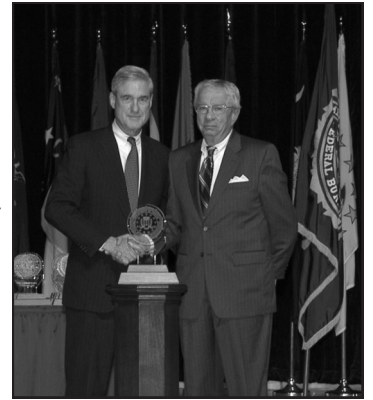
# KNOXVILLE

## FBI Honors Rosenberg with National Award

Longtime community activist Gene Rosenberg was awarded the FBI Director's Award of Excellence for Exceptional Public Service. The awards ceremony took place at Constitution Hall in Washington, D.C. where Mr. Rosenberg was recognized for his work with the "Traveling Trunk" exhibit promoting racial and cultural diversity.

Throughout his lifetime, Rosenberg has tirelessly devoted himself to the betterment of the Knoxville community through education and direct involvement. He is a valued, long-time member of the East Tennessee Civil Rights Working Group promoting racial and cultural diversity. In 1999, Mr. Rosenberg was instrumental in developing the "Traveling Trunk" exhibit to educate children and adults about hate crimes and the consequences of racial, religious, ethnic, and other types of persecution. The presentation demonstrates the dangers of hate crime and the attitudes and behaviors which give rise to them. Since its inception, approximately 17,000 people have seen his presentation and its message is planting important seeds to educate and inspire people. Rosenberg has traveled throughout the United States in support of multiple FBI divisions.

Richard Lambert, special agent in charge of the Knoxville field office, offers "it sends a very powerful message about hate to anyone who sees it, and I think it has a long-lasting and positive impact." The FBI Director's Awards for Excellence are considered some of the most prestigious in the FBI, and a nomination in itself is considered an outstanding achievement and testament to an individual's service to our nation. Mr. Rosenberg was chosen as the single winner from numerous nominations submitted from across the United States.



*Esther Siver, daughter of Joe Siver and Anita Kay, won first place for a children's t-shirt design for Race for the Cure. She is a sixth grade student at Bearden Middle School.*

*Esther joins Kari Mathews, breast cancer survivor and leader of team Ya-Yas for Ta-Tas. Esther was part of that team.*



*At the October 24 event, Ronald McDonald awarded Esther her first place prize in the Race for the Cure t-shirt designing contest.*

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## UJC Adopts Name Change, New Logo

The United Jewish Communities (UJC) Board of Trustees unanimously approved a new name *The Jewish Federations of North America* and a new logo for the organization that represents 157 Jewish Federations and 400 independent network communities. As part of an ongoing effort to create a stronger continental brand and market positioning for the Federation system, and based on market research, UJC is changing its name to align with and reflect the Jewish Federations naming. The new name builds on strength of familiarity of local Jewish Federations, aligns with 90 percent of local Federations names, and reflects the best practices of other large federated non-profits.

"Our new name makes a clear and bold statement that we embody the Jewish Federation system, said Jerry Silverman,

president and CEO of The Jewish

Federations of North America. Further, this change enables us to work with our partners to create stronger positioning of the Jewish Federations for the future.

The new logo with a circular design and menorah is a strong, innovative mark, rooted in Jewish tradition, signaling centrality and stature, while being inviting and optimistic. Local Jewish Federations have embraced the need for greater consistency and many have volunteered to adopt the visual identity (e.g., logo) locally.



**The Jewish Federations**  
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# H A P P E N I N G S

## Knoxville to Jerusalem

By Ilya B. Budik

An old friend from my years in Winick AZA recently commented on my latest Facebook photos from Israel, "What...are you doing in all those photos? Are you studying in a rabbinical school?" I found it to be quite humorous, and we had a good time catching up. But then, if I am not in rabbinical school what is a recent finance and biochemistry graduate doing studying Judaism in Jerusalem? Didn't I already bite off enough education to chew on for a while? The truth is I love what I studied in college and G-d willing I will be back pursuing a strong career soon. But I realized some time ago that while my academic studies were at a collegiate level, my understanding of Judaism was still that of a 13-year-old. Having come from the Soviet Union where Jewish education was not just non-existent, but actually illegal, my family marveled at the new opportunity the Knoxville community afforded us and quickly enrolled my brother and me in religious school. After many years of religious school, summers at the JCC camp, bar mitzvah tutoring, and even teaching religious school classes my final years of high school, I thought I had a pretty sharp understanding of what this "chosen people" stuff was about.

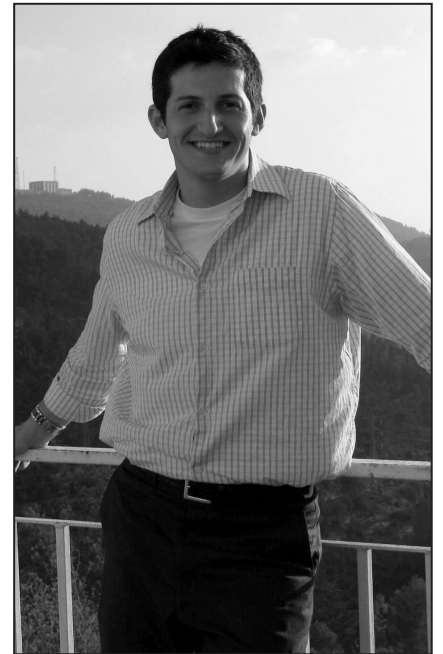
My first thought to the contrary came a few years later over Shabbat dinner at our campus rabbi's home. It wasn't just that the rabbi made Judaism come alive in such a practical day-to-day sense and seemed to have answers both to the deep philosophical questions and to the practical questions I threw his way - or at least he would admit his lack of knowledge and return to me after some research. It was that his seven-year-old son, a well rounded and happy kid, who seemed to know more and have a better understanding of Judaism and of life, than I did. Wasn't I the one in college? It seemed that while I had talked about the importance of asking the big questions in life, the rabbi had done so early on and built his family around the real lessons from the sages which he found. I should note that before then, I saw my Judaism more as a study of history and outdated customs than lessons of any practical substance. It was the close-knit culture and hospitality of the Jewish community that kept me involved more than anything; if "holiness" meant a solitary lifestyle void of life's amenities, it was not for me. So meeting someone with a Johns Hopkins education and an M.B.A. who still found value in Torah was a huge wake-up call.

So after finishing college last May and with a little money saved, here I am in Israel. In Jerusalem, I decided it would be worth devoting just a little bit of time in our long lives to intently learning how to incorporate the Torah into day-to-day living before returning to my career.

The past couple of months have been some of the most intense learning I have ever taken part in: starting at 7:30 a.m. we learn through most of the day to 8:00 p.m. It's beautiful! The purity and intensity of services here, especially over the *chagim*, sometimes make me wonder if I have caught Jerusalem Syndrome (see Wikipedia or The Simpsons), but then I remember that only non-Jews are susceptible, as our connection with G-d is permanently existent and only needing of personal desire to strengthen. Here, Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur can only be described as truly "Holy." The country lives and breathes these days in all their intensity. My cousins described how even around the secular streets of Tel Aviv, they could lay down on the highways without a single car passing over. Then over Sukkot, we spent the week sleeping outdoors in our own sukkah, bouncing around the all-night parties amidst the streets and balconies overflowing with the temporary homes while praying for the rain to come "in its time," (after we move back indoors). Helping put up our sukkah here reminded me of working with the Winick guys and Ernie Gross to help families across Knoxville build their own. But perhaps what reminds me most of Knoxville is the deeply entrenched spirit of hospitality here. Over the past couple of months, my friends and I have had the pleasure of spending Shabbat meals at countless authors and educators, regular working families, and in homes of young couples all so eager to invite us and others into their homes.

Thank you to my mom and dad and everyone in the community who has inspired and taught me to continue learning and staying engaged throughout the years. With the year just beginning, I am eagerly looking forward to all the learning and lessons yet to come and I invite all of Knoxville to experience the amazing Shabbats here in Jerusalem. It would be my pleasure for anyone visiting this year to spend Shabbat here in Jerusalem and return home with the energy and devotion you always wished for yourselves.

*Ilya Budik graduated from Miami University where he studied finance and biochemistry and is currently spending the year studying in Jerusalem. He can be reached at [ibudik@yahoo.com](mailto:ibudik@yahoo.com).*



# TEMPLE BETH EL TIMES



## From the Rabbi's Study

By Rabbi Beth Schwartz

"Who can retell the things that befell us? Who can count them? In every age a hero or sage came to our aid." Every year we sing this song, and teach it to our children. We sing, and then we ourselves retell the story of Chanukah. Most of us don't see ourselves as heroes or sages, and truth be told, most of us aren't – most of the time. But when we pass our history to our children by sharing and celebrating Chanukah, we gain a measure of heroism and wisdom.

This is easier in some generations than in others. Thank God, we live in a time and place when we are not afraid to let our Judaism show, and to observe the tradition of proud and public display of our menorahs. Yet even here and now, there are exceptions to our confidence. Indeed, even in our age, we feel the pressure of conformity, not to be "too Jewish," or to present our neighbors with too overt a challenge to their faith by displaying ours. Some of us do experience anti-Jewish prejudice, making the open celebration of Chanukah – whose very origin is a matter of religious freedom – risky. And then there is the matter of those who insist that only "Merry Christmas" is an appropriate greeting for this time of year. We can admire their faith, perhaps, but we can also stand up to their lack of empathy.

Who among us will be the hero or the sage who will come to the aid of the Jewish people today? The threats we face as American Jews may not be so imminent, but our sisters and brothers elsewhere are not so fortunate, as even a casual glance at international news sources will show. And one of the essential aspects of Jewish identity is our sense of peoplehood that unites all Jews everywhere. We may not know who it is at this moment, but we can all celebrate the Festival of Lights as if it were all of us. May your menorah shine brightly, and may your spirit be as strong as Judah Maccabee's. *Chag sameach!*



14 Kislev - 14 Tevet 5770

Rabbi Beth L. Schwartz  
Rabbi Emeritus Howard Simon  
Temple President Stephen Eisen  
Sisterhood Presidents Joyce Traugot  
and Phyllis Hirsh

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## SERVICES IN NOVEMBER

December 4 at 7:30 p.m. – Shabbat in the Round in the Social Hall

December 11 at 5:45 p.m. – Family Shabbat service, followed by a Chanukah Latke Supper, and Festival service at 7:30 p.m.  
December 12 at 10:30 a.m. – Torah study with Rabbi Schwartz in the Temple Library

December 18 at 7:30 p.m. – Erev Shabbat service.

December 25 at 6:00 p.m. – Kabbalat Shabbat service.



We invite the Knoxville Jewish Community  
To join us at

Temple Beth El's  
Chanukah - Latke Dinner

Friday, December 11, 2009  
6:15 – 7:30 p.m.  
Followed by Shabbat Services

Dinner includes: brisket, latkes, applesauce,  
sour cream, challah and beverages.

Cost: \$5.00 per person / \$20.00 per family  
RSVP: Amy Rosenberg @ [Rockybergs@tds.net](mailto:Rockybergs@tds.net) or  
TBE office by Dec. 7, 2009

Reserve early and enter a raffle to win a Menorah!

Save the Date  
January 22, 2010

Temple Beth El will rededicate  
our beautiful stained glass  
windows.  
Watch for details next month.

## President's Message

By Stephen Eisen

Why do you affiliate with Temple Beth El and what benefits do you receive from paying dues? This is a good question with a difficult answer. Every individual who joins the Temple does so for their own reasons, ranging from wanting a place to give their children a Jewish education to having burial rights in a Jewish cemetery. Some people hope to find a new level of spirituality and some feel it is their duty as a Jew. I have heard congregants say they want to surround themselves with other Jews and others who just want to know a rabbi is available to them, should they need one. These are all valid reasons to join and they are all valid reasons to engage in Temple life.

As president, I interact with many congregants and I hear often why one can't make it to Temple on Friday nights or participate in a program or serve on a committee. These "excuses" make me sad because these congregants are not letting me down, but rather letting themselves down. It is the responsibility of each congregant to reach out to others and to build and shape our community. You do not have to serve on a committee to have your ideas heard and you should not have to hope that a program or project that interests you pops up on the calendar. If you want the Temple to serve your needs and desires you must get involved at some level and let the leadership know. Communication is the key and it needs to be a two-way street.

I have seen people get their feelings hurt because "the Temple did nothing" for them when they were ill or had a crisis. The Temple is run by volunteers with active lives. We do not have the resources to call every congregant on a weekly or monthly basis to see how they are (nor would it be welcome by most). Part of belonging in our community is letting others know when you need help. By allowing others to run your errands or cook your dinner you are honoring them and performing a very high level of *mitzvah*.

I know of several families that keep "freezer pleasers" (thank you Honerlin) to deliver, once notified there is a need. There are dozens of people that would be happy to pick someone up and drive them to Temple on Friday night or to a program during the week. All one has to do is ask, just as you would ask any other member of your family.

To me, the benefit of being a Temple member is knowing that I have connected with so many wonderful, loving kind people and that they will always be there for me as they know I will be there for them.

I wish everyone a Chanukah filled with family, friends and much happiness.

B'Shalom, Stephen

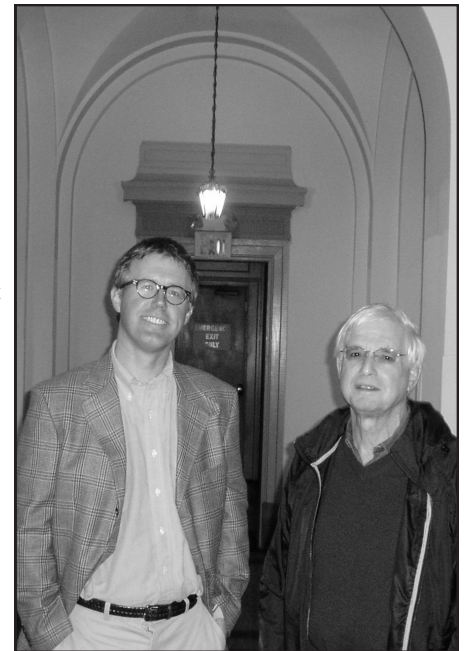
## Temple Members Tour Chattanooga

By Meredith Jaffe

On October 24, 11 congregants enjoyed a specially tailored tour featuring the history of the Jewish community of Chattanooga. Dr. Daryl Black of the Chattanooga History Center, who created the program, was accompanied by Mizpah Congregation member Sanford Winer, a Chattanooga native whose family contributed to the development of the city's business community.

Although the weather was uncharacteristically cold and nasty, the intrepid history buffs saw the area where many Jewish-owned retail stores had thrived and the Dome Building built by Adolf Ochs when he transformed the *Chattanooga Times*. Before eating lunch together in the Bluff Arts District, the group drove past Mizpah and around the neighborhoods where many founding Jewish families had lived.

Many thanks are due to the Chattanooga History Center, Dr. Black, and Mr. Winer for such an informative and enjoyable experience.



*Dr. Daryl Black and Sanford Winer  
in the restored Chattanooga  
Choo-Choo station*



*L to R: Andy Loebl, Zoya Kopt, Linda Zaretski, Marcy Frankel, Jerry Jaffe, Meredith Jaffe, Florence Mayer, Mark Frankel, Richard Licht, Lucy Barkan, Shirley McGuire*

## The Sisterhood of Temple Beth El

We are an affiliate of WOMEN OF REFORM JUDAISM

### Sisterhood Presidents' Message

By Joyce Traugot and Phyllis Hirsh, Co-Presidents

Volunteering: giving of oneself, caring and, most importantly, understanding the basic concept that one person can make a difference.

*"How wonderful it is that nobody need wait a single moment before starting to improve the world."* Anne Frank.

We have many volunteers who "get it" as Anne did, but none more than **Ruth Sherrill**. We would like to take this opportunity to honor her as a volunteer and a friend to the community. Ruth is currently active as Sisterhood board member, Sisterhood board corresponding secretary, Temple board member, Caring Committee chair, Mah Jongg Tournament chair, contact for selling supermarket gift cards, and Bimah Flower chair.

People helping people, sharing time and talent, getting satisfaction and a sense of accomplishment while improving the lives of others in the community: Ruth not only *gets it*, she does whatever she can and is not held back or limited by what she cannot do.

We honor Ruth and all of our volunteers who do what they can, and give whatever time they can. Young or old, and anywhere in between, we each have something to contribute to one another, to Temple and to the community with a common goal. Everyone is welcome to join in and join us in our effort "to improve the world."

Ruth, you make a difference in all of our lives and we are so very grateful. Thank you so much!

### Chanukah Craft and Bake Sale Sunday December 6 - 9:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

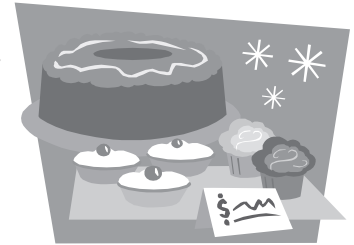
Sisterhood's Chanukah Craft and Bake Sale is back and better than ever! All your favorites are returning.

Home-made honey, challah, home-canned goods as well as needle crafts, collectibles and so much more!

Support the Sisterhood of Temple Beth El and get your Chanukah gifts and baked goodies all in one fun afternoon. Still working on those craft projects? Great! We can still accept all of your wonderful creations up until Saturday, December 5.

Please contact Lesley Krakauer at

[always.brit@gmail.com](mailto:always.brit@gmail.com) or 691-3208 or Honerlin Del Moro at [lukkurt@comcast.net](mailto:lukkurt@comcast.net) or 689-0701. Thank you to everyone for supporting this fantastic event!



All Sisterhood Member are Cordially Invited to a

### CHAI TEA

Sunday, January 10 at 3:00 p.m.

Phyllis Hirsh's home

12817 Edgebrook Way, Knoxville, Tennessee 37922

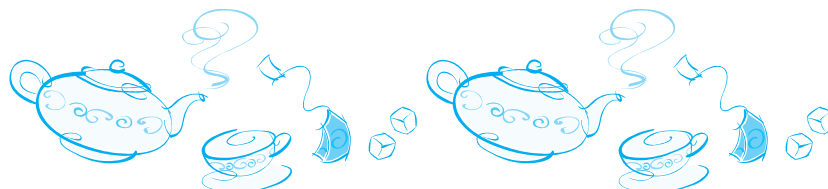
Discussion of the 2007 *New York Times* bestseller *The Zookeeper's Wife* by Diane Ackerman.

This true story about Warsaw during the Nazi Occupation is taken from the memoirs of the *Zookeeper's Wife*.

It tells about their lives, their animals, their efforts with the Underground to save Jews.

Linda has a paperback copy to share.

If you plan to attend, please R.S.V.P. to Linda at [lbzaret@gmail.com](mailto:lbzaret@gmail.com).



## Temple Beth El Religious School November Update

By Norma James [nfjames77@gmail.com](mailto:nfjames77@gmail.com) or [nfjames@aol.com](mailto:nfjames@aol.com)

**Pizza Dinner for Midweek classes 5:45 p.m., December 2:** Don't forget to arrive early. You can have some free time to socialize with your friends before classes begin at 6:15 p.m.

**Chanukah Family Shabbat, December 11:** Start off Chanukah with an exciting family service. Norma will be joined by Alex Glass, our ISJL Fellow. Of course you will want to stay around for our latke supper. Older students will enjoy our regular Chanukah service at 7:30 p.m. when Alex Glass reads the Torah. Make plans to attend one or both services!

**8th Annual TBE Macabbiad, December 13!** Which team will win this year? Will it be Team Hay, Shin, Nun, or Gimmel? The entire school will have a great time competing in wacky games with a Chanukah theme. The younger kids work with the older students in a great family atmosphere. It is as much fun to watch as it is to play. We need lots of parents to help in the kitchen, at the party, and as judges. PLEASE contact Norma James if you can volunteer some of your time. We would love to have every student and parent attend this fun event. *Temple Tots who have not yet started school are invited to join us for this day of fun!*

**Braggin' on our Teachers and Kids at our First CLC Day of the Season!** I know this is December, but I just must brag about what a terrific job our students and teachers from Temple Beth El, Heska Amuna, and Jewish Congregation of Oak Ridge did at the first CLC day October 25. Our theme was "Unpacking the Torah," and we celebrated the end of our fall holiday season by studying *Parshah Bereshit* and *Parshah Noach*. Younger students made Noah's arks, upper elementary students made unique paper dioramas of Creation. Older students studied both stories and did a compare and contrast activity. THEN...students created beautiful pictures inspired by both Torah portions which stretched the width of the social hall and were connected and rolled up to make our own Torah complete with *wimpe!* Rabbi Beth helped students raise two Torahs so that students could see the actual *Parshah* from each Torah. The grand finale was a huge rainbow created by the older students that was large enough to arch over the entire group of students as a reminder of God's covenant with Noah. This day could never have been possible without the outstanding instruction by our rabbi and all the teachers and madrichim and the help of parents who stepped up to assist with snack and materials preparation.

**Endowed Funds and Hilton Garden Inn of Atlanta Make Atlanta Kallah Possible:** On November 22, several teachers attended an outstanding Kallah for Jewish Educators in Atlanta. This trip was underwritten by our Temple Beth El Endowed Funds which supports teacher training. In addition, the Hilton Garden Inn of Atlanta provided rooms for our participants and at fraction of the usual cost thanks to arrangements made by Aaron Margulies. Without this support, we could never afford opportunities like this one. It is essential that our teachers have opportunities to study and learn with other Jewish educators, and this Kallah drew teachers from over 25 congregations in the greater Atlanta area.

**Winter Break:** There will be no Religious School or Midweek classes Sunday, December 20 to Wednesday, January 6. Classes will resume Sunday, January 10 with bowl painting for Bowling for Hunger. *Staff WILL MEET Sunday, January 3 at TBE for a combined in-service with Heska Amuna, 9:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m.*

### Upcoming Events

**December 2:** Midweek Classes: Pizza dinner 5:45 p.m.

**December 11:** Family Shabbat 5:45 p.m.

**December 13:** Maccabiad at Religious School

**December 20 - January 6:** Winter Break. No Midweek & Sunday classes.



### Adult Education

- ◆ **Wednesday, December 2**  
Brunch 'n' Learn: *Jewish Holidays Like You Didn't Learn in Hebrew School* – this month's topic: Chanukah. 11:00 a.m. in the Temple Library. BYOB: Bring Your Own Brunch.
- ◆ **Wednesday evenings, December 2, 9, 16**  
*Everybody Has a Body: Jewish views of the body, in health, in sickness, in tradition and today.* 6:15 -7:30 in the Temple Library.

## Meet Our Members

Each month, we will introduce you to one of our Temple families. This month we bring you

**David and Emma Fleischmann.** Most of us have experienced others' surprise that there are Jews in Knoxville, but how about Haiti? Amazingly, Temple member David Fleischmann actually had his bar mitzvah there! David, his wife, Emma, and their son, Jason, lived most recently in Florida. But only Jason was born there.

Emma, a descendent of Sephardic Jews from Turkey, is originally from Cuba; she received her early education at O'lehai Yeshiva School in Miami Beach, Florida. David was born in the Dominican Republic, where his parents arrived as refugees



from Germany and Austria during the Holocaust. He grew up in the Caribbean islands and was living in Haiti at the age of 13. A well-known Reform rabbi was actually "imported" for the occasion of his bar mitzvah.

The Fleischmann family decided they wanted to enjoy life at a slower pace and moved to Knoxville two years ago. Currently, they live in the Karns community. All three are connected to Knox County schools: David as a network analyst, Emma as a bookkeeper, and Jason as a seventh-grader at Karns Middle School. Their interests include travel, theater, music and photography.

The Fleischmanns are already active members of Temple Beth El, and we are delighted that David is now serving as chair of our House and Property Committee. Emma is active in Sisterhood and worked this summer at the Jewish Community Center. Jason is preparing for his bar mitzvah, scheduled for February. They truly enjoy Temple Beth El's warmth and already feel at home. We are delighted to have them as part of our Temple family.

## SAVE \* THE \* DATE

March 20, 2010

### Temple Beth El's 6th Annual Spring Auction

Catered Dinner, Music  
Silent & Live Auctions

For more information, to help volunteer or to donate items, please call Amy Rosenberg at 356-6830 or e-mail [Rockybergs@tds.net](mailto:Rockybergs@tds.net)



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Monday – Friday

9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

## New Members

By Amy Rosenberg

It is a pleasure to introduce two new families to our TBE family: the Gilat's & the Tomov's.

**Karen and Ronen Gilat** have two children, **Zeev** and **Ivy**. Zeev, 16, has joined our confirmation class and Ivy, 10, is in the fourth grade class. They recently moved from Scranton, Pennsylvania and currently reside in Morristown.

**Beverly and Stanimire Tomov** have one daughter, **Sofia**, who recently celebrated her sixth birthday and has joined the first grade class. The Tomov's hail from New Rochelle, New York and currently live in Knoxville.

## Mazel Tov

Temple members **Marilyn Wohl, Liz Gassel, Nancy Locklin-Sofer** and **Laura Berry** are among the outstanding citizens being named to Knoxville's various committees and for services rendered.

## Our Condolences

- ◆ Janet R. Baker, 83, mother of Susan Derrington, died October 25, 2009, at St. Mary's Medical Center of Huntington, Virginia. Our condolences to Susan, Keith, Clark and Eli Derrington.
- ◆ We are sad to report the death of our member, Manny Taras, on Saturday, October 30, 2009. Our condolences go to his family and friends.
- ◆ We are saddened by the death of our member, Frederick Millis, husband of Jean and father of Susan and David, on November 8.
- ◆ Condolences to our member Marc Mangold and his wife, Shelley, on the death of his mother, Ursula, in Switzerland, on November 9.

May their memories be for a blessing.

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## Beiler Bimah Floral Fund

The *Beiler Bimah Flower Fund* is maintained by the Women of Reform Judaism. Pulpit flowers are a great way to honor a loved one, observe a Yahrzeit, or any occasion. Your \$30 payment, made payable to Temple Beth El Sisterhood, should be sent at least TWO WEEKS prior to the Friday you wish flowers.

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



# Knoxville Jewish Alliance

# Ha'Kol

## Chanukah Event Celebrates Oil Miracle

Join the Knoxville Jewish Alliance on Sunday, December 6 from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. as we partner with the Jewish Outreach Institute (JOI). EarthFare, 10903 Parkside Drive in Turkey Creek will help us take the oil out of the Chanukah story and into the supermarket aisle! Eight Days of Oil<sup>SM</sup>, a Chanukah Olive Oil tasting, is a Public Space Judaism<sup>SM</sup> opportunity for local Jewish organizations to share some gourmet olive oil with folks in local communities who are going about their grocery and specialty shopping. It's also a chance to share information about the holiday of Chanukah, and connect shoppers to upcoming events in the Knoxville Jewish community. Shoppers will be greeted by KJA volunteers as they sample three different olive oils. Special thanks go to Adria McLaughlin, EarthFare's community coordinator.



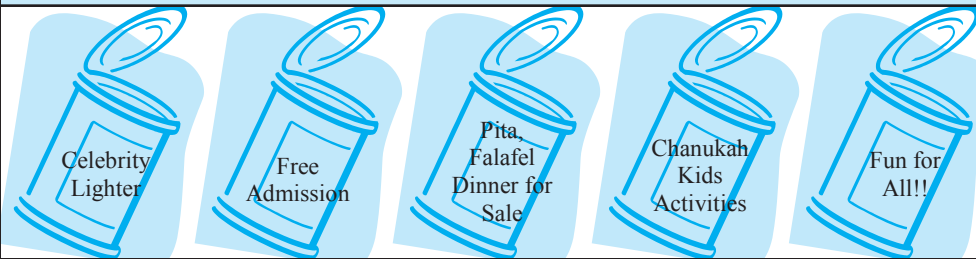
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## Yes we "CAN"

**Build K-town's largest food can menorah!**



## Menorah Madness at Market Square\*

*Hosted by:  
Chabad, Knoxville Jewish Day School, Knoxville Jewish Alliance, Heska Amuna Synagogue, Temple Beth El*

**December 13, 2009**

Menorah Building at 3:00  
Lighting Ceremony at 4:00

*\* Food cans will be donated to Second Harvest*

**RSVP at [ajccmenorahmadness@gmail.com](mailto:ajccmenorahmadness@gmail.com)**

**\*\*Please provide your e-mail so we may contact you/check our website at [www.jewishknoxville.org](http://www.jewishknoxville.org) in case of inclement weather location change**

### KJA Annual Campaign

Campaign 2009 **\$317,287**  
Campaign Goal **\$400,000**  
**310** family gifts  
**126** increases over 2008  
**47** new gifts

*We need your help if you have not already made a gift in 2009. Please call 690-6343, mail a check to 6800 Deane Hill Drive 37919, or go online at [www.jewishknoxville.org](http://www.jewishknoxville.org).*





## “Shalom, Branch Office of the Jewish People, May We Help You?”

By Stephen Rosen, KJA President

The Russian Night Dinner was a timely reminder to me that KJA is really a branch office of the Jewish people. I remarked that evening that everyone in attendance was an immigration story and the only question was from where and how? My grandfather Sam came to this country in 1925 because of the kindness of his distant relative Nathan Leshner. The inspiring people who created the dinner in October came to this country with the help not of an individual person, but that of the whole Jewish community. In the Knoxville Jewish community, we did not hesitate to take our rightful place in that international process. We at KJA always have the opportunity and the responsibility to be a “branch office” of the Jewish people. Our job, like the bumper sticker says, is to think globally and act locally.

So what does it mean today to work under these guidelines? In 1967, when it looked like the State of Israel’s existence was in jeopardy, the order of the day was to raise a lot of money in a little time. In the late 80s and early 90s, when we saw a window of opportunity to emancipate the Jews of the Soviet Union, the task was to facilitate one of the greatest mass migrations in history. Today’s jobs are not as clear and “shovel ready,” to use a phrase from the Obama administration.

Yossi Beilin, a veteran of Israeli politics, recently said in a roundtable discussion that we need to “reorganize our institutions because ... they do not fit the needs of the 21st century. [Most] worldwide Jewish organizations were founded in the late 19th century/early 20th century and their sole purpose was to rescue Jews, help build their communities, and enable Jewish societies. These functions are not needed today. The tools of the 19th century are not sufficient to reach the goal of the 21st century which is Jewish continuity. [In order] to ensure this continuity, we need to reinvent our values.”

About 12 years ago, I made a wild guess in a Knoxville Jewish Federation meeting that within 25 years, Israel would be funding the Jewish community of the United States. Maybe Mr. Beilin is thinking the same thoughts that some kid had when he was making an aggressive pitch for a larger allocation for the AJCC? The practicality of the idea is not as important as the concept of where Jewish dollars (and *shekalim*) need to be spent. Since its inception in 2001, KJA leadership has strived to provide the programs that we believe the Jewish community of Knoxville desires. As the cost of this part of our mission has increased, we have naturally reduced our overseas commitment. Is it possible that building Jewish life at home is our generation’s Operation Exodus? Sometimes, the best ideas come from the branch office and not the top floor. As always, I invite your comments, criticisms, time and money.

Stephen Rosen is the president of KJA and can be reached at [stephen.rosen@morgankeegan.com](mailto:stephen.rosen@morgankeegan.com). The title of this article is in fond memory of former AJCC office administrator, Mrs. Helen Ecker.

## Friendship Programs

Come have fun with us at these upcoming events! Everyone Welcome

**Wednesday, December 16:** It’s a season of celebration and a time for family and friends. Whether your Chanukah festivities last one night or eight, food, fun and games will make this a holiday to remember. Chanukah party sing-a-long with **Charlene Gubitz and Joyce Traugot**. Special Chanukah menu complete with latkes.

**Wednesday, January 13, 2010: Market Square, A History of the Most Democratic Place on Earth by Jack Neely.** Jack Neely is the award-winning Secret History columnist for Metro Pulse, Knoxville’s weekly newspaper. He is the author of *From the Shadow Side and Other Stories about Knoxville, Tennessee*, and with Aaron Jay, of *The Marble City: A Photographic Tour of Knoxville’s Graveyards*.

**Wednesday, February 24: Dr. Jeff Becker**, Molecular Genetics and Systems Biology Head, Department of Microbiology, University of Tennessee will present *Developing Medicines*.



Gavin Luter, coordinator of UT Howard H Baker, Jr Center for Public Policy and Wilma Weinstein, KJA program director at the October Friendshippers program.



Marilyn Presser is greeted by Mimi Pais and Maya Greenspan at a recent Friendshippers event.

**Wednesday, March 10: Vance Thompson, Director, The Knoxville Jazz Orchestra** will bring several members of the orchestra to entertain us! Thompson has been the recipient of many awards and honors. **Join us at Rothchild’s, 8807 Kingston Pike.** Transportation available to all programs!!! Don’t miss out!

## Friendship Book Group

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

## Russian Dinner a Success

By Wilma Weinstein, Program Director

We couldn't have been more pleased with the outcome of our Russian Night Dinner at the AJCC, October 18, 2009. It was quite a feast featuring delicious appetizers, soups and many salads, perogies and to-die-for desserts – and of course, vodka tasting! More than 130 guests attended.

Great thanks is deserved to all who were involved with the planning and execution of our event. Barbara Bernstein was very helpful and our honored guest, Judy Megibow, came all the way from Colorado to attend. Mark and Lucy Barkan and Bella and Ilya Safro were co-chairs of the committee. From my first telephone call to Mark, I knew things were under control. Bella Budik, Maria Shusterman, Zoya Loebel, Nelya Ostrovskaya and Lena Badalov also contributed their culinary skills to the dinner. Thanks also to Maya Greenshpan, Sara Mazeroff, Martha Andrus and Laura Berry who helped. Music was provided by violinist Ilia Steinscheider and vocalist Justin Moore with Patrick Harvey on piano.



*Maria Shusterman, Barbara Bernstein, Vladimir Livshits, Judy Megibow, Bernie Bernstein, Lyuba Livshits, Nelly Ostrovsky and Bella Lester enjoyed the Russian Dinner that was held on October 18 at the AJCC.*



*Violinist Ilia Steinscheider provided music for the Russian Dinner.*

*The Russian Dinner was well attended and delicious food and entertainment was enjoyed by all.*



*Bella Budik, Bella Safro and Lucy Barkan prepare Russian cuisine for the dinner.*



*Miriam Weinstein and Dan Smith enjoy the savory appetizers.*



## Jewish Family Services Introduces MitzvahCorps

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

On January 24, Jewish Family Services will kick off **MitzvahCorps** to share the joy of youth with seniors in retirement and assisted living facilities in Knoxville. We invite Gimel and Dalet preschoolers (3-5 years old) and elementary school students, along with their parents, to join us. We will meet at 3:00 p.m. on January 24 and get to know each other through a cookie-swap and craft session, where we will make a special Tu B'Shevat art project for our new friends. If you would like more information or to RSVP, please call Laura Berry, JFS Director, at 690-6343 ext. 18 or e-mail her at [lberry@jewishknoxville.org](mailto:lberry@jewishknoxville.org). Please look for more detailed information on MitzvahCorps in your January *Ha'Kol*.

## UT Students Celebrate "Challah"ween, Mid-Term Survival with UT Hillel Events

By Deborah Oleshansky, JSC/UT Hillel director

UT Hillel students celebrated the completion of mid-terms with a bagel brunch held on campus at Andy Holt apartments. Special thanks to event chairs, Hannah Schwartz and Aly Resh, for coordinating food and fun ice breaker activities. Hillel executive members continue to plan ongoing programming for students both on and off campus. October events included "Challah"ween challah baking at the International House and Torah Study at Coach Bruce Pearl's office. A Jewish student/Jewish faculty meet and greet was held in November at Copper Cellar on Cumberland.



UT Hillel students gather for a mid-term survival bagel brunch: Alexander Gellis, Leah Muriel, Spencer Glaser, Dylan McCoy, and Hannah Schwartz.

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## Mitzvah Day

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## Save The Date!

**Sunday, February 7, 2010**

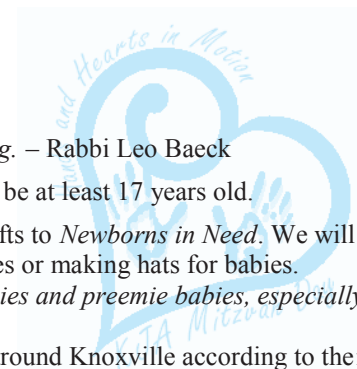
*Through faith we experience the meaning of the world; Through action we give the world meaning.* – Rabbi Leo Baeck

**Medic Mobile Blood Drive** will be on site at the AJCC from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Donors must be at least 17 years old.

**Blanket project:** Volunteers, are needed to make handmade, washable blankets to be given as gifts to *Newborns in Need*. We will be making no-sew fleece blankets but we also need your help knitting or crocheting 6" afghan squares or making hats for babies.

**DECEMBER:** Please drop off cribs, pack n play, other baby furniture and items needed by babies and preemie babies, especially preemie diapers.

Each month we will collect various items for donation to different organizations and causes around Knoxville according to their need. Look for more information and other projects as February nears!



## Suzy Snoops



◆ The Knoxville Racquet Club Dream Team, representing the USTA Southern section, captured the National Championship title at the 2009 USTA Jr. Team Tennis 14 and Under Intermediate National Championships by defeating the WFDL Challengers of Fond Du Lac, Wisconsin and the USTA Midwest section, 47 games to 40 (3-2 in matches). Congratulations to team member **Logan Brown**, son of **Adam Brown** and **Jill Brown**.

◆ More than 125 people attended the *upshernish*, an inaugural hair-cutting ceremony, for 3-year-old **Mendel Wilhelm** October 13 at the AJCC. The *upshernish* stems from a portion within the Torah, which compares man to a tree. It states a tree's fruit should not be cut for the first three year of its life, so a boy's hair is not cut during his first three years. The *upshernish* formally marks a Jewish boy's

introduction to Jewish education and practice and is mostly performed by Orthodox Jews. **Mendel** is the son of Chabad Rabbi **Yossi Wilhelm** and **Miriam Esther Wilhelm**. At the event, refreshments were served and a video of Mendel and his father preparing a Shabbat meal was shown. Watch the video on YouTube - [www.youtube.com/watch?v=Kjpd\\_D-tWzs](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Kjpd_D-tWzs).

- ◆ **Ron Gubitz**, son of **Charlene** and **Jeff Gubitz**, participated in the New York Marathon, Sunday November 1. He ran the race in 4:16:31. Supporters of Hip-Hop Congress.com, an organization founded by **Ron** and friends in Los Angeles supported his efforts with a fundraising effort of over \$3,000 for the organization. Hip-Hop Congress.com supports community efforts and education using urban music.
- ◆ **Laura Berry**, KJA Jewish Family Services director, has established a Facebook page for *Jewish Young Professionals in Knoxville, TN*. New members are welcome to join the site. She also coordinates a Young Professionals networking group. For information, call 690-6343.
- ◆ The Jewish community welcomes **Abigail Michele Quartararo** to Knoxville. She was born November 11 to **Jamie** and **Alan Quartararo**. **Abigail** weighed in at 6 pounds, 9 ounces and 19 inches. Big sister **Paige** is excited.
- ◆ **Nathan B. Weinbaum**, Assistant Veterans Service Officer, and son of **Wilma Weinstein**, marches in the Knoxville Veteran's Day parade with **Mayor Michael Ragsdale**.

*Nathan Weinbaum  
with Mayor Ragsdale*



### Chanukah Paper on Sale at KJA

Chanukah giftwrap is for sale at the KJA. Buy a package of 4 rolls of paper for only \$6. Proceeds will benefit the AJCC Preschool. Come by today!



*Let us know if you're moving south for the winter months and either need your KJA mailings forwarded or stopped. This helps us meet your communication needs and saves the KJA postage and handling fees. To alert the KJA, please e-mail [mandrus@jewishknoxville.org](mailto:mandrus@jewishknoxville.org) or call 690-6343.*

### More Campaign Contributions for 2009

- ◆ Mark & Carol Harris
- ◆ Bruce Pearl
- ◆ Paul & Sara Steinfeld

**Help Us Welcome Israeli Teachers to Knoxville at a Reception**  
**Thursday, December 10**  
**7:00 p.m. at AJCC**

The KJA will host three Israeli teachers from our partnership region in December. Under the auspices of the KJA Israel Partnership Committee, this event is part of an exchange program with the S.E. Regional P2K and Hadera-Eiron region. Last year, Jenifer Ohriner, Melissa Treece and Marc Forman traveled to Israel as part of the SE Educators Delegation to observe and work in schools. This year, three Israeli teachers will visit Knoxville December 9-17 to work with these three teachers at Northwest Middle School (with Melissa), South Doyle (with Marc) and KJDS (with Jenifer). We will invite the principals and Knox County School officials to join us at the reception. We hope that community members will take advantage of this opportunity to meet our guests and to learn about schools in Israel.

Please let us know your plans to attend by December 8, by e-mailing [mandrus@jewishknoxville.org](mailto:mandrus@jewishknoxville.org) or by calling (865) 690-6343.

SAVE THE DATE  
Tzelebrate Tzedakah  
Our 2010 Pacesetter event



**January 31, 2010**

S&W Grand  
6:00 p.m.  
516 South Gay Street

*Details and invitations to follow*

**You're Invited!**

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Robert & Carole Martin,  
*Jenny Merrell B'Nai Tzedek Fund*

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*Bill Brody Fund IMO Bill Brody's birthday*

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Rosen*

Stephen & Rosalie Nagler,  
*Rosen Friendship Fund IMO Wilma  
Weinstein's father*

David & Deborah Oleshansky,  
*Rosen Friendship Fund IMO Esther  
Rosen*

Eugene & Pat Rosenberg,  
*Rosen Friendshippers Fund IMO Wilma  
Weinstein's father*

Eugene & Pat Rosenberg,  
*Friendshippers Fund IMO Esther Rosen*

Marilyn & Harvey Liberman,  
*Rosen Friendship Fund IMO Esther  
Rosen*

"Bible, Harris, Smith, P.C.",  
*Rosen Friendship Fund IMO Esther  
Rosen*

Morgan Keegan,  
*Rosen Friendship Fund IMO Esther  
Rosen*

Alice & David Goldfarb,  
*"Rosen Friendship Fund IMO Esther  
Rosen, a very special friend of our family"*

William Charles Warner,  
*Rosen Friendship Fund IMO Esther  
Rosen*

Raymond & Beth Brody,  
*Rosen Friendship Fund IMO Esther  
Rosen*

Mark Hahn,  
*Rosen Friendship Fund IMO Esther  
Rosen*

Jeffrey & Anita Miller,  
*Rosen Friendship Fund IMO Esther  
Rosen*

Susan & Harold Silber,  
*Rosen Friendship Fund IMO Esther  
Rosen*

Stephen & Kim Rosen,  
*IMO Meyer Miller*

Stephen & Kim Rosen,  
*IMO Susan Silber's father*

Susan & Harold Silber,  
*IMO Toby Slabosky*

Allen & Lea Orwitz,  
*Refurbish the Adult Lounge*

Marilyn & Harvey Liberman,  
*IHO Bob Gluck*

Arkady Ioselev,  
*Jewish Family Services Emergency  
Fund for the Jewish elderly*

Scott Hahn  
*Donation to Russian Night*



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## Knoxville Jewish Community Family of Funds

*A Supporting Foundation of the Knoxville Jewish Alliance and the East Tennessee Foundation to preserve and strengthen the Jewish Community of Knoxville*

### New Donations:

#### Heska Amuna Cemetery Fund

Arnold and Mary Linda Schwarzbart for the following yartzheits:

Isadore Schwarzbart  
Isaac Joffe  
Ana Gruenberg  
Blima and Samuel Schwarzbart  
Virginia Morrison  
and for Yizkor

#### Rosen Friendshippers Fund

Stephen and Kim Rosen in memory of Bernie Shorr  
Robert and Beth Heller in memory of Bernie Shorr

### New Grants:

- ◆ **The Sam and Esther Rosen Community Enrichment Federation Fund** made a generous gift to support the Knoxville Jewish Alliance's Annual Campaign.
- ◆ Heska Amuna synagogue received a generous donation for its annual Yom Kippur appeal from the **Sam and Esther Rosen Community Enrichment Heska Amuna Fund**.
- ◆ **The Zelda and Max Morrison Cultural Enrichment Fund** was delighted to support the Knoxville Jewish Alliance's Russian Dinner.
- ◆ It wouldn't have been Sundown at the Sukkah without the generous grant from the **Milton Collins Fund**.



*Lucy Finkel shares photos with Barbara Bernstein at the Russian Dinner hosted by the KJA.*

*Did you know that many of the programs and organizations we rely on rely on the KJCFF and our generous fund holders? Please consider joining us! Here's a few ways how:*

#### End-of-Year Giving – The Gifts That Keep on Giving

Giving to a not-for-profit not only helps causes you care about, but it can help your bottom line too! All gifts made to funds in the KJCFF are tax deductible. Gifts can be made in honor of or in memory of someone you care about and it is a great way to celebrate Chanukah. *The KJCFF has lots to offer with over 30 funds...* you can make a gift that supports the philanthropic education of our youth with a gift to a **B'nai Tzedek General Fund**. If you would like to help Knoxville's Jewish elderly, you may want to make a gift to the **Rosen Friendship's Fund** or the **Jewish Family Service Fund**. If you're more interested in supporting cultural events in the local Jewish community both the **Milton Collins** and the **Abe Collins Funds** are great choices. There are more...if you can think of it, there is likely a fund that can support it.

#### OR YOU CHOOSE --- OPEN YOUR OWN FUND

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To learn more about KJCFF philanthropic opportunities, call 690-6343 or visit our website at [www.jewishknoxville.org/kjcff](http://www.jewishknoxville.org/kjcff)

# Mazel Tov!

## Heska Amuna Synagogue

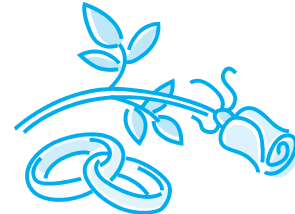
### Happy Birthday!

- ◆ Greta Besmann ◆ Michael Burnett
- ◆ Rich Kaplan ◆ David Weinstein
- ◆ Neil Cohen ◆ Michael Eisenstadt
- ◆ Irv Russotto ◆ Mark Littmann
- ◆ Don Goldstein ◆ Marilyn Abrams
- ◆ Bess Feld ◆ Neil Foster ◆ Harold Diftler
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- ◆ Martin Shersky ◆ Harriet Glasman ◆ Barry Wolf
- ◆ Lesley Rosenblatt ◆ Laura Floyd ◆ Jeff Hecht ◆ Sarah Milford
- ◆ Jeff Miller ◆ Ellen Schnoll



### Happy Anniversary!

- ◆ Siri-Datar Khalsa-Zemel and Michael Zemel
- ◆ Peggy and Mark Littmann
- ◆ Carolyn and Jan Fay
- ◆ Naomi and Adam Rowe
- ◆ Alice and Walter Farkas
- ◆ Carol and Mark Harris
- ◆ Rosalie and Stephen Nagler
- ◆ Susan and Harold Silber
- ◆ Andi and Allen Schwartz

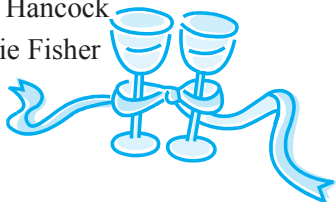


*All members whose birthday or anniversary occurs in December are invited to receive a blessing at kiddush on Shabbat morning, December 19.*

## TEMPLE BETH EL

### Happy Anniversary!

- Bert & Jeanie Gudis
- Jay & Donna Solod
- Howard & Janice Pollock
- Gary & Fern Aron
- Mark & Rachel Kline
- Wesley & Norma James
- Garth & Virginia Kupritz
- Keith & Susan Derrington
- Vladimir Livshits & Luba Morkovnikova
- Brian & Susan Billinson
- Richard & Beverly Hancock
- Matt Lauer & Laurie Fisher



### Happy Birthday!

- ◆ Ebbie Sandberg ◆ Brett Kolnick ◆ Marla Brody ◆ Grace Forest
- ◆ Michael Goins ◆ Michael Eisenstadt ◆ Jay Gershberg
- ◆ Robert Ivins ◆ Kristy Newton ◆ Ellen Markman
- ◆ Shirly Goodfriend ◆ Megan Sauers ◆ Elizabeth Diamond
- ◆ Victoria Frankel ◆ Jacob Pais ◆ Adeline Habgood ◆ Jay Solod
- ◆ Shirley Levenson ◆ Sara Mazeroff ◆ Heidi Sturm ◆ Lev Comstock
- ◆ Benjamin Hirsh ◆ Brandon Schulz
- ◆ Joel Shor ◆ Susan Shor
- ◆ Edward Carlin ◆ Dylan Kolnick
- ◆ Daniel Billinson ◆ Jeffrey Brown
- ◆ Sondra Brody ◆ Laura Shenkman
- ◆ Marilyn Kallet ◆ Elizabeth Gassel
- ◆ Beth Brody ◆ Allison Marshall



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## TEMPLE BETH EL

### December 4

◆ Jack Goldstein ◆ Sadie Rich Miller ◆ Alexander Schwartzman ◆ Ben Altshuler ◆ Bessie Gelber ◆ Sheila Belensen  
◆ Simon Kaufman ◆ Shirley Blumenthal

### December 11

◆ Esther Waldman ◆ Elise Levy ◆ Matilda Goodfriend ◆ Arlene Karklin ◆ Pearl Salky ◆ Isadore Shey ◆ Ruth Brown  
◆ Jacob Pais

### December 18

◆ Jacob Victor ◆ Mary Ellen Epstein ◆ Harry L. Jaffe ◆ Nachum Barkan ◆ Lena Rosenberg ◆ Charles Manis, ◆ Erma Hill  
◆ Roxie Perley Arms ◆ Regina Miller ◆ Jack Misner ◆ Elise R. Guthman ◆ Louis Pollock ◆ Lillie Haas ◆ Gersh Dolgonos  
◆ James Friedman

### December 25

◆ Harry Sturm ◆ Julius Sanders ◆ Barbara Dillon ◆ Lena Walowitz ◆ Abraham Markman ◆ Leah Freeman ◆ Bennie Salky  
◆ Sam Salky ◆ Risel Kronick ◆ Fletcher C. Little, Sr ◆ Ann Lieberman

### January 1

◆ Marian V. Waxelbaum ◆ Eileen Pucci ◆ Hyman Henry Smith ◆ Mollie Bolshine ◆ Bessie Weinstein ◆ Luba Golburt  
◆ Bernie Frankel ◆ Pauline Orovan ◆ Rika Licht Goodfriend ◆ William Haas ◆ Morris Schwartz ◆ Lawrence R. Sloan  
◆ David Solomon ◆ Jacob Caller ◆ Mone Hess

## *Heska Amuna Synagogue*

### December 5

◆ David Liberman ◆ Meyer Linke ◆ Eddie McCoy ◆ Norman Nadler ◆ Murray Schwartz ◆ Irvin Wolf ◆ Isaac Chazen  
◆ Rachel Chazen ◆ William Hershey ◆ Morris Panitz ◆ Arthur Brown ◆ Aaron Contente ◆ Irene Hershey ◆ George Kramer  
◆ Bertha Lamstein ◆ Raye Panitz ◆ Eddy Allen ◆ Isidor Lippner ◆ Meyer Miller ◆ Bessie Hite ◆ Gustave Deitch  
◆ Jacob Scyefsky ◆ Fannie Werner ◆ Betty Abrams

### December 12

◆ Mordecai Golinkin ◆ Ida Ruchlin ◆ Sarah Green ◆ Nancy Lampert ◆ Vander Blue ◆ H. Waugh ◆ Elsie Duhan  
◆ Yetta Wittenberg ◆ Mary Freeman ◆ Sadye Goldstein ◆ Sigmund Green ◆ Eugene Gross ◆ Lillian Rotter ◆ Gertrude Weiner  
◆ Ethel Deitch ◆ Sandra Saxon ◆ Bernard Diamond ◆ Mitchell Robinson ◆ Max Wolf

### December 19

◆ Esther Adams ◆ Matilda Goodfriend ◆ Belle Gottlieb ◆ Louis Levin ◆ Leon Cooper ◆ 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 ◆ Frances August  
◆ Ida Glazer ◆ Idell Harris

### December 26

◆ Louis Glazer ◆ Renee Perl ◆ Samuel Rosen ◆ Simon Deitch ◆ Ben Diftler ◆ Morris Schneider ◆ Jeanette Scyefsky  
◆ Bernard Simon ◆ Minnie Slovis ◆ Henry Sturm ◆ Minnie Kramer ◆ George Busch ◆ Julius Siegel ◆ William Shaw  
◆ Gerson Corkland ◆ Dora Friedlob ◆ Lottie Mottzman ◆ Norma Wolf ◆ Julian Kalotkin



# Hadassah Highlights



*Please join us for the  
Knoxville Chapter of Hadassah's  
2009 HMO Luncheon*

***Thursday, December 3, 2009  
11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.  
at Fox Den Country Club***

12284 North Fox Den Drive, Knoxville TN 37934-3710  
for an informative presentation and discussion

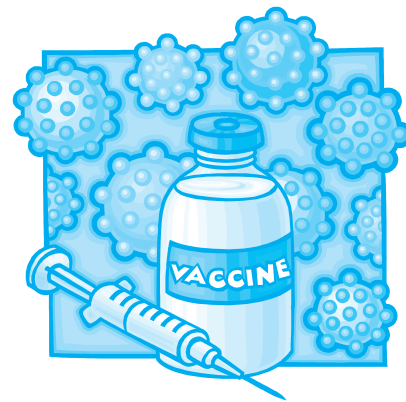
**Topic: Seasonal and H1N1 Flu/Adult Immunizations**  
*[Including Flu Bug Information (FBI)]*

**Speaker: Caroline Graber, RN, MS, CIC**  
**Director of Infection Control**  
**East Tennessee Children's Hospital**

***\$36.00 per person minimum contribution***

***R.S.V.P. before November 30, 2009***

**Laura Floyd**  
**1528 Fox Hollow Trail**  
**Knoxville, TN 37923**  
**(865) 694-5921**



## Modern-Day Miracles

By Bonnie Boring, President, Knoxville Chapter of Hadassah

As the story of Chanukah goes, in the year 168 B.C.E., the Jews of Syria were living under the rule of King Antiochus. King Antiochus tried to force them to turn their back on their faith and worship the Greek gods instead. He desecrated the Jews' Temple in Jerusalem and forbid them from practicing their customs and religion.

Outraged by this oppression, Judah Maccabee joined together with a small group of Jews to fight the Syrian army. Despite being vastly outnumbered, after three years of fighting, the Maccabees miraculously defeated the Syrian Army and the Jews regained their political and religious freedom.

In addition to the commonly-understood significance of Chanukah, it is also therefore a Jewish holiday that celebrates the value of religious freedom and the importance of respecting diverse religious faiths. We have come a long way since ancient times, and today, Israel is a Jewish state where all citizens are free to practice their faiths openly and without fear of retribution. *(On October 28, President Obama signed the final version of the 2010 Department of Defense Authorization bill, which included language identical to the text of the Matthew Shepard and James Byrd, Jr. Hate Crimes Prevention Act. Congress approved the bill last week).*

The value of respecting religious differences is embodied by the Hadassah Medical Organization (HMO). The HMO hospitals in Ein Kerem and on Mount Scopus treat all people, regardless of ethnicity or religion. HMO has trained many Arab doctors and medical professionals, and Hadassah employees—which include Muslims, Christians, and Jews—work together in a model of coexistence. In times of escalated violence, HMO collaborates with Arab leaders and institutions to provide emergency medical relief in areas that need it most. *(Our Build A Bear to repair program allowed us the ability to send over 50 bears this year to comfort children in the pediatric wing of Hadassah Hospital. THANK YOU.)*

In addition, HMO funds a special program of the Peres Center for Peace that aims to reduce the mortality rate among Palestinian babies and children. The Peres Center designs and facilitates peace-building initiatives that address common Arab and Israeli interests, with an emphasis on nurturing Palestinian-Israeli relations. Through the "Save the Children" project, HMO doctors operate on Palestinian children with heart problems, providing a perfect example of a bridge to peace through medicine. *(Please join us for our HMO luncheon at Fox Den Country Club this December 3 at 11:30 a.m.)*

This month, consider dedicating the lighting of your menorah to the work of HMO—to its efforts in transcending ethnic and religious differences to provide high-quality to care to all in need, and ensuring that the Maccabees' battles were not fought in vain.



## 2009 HMO Luncheon

Knoxville Hadassah's 2009 HMO luncheon is scheduled for December 3, Thursday; 11:30- 1:30 p.m. at Fox Den Country Club. Our topic will be the H1N1 flu and adult immunizations. Our speaker will be Carol Graber, Director of Infection Control from East Tennessee Children's Hospital. Please join us for this timely topic. The president has just declared the H1N1 flu pandemic a national emergency. I hope you will put this important luncheon on your calendar as we conduct our flu bug investigation (FBI). All proceeds go to the Hadassah Medical Organization which is presently building a new hospital and equipment for the Ein Kerem campus. We need hostesses to sponsor this year's luncheon. Levels of giving are:

*Ultimate Hostess: \$180*

*Hostess with a Heart: \$100*

*Hostess: \$75*

Hostesses will be listed on the invitation (if committed by October 30, Friday), bulletin and directory.

Please contact Marcia Shloush ([marcias@comcast.net](mailto:marcias@comcast.net)) or Susan Frant ([sammoll@hotmail.com](mailto:sammoll@hotmail.com)) if you are interested in sponsoring this event.



## Help Israel by Purchasing Tree or Water Certificates

Yes, you can help Israel simply by calling Marian Jay and purchasing a tree certificate for \$12.00 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 and the need now is more urgent than ever. Please help the forests by

planting a tree and helping the trees grow in Israel by giving them some water. You can call Marian at 524-8234 or e-mail her at [mayfayjay@aol.com](mailto:mayfayjay@aol.com) to arrange for her to send a tree or water certificate out for you.

## Large Certificates

- ◆ **Jimmy Blumberg**, son of David & Miriam Blumberg
- ◆ **Annabelle Clement O'Brien**, stepmother of Heather O'Brien Hahn
- ◆ **Marilyn Rabin**, aunt of Neil & Francy Foster & Bob & Elaine Freeman
- ◆ **Bernie Shorr**, husband of Eleanor Shorr & father of John, Susan, Billy & Kathy
- ◆ **Emily Eads Knight**, sister of Annette Winston



## December 2009 Layettes

Celebrate with the parents of these children as they begin their own circle of life.

- ◆ **Samuel James Sparks**, grandson of Siri and Michael Zemel
- ◆ **Peri Sophie Levine**, daughter of Ken Levine
- ◆ **Chaya Mushka Wilhelm**, daughter of Miriam Esther and Rabbi Yossi Wilhelm
- ◆ **Anabel Olivia Hollis**, daughter of Ashley and Jeff Hollis, granddaughter of Linda and Gary Johnson and Shirlie and Mike Goodfriend
- ◆ **Chaim Jacob Joiner**, grandson of Judy and Abraham Brietstein
- ◆ **John Stephen Harris, III**, grandson and great grandson of Barbara Leeds and Shirley Leeds
- ◆ **Samuel Victor Drucker**, grandson of Linda and Neil Feld
- ◆ **Alyssa Kathryn and Julia Beth Chaffer**, twin granddaughters of Ianne and Bob Koppel
- ◆ **Talya Goldstein**, Great granddaughter of Marion and Joe Goodstein
- ◆ **Liliana Sarah Greenbaum**, granddaughter of Anne and Eli Greenbaum

The minimum layette contribution is only \$1.00. Please bring your dollar bills to any Hadassah meeting or function or mail your check to Cindy Pasi. You can contact her at [tenntrio@comcast.net](mailto:tenntrio@comcast.net), (865) 693-0299. Let Cindy know if there is anyone we need to add to our layette program. Pictures are welcome.



## Life Memberships on Sale Through December 31

Have you ever wanted to become a Hadassah Life Member?  
Ever wanted to make someone a child Life member?  
Ever wanted to make a man in your life a Hadassah Associate?

**NOW IS THE TIME TO DO IT !!!**

For a limited time - Only till December 31 - Hadassah is offering a Life membership and a child life membership, each for only \$250.00 ... a savings of over \$100.00 for each ...and Associates for only \$200.00 - a \$100.00 savings...

What a great birthday, anniversary, baby arrival, or Chanukah gift!!

Please send your check and all the information to :

Laura Floyd  
1528 Fox Hollow Trail Road  
Knoxville, TN 37923-5921

Questions about life membership - call Marilyn Abrams - 693-6702

Questions about associates - call Elaine Dobbs - 690-1150

Remember, Hadassah can really use the money at this time and you get a great benefit by taking advantage of this sale.



# Hadassah Highlights

## Knoxville Chapter of Hadassah

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## Cha Cha Changes...

Mimi Pais' phone number was listed incorrectly in the Directory. The correct number is (865) 539-5199.

## Welcome New Members

New Life Members:

- ◆ Stefanie Rich
- Congratulations to the family of Kim & Stephen Rosen on extending their commitment to Hadassah by gifting their children with Life Memberships.

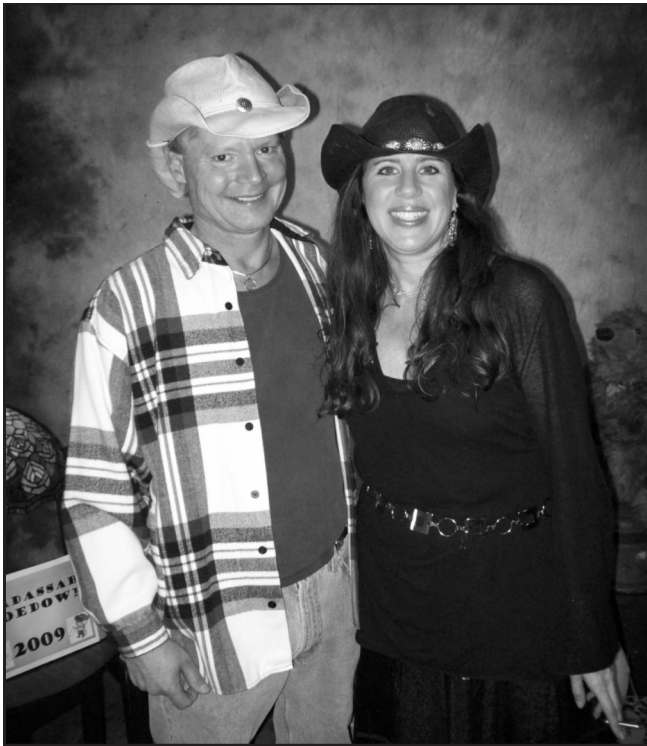
*At the Power Up Pink event on October 6, a panel discussion as held on the latest trends in breast cancer and genetic counseling. More on this on the Knoxville.Hadassah.org website and in next month's Ha'Kol.*

*Honerlin DelMoro, Cindy Pasi, Laura Floyd, Trudy Dreyer, Charlene Gubitz*

## Hoedown Highlights

The third annual Hadassah Hoedown went off without a *hitch!* Our caller this year, Mike Hoose, kept those cowpoke kickin'! Chuckwagon was great, Mary Evars Goan really knows how to stir up some fabulous chili, and the desserts were beyond compare. Cowpokes were a'knockin' each other over for a chance to win a cake during the cakewalk.

Thanks to all the volunteers who helped make this event a rousing success, especially Shuli Mesa and Cindi Pasi. See y'all next year!



*Bonnie & Van Boring pose for their "Ole timey photo."*

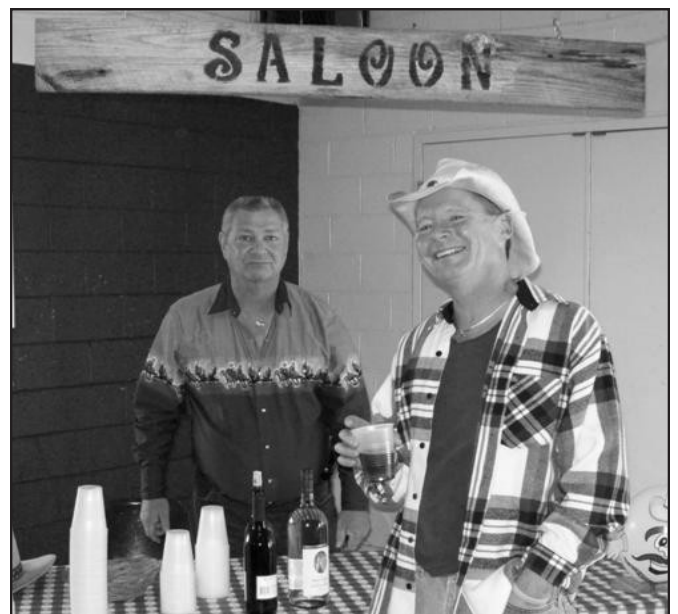


*Marian Jay and Laura Floyd meet and greet at the third annual Hadassah Hoedown.*



*Hallie Boring, Ariel and Tiffannie Rosen have their first experience with make-up.*

*Alan Gordon and Van Boring belly up to the bar at the Hoedown Saloon.*





# Stanford Eisenberg Knoxville Jewish Day School



**Calling All Communities**

From November 13, 2009, through January 15, 2010,  
visit any U.S. Cellular® store to get a code to use online to vote  
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There is no purchase necessary to vote.

**YOUR ONE VOTE CAN BRING US \$100,000**



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form and we'll cast your vote!

VOTE FOR THE KNOXVILLE  
JEWISH DAY SCHOOL

Two ways to place your vote

1. Vote on line using the code on the form  
you picked up.
2. Bring your forms with the code to  
Menorah Madness, or the Snow White  
performance to get your U.S. Cellular goody  
bags.

## We are Selling Homemade Challah and Chanukah Cookies

### Challah Order Form

Please return this form with your check to KJDS or send your  
order to the email below by **Friday, December 5.**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Braided Challahs		\$4.50/each
Take and Bake Frozen Dough	_____	_____
Ready Bake Challahs	_____	_____
Chanukah Cookies \$5.00/dozen	_____	_____
Totals:	_____	_____

Please specify if you would like whole wheat challahs, otherwise white flour will be  
used. Challahs can be picked up at the Knoxville Jewish Day School on *Friday,*  
*December 11,* during the school hours of 8:00-4:00, unless special arrangements have  
been made. For any questions call KJDS at 560-9922 or e-mail at  
shulime@gmail.com or info@kjds.org. Please make checks payable to KJDS.  
Thank you for supporting KJDS and the Safety Patrol Fundraiser.

*The Students  
of KJDS Present*

*Our Disney's Classic*  
**Snow White**  
*and the Seven Dwarfs*



December 17, 2009  
6p.m. at the AJCC  
\$1 Admission

1529 Downtown West Blvd.

Knoxville, TN 37919

865.560.9922

www.kjds.org

## K-1 Students Study Native Americans

Ms. Amie's K-1 class launched their study of Native Americans with the Plains Indians. They studied different Native American tribes, taking note of their similarities and differences. As they learned and explored, they set up a Native American Museum which was on display in school throughout November.

After reading and discussing the story, *The Legend of the Indian Paintbrush* by Tomie dePaola, students designed individual buckskins to represent their own talents. They each have very special gifts. Here are just a few: Dylan has a talent for fishing, Ron for math, Hallie for being her mom's daughter, Amit for running, Sophie for drawing and Heidi for art.

*Dylan works with the subtraction lesson during Montessori time.*



*Hallie draws her talent on her buckskin.*



*Book discussions are a great way to introduce new concepts in science and social studies in Ms. Amie's K-1 classroom.*



*K students with Hebrew teacher, Morah Rishi.*



*1<sup>st</sup> grade students with Morah Rishi, their Hebrew teacher.*

### Riddle Solution

Congratulations to **Sandra Parsons** and **Noah Mesa** for submitting the correct answer to the November Riddle.

How can you add eight 8's to get the number 1,000?  
(Only use addition)

$$888+88+8+8+8=1,000$$

### December at a Glance

- |                  |   |
|------------------|---|
| <b>12/5</b>      | Challah Orders Due  |
| <b>12/10</b>     | Chanukah Party  |
| <b>12/11</b>     | Challah Order Pick-up   |
| <b>12/ 14</b>    | Field Trip to Oak Ridge Playhouse: <i>Charlie and the Chocolate Factory</i> |
| <b>12/17</b>     | KJDS Presents <i>Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs</i>                        |
| <b>12/18</b>     | Rosh Chodesh No Uniform Day and SA Activity                                 |
| <b>12/23-1/4</b> | Winter Break  |

## You've Got Mail...

Dear Friends,

Thank you all so much for coming to the KJDS open house!

How wonderful it would be if we spoke to the community about all the great things coming from our little school. We have worked very hard to let the Jewish community know that KJDS belongs to us....the community as a whole. The school was started on the concept of a Knoxville Jewish Day School, not a Chabad school.

Can you imagine if all the Jewish families in Knoxville would send their children to one school? Jews put so much value on education! If Knoxville Jewish families put their support, money, and faith in KJDS, just imagine what we could have for our community!

Our little school is growing and we are making great progress but we need the support from our people. I don't think Frank will become a Rabbi but he will know Hebrew as a second language, he will know all the Jewish holidays and he will know the unique quality of being Jewish. Thank you again to all the people that come to Knoxville Jewish Day School.

Sincerely,

Tamara Sturm (Frank and Heidi's Mom)

*We are the Sturm's, better known as Frank and Heidi's Parents! My husband Gary has deep roots in Knoxville. Some of you may remember Sturm's Youth World owned by Gary's dad, Evan Sturm. Since the Knoxville Jewish community is small, it is important for our kids to have a strong Jewish identity. From age one to preschool my kids attended a Mommy & Me class led by Miriam Esther Wilhelm. For the next several years they attended the AJCC Preschool. Frank is in first grade and Heidi is in kindergarten at KJDS. We are members of Temple Beth El and the kids love the Sunday School program.*



## Nachas from our Alumni

Dear KJDS Staff,

I wanted to let you guys know that Rebecca decided to run for student council secretary against three other fourth grade girls. Guess What? She won! I am so incredibly proud of her; she gave an election speech this morning in front of the entire school (almost 100 kids and staff)!

I can not tell you guys how quickly my mind raced to you and the rest of the staff at KJDS. She never would have been able to write or give that speech or have the confidence to do this without you guys. There are no words to thank you for that. The confidence and pride that she possess comes only from her experiences there and I will always be forever grateful for that! I do not even have the right words. To think that before KJDS she ran away from any performances or any form of speaking to people. Amazing!

Anyway I am rambling here but I just hope you all understand just how special you are. There could not be better!

All the best to everyone there and Shabbat Shalom,

Tamar

P.S. Ms. Jessica - I just reread her report card the other night where you talk about her love for civics and her interest in the election last year. Pretty funny.

# Stanford Eisenberg Knoxville Jewish Day School

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## Name That Cookbook

What's in a name? When it comes to naming the KJDS Cookbook, a name is truly everything.

Now that a collection of some of the most sought-after Knoxville recipes are housed in one gorgeous book, it is time to find a name that fits. **KJDS is asking you, the Jewish Community, to help name this amazing cookbook.** Entries will be collected during December. Contestants can enter as many times as they would like by e-mailing their entries to [recipes4kjds@gmail.com](mailto:recipes4kjds@gmail.com). Please make sure to include your name (as you would like it to be published), contact information, and your entry. A panel of KJDS judges will determine the winner, with notifications sent to the winner by mid-January. The winner of the cookbook contest will not only be named in *Ha'Kol* but will be given honorable mention in the cookbook itself. Do not miss out on an opportunity to let your creativity shine and make a permanent mark in our community. After all, what is in a name?

## Bubby's Column

(SA, our student council, publishes a newsletter. Below is one column from their newspaper)

Dear Bubby,

My mommy and Daddy can sometimes be so mean. They just don't understand that I need more freedom, sometimes I like to decide things on my own. I want to decide when to do homework and when to watch T.V. (obviously I want to watch T.V. first). I want to decide what time to go to bed and what time to wake up. But my Mom and Dad just don't get it. They think that because they are my parents they need to decide everything! How do I convince them that I am big enough to make important decisions on my own?

-upset

Dear Upset,

I understand how you feel, even when Bubby was a little girl I had this problem. The first thing to do is understand that the parents

do this because they love you down to the last ball of yarn. They just want the best for you. However there is a way to make your own choices. I remember that I had to go to sleep at 7:30 because of my little brother, so I wrote them a letter and it said, Dear Mom and Dad I am a big kid now and I think I should be allowed to stay up a little later. If you let me do this I will make sure I'm happy, I will try my Bubby Best, and I will help around the house. If that doesn't do the trick just be nice and do all your work. Then your parents will see how well you do all of your work and they will allow you to do all the things you want to choose. Plus the more you act good the more you get to choose, but still if you abuse that freedom you mom and dad may change their mind.

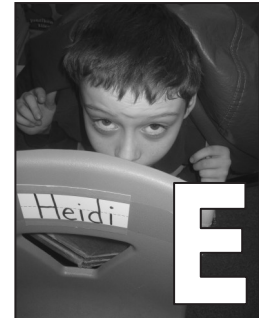
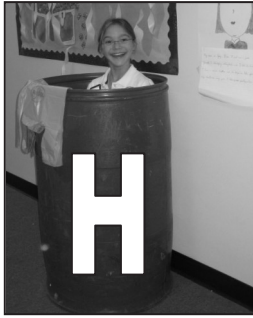
Good Luck!

-Bubby

Got questions that are troubling you? Need some good sagely advice send Bubby a note at [haptchooo@aol.com](mailto:haptchooo@aol.com) and she'll be sure to respond.



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Student councils pairs younger and older students together. Older students enjoy acting as role models and advising their younger buddy and younger children especially enjoy the one-to-one attention they receive from their older buddy.

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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. Meadcrest Drive, 37923.

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



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### **The Way We Were in 1986**



### **Lunch in the Sukkah**

Left to Right : **Clara Goodstein, Esther Balloff, Judy Rattner, Sylvia Slovis**

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