



# Ha' Kol

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

## HARS Holds Confirmation 5769 on Saturday, May 9

This year's Heska Amuna Confirmation class will be presented to the community on Shabbat Emor, Saturday May 9, 2009. This ceremony was originally created to acknowledge another milestone on the road to Jewish adulthood. Before the era of egalitarian Judaism, it was often used in communities where girls were not honored with a bat mitzvah at the age of 13. Since then, most Jewish girls and boys celebrate their b'nai mitzvah at 13 but the tradition of honoring young people who continue with their Jewish studies into their high school years continues. This year's honorees include **Nathan and Samuel Bendreim**, the sons of **Anne and Bernard Bendreim**, **Liz Spenser**, daughter of **Gennifer and Samantha Spenser**, **Sam Talman** son of **Nancy Young and Jeff Talman**, **Justin and Ariel Spiegelman**, the son and daughter of **Marnie and Gary Spiegelman**. On this Shabbat we will also be honoring our school staff and our teachers. We will be saying farewell to **Karen Messing** and **Steven Jaret** as well as showing our appreciation to some special individuals who have demonstrated outstanding service to the school this year.



*Liz Spenser, Samuel Bendriem, Ariel Spiegelman, Nathan Bendriem, and Justin Spiegelman prepare for Confirmation.*

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*Folks line up to enjoy Harold's food.*

spent in the store on Gay Street. On Sunday, March 23, we tried something new with delivery and take out service and it went over big. We delivered over 175 meals and we hope that this new feature of Harold's Deli will continue. Here are some pictures reflecting the day.

*Mary Ann Merrell looks over auction items.*



## Corned Beef on Rye, It Sure Did Satisfy

A great time was had by all as we celebrated and remembered Addie and Harold Shersky at Harold's Deli on Sunday, March 22. Heska Amuna members and the Knoxville community came together to eat Harold's favorites, reminisce about Addie and Harold and the good times

# Heska Amuna Synagogue

# HaShofar



## From the Rabbi's Desk

By Rabbi Louis Zivic, D.D.

Dear Friends,

*“Our Rabbis taught: One who sees the sun in its season, the moon in its power, the stars in their paths and the planets in their order says “Blessed is the Maker of Bereishit (the beginning) (Babylonian Talmud, Berakhot 59b).*

A question springs to mind; when does this happen? The answer is once every 28 years. The date *“when the cycle resets and the vernal (spring) equinox falls on Saturn on Tuesday evening, the evening of Wednesday,”* (BT Berakhot 59b) was April 8, on the morning of the fast of the firstborn and the eve of Pesach. The Blessing of the Sun is a completely anomalous time in the Jewish calendar. Despite our general reliance on the moon for our calendar, *Birkat HaHammah* is tied to a solar moment: the one that the Talmud lists above. Those of you who are aware of the movements of the heavens and the cycle of the seasons are no doubt aware that this year, the vernal equinox was on March 20. Ancient astronomical calculations were remarkably accurate - they differ from modern scientific observations only by a matter of minutes. These calculations, as listed in Spier’s *The Comprehensive Hebrew Calendar*, are that in the ancient world (on our lunar calendar) a month was 29 days, 12 hours, 44 minutes 3 and 1/2 seconds. A year was calculated at 365 days 5 hours 55 minutes, 25.438 seconds. The modern figures are that a month is 29 days, 12 hours 44 minutes and 2.841 seconds. A year is 365 days, 5 hours, 48 minutes 46.069 seconds. Remarkably small differences considering what we know about the movement of the heavens compared to what our ancestors knew. Yet, over the centuries these minutes added up to days and these slight inaccuracies, combined with the medieval recalibration of the solar calendar moved the date of *Birkat HaHammah* later and later until we arrive at this year’s date of April 8.

The message is clear; time lost now matters later. I know of very few people who would not at the end of all things wish for a minute or two more of life. The question remains what we do with the time we have lost? That is an unanswerable question. What do we do so that we do not lose time and accomplish the goals that we calculated to reach in our lives? That is a question each of us needs to answer.  
B’shalom,

## Sisterhood Happenings

Heska Amuna’s Sisterhood has been busy. A special thank you goes to everyone who helped with The Vashti Dinner. Women from all over Knoxville and surrounding areas came together to shop, eat, listen to the story of Queen Vashti, and belly dance! It was truly a feast to remember. In addition, we had a beautiful Rosh Chodesh in early March hosted by Nancy Becker.

As we prepare for Passover, we clean and organize our homes. For many of us, this “spring cleaning” is a metaphor as we look within ourselves and to our past for direction in our daily lives. Passover gives us the opportunity to “clean out,” get rid of those things we no longer need and make room for the new. And whether it is a new appreciation for what we already have in our lives, such as friends and family easily taken for granted, or the chance to make changes and bring new in, Spring is the opportunity to open doors and windows and let the fresh in!

Please join us in the coming months as we learn, play and pray together.

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### Continuing Education

#### SHABBAT AFTERNOONS

May 2, 9, 16, 23, and 30

Following Kiddush

Torah Study with Rabbi Zivic

#### SUNDAY MORNING

May 3 At 9:00 a.m.

Talmud Study with Rabbi Zivic

#### LEARNER’S MINYAN

May 17, 24, 31, June 7 at 9:45 a.m.

Begins with the Sunday minyan and will be followed by a class at 10:00 a.m.

#### TUESDAY MORNINGS

May 12 and 26 At 10:30 a.m.

HAZAK with Rabbi Zivic at Atria  
Weston Place on Middlebrook Pike

## From the Chairman

By *Ted Besmann*

At the time I am writing this column, we are starting the budgeting process for Heska Amuna. This year we are fortunate that Evan Ohriner has agreed to lead the effort as our budget director succeeding Carole Martin. Carole did a phenomenal job pulling together the budgets for our most recent years working with Eric Bank, our Financial Vice Chair, and the Ways and Means Committee he led. It will be more difficult than usual to budget for our new fiscal year that starts July 1 given the economic downturn that has been reflected in our fundraising efforts. All our committees are going to be challenged to more tightly controlled spending where possible, and we will need to ask financially more of our members as well as intensify our fundraising.

Like all budgeting, ours is an interactive effort. Ways and Means estimates our income for the coming year based on projected dues and fundraising. At the same time we see the expense needs for our staff, the religious school, services and related activities and a number of other areas. In recent years it is not unusual that we ask committees to review the initial budgets they have submitted to look for further cost savings, while we also invariably need to assess the level of dues increase that will be needed. No synagogue can remain healthy without at least a modest annual dues increase as costs are always increasing. So let me thank all our committees for their efforts on budgets this year, and our congregants who support the activities of Heska Amuna

with their dues, contributions, and volunteer time. Please remember that what we do is for our children, our community, and ultimately for God.

### Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes Synopsis

- ◆ Evan Ohriner said that in March the vice chairs would go to their committees to ask for an estimate of expenses for the upcoming fiscal year. In April, the vice chairs will collect the information. In May, the Budget Committee will put it together to make it work.
- ◆ The board approved the application for membership of Daren Eddy and Bruce Morrison.
- ◆ The Facilities Committee reported that the chimney for Rabbi Zivic's house was fixed, but that other structural problems were discovered while doing the repair. Pat Rosenberg is collecting estimates.
- ◆ Arnold Schwarzbart said that a secure water box for the cemetery was identified. He hopes to have estimates before the grass needs watering this summer.
- ◆ Michael Messing is appreciated for his involvement in the HARS Mishloach Manot fundraiser. The project raised \$2,740.
- ◆ The board voted to approve \$2,500 from the Bradley Sturm Memorial Fund to fund a youth concert with Rick Recht, a singer who describes Judaism with his rock music.
- ◆ The board also designated \$250 from the Contingency Fund to help Temple Beth El with efforts to protect their stained glass windows.

## Heska Amuna Religious School News – May 2009

### Heska Amuna Religious School classes in May include...

Sunday, May 3, Monday May 4, and Wednesday May 6. This will be the final week of classes for the 5769 school year. Students need to attend these final sessions as they will be used as rehearsal sessions for Shabbat Hinuch.

#### Friday, May 1 ~ Tot Shabbat

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. The theme for this Shabbat will be "**Omer Fun.**" Please call the school office at 522-0701 x 13 if you have any questions about this popular program.



#### Saturday, May 9 ~ Education Shabbat and Confirmation

This Shabbat morning service will be a celebration of Jewish learning. The day will include two simultaneous services ~ one led by students in grades K-7 in the Robinson Chapel and the other led by students in the Prozdor program, featuring our 10th grade students. The two groups will join hearts and voice as we celebrate our Confirmands: **Nathan and Samuel Bendreim**, the sons of **Anne and Bernard Bendreim**, **Liz Spenser**, daughter of **Gennifer and Samantha Spenser**, **Sam Talman** son of **Nancy Young and Jeff Talman**, and **Justin and Ariel Spiegelman** the son and daughter of **Marnie and Gary Spiegelman**. On this Shabbat we will also be honoring our school staff and our teachers. We will be saying farewell to **Karen Messing** and **Steven Jaret** as well as showing our appreciation to some special individuals who have demonstrated outstanding service to the school this year.

### HA Introduces New Program for Young Children: "GAN-K'TAN"

Heska Amuna Religious School is thrilled to announce a new program for parents and very young children, Gan K'Tan. The group will meet once a month to enjoy games, socializing, art projects, Jewish holiday fun and, of course, snacks. We will have time for moms and dads to visit, directed activities for parents and children to enjoy together, and time for play and fun. According to a study done in 2002 by the Jewish Early Childhood Education Partnership (JECEP), groups like this offer significant opportunities for enriching a family's Jewish identity. The program is **free** to Heska Amuna members and costs only \$5.00 per child for non-members, which will cover all materials used in the program. The group will meet one Sunday a month, 11:00 a.m., at Heska Amuna. For more information, a calendar for the coming year's programs or to enroll NOW, contact Morah Chaya at [EdDirector@heskaamuna.org](mailto:EdDirector@heskaamuna.org) or 522-0701.



## Lag B'Omer Word Search

See if you can find this list of words in the puzzle below. Words may go forwards, backwards, or even diagonally!

Wedding	Torah	Field day	Talmud
Omer	Iyar	Count	Picnic
Shavuot	Haircut	Grain	Bar kochba
Bonfire	Passover	Slaves	Holiday
Israel	Rabbi Akiva	Festival	Barley
Jewish	Bow	Games	Sinai
Seven weeks	Arrow	Thirty three	

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## Lag B'Omer - A Day of Fun

Lag B'Omer will fall on May 12 this year. Traditionally Lag B'Omer is a day of fun. But where did this holiday come from? The Torah teaches us in the book of Deuteronomy that we are to count the days between Passover and Shavuot to help us remember the time between our liberation from Egypt and the day we received the Torah at Mount Sinai. This time period is called the Omer. This special time reminds us that we did not become a holy people just because we were freed from slavery, but because we chose to follow God's laws and accept the Torah. Most of the time the days of Omer counting are solemn. People do not get married or cut their hair. However on Lag B'Omer, which is the 33<sup>rd</sup> day of the Omer, we have a special day. There are many stories about why this day is special. Whatever the reason it is a chance to have lots of fun and celebrate. In Israel it is a school holiday. People have picnics and make big bonfires. In this country we celebrate in much the same way. So... have some fun, make a big picnic and have a great outing with your family in honor of Lag B'Omer!



# 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 Marty Iroff,  
691-4420, one week beforehand

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

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

### Heska Amuna Synagogue

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## Sponsor a Kiddush – It's Easy

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

We thank Kathy and Don Goldstein  
who sponsored a Kiddush in April in honor  
of their anniversary.

## Among Our Members

- ◆ Condolences go out to the following members and their families: Joe Sitver and Anita Kay on the passing of Joe's grandmother, Helen Gries; Kim and Stephen Rosen and Alexandra Rosen on the loss of grandmother and mother-in-law, Esther Rosen; Debra and Irwin Gordon on the passing of Debbie's father, Sol Winer. May their memories be a blessing
- ◆ Get well wishes go out to the following people who were ill, in the hospital, or in rehab during the past two months: Samantha Hull, Shirley Leeds, Brandon Messing, Seth Roseman, Rose Rosenthal, and Melissa Schweitzer
- ◆ Todah Rabah to Ethel Wittenberg who continues to work in the Synagogue office every month. We welcome our newest office volunteer, Elyse Messing, daughter of Nora and Patrick Messing, who is volunteering her time on Thursday afternoons. We appreciate your time and the effort on behalf of the Shul.

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

## New Member Corner

We welcome Suzanne Mittleman-Townsend as the newest member of the Heska Amuna Synagogue family. Suzanne is married to Todd Townsend and has an incredible 17 year old "bonus"son, Jack who will graduate from Gibbs High School this year. Suzanne says that Jack is an awesome kid who is adored by all of his teachers. Suzanne is the Community Services Director at Atria Weston Place Assisted Living, has been with them for five years and says that the best part about her job is having her father and grandmother-in-law as residents. Her interests include volunteering for the Amachi Program, healthcare reform through the Tennessee Justice Center in Nashville, she is vice president of the 8th District Preservation Association, enjoys helping individuals in times of need, i.e accessing services, food banks, etc. Her hobbies include spending time with her three horses, being a third year vegetable gardener, attending her "bonus" son's sporting events and visiting her sister and nieces as often as possible in Orlando, Florida. Suzanne's address is 2808 Voltz Lane, 37914, her phone number is 406-7412 and the e-mail address is [suzanne.townsend@atriaseniorliving.com](mailto:suzanne.townsend@atriaseniorliving.com).

## Credit Card Transactions Available to Members

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

## Mazel Tov

Mazel Tov to the following graduates and their families:

- ◆ **Raphael Bendriem** will be graduating with a bachelor of science degree in biochemistry and bachelor of art degree in chemistry from Case Western University in Cleveland, Ohio. Raphael is the son of Anne and Bernard Bendriem.
- ◆ **Robin Good** will graduate from Farragut High School. She will be attending school to get her CNA license. **Eric Good** will graduate from Valencia Community College in Orlando, FL with an AA in Business Administration. He will then attend the University of Central Florida. Robin and Eric are the children of Wendy and Richard Good.
- ◆ **Rebecca Kern**, daughter of Ellen and George Kern, graduates in May with a bachelor of science degree in journalism from American University. She has been an honor student in the School of Communications throughout her four years there and recently received a scholarship from the 1939 Alumni class. She is beginning to interview for positions in the D.C. area and hopes to be hired this summer!
- ◆ **Marissa Natelson**, daughter of Marcie and Moshe Shloush, will graduate from Emory Medical School in May and will be moving to Birmingham, Alabama's UAB for a neurology residency this summer.
- ◆ **Lisa Redisch**, granddaughter of Marion and Joe Goodstein, will graduate from the University of Maryland with a degree in Jewish Studies. She isn't sure what she will do when she graduates, but she would like to find an interesting job in her field. Her sister, Allison, works for the United Jewish Communities in Washington. D.C.
- ◆ **Caitlin Michal Shloush**, daughter of Marcie and Moshe Shloush, will graduate from Bearden High School. Caitlin does not know what her plans are yet.
- ◆ **Jack Townsend**, son of Todd Townsend and Suzanne Mittleman-Townsend, will graduate from Gibbs High School and will attend UT Chattanooga.
- ◆ **Shoshana Winograd-Hutner Ohriner**, daughter-in-law of Jenifer and Evan Ohriner, will graduate from the Jewish Theological Seminary as a rabbi in May. She'll continue her studies for certification as a hospital chaplain.

## Help Available to Those Who Want to Learn, Lead Services

The Rabbi and Religious Services committee offers help for those who want to participate in leading and/or understanding services. Learning to read Torah and Haftarah; learning to lead any service, learning to be a gabbai. Rabbi Zivic will be offering a Learners' Minyan to understand the service beginning Sunday, May 17 for four Sundays at the synagogue. It begins with the Sunday minyan at 9:45 a.m. and will be followed by a class at 10:00 a.m. For further information, please call or e-mail Nancy Becker at 588-5294 or [nechama419@yahoo.com](mailto:nechama419@yahoo.com).

## Contributions from Caring People

For a list of synagogue funds, please check our website at [www.heskaamuna.org](http://www.heskaamuna.org).

### BRADLEY STURM MEMORIAL FUND

*In honor of Lilly Silver-Alford on becoming a Bat Mitzvah and in observance of Dale Hasden's yartzheit*

By: Leon Hasden

### BUILDING FUND

*In observance of Charles and Toba Davis' yartzheits*

By: Janet Krauss

### CEMETERY FUND

*In observance of the yartzheits of Sam and Lillian Morrison, Annie Ross Joffe, David Abramson and Fannie and Harry Moskowitz*

By: Mary Linda and Arnold Schwarzbart

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

*In observance of Israel Cohen and Harry Cohen's yartzheits*

By: Arnold Cohen

### COHEN-PRESSER FUND

*In memory of Norbert Slovis on his unveiling*

By: Stephanie and Eric Bank

*A general donation to the fund*

By: Norman Brown

*In observance of the yartzheits of Jos Presser, Norbert Slovis, Morris Rattner and Don Wittenberg*

By: Cindy and Ric Pasi

*In observance of the yartzheits of Norbert Slovis and Jos Presser*

By: Marilyn Presser

*In observance of Norbert Slovis's yartzheit*

By: Linda Gray-Slovis

### GENERAL FUND

*In observance of Harry Brietstein's yartzheit*

By: Judy and Abraham Brietstein

*In observance of Mary Brown's yartzheit*

By: Judy and Lindsey Brown, Dennis Brown and Stephanie Brown

*In observance of Meyer Cohen's yartzheit*

By: Jane and Sheldon Cohen

*Earmarked for the kitchen renovation - in honor of the Dreyer Family and in memory of Peter Dreyer*

By: Mary Ann and Bryan Merrell

*In observance of Dora Green's yartzheit*

By: Shirley and Emanuel Katzin and Rita and Arnold Wasserman

*In honor of the birth of Peri Sophia Levine*

By: Barbara Mack and Norman Levine

*In observance of Herman Linke's yartzheit*

By: Simpson Linke

*In observance of Harold Leibowitz's yartzheit*

By: Peggy and Gale Hedrick

*In memory of Esther Rosen*

By: David Leeds, Shirley Leeds, Gilya Schmidt

*In honor of Bill Berez, Trudy Dreyer and Rabbi Zivic; in memory of Toby Slabosky*

By: Gilya Schmidt

*In honor of Lilly Silver-Alford's Bat Mitzvah*

By: Eleanor and Bernie Shorr, Ethel Wittenberg

*In memory of Toby Slabosky*

By: Marilyn and Isadore Abrams

*A general donation for the kitchen*

By: Judy and Jerry Zivic

### RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

*In observance of the yartzheits of Irving Bayer and Lillian Kantor*

By: Laurence Bayer

*In observance of the yartzheits of Luna Anidjar and Mazal Tov Benhayon*

By: Jack Benhayon

*In observance of Gordon Brown's yartzheit*

By: Adam Brown

*In memory of Meyer Miller*

By: Judy, Larry, Rebecca and Michael Glazer

*In observance of Sarah Zwick-Daum's yartzheit*

By: Carole Mandel

### SIDDUR SIM SHALOM FUND

*In memory of Esther Rosen*

By: Scott Hahn

### WINICK LIBRARY FUND

*In memory of Esther Rosen*

By: The Lindsey Brown Family

*In memory of Bernard Simon*

By: Scott Hahn

### YARZHEIT FUND

*John Abrams and Julius Binder*

By: Marilyn and Isadore Abrams

*Gordon Brown*

By: Edith Brown

*Israel Farkas*

By: Alice and Walter Farkas

*Edna Hirschhaut*

By: Steve Hirschhaut

*Sam Jacobs*

By: Elise and Herb Jacobs

*Annie Green, Lillian Weinbren and other Green family yartzheits*

By: Anita and Jeff Miller

*Casper Perelman*

By: Marie and Charles Perelman

*Sam Rosenblatt*

By: Alice and Walter Farkas

## Annual General Membership Meeting

Sunday, June 7 at 10:30 a.m.  
In the Rosen Social Hall

Election and Installation of  
Heska Amuna Officers and Board  
Refreshments will be served

# MITZVAHS

## *Heska Amuna Synagogue*

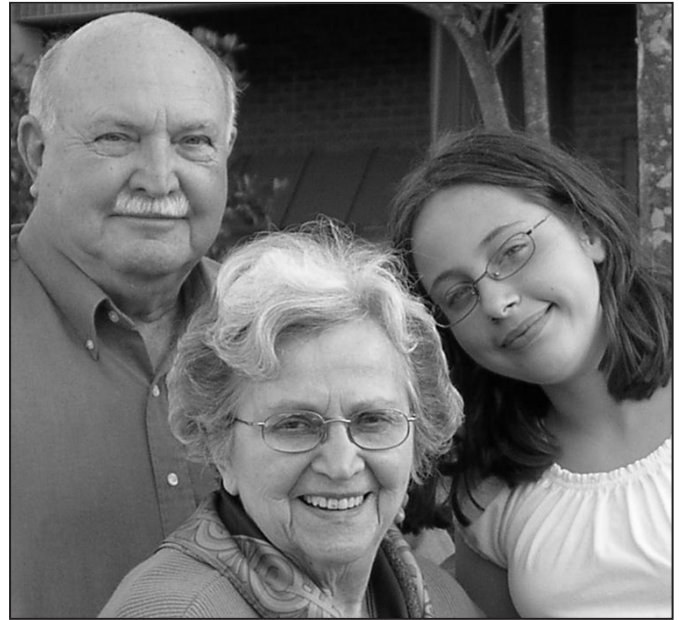
### Hull to Celebrate Bat Mitzvah

Samantha Lanier Hull will be celebrating her bat mitzvah at Heska Amuna Synagogue on May 30, 2009. She is the daughter of David and Amy Hull and older sister of Atticus and Allie. Sam is a seventh grader at The Episcopal School of Knoxville where she is in the Newspaper Club. Sam has been a vegetarian for almost four years and is proud that no animal will be hurt in the making of her bat mitzvah weekend! She is an avid horseback rider, and competes in dressage and jumping with her pony, Shado. In addition to riding whenever possible, she swims for AJCC's Smokin' Salmons, plays volleyball and snow skis. Sam loves to travel, especially with her grandparents and is looking forward to family from just about everywhere joining her for this joyous simcha.

For her service project, Sam is working with beginner riders at Cedar Valley Farm as well as making a donation in honor of all her guests to Horsehaven Rescue. Sam is excited to announce that will participate in the B'nai Tzedek Teen Philanthropy Program sponsored by the Knoxville Jewish Alliance. She has made a contribution to begin the fund which will be matched by Heska Amuna Synagogue and the Knoxville Jewish Community Family of Funds. The Knoxville Jewish Community Family of Funds, a supporting foundation of the Knoxville Jewish Alliance and East Tennessee Foundation, will invest monies and will decide each year which Jewish non-profit organization will receive a grant from his fund. Sam would be honored for friends and family to contribute to B'nai Tzedek fund so that she can fulfill the mitzvah of tzedakah each year. Please join the Hull family as Sam leads services and stay for lunch!



*Samantha Lanier Hull*



*Jenny Merrell with grandmother, Judy Rattner, and grandfather, Bill Merrell.*

### Merrell to Celebrate Simcha

Jenny Merrell will be called to the Torah as a bat mitzvah on May 23 at Heska Amuna Synagogue. She will also be leading services on Friday evening, May 22, beginning at 7:00 p.m. Jenny is the daughter of Bryan and Mary Ann Merrell, sister of Courtney, and granddaughter of Judy Rattner, beloved Bud Rattner, z"l, and Bill Merrell.

Jenny is a seventh grade student at West Valley Middle School where she plays violin in the orchestra and also plays guitar. In addition to her music, she is an accomplished artist and writer. She will be attending Camp Ramah Darom for the first time this summer and looks forward to continuing her religious studies in Prozdor and participating in the B'nai Tzedek Teen Philanthropy program.

For her B'nai Mitzvah project, Jenny is working with the Knox County Friends of the Library to create a "Shoobox Library" for young readers. This program creates library collections for people who are unable to get to a library – so the library comes to them! Jenny is responsible for collecting the books for this library and will also be responsible for setting the library up and adding new books from time to time. She has placed a donation box in the foyer at Heska Amuna so please share a great read for school-aged children. Jenny thanks you!

A very special, 'todah rabah' to the Heska Amuna Religious School teachers and staff. Their scholarship, generosity and compassion are gratefully acknowledged in preparing Jenny for this celebration.

The Merrells invite the community to join them in celebrating this simcha with Jenny and her entire family.

# K N O X V I L L E



*UT Hillel students join Natalie Robinson at the April 1 AIPAC dinner at Modern Supply: Rebecca Thaler, Becca Empting, Natalie Robinson, David Cohen, Adam Eggenberger, Dana Zeitlin and Adam Schwartz.*

## KJDS A Busy Place

This month was a busy one for all at the Knoxville Jewish Day School! We are happy to announce that our annual Auction was a fantastic success. The theme was *A Jewish Celebration of Appalachian Culture*. Attendees were treated to delicious food, thanks to the volunteered time and effort of Bruce Bogartz. There were also authentic cloggers, a fantastic fiddler, a professional auctioneer, and, of course, a performance by our wonderful KJDS students! KJDS families, spearheaded by parents, Jennifer Davis and Tamar Margolis, volunteered their time and talents and we cannot thank them enough. Thank you also to those that attended and helped make this event so special.

But that's not all we were up to this month. For example, we held a "Parents Interactive Day." This is a day on which parents not only get to see what their kids are doing each day at KJDS, but get to participate! Special curriculum was designed for the day specifically so parents could take part in the education process. We had a fantastic turnout and the kids were very proud to have their parents there. We celebrated Purim with a party where all the kids were dressed in bright and festive costumes. We then had some of our older students perform Purim songs for the Jewish residents at Echo Ridge Retirement Residence, who were very appreciative. At the end of the month, our entire school got the pleasure of attending the Knoxville Symphony Orchestra's Family Concert and enjoyed it greatly. And that's just some of what is going on at the KJDS. For more information, please call us at 560-9922.



*KJDS bidders in action.*



*KJDS students perform at the KJDS annual auction.*

*KJDS gourmet food was prepared for the KJDS annual auction.*



# H A P P E N I N G S



*Dr. McIntyre, Deborah Oleshansky, Marilyn Wohl, Bernie Rosenblatt, and Arnold Cohen, CRC Chair, pose a question.*



*Dr. McIntyre and Marilyn Liberman talk about challenges facing the schools.*

## Get Ready for the Summer of Fun 2009

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

The pool opens May 23, 2009 at 1:00pm. Contact the AJCC for information regarding pool parties and swim lessons. We will be having a whole host of lesson programs for youth and adults. Adult swim lanes will be available every afternoon as well. There will be several family and adult pool parties this summer. Our world famous kosher hot dogs will be back as well!

The Smokin' Salmon's swim team won their league in 2004, 2005 and 2006. The AJCC Swim Team coaching staff always consists of experienced, highly motivated persons. Sarah Kortebein and Erin Phillips and their support staff of parent volunteers are ready for a winning season. The swim team builds friendships, self esteem, strength and leadership. Coaches will work with swimmers during practices to ensure the swimmer is working at a level that both challenges and encourages. Join now.

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

Tennis lessons will be available from our tennis pro. Practice your game on one of our renovated four tennis courts.

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

**The Most Fun Under the Sun**

### Support Heska Amuna and Temple Beth El Buy Grocery Store Certificates

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

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

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

#### Heska Amuna Synagogue

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

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

#### Temple Beth El

Kroger	\$50 _____	\$100 _____	\$200 _____	\$300 _____
Fresh Market	\$50 _____	\$100 _____		
Food City	\$50 _____	\$100 _____		

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

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

Temple Beth El, 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.

## MAY 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 6:30p-HA-Tot Shabbat 7:30p-TBE-Services, Birthday & Anniv Blessing	2 9:30a-HA-Services HA-Torah study after Kiddush 8-10p-Rick Recht Concert, AJCC Gym –Free - Donation to Second Harvest requested.
3 9a-HA-Talmud study 9:30a-TBE-Rel School 9:45a-HA-minyan 10a-HA-HARS 10a-HA-Sisterhood Rosh Chodesh w/ Paula Coplton	4 7a-HA-minyan 3-7p-Kinderdance, Gym 4:15p-HARS 6:30p-Archives Comm, BR 7:30-9:30p-Israeli dancing, AJCC gym	5 9a-HA-Chant/Meditation 1:30-3p-Friendshippers Book Club, AJCC AL 5:30-9:30p-Fencing, AJCC Gym 6p-TBE-Exec Comm 6:30p-Hadassah Brd mtg	6 4:15p-HARS 5:30-9:30p-Fencing, AJCC Gym 6:15p-TBE-Adult Education	7 7a-HA-minyan 3-5p-Preschool Soccer Shots, AJCC Gym	8 7:30p-TBE-Services	9 9:30a-HA-Services HA-Confirmation HA-Shabbat Hinuch 10:10a-HA-Jr. Congregation HA-Torah study after Kiddush
10 9a-HA-Talmud study 9:45a-HA-minyan	11 Spring Teacher Appreciation Week, AJCC Preschool 7a-HA-minyan 11:30a-JFS mtg, BR 3-7p-Kinderdance, Gym 7:15p-KJA Exec Comm	12 <b>Lag Ba'Omer</b> Spring Teacher Appreciation Week, AJCC Preschool 9a-HA-Chant/Meditation 10:30a-HA-HAZAK 6:30p-TBE Board 7:30p-HA Board	13 Spring Teacher Appreciation Week, AJCC Preschool 7p-B'nai Tzedek Advisory Comm, AJCC AL	14 Spring Teacher Appreciation Week, AJCC Preschool 7a-HA-minyan KJDS Kurious Kids 3-5p-Soccer Shots, AJCC Gym	15 Spring Teacher Appreciation Week, AJCC Preschool 5:45p-TBE-Family Shabbat Service 7:30p-TBE-TBE Services	16 9:30a-HA-Services Birthday & Anniv Shabbat HA-Torah study after Kiddush
17 9a-HA-Talmud study 9:45a-HA-minyan 10a-HA-Sisterhood Board mtg 4-7p-Hadassah event, AJCC Gym	18 7a-HA-minyan 3-7:30p-Kinderdance recital, AJCC Gym 7:30p-KJA Board mtg, AL 7:30-9:30p-Israeli dancing, AJCC gym	19 9a-HA-Chant/Meditation 7:30p-HA-Rabbi & Rel Serv Comm	20	21 LAST DAY of classes, AJCC Preschool 7a-HA-minyan 3-5p-Soccer Shots, AJCC gym 7p-HA-Ed Comm mtg	22 <b>Yom Yerushalayim</b> Last Day-Knox Co. Schools 7p-HA-Jennye Merrell Bat Mitzvah 7:30p-TBE-Services	23 9:30a-HA-Services Jennye Merrell Bat Mitzvah HA-Torah study after Kiddush TBE-Smokies Ballgame
24 <b>Rosh Chodesh</b> 9a-HA-Talmud study 9:45a-HA-minyan	25 <b>Memorial Day</b> TBE Office Closed 9a-HA-minyan 7p-Hadassah Book Club, AJCC BR	26 <b>Summer Camp Starts!</b> MCDC: Fun in the Sun! 9a-HA-Chant/Meditation 1:30-3p-Friendshippers Book Club, AJCC AL 6p-TBE Exec Comm 7p-TBE-Sisterhood	27 MCDC: Fun in the Sun!	28 MCDC: Fun in the Sun! 7a-HA-minyan HA-Tikun Leyl Shavuot, evening, TBA	29 <b>Shavuot</b> MCDC: Fun in the Sun! 9:30a-HA-Services 7:30p-TBE-Services	30 <b>Shavuot</b> 9:30a-HA-Services, Samantha Hull bat mitzvah HA-Torah study after Kiddush
31 9a-HA-Talmud study 9:45a-HA-minyan						

For an updated list of activities, please see the Community Calendar at  
[www.jewishknoxville.org](http://www.jewishknoxville.org)

AL=AJCC Adult Lounge  
BR=AJCC Board Room  
HA=Heska Amuna Synagogue—[www.heskaamuna.org](http://www.heskaamuna.org)  
TBE=Temple Beth El—[www.tbeknox.org](http://www.tbeknox.org)

**June Features British Soccer at the AJCC  
Challenger Sports British Soccer Camp**

Ages 4-15 — AJCC Soccer Fields  
June 8-12

Register at [www.challengersports.com](http://www.challengersports.com)  
FREE jersey when you register at least 45 days  
before camp.



# TEMPLE BETH EL TIMES



JOIN US FOR  
**SISTERHOOD GOES OUT**  
 Thursday, May 21, 2009 at 6:30 p.m.  
**SULLIVAN'S,**  
**Rocky Hill Shopping Center**  
**7545 Northshore Drive**  
**Guest Speaker: The News Sentinel's**  
**SAM VENABLE**



Sam Venable is a humor columnist for the *Knoxville News Sentinel*. The winner of numerous writing awards, he is the author of 10 books. The newest collection is called "Someday I May Find Honest Work: A Newspaper Humorist's Life."

In his latest book, Venable chronicles life and all the strange and absurd things that go with it. With his lively commentary and quirky observations, he brings an uncommon perspective to common experiences. But even as he describes these trials and tribulations, Venable admits -- with what you can be certain is a big grin -- "that it sure beats workin' for a living."

*Participation, Fellowship, Volunteerism and the Joy of Giving are the heart and soul of The Sisterhood of Temple Beth El.*

**Our last meeting of the year!**

**7 Iyyar - 8 Sivan 5769**

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

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## SERVICES IN MAY

**May 1 at 7:30 p.m.** – Shabbat services.

**May 8 at 7:30 p.m.** – Shabbat services.

**May 9 at 10:30 a.m.** – Torah study with Rabbi Schwartz in the Temple Library.

**May 15 at 5:45 p.m.** – Family Shabbat service, led by Norma James. All children up to 3<sup>rd</sup> grade and their significant adults are invited. Shabbat services follow at 7:30 p.m.

**May 22 at 7:30 p.m.** – Shabbat services, with the *Union Prayer Book, Sinai Edition*, including a discussion of the weekly Torah portion, *Behar-Bechukutai*.

**May 29 at 7:30 p.m.** – Shavuot and Confirmation services.

**Temple Beth El's**

***ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING***

**7 p.m., Tuesday, May 26, 2009**

## From the Rabbi's Study

Shavuot celebrates the offering of the first fruits of the growing season and the giving of the Ten Commandments at Mount Sinai. Some scholars see the vestiges of a pre-Torah agricultural festival in the observance of Shavuot. The Torah itself includes the commandment to count off 50 days from the start of the Feast of Unleavened Bread (Passover) until Shavuot. The Torah also tells us that the Israelites traveled for 50 days from the Exodus until they reached Mount Sinai. For all these reasons, Shavuot is one of the three pilgrimage festivals that are the major holidays after the High Holy Days in the fall (the other two are Passover and Sukkot).

As an agricultural, seasonal holiday, Shavuot reminds us of the wonders of Creation and the blessings of God's handiwork. Recalling the giving of Torah, Shavuot celebrates the Revelation at Mount Sinai. And we recall and celebrate Redemption of the Jewish people through the reading of the book of Ruth, who chose to remain loyal to her mother-in-law and become one of her people, and whose redemption from poverty and widowhood continued the line of Judah, leading to the birth of King David.

Shavuot occurs at a time of year when we are occupied with many other activities, and after schools have closed, so it is hard for some of us to remember how important a festival it is. But Reform Judaism has associated Confirmation with Shavuot, in order to remind us that our children's future depends on the values of Torah, and to give modern families an additional reason to celebrate at this time of year.

Here's what you can do to observe and celebrate Shavuot: 1) You can come to our Confirmation service on Friday evening, May 29, at 7:30 p.m.; 2) Eat a fruit of vegetable that you have not yet eaten this season, say a special blessing for how good it tastes, and thank God for this year's growing season; 3) ask the Rabbi something you always wanted to know about Judaism; and 4) study a bit of Torah, or anything related to Judaism. *Chag Shavuot sameach!*



## President's Message

Temple Beth El is thriving. Our membership is up, our social activities are up and spiritually, we are growing more closely together. This is exciting and invigorating news any time but more now than ever, when all we seem to read is bad news.

At the time of this writing we have not finalized the Temple budget for 2009/2010 but I'm sure we will have to make some adjustments to account for the poor economy and its effect on some in our congregation. With that said, there are also many in the congregation that have not seen a reduction in their income and even some that are doing very well. Our community needs these congregants to step in, step up and help take up some of the slack. One of our core Jewish values is to give tzedakah when it's hard to give, not just to give when times are good.

Speaking of good times; we have two congregational events to look forward to this month! First, on Tuesday, May 26 we will hold our Annual Congregational Meeting at 7:00 p.m. This is a great opportunity to really learn and see what your Temple Board is doing on your behalf throughout the year. Each major committee chair will give a verbal report and be available for questions and comments. The second congregational event will take place on Friday, May 29. It's Confirmation time at Temple Beth El and that is cause for celebration by all of us. Our young adults have worked hard and have learned much in our top notch Religious School. By attending the Confirmation service you are not only honoring our next generation of Temple members but also the parents, families and teachers who have helped develop the Jewish values they will carry throughout life. I hope to see our community come together for these two important events.

B'Shalom, Stephen

## Hurry Hurry Hurry..... A \$10.00 Bargain

### Help Raise Money for the Protective Plastic for Temple's Stain Glass Windows

**When:** May 3, 2009 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

**Where:** Temple Beth El Social Hall

**Cost:** \$10.00 per adult  
\$5.00 for children 12-18

**What:** A different kind of Scrabble game. This Scrabble game is played very similar to traditional Scrabble but is many times faster and just as challenging as traditional Scrabble.

Delicious desserts and goodies will be available for your enjoyment.

There will be up to six players at each table. The final winner at each table will receive a \$5.00 Gift Certificate for Temple's Judaica Shop.

#### I want to be there. What do I do now?

Send your check and the names of the people attending to Temple Beth El for \$10.00 per adult and \$5.00 per child before April 27, 2009. Put SCRABBLE in the memo line of your check. We need to know how many people are coming so we can plan that everyone has a good time.

## The Sisterhood of Temple Beth El

We are an affiliate of WOMEN OF REFORM JUDAISM

### Hamentaschen Bake and Fundraiser

This year's Hamentaschen Bake took place on Sunday, March 1. It brought out new and experienced bakers. Together, the group got right to work, formed an efficient assembly line, produced a tasty product and had



*Karen Smith, Susan Derrington, Monica Berman, Emma Fleischman, Honerlin Del Moro*

an enjoyable time. On March 8, during the Purim Carnival, we held a bake sale where Hamentaschen orders and individual cakes and cookies could be purchased. Thanks to those on the assembly line and to all who prepared dough and fillings including Linda Zaretski and Lesley Krakauer, chairs. Special thanks go to Ruth Sherrill, Honerlin Del Moro, Joyce Traugot, Katie Habgood, and Claudia Fribourg for packing and delivering 25 Shelach Manot baskets to Jewish residents of area nursing homes and assisted living facilities. Please know that your donation of time and materials helps us raise funds for next year's endeavors.



*Melissa Treece, Honerlin Del Moro, Susan Derrington, Rebecca Tucker, Belinda Smith, Beverly Schultz*

### The Year Comes to a Close and Plans Begin for 2009-2010

At this point in May, Sisterhood begins to look at formulating plans for next year. You'll see below that our current Board membership will be changing as Liz Gassel's term as president expires and those in vice president and chair positions leave and/or take different roles beginning in June. The Ad Hoc Nominating Committee has done a wonderful job of putting together a slate of officers and chairs to fill these positions. Welcome to all, both newcomers and old, who are choosing to serve on our board.

Some of the plans we are considering for next year include: A bigger and better "People of the Book Sale," A Sisterhood Shabbat and Torah Study Session, A Women's Seder, further consideration of a "Chupah Art/Quilt Project," "BOWling for Hunger - in a new form and a TBE Weight Watcher's Group. We look forward to new, creative ideas for spiritual, social, social action and fundraising projects. Just contact our officers with your thoughts.

### Come Celebrate With Us

Friday Evening, June 26 at 7:30 p.m.

### "Sisterhood Shabbat and Installation"

Our members will lead services.

Our newly elected board will be installed.

All congregants are invited to attend and welcome and support the new Sisterhood board.

If you would like to contribute to the oneg, please contact Katie Habgood: 712-2092 or [katie@yellen.com](mailto:katie@yellen.com) or Belinda Smith: 789-2768 or [belindalucesmith@gmail.com](mailto:belindalucesmith@gmail.com)



### May Oneg Hosts

- May 1** Liz Gassel & Mike Pardee and Susan & Keith Derrington
- May 8** Claudia & Henry Fribourg and Evan Sturm
- May 15** Tony & Jeanne Zucker and Renee Hyatt & Paul Erwin
- May 22** Bella & Ilya Safro and Mark & Bella Barkan
- May 29** Confirmation

### 'Sisterhood Goes Out'

We have had a longtime yearly tradition of an evening out in May. In the past we had some very interesting speakers to keep us entertained in between ordering and being served in one of Knoxville's finer restaurants. We remember columnists Ina Hughes and Leslie Snow, Consumer Advocate Don Dare, Weatherman Mike Wicher and last year's slide show featuring Greg Stein's and Jeanette Kelleher's year in China. Well, we have done it again. At this year's outing in May, we will welcome News Sentinel's homespun, entertaining and witty, Sam Venable. Meet us Thursday, May 21, at 6:30 p.m. in the back room of Sullivan's located at 7545 Northshore in Rocky Hill. Please make your reservations either by calling or e-mailing Ruth Sherrill at 690-5015 or [ruthks@peoplepc.com](mailto:ruthks@peoplepc.com).

## *Sisterhood, Continued*

### Proposed Slate for 2009-2011

Temple Beth El Sisterhood is pleased to announce the proposed slate of officers and chairs for 2009-2011. The slate will be approved by Sisterhood members at the "Sisterhood Goes Out" evening on Thursday, May 21. *Yasher ko'ach* to Nominating Committee members Laurie Fisher, Katie Habgood, Renee' Hyatt, Amy Rosenberg, Joyce Traugot, and Karen Smith (Chair) for their time and effort to fill the necessary positions.

#### Officers

Co-Presidents

Co-Vice Presidents for Membership

Vice President for Programs

Vice President for Fundraising

Recording Secretary

Corresponding Secretary

Treasurer

*Phyllis Hirsh and Joyce Traugot*

*Honerlin del Moro and Karen Smith*

*Susan Frant*

*Renee' Hyatt*

*Lisa Sayles*

*Ruth Sherrill*

*Vikki Traugot*

#### Chairs

Oneg Shabbat

Beiler Bimah Flowers

B'nai Mitzvah Gifts

High Holiday Childcare

Break the Fast

*Katie Habgood and Belinda Smith*

*Ruth Sherrill*

*Monica Berman*

*Emma Fleischmann*

*Phyllis Hirsh and Karen Smith*

The Sisterhood Board will meet soon to plan programs and events for the coming year. More chairs will be needed to work with the Board to complete these programs and events. Please consider joining us! Perhaps you can take a planning role in the coming year's fundraising, programs, and events. There is always room for new ideas, for creative thinking, for re-thinking existing programs to make them better, and for adding great, new, informative, and stimulating ways to bring our Temple Beth El family together. If you would like to get more spiritual, social, and educational experiences from your Temple, this is the place to begin. Look at the names on the proposed slate and call to participate. You'll get to know our membership and feel like you are part of the Temple family!

Mazel tov, Karen Smith, Temple Beth El Sisterhood Nominating Committee Chair

*"Our objectives are to foster the highest ideals of Judaism as expressed through Temple Beth El; to promote a closer fellowship among its members; and in cooperation with the congregation, be a mentor for religious, social and educational activities."*

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

Please make all membership checks, Beiler floral fund checks and Sisterhood tribute/donation checks payable to The Sisterhood of Temple Beth El. Thank you.

Be our guest for the year. If you are a new member of Temple Beth El, your first year of Sisterhood membership is on us.

For more information, please contact Liz Gassel, Sisterhood president at 546-2813 or [pardee3@comcast.net](mailto:pardee3@comcast.net)

### Isaac's Shelter: TBE Social Justice

*By Jerry V. Mincey, Chair, Isaac's Shelter*

*His appearance is a sure as daybreak,  
And He will come to us like rain---  
Nevi'im HOSEA 6:3*

How does the Eternal appear to His Beloved in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century? Many times through a concern; a calling to action. a calling to Tikkun Olam.

The Bridge Refugee Center, which helps relocate refugees fleeing persecution for religious or social reasons is Isaac's Shelter's latest undertaking. TBE members, always willing to stand with a worthy cause, are asked to bring kitchen items, (dishes, pots, pans, silverware, toasters, etc.) and place them in the box at the side door of Temple marked REFUGEES.

Bridge Refugee Resettlement Agency of East Tennessee has over the last 20 years resettled more than 1,500 families from Bosnia, Kosovo, Poland, Iran, Iraq, Romania, and the Sudan, just to name a few.

Bridge helps the family through the first six months to ensure the new arrivals have safe, sanitary places to live and have access to medical care. Bridge makes it a priority that school-age children are enrolled and attend school and that adults have fair and full-time jobs. In order to assure the State Department of Refugee Resettlement that the families will have everything they need for reasonable expectation of success when arriving, Bridge must have the assistance and donations of religious organizations.

So place your donation in the box! Bigger kitchen items to give? No problem! We'll haul gently used items away for you.

Just call us. Jerry Mincey—  
687.3071—[jmincey09@comcast.net](mailto:jmincey09@comcast.net)

## Play Ball

*Tennessee Smokies Baseball*

*Saturday, May 23*

**3540 Line Drive, Kodak, Tennessee**

**The game begins at 7:05 p.m.**

**We will tailgate beginning at 5:00 p.m.**

**Tickets are \$7.00 each.**



*To reserve your tickets, send a check to Temple Beth El or call the Temple Office.  
Bring chairs and food to share.  
We will have a grill.*

Questions? Please contact Diana Steinfeld-Hicks at [hicksnur@usit.net](mailto:hicksnur@usit.net) or (423) 487-2056 or Sylvia Witcoff at [sylviajoyw110@att.net](mailto:sylviajoyw110@att.net) or (865) 691-7111.

## Religious School Completes Another Great Year

By Norma James [nfjames@aol.com](mailto:nfjames@aol.com)  
483-5213 home 719-2614 cell

### Where did the year go? (Norma gets all mushy!)

I cannot believe the school year is already coming to an end. It has been a great year thanks to all of our fabulous parents who have helped out at every turn. Your devotion to your children and to our Temple is a beautiful thing. Our teachers and madrichim are amazing because they love teaching, love our children, and love Judaism. Our Religious School could never succeed without the constant, loving support of Dan Smith, Lori Hirsh and the rest of our School and Youth Committee. We are blessed to have a board, led by my hero Stephen Eisen, that values the education of our young people. Rabbi Beth has been a huge part of our school as much for what she has taught me as her work with our young people. There is an abundance of love in this school and all of you are a huge part of it.

### Hurray for Combined Learning Days!

This has also been a fabulous year because of our wonderful combined learning days with Heska Amuna and the Jewish Congregation of Oak Ridge. We are already planning some wonderful events for next year. Many thanks to Chaya Silver-Alford, Rabbi Zivic, Deborah Oleshansky, Wilma Weinstein, and Jeff Gubitza for their support, guidance, and creative spirit that has helped us forge even stronger ties with our larger Jewish community.

### Lock-In Overnight for 4<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Grades May 2

Our 4<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade students are very excited about having a very special Lock-In to end the school year. Amy Rosenberg will head up this event with a full evening of activities at the Temple. *As one very special event, the students will attend the Rick Recht concert Saturday night.* The students will spend the night in the Temple and join the rest of the Religious School for our Last Day Celebration on Sunday. The evening begins at 5:00 p.m. and the cost is \$5 per child. Please contact Amy Rosenberg to register your child. [rockybergs@tds.net](mailto:rockybergs@tds.net)

### Back by Popular Demand! Religious School will end with a trip to Sherlake May 3!

We ask that you join your child at Religious School as we start the day with a potluck breakfast. After breakfast we will enjoy our awards ceremony celebrating your fabulous children and their hard work this year. At 11:00 a.m. we will load our cars and head to Events at Sherlake where I have reserved both rooms so that we can jump for joy on the many inflatables. This is a wonderful opportunity for our young people to play together in a purely social atmosphere. It is also a great time for parents to enjoy each other's company. With our busy lives, so much of our time has been in dropping off and picking up kids. Relax and enjoy the day. A pizza lunch will be served for all. We are asking a small fee of \$3 per child to help with our expenses. The day will end at 1:00. If you are unable to follow us to Sherlake, please pick up your child at TBE by 11:00. *We want to extend a special invitation to all families with young children who will be joining us at Religious School in the future. Please be our guest at Sherlake as well. Just contact Norma to add your name to the count.*

### Last Family Service of the Season 5:45 p.m., May 15

Even though Religious School will be out, don't miss our last Family Service of the season. I must say that conducting family services has been a highlight of my year. I hope to see all of our young families together as we celebrate Shabbat together. If the weather is beautiful, we might even spend some of our time outside! We ask our parents to bring light snacks for our oneg.

### Confirmation May 29

What a beautiful way to end the month of May by having our 10<sup>th</sup> Grade conduct their Confirmation service. This is a wonderful group of young people who have always brought joy to our Religious School. We join the parents of **Melody** and **Daniel Shenkman**, **Lilia Brock**, **Sophia Shefner**, and **Mark Kaufman** in inviting all of you to this sacred event. Frequently I take the young children to the open ark to see the Torahs. They are always delighted at the gold bracelets that drape inside the ark. When I tell them that one day they will each have a Confirmation bracelet, they get very excited. It seems not long ago this class was gazing at those bracelets! Now they will join their bracelets with all those Confirmands who have come before them (including me!).

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# Ha' Kol

## “ON YOUR, MARKS, Let’s Swim

**Sarah Kortebein** has been named as our new Smokin’ Salmons swim coach for the **Summer of Fun 2009**. Joining Sarah as assistant coach is **Erin Phillips**.

Sarah has long been associated with our swim program as a swimmer and assistant coach. She is currently doing volunteer work in Ecuador. She served as assistant coach the last two years.

Erin will graduate from Centre College in May and pursue some graduate work before continuing with her studies. She was the assistant coach under Marshal Goldman.

In a recent interview, Sarah reflected that “Swimming is a sport that I have been actively involved in for a majority of my life. I have been swimming year-round since the age of seven.” She is a firm believer that team sports like swimming are ways to build strong and caring youth for the future. Sarah goes on to say, “It amazes me that so many of the kids who get involved with our team are even younger than that. It is important to me that the numerous four and five year olds who join each year for the first time, end the summer with nothing but good memories of their initial team experience. There are so many benefits they receive as athletes: health, camaraderie, structure, and a sense of achievement. Catching their attention with a fun team environment, then keeping them involved and motivated are key.”

Erin Phillips is a big fan of the AJCC and reflects that “I would like to think that as a part of the lifeguard, lesson, and swim team staff, I have made an impact in all aspects of the community surrounding the pool.” A competitive swimmer for many years she enjoys working with youth to develop their skills. “I truly value the bonds many of the children and I share and am eager to help them improve their skills in swimming.” Erin went on to say, “I know that I can continue that tradition.”

Both coaches look forward to working together this summer and commented, “It is hard for us to imagine, considering the relationships we have formed with the swimmers and their families, seeking work as a coach elsewhere.”

We welcome Sarah and Erin back for another successful season. It is still time to sign up for the swim team, Milton Collins Day Camp, and join the AJCC for the Summer of Fun 2009. For membership information please call, 690-6343 or visit us on the web at [www.jewishknoxville.org](http://www.jewishknoxville.org).



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### KJA Annual Campaign

KJA Campaign 2009  
as of 4/1/09 ..... **\$258,721**

**268 Families Participating**

**107 Increases from 2008**

**42 New Gifts**

*Please call your pledge into the KJA office at 690-6343 or go online at [www.jewishknoxville.org](http://www.jewishknoxville.org).*

## The Brits are Coming!

### Join us for soccer!

Challenger British Soccer is hosting a soccer camp from **June 8 through June 12**.

Register online at [www.challengersports.com](http://www.challengersports.com).

Participants will receive a hand stitched soccer ball and t-shirt and a replica British Soccer jersey to campers who register online 45 days before camp.

*Coaches will hold the minimum of a Football Association Coaching License/Challenger/British Soccer Coaching certification.*



Ages 4—5	Mini Soccer	5:30—7:00 pm	\$ 90
Ages 6—9	Half Day	8:30—11:30 am	\$120
Ages 10—15	Half Day	8:30—11:30 am	\$120
Ages 10—15	Full Day	8:30—11:30 am & 12:30—3:30 pm	\$190
<b>**AJCC Half Day Rate 11:30-3:00pm</b>	<b>Members \$86</b>	<b>Summer Members \$93</b>	<b>Non Member \$111</b>
** AJCC Half Day rate is an option for half day soccer campers and includes lunch.			

## Unsolicited Advice from Stephen Rosen...Join Something! Now!



Approximately 40 percent of the recipients of *Ha'Kol* living in Knoxville belong to Heska Amuna and/or Temple Beth El. Yes, there are a few families that belong to both. I can even think of someone

that belongs to HA, TBE and the Jewish Congregation of Oak Ridge (send me an e-mail with the name and I'll buy you lunch at the pool!). About 400 people participate in KJA's annual campaign, are members of the Arnstein Jewish Community Center, or do both (thank you very much). This participation rate is high compared to other communities in the United States. However, in our community, it is not as high as in previous generations.

There was a time when a Jewish family moved to Knoxville, that their first acts were to join the AJCC and pick a congregation. This was their way of acclimating to a new community and developing friendships. The second thing they did was join Hadassah so they could be in the directory. That way, their new friends knew how to find them!

Today, people tend to be slower in joining the institutions that we hold dear.

This is both a secular phenomenon and a religious one. There are more distractions that take people away from institutional Judaism as well as more opportunities for what I call "drive by Judaism." Why join something when you can get a sampling of Jewish activity for free, with no responsibility, and get it whenever you're in the mood?

Here is where the unsolicited advice comes into play. Join and join now! Money isn't going to be a deciding factor, as every one of our institutions has a policy of allowing people to participate at a level that is financially suitable. Time isn't going to be a factor either. Our community thrives even though I can promise that you won't be the first member who doesn't serve on a committee.

If you have small children, put them in our AJCC Early Childhood Program. If they are old enough, put them in religious school and Milton Collins Day Camp. If they are in middle school, make sure they attend Teen Connection and B'nai Tzedek. If they are in high school, let me know and I'll make sure they are contacted by BBYO.

If children aren't the focus of your life, KJA offers a young adult "chavurah" led by Laura Berry. Hadassah offers something for women of all ages through its highly successful social program wrapped around its core mission of being the world's leading Zionist women's movement. KJA is just

starting to develop social programming for men. Brian Merrell and Barry Roseman are leading this effort to develop a fun calendar.

The KJA Friendship program delivers its social, educational and entertainment programming on a monthly basis (see page 19) to our seniors. Finally, the congregations have programs that you can see throughout this publication.

Some of the readers of this article may still be thinking: "that's great, but I'm not interested in any of that." You may be right; maybe it's not for you today. But where will the community be tomorrow when you are ready for what we offer? Maybe it makes sense to affiliate now as an insurance policy for when some of the things organized Jewish life offers are on your personal agenda. BBYO, Hadassah, Temple Beth El, Heska Amuna, Arnstein Jewish Community Center, Knoxville Jewish Alliance and its predecessors have been around since the mid 19<sup>th</sup> or early 20<sup>th</sup> century. They have survived and thrived because people believed in community ownership and participation.

I think you will agree with me that one Jew sitting in a room wearing tefillin is committing a mitzvah for himself while 10 Jews sitting in a minyan do a mitzvah for a community. It's time for everyone to join that minyan now. Give me a call and I'll mail you the forms.

## JFS Offers Job Search Assistance

Recently laid off? Looking for a career change? Jewish Family Services offers job hunting assistance for individuals who need support and guidance in these tough economic times.

Jewish Family Services can provide initial one-on-one job search planning for job seekers as well as referrals to community resources that can help with social, financial, health-related, and emotional issues that swirl around someone who has lost a job, says Laura Berry, JFS director.

In-house services include assistance with resume preparation, interviewing help through mock interviews both at JFS and with networking contacts, and helping people connect with people who work in the professions they desire to enter. Because job loss can lead to financial and healthcare issues, "we can also help individuals locate community resources if they are struggling between jobs," Berry said.

JFS is often a conduit to area agencies and resources. "Even if the information is out there, sometimes it is hard to find or people need help finding the right fit for their needs," she says. "Jewish Family Services can help people find counselors to work through the depression, anxiety or stress that financial difficulties can create," Berry said.

Knoxville Jewish Alliance President Stephen Rosen sees this as a role that KJA needs to play in the community: "Tikkun Olam (healing the world) is foremost in our mission and there is no better place to start than assisting community members with employment opportunities. We can't promise a solution, but we can promise energetic and enthusiastic support."

Jewish Family Services is a program of the Knoxville Jewish Alliance that is made possible through contributions to the KJA Annual Campaign. For information or assistance, please contact Laura Berry at 690-6343, extension 18 or via e-mail at [lberry@jewishknoxville.org](mailto:lberry@jewishknoxville.org).

## Save The Date

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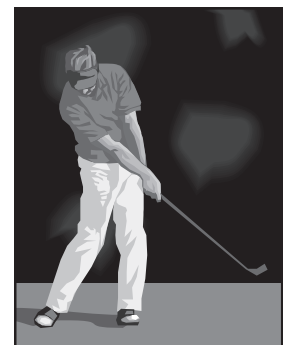
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## Upcoming Friendship Program

Come have fun with us at these upcoming events!

Everyone Welcome

**Wednesday, May 13: Brian Salesky, General Director and Conductor of the Knoxville Opera, and special guest, Diana Skinner (Mrs. Brian Salesky).** Diana, a mezzo-soprano, is a former member of the New York City Opera and has performed throughout New York, Colorado and Texas. Diane Sadle, Senior Adult Director and Slava Nedelin, Senior Adult Program Director, Louisville, Kentucky, will be joining us along with a group of JCC Senior Adults. **Program location: Rothchilds, 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.

*Shirley and Bernie Levenson enjoying the Friendship Purim Program*



*Joyce Traugot and Charlene Gubitiz entertained the Friendship Program at a Purim luncheon*



## Ha'Kol Finds International Fan

A board member recently received an e-mail from a former acquaintance who now lives in Italy praising the community's newest effort, the *Ha' Kol* newsletter and remembers fond times here.

I see you are located in Knoxville, Tennessee! When I was a kid (in the '60s) I lived one year and a half in Oak Ridge, just a few miles from there! I LOVED it! I was in first and second grade. On Sundays I also went to the Sunday School of the Jewish Community. I think there were about 300 members at that time. My father is an honorary citizen of Tennessee. I remember my dentist was in Knoxville, Dr. Crampton. He was a dentist for kids, and he gave kids little toys every time, from a bowl full of gifts. I remember a nice little spin... I have been in Oak Ridge again, during a trip.

## Grandparents Circle Helps Those with Intermarried Households

The Grandparents Circle is a program created last year by the Jewish Outreach Institute to help grandparents present their Jewish heritage to their grandchildren in intermarried households. Grandparents meet in small groups for five weeks of guided discussion, share their concerns and learn specific skills for passing on Jewish history and tradition without forcing it on the children. Why is this program so important to me? I want to be the best grandparent that I could be while acknowledging the non-Jewish side of their family. I know there are other grandparents in the same situation. The Grandparents Circle is a forum to share concerns with others in the same situation. If you are interested in being part of the Grandparents Circle, or if you know anyone who would like to sign up for the free Listserve, please contact Wilma Weinstein at [wweinstein@jewishknoxville.org](mailto:wweinstein@jewishknoxville.org) or 690-6343.

The Jewish Outreach Institute (JOI) is a national, independent, nondenominational organization dedicated to creating a more inclusive Jewish community toward all who join us, especially intermarried families, disengaged Jews, by working to transform existing institutions and by creating new programs when necessary.

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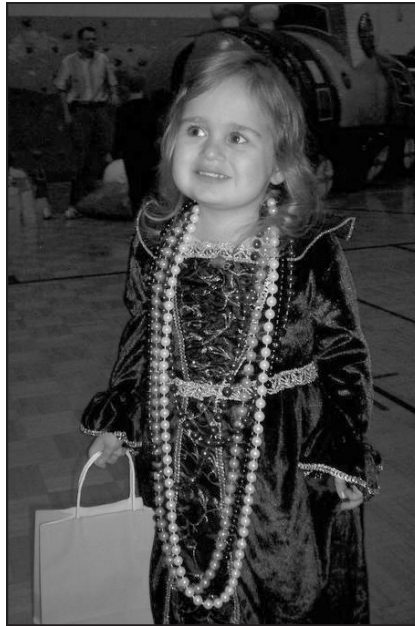
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## AJCC Preschool Features Purim Parade

By Brooke Seeliger, Preschool Director

On March 10, the AJCC Preschool had its annual Purim Carnival. The children had the opportunity to jump in bouncy houses, crawl through a bouncy train, decorate cookies, make a beautiful crown, play the fishing game to win prizes, eat delicious hamantashen, and enjoy just having some great fun! All of the students, volunteers, staff, and parents had a wonderful time! Many thanks to Tamara Sturm, Emily Theriot, Lori Hirsh, Dave and Peg Rotstein, Ann Ely, Debbie Abrams-Cohen, Greg Kaplan, Susan Contente, and Nancy Becker for volunteering their time to help out with the various activities. Their help was greatly appreciated!



AJCC Preschooler Elizabeth Floyd



Ms. Donna Donald helps Gustav Tandy decorate his cookie

## Shorrlines: Jewish Calendars

By Eleanor Shorr, KJA Publications Chairperson

Thank goodness for our 5769 Jewish Calendar that boldly highlights every Jewish holiday. Candidly, Lent and upcoming Easter celebrations are only of passing interest but Yom Ha'tzmaut, that incredible day that Israel became an independent and sovereign nation or the first Pesach Seder night or is Shavuot in May or June - these do have some impact on our lives. Around game tables, book clubs, and meeting rooms people turn to each other with interest as to the dates that are available for future events or for future plan.

Somehow, we rarely think that the holiday coming "early or late" is an issue - they are always on the same day and have been for thousands of years on Jewish calendars. It is the secular calendar that adjusts the dates. It is the same sort of feeling one has upon entrance to a meeting five minutes after the announced starting time and inevitably someone will say "You're late!" Late for what?! To us, multi-tasking to this kind of time table only leads to unnecessary stress and aggravation. (Not to mention that this is a very unpleasant way to greet someone) So "early or late," our

traditional holidays are celebrated year after year on time.

Here in Knoxville, Pesach in April not only means our celebration of freedom, but that spring flowers are blooming, Shavuot in May celebrates the receiving of the Torah at Mount Sinai ushering in really beautiful days and summer. It will be time to gambol on the green - notice we did NOT say gambling on the green. (Gambling on the green goes on in Vegas on the felt-lined tables.)

And just in passing - a recent issue of *Newsweek* featured on its cover Uncle Sam in full regalia pointing his bony finger at us and proclaiming boldly, "I WANT YOU - TO START SPENDING - HELP THE ECONOMIC RECOVERY! Hurray! It is time. At last we can feel proud to realize it is our patriotic DUTY to loosen up the purse strings, open up the wallets - spend to save small businesses and jobs of sales clerks. We are happy to stand erect and tall - patriotic American citizens clutching our packages tightly to us - modestly spending our way to economic recovery. Life is good again.

So let's celebrate: Happy Pesach, Happy Mother's Day, Memorial Day for our brave heroes, Shavuot, Flag Day (Fly Old Glory proudly), Father's Day and be sure to give and spend wisely.

## Get Lean, Live Green

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## Mitzvahs Matter: Medic

Dear Wilma,

Thank you for coordinating the February 8 blood drive. We were very pleased with the drive overall, and the willingness of the donors to share this life-saving gift.

The efforts of the Arnstein Jewish Community Center have always been greatly appreciated and their support of the community blood program will go a long way toward replenishing blood supplies and ultimately saving lives.

We appreciate your efforts during this crucial time. You may be interested to know that 24 units were collected at your drive.

Again, thank you for your contribution and ongoing support of this important community program. I look forward to working with you again on an upcoming blood drive.

Sincerely,

Claudia Maples, Donor Resource Coordinator

## Suzy Snoops

Please send your good news to *Ha'Kol* by mailing your news to *Ha'Kol*, 6800 Deane Hill Drive, Knoxville, TN 37919; fax 694-4861; or e-mail: [hakol@jewishknoxville.org](mailto:hakol@jewishknoxville.org).

- ◆ The March 19 issue of the *News-Sentinel's* Food & Home section featured an article on making matzah ball soup as a prelude to promoting Harold's Deli at Heska Amuna, an annual fund raiser for Heska Amuna Synagogue. **Mary Evars-Goan**, **Myra Weinstein**, and **Frank Floyd** shared their soup-making secrets and **Addie Shersky's** (OBM) recipe was featured.
- ◆ Webb junior **Mara Hahn**, daughter of **Jan Hahn** and **Heather O'Brien**, was featured in the *New-Sentinel* for becoming the BBYO International Mazkirah-elect (secretary).
- ◆ **Will Kronick**, 17, a West High School junior and a member of the Knoxville/Knox County Mayor's Youth Action Council was quoted as part of a *News-Sentinel* article about a proposal the council will present to the Knox County school board. Knox County high school students would be able to provide feedback on their courses and teachers under a proposed evaluation designed by the council. If approved by the school board, the evaluation would be in effect in December, after the first semester of the 2009-10 school year. It would be tested in four schools: West, South-Doyle, Karns and Bearden high schools. **Will** is the son of **Bob** and **Sandra Kronick**.
- ◆ A late January *News-Sentinel* article featured University of Tennessee professor **Bob Kronick**. **Kronick** is a proponent of full-service schools, which provide students with free extended services like medical care, tutoring, mentoring and extracurricular activities. Some full-service schools also open the building after hours for use by community organizations like Scout groups or churches. **Kronick** and 400 UT student volunteers work in five area schools. **Kronick**, a professor of educational psychology and counseling, received the 2006 Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Academic Outreach in recognition of his work with this program.
- ◆ **Mary Linda Schwarzbart** is the administrator for the American Guild of Judaic Art.



Mara Hahn

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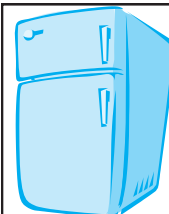
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The KJA makes donating your car as simple and convenient as possible. In many cases, vehicles can be picked up within the same week. E-mail [kja@jewishknoxville.org](mailto:kja@jewishknoxville.org) or call 690-6343 for information.

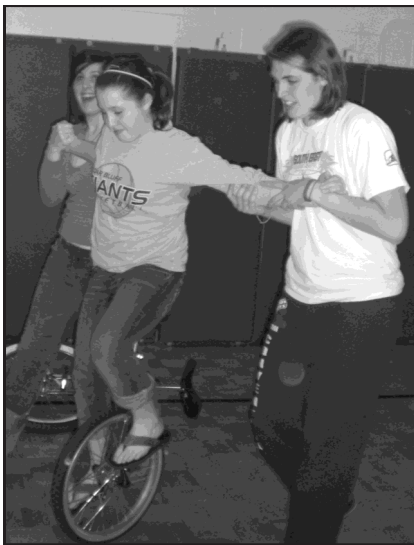


## AJCC Wish List

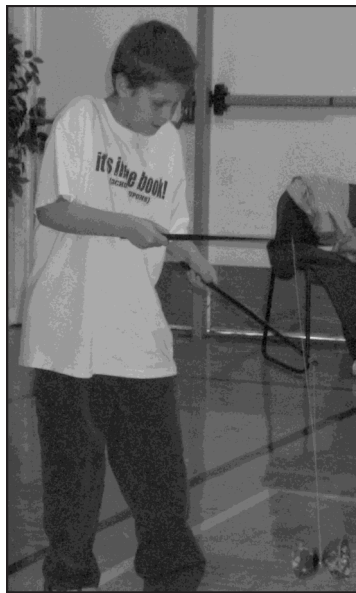
The AJCC needs an additional freezer or refrigerator. If you have one that is in good or like new condition or if you wish to donate so that we may purchase one, please give us a call at 690-6343.

## J-Serve at the Circus

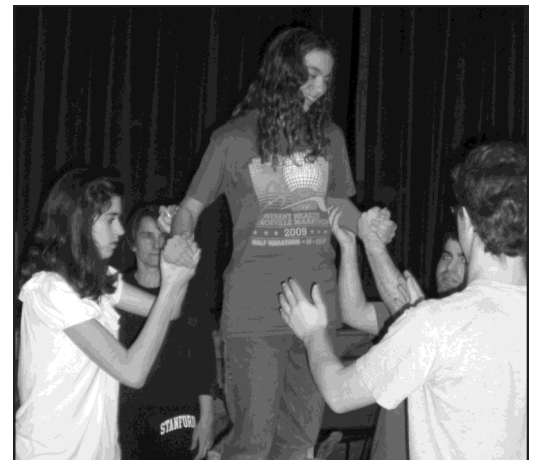
J-Serve planners met in March at the AJCC to practice some circus activities to share with the students at Inskip School at the actual J-Serve Event in April. Thank you to Lissa McLeod and Jacob Weinstein for graciously sharing their circus equipment and donating their time to teach us these skills.



*Emma Silver-Alford and Bryna Oleshansky spot Lilly Silver-Alford on the unicycle.*



*Michael Goins tries his hand with the Diabolo activity.*



*Hila Blumenthal on stilts being spotted by Ariel Spiegelman, Megan Weiss and Clark Derrington.*

## Statewide Jewish History, Culture Focus of Upcoming Exhibit

A traveling exhibit co-sponsored by the Knoxville Jewish Alliance won an award from the Tennessee Association of Museums. *Bagels & Barbeque: The Jewish Experience in Tennessee* is the story of Jewish immigration to Tennessee and how they embraced the culture they found here is documented in a new exhibit. It opens in Knoxville in the fall of 2010.

*Bagels & Barbeque: The Jewish Experience in Tennessee* is a joint project of the Tennessee State Museum in collaboration with the Jewish Federation of Nashville and Middle Tennessee, Jewish Community Federation of Greater Chattanooga, Knoxville Jewish Alliance, and Memphis Jewish Federation, with the participation of other Jewish communities around the state. The exhibit's statewide tour is supported in part by a grant from Humanities Tennessee, an independent affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities.

The exhibit begins with the saga of early Jewish settlers emigrating from Europe, where most faced religious persecution. A few came to upper East Tennessee in the 1770s, and to Middle Tennessee by the 1820s. By 1870, groups in Nashville, Memphis, Knoxville, and Chattanooga had purchased land for cemeteries—a first concern of new Jewish communities—and founded congregations for worship.

Chronicling the life of Jewish families during the Civil War and Reconstruction, the exhibit focuses on the historic contributions during this period. Stories of interest include the beginnings of one of America's most respected newspaper empires, which began when 20-year-old Adolph Ochs, son of Julius and Bertha from Knoxville, bought *The Chattanooga Times* in 1878. In 1896, he added *The New York Times* to what is still a family-controlled enterprise.

Stories of the huge wave of immigrants, who arrived between 1880 and 1924, who were fleeing anti-Semitic laws and mob

violence, are followed by those of Tennessee Jews during World War II. The secret Manhattan Project in East Tennessee brought many Jewish scientists to work on the atom bomb.

These Oak Ridge families later hand-constructed their own synagogue, a feat possibly unique in American Jewish history. During the same period, Holocaust refugees and survivors were welcomed with housing, jobs and English lessons.

*Bagels & Barbeque* also documents the recent influence of the Jewish community in Tennessee. Tennessee has seen an influx of Jewish health and music industry professionals, university professors, executives, artists, and their extended families.

In 1984, the Tennessee Holocaust Commission, Inc. became the third such state organization in the country. And in 1998, to understand the enormity of Hitler's atrocities, non-Jewish middle-school children in Whitwell, Tennessee, collected six million paper clips worldwide.

Dedicated to tolerance and peace and documented in an award-winning film, their internationally acclaimed Children's Holocaust Memorial is another unique contribution to the ongoing, many-sided Jewish experience in Tennessee.

Scholars from across the state of Tennessee provided the research for the exhibit, along with noted authorities on Jewish history from other locations. The exhibition has been organized, designed and produced by the staff of the Tennessee State Museum.

*Bagels & Barbeque: The Jewish Experience* was shown at the Tennessee State Museum from December 9, 2007 to February 3, 2008. It is now travelling for three years to other museums across the state.



## Passover Greetings

**Freedom is not free;  
it is priceless.**

Arlene Goldstine, Gloria,  
Michael & Hannah Wald,  
Philip, Leigh Anne,  
Grant & Matthew Goldstine



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### New Grants:

The **Bradley Sturm Memorial Fund** is underwriting the upcoming Rick Recht concert on May 2, 2009 at 8:00 p.m. at the AJCC.

The **KJA Alliance Opportunity Fund** made a generous grant to the United Jewish Communities for all of its work to help and support Jews around the world.

The Jewish Archives of Knoxville received a generous grant from the **Bernard E. and Barbara W. Bernstein Charitable Fund** to support the archivist.

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# Mazel Tov!

## Heska Amuna Synagogue

### Happy Anniversary!

Nancy Young and Jeff Talman  
 Marion and Larry Bayer  
 Judy and Lindsey Brown  
 Karen and Daniel Messing  
 Judith and Gene Bocknek  
 Joan and David Linwood  
 Sharon and Michael Poore  
 Carole and Ivan Cooper  
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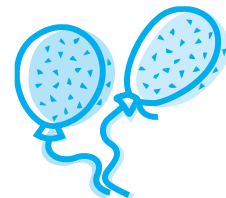
Joani and Gary Leeds  
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 Sandra and Alfred Robinson  
 Rebecca Merritt and Andy Singer  
 Elizabeth and Howard Zoldessy



*Members whose birthday or anniversary occurs in May are invited to receive a blessing at kiddush on Shabbat morning, May 18.*

### Happy Birthday!

◆ Trudy Dreyer  
 ◆ Siri-Datar Khalsa-Zemel  
 ◆ Rose Rosenthal ◆ Jill Chasan  
 ◆ Stuart Chasan ◆ Ellen Kern  
 ◆ Harold Silber ◆ Mark Saroff  
 ◆ Shelley Hecht ◆ Muriel Marvet ◆ Serina Scott  
 ◆ Doug Weinstein ◆ Jill Adlin ◆ Eli Greenbaum  
 ◆ Bert Gurwitch ◆ Libbye Perelman ◆ David Icove  
 ◆ Shuli Mesa ◆ Jan Hahn ◆ Alan Solomon  
 ◆ Stephen Nagler ◆ Michael Glasman ◆ Linda Gray-Slovis  
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 ◆ Ethel Wittenberg ◆ Jack Benhayon ◆ Barbara Bernstein  
 ◆ Mark Siegel ◆ Lee Miller ◆ Linda Feld



## TEMPLE BETH EL

### Happy Birthday!

◆ David Branton ◆ Andrew Loebel ◆ Michael Brock ◆ Sandra Murray ◆ David Popkin  
 ◆ Susan Derrington ◆ Stephen Eisen ◆ Justin Bain ◆ Melinda Gibbons ◆ Lisa Sayles  
 ◆ Aaron Shagan ◆ Amber Khaddouma ◆ Marilyn Wohl ◆ Gladys Caller ◆ Wendy Goodfriend  
 ◆ Jean Gudis ◆ John Pavan  
 ◆ Rueben Margulies ◆ Rachel Shenkman  
 ◆ Michael Abrams ◆ Hannah Kline  
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 ◆ Faye Raymon ◆ Deborah Roberts  
 ◆ Jacob Pollack ◆ Mitchell Traugot  
 ◆ Karen Smuckler



### Happy Anniversary!

Jason & Terry Haberman  
 Douglas Sofer & Nancy Locklin  
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 Tara & Bradley Bain  
 Ivan & Mimi Brody  
 Beth Schwartz & Larry Washington  
 Harold & Becky Winston

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## TEMPLE BETH EL

### May 1

Naum Safro  
John Martin Elston  
Helen Dietch  
Rabbi Jacob Voorsanger  
Rae Allen  
Joseph Levitt, Sr.  
Leopold Levi  
Mark Ian Simon  
Rabbi Jerome Marx  
Aaron David Silverman  
Erwin Coleman,  
Jane Nettie Richman  
Dorothy B. Goldberger  
Mathilde Wolff Levi  
Sydney Richman  
Phillip Blumenthal  
Pauline Gershberg

### May 8

David Bush  
Rose Kipnes West  
Hannah Licht  
Flora Brody  
Fannie Mofsky  
Alma Moss  
Margaret Crohn  
Lawrence Levy  
Isadore Wolner  
Bess Zipser  
Sheperd Zafran  
Milton Lebovitz  
Cindy Morrison Sot  
Harry Walowitz  
Maurice Phineas Greif

### May 15

Joseph J. Harris  
Morris Berkowitz  
David Nathan Hoffman  
Oscar Burstein  
Sadie Harris  
Cecilia Zimmerman  
Lucie A. Fribourg  
Hyman T. Kern  
Saralee Cohn  
Rosa Ostrovskiy  
Verne Canner  
Les Harris  
Joice Brown  
Sheldon Rosenberg  
Bessie Teitelbaum

### May 22

Clariene Mash  
David Prial  
Althea Almeda  
Sam Kadison  
Jack Frant  
Dr. Louis Brenner  
Lawrence Arnold Allen  
Louis Werner  
Minnie Victor  
Bertha Baum Ehrlich  
Frances Dickey Patton  
Doris Winnick  
David Garber

### May 29

Anny I. Marx  
Jerold Bensky  
Jakob Marx  
Philip Davis  
Nathan Harry Smith  
Harvey Smuckler  
Frances Hirschberg  
Carolyn Grief  
Charles Strausburger  
Uriel Alayev  
Rose Bank Gudis  
Saul Garber  
Esther Yadgaroff  
Kathriene Caller  
Annie S. Taylor  
Cecile Feinberg  
Kathrine Soss  
Joseph Sandberg  
Harold Pomerantz  
Jack Parish  
Alexander Gompertz  
E. Max Kesselman  
Harry Goldberger  
Stephen Lieberman

## *Heska Amuna Synagogue*

### May 2

Sara Dixon  
Claire Evans  
Rosa Frumin  
Gerd Abeles  
Bernard Belaief  
Selma Smullian  
Samuel Billig  
Charlotte Cooper  
Fannie Leibowitz  
Bessie Millen  
Ruth Oleshansky  
Isaac Levin  
Ella Levison  
Celia Rosenblatt  
Anna Gitman  
Lionel Kay  
Joseph Bernard  
Frieda Schwarzbart

### May 9

Abraham Radlaski  
Joseph Goldman  
Murray Rosenblatt  
Tybee Millner  
Stella Piates  
Jacob Schwartz  
Benjamin Tew  
Harriett Herbin  
Joseph Sherman  
Pauline Viener  
Charles Siegel  
Paul Cawn  
Max Friedman  
Stan Duhan  
Esther Millen  
Lottie Siegel

### May 16

Beatrice Goldstein  
Flora Hasden  
Pearl Austin  
Isaac Cooper  
Howard Greenbaum  
Sidney Licht  
William Russler  
Sandra Levinstone  
Benjamin Weinstein  
Sanford Weinstein  
Hymie Billig  
Sharon Brietstein  
Gary Miller  
Sarah Miller  
Hannah Moskowitz  
Lillian Drutz  
Nat Nisenson  
Kate Caller  
Mary Milford

### May 23

Linda Cohen  
Philip Levine  
Yachel Wender  
Jacob Ellin  
David Garber  
Samuel Grusin  
Samuel Lavine  
Jack Poloway  
Isaac Resnick  
Katherine Soss  
Philip Chazen

### May 30

Sam Nius  
Celia Cohen  
Sarah Weinstein  
Melba Werfel  
Saul Garber  
Sarah Sachs  
Benjamin Togonal  
Lester Berry  
Sam Danenberg  
Pessa Gurwin  
Ethel Rosenberg  
Abraham Jacobs  
Leon Leibowitz  
Arlene Rubin  
Hyman Strauss  
Sylvia Allen

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### The Way We Were Circa 1922



**Isaac Cooper's Store on Central Avenue**  
The boy on the bicycle is **Harry Cooper**, father of **Ivan Cooper**.

*Send your visual memories of "the way we were" to the Archives, c/o Knoxville Jewish Alliance.*