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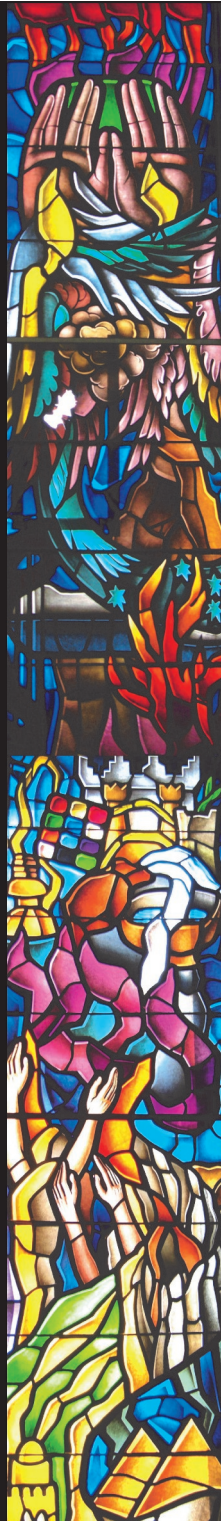
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Temple Beth El
wishes to
thank all who
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and protection
of our
beautiful
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TEMPLE BETH EL TIMES



From the Rabbi's Study

By Rabbi Beth Schwartz

When I applied to Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion to become a rabbi, I was, as many of you know, not only a long-time board member of my congregation, but its president. In my application essay, I mentioned that one thing that I had learned in my years of congregational leadership was to always "thank Sisterhood." At the admissions interview, with half a dozen faculty and staff of the College, one professor asked me what I had meant by that. I was rather surprised at his question, as the answer was obvious to me.

Sisterhood began in recognition of the work that women have always done, and as a way for women to be heard in the synagogue. As women's roles have changed and grown over the years, Sisterhoods across the spectrum of American Judaism have spoken up, objected to being taken for granted in some areas, and expanded their service in some other areas of congregational life. Yet one vital truth remains unchanged: like the Levites of ancient Judaism, Sisterhood performs

essential tasks that enable a synagogue to be not only a place, but a living congregation.

After the Second Temple in Jerusalem was destroyed, our Sages declared that the home, and especially the dining area, should be thought of as a *mikdash me'at*, a miniature temple, where we could celebrate our religious identity and offer prayers and thanks to God. At Temple Beth El, as in so many congregations, the kitchen and dining area are indeed like an altar, almost as holy as the bimah and the *Aron Ha-Kodesh*, the Holy Ark.

When Sisterhood is in the kitchen, it is not mere "women's work;" it is holiness at work. When Sisterhood provides the means to celebrate a holiday, they give us all the tools to celebrate Jewish life. When Sisterhood performs acts of hospitality and kindness, they help us to fulfill the commandments of *tzedakah* and *tikkun olam*. and when Sisterhood studies Torah, they enrich not only themselves with Jewish learning, but all of us as well. This was how I answered that professor.

We owe a Sisterhood a lot, and I hope that you will all join me as Sisterhood leads us in Shabbat worship and study on June 26. *Yasher ko-cheichen; todah rabbah!*

Temple Windows, Faith in Community Restored

By Stephen Eisen

January 2, 2009 was a terrible day for Temple Beth El and the entire Knoxville Jewish community. The discovery of senseless vandalism to our sacred space overwhelmed us; first with horror, then anger and then a very deep and disturbing sadness. Large stones, which were hurled through the windows, lay amongst the chards of stained glass that littered the sanctuary floor. We had been violated, both physically and spiritually. What was the reason for this cowardly act and why did they choose our Temple?

There was a war raging in Gaza at the time. Was that it? Or was it just anti-Semitism, for no other reason? Heska Amuna also discovered damage at the same time (thankfully not as severe). With next to no evidence or leads, neither the Knoxville Police nor the FBI had anything they could work with and put the case on a back burner. At least they did come to the Temple, showed interest and opened an investigation, which was appreciated. Although there was no forensic evidence to classify it as a hate crime, our law enforcement officers recognized that an attack on a synagogue is not ordinary vandalism.

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

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SERVICES IN JUNE/JULY

June 5 at 7:30 p.m. — Shabbat services.

June 12 at 7:30 p.m. — Shabbat services.

June 19 at 7:30 p.m. — Shabbat services. Ethan Snow will be called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah. Ethan is the son of Craig and Leslie Snow, and the brother of Jordan and Zack.

June 26 at 7:30 p.m. — Sisterhood Shabbat and new Board installation.

July 3 at 6:00 p.m. — Kabbalat Shabbat service.

July 10 at 7:30 p.m. — Shabbat services.

July 17 at 7:30 p.m. — Shabbat services.

July 24 at 7:30 p.m. — Shabbat services.

July 31 at 7:30 p.m. — Shabbat services.

Temple Windows, Faith in Community Restored

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To quote the late Paul Harvey; "Now, for the rest of the story." It seems we find our true friends in times of adversity and this has been another opportunity to prove that once again. Within hours of the word getting out to the local clergy, the phones at the Temple began to ring. The Knoxville community sprang to life and offered assistance. Within days, checks started appearing in the mail from various churches and individuals. As URJ member congregations learned of our tragedy, we began receiving e-mails and letters of support. The love and compassion surrounded us. Beyond Knoxville, Rabbi Eric Yoffie, President of the URJ, phoned both Rabbi Schwartz and myself and had a staff member of the URJ national office call to offer advice and assistance as well. We also received many letters and e-mails from URJ congregations across the country.

One URJ congregation had their Religious School students draw pictures depicting different Jewish themes for us to hang in

front of the holes in the windows. Another congregation's children drew cards of support and had each one addressed to a specific child of similar age in our Religious School. They also sent their month's *tzedakah* money as a donation which inspired our Religious School to raise \$1,000 to help pay for the protection of the windows.

Yes, the protection of the windows. We have purchased and installed a bulletproof (rock proof) clear plastic material which will prevent this type of vandalism from damaging our windows again. Phyllis and Ken Hirsh kicked off the fundraising and got the whole ball rolling. Many families and individuals made donations, all of which are greatly appreciated. We had a need, the Temple family responded, and we have another happy ending. More than the actual repairs, it is the actions of our members that will preserve our building, and our congregation, for future generations. *Todah rabbah.*

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 and donations continue to arrive...

TBE Congratulates Its College Graduates

- ◆ **Sarah Frankel** graduated from UTK this spring (May 2009) with a major in history and a minor in Japanese. Her future plans include a year traveling in Japan, and continuing her education to pursue a doctorate in Japanese history.
- ◆ **Brett Smuckler**, daughter of Alan and Karen Smuckler, graduated in May from Rollins College in Winter Park, Florida with a bachelor's degree in education with honors. She plans on returning to Tennessee and working and continuing her education.
- ◆ **Travis Smuckler**, son of Alan and Karen Smuckler, graduated from UT Law School with a business notation and has accepted a job with a large firm in Asheville, NC. He will be relocating to Asheville in May.
- ◆ **Miriam Hicks**, daughter of Bill Hicks and Diana Steinfeld-Hicks, graduated from UTK with a degree in art history, May 2009.
- ◆ **Brian Gross**, son of Daryle and Marsha Gross, graduated summa cum laude from George Washington University in Washington D.C. with a bachelor of science degree in computer engineering. He will get his master's in computer engineering in one year. Following grad school, he plans to attend law school.
- ◆ **Leah Ruth Bressler**, daughter of Eric L., MD, and Sally Bressler, PhD, and granddaughter of Marcus and Sondra Bressler, graduated from Washington University at Saint Louis on May 15 with a bachelor of arts degree in psychology and plans to pursue a master's degree in the field.
- ◆ **Philip Aaron Bressler**, son of Eric L., MD, and Sally Bressler, Ph D, and grandson of Marcus and Sondra Bressler, graduated from Washington University at Saint Louis in 2007, with a bachelor of arts degree in Middle Eastern Studies, and is now a master's degree candidate in Jewish Studies at Brandeis University.

The Sisterhood of Temple Beth El

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Food For Thought

By: Liz Gassel - *Outgoing Sisterhood President*

My speech at 'Sisterhood Goes Out' Sullivan's, May 21, 2009

What could the main theme be for this, my final 'Thank you for the opportunity' speech? Directions on writing a speech say, first, choose a theme, then, begin your speech with a 'grabber' line. Chatting with a few of my Sisterhood friends while working on our Temple auction donation basket, I asked, what, of the myriads of relevant themes should I use for my final 'sum it all up and thank you speech'? They both did not hesitate with the reply. Together they answered: "FOOD." It was supposed to be funny and a little ironic and sarcastic but, I have to admit, it was full of truth. I thought, all right, just take it and run with it because 'FOOD' represents so much both literally and figuratively in Sisterhood life at Temple Beth El.

On a typical Shabbat evening or Sunday morning where do Sisterhood members and congregants in general tend to veer right after entering the lobby? They take a sharp *left* through the kitchen door and into that small work space... the Temple kitchen. There is always a jam up at that set of doors between the kitchen entrance and the exit into the social hall. What is with that? What a contradiction! We don't wish to label ourselves as the food preparers. We are not all necessarily even interested in cooking, but we do seem to feel some comfort level, some social connection when compressed in that space where food is prepared. Perhaps we are drawn there by the more figurative idea of soul "NOURISHMENT" or "SUSTENANCE."

I think that that room provides us an intimacy that allows for talking, expressing, planning, creating. That intimacy brings about a sense of place in Temple life that evolves into the creation of Temple family for many of our members. Even if it is not a Sisterhood program we are preparing for, we come in and ask "Can we help?" and get right to work. Because Temple Beth El is a small congregation, Sisterhood members often have roles in other aspects of Temple life like working on committees for membership, social events, social justice, religious school, ritual and worship and more. That blurring of the lines of responsibility suggests the mission statement of Sisterhood which contains these words:

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

Women of today can think of this theme, "FOOD", without resentment and can laugh a little about it because we are so much stronger and comfortable in our life roles today. and besides, some of us really love to cook! However, to be frank, I have had congregants come up aggressively "into my face" asking, "Why doesn't Sisterhood do a Shabbat dinner every week like I remember they provided at my other congregation(s)?" Some people still have an expectation that all Sisterhood must do for the congregation is cook and provide meals. Obviously this is not the case in today's Sisterhood world and hasn't been for a long time. If you skip back beyond the 60's and 50's and look at the history of Temple Beth El's Sisterhood you will see that even in 1877 we did

more. We weren't just about food. At that time, the Sisterhood established the congregation's first religious school. In 1898, the Jewish Study Circle began to study Judaism, provide teachers for the religious school and to oversee the Purim festival. By 1915 the Sisterhood was responsible for the first congregational seder and the children's choir. These are not at all overwhelmingly "FOOD"-related activities but, okay, I'll admit it, they can easily have food components.

When our members worship, work, party, study, cook or bake together we immediately gain a joint history. For me, joint history accrued and is still accruing on many Sisterhood/Temple occasions. Some of us cleaned a Habitat for Humanity house for Mitzvah Day and we named ourselves "the Sisters of the upright Oreck." We took a picture to document the occasion. At a meeting with a demonstration on Israeli 'Krav Maga' personal defense techniques, we practiced with a partner and I knocked Renee' Hyatt down to the floor with a little too much force. Sisterhood Shabbat and Torah Study and Sisterhood Seders have allowed me to investigate deeper into Jewish themes and participate in ritual and prayer. I have come together with other members to prepare services and chant Torah. Others have had the opportunity to write a d'var Torah. We have studied the text with Rabbi on Shabbat morning. I attend Bar and Bat Mitzvahs and give a gift to the child. This has offered me and Sisterhood a way to meet even more of our congregational families and being there with them on this wonderful occasion means another opportunity for shared history, too. From these shared experiences have emerged a Torah study group, a book group and a group that shares Shabbat dinner together. Providing the "Break the Fast Meal" and child care services at the high holidays, organizing the many aspects of our "Bowling for Hunger events and or other meetings with speakers or with specific themes all involve coordinated efforts amongst many women. We get the opportunity to increase our friendships, our histories together and that is the FOOD of Temple life. It is what SUSTAINS AND NOURISHES Sisterhood and Temple Beth El.

I was new here once. How I saw myself as I maneuvered within the unfamiliar and how I felt others act towards me colored my Temple life experience. I must have veered to the left, walked into the kitchen and talked with many of you because my unease quickly became ease and familiarity. Sisterhood promoted a closer fellowship for me allowing me to feel comfortable enough to volunteer and then eventually raise my hand when a president was needed. It is clear that the Sisterhood of Temple Beth El takes its mission statement seriously. I thank the board, the committee chairs and our membership for all you have done to carry out our programming these last four years.

I hope you will continue to take the opportunity to share a history with us, to share some FOOD of the soul and some conversation and your creative ideas. I know our new co-presidents, board and chairs will continue to strive to provide a variety of programming experiences that will appeal to you, our varied membership. I hope that you will consider contributing to our objectives. As a mensch, (is there a female version of this Yiddish word?) a warm, loving and wonderful human being, you can join in mentoring for religious, social and educational activities, you can promote that close fellowship at Temple Beth El because that is what SUSTAINS AND NOURISHES US ALL.

Sisterhood Shabbat and Installation

We invite you to join us on June 26 at 7:30 p.m. at Temple Beth El as we celebrate our annual Sisterhood Shabbat and Installation of Officers.

We welcome our new board with song and prayer. We will also bid farewell to those who have served so well these past years.

Even though we look forward to new people and fresh approaches, we will continue the wonderful traditions set forth by our predecessors.

Liz Gassel, soon to be past-president, has provided amazing leadership, friendship and guidance to us all. We thank her for her tireless efforts and countless hours on our behalf. Liz, we need you to continue your incredible guidance as we begin the new term.

Mark your calendars for a very special fun evening. We look forward to your support. Phyllis (865-675-0584)



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June 19 Moema Furtado and Todd Diacon
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Bill Hicks

July 17 Melissa and Ron Feinbaum
Imelda and Aaron Margulies

July 24 Barbara Holz; Laura Schlittler
Jerry Mincey

July 31 Missy and Chuck Noon
Daryle and Marsha Gross

Temple Beth El Religious School News

Religious School June Update

By: Norma James, nfjames@aol.com

Ethan Snow becomes a Bar Mitzvah Friday, June 19

The last of the Snow family takes his turn as the bar mitzvah boy. Ethan. It seems like just yesterday that his sister was reading Torah. We hope that you will join the Snow family for this very special Shabbat. Mazel Toy, Ethan!

Norma and Rabbi Travel to Mississippi

As you know, our Religious School uses the ISJL (Institute of Southern Jewish Life) curriculum. Each summer representatives from our school travel to Jackson, Mississippi for the annual conference. Last year, Rachel Bleuze and Deborah Roberts went. This year, Rabbi and I will attend. This is an outstanding conference with the most “packed” agenda I have ever experienced. Just sharing ideas with other Jewish educators is a wonderful opportunity. This year Joel Grishhaver from Torah Aura is the keynote speaker. We also bring back an updated curriculum for our school.

We say goodbye to Missy Noon

No, the Noon family is not moving. As Missy’s children enter those overscheduled high school years, she is taking what I will call a sabbatical to spend more time with her family. She has promised to stay in touch and teach on special occasions. I have already booked her to help our students with challah baking and hamentachen making for next year. Missy has taught with us for several years and before that, she was on our School and Youth Committee. Missy has told me that she will really miss teaching. Thank you,

Missy, for all the wonderful things you have done for our school and our students.

Are you interested in teaching Religious School?

Before you say NO! just wait a minute. We have a great curriculum with detailed lesson plans. We have the best students in the entire world. We offer in-service and other opportunities for you to build your Jewish knowledge. Some of my best teachers have learned along with the students. I am flexible with your busy schedules when you need to be out of town for a Sunday. What I DO NEED is a person who likes young people and is committed to sharing a love of Judaism with these young people. My veteran teachers and I will be there to help you along. If this sounds like a possibility, please contact Norma James.

Religious School vacation is not a vacation from Judaism

Just because you will not be dropping your child off at school one or two times a week, doesn’t mean Jewish education stops. I encourage you to find ways to continue your child’s Jewish education throughout the summer. There are many wonderful web sites that offer family activities. The URJ site has a **Parents’ Page** loaded with ideas. If you are traveling to other cities, consider locating a Jewish Museum. Charleston and Savannah both claim to have the oldest Reform synagogues in the country. They are both wonderful places as is the Temple in NYC across from the Metropolitan Museum. Plan a family social justice project that can enrich the lives of others as well as fulfill God’s Mitzvot.

TBE Congratulates Its High School Graduates

- ◆ **Pete Hance**, son of Barbara Holz, graduated from Central High School in May. He has been accepted to The University of Tennessee in Knoxville, where he plans to earn his major in engineering.
- ◆ **Hannah Hicks**, daughter of Bill Hicks and Diana Steinfeld-Hicks, graduated from Coker County High School, May 2009. She will attend UTK.
- ◆ **Jacob Arbutal**, son of Jeff Arbutal and Linda Mongeon, graduated from Bearden High School where he was selected as Senior "Tree Hugger." He has worked for many years for Eun's Martial Arts as a Tae Kwon Do instructor. He plans to attend UT in the fall in a combined field of business and environmental conservation with an eye to a career in the "green business movement."
- ◆ **Alex Shor**, son of Rob and Susan Shor, graduated from Oak Ridge High School and will attend Florida State University, majoring in cello.
- ◆ **Alex Woychik**, son of Janice and Rick Woychik, graduated from Mt. Desert Island High School, Bar Harbor, Maine. He is planning to go to the University of Maine. He is interested in computer science.
- ◆ **Hannah Kline** graduated from Bearden High School and will be attending the University of Tennessee Knoxville in the fall.
- ◆ **Jacob Pollack** will attend the University of Tennessee Knoxville in the fall.

Doug Cotler

Knoxville

Sunday
July 5, 2009



Save the date to celebrate Jewish culture and Jewish-American music with Doug Cotler. A beautiful voice, entertaining live performances peppered with Jewish humor and warmth.

Details to follow

Beiler Bimah Floral Fund

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

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

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

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

Mazal Tov!

Mazal tov to Alan and Karen Smuckler on the marriage of their son, Travis, to Jelena Lazic on April 5. Travis and Jelena are living in Asheville, North Carolina.

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JULY 2009

JUNE 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 7a - HA minyan 3-5:30p- Kindrance, AJCC 7:30-9:30p- Israeli dancing,	2 1:30-3p- Friendsippers Book Club, AJCC 5:30-9:30p Fencing, AJCC	3 7a - HA minyan 7a-HA minyan	4 7a-HA minyan	5 6:30p-HA Tot Shabbat 7:30p-TBE Shabbat svc, Birthday & Anniv. Blessing	6 9:30a-HA Services HA-Torah study following kid- dush				1 7a-HA minyan	2 7a-HA minyan	3 TBE Office closed 6p-TBE Shab- bat svc Birthday & Anniv Blessing	4 Independence Day 9:30a-HA Services HA-Torah study after kiddish
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For an updated list of activities, please see the KJA Community Calendar at www.jewishknoxville.org
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KNOXVILLE HAPPENINGS

Rick Recht Rocks the House!

If you did not come to the Rick Recht concert you missed a rockin' good time! If you were among the almost 200 people of all ages who were here – you know what we mean! The concert was a smash success and rockers of all ages enjoyed the music, videos and fun! Concert organizers, Ariel and Jolie Spiegelman said, “

Members of Gert Weinstein BBG, Winick AZA and TBE religious school joined Rick on stage at various times to participate in the concert. Norma James, Rabbi Schwartz, Chaya Silver-Alford and Rabbi Zivic were ALL spotted rockin' out in the mosh pit! Everyone had a great time.

Bridgewater Speech and Hearing sponsor, Sally Baerman said, “This was a really fantastic evening. If we are ever able to have Rick back again I am sure we will have double the crowd since everyone who heard him tonight will be sure to spread the word to everyone they know!”

While here, Rick Recht commented on the letter from Ariel and Jolie that was the initial contact in planning the concert. “This was

“I think the concert was a great match for the Bradley Sturm Memorial Fund to sponsor--it met my expectations of what the purpose of the fund is all about--educational enrichment for our youth. It accomplished this in a highly entertaining and "cool" way and had ALL ages engaged in Rick's enthusiastic Jewish rock music with a message.”
Melissa Sturm

not the typical letter we get from large organizations planning events. This was clearly coming directly from these young women and was a very heartfelt letter. At first I thought, oh how sweet – but it will never happen. I really admire the commitment of the community to make this concert possible.” The concert, held at the AJCC, was made possible through sponsorship of the KJCFB Bradley Sturm Memorial Fund. Supplemental support came from Bridgewater Speech and Hearing.



Gert Weinstein BBG Members, Winick AZA members and TBE Religious School students rock out with Rick Recht!

Knoxville Jewish Day School Winding Down

The school year is winding down and the weather is heating up! The 1st and 2nd grade classes kicked off Passover break in April by putting on a Pesach play in Hebrew. The kids came back from break rested and refreshed just in time to take the TCAP tests. After working hard on their tests, the students had a fun celebration for Yom Ha'atzmzut. They wore blue and white, and brought in family items from Israel for a special show and tell party. The next exciting thing on the KJDS agenda is a field trip to Nashville!

The 2nd to 4th graders have been specifically studying Tennessee and its



Student Joey Roope impresses his grandparents with what he is learning at the Knoxville Jewish Day School.

regional history, so the trip will capitalize and expand on what they have learned. They even get to go back stage at the Grand Ole

Opry! To finish up the year, we scheduled a few more fun activities such as, Grandparent's Day, where the students' grandparents came to visit and be treated to an end of the year musical performance, a field day for Lag B'omer, and an end of the year Special Friends get-together. And that's just some of what is going on at the KJDS. We are now enrolling for the 2009-2010 school year. For more information, please call us at (865) 560-9922.



Ben Ebel shows pictures of himself in Israel to celebrate Israel Independence Day.

MITZVAHS

Heska Amuna Synagogue

Pearl to Celebrate Bar Mitzvah

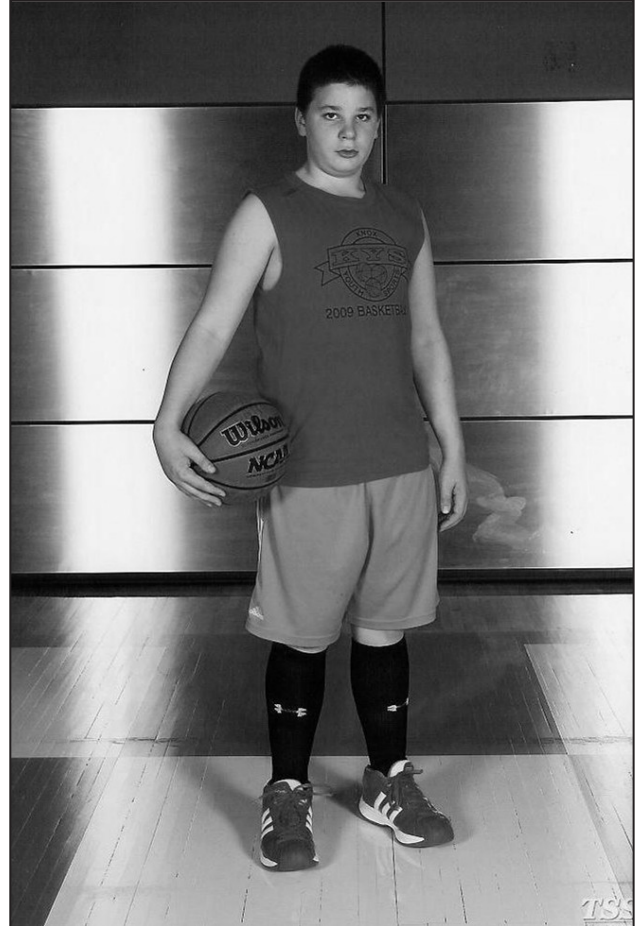
Michael James Pearl will be called to the Torah as a bar mitzvah on Saturday, June 13 at Heska Amuna Synagogue. Michael is the son of Bruce Pearl and Kim Shrigley, brother of Steven, Jacquelyn and Leah Pearl.

Michael is a rising 8th grade student at Webb School of Knoxville. He is involved in many sports including football, basketball, baseball, swimming and golf. He spends many of his Tuesdays at the Boys and Girls Club tutoring. Michael helps the children do their homework first and then they play games.

For his bar mitzvah project, Michael is working at the Love Kitchen. The Love Kitchen provides meals, clothing and emergency food packages to homebound, homeless and unemployed persons. It is located in East Knoxville and he usually works on Wednesdays distributing food bags. The ultimate goal of the Love Kitchen is to provide nourishment for anyone who is hungry and to establish a community center to serve as a safe haven supporting children and their families.

Michael will join his sister Leah in participating in the B’nai Tzedek Teen Philanthropy Program sponsored by the Knoxville Jewish Alliance. He 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. Michael would be honored for friends and family to contribute to B'nai Tzedek fund so that he can fulfill the mitzvah of tzedakah each year.

The Pearl and Shrigley families invite the community to join them in celebrating this simcha with Michael and his entire family.



Michael James Pearl

Support Heska Amuna and Temple Beth El Buy Grocery Store Certificates

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Heska Amuna Synagogue

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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. 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.

Ha' Kol

June/July 2009

The AJCC Golf Tournament!

July 19, 2009

Apply on line by sending an e-mail to ajccgolf@knology.net Include your name, address, phone, and average score. The AJCC will bill you, or put it on MC or Visa. If you want to put it on a credit card, include your name, the card number, and the expiration date.

Shotgun Start at 8:00 AM
The Landmark Golf Club at Avalon

Trophies for the first four finishing teams
Valuable prizes for a hole in one, long drive,
closest to the pin, and a hole in one.

Your donation of \$99.00 includes:
Greens Fees and Cart, Unlimited use of the driving range
Grab bag of goodies, Lunch and Snacks

SHOTGUN START.

Teams will be selected according to the information on your application, and handicapped accordingly. If you want to play with another person, be sure to note that on your application. You can also bring your own foursome. There are a limited number of slots, so, reserve your spot early. To reserve your slot, CALL THE CENTER AT 690-6343, fax the enclosed application to 693-6855, or apply online at ajccgolf@knology.net. Or mail your application and check to The AJCC, 6800 Deane Hill Drive, Knoxville, TN 37919.

Registration form available on page 14.

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KJA Annual Campaign

KJA Campaign 2009

\$283,385 on **282** gifts

115 increases including **44** that are new donors

Our community needs your participation.

If you haven't yet made a pledge, please call our office at 690-6343, mail a check to 6800 Deane Hill Drive 37919, or go online at www.jewishknoxville.org.

Family Movie Nights

Several Thursday evenings will be filled with family-friendly movies at the pool. Under the guidance of our program director, movies will be selected for viewing and swimming will be enjoyed by all.



President's Report

By: Stephen Rosen



In the last issue of the *Ha' Kol*, I wrote an article encouraging non-affiliated Jewish families in the Knoxville area to join several membership organizations. In order to give credence to my advice, I listed some of the programs, services, and general positives about the Arnstein Jewish Community Center, BBYO, Heska Amuna Synagogue, Hadassah, Knoxville Jewish Alliance, and Temple Beth El. Since the article was published, several people have questioned why I didn't include Chabad of Knoxville and the Stanford Eisenberg Knoxville Jewish Day School. Though some assumed otherwise, there was no malice or disrespect intended. KJA interacts with both on a continuous basis. We are proud to have the AJCC facility be the location for several of their programs and I believe we enjoy positive working relationships.

Rabbi Yossi and Miriam Esther Wilhelm have done a tremendous amount of good work in our community. I don't want to speak for someone else, but I don't believe that Chabad is striving to be a membership-based organization. Therefore, I did not take the opportunity to advise one to sign up.

The Knoxville Jewish Day School is a more complex situation for me. I don't send my children to KJDS so I was reluctant to sell enrollment to others. At the same time, I have asked KJA staff and leadership to continue to work with the school whenever opportunities arise of mutual interest. I also want it to be clear that

I have no conflict with KJDS' leadership, families, staff or volunteers. I have no preconceived notions about its history or concerns about its agenda. I congratulate KJDS on its growth and wish it good mazel in the future. In hopes of creating an environment of openness and cooperation, I invited Geoff Wolpert to meet with the KJA board on April 13. Next, I have invited him to participate in my column and you will find his message below.

Dear Stephen,

I am writing to you in response to your article entitled "Unsolicited Advice from Stephen Rosen... Join Something! Now!" in the May 2009 edition of *Ha' Kol*. I agree completely that participation in our Jewish community is vital to our success. To that end, I wanted to make everyone aware of another opportunity, one that is gaining momentum and is poised to be a powerful force in the lives of our children.

We both have heard from a variety of enraged people who have taken personal offense to the omission of the Knoxville Jewish Day School as "one of the institutions that we hold dear" to be a part of in our community. My first impression was that it must have been an oversight on your part, given the positive conversations we have had about working together and the encouraging remarks made about our school at the Knoxville Jewish Alliance board meeting, which I attended as a guest speaker in April.

It became especially alarming to me when I called you about this and you said that it was an intentional decision to leave the school out because it is not something that you have participated in so you could not endorse it.

We are not looking for endorsement. We strive to be a complement to the Knoxville Jewish Community, an option for involvement, and are looking for inclusion in the list of assets in our Jewish community. Being left out of your list is damaging our opportunity to serve those who would benefit from our school.

Our board, faculty and parents are deeply committed to providing a top quality education in an uplifting Jewish environment. We are extremely committed to encouraging our students to have a proud Jewish identity while being respectful of the Jewish practices of our diverse community. Our students are members of 18 Jewish families, our board and committees represent another 16 families, and our special friends represent another 20. KJDS family and board members contribute financially and with time and talent to our Jewish institutions in Knoxville and Oak Ridge, many serve and have served in leadership positions at Knoxville Jewish Alliance, Knoxville Jewish Community Family of Funds, Heska Amuna Synagogue, Temple Beth El, and Jewish Congregation of Oak Ridge. All of the

rabbis in our area have participated in our school in one way or another.

I thought from your encouraging comments, about the prospect of the school working with the KJA that we were finally beginning to integrate into the Knoxville Jewish community. I believe from our conversation that you are not against us and at the same time have trouble being for us. I admire your willingness to have tough conversations, to not hide from the truth, to be a leader. I subscribe to the same. However, it is time to put personal points of view aside; we have leadership responsibilities.

I am asking you, as the president of the Knoxville Jewish Alliance, as I do as the president of the Stanford Eisenberg Knoxville Jewish Day School, to raise our quality of leadership and focus on the greater good; to keep our organizations' energies focused on the complete fulfillment of our stated purposes. Ours is "to inspire souls, challenge minds, and build community". Your mission states in part "... to support and promote the cultural, social, intellectual and general welfare of the entire Jewish community of Knoxville...." These missions are completely in concert. I cannot see it any other way.

We both, as presidents of our respective organizations, have the responsibility to remind ourselves, our boards, and our constituents of the "Responsibility of Duty and Care" that we have to fulfill the missions of our organizations above self. We must move above our personal doubts and commit to our broader, more far-reaching vision to reach our destination as a people. With a focus and commitment to fulfill the noble missions of our respective organizations and this quality of leadership, our community can move closer to its goal of abundance.

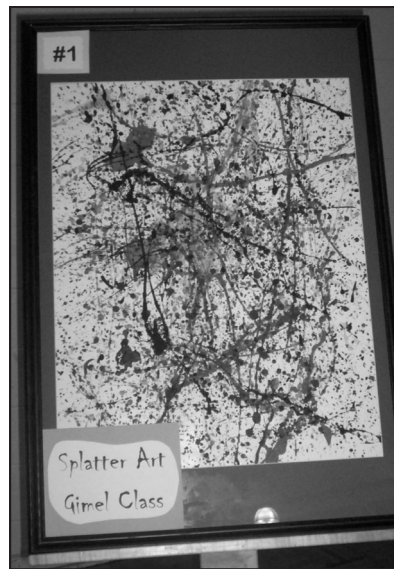
Sincerely,
Geoffrey A Wolpert
President,
Stanford Eisenberg Knoxville Jewish Day School



Geoffrey Wolpert

Art Gala Successful for Preschool

On April 23, the AJCC Preschool had its first annual Art Gala Fundraiser. It was a big success! Everyone enjoyed wine, hors d'oeuvres, and had an evening of fun at the AJCC Preschool. Each student had beautifully framed artwork on display for purchasing, and each classroom had made class projects for the Silent Auction. There were so many unique pieces of artwork. All that attended had a great time and look forward to the preschool having an Art Gala each year.



Splatter Art by the AJCC Preschool Gimel class displayed at the 1st Annual AJCC Preschool Art Gala.

Silent Auction Items at the AJCC Preschool Art Gala.



Yom Hashoah 2009

By Jeff Gubitz

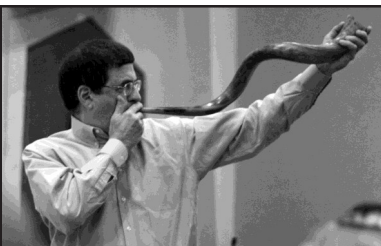
At Yom Hashoah, I am always reminded by the words of David Berger, who in his last letter from Vilnas in 1941, wrote: "I should like someone to remember that there once lived a person named David Berger." Zachor, Remember, Gedenk! We must pause on this day in memory of the many others like Mr. Berger and those in our own communities and families, to commemorate Yom Hashoah.

This year's Yom Hashoah commemoration was a program not to be missed.

As a community, Knoxville came together on Sunday, April 19, to remember the victims of the Holocaust and to pause and also remember, as Yad Vashem calls them, the "Righteous Among the Nations," those known and unknown, Christian, Muslim or other faiths and creeds, who risked their lives to rescue, hide and support their Jewish neighbors in Nazi-occupied Europe.

The community event was hosted by Sacred Heart Cathedral and the Knoxville Diocese. The service was adapted by Jeff Gubitz from an original service written in 1983 by Fathers Eugene J. Fisher and Leon Klenicki, with additional materials from several other sources.

Participating clergy included Rabbis Louis Zivic and Beth Schwartz, Reverend Bill Boys, Father Al Humbrecht and Reverend Charles Fels. The stories of rescuers were shared in various readings. Additional narratives were included in the service booklet. The service was punctuated by six moments of silence in memory of the nearly six million Jewish victims. Kaddish was recited in Ashkenazic Hebrew, the style used by a majority of those who perished. The service was begun and concluded by the stirring blasts of the Shofar, blown by Ken Brown.



Ken Brown sounds the shofar as part of a Yom Hashoah service.

Honoring the victims of the Shoah by lighting candles were: survivor Arthur Pais and his son Ray Pais and grandson Jacob Pais; survivors George and Helene Messing and their grandchildren, Andrew Messing and Jacob Messing; survivor, Trudy Dreyer;

Trudy Dreyer, Andrew Messing, Jacob Messing, Helene Messing, George Messing and Deborah Oleshansky read prayers before lighting candles in memory of the six million.



Deborah Oleshansky, daughter of survivors, Arnold Schwarzbart, the son of survivors; and lighting a candle in memory of those rescuers, Senator Tim Burchett.

Temple Beth El soloist Lynn Bennett, accompanied by Sacred Heart organist, Robert McCarter, sang a soul stirring rendition of "Ani Ma' Amin. As the service ended, the attendees sat in silence listening and reflecting while Charlene Gubitz played variations on the themes from "Schindler's List." Community readers included Wilma Weinstein, Stephen Rosen, Ray Pais, Charlene Gubitz, Gilya G. Schmidt, Mary Linda Schwarzbart, and Joe Sutter.

The Yom Hashoah committee is chaired by Manny Herz and included Rabbis Zivic, Father Al Humbrecht, Dr. Ray Pais, Dr. Gilya Schmidt, Wilma Weinstein and Jeff Gubitz. The program was sponsored by the KJA, Heska Amuna, Temple Beth-El and the

The Fern and Manfred Steinfeld Program in Judaic Studies, The University of Tennessee, Knoxville.

The Dangers of Holocaust Denial was presented by Dr. Irit Abramski, a Yad Vashem International School for Holocaust Studies senior staff member, on Tuesday, April 28, 2009 at the AJCC.

Dr. Abramski examined how the Jewish world and historians define denial as well as deniers' methods and motives. A question and answer period and discussion about practical strategies for combating Holocaust denial in the community followed.

Appreciation goes to Shelley Rose, associate director, Anti-Defamation League, Atlanta, for inviting the Knoxville Jewish Alliance to participate in this program.

KJA Programs Offer Lots to Everyone

By Wilma Weinstein

Friendship Steering Committee

The Friendship Steering Committee continues to meet bi-monthly to plan programs and discuss policy issues. Programs are planned through 2009.

Friendship Luncheons

Luncheon programs continue to be very well attended with much positive feedback. Luncheon programs are scheduled through 2009.

Wednesday, June 17: The Great Smoky Mountains 75th Anniversary. Tom Harrington, a park VIP, was one of 19 volunteers recently selected by the park service to serve as ambassadors during this year's celebration of the 75th anniversary of the Smokies. The National Park Service volunteer will mark his 10th year of service to the Great Smoky Mountains National Park in April. An experienced hiker, Tom spends three days a week working in Cades Cove as a volunteer interpreter and gives programs on the natural and cultural history of Cades Cove. **Program location: Rothchilds, 8807 Kingston Pike.**

Friendship Book Group

The Friendship Book Group is going strong, and has increased in size, with new members still joining. They meet the first Tuesday of the month at 1:30 p.m.

Transportation Available

The arrangement with Chariots of Hire to provide transportation for participants to the Friendship luncheon programs continues to run smoothly! Many thanks to the Friendship Rosen Fund for underwriting the cost of this critical transportation program.

Jewish Book Month Planning Underway

Got Guilt? Ruth Ellenson does -- she's the editor of *The Modern Jewish Girl's Guide to Guilt*, a collection of essays by Jewish women writers about everything from pedicures on Yom Kippur (Oy!) to divorcing Mr. Jewish Right.

Ellenson is the daughter of a rabbi and a Christian convert to Judaism. Ironically, the idea for the book on Jewish guilt came to Ellenson in the middle of a Christian Methodist service, where her maternal grandmother was singing in the choir.

"The delight I saw sitting in her presence was mitigated by the fact that I was sitting in front of a large crucifix,"

Ellenson writes. "Those divided loyalties define who I am, and how I approach my religious identity, which I imagine they do for many modern people."

The book's essays tackle subjects as diverse as feminist mothers urging their daughters to have babies and the clash of ideologies in Buddhist-Jewish couples.

And then there's the subject of Israel -- "If you're going to write about guilt, Israel was an important one," says Ellenson. At some book readings, Ellenson says, angry audience members have told Ellenson how much damage she's done to the global Jewish community.

At the center of the book is the battle between obligation to one's community, with its dictates and traditions, and the obligation to one's individual interests and needs. It's that tension that produces guilt.

These programs are brought to you by your gifts to the KJA Annual Campaign.



Joan Cronan, UT Director of Women's Athletics, and Brian Salesky, Knoxville Opera Director



Murray Weinstein, Joan Cronan, the speaker at the April 22 Friendship program, and Shirley Ferron.



Save The Date

Sunday, November 8, 2009

Jewish Book Month event

*Modern Jewish Girl's
Guide to Guilt*

Ruth Ellenson

AJCC Golf Tournament Application Medalist at Avalon – July 19, 2009 – 8:00 a.m.

Entrance fee of \$99.00 include green fees, cart, driving range, grab bag of gifts, awards to the four top finishing teams, door prizes, lunch and snacks.

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Shotgun Start at 8:00 a.m.

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Arnstein Jewish Community Center
6800 Deane Hill Drive
Knoxville, TN 37919
Or fax it to 693-6855

Or e-mail a note to ajccgolf@knology.net (include all above information)

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Seeking Bibliophiles

Ha' Kol would like to start a column of recommended books of interest to the Jewish community. These can be fiction or non-fiction, current or classic, for children and/or adults. The only caveat is that they have some Jewish link – topic, author, or content. If you've read them and can recommend them by writing a brief 2-3 sentence review, that's helpful.

If you see reviews online or in newspapers/magazines of interest and can forward to hakol@jewishknoxville.org, please do so. Recommended links to news or sites

featuring music, art, websites, blogs, youTube videos, museums, film festivals, movies and similar cultural topics of Jewish interests are welcome.



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Shorrlines: How Will We Remember the Summer of 2009

By Eleanor Shorr, KJA Publications Chairperson

We eagerly anticipate "Summer time and the living is easy." Sure it's easy when the air conditioning is humming sweetly and the windows are tightly shut against allergies, dust and flying bugs – a really good book awaits the hours free from chauffeur duties, meetings, and general busy, busy work. If one plans properly, there can be days and days of stress-free non-presence at obligatory routine stuff! We recently were privileged (if that's the word) to become aware of this lovely time because of a cracked rib. When one floats in the drug-induced pain-free wonder world, and REST is the order of the day from the doctor, how sweet it is to be able to say "Sorry, we are unable to attend due to doctor's orders" and without a twinge of conscience, return to the pleasures of Doing What We Enjoy Doing When We Enjoy Doing It!

Part of this summer of cooled down economy is the joy of walking into a store and having the clerk actually smile and welcome our presence. The servers in restaurants are happy to help and we are just as happy to be made to feel as welcome guests – really welcome guests. The menus appear promptly, and the food arrives hot and on time! They want us and need us! How Good It Is.

And the really terrific sales! The cooled down economy has also been used to teach us to cool down our purchases. We could use a little "wanting something– buying something" as a personal economic stimulus. A cute new pair of shoes at a bargain price is good for the soul. A check to Second Harvest or Mazon or to the Young Williams Animal Shelter or to a charity of choice is also a feel-good emotion that is good for the soul. Our souls are in dire need of feeling good.

The cooled down economy has another unexpected bright side. When the quarterly estimated income tax checks are mailed to Uncle Sam, they are small – much smaller than last year. Who cares if that means our incomes have also shrunk – At least one doesn't have to shell out additional money to pay these much decreased taxes. Suddenly and unfortunately they became manageable.

So heed the words of the incredible George and Ira Gershwin who in the midst of the miserable times of 1935 give us Porgy and Bess belting out "Summertime – and the Living is Easy" -- We wish you and yours an easy living summer.

Leadership Knoxville Announces Introduction Knoxville Fall 2009 Class

Leadership Knoxville's *Introduction Knoxville* provides opportunities for executives, professionals, and others to learn about the greater Knoxville area and to network effectively with business and civic leaders.

A six-week program of Thursday evening sessions includes history and tours, discussions on education, health and community services, technology, media, business, diversity, as well as time to network and get to know the other participants. The class size is limited to 40 participants. Spouses are also encouraged to attend.

The fall 2009 series will run from September 10 to October 15 each Thursday evening. Registration is on a first-come, first-serve basis and acceptance is based on date of registration along with receipt of the \$1,500 registration fee. For registration or more information: <http://www.leadershipknoxville.com/?id=109> or contact Sandi Swilley, Alumni Services & Introduction Knoxville, Leadership Knoxville, (865) 523-9137.

Israel For Women Only!

"Desert Queen" is an Israel Partnership/P2K opportunity scheduled for October 27 - November 3, 2009 in Israel.

- ◆ A Jeep expedition exclusively for Jewish women
- ◆ A competitive outdoor adventure and 4WD driving expedition
- ◆ 4 X 4 Jeep convoy in which the female team members drive the jeep in challenging terrain
- ◆ Includes hiking, self exploration, teamwork, sleeping under the stars and so much more
- ◆ Experienced guide and full logistical support

For complete details go to www.jewishagency.org/desertqueen or call Jeff Gubitz, Deborah Oleshansky or Bernie Rosenblatt.

Suzy Snoops

- ◆ Congratulations to **Marilyn Wohl**, KJA Jewish Community Services vice president, who has been named to the UT Chancellors Advisory Committee.
- ◆ **Jason Messing**, son of **Nora** and **Pat**, has signed with the Manchester Wolves of the Arena2 Football League. <http://www.manchesterwolves.com/player-66.html>
- ◆ JCOR member **Bonnie Carroll** was recognized at the recent Knoxville Chamber Partnership awards dinner. Her company, Information International Associates Inc, won the Minority Business Excellence Award. <http://www.knoxnews.com/news/2009/may/10/preservation-in-limelight-kendrick-remembered/>
- ◆ **Jennifer Joffe** has become a partner of the law firm, Colten Cummins Watson & Vincent PC, a boutique family law firm in Fairfax, Virginia. **Jennifer** is the daughter of **Abe** and the late **Esther Joffe**.

Did You Know....

...that since January alone, Jewish Family Services volunteers have:

- ◆ held monthly Friday evening services at Echo Ridge Retirement Community
- ◆ celebrated the Purim holiday with residents of four long-term care facilities
- ◆ hosted a Passover Shabbat dinner at Atria Weston Place Assisted Living
- ◆ spent an average of 60 hours a month visiting residents at 11 different long-term care facilities
- ◆ shared tea, desserts and stories with Echo Ridge residents at a Mother's Day *Chai* Tea

We have many more exciting activities planned for this year. In addition to all that our volunteers do, Laura Berry is available to assist individuals and families with things such as counseling referrals, emergency financial assistance, housing information and placement, and job search assistance/resume preparation, just to name a few. Jewish Family Services can be reached at (865) 690-6343.

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Hadassah Book Club Plans June Read

The Hadassah Book Club will discuss Gerald Durrell's *My Family and Other Animals*, at Miriam Weinstein's house, 3904 Kingston Pike (522-1107) across the street from Heska Amuna Synagogue, on Thursday, June 18 at 7:30 p.m. Miriam has volunteered to prepare dinner, so plan on great food, a good discussion, and a fine read. Please e-mail Peggy Littmann at plittmann@comcast.net so we can plan dinner.

J-Serve Hosts Community Service Project



Jolie Spiegelman helps Kerihnn Hunter choose a face paint design.



Logan Brown and Emma Silver-Alford support Marie Crow on the stilts.



Michael Messing shares a magic trick with students at Inskip Elementary School during the J-Serve project there on April 26.



J-Serve planning team members join Congresswoman Allyson Schwartz at the meet and greet event hosted by Nancy Young and Jeff Talman. Pictured: Ariel Spiegelman, Will Brody, Olivia Talman, Congresswoman Schwartz, Justin Spiegelman, Zach Kramer (J-Serve Teen Leader) and Nancy Young.

AEPi Brothers, Will Veale and Jonathan Coplon, join other UT students at the on campus Pesach Seder.



UT Hillel Executive Board Members at Closing Program: Back Row: Mark Hoffman, Nigel Lay, Adam Schwartz, Deborah Oleshansky, David Oleshansky, Rebecca Thaler, Becca Empting, David Bond, Jonathan Coplon Front Row: Kate Kopperman, Leah Muriel, Hannah Schwartz

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A Message From Pace Robinson, KJCFF Outgoing President

After two years as KJCFF president, here is my “state of the union.” The KJCFF was created in 1999 under the auspices of the Knoxville Jewish Federation. Our goals are:

- ◆ To strengthen and improve the Jewish community of East Tennessee
- ◆ to increase Jewish philanthropy in East Tennessee; to build Endowments for permanent gifts to organizations of the Knoxville Jewish community
- ◆ to promote the infrastructure of the Knoxville Jewish community necessary to develop and deliver services and program; to provide funds for religious, cultural, and educational activities
- ◆ to support social service needs of individuals and families; to administer endowment, long-term, and donor advised funds
- ◆ to support the general community of East Tennessee.

That’s a lot to do with an all-volunteer board and a part-time staff of one. However I am proud to report that we are making progress in almost all areas. We have had a tough time recently with our investments... but who hasn’t and at least we were not caught up in the Madoff debacle. Our relationship with the East Tennessee Foundation has helped us through this rough period and their professional assistance continues to help us refine our own organization.

We are constantly discussing ways to improve our marketing efforts. We know we need to do a better job of reaching out to the community. This is especially true in the development area. However we are also aware of trying to make the family of funds more accessible to those seeking out grants. There are 40 funds (not counting Bnai Tzedek). That doesn’t mean that there is something for everyone, but we are trying our best to match up the requests we receive.

In closing I would like to thank our board of directors for their service to the organization. I would also like to acknowledge and thank Susan Contente for her professional work with the KJCFF. Good luck to Dick Jacobstein our new incoming president.



Pace Robinson

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Heska Amuna Synagogue

HaShofar



Annual General Membership Meeting

Sunday, June 7 at 10:30 a.m.

In the Rosen Social Hall

Election and Installation of Heska Amuna Synagogue Officers and Board

~~ Refreshments will be served ~~

Sivan/Tammuz/Av 5769

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Join us for a Different Shabbat Experience

A Contemporary Service

Place: Heska Amuna's Winick Library

Date: Shabbat morning, June 20

Time: 10:30 - 11:45 a.m.

Special programming will be available for young children in the childcare room.

Continuing Education

SHABBAT AFTERNOONS

June 6, 13, 20, 27

Following Kiddush

Torah Study with Rabbi Zivic

Talmud class will return in August.

HAZAK will return in October. Dates will be announced.

Save the Date!!

August 28-30, 2009

Heska Amuna's First Annual Community Retreat

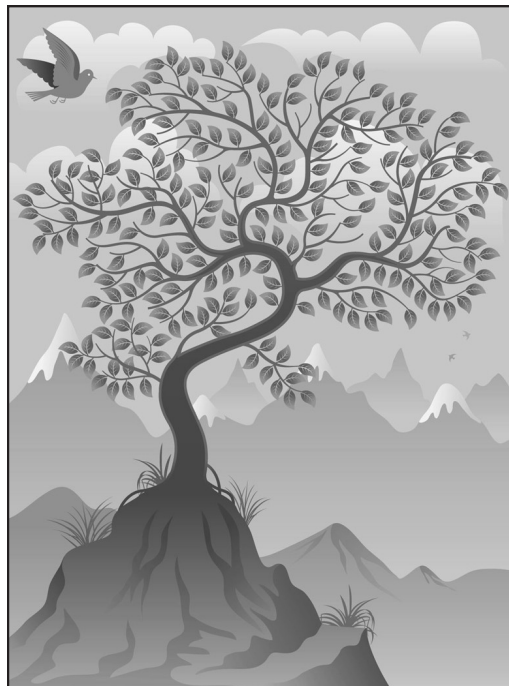
Come celebrate Shabbat with friends and the Heska Amuna community in beautiful Cumberland Falls State Resort Park in Corbin, Kentucky.

Imagine a wall of water falling 60-feet into a boulder-strewn gorge, a whispering mist that kisses the face and a magical moonbow visible on a clear night under a full moon."

Accommodations will be comfortable for all and there will be separate activities for adults and children.

Watch your mail for further details and check out parks.ky.gov to find out more about Cumberland Falls.

Questions? Contact Siri Khalsa-Zemel at 773-6643 or siri@womenswaywmc.com.



Chant at Heska Amuna

Tuesday mornings from 9 a.m.—10 a.m., Jewish devotional chant and meditation sessions are offered at Heska Amuna Synagogue led by Morah Chaya Silver-Alford. These sessions, says Chaya, "combine music, Jewish liturgy, and silent meditation and give participants the chance to have a deep spiritual experience as part of their week."

No chant experience is needed and friends are welcome. Folks who wish to participate and have limited mobility for health reasons should contact Chaya before meeting so that your needs will be met comfortably. Questions? Call Chaya at 522-0701.

From The Rabbi's desk

By Rabbi Louis Zivic, D.D.

Dear Friends,

Elsewhere in *HaShofar* (page 23) you can find an article written by one of our members, Arnold Schwarzbart. Arnold is calling on the Heska Amuna community to step up and speak about Jewish law, its problems, its advantages and where it may need, let's call it, "local tweaking." I echo Arnold's thoughts; in traditional Judaism throughout the centuries each Jewish community developed its own *minhagim* (customs) because each Jewish community had its own challenges to meet. There have been Jewish communities of Eastern Europe that modified the dietary laws to include eel because they had no other major source of food. There have been communities that altered the time women could go to the *mikveh* (ritual bath) to protect them from rapists, etc. etc. and even, etc. Those decisions were arrived at by local rabbis who had the courage to stand up for what they believed in, despite the fact that those thoughts, laws and customs may not have been written out in black and white until the rabbis with courage wrote them.

There is a prayer that can be found in many modern prayer books that asks that the "synagogue's door not be a stumbling block to young or straying feet." I think that we, non-fundamentalist Jews, need to think about that idea more fully. We need to understand that despite the fact that we Jews, living in the U.S. are the most knowledgeable Jewish community that has ever existed, we know less about Judaism in terms of practice than previous generations of non-fundamentalist Jews. That may mean that our door may have become a stumbling block to young Jews, and alienated Jews be they single or family-oriented.

We need to make sure that Heska Amuna's door is open. I hope and pray that in the coming year we will be able to discuss Jewish law, how and when changes occur and who is responsible for making them. The last question is the easiest to answer. You are. Rabbis can make all of the changes in Jewish law they wish to but if no one follows them, what difference have they made?

What are we about and where are we going might, at this point in the history of Conservative Judaism, be best decided on a local rather than a national level. I have been attending the meetings of our Safety Committee and one point the law enforcement professionals always emphasize is: the good of the many has to outweigh the needs of the few. This has not always been the way Conservative synagogues have been managed. We can change that. Watch for these opportunities to come and speak your mind.

B'shalom

Yizkor Book of Remembrance

By: Lee Miller, Yizkor Book Committee Chair

Dear Members,

We are continuing the new tradition at Heska Amuna again this year of publishing a Yizkor Book of Remembrance for the High Holidays. It is already time to start thinking about its publication for 2009 - 2010. Although the book will be ready for the Yom Kippur Yizkor service, it will also be used at the three Yizkor services throughout the year.

We invite your participation in the book to honor and memorialize your loved ones in this meaningful manner. Information and forms will be going out to you shortly via e-mail or snail mail. Please be sure to watch for them so that you won't be left out. The book was beautiful and well received last year and we expect it to be even more so this year.

From the Chairman

By Ted Besmann

This is my last message to you as Board chair before I leave office at the June 7 congregational meeting. It has been an honor to serve as the lay leader of Heska Amuna Synagogue. It has also been a privilege to serve with the very dedicated and talented members of the board, and to work with those who serve on the various committees that provide the volunteer power behind Heska Amuna. I especially need to thank the officers - Bryan Merrell, Treasurer; Sharon Poore, Secretary; Vice Chairs, Rosalie Nagler, Program; Eric Bank, Financial; Michael Messing, Education; Pat Rosenberg, Facilities and Human Resources; and Marty Iroff who has served as your president. I want to also thank our professional staff who function as the backbone of the synagogue.

We have accomplished some of our goals and have fallen short in others. School fees have been somewhat reduced, but the target of making significant reductions is not yet possible. Our budget continues to be sound, but as we plan for our coming fiscal year we see a very difficult road given the response to the current economic climate. Membership is stable, but the hope that we could begin to see growth in members has not occurred as new people to our community have been offset by others who are leaving the area. We have taken a serious look at safety and security issues, and have made important improvements and continue to plan for possible unfortunate events. On a positive note, we have had wonderful services and programs with greater integration and participation. And together with Temple Beth El and the KJA we now have this wonderful joint newsletter.

I want to express my thanks to Rosalie Nagler, your incoming Board chair, for the help she has provided and the work she has done in preparing to take over as chair. I am sure that if we provide the same support to her as I enjoyed she can successfully lead our synagogue in the coming years. Finally, I want to thank my family, Wendy, Anna, and David for their patience and understanding, and particularly Wendy for her sage advice, during my time as Chair.

Synopsis of the Heska Amuna Board Meeting Minutes April 5, 2009

- ◆ Evan Ohriner, Budget Chair, said the Budget Committee would meet in May to discuss the budgets that the vice-chairs have prepared. The completed budget templates are due April 15.
- ◆ The board accepted the membership application of Jeff and Debbie Abrams-Cohen and their daughter Samantha.
- ◆ Arnold Schwarzbart said that the cemetery now has a spigot available to aid in watering the grass.
- ◆ The board voted to spend \$1,100 out of the Building Assessment Fund to replace the exterior doors of the sanctuary.
- ◆ Pat Rosenberg, Facilities/ Human Resources/ Cemetery Vice-Chair, said that new exit signs were put in the sanctuary, as well as new emergency lights in the classroom areas. Also, environmentally-friendly cleaning products and paper goods are now in place for use.
- ◆ The board approved \$4,000 from the Education Enrichment Fund for the ISJL curriculum for HARS.
- ◆ Michael Messing reported a profit of \$2,694.43 from the HARS fundraiser sale of Mishloach Manot.
- ◆ Sisterhood presented Heska Amuna with a check for \$7,000.
- ◆ Arnold Schwarzbart, Nominating Committee Chair, said that most spots have been filled.

President News and Notes

By Marty Iroff

Heska Amuna's constitution describes as our congregation's purpose, "...to build and maintain a synagogue -- the Jewish people's *Beit HaKnesset*, *Beit HaMidrash* and *Beit HaTefillah* -- as a house of assembly, study and prayer." For over 20 years I have had the opportunity to help us make these goals come alive. I've served with our Religious School, our Board of Trustees, the Ways and Means and Chevra Kadisha committees, was elected as chair of the Board and President. Over the years I've overseen the transitions of key staff members, watched board and committee members come and go, listened to (and participated in) passionate arguments on topics from roofs to cheese to water fountains. I tried to write reflective articles for our congregation to read, and playful yet meaningful speeches to our bar and bat mitzvah students. I've helped organize weekly and Holy Day prayer services and worried about whether the right person received a suitable honor. Now, it has been suggested that I write a reflection column as my current term ends. Here is some of what I learned.

- ◆ Heska Amuna is a building. It has floors that need regular cleaning. It has roofs (plural) that need tar. There is a driveway that is steep, small, and at times is hard to negotiate. There are bills for electricity, water, gas, insurance, protective glass, carpet, and trash bags. Trees need trimming and grass needs cutting, and plants have trouble growing. Heska Amuna is a place, just like any other building.
- ◆ Heska Amuna is a congregation of people. We have 240+ families on our membership roster. Some folks are in the building several times a week, others a few times a year. We have people who come to see their Jewish friends, to gain strength from others in times of sadness and need, or to celebrate in times of joy and plenty. We have people who are menschs and those who are less so. Our congregants are well versed in prayer, Hebrew, Jewish law, the intricacies of kashruth, and history of our people while we also have those who are lucky to remember which way our prayerbook opens when they come to say Kaddish.

- ◆ Heska Amuna is an opportunity waiting to happen. Ask any 10 people in your Jewish circles to describe Heska Amuna and you will receive 14 different answers that will lead to these conclusions. We are a warm and caring family who are cold and uncaring. We welcome newcomers with open arms while we keep to ourselves and ignore newcomers. We care for those in troubled times while turning our backs on those in need. We are the most liberal congregation in America that is stuck in our ultra-traditional ways. We overwhelm our congregation with nothing to do. Naturally, all this only makes sense when you realize that Heska Amuna is only what we want it to be. Heska Amuna is us, there is no "they." We get out of Heska Amuna whatever we put our energy into. Through our personal involvement, we take charge of our congregation and make it what we want it to be.
- ◆ Heska Amuna is adjustable. When the Congregation was established by a special act of the Tennessee Legislature in 1890, our forebearers lived in a different world than today. Our congregational history reflects the tension between making us relevant to the times and being true to our religious traditions. We have always had a means of staying with the times yet living within the boundaries of Conservative Judaism. If we take time to educate ourselves we can, and will, change for the better. We must always ask ourselves if we are, in fact, meeting our stated purpose – a place for all Jews to comfortably assemble, study, and pray in support of their individual efforts to sanctify God.

It has been an interesting two years as your president. We are truly indebted to those who volunteer to serve as Board and committee members and to our professional staff. In particular, I know how much time and energy Ted Besmann contributed behind-the-scenes to the congregation and would like to encourage us all to recognize his efforts by making a contribution to one of our congregational funds. Best wishes to our new officers and I pray God grants you strength and wisdom in your work.

Personally, I am indebted to my wife, Martha, and daughters Anna, Ellen, and Rachel who have been tolerant of the time I spent away from the family for shul business. I love you all.

Sisterhood Happenings

By Amy Hull

What an amazing spring the women of Heska Amuna's Sisterhood have had! This has truly been a season of giving, not only by the organization as a whole, but by all of our individual members as well. I am proud of our board who recently voted to increase the amount we give on a monthly basis to the food for food program. In addition we have created a fund to be used confidentially for those in our community who are in need during these difficult financial times. We are so pleased to have been able to contribute \$7,000 to the Heska Amuna Synagogue general fund to help with the daily running of the synagogue. Our women have worked hard to be able to give back. In addition to this, the kitchen renovation, although needed, was also suggested by and organized through our members, with the result being a sparkling, fresh kosher centerpiece to our building. We recently decided to donate another \$3,000 toward a kitchen fire extinguisher system to help complete the renovation.

On May 3, we came together with Paula Coplon to give back to our wider community. Paula led us in a program to create "comfort caps for women undergoing chemotherapy." These brightly colored soft caps brought our women together to create something for other women.

Nancy and I would like to extend a huge thank you to everyone who is contributing, whether you buy grocery coupons, have us cater your simcha, study with us, or attend a program. Know that you are giving both time and money that's doing good for our community and the community at large!

Interfaith Couples Welcome

Heska Amuna welcomes interfaith couples. Interfaith marriages are a part of Jewish life in the United States. Just to be 100 percent clear; an interfaith marriage is one between a Jew and a non-Jew. If a conversion has taken place, then it is a marriage of two Jews and the following program may not be for you.

Rabbi Louis Zivic will be meeting with interfaith families at different times during the month of June to accommodate different schedules to discuss and to answer questions that interfaith families may have about Judaism and/or how they fit into Heska Amuna Synagogue. Here is the schedule:

Wednesday, June 10 at 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, June 14 at 11:00 a.m.

Thursday, June 18 at 7:30 p.m.

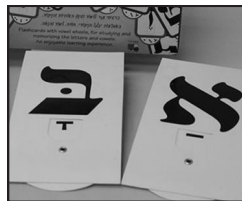
These sessions will be held at Heska Amuna and will last as long as there are questions and comments. This is a chance to talk and to ask. Please come if you are interested.

Heska Amuna Religious School News

Heska Amuna Religious School Welcomes Jewish Students For Fall 2009

On August 23, 2009 kids in grades K-12 are welcome to start their school year off as students in Heska Amuna Religious School. We are proud to offer the very latest in both Hebrew and Judaic curriculum for students of all ages. If you are interested in enrolling your child in our program, please contact

EdDirector@HeskaAmuna.org or call Chaya Silver-Alford at 522-0701 and we will answer your questions and even schedule a tour of our school. In addition to our regular academic program for K-12th graders, HARS also offers a monthly preschool program called Gan K'Tan. Your child is welcome at Heska Amuna regardless of the Jewish makeup of your family or if they have never been in a religious school before. Depending on the age of your child, classes meet one, two or three days a week. If you have not made a commitment to membership at a synagogue or temple at this time, please contact us so that we can share with you special introductory rates and packages for new members.



Gan K'Tan

first day of this program will be September 13, 2009. The monthly sessions which follow will focus on holidays, Jewish culture and Jewish values. Each session will include stories, music, arts and crafts, snack, free play and parent visit time. We are currently taking applications for a group coordinator. This person will work with the Education Director and registered parents to create a year of meaningful Jewish educational fun. If you or someone you know would be interested in this position, please contact Morah Chaya at EdDirector@heskaamuna.org. To participate in **Gan K'Tan**, a family DOES NOT NEED TO BE A HESKA AMUNA SYNAGOGUE MEMBER! ALL ARE WELCOME REGARDLESS OF THE JEWISH MAKEUP OF THE FAMILY! For more information on cost, schedule, or program details, call Chaya at 522-0701.

Heska Amuna Religious School is proud to announce a parent ~ child pre-school program that will meet once a month here at Heska Amuna. The goal of **Gan K'Tan** is to build a community of support, fun and Jewish identity for families with very young children. The

Summer Reading Suggestions for Kids and Parents

By Morah Chaya Silver-Alford, Education Director

Reading is important year round, but there is something special about summer reading. For me, it is longer summer days that allow me to relax outside after work and enjoy a cold drink and a great read. Whatever the reason, summer reading rocks! Make sure you add books of Jewish interest to your family's summer reading list. You'll be glad you did!

Goodnight Sh'ma by Jacqueline Jules; illustrations by Melanie Hall (Reading level; baby to preschool) A Jewish child gets ready for bed and says the traditional "Sh'ma" prayer in this beautiful board book with rhyming text. Charming illustrations by award-winning Melanie Hall compliment a simple but lovely text by Jacqueline Jules, author of many Kar-Ben books for children.

A Mezzuzah on the Door by Amy Meltzer; illustrated by Janice Fried (Reading level: ages 4-8) This is a wonderful children's book. The story is sweet and funny; the illustrations are gorgeous; and the book teaches the importance of the mezzuzah to Jewish life without being preachy or boring. Children and their parents will enjoy reading this lovely tale over and over, and the detail-rich illustrations will provide many hours of enrichment and entertainment.

Elvina's Mirror by Sylvie Weil (Reading level: ages 9-12) It is the spring of 1097 in the town of Troyes, France. The Crusaders are marauding their way through Europe, attacking Jewish communities. One evening, a mysterious family arrives in Troyes - German Jews forced by the Crusaders to submit to baptism. The townspeople shun the family but Elvina, the 14-year-old granddaughter of Rashi, the famous 11th century French Torah and Talmud commentator, befriends the 11-year old German girl. Elvina's story brings the often ignored world of Medieval European Jewry to life for young readers.

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

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Jewish Publication Society Illustrated Children's Bible by Ellen Frankel; illustrated by Avi Katz. (Reading level ages 9–12) In this beautiful volume, 53 bible stories are told with the magical interpretation of acclaimed storyteller and Jewish scholar Ellen Frankel. Renowned author and teacher Rabbi Joseph Telushkin reviewed the volume and wrote that it is “sure to draw in young people while providing them with an accurate and dynamic understanding of the Bible. And Avi Katz’s illustrations just entrance and pull in the reader again and again.”



Toby Belfer Learns about Heroes and Martyrs by Gloria Pushker and Mel Tarman; illustrations by Emile Henriquez (Reading level: ages 9–12) Toby Belfer, a fifth grader, and her best friend Donna take a trip to Israel. The girls visit Yad Vashem, the Holocaust History museum, where they learn about the Righteous Gentiles, the Christian men and woman who aided persecuted Jews during the Holocaust. Recounting the true stories of 26 heroes, this compelling book for middle-school readers celebrates the men and women who were determined to do the right thing at a time when everything in the world was going wrong.

The War Within: A Novel of the Civil War by Carol Matas (Reading level: ages 9-12) Through a series of diary entries, Hannah Green relates her experience as a Jewish Southerner during the Civil War. Devoted to the Confederate cause, her family runs the general store in Holly Springs, near Vicksburg, Mississippi, and her father and two older brothers are serving the Confederacy. Hannah is incensed by General Grant's order that all Jews must leave the area, but when the Confederates retake Holly Springs, they demolish her home. Forced to make their way north, the Greens face hardships; Hannah must confront contradictions within herself, as she compares prejudice toward Jews with her feelings of superiority to blacks in general and her own slaves in particular.

All Other Nights by Dara Horn (Reading level; adult fiction) “A civil war spy page-turner meets an exploration of race and religion in 19th century America,” says *Publishers Weekly* in their starred review of this great summer read. Jacob Rappaport, the 19-year-old scion of a wealthy Jewish import/export family, flees home and enlists in the Union army to avoid an arranged marriage. When his superiors discover his unique connections, he is sent on espionage missions that reveal an American Jewish population divided by the Mason-Dixon line, but united by business, religious and family ties. The author propels this love story forward at a thriller's pace mixing love story, spy thriller, and historical novel in a manner reviews call “sublime.”

The Baseball Talmud: The Definitive Position by Position Ranking of Baseball's Chosen Players by Howard Megdal (Reading level; adult non-fiction) The book gives a great historical narration of Major League Jewish baseball in America. All the stats, the facts, the stories and the often unheralded glory are included in fascinating detail. This book reveals that there is far more to Jewish baseball than Hank Greenberg's powerful slugging and Sandy Koufax's masterful control.

The Kiddush Korner

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 the following people for sponsoring Kiddushim for the month of May: HARS parents in honor of their children; Mary Ann and Bryan Merrell in honor of daughter Jennye becoming a bat mitzvah; Amy and David Hull in honor of daughter Samantha becoming a bat mitzvah.



Kitchen Goes Green

After much effort by the Environmental Committee and the Kitchen, our kitchen is for the most part **green**. We have a Recycling Committee and those using our kitchen facilities are encouraged to recycle. Thank you to everyone involved for their efforts.

Among Our Members

- ◆ Condolences go out to the following members and their families: **Susan and Arnold Cohen** on the loss of **Susan's** mother, **Rebecca Mendelowitz**; **Heidi and Barry Allen** on the passing of **Heidi's** father, **Melvin Solomon**; **Jenifer and Evan Ohriner** on the loss of **Jenifer's** mother, **Rose Rosenthal**; **Joni and Steve Hirschhaut** on the passing of **Steve's** father, **Gerald Hirschhaut**. 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 month: **Betty Himes**, **Shirley Leeds**, **Brandon Messing**, **Seth Roseman**, and **Melissa Schweitzer**.
- ◆ Mazal tov to the following members and their families: **Neil Cohen** on the birth of grandson, **Will Walter Cohen**, son of **Kristin and Jono Cohen**; **Peggy and Gale Hedrick** and **Mary Beth and Michael Eisenstadt** on son and nephew **Jesse's** marriage to **Allison Hayes**.
- ◆ 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.

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 Mischeberach list.

Conservative Judaism: An Evolutionary Process

By: *Arnold Schwarzbart*

The seder just concluded for so many of us around the world – statistics say that more Jews observe Passover than any other holiday – and it made me think – where do we come from?

We are a people based in tradition – I think that Jews of every stripe believe that a small tribe went to Egypt on account of a drought, some time later left Egypt and settled in the area we call Israel, built a temple, saw it destroyed by the Babylonians, built the second temple and saw it destroyed by the Romans, forced into exile, and spread around the world – and here we are, a people stuffed with traditions from everywhere. Of course the most remarkable is the fact that we have survived. The next most remarkable thing is the fact that the western world has as its core beliefs the principles of morality articulated by Judaism.

When the temple was destroyed, instead of sacrifice, the rabbis instituted prayer. How did they do that? – they made it up. When the bible says one may not work on the Sabbath, the sages defined 39 categories of activities that defined work – how did they do that? – they made it up. Being creative and imaginative is so deeply bred into us that we can't help making changes. The number of Nobel laureates is proof enough. Religion may lie in a different part of the psyche than science or economics, but we handle them with the same mind.

Conservative Judaism has gotten some negative criticism lately, and although much of it is deserved, the core is as valid as ever. One of the central ideas is that we are allowed to make changes as we see fit. Who gives us the right to do that? – the community. How do we do that? – we sit and discuss and we try to be very careful. Our first really big discussion is the Talmud and perhaps billions of discussions have happened since. It's what we do to survive – well that - and eat. To continue our tradition of surviving, we need you – and you may find that you need community. We need your minds to continue the discussion, your time and resources to continue our mutual goal of maintaining our congregation – one truly based in tradition.

Contributions from Caring People

For a list of synagogue funds, please check our website at www.heskaamuna.org

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In observance of the yarzheits of Frieda Gruenberg Schwarzbart and Israel Gruenberg

By: Mary Linda and Arnold Schwarzbart

GERTRUDE GLAZER COHEN AND I.B. COHEN ENDOWMENT FUND

In memory of Rebecca Mendelowitz

By: Rosalie and Stephen Nagler

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In observance of Beatrice Goldstein's yarzeit

By: Kathy and Don Goldstein

In memory of Jerry Hirschhaut

By: Joyce and Harold Diftler, Evelyn and Steve Oberman, Ethel Wittenberg

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Heska Amuna Synagogue

Happy Birthday!

June

◆ Daren Eddy ◆ Toby Schwartz ◆ Shush Carson
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 ◆ Mark Harris ◆ Sam Balloff
 ◆ Richard Imbrey ◆ Susan Forman
 ◆ Joe Siver ◆ Walter Farkas
 ◆ Rebecca Merritt
 ◆ Suzanne Mittleman-Townsend



July

◆ Susan Roseman ◆ Eric Bank ◆ Ed Feldman
 ◆ Carole Martin ◆ Patrick Messing ◆ Howard Pollio
 ◆ Alfred Robinson ◆ Lynn Dryzer ◆ Ernie Gross ◆ Louis Zivic ◆ Joyce York ◆ Jeff Becker ◆ Sybil Joffe ◆ Moshe Shloush ◆ Melissa Schweitzer
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 ◆ Mary Linda Schwarzbart

Members whose birthday or anniversary occurs in June and July are invited to receive a blessing at kiddush on Shabbat morning, June 20.

Happy Anniversary!

June

Marilyn & Sidney Burnett
 Carolyn & Terry Silver-Alford
 Charlene & Jeff Gubitz
 Heather O'Brien & Jan Hahn
 Andrea Cartwright & Alan Solomon
 Judi & Martin Abrams
 Mary Linda & Arnold Schwarzbart
 Ellen Schnoll & Terry Haywood
 Marie & Charles Perelman
 Elise & Herb Jacobs
 Marilyn & Harvey Liberman
 Lynn & Scott Dryzer
 Mary Beth & Michael Eisenstadt
 Carol & Ed Feldman
 Barbara & Bernie Bernstein
 Lesley & Bernie Rosenblatt
 Sheila & Arnold Tew

Debra & Irwin Gordon
 Stella & Bernie Iroff
 Barbara & Len Handler

July

Shush & Dave Carson
 Susan & Arnold Cohen
 Helene & George Messing
 Anita & Jeff Miller
 Anne & Bernard Bendriem
 Phyllis & Martin Brownstein
 Linda & Neil Feld
 Jenny Pfeffer-Rodriguez & Carlos Rodriguez
 Janet & Bert Gurwitch
 Samantha & Gennifer Spenser
 Marnie & Gary Spiegelman
 Margy & Mitch Goldman
 Cheryl & Rich Kaplan
 Anita & Alan Merlin

TEMPLE BETH EL

Happy Birthday!

June

◆ Lauren Shagan ◆ Ronald Sandberg ◆ Barbara Winston ◆ Vladimir Livshits ◆ Richard Jacobstein ◆ Harvey Kaufman ◆ Craig Snow
 ◆ Nelly Ostrovskaya ◆ Grace Margulies ◆ Frank Sturm ◆ Linda Johnson ◆ Imelda Margulies ◆ Rachel Margulies ◆ Jonathon Burstein ◆ Natalie Galvin
 ◆ Norma James ◆ Simone Friedman ◆ Julie Berman ◆ Lawrence Harris ◆ Michael Shenkman ◆ Ethan Snow ◆ Barbara Holz ◆ Meredith Lee
 ◆ Mathis Bush ◆ Barbara Meyers ◆ Ruth Feinberg
 ◆ Susan Frant ◆ Jill Ivins ◆ Millie Gelber ◆ Nancy Richer
 ◆ Ariel Kupritz ◆ Anna Badalov ◆ Zoya Loebel ◆ Alexander
 Abrams ◆ Gabriel Abrams ◆ Mimi Brody ◆ Robert Freeman
 ◆ Woody Austin ◆ Lucy Barkan

July

◆ Douglas Sofer ◆ John Kline ◆ Fern Aron ◆ David Lee
 ◆ Evan Noon ◆ Rebecca Schwartz ◆ Stuart Moss
 ◆ Avery Wilhite ◆ Beth Heller ◆ Marilyn Rabin
 ◆ Alex Shor ◆ Heather Gross ◆ Stephanie Goldfeld
 ◆ Mark Abrams ◆ Ruth Sherrill ◆ Brian Smith
 ◆ Sheila Jacobstein ◆ Betty Nash ◆ Jessica Traugot
 ◆ Roy Loring ◆ Wendy Graziani ◆ Mary Ellen Schaefer
 ◆ Harriet Gassel ◆ David Fleischmann ◆ Daryle Gross
 ◆ Laura Johnson ◆ Ryan Markman ◆ Philip Zaretski
 ◆ Henry Handler ◆ Liza Reineri ◆ Kenneth Shey
 ◆ Brian Billinson ◆ Ilya Budik ◆ Stephen Markman
 ◆ Galina Belenky ◆ Marcus Bressler ◆ Margot Brown
 ◆ Karen Holst ◆ Meredith Jaffe ◆ Ben Pollack

Happy Anniversary!

June

Abram Badalov & Khasya Shaposhnikova
 Neil & Liz Newton
 Robert & Sherry Schoenfeld
 Roy & Carol Loring
 Diana Steinfeld-Hicks & Bill Hicks
 Jeff & Charlene Gubitz
 Irv & Sylvia Witcoff
 Jerry & Meredith Jaffe
 Todd Diacon & Moema Furtado
 John & Deborah Roberts
 Michael Eisenstadt & Mary Beth Leibowitz
 Robert & Beth Heller
 Isidor & Megan Sauers
 Bella & Ed Lester
 Fredric & Ava Radoff

Mitchell & Mary Weiss
 Lawrence & Diana Harris
 Peter & Pamela Branton
 Harold & Ida Markman
 Robert & Cheri Pollack
 Robert & Elaine Freeman
 Allen & Lisa Sayles



July

Ronald & Ebbie Sandberg
 Barrett & Mary Ellen Schaefer
 Jonathan & Connie Burstein
 Craig & Leslie Snow
 Anthony & Jeanne Zucker
 Jon Shefner & Karen Holst
 Linda & Phil Zaretski

JAHRZEIT**TEMPLE BETH EL****June 5**

◆ Florence Gluck ◆ Jeanette Hyatt ◆ Abraham D. H. Kaplan ◆ Isaac Ben Jechiel Handler ◆ Chayah Bas Elimelech Handler ◆ Theodore Cohn
◆ Rose Dubinsky ◆ Marie Nordmann ◆ Harold Raymon ◆ Mose Zavels ◆ Nathan Marks ◆ Amelia Strauss ◆ William W. Waxelbaum

June 12

◆ Adolf Miller ◆ Maxwell Weinberger ◆ Ruth Rockower ◆ Fred Aron ◆ Joe Lissen ◆ Julius Orovan ◆ Edith C. Smith ◆ Esther Margolina
◆ Herman Teitelbaum ◆ Ann S. Klein ◆ Leopold Schiffer ◆ Ian Kinney ◆ Virginia Gluck ◆ George Gluck

June 19

◆ Joseph Konigsberg ◆ Ethel Kaplan ◆ William Freedman ◆ Max Rosenstein ◆ David Feinberg ◆ Helen Nisenshal ◆ Leah Green ◆ Sam Good
◆ Richard Sherrill ◆ William Goldberger ◆ Edwin Schnitman ◆ Henry Bloom ◆ Celia Brown Sebring ◆ Jennie Grala Zuckerman ◆ Adele Bernard
◆ Agnes Young ◆ Max B. Arnstein ◆ Max Cohn ◆ Milton Dubinsky ◆ Capt. Orland Porter, Jr.

June 26

◆ Ruth Harmatz ◆ Samuel Spiro ◆ George Fayerman ◆ Paula Zatlin ◆ Morris Gluck ◆ Max Licht ◆ Bertram H. Joseph, Sr. ◆ Maimie Voorsanger
◆ Korman Weinstein ◆ Sophie Korman ◆ Lillian Pomerantz ◆ Howard Bessemer ◆ Ben Brown ◆ Elizabeth Handler ◆ Harry Gunter Marx
◆ Rose Sanders ◆ Sally Dietch ◆ Lowell Nisely

July 3

◆ Dora Silverstein ◆ Margaret Moss ◆ Mary Ann Garber ◆ Richard M. Hecht ◆ Jerome Smith ◆ Patricia Zivi ◆ Max Cane ◆ Richard Marchand
◆ Gertude Spero ◆ Gladys D. Sanders ◆ Sarah Brody ◆ Gussie Potter ◆ David Sauers ◆ Yudel Cawn ◆ Dora P. Schramm ◆ Aaron Harris
◆ Elizabeth Zimmerman

July 10

◆ Harry Lipner, Sr. ◆ Harold Zimmerman ◆ Bess Zipser ◆ Barnett Mersack ◆ Ralph Kramer ◆ David Salus ◆ Sol Moiger ◆ Max Korman ◆ Rose Mark
◆ Stuart Bridle ◆ Harry Gluck ◆ Alex Jacobson ◆ Ben Dent ◆ Samuel M. Feinberg ◆ Phillip Taylor ◆ Issac Diamond ◆ Morris Deitch

July 17

◆ Irving Kovitch ◆ Max Rosenthal ◆ Louis Blumberg ◆ Max Sonn ◆ Matilda Davis Corkland ◆ Joel A. Caller ◆ Steven James Peck ◆ Lisa Kahn
◆ KC Derrington ◆ Lillian Finkelstein Brody ◆ Leo Silver ◆ Mayme Dortch ◆ Minnie Feld Katz ◆ David E. Brown ◆ Israel Garber ◆ Pavel Budik
◆ Jessie Dreyfuss Black

July 24

◆ Malcolm Bloom ◆ David Licht ◆ Sam Rosenbloom ◆ Goldie Ann Garber ◆ Jennie Traugot ◆ Julia D. Hohenemser ◆ Lillian Gorfinkle
◆ Albert A. Blumberg ◆ Harvey Kronick ◆ Jacob Blaufeld ◆ Jacob Makoff ◆ Nathan Lieberman ◆ Shlema Livshits ◆ Tinnie Diamond

July 31

◆ Lillian Kern ◆ Lena I. Cohn ◆ Max Solod ◆ Yankel Haim Iancovsky ◆ Regina Sunshine ◆ Judy Schwartz ◆ Hilda Freedman ◆ Albert Hess
◆ Joseph Silverstein ◆ Victor A. Strasburger ◆ Jeannie Samuel Levy

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◆ Ida Brown ◆ Amelia Strauss ◆ Sol Leeds ◆ Nathan Robinson ◆ Bek Hurvich ◆ Lillian Millner ◆ Nettie Secaul ◆ Louis Tobe ◆ Morris Werner
◆ Rachel Resnick ◆ Alice Landis ◆ Morris Rosenblatt ◆ Rebecca Forstein ◆ Ellen Goldberg ◆ George Gourse

June 13

◆ Sarah Gershek ◆ Thelka Naumann ◆ Sarah Poloway ◆ George Adlin ◆ Herbert Smullian ◆ Adele Bernard ◆ Frances Sabler ◆ Claude Schulhof
◆ Esther Kay ◆ Max Rosen ◆ Irene Baskin ◆ Naomi Miller ◆ Ernest Silver

June 20

◆ Harry Lipshin ◆ Jennie Rosenblatt ◆ Seena Allen ◆ Isaac Green ◆ Harry Gurwin ◆ Victor Hanan ◆ Ben Mazur ◆ Selma Corkland ◆ Louis Edelman
◆ Esther Spiegelman ◆ Doris Weinstein ◆ Sylvia Kelman ◆ Robert Sabler ◆ Sylvan Zemel ◆ Sol Berry ◆ Jacob Klein

June 27

◆ Murray Baskin ◆ Mollie Brilliant ◆ Abraham Collins ◆ Fannie Russler ◆ Bernard Marvet ◆ Lily Pincus ◆ Israel Dyller ◆ Homer Kramer ◆ Eli Wurm
◆ Susan Drayer ◆ Carol Glasman ◆ Marvin Ohriner ◆ Morton Simpson ◆ Ida Hurvich ◆ Rose Robinson ◆ Joseph Weinbren ◆ Dorothy Blue
◆ Jennie Friedman

July 4

◆ Annie Cohen ◆ Rebecca Fayonsky ◆ Erma Levin ◆ Louis Duhan ◆ Gerald Millen ◆ Bradley Sturm ◆ Moses Greenberg ◆ Zelda Baskin
◆ Harold Brownstein ◆ Emma Burnett ◆ Lewis Littmann ◆ Anna Richer ◆ Marshall Stern ◆ Belle Linke ◆ Celia Mackta ◆ Robert Milford ◆ Gussie Potter
◆ Martin Stollin

July 11

◆ Joel Caller ◆ Minnie Katz ◆ Ben Goodstein ◆ Clara Goodstein ◆ David Sayah ◆ Isaac Benhayon ◆ Harry Busch ◆ Louis Freeman ◆ Rebecca Millen
◆ Lillian Brody ◆ Karl Finestone ◆ Harry Kaplan ◆ Joseph Russler ◆ Harold Shersky ◆ Sylvia Balloff ◆ Harry Cooper ◆ Nathan Quadow
◆ Siegfried Besmann ◆ Sarah Coplan ◆ Isaac Winick ◆ Jessie Presser ◆ Mildred Shamitz

July 18

◆ Irving Danziger ◆ Norman Evans ◆ Josephine Gluck ◆ Charlotte Cohen ◆ Fannie Goldberg ◆ Alvin Kingsley ◆ Bessie Perelman ◆ Janet Balloff
◆ Lisa Kahn ◆ Benjamin Leibowitz ◆ Norman Millen ◆ Eva Slovis ◆ Leon Dobbs ◆ Maria Gruenberg ◆ Leonard Miller

July 25

◆ Frances Levin ◆ Evelyn Lowe ◆ Matilda Corkland ◆ Barbara Fay ◆ Bertha Licht ◆ Edward Lippner ◆ Edward Mottzman ◆ Mary Corkland
◆ Ethan Goodfriend

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