



# Ha'Kol

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

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## Temple Beth El



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invites you to the  
**Rededication of Our Stained Glass Windows**

Please join us  
during Shabbat Services  
Friday, January 22, 2010  
at 7:30 p.m.  
Oneg Reception Follows

# TEMPLE BETH EL TIMES



## Temple Beth El's 6th Annual Spring Auction Saturday, March 20 6:00-9:00 p.m.



Please join in on the fun at the Temple's biggest social event and fundraiser of the year!

### *New for 2010*

- ◆ Live Music from local sensation: **Big Russ & The Bell Boys**
  - ◆ Fully Catered Dinner from **Famous Daves' BBQ**
  - ◆ Chance to win \$500 cash

Wine, beer and cheer will be served...

Silent & Live auctions with more than 150 items

Advanced tickets \$25 (purchased before March 17)  
\$30 at the event

Students (14 and older) \$20

Babysitting not available for this event

The Temple needs your support in this effort. Any item, restaurant gift card, gift certificate or service you can donate would be greatly appreciated. Please contact Amy Rosenberg at 356-6830 to make your donation.

To purchase tickets, please visit the Temple office during regular business hours.

15 Tevet - 16 Sh'vat 5770

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

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## SERVICES IN JANUARY

**January 1 at 6:00 p.m.** – Kabbalat Shabbat

**January 8 at 7:30p.m.** – Michael Goin will be called to the Torah as a bar mitzvah. Michael is the son of Bella and Edmund Lester and James Goin

**January 9 at 10:30 a.m.** – Torah Study with Rabbi Schwartz

**January 15 at 7:30 p.m.** – Shabbat in the Round

**January 16 at 10:30 a.m.** -Allison Marshall will be called to the Torah as a bat mitzvah. Allison is the daughter of Heather and Don Marshall and the sister of Ryan and Michael.

**January 22 at 7:30 p.m.** - Windows Rededication service

**January 29 at 7:30 p.m.**—Shabbat evening services with the *Union Prayer Book, Sinai Edition*

## Adult Education Classes

*Adult study groups meet in the Temple Library.*

**Wednesday evenings, 6:15 – 7:30 p.m.:** *Jewish Ideas about the Body:* Jewish tradition has a variety of thoughts about the human body, many of them very positive. We will consider Jewish views about the body itself, masculinity and femininity, health and illness, sex, sports and athleticism, and more.

**Saturday morning, January 9, 10:30 a.m.:** Torah study with Rabbi Schwartz. The weekly portion is *Shemot*, Exodus 1:1 – 6:1, including the early life of Moses and God's call to him at the burning bush, and his first encounters with Pharaoh.

**Wednesday morning, January 6, 11:00 a.m.:** Brunch and Learn: Jewish Holidays Like You Didn't Learn in Religious School. This month's topic is *Judaism and Nature*, through the lens of Tu B'Shevat, which falls on January 30. *Bring your own brunch; coffee and tea will be provided.*

## From the Rabbi's Study

By Rabbi Beth Schwartz



A year ago, our Temple was vandalized by unknown people who threw/launched/batted – no one knows – rocks through the stained glass windows of our sanctuary. To say we were shocked at this desecration of our sacred space is an understatement. There were no threats or graffiti accompanying the damage, and no physical evidence identified the vandalism as a hate crime according to law enforcement criteria. But Temple Beth El and Heska Amuna Synagogue were the only houses of worship on Kingston Pike to be attacked, and our law enforcement officials understood what that meant.

I had just had surgery, and was still under my daughter's watchful eye, not allowed to drive and not up to doing much, when Stephen Eisen's distraught call came. We all rushed to the Temple to see shards of glass strewn all over the sanctuary floor, and scratches in the far wall's paneling where the rocks had hit. The damage to Heska Amuna's windows was minimal, because of the differences in design and construction, but our whole Jewish community was upset and angry. This was one incident that we did not want to hush up – we let the community know what had happened.

Of course, the damage was cleaned up and we had Shabbat services that evening. We received notes of sympathy and solidarity, as well as contributions from many individuals and congregations, both here and elsewhere. Rabbi Eric Yoffie, Union for Reform Judaism president, called me at home, and lent the services of Rabbi Edythe Mencher of the URJ Department of Family Concerns to help us cope with our members' reactions. The list of Temple members who contributed to the cost of repairing and protecting the windows was long.

As we rededicate our windows on Friday evening, January 22, I hope that you will be present to affirm our dedication to our congregation and our beautiful sanctuary, and our sacred covenant with those who came before us, to preserve, to teach, and to live our faith.

## President's Message

By Stephen Eisen

Happy New Year! I know 2010 will start off better than 2009 because more than 65 percent of our congregation participated in the efforts to secure our stained glass windows from ever being broken again. Thank you Temple Beth El congregants! The rededication service for the windows on January 22 promises to be a wonderful evening for our entire congregation. Others from the Jewish and non-Jewish communities of Knoxville will join with us to celebrate our strength and resilience, as well as our beautifully-restored windows.

*Ha'Kol* has been a major success and this issue is the first of our second year in print. Yasher koach to Sandy Parsons for coordinating and editing the Temple Beth El section. She is doing a great job and always meets the deadline! Along with the other four organizations contributing to *Ha'Kol*, we are breaking ground for a renewed spirit of understanding, cooperation and strength in the local Jewish community while also maintaining our individual identity.

At Temple Beth El we proudly remain loyal to the tenets of Reform Judaism as we have for close to 150 years. Our congregation (and religious school) continues to grow with new families coming from many different localities, creating quite a melting pot. We gladly open our arms and doors to all who wish to visit making it possible to see many new faces at most Shabbat services. Lastly, the level of activity among our Women of Reform Judaism and our various Temple committees is infectious and never ceases to amaze me.

These are among the many reasons I am thankful everyday for my affiliation with Temple Beth El. What are yours?

B'Shalom

## Meet Our Members

By Deborah Roberts

When Dick and Sheila Jacobstein moved to Knoxville in 1973, they didn't hesitate to join Temple Beth El. Dick and Sheila were both raised in Jewish congregations in the north: Dick in a Reform congregation, Temple B'rith Kodesh in Rochester, New York; and Sheila in a Conservative synagogue, Temple Beth El, in Fall River, Massachusetts. To their delight they discovered that Sheila's rabbi, Rabbi Samuel Ruderman, was in fact the uncle of Rabbi Matthew Derby, whose pulpit just happened to be at Temple Beth El in Knoxville.

The job that brought Dick to Knoxville was with Southern Athletic/Bike Company. What keeps them here is Dick's position as majority owner and president of Volunteer Apparel, a manufacturer of athletic uniforms and active wear, with a factory in Luttrell, Tennessee.

Sheila's career consisted of 27 years as a high school biology teacher at Webb School of Knoxville. After retiring in 2003, Sheila continues to teach biology, this time as a tutor, both privately and for the university.

You can find photos of all three of Dick and Sheila's children, two sons and a daughter, in the Confirmation photos in Temple's hallways. Each had a bar or bat Mitzvah as well. With residences in Baltimore and Bethesda, Maryland, and Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, the siblings live close enough to see each other fairly often. Dick and Sheila are also proud grandparents – they have seven grandchildren in all - and are thrilled to spend time with them.

The Jacobsteins have long been active members of Temple Beth El, each serving at one time or another on the Temple board. Sheila has chaired the Education Committee, and Dick has graciously filled positions as treasurer and president. Dick currently serves us as chairman of the Funds Financial Management Committee. With tremendous gratitude for his long years of service, the Board recently named him an honorary vice president.

Temple Beth El is glad to have the Jacobsteins as such devoted members of our congregation and community.



## The Sisterhood of Temple Beth El

We are an affiliate of WOMEN OF REFORM JUDAISM

### Sisterhood Presidents' Schmooze

By Joyce Traugot and Phyllis Hirsh

While we were discussing topics for this month's *Ha'Kol*, Joyce received this e-mail from a friend, and we decided to pass it along. It embodies the message we would like to extend to all the women of Temple Beth El.

*"Time passes, Life happens, Distance separates, Children grow up, Jobs come and go. Love waxes and wanes. Hearts break... Parents die, Colleagues forget favors. Careers end. BUT...Sisters are there, no matter how much time and how many miles are between you. A girl friend is never farther away than needing her can reach. When you have to walk that lonesome valley and you have to walk it by yourself, the women in your life will be on the valley's rim, cheering you on, praying for you, pulling for you, intervening on your behalf, and waiting with open arms at the valley's end...*

*"Sometimes, they will even break the rules and walk beside you....or come in and carry you out. Girlfriends, daughters, granddaughters.....daughter-in-laws, sister, sister-in-law, mothers, grandmothers, aunts, nieces, cousins, and extended family, all bless our life!"*

The world wouldn't be the same without women, and neither would your Sisterhood. When we began this adventure called womanhood, we had no idea of the incredible joys and sorrows that lay ahead. Nor did we know how much we would need each other. Every day we need each other still!

It does not take a great deal of imagination to relate this to our Sisterhood. We are in this together. We cherish your friendship and extend our hands to all women of Temple Beth El to "Come on, join in!"

Once again we get the chance to start over. We wish you all a happy healthy New Year.

### Sisterhood Answers the Call to Stop Domestic Violence

Women of Reform Judaism has called upon all temple Sisterhoods to "work in concert with other organizations to provide a variety of services such as shelters, counseling, food, clothing and jobs for the victims of spouse, child or family abuse." The Sisterhood of Temple Beth El has answered that call and proudly supports The Knoxville Family Justice Center.

The Family Justice Center's mission is to provide victims of domestic violence with a single location to access advocacy and other services necessary to build a future of choice, safety and opportunity. Some of the services they offer are civil legal assistance, counseling and support groups, access to shelter, childcare, housing and employment assistance.

Our Sisterhood supports these programs by donating items requested by The Family Justice Center to help women, children and the elderly escape the cycle of abuse and head toward a brighter future. These items include diapers and baby wipes, juice boxes, individual packets of crackers, new stuffed animals, and gas and supermarket cards in \$10 increments. Any donations may be dropped off at Temple Beth El and placed in the box in the side lobby. In addition, Rabbi Schwartz is a founding member of the Clergy Task Force Against Family Violence, which, as a partner of the Knoxville Family Justice Center, works to provide faith responses for congregations and victims.

The Sisterhood of Temple Beth El is proud to answer WRJ's call to service and help the Knoxville community with this very important program. For more information on The Knoxville Family Justice Center or for more ways to help, please contact Honerlin Del Moro at [lukkurt@comcast.net](mailto:lukkurt@comcast.net) or [fjcknoxville.org](http://fjcknoxville.org).

*It's back and with a new name!*

### Sisterhood of Temple Beth El presents: "Shabbat for Hunger"

*(formerly called Bowling for Hunger)*

**Sunday, January 10 and 17**

From 10:00 a.m. –12:30 p.m.

Painting with Religious School students

**Friday, February 5**

Soup and chili competition/dinner



(Contributions of homemade breads are appreciated.)

Proceeds go to Second Harvest and MAZON.

*Come on join in!*

### Thanks for a Successful Book Sale

Renee' Hyatt, VP Fundraising

A huge thanks to all who donated books, CDs, DVDs, and puzzles, as well as all of you who came and made purchases. Our success is due to you.

Thanks also go to Susan Frant, Doug Hunt, Julia and Monica Berman, Phyllis Hirsh, Joyce Traugot, Stephen Eisen, and Scott Clabo who helped with set-up. Monica Berman, Emma Fleischman, Liz Gazzel, Karen Smith, Phyllis Hirsh, and Joyce Traugot were all of great help during the Sunday morning sale.

## Sisterhood Holiday Sephora Event Lots of Fun

By Susan Frant

Thirty Sisterhood members and friends gathered at Sephora West Town Mall from 10 a.m. to noon on September 15. Make-overs and complexion consultations along with baked goodies, iced tea and coffee combined for a really fun time. The Sisterhood spent lots of Chanukah gelt for holiday gifts using the special 20 percent discount. Sephora consultants and special Laura Mercier and Tarte estheticians helped beautify the TBE Sisterhood.

We may make this a TBE Sisterhood tradition.



Liz Gassel, Katie Habgood and Belinda Smith.



The Traugot Girls: Joyce, Jessica and Vikki.

## Temple Beth El Religious School

Norma James, [nfjames77@gmail.com](mailto:nfjames77@gmail.com) (Notice the change in Norma's e-mail address)

### Religious School Resumes Sunday, January 10

**It's a Double Mitzvah Month:** We have not one but two students reading Torah for the first time this month. *Michael Goin will become a bar mitzvah Friday, January 8* and *Allison Marshall becomes a bat mitzvah Saturday, January 16*. What a blessing to have two special lifecycle celebrations in one month. We say *mazel tov* to both Michael and Allison and their proud families. You are invited to celebrate with these wonderful students as they take an important step toward adulthood in the Jewish community.

**"Bowling for Hunger" Becomes "Shabbat for Hunger":** The great thing about a tradition is that you can always find a way to make it even better. This year instead of painting bowls, we will be painting Kiddush cups. What a beautiful way to help our young people start their own personal collections of Judaica. January 10 and 17 will be our painting days. We would love to have every Temple member join us to paint a Kiddush cup. We also have a few mugs left from last year in case that is your preference. Not artistic yourself? Order a hand-painted cup from one of our very artistic staff members, E.L. Gordon or Alex Khaddouma. Proceeds will go to Mazon and Second Harvest. Of course, one tradition MUST continue. *Sisterhood and Religious School will host our amazing Shabbat soup and chili cook-off Friday, February 5 followed by a social justice Shabbat service led by our 9<sup>th</sup> graders.*

**Pizza Dinner for Midweek classes 5:45 p.m., January 13:** Don't forget to arrive early. You can have some free time to socialize with your friends before classes begin at 6:15 p.m.

**Families are a big part of Window Rededication January 22:** We hope you will join us for a special Shabbat as we rededicate our newly repaired windows. Remember that our students raised \$1000 to help pay for the window protection material. Our young congregants are as much a part of this event as anyone. Bring them and let them share in the celebration!

**Family Shabbat January 29 with 2<sup>nd</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> grade leading the service at 5:45 p.m.:** Don't miss this very special family service. The students of E.L. Gordon's 2<sup>nd</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> grade class will help Norma lead the service. This is an amazing group of young men who have already served as leaders during our weekly Tefilah. Parents of the 2<sup>nd</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> grade class will host the oneg.

**Heska Amuna to host CLC Tu B'Shevat celebration January 31:** Our students had a fabulous time at Heska Amuna last year. Remember the seder, the art projects, and the zoo animals? We can't wait to see what is in store for the holiday program this year. Drop off and pick up will be at Heska Amuna - 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. The CLC activities will be for preschool through 6<sup>th</sup> grades only. *Seventh through tenth grades also will meet at Heska Amuna for classes unless contacted by the teachers of those grades.*

### Upcoming Events:

**January 8 & 16:** B'nei Mizvot of Michael Goin & Allison Marshall respectively

**January 10 & 17:** Kiddush Cup Painting for "Shabbat for Hunger"

**January 13:** Midweek Classes: Pizza dinner 5:45 p.m.

**January 22:** Window Rededication Shabbat 7:30 p.m.

**January 29:** Family Shabbat 5:45 p.m. led by 2<sup>nd</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> grade

**January 31:** CLC Tu B'Shevat Celebration at Heska Amuna 9:30 a.m.

**February 5:** Shabbat for Hunger dinner and service

# TEMPLE BETH EL TIMES

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**Temple Office Hours**

Monday – Friday

9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

## “So Many Hats and Only One Head!”

By Deborah Roberts

Maximizing the benefits of attending the URJ Biennial in Toronto was a challenge, but one I undertook gladly. This Biennial was smaller than those in the recent past. “Only” 3,000 attended. Three thousand Reform Jews in one place at one time – that was amazing. Jewish Geography was being played wherever two of us intersected. Rabbi Schwartz recognized people as soon as we got off the plane, and, surprisingly, even I encountered a few familiar faces.

Most Biennial attendees, have a variety of roles at Temple, and the conference is definitely planned with something for everyone. Donning my teacher’s cap. I quickly located Hebrew instructional materials in the exhibit hall. Being a bibliophile, I

stopped by the Jewish Lights Publications booth and found myself nametag-to-nametag with Ron Wolfson. I recognized his name immediately” since I had been reading his book, *The Spirituality of Welcoming*, on the plane.

Which brings me to my main point: Judaism matters most when we connect to others. This conference offered a plethora of ways in which to do just that. The variety of learning sessions enabled me to get a sense of what other congregations are doing in the different areas of synagogue life: embracing Shabbat, engaging young adults, and sharing sacred stories. From worship services, high-profile speakers, musical performances, to casual conversations, one-to-one coaching, and networking luncheons. I found the convention offered a stimulating, non-stop stream of activities that addressed all aspects of my congregational life.

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## Donations to the Funds of Temple

October 26, 2009 – November 23, 2009

### GENERAL FUND

By:

Susan Frant

Jerry and Meredith Jaffe

Joani and Gary Leeds

Bobby and Jill Ivins for Bob Freeman “Wishing you a speedy recovery”

*In memory of:*

Elizabeth Handler by Cheryl Handler

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Ann Lieberman by Marsha and Daryle Gross.

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### RABBI’S DISCRETIONARY FUND

*In memory of:*

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Samuel Mark Brody by Zelmora and Jamie Brody

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My father by Jean Millis

*In honor of:*

The Rabbi’s recovery by Sandra Parsons

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By:

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*In memory of:*

Ursula Mangold by Elizabeth Gassel and Michael Pardee

### MARX EDUCATIONAL FUND

*In honor of:*

Norma James’ work in our Religious School by Sandra Parsons

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*In memory of:*

Pam Feldman by Elizabeth Gassel and Michael Pardee

### TBE SISTERHOOD FUNDS

#### BEILER BIMAH FLOWERS

*In Memory of*

Pam Feldman and Louis Pollock by Howard and Janice Pollock

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#### TBE SISTERHOOD FUNDS

#### SISTERHOOD TRIBUTE

#### SISTERHOOD SPECIAL GIFTS

## Beiler Bimah Floral Fund

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

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

# MITZVAHS

## TEMPLE BETH EL

### Goin to Celebrate Bar Mitzvah

Michael Goin is going to become a bar mitzvah on Friday, January 8, at the Temple Beth El at 7.30 p.m.

Michael is a seventh grader at the Temple Beth El Religious School and an honor student at Cedar Bluff Middle School. He is section leader of the cellos for the school orchestra, and he participates in a school technology club. Michael has a high brown belt in martial arts. He likes to travel, to cook or bake, to play video and computer games, and to hang out with friends. He wants to become an engineer or a scientist or maybe a chef.

For his mitzvah project, Michael is volunteering for Second Harvest Food Bank and Volunteer Ministry Soup Kitchen.

Michael is the son of James Goin and Bella & Edmond Lester, and a grandson of Vladimir Livshits and Lubov Morkovnikova. He has an older brother, Vladislav, who will be coming from Atlanta, Georgia to attend.

For his bar mitzvah, Michael is going to lead the Shabbat worship services and read from Torah. An oneg will follow the services. Please join us at this simcha.



### “So Many Hats and Only One Head!”

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Rabbi Eric Yoffie’s speech was the highlight of my Biennial experience. I am still amazed by the fact that the Union of Reform Judaism president once invited me to his home for Shabbat dinner – when he was rabbi at Judea Reform Congregation in Durham, NC, and I was a grad student at Duke University. Part of his message at the Biennial concerned a corollary of the message he conveyed to me personally years ago: the sacredness of eating together.

Take the time and read the entire text or view the video of his presentation and other Biennial events online at <http://biennial.urj.org/>. Rabbi Yoffie presents two initiatives for the Reform movement, and whether you agree or disagree, you will appreciate hearing his message for yourself.

But what you can’t get online is the magic of connection – of becoming friends, making new acquaintances, of sharing the “ins and outs, ups and downs” of congregational life, of knowing that everyone you meet is someone who could conceivably be a member of your own congregation.

I went to Toronto – with my many Temple hats in tow – board member, officer, Hebrew teacher, Bar Mitzvah tutor, lay leader, webmaster, and congregant. The Biennial gave me a chance to wear each one in a slightly new and improved way. I am very grateful to Temple Beth El for giving me this opportunity to learn and grow in such a fabulous environment.

B’shalom

## *Heska Amuna Synagogue*

### Blumenthal to Celebrate Simcha

Hila Blumenthal will celebrate her bat mitzvah at Heska Amuna Synagogue on Saturday, January 30 at 9:30 a.m. services. Hila has attended Camp Ramah Darom for the past three summers, and is looking forward to returning next summer. Her extracurricular activities at Bearden Middle School include Science Olympiad, Girls’ Ensemble, and National Junior Honor Society. Hila enjoys singing, swimming, reading, and being with friends. She is the daughter of Mindy Goldberg and Mark Blumenthal, and the sister of Ilana Blumenthal. Hila and her family invite the congregation to join them for this joyous simcha.



# K N O X V I L L E

## Teen Connection Scavengers Enjoy Mall

By Amy Rosenberg

I hope the "Mall Scavenger Hunt" was an enjoyable event. Hayley Goldfeld and I had fun watching everyone scurrying through the mall. Congratulations to all teams for doing your best, for playing the game fairly and demonstrating good sportsmanship. The winning team of Avery, Stephanie, Jessie, Sofi and Karen (chaperone) successfully collected 37 of the 40 requested items.

I would like to welcome three new members from the KJDS fifth grade class: Noah Mesa, Camden Boring and Miles Loflin and two new members from Heska Amuna: Alexander Berube and Brandon Messing. We are currently at 24 members and growing.

A special thanks to all of our drivers: Monica Berman, Lisa Sayles, Stephen Rosen and Andy Traugot.

A super special thanks to all of our chaperones: Lisa Sayles, Stephen Rosen, Anita Kay, Karen Koplan and Peg Loflin. Hopefully you got some rest after the event.

I would like to thank Hayley Goldfeld for helping organize this event and being my right hand to all the Teen Connection events. Your help is greatly appreciated.

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS!** Our next event is scheduled for **January 31**. Details to follow.

## One part biography, One part history, All parts inspiration

### PORTRAITS IN LEADERSHIP *Timeless Tales For Inspired Living*

Trying times? Uncertain future?

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**Six Thursdays, starting February 4  
7:15 p.m. at the AJCC (Adult Lounge)  
\$99 per person (includes textbook)**

For more information or to register, please visit [www.myjli.com](http://www.myjli.com) or call Rabbi Yossi at 235-8593.

## Marty's Mission Update: Bravo...Job Well Done

By Joyce Traugot, "Marty's Mission" Chair

We just finished our Turkey Trot Food Drive which benefits the Second Harvest Food Bank. We collected more than \$1,000 to feed families who are in need of assistance. Thank you to everyone who helped us to reach this fantastic number. We more than doubled our donation from last year.

The second thing that happened is that I just received a grand total from Second Harvest, which informs us of our total donations for the past year. As a Jewish community, we collected 1,253 pounds of food for this wonderful cause. With the funds we raised for Thanksgiving, our grand total gave Second Harvest the ability to supply 3,500 meals to the hungry in our community.

It just shows that every one of us can make a difference. When you come to the Temple, Synagogue, Jewish Community Center or Hebrew Day School, just donate non-perishable foods. We can continue this important drive and feed even more families during these difficult times. Let's encourage our children to know the real meaning of tzedakah and remind them to bring a can of food, or a box of cereal when they come to religious school. When you attend services, or a Sisterhood meeting or a social gathering, or a board meeting, think of those less fortunate and give. It really adds up and makes a statement about our community. We are truly caring, concerned and willing to get involved.

Once again, my heartfelt THANKS to all of you. I am very proud to be a member of the Knoxville Jewish community!

## Introduction to Judaism Class Begins January 7

Each year, Rabbis Beth Schwartz and Louis Zivic teach a class on the basic concepts of Judaism. This year's class, *An Introduction to Jewish Life and Thought*, will begin on Thursday, January 7, 7:30 – 8:30 p.m., and continue for 15 Thursday evenings. The class is intended for those considering conversion to Judaism, interfaith couples, or anyone wanting a broad overview of Jewish tradition, practice, and belief.

The first session will be held at Temple Beth El with Rabbi Schwartz. The cost is \$36.00 per household for members of either congregation and \$72.00 for non-members, plus the cost of books. The rabbis recommend *Jewish Literacy*, by Joseph Telushkin, and *Why Be Jewish*, by David Wolpe, as references. Both can be ordered through your local bookstore or online. Other materials will be provided in class. Register by calling and sending your check, made out to "Rabbis' Transient Fund," to either Heska Amuna Synagogue, 522-0701, or Temple Beth El, 524-3521.



# H A P P E N I N G S

## Mitzvah Day Sunday, February 7

Hayley Goldfeld & Michelle Cohen, Co-Chairs

9:15 - 12:30



*Hineini: Here I am!*

*Mitzvah Activities*

### Knoxville Jewish Alliance Campaign 2010

When called, our ancestors responded, *Hineini*, "Here I am." In that tradition, those participating in the mitzvah of *Tzedakah* at Mitzvah Day will receive a *Hineini* sticker as one who has stood to be counted. KJA volunteers will help you fulfill this mitzvah and ensure the future of our Jewish community.

- Make your Annual Campaign gift
- Assemble handmade washable blankets for *Newborns in Need*.
- String beads to make baby bracelets
- Crochet or knit 6" afghan squares
- Stuff baby bears
- Bird feeders
- Arts and crafts for residents of assisted living homes
- Clean and paint and general grounds clean-up at AJCC

### Medic Mobile Blood Drive 8:00 a.m. —1:00 p.m.

Please register at 690-6343  
orkja@jewishknoxville.org

### *Please Bring...*

- Diapers, wipes, pacifiers, baby bottles, single serving formula, bibs
- Hand-held games, new or gently used children's books, baby blankets, stuffed animals, puzzles or coloring books
- Yarn or knitting needles
- Preemie diapers

*Please Join Us!*

### Meditation Sessions Open to Entire Jewish Community

Every Tuesday morning from 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m., Jewish Chant and Meditation sessions are offered at Heska Amuna Synagogue. Everyone is welcome – no prior chant experience or synagogue affiliation is necessary. Sessions start promptly and end promptly so that folks can get back to their lives in a timely manner. DO wear comfortable clothing; DO bring a water bottle; DO come prepared to enjoy and share; DO invite friends – Jewish or non-Jewish. Folks who wish to participate and have limited mobility for health reasons should contact Carolyn Silver-Alford before meeting so that your needs will be met comfortably. Questions? Call Carolyn at 522-0701.



### Cookie Swap

Judi Abrams and Nora Messing held their 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Cookie Swap on December 6. Several of our community ladies were in attendance and a great time was had by all. Each woman brought enough homemade cookies to share with their friends. In addition, the ladies put together cookie swap bags for our long-term care residents to enjoy. Laura Berry, Jewish Family Services Director, delivered the cookies in time for Hanukkah.

Charlene Gubitz, Laura Berry, Nancy Britcher, Nora Messing, and Sarah Milford.



# JANUARY 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>AL=</b> Adult Lounge <b>BR=</b> Board Room <b>CHBD=</b> Chabad <b>HA=</b> Heska Amuna <b>KJDS=</b> Day School <b>TBE=</b> Temple Beth El					<b>1</b> New Year's Day KJA, AJCC Preschool, HA, TBE closed 6p TBE-Kabbalat Shabbat	<b>2</b> 9:30a HA-Shabbat services HA-Torah study follows kiddush 7:30p AJCC gym, reserved
<b>3</b> 9:30-12:30p TBE, HARS teachers in-service at TBE 9:45a HA-Minyan	<b>4</b> 7a HA-minyan 3-6:45p AJCC-Kinderdance	<b>5</b> 9-10a HA-Jewish Meditation 10a-5p Archives Work Session, BR 5-6p Basketball, Gym 6-9p Fencing, Gym 7:30p HA-Exec Brd Mtg	<b>6</b> 4:15-6:15p HARS 6:15p TBE Adult Education	<b>7</b> 7a HA-Minyan 5-7p Basketball, Gym 7-9p Basketball, Gym	<b>8</b> 6:30p HA-Tot Shabbat 7:30p TBE Shabbat Services, Michael Goin bar mitzvah	<b>9</b> 9:30a Shabbat Services, No Torah study 10:30a TBE-Torah study
<b>10</b> 9:30-12:30p HARS 9:30-12:30p TBE Religious School 9:45a HA-Minyan	<b>11</b> 7a HA-Minyan 4:15p HARS	<b>12</b> 9-10a HA-Jewish Meditation 5-6p Basketball, Gym 6-9p Fencing, Gym 7:30p HA-Board Mtg	<b>13</b> Noon KJA Friendship, Rothchild's 4:15p HARS 6:15p TBE-Adult Ed	<b>14</b> 5-7p Basketball, Gym 6:00p Preschool Parent Comm, BR 7-9p Basketball, Gym 7p TBE/HA Intro to Jewish Life class	<b>15</b> 5-6p Basketball, Gym 6-9p Fencing, Gym 6:30p HA-Junior Choir and Potluck Dinner 7:30p TBE-Shabbat Serv	<b>16</b> 9:30a HA-Shabbat Services 9:30a TBE-Shabbat Services, Allison Marshall bat mitzvah 10:30a HA Contemporary Service
<b>17</b> 9:00a HA Talmud study 30a TBE-Shabbat for Hunger painting 9:30a HARS 9:45a HA-Minyan 10a HA-Gan K'tan	<b>18</b> MLK, Jr. Day AJCC Preschool closed 9a HA-Minyan No HARS	<b>19</b> 9-10a HA-Jewish Meditation 5-6p Basketball, Gym 6-9p Fencing, Gym 7:30p R&R Comm Mtg	<b>20</b> 4:15p HARS 6:15p TBE-Adult Ed 7p Knoxville Opera Preview, AL HA-Sisterhood Rosh Chodesh program	<b>21</b> 5-7p Basketball, Gym 7-9p Basketball, Gym 7:00p HA-Educ Comm 7p TBE/HA Intro to Jewish Life class	<b>22</b> 7:30p TBE Shabbat Service, led by 4th grade	<b>23</b> 9:30a HA-Shabbat Services, Sisterhood/Torah Fund Shabbat
<b>24</b> 9:00a HA Talmud study 30a TBE-Religious School 9:30a HARS 9:45a HA-Minyan 3-5p KJA MitzvahCorps kick-off event, AL	<b>25</b> 7a HA-Minyan 4:15p HARS	<b>26</b> 9-10a HA-Jewish Meditation 5-6p Basketball, Gym 6-9p Fencing, Gym 7:30p HA-Adult Studies mtg	<b>27</b> 4:15p HARS	<b>28</b> 7a HA-Minyan 5-7p Basketball, Gym 7-9p Basketball, Gym 7p TBE/HA Intro to Jewish Life class	<b>29</b> 10a AJCC Preschool Family Tu B'Shevat Celebration, Gym 6:30p HA-Shabbat Services, Hila Blumenthal bat mitzvah	<b>30</b> 9:30a HA-Shabbat Services, Hila Blumenthal bat mitzvah
<b>31</b> 9:00a HA Talmud study 30a TBE-Religious Sch 9:30a HARS 9:45a HA-Minyan 1:00p Teen Connection, Gym 6p KJA-Pacesetters						

# Knoxville Jewish Alliance

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# Ha'Kol

## Tzedakah Tzunday Features Musical Maestro

Brian Salesky, will be the featured guest and speaker at the 2010 Pacesetters event, hosted by Nancy and Jeff Becker. The event begins at 6:30 p.m. and includes cocktails, dinner and a program by Salesky, and will take place at the recently-restored S & W Grand, 516 South Gay Street. His program is entitled *Richard Tucker: A Chazzan in the Opera House*. The Pacesetters event is for KJA campaign donors with a minimum gift commitment of \$1,800 per couple. Dinner is \$75 per person.

**Brian Salesky**, now in his fifth year as executive director and conductor of the Knoxville Opera Company, has enjoyed a highly versatile career as a conductor of symphony and chamber music, opera and operetta, ballet and modern dance, Broadway musicals and popular music. During his 35 years in the performing arts, Salesky has also engaged in a variety of work as a manager/producer of opera, concerts, television, radio and videos, and has distinguished himself as an accompanist, music arranger, fund-raiser, teacher, lecturer and consultant. He has appeared worldwide and across America, bringing a wide and diverse repertoire to countless audiences. Away from the podium, the Indiana University *Phi Beta Kappa* graduate has been a consultant to many organizations, including Walt Disney Studios (*Fantasia 2000*).

Salesky has produced several elaborate Passover and Chanukah concerts with various orchestras, choirs and leading operatic soloists including Passover and Chanukah concerts at Temple Beth El. The conductor was first exposed to the art of cantorial singing as a young boy at his grandfather's Brooklyn synagogue where Moshe Koussevitsky officiated. He received his Jewish education at Queensboro Hill Jewish Center in Queens and sang in a professional synagogue choir in the Bronx. The most significant inspiration to his love of *chazanut* and Jewish music was his close friendship with distinguished cantor and international opera star Richard Tucker. Salesky was Tucker's opera coach during the year prior to his passing. Invitations will be mailed soon.

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## Eight Days of Oil: Hanukkah Olive Oil Tasting<sup>SM</sup>

The KJA, partnered with the Jewish Outreach Institute presented this program at EarthFare on Sunday, December 6.

Olive oil was tasted and participants were given materials about the holidays and events going on in the community to passer-bys in an effort to engage them more deeply in the spirit and meaning of Hanukkah.

*Jacob Messing helped out at EarthFare.*



*Nathan and Caitlyn Weinbaum enjoyed the Olive Oil tasting.*



*Jennifer Ohriner, Julie Winkelstein and Wilma Weinstein at the Hanukkah Olive Oil Tasting at EarthFare.*



## KJA Leadership Chooses to Stay the Course

By Stephen Rosen

In the November issue of *Ha'Kol*, I gave you an analysis of the Knoxville Jewish Alliance's expected financial performance in 2009. In a quick review, KJA will likely lose money for the first time in 2009. Therefore, our community will not be able to allocate funds to Israel or any of our other international, national, regional and local partners. The main areas of financial under-performance were in a reduced annual campaign, lower preschool revenues, loss of field leases, and increased wage costs for seasonal employees.

At its November 16 meeting, the KJA Board of Directors voted to approve a budget for 2010. This budget does not eliminate any major programs or staff positions. A few programs that related to travel and travel subsidies were either cut or eliminated. In general, the idea was to maintain the services and programs that KJA has developed. It is the leadership's belief that the Knoxville Jewish community does not want to go backwards. One only needs to look 100 miles away to find a community in Chattanooga that sold its JCC only to rebuild a smaller facility within a few years. It is the KJA Board's outlook that the demand for Jewish services in Knoxville is as high as it has ever been and that the community will rise to the occasion to fund it.

The decision to continue providing programs is easy. The hard part is developing the revenue to make it all happen. In 2010, more Knoxvilleans will need to take part financially. Furthermore, those that already participate through AJCC membership and/or campaign contributions will need to participate at a higher level. Together, I think we can make this happen.

The best way to keep leadership in this optimistic frame of mind is to use our facilities and programs. That is a soft way of saying "use it or lose it." In the event that we have to make some hard decisions in the middle of 2010, it would not be a surprise if those who are fiscally responsible for the community judge programs based on quantity of participants. I have encouraged KJA volunteers and staff to work harder to put events and services in front of you that you can't turn down. Once that is done, it is your job as community members to "buy-in" by voting with your feet and your wallets. Working together to move forward is the best plan for the future of the Knoxville Jewish community.

Stephen Rosen encourages your feedback and is available at [Stephen.rosen@morgankeegan.com](mailto:Stephen.rosen@morgankeegan.com)



## Friendship Programs

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

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

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

**Wednesday, March 10:** Vance Thompson, Director, The Knoxville Jazz Orchestra will bring several members of the orchestra to entertain us! Thompson has been the recipient of many awards and honors.

**Wednesday, April 14:** **Henry A. Fribourg**, Emeritus Professor of Crop Ecology, University of Tennessee, will present *Watching Grass Grow – Still Valuable after 53 Years*.



Join us at **Rothchild's, 8807 Kingston Pike**. Transportation available to all programs! Don't miss out!

**Friendship Book Group**  
Meets the first Tuesday of each month at 2.00 p.m. at the AJCC.

## Annual Meeting

**January 10**

**Time: 1:30 p.m. or 4:30 p.m.—TBD**

## Hold the Date

**J-Serve Planning Meeting  
Open to ALL 8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders**

**Sunday, January 24**

**1-3 p.m.**

**Arnstein Jewish Community Center**

**J-Serve Leaders: Sam Talman, Liza Reineri,  
Bryna Oleshansky.**

**Special Guest: Ben Epperson, Beardsley  
Community Farm.**

Ben will teach us about the goals and philosophy of Beardsley and help us plan our work project there on Sunday, April 25. J-Serve is sponsored by BBYO and Panim and is the annual day of service for Jewish youth throughout the world. It is a day on which Jewish teens join their counterparts in other faith communities, other cities and other countries in giving of their time to serve the communities in which they live.

## AJCC Preschool Director Selected

Melissa Schweitzer has been named director of the Arnstein Jewish Community Center's Early Childhood Program (ECP). In announcing her appointment, Knoxville Jewish Alliance Executive Director Jeff Gubitz said, "The addition of Melissa Schweitzer to our staff will help us continue our positive growth as we continue to provide a quality preschool educational environment with roots back to 1956." The AJCC Early Childhood Program is a multi-cultural and embracing program that welcomes students and their families from all faiths and cultures and prepares them for their educational success. Gubitz added, "Melissa's special interest in child literacy will foster new approaches to our outstanding curriculum. She developed "Children's Literature for the Very Young" as a component of the after care program at ECP.

In her role with the Early Childhood Program, she will be responsible for the supervision of the 15 staff members and the day to day operation of the year round preschool and preschool camp program. The ECP, which has received the state's Three Star rating each year since the inception of the Three Star program, has classes for children from 14 months to 6 years of age. ECP graduates go on to attend public and private schools in the area.

Melissa Schweitzer has a broad background in management and classroom education. She has held various teaching positions in the AJCC preschool and Milton Collins summer camp program and has worked at Webb School as a substitute teacher since 2007. Melissa has served as an energetic community volunteer at the Knoxville Jewish Alliance, 2007 KJA Mitzvah Day chairperson, Knox County Friends of the Library, Bookzapalooza through the Knoxville FISH pantry, East Tennessee Children's Hospital, and with the Festival of the Trees, serving as Vice Chair of Volunteer and Entertainment Registration for the last 12 years.

While finishing some other commitments, Melissa will be working on a part-time basis until she begins her full time work on January 4. Melissa Schweitzer may be reached at 865-690-6343 or [MSchweitzer@jewishknoxville.org](mailto:MSchweitzer@jewishknoxville.org)

*"I'm very excited to add my early literacy skills to the wonder and discovery that takes place daily at the preschool. I am also looking forward to building a professional learning community that will benefit all the teachers, children, and families that we serve."*

*-Melissa*

## UT Jewish Faculty Lecture Series

**January 25, 2010 7:30—8:30 p.m.**

**Dr. Robert Blitt**, Associate Professor of Law  
University of Tennessee

*The Migration of Anti-Constitutional Ideas: The Bottom Up Journey of Defamation of Religion from Muslim States to the United Nations*

**February 22, 2010 7:30—8:30 p.m.**

**Dr. Marco diGiulio**, Diane and Guilford Glazer Fellow in Modern Hebrew  
University of Tennessee

*Symbolic Representation and Historical Image of Jerusalem in Modern Hebrew Literature*

**March 22, 2010 7:30—8:30 p.m.**

**Igal Bursztyn**, Schusterman Visiting Israeli Professor  
University of Tennessee

*Film and Cinema*

**April 26, 2010**

**Dr. Daniel Magilow**, Associate Professor  
Modern Foreign Languages and Literatures Department  
University of Tennessee

*Rockets and Slave Labor: Dora and the V-2*

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**Save the Date**

**B'nai Tzedek Teen  
Philanthropy  
Fund Holder Meeting**

**Sunday, February 7**

immediately following Mitzvah Day  
festivities!

## Suzy Snoops



Markus Eisenbach

◆ ORNL Supercomputing Application Wins Gordon Bell Prize. An ORNL team led by Markus Eisenbach was named winner Thursday of the 2009 ACM Gordon Bell Prize, which honors the world's highest-performing scientific computing applications. His team is part of the Center for Computational Sciences. The prize is supported by high-performance computing pioneer Gordon Bell and is administered by the Association for Computing Machinery. Eisenbach and colleagues from ORNL, Florida State University and the Institute for Theoretical Physics and Swiss National Supercomputing Center achieved 1.84 thousand trillion calculations per second—or 1.84 petaflops—using an application that analyzes

magnetic systems and, in particular, the effect of temperature on these systems. By accurately revealing the magnetic properties of specific materials—even materials that have not yet been produced—the project promises to boost the search for stronger, more stable magnets, thereby contributing to advances in such areas as magnetic storage and the development of lighter, stronger motors for electric vehicles.

◆ We have had much good news this week and great media coverage! Our local J-Serve leaders, **Sam Talman, Liza Reineri and Bryna Oleshansky**, were featured in a larger article in Metro Pulse about the importance of tzedakah and mitzvot: <http://www.metropulse.com/news/2009/dec/02/mensch-factor-how-knoxvilles-jewish-community-quiet/>

◆ **Jason and Bryan Berube** both played on the State Champion Webb Football Team. Bryan was named Defensive Player of the Game: <http://tnvarsity.rivals.com/content.asp?CID=1024423>

Jason and Bryan Berube.



Liza Reineri, Bryna Oleshansky and Sam Talman



## Knox County Schools and You

By Arnold Chhen, CRC Chair

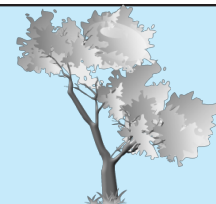
The December holiday season often raises questions of propriety of the observance and expression of religious holidays. This second article sets forth the policy of the Knox County Board of Education entitled "Recognition of Religious Belief, Customs and Holidays" bearing descriptor code IKCA. Legal references are omitted but are easily accessible from the KCS Board website or directly from the Board's office. This policy is largely an interpretation of legal principles expressed for teachers, students, and parents as follows:

"No religious belief or nonbelief shall be promoted by the school system or its employees, and none shall be belittled. All students and staff members shall be tolerant of each other's views. The school system shall use its opportunity to foster understanding and mutual respect among students and parents, whether it involves race, culture, economic background or religious beliefs. In that spirit of tolerance, students and staff members shall be excused from participating in practices which are contrary to their religious beliefs.

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## Tu B'Shevat

January 30,  
2010



## A BIG THANK YOU to all the Shabbat Dinner Hosts

Mary Linda and Arnold Schwarzbart  
Wendy and Ted Besmann  
Pat and Gene Rosenberg  
Jenifer and Evan Ohriner  
Nancy and Jeff Becker  
Mindy Goldberg and Mark Blumenthal  
Amy and David Hull  
Antoinette and Jens Yuhl  
Mimi and Art Pais  
Judy and Abraham Brietstein  
Deborah and David Oleshansky  
Gilya Schmidt  
Miriam Esther and Rabbi Yossi Wilhelm  
Barb Levin and Josh Gettinger



*UT Hillel Students enjoy Shabbat dinner at the home of David and Deborah Oleshansky: Aaron Hall, Alexandra Gellis, Nigel Lay, Adam Schwartz, Jaron Birkan, Kate Kopperman, Aly Resh, Hannah Schwartz, Lillian Behrend*

## KJA Going Green

Dear Valued Members & Clients:

In order to help protect our environment and maximize our resources for programs and philanthropic support, we would like to try and go as GREEN as possible.

E-Mails tremendously reduce the cost and use of paper, envelopes, stamps, etc....and would help to preserve our children and grandchildren's future to have a clean and safe environment.



Beginning January 1, 2010 your KJA will e-mail invoices and statements

- ◆ If you currently have an e-mail address in our system, we will utilize that e-mail address on January 1, 2010 for online billing. You will know that you fall into this category if you currently receive our community e-mail notifications or currently receive your billing via email.
- ◆ If you are currently receiving your invoices and statements at your e-mail account, you will continue to receive your billing via email.
- ◆ If you are not currently receiving our community e-mail and you wish to become a part of our conservation effort, please send your e-mail address to: [bookkeeper@jewishknoxville.org](mailto:bookkeeper@jewishknoxville.org) or call (865) 690-6343.
- ◆ If you do not have an e-mail address, we will continue to send all your invoices and statements through the USPS.
- ◆ If you choose not to participate in this conservation effort, you need to send an e-mail to: [bookkeeper@jewishknoxville.org](mailto:bookkeeper@jewishknoxville.org) or call (865) 690-6343 and inform us of your choice to "Opt Out".

It is our hope to achieve 95 percent participation in this conservation effort. Thank you for your prompt attention in this matter.

## Knox County Schools and You

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### Religious Holidays

"Observance of religious holidays shall be as follows:

- "1. The several holidays throughout the year which have both a religious and a secular basis may be observed in the public schools;
- "2. The historical and contemporary values and the origin of religious holidays may be explained in an unbiased and objective manner without sectarian indoctrination;
- "3. Music, art, literature and drama having religious themes or basis are permitted as part of the curriculum for school-sponsored activities and programs if presented in a prudent and objective manner and as a traditional part of the cultural and religious heritage of the particular holiday; and
- "4. The use of religious symbols that are part of a religious holiday are permitted as a teaching aid or resource, provided such symbols are displayed as an example of the cultural and religious heritage of the holiday and are temporary in nature. These holidays include Christmas, Easter, Passover, Hanukkah, St. Valentine's Day, St. Patrick's Day, Thanksgiving and Halloween."

## MitzvahCorps is Recruiting!

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

Jewish Family Services is recruiting for the first group of MitzvahCorps volunteers. MitzvahCorps is a brand new program. Our mission is to share the joy of youth with seniors in retirement and assisted living facilities in Knoxville, and hopefully make some new friends in the process. We invite Gimel and Dalet preschoolers (3-5 years old) and elementary school students, along with their parents or guardians, to join us.

We will kick off MitzvahCorp with a cookie-swap on January 24 at 3:00 p.m. at the Arnstein Jewish Community Center. Please bring two dozen of your favorite homemade cookies to share—we'll provide the hot chocolate! We will learn about mitzvot and make a special Tu B'Shevat picture frame to bring to our new friends when we meet them. Please bring a picture to put in your picture frames.

If you would like more information or to RSVP, please call Laura Berry, JFS director, at 690-6343 ext. 18 or e-mail her at [lberry@jewishknoxville.org](mailto:lberry@jewishknoxville.org). When you respond, please be sure to tell us a little about your children so that we can match them with a new friend.

## Health Care Program Brought Lively Discussion

*By Jeff Gubitz*

Health Care options was the topic of a lively discussion on Monday, November 30. The event chaired by Susan Cohen, Dr. Caren Gallaher and Marilyn Wohl featured a panel including physicians Aaron Margulies, Alan Rosenbaum and Barb Levin.



Following a presentation by each of the panelists on the pros and cons of the health care reform issue, questions and answers were posed to the panel and a lively discussion ensued. While no real answers were arrived at, it was clear from the comments of those present that this is a very hot topic and worthy, perhaps of additional review at all levels of government and the profession and public.

A nice table of refreshments created by Marilyn Wohl provided energy to those wishing to continue their discussions. Many thanks to all who were involved in this great evening.

## UT Jewish Student /Jewish Faculty Event HUGE Success

By Deborah Oleshansky, Jewish Student Center/Hillel Director

The Hillel Executive Board, lead by President Rebekah Zeitlin and Vice President Hannah Schwartz planned a busy and successful fall semester. Among the semester highlights was the Jewish Student/Jewish Faculty event held at the Copper Cellar on Thursday, November 12. As far as we can tell it was the first ever event designed specifically for student and faculty to meet and socialize. "I never realized there were so many Jewish faculty on campus," Igor Fayermark, AEPi president, commented. Students were all surprised to learn that there are about 70 Jewish faculty and staff on campus. This event offered the opportunity for students and faculty to meet in an informal, social setting in order to network and establish relationships. Jonathan Coplon maximized on the opportunity and shared with satisfaction that, "I just found the right person for my research project for next semester."

Many thanks to event chair Adam Schwartz. Adam personally hand-delivered the majority of the faculty invites, assuring a great turn-out by faculty members. Thanks also to Aly Resh and Amy Canter for their help in planning and implementing the event. More than 25 faculty members attended and others expressed regret that they could not attend due to teaching conflicts, and shared the hope that the event will be repeated. Thanks also to Hillel Advisory Board chair, Greg Kaplan, for his support of the project and his advice regarding the planning of the event.

*Aly Resh, Amy Canter, and Debra Kaplan enjoy the student faculty event*



*Event Committee member Aly Resh and Amy Canter join Rebekah Zeitlin and Joel Brody at the student faculty event.*



*Julia Fenton discusses her upcoming semester in Spain with Dr. Greg Kaplan*



*Torah Study with Coach Pearl:*

*Front row: Andrew Aarons, Jordan Pearlstein, Adam Schwartz, Deborah Oleshansky*

*Back row: Rabbi Yossi Wilhelm, Mendel Wilhelm, Jaron Birkhan, Coach Bruce Pearl, Kate Kopperman, Rebekah Zeitlin, Hannah Zeitlin, and Jonathan Reinhart.*

## College Application, Financial Aid Info Shared With Parents

On Sunday, November 15, several guests joined teens at the AJCC for an informative program for parents and students related to the college application and financial aid process. Many thanks to Vern Granger, director, Undergraduate Admissions, The University of Tennessee, and Beth Heller, scholarship director, East Tennessee Foundation.



*Vern Granger, UT Director, Undergraduate Admissions, speaks to high school students and parents.*

## B'nai Tzedek and BBYO Teens Partner for Local J-Serve Project

B'nai Tzedek and BBYO will partner in planning the 2010 J-Serve project which will be held Sunday, April 25 at Beardsley Farm. The project will focus on issues of hunger and nutrition and will highlight the work of several local organizations working to eliminate hunger locally, including Second Harvest and Love Kitchen. We hope to build upon the relationship built last year with students at Inskip School and the UT Full Service Schools program led by Dr. Robert Kronick. The J-Serve project is open to *all interested students* in grades 5-12. Teen project leaders are Liza Rineiri, Sam Talman, and Bryna Oleshansky.



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## Knoxville Jewish Community Family of Funds

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### Donations:

#### B'nai Tzedek Fund of Seth Roseman

- ◆ Melvin and Gladys Roseman in honor of Seth's birthday

#### B'nai Tzedek Fund of Lilly Silver-Alford

- ◆ Gilya Schmidt in honor of her bat mitzvah

#### Rosen Friendshippers Fund

- ◆ Alice and David Goldfarb in memory of Esther – a good friend to the family
- ◆ Harold and Susan Silber in memory of Esther

### New Grants Made by KJCFF Funds:

- ◆ **The Zionist Organization Fund** continues to support our communities' children by planting trees in Israel to honor their bar and bat mitzvahs.
- ◆ A generous grant from the **AJCC Endowment Fund** is supporting the renovation and improvements of the physical facility housing the Barbara Bernstein Archives.
- ◆ **The Oleshansky Family Fund** is excited to be making their first grant to the Pardes Leavavot organization in support of a project entitled "Music in the Key of Peace." This exciting program is working to understand how music can bring Palestinians and Israelis together.

### New KJCFF Funds:

**EAR Fund** – donor advised fund.

#### New KJCFF Fund Marks Many Firsts

With the signing of the EAR Fund documents, Eli and Asher Robinson became the first B'nai Tzedek Fund (Asher was one of the first to open a B'nai Tzedek youth fund) to become a full fledged Donor Advised Fund. Not only are they the *first to transform giving through the B'nai Tzedek program* by becoming adult philanthropists, but they are now the *KJCFF's youngest fund holders*. Of course, they follow in the footsteps of the generations before them, parents Karen and Pace Robinson, grandparents, Natalie and Mitchell Robinson and Rabbi A.J. and Sylvia Robinson making them the *first fourth generation of fundholders!* The KJCFF congratulates them on this accomplishment and thanks them for thinking of the future of their Jewish community – Mazel Tov!



*Eli and Asher are joined by parents Karen and Pace and grandmother Natalie at the signing of their documents.*



*Deborah Oleshansky, B'nai Tzedek program coordinator, joins Dick to congratulate Eli and Asher on creating their new fund.*

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# Heska Amuna Synagogue

# HaShofar



## From The Rabbi's Desk

Rabbi Louis Zivic, D.D.

Dear Friends,

If someone had told me 30+ years ago how much writing I would have to do in addition to sermons and classes, I would have been totally amazed. Rabbis write stuff for Yizkor books, synagogue calendars, weekly communication with the congregation e.g. the pre Shabbat Reb Nachman messages I have been sending, eulogies, wedding talks, *brit milah* for boys, naming ceremonies for girls, invocations, benedictions and on and on it goes.

Bulletin columns such as this one usually are written in two styles. The first, I call cheerleading; "come to this month's wonderful, joyous, terrific and meaningful event," whatever it might be. The other, which I am fond of, is writing about something that might be considered a piece of Jewish information; some vanilla pieces, some more esoteric, in an attempt to create an even more knowledgeable Jewish community.

So this month I'm asking you, my readers to respond to me at my email; [rabbizivic@heskaamuna.org](mailto:rabbizivic@heskaamuna.org), with your suggestions about the kinds of things that you would like me as a rabbi to write about in *HaShofar*. I'll look forward to reading my e-mail. Thank you.

*B'shalom!!*



**Tevet/Sh'vat 5770**

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### SHABBAT AFTERNOONS

**January 2, 16, 23 and 30**

Following Kiddush

Torah Study with Rabbi Zivic

### SUNDAY MORNINGS

**January 17, 24 and 31**

At 9:00 a.m.

Talmud Study with Rabbi Zivic

## Mark Your Calendars

Save the date, go out and buy your harem pants for  
**Heska Amuna Sisterhood's Vashti's Banquet**

**Sunday, February 21st**

It promises to be bigger and better than last year.



## From the Chair

By Rosalie Nagler

This month my message to you is to eat! I know, you are thinking, "what about my New Year's resolution to lose weight/get fit?" I am not suggesting you alter your plan. I am suggesting that you shop with grocery cards! Sisterhood has grocery cards available for EarthFare, Fresh Market, Food City, and Kroger. You can purchase the cards in the office during business hours. The cards may also be purchased by calling, e-mailing or snail-mailing Marilyn Liberman or Gene Rosenberg. The cards are very easy to use. Just swipe it at checkout as you would use a credit or debit card. Various denominations are available -- \$25, \$50, \$100, and \$200. So eat!

The benefits to our congregation are enormous. With increasing purchases by our membership, we are experiencing a terrific return on the investment. Sisterhood manages this program and has given \$4,500 back to the congregation's general fund since Rosh Hashanah. A big thanks is due to the hard work of Sisterhood! This revenue is in addition to the commitment that Sisterhood has made to raise funds for the congregation. To keep dues from rising in the future - keep eating!

B'Shalom.

## Heska Amuna Synagogue Education News

Dear Friends,

Heska Amuna students have been exploring some of the many ways we can offer service and help to those in need both locally and internationally. All of the needs of our planet and all of God's creatures are very important to our children. With this in mind the school has decided to take the lead for a special service project. Our first tzedakah project is **PROJECT WARM WISHES**. We are collecting gently used or new coats, scarves, hats, gloves, blankets, and sweaters to donate to Iva's Place, a Loudoun county women's shelter. Please bring laundered items to the synagogue and leave them in the colorful bins. Let us say thank you in advance for all of your donations and contributions to this effort!

B'Shalom.

Chaya Silver-Alford, Education Director

Michael Zemel, Education Committee Chair

All the kids enrolled in HARS!

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

All HARS religious school classes will resume on Wednesday, January 6. Starting on Sunday, January 10, Prozdor classes will meet as follows:

The combined 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade classes will meet at Heska Amuna

The 9<sup>th</sup> grade class will meet at Temple Beth El

The 10<sup>th</sup> grade Confirmation class will meet at Heska Amuna

### Friday, January 8 - Tot Shabbat ~ 6:30 p.m.

Everyone is invited to Heska Amuna's Tot Shabbat service. This service is designed for families with very young children. Services include participatory music, games, prayers, and fun for parents and children. We end our service with our new kid-friendly healthy Oneg Shabbat reception. The theme for this Shabbat will be "Tu B'Shevat." If you would like to join us for this warm, inviting service and do not have children, please come. You will be renewed and inspired. Those saying kaddish are welcome. This service is open to the entire Knoxville Jewish community!

### Friday, January 15 - Junior Choir ~ 6:30 p.m. Service 7:15 p.m. Dinner

Come and support our 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders who will be taking a special leadership role in this wonderful upbeat evening. The service will be followed by a dairy dinner. Donations will be accepted, but there is no charge.

### Sunday, January 17 - Gan K'tan ~ 10:00 – 11:30 a.m.

Gan K'tan, Heska Amuna's newest educational offering, is open to members and non-members. The morning is designed for preschool-aged children and their parents. This month's program will focus on *Tu B'Shevat: The Holiday of the Trees*. The program is free to Heska Amuna members and costs only \$5.00 for non-members. The fee covers all snacks and supplies. For more information, please contact Nancy Becker at [nechama419@yahoo.com](mailto:nechama419@yahoo.com) or Morah Chaya at [EdDirector@Heskaamuna.org](mailto:EdDirector@Heskaamuna.org).

### Thursday, January 21 ~ 7:00 p.m. - Education Committee Meeting

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

### Sunday, January 31 - 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Combined Learning Component Day's Tu B'Shevat Seder and Environmental Festival at Heska Amuna.

### Adult Learning At Heska Amuna

Our adult learning series, *Pathways to Jewish Learning*, will recommence in February. Classes will be held February 3, 10, 17, and 24. Plan now to attend.



*Students decorate collection boxes to be placed in the synagogue lobby during a recent Sunday session. They invite the entire community to bring items to Heska Amuna (or call for pick-up if someone has a large quantity) to help them with this worthwhile mitzvah.*



## HARS and Our ISJL Partner News

All Institute for Southern Jewish Life partner schools were given the opportunity to have students enter an essay contest this fall. Dan Nichols, a prominent contemporary Jewish musician, donated an all expense paid concert to the winning community. The theme of the essay contest was *Kehillah Kadasha, A Holy Jewish Community*. Contest entries were submitted from many of the participating communities across the 13 state ISJL region and were judged by three ISJL employees who are not part of their Education Department. Three Heska Amuna students worked together on a submission. While our school did not win the concert, we did receive honorable mention along with a limited number of other communities. The student authors from Heska Amuna included **Jacob Messing, Alexander Berube and Esther Sitver**. We are proud of their efforts and recognize the significance of receiving an honorable mention given the large number of essays submitted. The winning essay was submitted by students from Temple B'Nai Israel in Panama City, Florida. On page 21 is a copy of the text written by our Knoxville kids. Bravo HARS students and Bravo *Morah Michal Cohen!*



*Jacob Messing, Alexander Berube and Esther Sitver*



*Gabriel and Eryn Mesa watch Gan K'tan activities.*



*Paige Quartararo, daughter of Jami and Alan and proud sister of Abigail, shows classmates her new sister's photo.*

*Stella and Aaron Contente create art at Gan K'tan.*



*Charlene Gubitz teaches HARS students new Chanukah songs.*

## How Would a Jewish Concert Contribute to Our Holy Community?

*Heska Amuna Religious School (HARS), Knoxville Tennessee  
5th and 6th Grade: Esther Sitver, Zander Berube and Jacob Messing  
Class of Morah Michal Cohen*

A Jewish concert would contribute to the Kehilla Kadosha of our Knoxville, Tennessee community by bringing different groups together: Chabad, Heska Amuna Synagogue, Temple Beth El, Knoxville Jewish Alliance and Knoxville Jewish Day School. Even though we live in a small Jewish community, the synergy from the Dan Nichol's music could inspire us to do more mitzvot. For example, we could raise money at the concert to donate to a charitable organization. **ES**

A Jewish concert would contribute to our holy community because it would be enjoyable and would connect us with our Jewish roots. The concert would heal stress and sadness. It would send everyone home happy with a family to share memories and a chance to be part our Jewish family if they do not have a family to go home to. The concert would bring shalom and it would be a fun way of learning. The singing and dancing will inspire people to do it as fun or as a career. **ZB**

A Jewish concert would bring together people that have something in common with each other. It is a way to connect with each other and bring joy to people who might need it. Everyone would have fun and an opportunity to get excited. Some may find peace of mind in the music, while others may enjoy lots of partying. A special event like this would bring inspiration to people in many different ways. **JM**

## Want to Sponsor a Kiddush? Call Us

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

We thank Martha and Marty Iroff for sponsoring the kiddush on November 28 in honor of their anniversary.

## Torah Fund/Sisterhood Weekend to Feature Noted Author

*By Charlene Gubit*

Cookbook author and blogger Penny Eisenberg will be our keynote speaker for this year's Torah Fund/Sisterhood Shabbat, on Saturday, January 23. Penny's topic Saturday morning is *Oh, My Gosh! We're Jewish—Let's Eat!*

Eisenberg's cookbooks include:

- ◆ *Passover Desserts*
- ◆ *Amazing Passover Desserts*
- ◆ *Amazing Dairy-Free Desserts*
- ◆ *Light Jewish Holiday Desserts*

and *Amazing Desserts* which is currently in the works. You can learn more about Penny Eisenberg at her blog: [pennyeisberg.com](http://pennyeisberg.com)

The weekend of January 22 – 24 will include Shabbat services, a Kiddush luncheon featuring Penny's desserts, Havdalah and a fun Sunday morning program featuring hands-on participation and sampling of some of Penny's recipes.

The weekend promises to be FULL-FILLING. Details to follow.



*Peggy Eisenberg*

# Heska Amuna Synagogue *HaShofar*

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### **Permanent Schedule**

Friday Night Services.....Varies  
Saturday Morning Service.....9:30 a.m.  
Mon. & Thurs. Minyanim.....7:00 a.m.

Evening minyanim can be arranged  
by calling President Bernard Bendriem,  
584-9197, one week before

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

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

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## Let Us Know When Members are Ill

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

## Among Our Members

- ◆ Condolences to **Joani and Gary Leeds** and family on the passing of **Gary's** mother, **Bella Leeds**. May her memory be a blessing.
- ◆ Get well wishes go to the following people who were ill or recuperating during the past month: **Elaine Brown, Bess Feld, Betty Himes, Bernie Iroff, Barbara Leeds, Shirley Leeds, Judy Rattner, Toby Schwartz, Eleanor Shorr, and Myra Weinstein**.
- ◆ Mazal tov to the following members and their families: **Marilyn and Harvey Liberman** on granddaughter **Andrea's** bat mitzvah. **Andrea** is the daughter of **Ann and Scott Liberman**; **Mary Beth** and **Michael Eisenstadt** on son **Matthew** passing the California Bar Exam. **Matt** graduated last spring from Golden Gate University; **Markus Eisenbach** and a team he led from ORNL on being named winner of the 2009 ACM Gordon Bell Prize, which honors the world's highest-performing scientific computing applications.
- ◆ Todah rabah to **Ethel Wittenberg** who continues to work in the Synagogue office every week. **Ethel** is an extra special volunteer.

## Credit Card Payment Plan Available

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

## Contributions from Caring People

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

### **BUILDING FUND**

*George Kramer and Lois Boiarsky yahrzeits*

By: Suzi and Jerry Candy

### **COHEN-PRESSER FUND**

*In memory of Rosalie Caller*

By: Marilyn Presser

*Get well wishes to Judy Rattner, Eleanor Shorr and Debbie Johnson; in memory of Bob Gluck and Bernie Shorr; in honor of Gene Rosenberg receiving the FBI Award*

By: Marion and Joe Goodstein

### **EDUCATIONAL ENRICHMENT FUND**

*In memory of Brian Britcher*

By: Nancy and Jeff Becker

### **GENERAL FUND**

*In memory of Emily Knight and Bernie Shorr*

By: Sue and Jerry Becker

*In honor of their High Holiday honors and for Loretta Cohen's yahrzeit*

By: Michelle and Stephen Cohen

*David Goldstein's yahrzeit*

By: Kathy and Don Goldstein

*In memory of Emily Knight*

By: East Tennessee Foundation

*In memory of Maxwell Bernard Perkins*

By: Marguerite Perkins Mautner

*In memory of Richard Mittleman*

By: Natalie Robinson

*In memory of Brian Britcher; get well wishes to Barry Beck*

By: Rosalie and Stephen Nagler

*In honor of Gene Rosenberg on receiving the FBI Award*

By: Marc Garland, Carole and Bob Martin, Evelyn and Steve Oberman

*Get well wishes to Eleanor Shorr*

By: Trudy Dreyer

*In memory of Bernie Shorr*

By: Hinda Duhan

*In honor of Miriam Weinstein for her Simchat Torah honor*

By: Ruth Lebovitz

*Irvin Wolf yahrzeit*

By: Elise and Herb Jacobs

### **RELIGIOUS SCHOOL FINANCIAL AID FUND**

*The yahrzeits of Charlotte and Julian Kalotkin, Hilda Kalotkin and Sandra Levinstone*

By: Anne Ehrenshaft

### **WINICK LIBRARY FUND**

*In memory of Rosalie Caller*

By: Barbara and Bernie Bernstein

*In memory of Mel Nagler and Bernie Shorr*

By: Mary Ann and Bryan Merrell

*In honor of Gene Rosenberg on receiving the FBI Award*

By: Barbara and Bernie Bernstein

*Thanking their friends who sponsored the kiddush in Gene's honor; in honor of Andrea Liberman's bat mitzvah; in memory of Brian Britcher*

By: Pat and Gene Rosenberg

### **YAHRZEIT FUND**

*Isaac Baskin*

By: Selma Tobe

*In memory of Helene Bebergal Markus*

By: Joani and Gary Leeds

*Isaac Chazen*

By: Eric Chazen

*P.L. Fuson*

By: Lynn Fuson

*Sadye Jacobs*

By: Elise and Herb Jacobs

*Lillian and David Liberman*

By: Marilyn and Harvey Liberman

*Monnie Millen*

By: Monte Millen

*Celia Shaw*

By: Genevieve Kramer

# Mazel Tov!

## Heska Amuna Synagogue

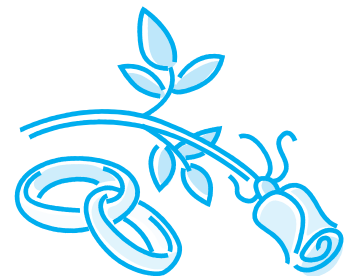
### Happy Birthday!

- ◆ Martin Brownstein ◆ Zeke Frumin
- ◆ Susan Cohen ◆ Scott Hahn ◆ Jeffrey Scott
- ◆ Marion Goodstein ◆ David Beerman
- ◆ Pat Books ◆ Frank Floyd
- ◆ Deborah Oleshansky ◆ Markus Eisenbach
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- ◆ Mark Blumenthal ◆ Gilya Schmidt ◆ Allyn Bailey ◆ Marc Forman
- ◆ Anita Kay ◆ Helene Messing ◆ Sharon Icove ◆ Norman Licht
- ◆ Alan Quartararo



### Happy Anniversary!

- Sharon and David Icove
- Jill and Stuart Chasan
- Peggy and Gale Hedrick
- Marilyn and Howard Pollio
- Heidi and Barry Allen



*All members whose birthday or anniversary occurs in January are invited to receive a blessing at kiddush on Shabbat morning, January 16.*

## TEMPLE BETH EL

### Happy Anniversary!

- Alan & Karen Smuckler
- Louis Gross & Marilyn Kallet
- Michael & Angie Anderson
- Robert & Ruth Feinberg
- Larry & Barbara Winston



### Happy Birthday!

- ◆ Susan Cohen ◆ Peter Hance ◆ Belinda Smith ◆ Alan Smuckler
- ◆ Joan Cohn ◆ Sarah Conklin ◆ Louis Gross ◆ Jacob Brown
- ◆ Paul Lee ◆ Marcy Frankel ◆ Jerry Jaffe ◆ Ray Pais
- ◆ Laura Supman ◆ Susan Billinson ◆ Anthony Gibbons
- ◆ Sylvia Witcoff ◆ Rylee Kolnick ◆ Danielle Goldfeld
- ◆ Bernard Levenson ◆ Harold Markman ◆ Shirley Sturm
- ◆ Ron Feinbaum ◆ Edith Hecht ◆ Pessa Brody ◆ Debra Caylor
- ◆ Alan Schwartz ◆ Sheila Popkin ◆ Dani Rosenberg ◆ Jon Shefner
- ◆ Elaine Freeman ◆ Lily Jeanette Hirsh ◆ Sandra Khaddouma
- ◆ Rachel Kline ◆ Becky Winston ◆ Eric Eisen ◆ Rachael Feinbaum
- ◆ Mark Kaufman ◆ Megan Weiss ◆ Benjamin Margulies
- ◆ Lyubov Morkovnikova ◆ Beth Newman ◆ Robert Feinberg
- ◆ Bonnie Kolnick ◆ Karen Smith ◆ Jenna Anderson
- ◆ Charleston Miller ◆ Nina Reineri ◆ Thomas Evans

# JAHRZEIT

## TEMPLE BETH EL

### January 1

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

### January 8

◆ Jean Fribourg ◆ Tammie M. Brodie ◆ Robert Oury ◆ Bella Zavelis ◆ Minnie Aron ◆ Mollie B. Smith

### January 15

◆ Edward J. Moss ◆ Michael Kostinsky ◆ Louis Gershberg ◆ Telsie Greif ◆ Harold Stanley Harris ◆ Temma Nassau Schwartz  
 ◆ Grigory Targonsky ◆ Minette Jacobstein Clark ◆ Stanley Webster ◆ Mary Kichler Licht ◆ Irene Schiffer ◆ Max Zuckerman  
 ◆ Sadie Goldberg ◆ David Farin

### January 22

◆ Beatrice S. Steinfeld ◆ Alfred Korkin ◆ Helen Sandberg ◆ Muriel Zuckerman ◆ Caroline Schwartz ◆ Kingdom Balzer ◆ Ella Marx  
 ◆ Theodore Hecht ◆ Mary S. Bernard ◆ Frank Bernard ◆ Bill Dillon ◆ Meyer Ostrovskiy ◆ Joseph Herman Bush  
 ◆ Howard Teitelbaum

### January 29:

◆ Ethel Brown ◆ Maxine H. Arbutal ◆ William Steinberg ◆ Sarah Vendig Samuel ◆ Irvin Shenkman ◆ Evalyn B. Weiss  
 ◆ Basya Shusterman ◆ Boris Shusterman ◆ Julius Hohenemser ◆ Helen M. Siegel ◆ Albert G. Bessel ◆ Leo Diamond

### February 5

◆ Caroline S. Ziegler ◆ Paul Lee ◆ Bernard Silverstein ◆ Harry Marshall ◆ Bobby Mintz ◆ Robert Hyatt

## *Heska Amuna Synagogue*

### January 2nd

◆ Lazarus Abrams ◆ Samuel Forman ◆ Arthur Meyer ◆ Isadore Rosenblatt ◆ Sam Saroff ◆ Selma Vogel ◆ Bertha Bernstein  
 ◆ Hyman Gabler ◆ Abraham Garber ◆ Benjamin Joffe ◆ Morris Kraut ◆ Taube Diftler ◆ Louie Herbin ◆ Aaron Gurwin  
 ◆ Edna Cohen ◆ Alice Abrams ◆ Adrian Harris ◆ Leon Saroff ◆ Lillian Simon ◆ Gregory Waugh ◆ Charles Brown ◆ Leib Gabler  
 ◆ Aaron Glazer ◆ Abraham Schwartz

### January 9th

◆ Nathan Deitch ◆ Channah Goldstein ◆ Maurice Lieberman ◆ Manuel Marvet ◆ Melvin Shorr ◆ Samuel Bebergal ◆ Louis Gluck  
 ◆ Helen Shersky ◆ Stephen Sugarman ◆ David Abramson ◆ Clarence Mann II ◆ Stanley Webster ◆ Jill Witten ◆ Mark Balloff  
 ◆ Joseph Bernstein ◆ Fannie Moskowitz ◆ Rose Tischler ◆ Rachel Menachem ◆ Jack Ruchlin ◆ Rose Bart ◆ Morris Schwartz  
 ◆ Morris Simon

### January 16th

◆ Bella Bresoff ◆ Ann Busch ◆ Nathan Diftler ◆ Rafael Anidjar ◆ Ben Winick ◆ Seymour Chasan ◆ Delia Skalet ◆ Sam Morrison  
 ◆ Samuel Fenrow ◆ Charles O'Brien ◆ David Cohen ◆ Cecil Nichols ◆ Jack Orlick

### January 23rd

◆ Mae Stern ◆ Samuel Brown ◆ Annie Joffe ◆ Joseph Soss ◆ Celia Berry ◆ Elizabeth Busch ◆ Caroline Schwartz ◆ Frank Winick  
 ◆ Gladys Johnson ◆ Jack Scott ◆ Harry Tobe ◆ Joseph Busch ◆ Lillian Klein ◆ Alexander Licht ◆ Rose Shapiro

### January 30th

◆ Jacob Goodstein ◆ Anne Dolinka ◆ Lillian Morrison ◆ Hilda Presser ◆ Lena Rosenfield ◆ Sarah Rubenstein ◆ Charles Silverman  
 ◆ Harry Strauss ◆ Helen Hahn ◆ Milton Finkelstein ◆ Rose Imbrey ◆ Phillip Pensak ◆ Esther Rosen ◆ Lela Lippner ◆ Dora Smith  
 ◆ Fran Sturm



# Hadassah Highlights

## Sarah Wetsman Davidson Tower Hadassah University Medical Center at Ein Kerem, Jerusalem

By Judy and Sidney Swartz, Co-chairs Sarah Wetsman Davidson Tower Campaign

Our new tower was designed to provide patients, families, visitors and medical staff with the most advanced technology possible, and all within an atmosphere of serenity and hope.

This month we invite you on a “tour” of our new Tower Entrance Floor. First you will be welcomed by a soaring, two-story expanse of glass, natural greenery and a bright sun-filled interior. This cheerful spacious corridor presents a peaceful greeting to all who enter our doors. Just to the left we see a beautiful synagogue; serene and contemplative — a place where the words of the *Mi shebeirach* (the healing prayer) ring out to bless those in need of healing. Beyond the synagogue will be the tranquil Welcome Garden — a perfect location for relaxation and reflection.

As we continue the tour, we catch a glimpse of the patient reception area surrounded by displays depicting the incredible journey of Hadassah, from Henrietta Szold’s first mission through the heartbreak of many *intifadas*. We have never lost our purpose.

Around the corner is a very special area, a space solely dedicated to the IDF. Those who defend our beloved Israel deserve nothing less.

This floor, which welcomes everyone to the world of Hadassah, presents unique naming opportunities for donors to consider. We’re not waiting for the future. We’re building it. And we’re doing it together.



## Happy **NEW** year from Knoxville’s chapter of Hadassah.

By Bonnie Boring, President, Knoxville chapter of Hadassah

‘2010’...as you feel the warmth from the light of your menorah’s fade away, be assured that this will be a very bright **NEW** year. It is important to review the past when looking toward the future.

### A look back at ‘2009’

- ◆ 6 **NEW** life members, 2 **NEW** associates and 11 **NEW** members.
- ◆ We raised over \$4,000 for the **NEW** Sarah Weisman Tower.
- ◆ Created **NEW** energy with in our chapter through team building.
- ◆ **NEW** ideas are sent in from our members everyday, on how to reach our goals.

### AND, who **KNEW** we could...

- ◆ Build over 50 bears to send to the pediatric ward of our very own Hadassah Hospital in Jerusalem
- ◆ Raise 41% of our quota by September 1<sup>st</sup>.
- ◆ Continue to have programming that is new and exciting, while still addressing the issues at hand.
- ◆ Have the most amazing group of women that are dedicated to such a wonderful cause and truly inspire me everyday...

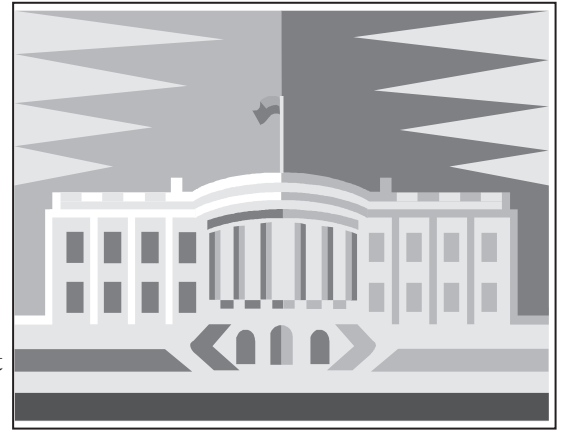
THANK YOU to everyone who made 2009 so successful and for being part of team that will lead us into what I believe will be a most amazing **NEW** year.



## Hadassah at the White House

The White House Office of Public Engagement hosted an event with women activists to highlight their efforts to eradicate breast cancer and to commemorate October as *Breast Cancer Awareness Month*. Marla Gilson, director of Hadassah's Washington Action Office, and Hadassah's lobbyist in the nation's capital, attended in recognition of Hadassah's important role as a leader in women's health care advocacy. First Lady Michelle Obama, Dr. Jill Biden and three breast cancer survivors spoke in the Jacqueline Kennedy Garden. For decades, Hadassah has advocated and educated on women's health issues in general, and breast cancer awareness and breast health education in particular. Our extensive Women's Health program includes CHECK IT OUT®, a health awareness initiative.

Less than a week later, on Wednesday, October 28, Gilson returned for an event in the White House East Room to celebrate a bill signing. After almost a decade of work, activists, advocates, and members of Congress who worked on behalf of the Hate Crimes Prevention Act, gathered to hear President Barack Obama offer words of hope and sorrow following the signing of the new law. Hope that this new law will allow people to "live and love" who they want, and sympathy for the families of Matthew Shepard and James Byrd, for whom the bill was named.



## Build-A-Bear Event Fun and Successful

Hadassah's 2009 Build a Bear to Repair program was a huge success. Thank you to everyone that helped to make this one of our best years ever. On Sunday, November 22, we had more than 15 families from our community come out and spend a couple of hours bringing to life over 30 bears. They were able to choose their furry friend and with each bear, dog, or bunny rabbit, a BEARY special heart and lots of love and good wishes were built into every single one. These special bears will bring to a sick child in the Hadassah hospital in Jerusalem a warm, loving friend that is very comforting when you are in a hospital.

On November 30, Knoxville Jewish Day School students came to lend a hand and learn what a true mitzvah it is to do something extra special for others, and although it was hard for some to part with their precious friends they had just brought to life, they gave each one a big hug and sent them on their way. The children from KJDS built 20 bears so we can send 50 bears this year. Again a thank you for everyone that helps to make this event every year better and better.



*Charlene and Jeff Gubitz*

*Jill Weinstein, Cindy Pasi,  
Bonnie Boring, Mary Evars  
Goan, and Charlele Gubitz*



*A child receives a bear in  
Hadassah Hospital.*



*Michael, Lauren, Danielle and Lynn Dryzer  
enjoy the Hadassah Build-a-Bear event.*



## HMO Luncheon Draws a Crowd

On December 3, Knoxville Hadassah held its 2009 Hadassah Medical Organization (HMO) luncheon at the Fox Den Country Club. The speaker was Carol Graber MS, RN, Director of Infection Control from East Tennessee Children's Hospital. Graber spoke on H1N1 flu and adult immunizations. The topic stimulated questions and conversation. Many myths and misinformation were rectified. Please keep washing your hands and get your immunizations, ladies.

We also had the honor of having our Southern Region President, Dana Waxler, and our regional vice president, Millie Landers, attend the luncheon. The food and camaraderie were excellent as well. All proceeds will go to the new Sarah Weitzman Davidson Tower which is presently under construction at Hadassah Ein Kerem. The present hospital at Ein Kerem is 50 years old. The new facility is overdue and will help provide modern state of the art equipment and care to the people of Israel. We very much appreciate all the support from our hostesses and attendees. Please say "thank you" to all the ladies listed on our hostess list. Those giving \$180 or more will receive a beautiful silver pendant on a black silk rope that says "Healing of the daughters of my people." Anyone who donates \$180 or more to the Tower campaign will receive one of these necklaces directly from National Hadassah. Please contact Marcia Shloush ([marcias@comcast.net](mailto:marcias@comcast.net) ; 865-694-0136) if you are interested in contributing toward the new hospital. For major contributions, rooms are available for naming. What a wonderful way to honor or remember a loved one.

We would also like to thank everyone who helped orchestrate this year's event: Co-chairs Marcia Shloush and Susan Frant; Treasurer Laura Floyd; Joani Leeds for printing and mailing; and President Bonnie Boring for putting together our favors.

*Amy Hull, Kim Rosen, Jill Weinstein*



*Mary Evars-Goan with friend, Margaret Sood*



*Lander (Southern Region AVP), Marcia Shloush, Dana Waxler (Southern Region President), Susan Frant*

# Hadassah Highlights

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## Large Certificates

- ◆ **Helene Bebergal Markus**, daughter of Reva & Davey Bebergal
- ◆ **Bella Leeds**, Mother of Gary Leeds & Amy Dandy, sister-in-law of Shirley Leeds
- ◆ **Rosalie Caller**, aunt of Pessa Brody



## Hadassah "Powers Up Pink"

On Tuesday, October 6, the Knoxville Chapter of Hadassah held a very special event planned specifically to empower Jewish women by educating on breast cancer, current trends and treatments, and what's new in genetic counseling. As the group noshed on "pink" foods which included pink cakes and cookies, pink lemonade, and salmon shaped in the form of a pink ribbon, an extraordinary panel spoke on breast cancer. Mary Linda Schwarzbart was the emcee for the special evening and provided her own empowerment for us by sharing that her mother died from breast cancer.

Barry Roseman, MD, surgical oncologist, Thompson Cancer Survival Center, spoke about the latest imaging equipment and how far medicine has come in the last 10 years. Further, surgical techniques have come so far that if a person does face breast cancer, there are many ways to surgically treat the cancer without loss of the total breast. Sentinel node biopsy is just one of those techniques which requires only a few lymph nodes to be tested and/or removed to see if a cancer has spread. He discussed the various drug treatments, radiation, and the combination of treatments available. Even chemotherapy has changed. It is not as debilitating as it used to be for some. However, he and all the others stressed that finding it early is essential, mammograms and self breast exams are critical.

Imelda Margulies, nurse practitioner, Knoxville Comprehensive Breast Center – High Risk Assessment Clinic, discussed genetic counseling and especially its importance for Ashkenazi Jewish women in which the risk of breast cancer is higher. Women can then make an informed decision about BRCA gene testing, MRI imaging, chemoprevention or prophylactic surgery. She explained the patient history information gathered and the various testing used in order to assist an individual in making an informed decision regarding one's own health. Further, this information is vital information for other family members.

Aaron Margulies, MD, surgical oncologist, Knoxville Comprehensive Breast Center, accompanied his wife to the event and we received an extra bonus by having him share as well. He has done intense research on breast cancer that has spread to the bone. Cindy Pasi shared her own experience of having breast cancer and how, even while going through her own recovery she was learning how to empower herself and others because of the care and assistance she received from her community.

Breast cancer is a very personal issue and naturally can cause very emotional responses. It was remarkable how comfortable these medical experts made everyone feel so that any individual there could feel safe in asking their own question and getting information they could use. This is an extremely important subject. The Knoxville Chapter of Hadassah thanks Drs. Roseman and Margulies as well as Imelda Margulies for their insights. We are thankful to our panel for powering us up!

### Help Israel by Purchasing Tree or Water Certificates

Yes, you can help Israel simply by calling Marian Jay and purchasing a tree certificate for \$12.00 or a much needed water certificate for \$18.00. You may designate a name for either certificate in memory of someone, sending get well wishes to an individual, in honor of a birthday, anniversary, birth, marriage, engagement or someone's accomplishment. Israel is always in need of trees and water and the need now is more urgent than ever. Please help the forests by planting a tree and helping the trees grow in Israel by giving them some water. You can call Marian at 524-8234 or e-mail her at [mayfayjay@aol.com](mailto:mayfayjay@aol.com) to arrange for her to send a tree or water certificate out for you.



### Book Club News

Hadassah's next book club meeting will be Thursday evening, January 14 at Barnes and Noble book store, 8029 Kingston Pike. We'll meet at 7:30 p.m.

We decided to pick a lighter, more cheerful offering this time, so we are reading Carl Hiaasen's *Skinny Dip*. Crazyness ensues, after a nefarious husband thinks he has done in his wife, but he hasn't. Unbeknownst to him, she returns, and wreaks fitting and hilarious vengeance on him. It's fun. Come have fun too and join us.

Our book club is sponsored by Hadassah, but we welcome any interested Jewish women (and their friends).

For more information, call Peggy Littmann at 588-6661 or e-mail her at [plittmann@comcast.net](mailto:plittmann@comcast.net).

### Welcome New Members

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## To Add a Library to a House is to Give that House a Soul - Cicero

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Each week, students eagerly await the arrival of Barbara Leeds, who graciously volunteers her time to be our on-site library staff. Each library visit begins with a lesson on how to use the library, time to browse the books and an opportunity to check out a new book each week. Students also use the library while under teachers' guidance when researching topics or working on class projects. Our library collection is a work in progress and we appreciate any donations.

We're working to catalog and enter all books into a web-based catalog, *LibraryThing*, at [www.librarything.com/profile/KJDS-Library](http://www.librarything.com/profile/KJDS-Library). Here, students and parents can search the KJDS Library collection by titles, authors, or tags (subjects). For instance, students can search for books about Hanukkah or shabbat, or they can limit their searches to biographies or poetry and then find the books arranged on the KJDS Library shelves by Dewey number. Students can also use the website to search for book reviews and author profiles.



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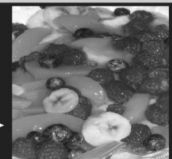


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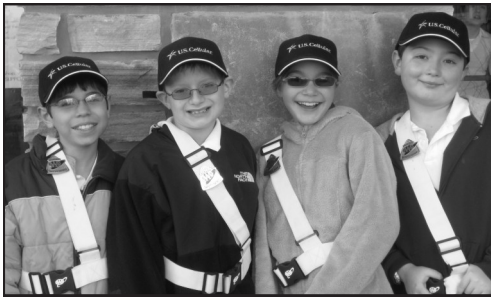
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### Safety Patrol: Raising More Than Dough

This year, KJDS joined more than 50,000 other schools in inducting its first AAA Safety Patrol unit. This renowned program, which began in the early 1920's, is a unique platform which enables the students to gain citizenship, leadership, and pride while the school benefits with both traffic safety awareness and peer-to-peer education.

Since the beginning of the school year, the KJDS Safety Patrol has had the daunting task of not only raising school safety awareness but also raising funds. Each year, AAA invites the Safety Patrol to participate in a special program in Washington D.C. with thousands of other Safety Patrol units across the country. The KJDS Safety Patrol hopes to raise enough 'dough' to make the journey by selling their hand-made, fully kosher, and incredibly delectable challahs. As a small school, the challenge is even greater to raise the money needed for this excursion, but the challenge will be met head on with your support. Please support the KJDS Safety Patrol by purchasing a challah today. January challah orders are due Friday, January 15 with pick up on Friday, January 22 at KJDS during the 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. school day. Each challah costs only \$4.50 and can be made in white or whole wheat.

If you have any special requests or would like to make special arrangements, please call 560-9922 or e-mail [shulime@gmail.com](mailto:shulime@gmail.com). Each purchased challah brings the Safety Patrol closer to their goal. Buy one today!



*Safety Patrol don U.S. Cellular hats to encourage votes for KJDS in the Calling All Communities Contest.*

### January at a Glance

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| <b>January 4</b>  | Classes Resume   |
| <b>January 15</b> | School Shabbat Dinner-<br>All Grades at KJDS<br>Challah Orders Due |
| <b>January 22</b> | Challah Pick-Up  |
| <b>January 28</b> | Special Friends Luncheon<br>for Tu B'Shevat                        |



*Students pose with veteran Ric Pasi. Ric spoke to KJDS in honor of Veterans Day.*



Native American Chief surrounded by tribe members (from L to R) (back row) Tala, Willow, Rosebud and Nora (middle row) White Rabbit, Wynona and Staqwa (front row) Hoho and Great Thinker



"Nora" and Yuval enjoy Thanksgiving festivities

Pilgrim girls pose for a picture as they enjoy a day at KJDS.



Native Americans present stories they've written and songs they've learned at the Thanksgiving feast.



Pilgrims share the story of their initial trip on the Mayflower, the creation of the Mayflower Compact and the difficulties settling in a new land.



In honor of Thanksgiving, students are joined by Native Americans and Pilgrims as they enjoy a Thanksgiving feast.



Foxy receives sagely advice from his Chief.

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## Bubby's Column

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

Dear Bubby,

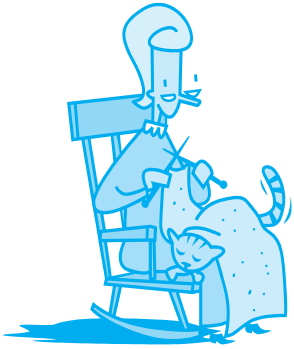
I have a big problem. Every night I do my homework, I promise I really do, but I always forget it at home. I prepare it on my desk where I do it, but for some reason I forget to put it into my backpack. What should I do?

-Homework mess

Dear Homework mess,

That is a good question, Homework Mess. There are many solutions to your problem. First of all as soon as you are done with your homework put it in your backpack. Or you can put a sign on your door and on it in Big Bubby letters it could say, "Did you put your homework in your backpack?" Get into the habit of putting your homework into your back pack as soon as you finish it. Once you are in that habit you will have less to remember.

Good Luck,  
Bubby



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

## KJDS Introduces the Adajian-Mannella Family

By Joelle Adajian

My husband, Norman, my son, Aidan, and I moved to Knoxville almost two-and-a-half years ago from the Berkeley, California area after Norman received a tenure-track position in the UT Physics department. We left life-long friends, family, and a racially and religiously diverse area of the country, and boy, was I scared. I spent the first few weeks in the fetal position, convinced that there was nothing more to Knoxville than mile after mile of fast food on Kingston Pike. Gradually, however, I began to emerge from my shocked state and realize that Knoxville was indeed, quite beautiful, and that there were some very interesting and wonderful people I was meeting. I began to really start enjoying my new home.

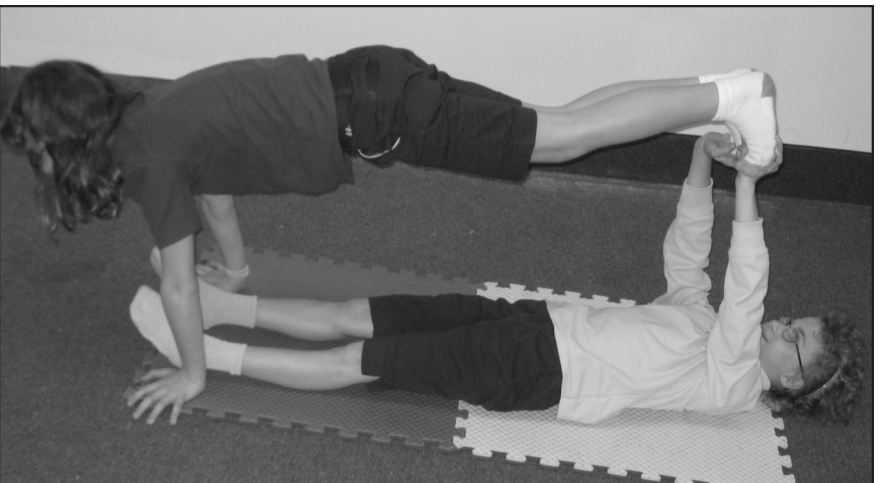


I had always been a stay-at-home mom, but with Aidan close to entering kindergarten, I started thinking it was time to go back to work part-time. That is when one of my new wonderful friends told me about KJDS. She knew that Miriam Esther Wilhelm, the Head of School, was looking for a part-time assistant, and she immediately set us up to meet. The rest was history, and I have been a permanent member of the KJDS staff ever since. I help Miriam Esther with everything at the school - from answering phones to writing our advertising copy, and all else in between. Working in such a warm atmosphere, with wonderful children and a fantastic staff, has been just what I needed, and I really do love my job.

One of the great things about my job is that I get to see how the school runs firsthand. I get to see the progressive teaching methodologies, the warmth and respect the staff have for the children, and the joy the children have every day in attending the school. So, it was not a difficult choice when it came time to place my own son in kindergarten. I knew exactly where I wanted him. But I was thorough I checked around other private schools. But no one compared to KJDS. It was really a no-brainer and it was one of the best decisions I ever made. My son could not be happier and he is learning Hebrew like a mad fiend!

Am I Jewish? You bet! I was raised Jewish, though not in a religious family. My mom taught me that it is important to know I was Jewish and learn the history and culture of the Jews, and that the belief in God is not necessarily integral to being Jewish. This is something that Jews understand, but is sometimes baffling to others. Anyway, what I have found is that the KJDS has been accepting and extremely respectful of me, as a Jew, but without any judgment, questions or issues regarding my beliefs. This attitude extends to all families and the children. It is wonderful to be accepted for exactly what I am.

Who knew I would find all this in Knoxville?



Students practice gymnastic stunts during their weekly PE class.

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Back row, left to right : **Ruben Robinson, Melvin Robinson, Minnie Wolf**, unknown

Front row, left to right: **Alfred Robinson**, and could that be **Sanford Weinstein ?**

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