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Lighting a FIRE Under the Community

By Stephen Rosen

Last year at this time I came to you with the news that KJA would lose money for the first time. Fortunately, we were able to limp into 2009's year-end with a balanced budget. It looks like we will have a similar experience in 2010 and now I'm hoping we can end with a zero and not a loss. As of this writing, the budget committee is putting together a proposal for the board's review. That proposal for the 2011 calendar year is also hoping for a flat bottom line. This situation handicaps leadership and keeps us from fulfilling half our mission.

This is no way to run a community. In order for us to be successful, we need leadership to have some *FIRE* to work with. I can tell you with no hesitation that the *I* and *E* are covered. We have volunteers and staff with an incredible level of Intellect and Energy. Furthermore, they are doing jobs for which they are highly qualified and highly motivated. Unfortunately, we are not giving them the Financial Resources that they need to deliver all that we want. So far, we have had to trim programs at the edges to keep costs down. One example is that, with a couple of exceptions, our community no longer supports travel. We used to send Hadassah members to leadership training. We supported transportation for BBYO kids to go to conventions. KJA staff and committee chairs were subsidized when attending JCC Biennials, Federation General Assemblies, Jewish Family Service conventions and Hillel events. By not sending people to these opportunities, we lose part of our window into the greater Jewish world.

In 2009, for the first time in our history, we missed the opportunity to provide financial resources to fellow Jews in our country, in Europe, and in Israel. Half of the KJA's mission is "to establish and maintain an organization for the centralized procurement, collection and disbursement of funds for Jewish causes." Due to our dwindling fundraising through our annual campaign, the KJA leadership has been forced to eliminate this part of our program. In a sense, it is easier to cut off funding for Jewish social services in Bratislava and Beersheba than it is to eliminate programs in Bearden. However, we are not fulfilling our responsibility of *Tikkun Olam* if we are educating, caring for and building the Jewish identity of only those Jews in the 865 area code. If fundraising doesn't increase in 2011, Bearden is next.

There is no doubt that we are all in this together and need to make it happen. We each should be playing our role by purchasing the services that KJA offers, participating as an AJCC member, giving to the KJA Annual Campaign, and preferably, all the above. It's up to you to make it happen.

Stephen Rosen wants your time and money sent to KJA and your comments sent to stephen.rosen@morgankeegan.com



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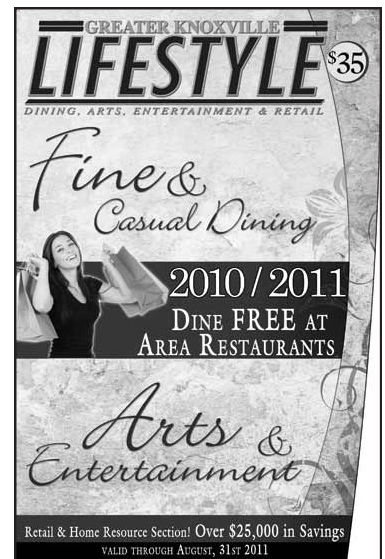
KJA 2010 Campaign

Campaign Goal \$390,000
2010 Annual Campaign \$299,344
240 family gifts
142 increased gifts from 2009
53 new donor families

It's not too late to make your gift, please call the KJA office at 690-6343 or Gene Rosenberg at 693-3162. You can also go online at www.jewishknoxville.org and click "donate."

Lifestyle Books are Here!

Call to reserve your book today! Books are only \$35. Proceeds go to benefit equipment needs of the AJCC Preschool. (865) 690-6343.



Aren't We Lucky?

By Gene Rosenberg, KJA Campaign Chair

We've all heard the old adage..."you can't see the forest for the trees..."

The same can be said of our Jewish community. We have active and vibrant houses of worship that offer Jewish education to people of all ages; we have a highly accredited Jewish Day School. We enjoy the four seasons, none of which is too drastic. We are not directly affected by oil spills. This past extremely rainy spring season we managed to "dodge the bullet," which cannot be said of our Nashville neighbors. If we choose, we can enjoy the mountains and lakes. We have an excellent medical community. We can and do appreciate an outstanding symphony orchestra and an equally outstanding opera company...and don't forget the Knoxville Museum of Art, one of the finest in the country for a city of our size. The University of Tennessee and community colleges



have much to offer educationally, culturally, and sport-wise...and there is much more to be grateful for.

Not the least of the "much more" is **YOUR** Knoxville Jewish Alliance. Space doesn't permit the mention of all the many and diversified programs/functions of the Alliance, from tots to senior citizens and everywhere in between. These things require time, planning and, of course, people. Our exceptional staff is stretched, they can only do so much. We rely on volunteers. Nobody can do everything...everybody can do something.

AND we can't forget the money. Nobody can give it all...everybody can give something.

I leave you with two questions:
ARE YOU DOING YOUR SHARE?
AREN'T WE LUCKY?

It's never too late to volunteer or to make your pledge to KJA for the year 2010!

AJCC Preschool News

By Melissa Schweitzer, Preschool Director

You're Invited

Fridays

9:30 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.

AJCC Preschool Gym

Friday is Shabbat Celebration day here at the Preschool. We meet on Friday mornings at 9:30 for music, stories, and more. Baxter the Pig came to a recent celebration to help us learn about being Kosher. Noah has also been known to show up on more than one occasion. You never know who will be waiting to share a story with us. Charlene Gubitz leads us in song and Rabbi Alon Ferency often stops by to share a parsha for the week.

Students take turns being Ima and Abba to say the Shabbat blessings, Kiddish, and Hamotzi. Our preschool moms, dads, aunts, uncles, and grandparents are always welcome to join us for this short celebration. And as we learned from Baxter, *everyone* is welcome to share Shabbat with us. If you are a parent with a child under 5 and not enrolled in the preschool, please join us. We will provide the challah and grape juice, you provide the smiling faces. You are even welcome to enjoy the use of the gym for a short time following our celebration.

Please note that parents must stay with the children. There is no cost to join us, however, we do ask that you let us know you are coming so we can bake enough challah. For information, please call 690-6343 or e-mail mschweitzer@jewishknoxville.org.



Rabbi Ferency lights candles during the October 29 Shabbat Celebration for the Preschoolers.



Shabbat was celebrated on October 29 by many of the children, teachers and Rabbi Ferency, singing songs lead by Charlene Gubitz.

Save the Date—Growing Up Jewish Series

Sponsored by the Knoxville Jewish Alliance, Children and Youth Committee

Sunday, December 12, 2010

12:45-3:00 p.m.

AJCC

This is the second in an occasional series about growing up Jewish in Knoxville. Join us for lunch, followed by workshops for kindergartners through adults.

Workshop One: Taking Pride in Being Jewish

- ◆ For students in kindergarten-4th grade and their parents
- ◆ Come join a fun-filled discussion and activity designed to promote Jewish pride
- ◆ Co-facilitated by Amber Case (Knox County school counselor), Miriam Esther Wilhelm (KJDS), and Charlene Gubitz (AJCC)

Workshop Two: Answering Questions About Judaism

- ◆ For students in 5th-10th grade (no parents allowed!)
- ◆ Learn how to answer basic questions about Judaism - what to say when someone asks about Jewish traditions and ideas
- ◆ Co-facilitated by Aaron Margulies (Temple Beth El) and Rabbi Alon Ferency (Heska Amuna)

Workshop Three: The Politics of Judaism

- ◆ For students in 10th grade through adulthood (we are all students of life!)
- ◆ Join a panel discussion about current political events facing Jews across the world
- ◆ Co-facilitated by Stephen Rosen (President, KJA), Rabbi Beth Schwartz (Temple Beth El), and Deborah Oleshansky (UT Hillel)

Friendshippers

Thursday, December 9: Anyone who has seen and heard **Charlene Gubitz** and **Joyce Traugot** perform will know the fun and musical talent they bring to an audience and they will be bringing that fun to our festive Chanukah party. You may sing along with them or just enjoy! Special Chanukah menu complete with latkes. **Program location: Rothchilds.**

Wednesday, January 5, 2011: Music lovers put your hands together for the dynamic **Maestro Brian Salesky, General Director and Conductor of the Knoxville Opera.** Maestro Salesky makes the soaring arias, the tragedy or comedy of the stories a musical feast. If you think opera is not for you, think again when he tells you about the fantastic new season where you will hear *Manon, I Puritani* and one of the most beloved operas of all time, *Madama Butterfly*. All this and lunch too! **Program location: Rothchilds, 8807 Kingston Pike.**

All programs begin at noon. For more information please call Wilma at 690-6343 or visit www.jewishknoxville.org.

Suzu Snoops

Please share your good news with our Jewish community by e-mailing it to hakol@jewishknoxville.org or mailing to *Ha'Kol*, 6800 Deane Hill Drive, Knoxville, TN 37919.

- ◆ **Boris and Bella Budik**, announce the engagement of their son, **Daniel Budik**, to **Lauren Brooke Rosenberg**, daughter of **Elliot and Nadine Rosenberg**, of Roswell, Ga. The groom-to-be is a 2001 graduate of the Webb School of Knoxville and earned a bachelor of science in computer engineering degree in 2005 and a master of science degree in electrical engineering in 2006 from the University of Tennessee. The future bride is a 2005 graduate of The Walker School, in Marietta, Ga., and earned a bachelor's degree in journalism in print and digital news in 2009 from the University of Missouri, in Columbia, Mo. A wedding is planned for September 2011 in Washington D.C.



Jewish Family Services News

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

On Monday, November 1, Jewish Family Services held an informational session on Medicare, led by Kathy Young and her colleague, Tom Spears. With over 30 people in attendance, this was one of our more successful community programs in quite some time. We would love to do more programs that specifically address a community need. That is where you come in. We want to hear from you about what programs you would like to see. It can be anything, from programs for families with young children, to teenagers, empty nesters, seniors—you name it! We can't promise that every program you suggest will come to fruition, but we will do our best. To share your programming ideas, please contact Laura Faye Berry, Jewish Family Services Director, at 690-6343 ext. 18 or lberry@jewishknoxville.org.



Kathy Young explained Medicare to a packed house at the AJCC on Monday, November 1.

Save the Date—Zoomers

If you are a single adult age 50 years and up, join us at the next Zoomers meeting.

December 11

6:30 p.m.

We will meet casually for dinner (on your own). Location TBA.



Mitzvah Day Sunday, February 6

Tikkun olam, repairing the world, what better way to help those less fortunate than to come to the AJCC to participate in Mitzvah Day! It's fun and exciting but most important we are helping our community. This year we are lending our support to the **Family Justice Center of Knoxville**. We also begin our 2011 campaign.

The **Family Justice Center** provides victims of domestic violence with a single location to access advocacy and other services necessary to build a future of choice, safety and opportunity. Previously, victims of domestic violence went to 20 different locations to receive help and service. The Family Justice Center provides all these services under one roof. Some of the services offered to the victims are safety planning, legal assistance, counseling, childcare, housing/shelter assistance, help in finding employment and support groups.

The Family Justice Center is in need of **grocery cards, gas cards and bus tickets**. They dispense these items when they feel it is necessary to get victims of domestic violence back on their feet and away from their abuser. This is also a good way to help support Temple Beth El and Heska Amuna. Purchasing a grocery card from Temple Beth El or Heska Amuna also provides financial aid to them.

You can put money in an envelope labeled Mitzvah Day and bring it to the AJCC, Temple Beth El or Heska Amuna. We can then purchase cards in \$10 increments and give them to the Family Justice Center.

Other items that we will collect to help victims of domestic violence are:

- ◆ Art supplies for children
- ◆ Games/activities for all age children (no board games)
- ◆ Old cell phones
- ◆ New blankets
- ◆ New stuffed animals
- ◆ Children's books
- ◆ Diapers and wipes
- ◆ Magazines for men and women



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On Wednesday, October 20 a group of more than fifty students and faculty gathered at Chesapeake's for the Jewish Student/Jewish Faculty event for fall semester 2010. UTK Hillel student Miriam Kramer shared stories of her recent trip to Beijing to attend a conference with faculty members.



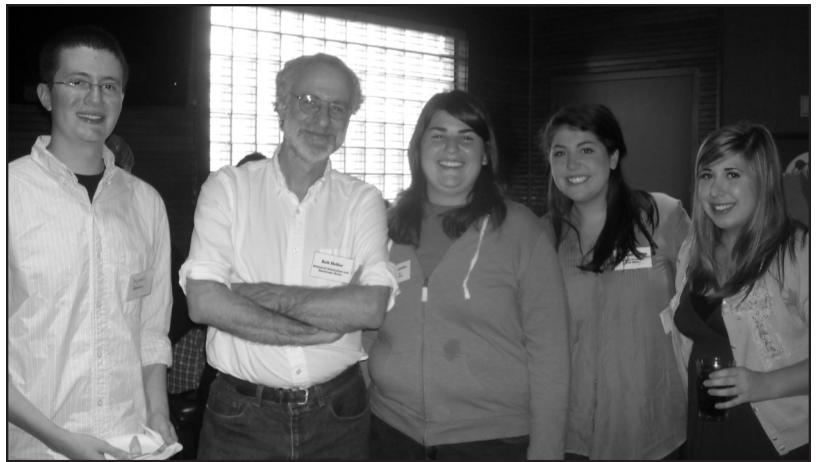
Hannah Schwartz, Jacob Pais, Hannah Zeitlin and Rebekah Zeitlin share information about Hillel programming at the Student Faculty Event.



UTK students and faculty had the chance to socialize at the UT Jewish Student/Jewish Faculty event in October. From Left: Dr. Lou Gross, Miriam Kramer, Dr. Andy Kramer, Ben Auerbach, Maya Morgenstern and Hannah Lowenberg.



Rachel Shenkman, Sean Shapiro, Spencer Glaser and Hannah Loewenberg at the UTK Student/Faculty Event.



Ben Petersen, Rob Heller, Hannah Zeitlin, Rebekah Zeitlin and Aly Resh.



Student speaker Miriam Kramer (center) shares stories with Benjamin Heller and Ben Auerbach.



New and returning UTK Hillel students enjoy food and friendship at the Student/Faculty event: Seated: Emma Silver-Alford, Hannah Lowenberg, Maya Morgenstern, Rachel Shenkman Standing: Artie Shagan, Sean Shapiro, Jonathan Coplon, and Will Veale.



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Of course, all year long is also a great time to make a difference with a generous gift. But there is nothing like looking at your tax bill to be reminded that all gifts to the KJCFF funds are tax deductible. The KJCFF has funds that support every aspect of the greater Knoxville Jewish community – funds for the AJCC preschool, social services for families, leadership training for young adults, musical performances for the whole community, and many others. Making a gift before the end of the year can reduce your tax burden and help your community today and into the future.

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Teen Connection

By Amy Rosenberg and Hayley Goldfeld

The tour of Pratt Pavilion, the practice basketball courts, the locker rooms and even the "smelly shower room" were all exciting. However, Bruce Pearl's talk was both motivational and inspiring. The kids (and parents) participated in a Q & A with Bruce and then he took some pictures and gave some autographs.

Thank you to Lisa Sayles, Joe Oleinik, Doug Weinstein, Aaron Margulies and Aron Goldfeld for driving and chaperoning. Your help was greatly appreciated!

In addition, thank you to Norma and Anna for allowing Teen Connection members to leave at noon. We will make sure the remaining two programs start after school. Unfortunately, today's schedule was dictated by Bruce Pearl's schedule.

Our next event is scheduled for January 23.



H A P P E N I N G S

Bagels & Barbeque

Bagels & Barbeque: The Jewish Experience in East Tennessee continues through January 23 at the East Tennessee History Center, 601 South Gay St. The museum is open daily with free admission on Sundays. ETHE members and children 16 years of age and under always receive free admission. Patrons enjoyed bagels and schmears at the exhibit’s opening reception, then toured.



Interested in learning what role Jewish community members Sam and Virginia Morrison played in Elvis Presley’s career? (Hint: It happened on Market Square.) Ever wonder what Franklin D. Roosevelt’s “New Deal” would have been called if one of Knoxville’s Jewish community leaders,

Max Friedman, had not spoken up? Curious about what distinguishes the Jewish Congregation of Oak Ridge as unique in American history? Why was the first Jewish cemetery created in Knoxville? You can get answers to these questions and many more when you visit the exhibit.

The exhibit’s local focus came about through a series of meetings over the past year between the staff of the East Tennessee History Center, KJA Archives Chair Barbara Bernstein, archivist Nikki Russler, Wilma Weinstein and Jeff Gubitz. As a visitor, one has an “up close and personal” view of our history of the East Tennessee Jewish Community. Having an archive in a permanent location at the Arnstein JCC has provided a permanent solution to the work of the Archives committee and created a safe and clean repository of our local history.

Houdini: Art and Magic

Born Ehrich Weiss in Budapest, Hungary, Harry Houdini (1874-1926) was a rabbi's son who became one of the 20th century's most famous performers. His gripping theatrical presentations and heart-stopping outdoor spectacles attracted unprecedented crowds, and his talent for self-promotion and provocation captured headlines on both sides of the Atlantic.

Though Houdini's work has earned him a place in the cultural pantheon, the details of his personal life and public persona are subjects of equal fascination. His success was both cause for celebration in the Jewish community and testament to his powers of self-reinvention. In *Houdini: Art and Magic*, essays on the artist's life and work are accompanied by interviews with novelist E. L. Doctorow, magician Teller (of Penn and Teller).

It's Klez Time in Tennessee

Knoxville klezmer band Dor L'Dor will present the annual Chanukah concert at the Laurel Theater on Saturday, December 11 at 8:00 p.m.

In keeping with the band's name and multi-generational members, the concert will include a lively mix of old and new favorites sure to appeal to young and old alike. You won't want to miss this one! For ticket information, contact Jubilee Community Arts at (865) 522-5851, or purchase online at knoxtix.com.



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***Zumba* is coming to the AJCC!**

Demonstration on January 6, 2011 at 9:00 a.m. in the Gym. Call Wilma at 690-6343 to RSVP.

Heska Amuna Synagogue

HaShofar



Hanukkat HaBayit at Heska Amuna Friday, December 3

Join our Heska Amuna family as we install Rabbi Alon Ferency as our new rabbi during Kabbalat Shabbat services on Friday, December 3, then celebrate Chanukah with a delicious dinner. This special event is an opportunity for us to celebrate our community and rededicate ourselves to our Jewish future just as the Maccabees rededicated the Temple.



Rabbi Ferency and Karen joined our synagogue after a very thoughtful and introspective process participated in by many members of our congregation. An overwhelming majority of our membership took the time and effort to decide what we value as a community and our search committee then set forth and spent months reviewing and interviewing prospective rabbis. The congregation is delighted that Rabbi Ferency accepted the position at Heska Amuna and believes we are celebrating the beginning of a long and rewarding relationship.

Rabbi Ferency will be installed as part of Friday's Shabbat service at 5:45 p.m., with dinner and entertainment to follow. This is a night for every one of all ages. Marilyn Burnett is catering a traditional dairy Chanukah dinner, including an array of scrumptious desserts.

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Continuing Education

SHABBAT AFTERNOONS

December 4

Rabbi's Tisch (Q&A)

December 11, 18, and 25

Rabbi's Tisch (Shabbat HaShavua)

The Wisdom of the Body

By Rabbi Alon Ferency



What lessons do our bodies teach us about God? Presumably, we are incarnate for a reason. God could have made us of ether, undifferentiated energy, or pure thought. Why arms, toes, lungs, teeth, bone and sinew? Why a physical form with a limited lifespan? There must be some reason. What might we learn about spirituality from our physicality?

First, that body and spirit are not separate things. There is no duality. What we are is inseparable from who we are. We are not souls held captive by flesh; rather, our souls grow with our body, and they are embodied by it. My colleague and *havruta* (study partner) has a rare enzyme deficiency that makes it painful for him to walk long distances or do strenuous exercise. The year we spent studying amid Jerusalem's hills was nightmarish for him. As he slogged up those hills every day to pray and learn, he displayed outstanding courage and perseverance. His soul expanded as his body grew strong. On the other hand, we can surpass our bodies. A congregant with multiple sclerosis found his body drawing ever constricting limits on his movement. As even reading and writing became arduous, another part grew from deep within him. He found inward resources he had not imagined.

Second, the body can be a source of revelation to us. Like lightning-bolts of insight that Maimonides described, our bodies flash messages from God. Another colleague was destined to become a professional dancer, but on the eve of her acceptance to a prestigious New York ballet company, the bones of her foot splintered from repetitive stress. Even after major orthopedic surgeries she could scarcely walk, let alone dance, for months. The experience shattered her relationship with God. For years, she had to reconstruct that Divine partnership, just as she reclaimed her ability to walk. Eventually, she decided to become a rabbi, and help others find their path to God, even when the ways seem barred or scarred.

So, is there a converse relationship? If our bodies can teach us about God, what can God teach us about our bodies? Particularly, what can prayer teach us about our body? Jewish prayer can seem like a very calm, complacent and sedentary process, far removed from our bodies. It does not have to be. The Talmud says that when Rabbi Akiva would pray by himself, a person might leave him praying in one corner of a room, and come back to find him finishing his prayers in the opposite corner, such were the intensity of his bowing and prostrations. In our prayer, by *shuckling* (swaying back-and-forth), breathing deeply (during the recitation of the *Sh'ma*, for example), or simply becoming aware of our physical bodies while sitting, rising, and dancing during the morning blessings, we can make our bodies a vessel for holiness. Our prayer can reverberate through our flesh.

From The President

By Bernard Bendriem

President's Speech, delivered on Yom Kippur, September 18, 2010

Good Yom Tov, Good Shabbat. On behalf of the Heska Amuna congregation, as its current President and member of the Board of Trustees, I have the great honor to welcome and to present to you my best wishes for a sweet Jewish year of 5771. I would like especially to welcome those who are celebrating the High Holidays with us for the first time. It is a pleasure to have each of you as part of our community today. It is a pleasure to see so many of you and to be able to praise G-d as a member of a large family.

Many of you have requested that I say some words in French and as a respectful president I will honor this request.

“Le Seigneur est ma lumière et mon salut ; De qui aurais-je peur ? ”

« Le Seigneur est le rempart qui protège ma vie. Qui redouterais-je ? ”

Since the beginning of the month of Elul, we have added the Psalm 27 that I just read in French, to our liturgy. It is read at every service and it was also beautifully read this morning by our friend David.

“The Lord is my light and my help; whom shall I fear? “ “The Lord is the strength of my life whom shall I dread?”

We can enjoy translation of our liturgy in many languages. As our Rabbis teach, while the Hebrew language is fundamental to keep us connected with our history and our ancestors, prayers can be said in any language. Our Rabbis also teach that if you understand me better when I read the French version, there is only one conclusion...your French is very good!

My comments this year will circle around the Jewish prayers. I certainly know that the meaning of Jewish prayers could be discussed at length until the time of the Neilah. My purpose is only to share a few humble thoughts, and to relate those thoughts to our community.

For some scholars, the origin of the Jewish prayer can be found in the book of Deuteronomy and I quote, “serving G-d with all your Heart and Soul”; “Servir D. de tout votre coeur et de toute votre âme”. These words became part of the Shema prayer.

What service can be performed with the heart? Prayers can. It might not be a coincidence that both words “serve” and “sacrifice” have the same root in Hebrew. It makes it possible, at least for me, to believe that G-d may enjoy our prayers even more than past animal sacrifices, especially as they are said “avec tout notre Coeur”, “with all our heart”. Unlike past animal sacrifices, prayers can be said anywhere in the world, blessings can be recited for many occasions bringing holiness into our lives.

We know that prayers may also be a petition directly addressed to G-d. During his sermon on the second day of Rosh Hashannah, Rabbi Ferency made an interesting comment, encouraging us to be prepared and comfortable with prayers as we may not know when we need a sincere petition to G-d. This comment resonated in my mind.

On Yom Kippur, we are united as a large world-wide community to ask G-d for his forgiveness and for his help in liberating ourselves and getting a renewed start in our life. We have many opportunities to get prepared during the year. We follow a yearly life-cycle and celebrate many holidays. We have daily prayers for morning, afternoon and evening which, according to our

sages, have been instituted before the Temple was built, by our three Patriarchs - Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. It is up to us to get familiar with that structure and to express our own spiritual needs. I can personally attest that attending services more regularly has increased my joy and my comfort level in communal participation.

As you may or may not know, there was a time when I thought that I did not need to pray regularly. I did not regularly attend services until I joined Heska Amuna. Since then, I discovered that there are two risks when you start attending services more regularly. The first one - you may be asked to become president.... the second one, which is an even greater risk, you may find that you enjoy praying.

It is never too late to make prayer part of our lives. It is never too late to learn and I consider myself still in the early phases of this journey. Heska Amuna considers education one of its most important missions. I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the work of our new Director of Religious School, Anna Iroff and all our professional staff and volunteers that contribute to this mission. It is fundamental that we continue to do everything we can to help our children grow as Jewish adults. It is my hope that all our students will continue to join a synagogue and to practice Jewish prayers after their Bar or Bat Mitzvah, wherever they are.

Another discovery that I made by attending daily services is that we do not need to wait for a full year to renew ourselves. Even if it may be with less intensity than on Rosh Hashannah and Yom Kippur, our community prayers allow us to renew our spirit every day and every Shabbat. They allow us to renew our covenant with G-d regularly. They give us an opportunity to thank G-d for his many gifts to us, including the gift of the Torah. My personal hope is that one day, through regular attendance, I will be able to reach the point where I can fully appreciate these unique gifts.

I believe Rabbi Ferency will be an invaluable help to reach this goal and I am sure he will support many other goals we may have as a congregation and as a larger community. I would like to take this opportunity to share with you how much I appreciate working with Rabbi Ferency. I also would like to wish Karen and Alon a unique blessing with the impending arrival of their first child. Mazal Tov! Thank you for choosing Knoxville as a place where you want to establish a family and where, I am convinced, both you and our community will grow together.

Judaism is democratic. Judaism has no cleric. Even rabbis and cantors have no special standing in Jewish worship. While they may conduct services by virtue of their specialized knowledge, it is equally possible that others who have learned what is necessary will be the services leaders. We are blessed in this community with so many knowledgeable lay leaders. We are also blessed with so many congregants that are willing to educate others and help educate new service leaders, regardless of their age or citizenship. Mais oui...

We are blessed with a group of dedicated and warm volunteers who work endlessly with our great staff to make sure that we are up to our mission and our responsibilities. I would like to acknowledge our professional staff, all of the chairs and all the members of all committees that provide so much energy to the life of our congregation. I offer my sincere appreciation to the members of the Rabbi and Religious Services committee, the committee that I have the honor to chair.

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From The President

By Bernard Bendriem

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Through preparing this speech, I discovered the many models of synagogue settings that have changed over time. Our community may also want Heska Amuna services to be different, even if only slightly. Opportunities for change are discussed at the Rabbi and Religious Service committee meetings. It is also our Rabbi's desire to engage in discussions with the entire community. To facilitate this communication, Rabbi Ferency has suggested holding a monthly question and answer session, following Kiddush, on the first Shabbat of each month. Please join those sessions to share your opinion, to share your needs, so that we can all grow together.

I started my speech, with the psalm that we recite during the days of awe. I would like to close it with a psalm of peace that I will first preface with a family story and with a thought dedicated to my loving parents. I was recently talking to my mother and listening with great attention (what other option exists for a Jewish boy... nice or not...). Last August, my mother and my father, who live on the French Riviera, attended the ceremony celebrating the second landings, known as the Provence landings that started on August 15, 1944, a few months after the Normandy landing. My father, with many other French Jews living in North Africa, participated in these landings. What is not always remembered is that, in addition to Jews, Muslim soldiers from Algeria, Tunisia and Morocco as well as other soldiers from Africa volunteered to fight with the Americans and the other allied forces. Sixty-six years ago, while some Muslims in Palestine were entertaining relationships with the Nazis leaders, other Muslims had decided to participate in the liberation of Europe from evil.

As we have entered the year 5771, we cannot predict what future alliances may develop, we can only offer a smile of wisdom and learn from our history. My hope is that all citizens of all nations, and their leaders will have the discernment and wisdom to make the distinction between good and evil which lead me to quote the psalm 34:

"Turn away from evil and do good, seek peace and pursue it",

"Eloigne toi du mal, recherche la paix et poursuis la".

Today I offer a prayer for peace and security, in the Middle East and everywhere in the world. I also offer a prayer for peace within our community, within our own family and within ourselves.

I would like to take a moment to publicly apologize to and ask forgiveness from anyone that I may have wronged during the past year. Conversely, I offer you my forgiveness for anything you might have done to wrong me.

To my wife and my children, I would like to express all my love and all my appreciation for who they are.

May we all be sealed in the book of life.

May the Jewish year of 5771 be a year of peace, security, good health and good prosperity, a year of renewed engagement, connection and commitment to our community and to our community prayers.

L' Shana Tova

From The Chair

By Rosalie Nagler, Chair

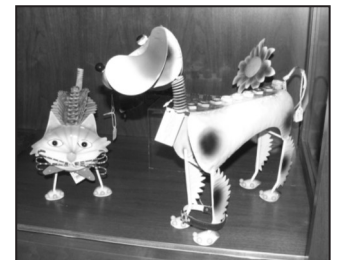
It is with great joy that we will join together as a community to celebrate the installation of Rabbi Alon Ferency. We have much to celebrate at this time of renewal and rededication. This is the theme of Chanukah and it is the theme for our celebration. We invite the community to celebrate with us Friday evening, December 3.

Part of the celebration will recognize our strengths as a group. We have extraordinary skilled men and women to lead us in prayer each Shabbat. We have people with excellent skills in organizing events that involve us socially and educationally. All make our community a special place to be.

As the secular year enters the last month, please take a moment to pause and enjoy the light from your chanukiah!

Judaica Shop

The mezzuzah announces entrance to a Jewish home. The tzedakah box is filled for *tikkun olam*. Find special Judaica items - mezzuzot and kosher scrolls, tzedakah boxes, challah boards, candlesticks, havdallah sets and candles, Chanukiyot, seder and matzah plates, artwork that make one's house a Jewish home. Beautiful jewelry, tallitot for men and women and kippot to express your Judaism personally. Beautiful Judaica with an emphasis on the handmade and made in Israel. We also offer b'nai mitzvah and wedding gift registries.



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

Evening minyanim can be arranged
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Sunday Minyan.....9:30 a.m.

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Heska Amuna Religious School News

Join us for Gan K'tan

Gan K'tan is a special program for preschoolers and their parents.

Sunday, December 19
10:00 a.m. – Noon

The theme for this month's Gan K'tan class is **Shabbat: Our Special Day of Rest**, with a special art project with Morah Karen.

This program is free for all Heska Amuna members and only \$5.00 per session for non-members. Please register with Anna Iroff at 522-0701 or education@heskaamuna.org.



Thank You

Thank you to the following people who made generous donations to the Religious School:

- **Karen and Daniel Messing** for their donation to the school.
- **Eric and Stephanie Bank** for their donation in memory of Isolde Clark.
- **Ernie Gross** for donating his time, supplies, and expertise for the menorah art project and replacing broken door slats.



Things to Remember

Upcoming School Events

- **Wednesday, December 1** – NO Religious School - Chanukah
- **Sunday, December 5** – Religious School for Kindergarten - Prozdor
- **Wednesday, December 8** – Religious School for grades 4-6
- **Sunday, December 12** – Religious School for Kindergarten – Prozdor Parent Learning Series, Session 2 from 10:00 a.m. – noon
Oh, By the Way! Did I "Mensch-on" the Children?
- **Wednesday, December 15** – Religious School for grades 4-6
- **Sunday, December 19** – Religious School for Kindergarten – Prozdor Gan K'tan (10:00 a.m. – noon)
- **Wednesday, December 22** – NO Religious School for Winter Break
- **Sunday, December 26** – NO Religious School for Winter Break
- **Wednesday, December 29** – NO Religious School for Winter Break

Fall Semester: A Review in Pictures

Here's a look at our first semester of the Religious School. Thanks to everyone that helped make it a success. We had a great time – see you in January!



Our new Hebrew curriculum includes fun computer games!

Morah Michal helped her students make honey bowls in Morah Karen's class.



We had dinner in our beautifully decorated sukkah!



Morah Rachel taught Kitah Cochavim about the Shabbat Kallah (Sabbath bride).



Dr. Gettinger taught the seventh graders about brit milah (circumcision).

Heska Amuna to Host Chinese Food Shabbat December 24

It may be Christmas Eve for some, but at Heska Amuna, it is a great time to watch a movie, schmooze, eat and play some games. This fun alternative event will include an afternoon matinee, a Chinese food supper and games for players of all ages. It is Shabbat, so we will pray a little, but we'll have a lot of fun!

Chinese Food Shabbat is a come as you are event. Watch your e-mail and mailbox for more information Hope to see you all there.

Heska Amuna Synagogue Welcomes New Members

Greg Kaplan and Nuria Cruz-Camara

Greg was born in Columbus, Ohio, has lived in Knoxville since 1995 and Nuria was born in Santander, Spain, and has lived in Knoxville since 1999. Greg is a professor of Spanish at UT, where he specializes in medieval Spanish language and literature and Nuria is an associate professor of Spanish at UT and specializes in the literature of 20th century Spain. Additional information on Greg and Nuria can be found through the following web page, <http://web.utk.edu/~mfil/>, through the "Faculty and Staff" link. Greg and Nuria have a son, Andrew, who attended the AJCC Preschool and is now a first grader at Sequoyah Elementary and in the first grade class at Heska Amuna Religious School. Greg, Nuria, and Andrew enjoy a variety of outdoor activities and are all avid readers. Their address is 3844 Woodhill Place, 37919, their phone number is 558-8044 and their e-mail addresses are gkaplan@utk.edu and ncruzcam@utk.edu.

Recycle!

Dear Heska Amuna Students, Parents, and Congregants,

Please bring us your ALUMINUM CANS. We will recycle them, earning money and using it for wonderful new energy efficient lights for our upstairs hallway. The more cans you bring us, the more cool energy saving devices we can install. Maybe, someday, we'll be able to buy solar powered hot water heaters, or windmill powered lights. Students, when you come to religious school, remind your mom and dad to bring CANS. We'll all be helping our synagogue, the Knoxville landfill and the Earth.



Facts about Aluminum Recycling

Discovered in the 1820s, aluminum is the most abundant metal on earth

- More than 50 percent of the aluminum cans produced are recycled
- A used aluminum can is recycled and back on the grocery shelf as a new can in as little as 60 days
- Aluminum is a durable and sustainable metal: Two-thirds of the aluminum ever produced is still in use today
- Every minute, an average of 113,204 aluminum cans are recycled
- Making new aluminum cans from used cans takes 95 percent less energy than using virgin materials
- Twenty recycled cans can be made with the energy needed to produce one can using virgin ore
- Recycling one aluminum can saves enough energy to keep a 100-watt bulb burning for almost four hours or run your television for three hours
- Tossing away an aluminum can wastes as much energy as pouring out half of that can's volume
- In 1972, 1 pound of aluminum cans was equivalent to about 22 empty cans. Due to advanced technology using less material and increasing the durability of aluminum cans, as of 2002, 1 pound of aluminum cans is equivalent to about 34 empty cans
- The average employee consumes 2.5 beverages each day while at work
- An empty aluminum can is worth about one cent of gasoline

Sisterhood Happenings

By Marilyn Liberman

A successful Paid-Up Membership Brunch was held on October 24. Kudos to the chairs, Jill Chasan and Kim Rosen, for an outstanding event of friendship, delicious brunch and helpful information on gardening. As always, Marilyn Burnett did an outstanding job of catering the food. Thank you also to Jill Weinstein for help with the publicity and Susan Hamilton of the University of Tennessee, who gave us numerous tips on how to grow a fall and winter garden.

Mark your calendars for our Torah Fund Shabbat on January 22. Remember to contact Heather O'Brien to receive your Torah Fund pin and to contribute to the campaign. Look for more details on this annual event in the coming weeks.

We enjoyed co-sponsoring the evening with Marge Piercy at the Temple Beth El and look forward to participating in joint programs in the future. Speaking of which, watch your mail for information on the next Rosh Chodesh program planned by Anne Greenbaum and Heidi Allen that is a joint effort of Heska Amuna, Temple Beth El and Jewish Congregation of Oak Ridge Sisterhoods.

And remember - Keep buying those food cards. This enables Sisterhood to provide necessary funding for the Synagogue's needs.

Among Our Members

- Get well wishes go out to the following people who were ill or recuperating: **Marion Abrams, Joyce Beerman, Elaine Brown, Linda Buxbaum, Charlene Gubitz, Bernie Iroff, Helene Messing, Rodney Peron, Burt Routman, Toby Schwartz.**
- Mazal tov to **Sharon and Michael Poore** and family on the birth of granddaughter, **Gabriella Diane Bauman**, daughter of **Michelle and Christopher Bauman.**
- Todah rabah to **Ethel Wittenberg** who continues to work in the Synagogue office every week. The generosity of your time and efforts on behalf of the Shul is greatly appreciated.

Contemporary Services

The dates of upcoming Shabbat Contemporary services are December 4, January 8, February 19, March 26, April 16, May 21, and June 11. All dates are subject to change so watch for updates in the weekly *Nu News!* e-mails.

Sponsor A Kiddush! It's So Easy

All kiddushim are deliciously prepared by Marilyn Burnett. Call Gene Rosenberg at 693-3162 for more information and to reserve a date. We thank Lidia and Lucien Palcu for sponsoring a kiddush in November in honor of Lidia's birthday and their anniversary.

Contributions from Caring People

For a list of synagogue funds, please visit www.heskaamuna.org
Donations Received By October 28

BUILDING FUND

For the yahrzeits of Julius Krauss, Bertha Krauss, and Toba Davis
 By: Brenda Mosko

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In honor of: Lisa, Michael, David, Adam and Jennifer Cohn, thanking them for all they do for her, Daren Eddy and Bruce Morrison for their friendship, her High Holiday Honor; get well wishes to Anita Merlin; in memory of Hinda Duhan and Morton Blumberg; good luck to Jeanne and Bert Gudis on their move.
 By: Marilyn Presser

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In memory of Isolde Clark
 By: Wendy and Ted Besmann
In memory of Hinda Duhan
 By: Sam Firestone
In honor of High Holiday Honors
 By: Michelle and Stephen Cohen, Don Goldstein, Stella and Bernie Iroff, Hal Manas, Charles Perelman, Jill Weinstein
In memory of Sid Goldstein and Mark Nemeroff
 By: Elise and Herb Jacobs
In memory of Helaine Levin Jacobs on her birthday
 By: Betty Levin Anfanger
In honor of the 10th anniversary of Cheryl's Bat Mitzvah
 By: Cheryl and Rich Kaplan
In honor of the birth of Gabriella Bauman; in memory of Isolde Clark; get well wishes to Marion Abrams and John Phelps
 By: Rosalie and Steve Nagler
For Yizkor
 By: Stella and Bernie Iroff

GERTRUDE GLAZER COHEN AND I.B. COHEN ENDOWMENT FUND

In memory of Isolde Clark and for Gertrude Glazer Cohen's yahrzeit
 By: Debbie and Jeff Abrams-Cohen
In honor of Arnold Cohen
 By: Isadore Abrams
For the yahrzeits of Gertrude Glazer Cohen and Günsa Glazer
 By: Arnold Cohen

LEIBOWITZ FUND

For Anna Leibowitz's yahrzeit

By: Peggy and Gale Hedrick, Mary Beth Leibowitz

RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

In honor of Karen and Rabbi Alon Ferency, Amy and David Hull and Debbie Johnson
 By: Judith and Jack Benhayon
General donation to the fund
 By: Judy and Gene Bocknek
For C.B. Brown's yahrzeit
 By: Adam Brown, Robin Brown
In memory of Sidney Burnett; in honor: of Rabbi Alon Ferency and of Philip Ohriner's ordination
 By: Janet and Bert Gurwitch
In honor of the High Holidays
 By: Leslie Badaines

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL FINANCIAL AID FUND

In honor of granddaughter Amira Stowers' bat mitzvah
 By: Carol and Ed Feldman

WINICK LIBRARY FUND

For Leo Vogel's yahrzeit; in honor of Andy Singer's promotion as general manager of DIY Network; in memory of Hinda Duhan and Isolde Clark
 By: Nancy and Jeff Becker
In memory of Hinda Duhan
 By: Michelle and Stuart Langer, Pat and Gene Rosenberg, Selma Tobe, Dawn and John von Weisenstein, Ethel Wittenberg
In memory of Isolde Clark
 By: Barbara and Bernie Bernstein

YAHRZEIT FUND

Ruth Apfelberg
 By: Kathy and Don Goldstein
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 By: The Brown Family
C.B. Brown
 By: Edith Brown
Jennie Cooper
 By: David Cooper
Mark Fleishman
 By: Rodney Peron
PL Fuson
 By: Lynn Fuson
Joyce Hirschhaut
 By: Joni and Steve Hirschhaut
Sydney Manas
 By: Ann and Hal Manas
Nathan Rattner
 By: Judy Rattner
For her family's yahrzeits
 By: Natalie Robinson
Celia and Prof. William Shaw
 By: Genevieve Kramer
Joseph Solomon
 By: Alan Solomon

TEMPLE BETH EL TIMES



From the Rabbi's Study

The Book of Maccabees tells us that the events that led up to the restoration of the Temple and its rededication occurred in the month of Kislev, in the winter. But do you ever think about why such a bright holiday falls at the darkest time of year? The traditional Jewish calendar is based on the cycles of the moon, yet Chanukah coincides with not only a dark night, but the longest and darkest night of the year. (Our other festivals, Passover, Shavuot, and Sukkot, take place when the moon is full, or ascending.) The Torah is a light, and the *mitzvot* a lamp, but we make Chanukah light up the neighborhood as it lights our souls.



In many ways, Chanukah is based on Sukkot, which the Syrian Greeks had desecrated. On Sukkot, we pour water to symbolize our hopes for a good winter's rains; on Chanukah, we "pour" light from one candle to the next to symbolize our hopes for a Jewish future. On Sukkot, farmers worked into the evening harvesting the grain, and lit their way with torches; on Chanukah, we light the dark winter night as we offer our prayers.

Chanukah was a time to celebrate Jewish bravery, survival, and identity, even under the influence of hellenization. Today, we celebrate Jewish identity that has survived not just in spite of "outside" influences, but a Judaism that has been continually enriched and inspired by the cultures around us. Especially here in America, where freedom of religion is an essential part of our system of government, Chanukah resonates with meaning. Even as our gift-giving is influenced by that other December holiday, and we often take refuge from it in the lights of the *chanukiah*, the Chanukah menorah, we still assert our pride in our Jewish heritage.

May the lights of Chanukah light your way through darkness, to hope and happiness, surrounded by family and friends.

24 Kislev—24 Tevet 5771

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December Services

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- December 10**, 7:30 p.m. – Shabbat service
- December 11**, 10:30 a.m. – Informal Shabbat morning service
- December 17**, 7:30 p.m. – Shabbat in the Round
- December 24**, 6:00 p.m. - Kabbalat Shabbat service
- December 31**, 6:00 p.m. – Kabbalat Shabbat service

Celebrating Shabbat with Joy in December



There is so much going on in December for our non-Jewish friends and neighbors, and the same is true for us! Chanukah begins on Wednesday evening, December 1. On Friday, December 3, we will sing and eat our way into Chanukah and Shabbat with our annual Latke Supper and songs, led by Cantor Karen Gilat. There will be no other Shabbat service that evening.

We will meet for Torah study on Saturday morning, December 11, at 10:30 a.m., as we follow the story of Joseph and his brothers in Egypt.

Shabbat in the Round is back again, on Friday, December 17, at 7:30 p.m.

On Friday, December 24, join your friends for Kabbalat Shabbat at 6:00 p.m. and then go out to dinner together. Deborah Roberts will be coordinating.

Welcome Shabbat on Friday, December 31 at 6:00 p.m., just in time to say an early "hello to 2011."



President's Message

By Deborah Roberts, President

I felt very cultured that October day when our Jewish community hosted two impressive events - the opening of the *Bagels and Barbecue Exhibit* and the presentation by the amazing author and poet, Marge Piercy. If you haven't yet toured the exhibit at the East Tennessee History Center, you still have time. Just be sure you go. The contributions our congregants and fellow Jewish Knoxvilleians have made to our city, state, and country are enlightening and enduring. Just try to imagine our American culture without such icons as the *New York Times*, Roosevelt's "New Deal," or Elvis.

For some of us, being Jewish is mostly about culture. Yet, these aspects of Judaism are decidedly harder to experience first-hand in our predominantly non-Jewish environs. We have to reach out for the cultural connections and grab onto the opportunities that come our way. Over the years, I have had the good fortune of hearing several world-famous authors and political figures speak from our bimah: Chaim Potok, Abba Eban, and Amos Oz, to name a few. Musical talents (Doug Cotler, for one) and radio hosts (Ellen Kushner and Dennis Prager) have also been brought to Knoxville to share their talents and wisdom with us. Seeing them "live and in person" has an indelible effect that even our high-tech electronic media just cannot duplicate.

Although the benefits of such programs may not be measurable, the costs definitely are. Such programs have been made possible by the generosity of those who believe that Jewish art, music, literature, and intellect are worth preserving and promoting. Thankfully, Temple Beth El has had several benefactors who appreciated that we could all benefit from a greater exposure to these imported conveyors of our culture. Just as they have expanded our boundaries - by creating endowments that could grow and provide us nourishment - we need to make sure their gifts keep on giving.

Each fund was established by a real person who had a dream, a real "fiddler" trying to keep his balance in this shaky world, a real mensch who didn't know you, but believed you were worth her time and money. If each of us will give - no matter how small or how large - to a fund of our choice, we, too, can help ensure that the richness of our heritage is available for future generations to enjoy and explore. I think of it as paying our blessings forward. When we contribute to endowed funds - to honor and remember loved ones, to celebrate accomplishments and milestones, to show appreciation and gratitude - we are continuing the culture of giving that has so richly blessed us.

Temple Beth El Religious School December Update

By Norma James, Education Director Nfjames77@gmail.com

Pizza Dinner for Midweek classes 5:45 p.m., December 1

Don't forget to arrive early. You can have some free time to socialize with your friends before classes begin at 6:15 p.m.

Chanukah Supper and Sing-Along December 3

Our Chanukah supper was amazing last year, so why not make it even better? This year we will begin with our latke dinner at 6:00 p.m. followed by a very special sing-along with Cantor Karen Webber Gilat. Don't forget to bring your family menorah to light up this holiday evening.

9th Annual TBE Macabbiad December 5

It is hard to remember a December without our Maccabiad. All students will be placed on Team Hay, Shin, Nun, or Gimel. Families stay together. The teams will compete in wacky games with a Chanukah theme. The younger children work with the older students in a great family atmosphere. It is as much fun to watch as it is to play. We need lots of parents to help in the kitchen, at the party, and as judges. PLEASE contact Norma James if you can volunteer some of your time. We would love to have every student and parent attend this fun event. **Temple Tots who have not yet started school are invited to join us for this day of fun!**

TBE Teachers attend EDC Kallah in Atlanta

On November 21 several teachers attended an outstanding Kallah for Jewish Educators in Atlanta. It is essential that our teachers have opportunities to study and learn with other Jewish educators, and this Kallah drew teachers from more than 25 congregations in the greater Atlanta area. This is an outstanding opportunity for our staff to learn from some of the best Jewish educators in the business. This year Rachel Stern from ISJL was a keynote speaker. This trip was underwritten by our Temple Beth El Endowed Funds, which supports teacher training. Thanks so very much!

Winter Break

There will be no Religious School or Midweek classes from Wednesday, December 22 to Wednesday, January 5. Classes will resume Sunday, January 9.

Eli Derrington becomes a Bar Mitzvah Friday, January 7

Save the date for this January event.

Coming Events

December 1: Midweek Classes: Pizza dinner, 5:45 p.m.

December 3: Chanukah Supper and Sing-Along, 6:00 p.m.

December 5: Maccabiad at Religious School

December 22 to January 5: Winter Break. No Midweek and Sunday classes.

Marge Piercy Poetry Reading a Hit in Knoxville

Approximately 50 people came to hear world famous poet, novelist, and activist Marge Piercy speak about her Jewish poems of ritual at Temple Beth El on October 17. Piercy shared her insights and methods in writing poems based on Jewish themes and rituals, as well as delighting us with her poems ranging from topics such as matzah to the Kaddish. She also signed books provided by Carpe Librum bookstore. This program was made possible by the generous support of Temple Beth El, the Sisterhood of Temple Beth El, and the Heska Amuna Sisterhood. A special thanks goes to Dr. Marilyn Kallet of the University of Tennessee for spearheading the program that brought Piercy to the University and Temple Beth El. These programs were all free and open to the public.

*We are the people of the word
 And the breath of the word fills our minds with light.
 We are the people of the word
 And the breath of life sings through us playing on the pipes of our bones
 And the strings of our sinews
 An ancient song carved in the Laurentian granite
 And new as a spring azure butterfly just drying her wings
 In a moment's splash of sun
 We must live in the world and make it real
 ~Marge Piercy*

From "Meditation Before Reading Torah," in The Art of Blessing the Day

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Marge Piercy signs books at Temple Beth El at the October event.



Deborah Roberts and Phyllis Hirsh.



A large crowd gathers to meet Marge Piercy.



A supporter meets and chats with Marge Piercy.

Condolences

Our condolences to Rabbi Schwartz and her husband, Larry Washington, on the death of Larry's brother, Tom Case. May his memory be a blessing.

Happy Chanukah!



Kosher Wine Tasting Event

The community is invited to join together for an elegant evening. Resident expert **Harvey Kaufman** will introduce us to nine highly rated kosher wines from Israel, France, Italy, and the Napa Valley. Small plates of food pairings will accompany each selection. Dessert and coffee/tea are included.

Learn what makes wine kosher, and discover an ever-growing world of possibilities with which you may not be familiar.

Cost: \$30.00 per person, payable in advance.

Please let us know you are attending by **January 2.**



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September 21, 2010 – October 20, 2010

General Fund

By:

Lawrence and Kimberly Hookman
Geoffrey/Heather Laing
Jeff and Charlene Gubitz
Tom and Cheryl Handler
Alan and Karen Smuckler

In memory of:

Elizabeth Tucker by Steve and Joan Cohn
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Max Gillman by Harold and Shirley Freedman
Charlotte Pais by Arthur and Mimi Pais
Tom Case by Jeffrey and Nancy Becker

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In memory of:

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David Hiller by Jean Millis
Fred Millis by Jean Millis

In honor of:

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In Honor of

Abigails Bat Mitzvah by Greg & Lisa Sayles

MITZVAHS

Heska Amuna Synagogue



Brown to Celebrate Bar Mitzvah

Stephen Brown, son of Adam Brown and Jill Brown, will celebrate his bar mitzvah on December 18 at Heska Amuna Synagogue. Stephen is the brother of Logan Brown. He is the grandson of Robin Brown and the late Gordon Brown, and Judy Greene and the late Gerald Greene of Kingsport. Great-grandmother is Edith Brown. Stephen is a seventh grader at West Valley Middle School. He enjoys diving, baseball, skateboarding and going on cruises. Stephen's community service is "Animals for Animals," a project to help find stuffed animals to place in pets' cages while they are waiting to be adopted so they won't feel so lonely. A special thank you to tutors, Deborah Oleshansky and Patrick Messing for helping prepare Stephen for his bar mitzvah.

Stephen is excited to announce that he will participate in the B'nai Tzedek Teen Philanthropy Program sponsored by the Knoxville Jewish Alliance. Stephen has made a contribution to begin the fund which will be matched by Heska Amuna Synagogue and the Knoxville Jewish Community Family of Funds. The Knoxville Jewish Community Family of Funds, a supporting foundation of the Knoxville Jewish Alliance and East Tennessee Foundation, will invest Stephen's monies and Stephen will decide each year which Jewish non-profit organization will receive a grant from his fund. Stephen would be honored for friends and family to contribute to B'nai Tzedek fund so that he can fulfill the mitzvah of tzedakah each year. The congregation is invited to join the Brown family for this joyous simcha.

More Ethiopians Headed to Israel

As has been pointed out in the past year, we have been short in our Campaign and unable to make our normal overseas allocations to help our fellow Jews abroad. The Jewish Agency for Israel (JAFI), with funding from many federation campaigns, will be welcoming more Ethiopians to Israel.

According to the Jerusalem Post, almost 8,000 people from the Falash Mura community in Ethiopia will make Aliyah (immigrate) to Israel in the next four years, according to a decision that was confirmed recently in the Israeli Knesset. This issue has been complicated and controversial for years.

Falash Mura are Ethiopians who are descendants of Jews who were either forced or induced to convert to Christianity generations ago, and who now seek to return to Judaism and immigrate to Israel. These are "men, women and children who live under very difficult humanitarian conditions," Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said during a government meeting, according to the Post.

"This closes a cycle because during my first term as prime minister, I brought approximately 5,000 Falash Mura to Israel and today we are discussing an agreed-upon arrangement...so that we might finally resolve this painful and complicated problem," said Netanyahu. "We have a moral commitment as Jews, as the People of Israel, to find a solution."

The Jewish Agency, which in past years has received funds raised by the KJA Annual Campaign, through our annual campaign and special campaigns, also have helped bring Jews from Ethiopia to Israel. Today, approximately 125,000 Ethiopians reside in Israel.

We are not asking you to pilot a plane, drive a truck or carry relief supplies, but TODAY is your day to help. Please write a check, call in your credit card to the office (865-690-6343) or make your gift online at www.jewishknoxville.org.



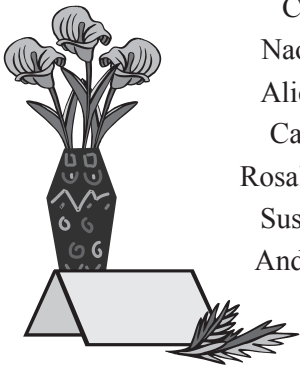
Photo is of Ethiopian Falash Mura at a synagogue at a Jewish aid compound in Gondar, Ethiopia. (JTA photo)

Mazel Tov!

Heska Amuna Synagogue

Happy Anniversary!

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



Happy Birthday!

◆ Greta Besmann ◆ Michael Burnett
◆ Rich Kaplan ◆ Joshua Hedrick
◆ David Weinstein ◆ Neil Cohen
◆ Michael Eisenstadt ◆ Irv Russotto
◆ Mark Littmann ◆ Don Goldstein
◆ Sandra Witherspoon ◆ Marilyn Abrams ◆ Bess Feld
◆ Neil Foster ◆ Harold Diftler ◆ Elise Jacobs
◆ Nuria Cruz-Camara ◆ Sandi Licht ◆ Carol Abeles
◆ Martha Iroff ◆ Rodney Peron ◆ Gale Hedrick
◆ Karen Robinson ◆ David Hull ◆ Martin Shersky
◆ Harriet Glasman ◆ Barry Wolf ◆ Lesley Rosenblatt
◆ Laura Floyd ◆ Jeff Hecht ◆ Sarah Milford ◆ Jeff Miller
◆ Ellen Schnoll



All members whose birthday or anniversary occurs in december are invited to receive a blessing at kiddush on Shabbat morning, December 11.

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Happy Birthday!

◆ Donna Solod ◆ Ebbie Sandberg ◆ Marla Brody ◆ Grace Forest
◆ Michael Goins ◆ Michael Eisenstadt ◆ Jay Gershberg ◆ Robert Ivins
◆ Kristy Newton ◆ Wendy Bach
◆ Ellen Markman ◆ Shirlie Goodfriend
◆ Megan Sauers ◆ Elizabeth Diamond
◆ Victoria Frankel ◆ Jacob Pais
◆ Shirley Levenson ◆ Heather Laing
◆ Heidi Sturm ◆ Lev Comstock
◆ Benjamin Hirsh ◆ Joel Shor
◆ Adeline Habgood ◆ Susan Shor
◆ Edward Carlin ◆ Yarom Polsky
◆ Daniel Billinson ◆ Jeffrey Brown
◆ Sondra Brody ◆ Laura Shenkman
◆ Marilyn Kallet ◆ Richard Mash ◆ Elizabeth Gassel ◆ Beth Brody



Happy Anniversary!

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



JAHRZEIT

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December 3

◆ Charles Konigsberg ◆ Harry Mintz ◆ Jack Goldstein ◆ Arlene Karklin ◆ Sadie Rich Miller ◆ Alexander Schwartzman ◆ Ben Altshuler
◆ Bessie Gelber ◆ Shiela Belensen ◆ Shirley Blumenthal

December 10

◆ Ella Heart ◆ Iris Anita Kenton ◆ Werner Mangold ◆ Esther Waldman ◆ Elise Levy ◆ Lillian Herrman ◆ Matilda Goodfriend
◆ Pearl Salky ◆ Isadore Shey

December 17

◆ Ruth Brown ◆ Jacob Pais ◆ Samuel Mash ◆ Jacob Victor ◆ Mary Ellen Epstein ◆ Harry L. Jaffe ◆ Anna Gassel ◆ Nachum Barkan
◆ Lena Rosenberg ◆ Charles Manis ◆ Erma Hill ◆ Roxie Perley Arms ◆ Regina Miller ◆ Jack Misner ◆ Elise R. Guthman ◆ Louis Pollock
◆ Lillie Haas ◆ Gersh Dolgonos

December 24

◆ James Friedman ◆ Minnie Goldberger ◆ Naftula Zauber ◆ Harry Sturm ◆ Julius Sanders ◆ Barbara Dillon ◆ Lena Walowitz
◆ Sigmund Green ◆ Abraham Markman ◆ Logan Ossinsky ◆ Florence Straus Gerson ◆ Samuel H. Robinson ◆ Jacob Nechamkin
◆ Leah Freeman ◆ Bennie Salky ◆ Sam Salky ◆ Risel Kronick ◆ Fletcher C. Little, Sr.

December 31

◆ Lena Loveman Bloom ◆ Ann Lieberman ◆ Marian V. Waxelbaum ◆ Ted Pais ◆ Eileen Pucci ◆ Hyman Henry Smith ◆ Mollie Bolshine
◆ Bessie Weinstein ◆ Samuel Levy ◆ Ben R. Winick ◆ Luba Golburt ◆ Barnie Frankel ◆ Rosa Bart ◆ Lillian S. Weiss ◆ Pauline Orovan
◆ Rika Licht Goodfriend ◆ William Haas ◆ Morris Schwartz ◆ Lawrence R. Sloan ◆ David Solomon

Heska Amuna Synagogue

December 4

◆ Vander Blue ◆ H. Waugh ◆ Yetta Wittenberg ◆ Sadye Goldstein ◆ Sigmund Green ◆ Eugene Gross ◆ Lillian Rotter ◆ Gertrude Weiner
◆ Ethel Deitch ◆ Sandra Saxon ◆ Bernard Diamond ◆ Mitchell Robinson ◆ Max Wolf ◆ Esther Adams ◆ Matilda Goodfriend
◆ Belle Gottlieb ◆ Louis Levin

December 11

◆ Leon Cooper ◆ Calvin Hahn ◆ Joseph Shamitz ◆ Moe Slovis ◆ Mamie Berry ◆ Irene Binkley ◆ Liebel Goldstein ◆ Helaine Jacobs
◆ Bonny Barsky ◆ James Greenfield ◆ Madelyn Millen ◆ Sophie Rosenthal ◆ Helen Billig ◆ Alvin Ellin ◆ David Mandell
◆ Benjamin Zwick ◆ Frances August ◆ Ida Glazer ◆ Idell Harris ◆ Louis Glazer ◆ Renee Perl ◆ Samuel Rosen ◆ Simon Deitch
◆ Ben Diftler ◆ Morris Schneider ◆ Jeanette Scyefsky ◆ Bernard Simon ◆ Minnie Slovis ◆ Henry Sturm

December 18

◆ Minnie Kramer ◆ George Busch ◆ Julius Siegel ◆ William Shaw ◆ Gerson Corkland ◆ Dora Friedlob ◆ Lottie Mottzman ◆ Norma Wolf
◆ Julian Kalotkin ◆ Lazarus Abrams ◆ Samuel Forman ◆ Arthur Meyer ◆ Isadore Rosenblatt ◆ Sam Saroff ◆ Selma Vogel
◆ Bertha Bernstein ◆ Hyman Gabler ◆ Abraham Garber ◆ Benjamin Joffe ◆ Morris Kraut

December 25

◆ Taube Diftler ◆ Louis Herbin ◆ Aaron Gurwin ◆ Edna Cohen ◆ Beatrice Routman ◆ Alice Abrams ◆ Adrian Harris ◆ Leon Saroff
◆ Lillian Simon ◆ Gregory Waugh ◆ Charles Brown ◆ Leib Gabler ◆ Aaron Glazer ◆ Abraham Schwartz ◆ Nathan Deitch
◆ Channah Goldstein ◆ Maurice Lieberman ◆ Manuel Marvet ◆ Melvin Shorr ◆ Samuel Bebergal ◆ Louis Gluck ◆ Helen Shersky



Hadassah Highlights

President Remarks

By Bonnie Boring, President

Happy December, Happy Chanukah, Happy New Year

Another calendar year has gone by so quickly, and yet when we reflect on all that our chapter has accomplished it is with awe that I say for the last time in 2010, a big THANK YOU. I always like to look back and see what we were able to accomplish as a team. And, since our theme is unity here are some of the great things we did TOGETHER.



HIGHLIGHTS

- ◆ Received the “RUBY” national award for going over our fund raising quota by 10%
- ◆ Hand delivered more than 40 bears made here in Knoxville to children in need in Jerusalem
- ◆ Continue to build our membership by leaps and bounds
- ◆ Focused on coaching, developing and mentoring our teams, and committed to having the right leadership when needed for board positions.
- ◆ Successful programming...HMO luncheon, Board Orientation, and fun events that have encouraged members of our entire community of all ages to feel welcome.
- ◆ Encourage all to enjoy reading, by having a committed book club every month.

The chief strength needed for organizational stability is flexibility; the ability to bend, but not to break. Choices need to be made with intelligence and intellectual vigor – not out of fear. Inherent in choice is change, but positive change where ability to recover from setbacks and recover swiftly is inherent to the process. The key is resilience. We are all that and MORE...HAPPY NEW YEAR.

Book Club News

Our next Hadassah Book Club book will be *The Fortune Teller's Kiss* by Brenda Serotte. We'll meet in December, specific date and place to follow.

Questions? Call Peggy Littmann at 588-6661.

The Fortune Teller's Kiss

Brenda's story is based on her life, and is about her family's migration from Spain to Turkey and to the Bronx. She tells her life story and the fight against polio, along with introducing us to her family members. Though they left Turkey long ago, the family has not given up their Turkish traditions.

"How many families can boast of an Aunt Kadún, kidnapped and placed in a Turkish harem at the age of 13?...Do you conjure up fortune-telling grandmas, belly dancers and Mediterranean feasts? If that were not enough, the tapestry of her childhood includes a life-changing bout with polio and its aftereffects...Serotte never learned to play the role of polio victim...[she] lures us with the tantalizing aroma of Sephardic life in 1950s America. Her memoir simmers with family richly portrayed: dancing, singing, arguing, and laughing. Gently stirring, she adds a pinch of Eastern culture, blending it into the West's. We sample, savoring the unique flavors that only she could create." Sharon F. Slutsky, Expressions Magazine, November 2007.



Help Israel by Purchasing Tree or Water Certificates

Yes, you can help Israel simply by contacting 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. 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, mail your request and a check to her at P.O. Box 10983, Knoxville, TN. 37939 or e-mail her at mayfayjay@aol.com to arrange for a tree or water certificate to be sent out for you.



**Hadassah Knoxville
Celebrates our newest
members:
Kathy Goldstein
And
Joyce York**

Isn't it time for you to join our chapter?
Contact Cindy at tenntrio@ymail.com

Hadassah Membership Dues

	Normally	2011 Price
Annual	\$36	\$36
Lifetime	\$360	\$100
Associate	\$360	\$100

*Celebrate 100 years of Hadassah
with a \$100 enrollment
(valid Jan. 1 – Dec 31, 2011 only)*

Make your plans now to join in 2011
Contact Cindy at tenntrio@ymail.com

Please join us for the
Knoxville Chapter of Hadassah's
2010 HMO Luncheon
Monday December 6
11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

"If we build it, they will come" or "We are not waiting on the future, we are building it." An informative visual presentation on the new state-of-the-art hospital The Sarah Weitzman Tower at Ein Kerem and other innovative programs connecting Hadassah to Israel.

Presenter: **Milly Landers**, Southern Region Area Vice President
Special Musical Guest: **Cantor Karen Gilat**

\$40.00 per person minimum contribution

R.S.V.P. before **November 30** to Laura Floyd, 1528 Fox Hollow Trail, Knoxville, TN 37923
865-694-5921

Knoxville Hadassah's 2010 HMO luncheon is scheduled for Dec. 6, Monday; 11:30- 1:30 pm. The location is not yet determined. Our topic will be new Hadassah Medical Organization (HMO) project in Israel. The focus will be on the building of our new hospital at Ein Kerem. In addition, we will have a report on the recent joint venture between Hadassah and Susan G. Komen to bring the "Race for the cure" to Israel. In addition, Bonnie Boring will have pictures from her recent Hadassah trip to Israel. Cantor Karen Gilat will join us for musical entertainment. Please save the date and join us for this exciting presentation. We hope you will put this important luncheon on your calendar. All proceeds go to the Hadassah Medical Organization and the building of our new hospital for the Ein Kerem campus. We need Hostesses to sponsor this year's luncheon. Levels of giving are:

- Keepers of the Gate (Those members who pledge and give \$1,000 yearly)
- Ultimate Hostess: \$180
- Hostess with a heart: \$90
- Luncheon admission will be \$40

Hostesses will be listed on the invitation if committed before the printing of the invitations. They will also be listed in the next bulletin and directory.

Please contact Marcia Shloush (marcias@comcast.net) or Susan Frant (sammoll@hotmail.com) if you are interested in sponsoring this event. Knoxville Hadassah wants to sincerely "Thank everyone" for your past and continued support of our programs.

Mazels, Get Wells and Condolence

Mazel Tov to:

- **Sharon and Michael Poore** on the birth of their granddaughter, **Gabriella Diane Bauman**

Get Well to:

- **Linda Buxbaum** and **Marion Abrams**

Condolences to:

- **Honerlin and Robert Del Moro** on the death of **Yolanda Del Moro**, **Robert's** mother
- **Susan Contente** and **Kurt Piehler** on the passing of **Kurt's** mother, **Isolde Clark**
- **Rabbi Schwartz** and **Larry Washington**, on the death of **Larry's** brother, **Tom Case**
- **Nancy and Roger St. Lifer** in memory of **Nancy's** mother, **Hinda Duhan**

Dear Members,

Mary Linda Schwarzbart has just sent a note informing me of the sad passing of her brother-in-law, David Tomlinson, her sister Anne's husband. I'm not sure how many of you remember Anne, since she has lived in Nashville for many years with her husband David and their two daughters, Jennie and Sarah.

However, even though she has been away, Anne has continued to be a Life Member of our chapter and David was an Associate. David was only in his mid 60's and I was both shocked and saddened to learn of his passing.

Perhaps you will want to join me in sending condolences to Anne, Jennie and Sarah, and of course, Mary Linda and Arnold. You may either use your account or send me your check, made out to "Hadassah" for \$5 or more.

**MAY HIS MEMORY ALWAYS
BE A BLESSING**

Lee Miller, Chair



Save the Date January 9, 2011 3:00 – 5:00 p.m.

The Knoxville Chapter of Hadassah
Cordially Invites all
New and Prospective Members
To our **Souper Event** celebrating our
Souper Deal of \$100 for all new Lifetime and Associate
memberships in 2011.

Mary Evars-Goan will be our Souper Hostess for the afternoon.
Watch your email for further information.

Now is the time to gift your children and grandchildren with a
Lifetime membership to Hadassah.

Contact Cindy at tenntrio@ymail.com
for membership information.

Hanukkah with Hadassah

WEB EVENT

Enrich your *Hanukkah* celebration when you visit
www.hadassah.org on

November 17 - December 15

Enhance your holiday with:

- * *Hanukkah e-cards*
- * *Recipes*
- * *Games*
- * *Craft Projects*
- * *Environmental Candle
Lighting Ceremony*



*Encourage members to light Hadassah's
Virtual Menorah for a donation of \$18 per candle!
(Chapters will receive quota credit!)*

Hadassah will send an e-mail to announce the *Hanukkah* Web Event when the web site is active! It will go to members whose e-mail addresses are on file with the National office. Be sure to forward the e-mail to your members whose information you keep locally and encourage them to forward it to friends & family! An easy fundraiser (or "no function - function") - all you need to do is promote it!

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A Review: *The Yiddish Housewives Cookbook*

By Mimi Pais

Everyone knows of the Jews' love of good food and/or the food our mother's used to make -- implying perhaps from the wife's perspective at least, that the wife's cooking doesn't quite measure up. Jackie Mason made a living out of talking about Jews ordering food in a restaurant and Jews' emotional involvement with food. And how many men tell their wives about the wonderful potato kugel their mothers used to make? Or the dumplings, or the fluffy matzo balls? Well, actually not many if they think about it. All of which leads me to tell you about a recently released rare book, *The Yiddish Housewives Cookbook* originally published in Vilna in 1896 and which can now be found in the library of Dr. David Weinfeld, who in the real world combines his scientific background with more than a decade of online marketing experience. His website was named by Yahoo as "one of the twelve most important websites of the 20th century."

The Yiddish Housewives Cookbook contains 668 recipes for "dishes, baked goods, muffins, compotes, ice cream, juices and jams." The book also contains instructions as to how to preserve meat in salt, how to pickle fish and fruit and how to prepare all the special Jewish delicacies for the Sabbath, holidays and Passover.

The menus reflect the wealth of the target audience of that time. (and also their appetites). For example, the author, Oyzer Bloshteyn, suggests in the book that the noodles for the Shabbos soup be made by the pastry chef (taking for granted the fact that you have a pastry chef). Recipes for the very large meal for those special days include strips of chicken, cold meat with peas and sautéed asparagus, roast chicken or tongue followed by roast veal and lamb with compote and salad. Afterward one serves a torte with wine or pastry and fruit.

The book's forward speaks of young women never having been involved in a kitchen now having to learn to cook and that they can find help in cook books in other languages but these are not designed for the Jewish kitchen. The author states that "Our housewives have for a long time felt they lacked a guide book to the kitchen, the center of the home which sees to our existence and delights. A cook book is necessary not only for those unversed in the culinary arts, but also vital to our talented cooks and experiences housewives."

So what is that old joke about what does the Jewish housewife make for dinner; the answer being reservations? This joke has always been a blot on great cooking done by Jewish women. So I wondered what the modern Jewish woman would think of this book. First I think she would say this is a terrible diet, so much food, so much meat, so few vegetables, not enough salads, too much cholesterol, fat, everything unhealthy. But then maybe she might think...I might lose a few years, but I wish I could eat like that.



Dear Friends,

If you Google any of the words or terms associated with insuring the Jewish future—things like “Jewish education,” “Birthright” or “Hillel”—you will quickly encounter the name of Avraham Infeld. This veteran Jewish leader and educator appeared at Hadassah’s national convention in July and my newest podcast is taken from the inspiring address he gave to delegates about leadership and mission.

Watching Mr. Infeld’s speech is an investment in time, but I promise you that the dividend—in his compelling view of Israel’s place in Jewish life, in his ability to use tradition to explain the how the world operates, in his wit and in his appreciation for Hadassah—is enormous.

I hope you are regularly checking our website, www.hadassah.org, for the latest Hadassah news. And please remember to suggest to your friends that they do the same.

To see my most recent podcast, as well as those from the archives, go to www.hadassah.org/president. Just log on to stay in touch.

Shalom,

Nancy Falchuk, National President

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Chanukah Gift Ideas: A Dreidel 'Round Your Wrist

In a rainbow of colors and designs—from the *alef-bet* to Noah’s Ark and its pairs of animals—Biblical Bandz are sweeping the tween-to-teen Jewish world. These Jewish takes on the international Silly Bandz phenomenon were the first Jewish-themed rubber-band bracelets. The newest options are the Israeli tie-dye bandz—with bracelets spelling shalom and in the shape of a soldier at arms—Chabad designs and a collection of Jewish symbols, such as a siddur and mezuzah, that glow in the dark. Check out www.biblicalbandz.com for additional designs.





Stanford Eisenberg Knoxville Jewish Day School

While the Whole World Watched, Our K/1 Class Explained



October 12, 2010. Who will ever forget this day? Watching the Chilean miners be extracted one by one after being trapped for months was one of the most riveting events in recent history. But who could explain all the machinery being used? Our K/1 class, that's who!



The mesmerizing event perfectly coincided with Teacher Amie Cottrell's unit on Simple Machines. In her unit, all sorts of simple machines were explained, e.g. levers, gears, screws, incline planes, and of course, the all-important pulley. The unit even culminated in a project in which our group of pint-sized engineers were given the task of designing a miniature "Big Bad Wolf Trap" using at least three of the simple machines which they had been taught about. Well, during our lunch period that day, we let all the children watch the rescue live and who was it that explained the famous yellow pulley that has become a symbol of the rescue? Not the fifth grade class, not the fourth graders either. No, it was the K/1 students who proudly described how the pulley was being used to bring up the miners. They explained, "It makes work easier because it makes the load lighter." Not bad for a group of five and six year olds!

Alumni Check: Noah Mesa

Since graduating from KJDS last year, Noah has flourished at Karns Middle School. In his words, "Traveling through the classes, getting my own locker and being called mister and sir really makes me feel like an adult and a kid." Although the transition was challenging, going from a small private school to a large public school with over 400 kids this year in sixth grade, Noah has sailed through it beautifully. He says that all he had to do was crack a joke and he would make friends. Now, he walks the halls with his head held high and smiles, gives the "What's up" and nods at every passerby. Not only has he adjusted socially to his new surroundings, but he is currently on the Honor Roll and was rewarded with a pizza lunch from the school.

Inspired by the KJDS Safety Patrol trip to Washington DC this past summer, Noah was elected as his class representative for Student Council. He takes this job very seriously and claims that it is his sense of responsibility that earned him the position. On the academic front, through some pretty fierce competition, he secured a spot on the 6th Grade Math Olympiad Team. He is warming up for the challenge by doing math riddles and brain teasers.

Noah has also fallen in love...with music that is. He was introduced to the violin at school and it was love at first strum. He joined the school's orchestra and has completed his first concert. Although he felt that he looked like he was going to a wedding, he did fabulous and received a standing ovation, by his mom, but it still counts.

KJDS gave Noah the solid groundwork he needed; now we get to watch him fly. "I truly love this school and I think I have a good rest of the year waiting for me!" Noah Mesa.

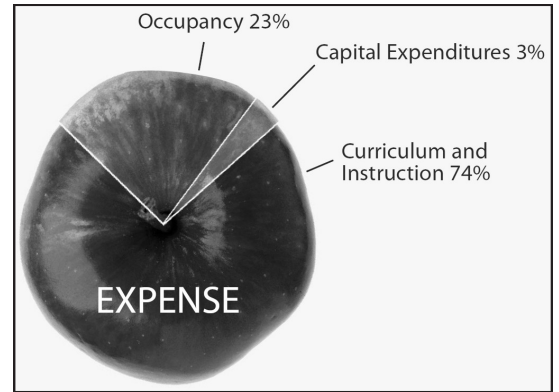
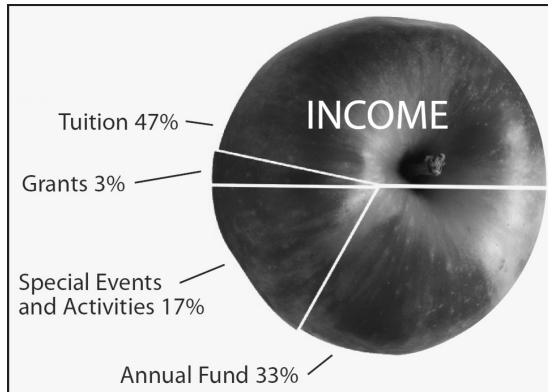


Knoxville Jewish Day School Kicks-Off Annual Fund Campaign

Hard to believe, but it has been over 4 years since the Knoxville Jewish Day School opened its doors. This wonderful school has been a dream for many in the Knoxville Jewish community. Nancy Becker, current chair of the KJDS, remembers when her children were young and how she had wanted our community to have a school back then. "We had the dream, but not enough support. Today, we are so fortunate to have this school, so that our kids can learn in an amazing academic school, in a loving and Jewish environment."

The school has also seen amazing growth. In 2006, it began with offering only grades K-2nd grade and had a registration of fewer than 10 students. Today only a few years later, it has 29 students and expects to see even more growth next year. Students are learning and thriving and parents are happy and our community is stronger-- thanks to the education provided at the KJDS. KJDS invites everyone in the community to visit and see for themselves our children learning and growing.

Tuition at KJDS is kept at a relatively modest level to make it possible for every Jewish child to attend. In order to do this, the KJDS relies on the community and other fundraising efforts to bridge the real gap between tuition and the actual cost of providing a phenomenal education. You may have received an appeal letter requesting your support for the KJDS. I hope you will give generously and support this great school and be part of our efforts to inspire souls, challenge minds and build community.



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Meet Board Member and Proud Parent: Gary Sturm

My name is Gary Sturm. I am married with two kids at The Knoxville Jewish Day School, Frank, second grade and Heidi, first grade. My wife Tamara spends time at KJDS volunteering happily and I am a board member. I am surprised with the creatively funny stories my son writes and my daughter wants to teach me to play backgammon.

I wonder at times how did I get here?. I was an advocate for public schools. I assumed my kids would go to West Hills Elementary just like I did and private school at the elementary level was not what I thought was important. My family and I go to Temple Beth El several times a year, mostly on holidays and special occasions.

Now...I am proud to be involved in making a difference in our Jewish community and future generations.

Tamara came to me with the idea of sending the kids to KJDS. She knew Miriam Esther Wilhelm to be a warm, caring and non judge-mental person. Tamara believed in Miriam Esther and what she could accomplish at KJDS.

So we went on a tour of the school and quickly realized something special was happening there! I learned three out of five core teachers are not Jewish, the kids learn and play together with the older ones helping the younger ones, the school has a Montessori program and the boys don't have to wear a kippah. KJDS is a Jewish School for Knoxville Jews with an amazing academic program that is extremely competitive with other private schools. So I decided to give it a go for one year.

We tell Frank and Heidi they are pioneers. They are taking part in building history in Knoxville and will be proud to see the school grow to become a natural choice for all Jewish families.

Currently the KJDS is growing and thriving. I encourage anyone curious about why it is so special to stop by and take a look. Come by to pick up a delicious challah the kids bake weekly or just say hello. My "one year" has turned in to several happy years at KJDS and I am looking forward to many more!



The Drama Department Brings Out Self Confidence in Our Students

Each and every student in the school has been working so hard on our drama production. They are eager to sing, dance and ham it up for the crowd. While the benefits of a drama program are many, one of the most frequent successes has been the confidence the experience builds in our students. You would never guess it from seeing them perform but some have overcome painful shyness to blossom into the confident actors that you will see at the December 14th performance. And, as is not hard to imagine, this confidence translates to many other components of the kids' lives. The kids are now more secure and even excited to speak in front of their classes.

Quoting Camden Boring, one of our first graduates, in his graduation speech:

"When I first learned that we were going to have drama productions I was less than thrilled about the idea. Just doing a class science presentation would get me wrapped up in a knot of nerves. Doing a huge performance I knew that I couldn't "shy" out, so I had to step up, be bold and do away with my shyness - permanently."



KJDS Wows Prospective Parents

We were so pleased with the turnout at our Open House on October 19. We had all teachers on deck as well as a handful of proud students demonstrating what they are learning here at the school. Prospective parents not only got to spend time in the general education classrooms, but also got to tour our music, drama and art rooms to get a picture of the well-rounded education the students at KJDS receive. If you missed our Open House, but would love to learn more about the school, we are happy to give you a tour any time! Just contact the office at 560-9922 and we will set up an appointment for you.




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COMING TO A THEATRE NEAR YOU

THE WIZARD OF OZ

Directed by Morah Debbie Richman



Tuesday, December 14th
6:00 pm @ the AJCC
Ticket price: \$3.00 / ticket
Tickets will be sold at door or can be reserved by email info@kjds.org



Brought to you by the
KJDS Drama Department

Stanford Eisenberg Knoxville Jewish Day School

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KJDS Auction Preparations Are Underway

Hold The Date:

Sunday, March 6, 2011

KJDS Annual Fundraising Event

As everyone who attended last year's auction knows, we pulled off a phenomenal event. It was elegant, delicious, very fun, and raised a whole bunch of money for our school. What a wonderful night! What's even more amazing is that we have the same auction chairs as last year and they promise that this year will be even better. So who would want to miss it? Make sure and mark your calendars for **Sunday, March 6**. We hope to see you there!



Support Heska Amuna and Temple Beth El Buy Grocery Store Certificates

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

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 Total Amount _____

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

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



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The Jewish Community Archives of Knoxville and East Tennessee

The Way We Were circa 1944



BBYO outing, probably at Norris Dam

BBY groups in Knoxville and Asheville, North Carolina, often visited each other for various events during the 1940's, recalls Joyce Robinson Diftler. This photo, taken by Frank **Robinson**, shows (from left) an Asheville person, Knoxvillean Joe **Kasser**, a second Asheville person, and Frank's sister Joyce (later **Diftler**). Joyce thinks it was no later than 1944, and was likely at Norris Dam.

For more information, go to the Archives webpage at www.jewishknoxville.org/archives [click on Ha'Kol: "The Way We Were"], and while there, explore all our links to discover more historical gems.

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