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

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**We invite the Knoxville Community
to join us at**

**Temple Beth El's
6th Annual Spring Auction
Saturday, March 20
6 p.m. till 9 p.m.**

New for 2010

**Fully catered dinner by Famous Dave's
Live music by Big Russ & The Bell Boys
A chance to win \$500 Cash**

**Adult Tickets \$25 before March 15th
(\$30 evening of the event)
Student Tickets \$20 (14 & older)
Babysitting will not be available.**

**Tickets are available during regular TBE
office hours, Wednesday evenings and
Sunday mornings. Or, send check
payable to TBE, "Attn: Auction" on the
envelope.**

**If you have any questions
or an item to donate,
please contact Amy Rosenberg
at 356-6830.**

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TEMPLE BETH EL TIMES

From the Rabbi's Study

A grandfather teaches his grandsons how to blow a *shofar*. A father helps his son with his bar mitzvah speech. A father takes his son to a *shiva minyan* for the first time. A father gives his son a kiss of blessing under the *chuppah*. A man places the first shovels of dirt on his father's grave. Two friends shake hands or embrace in sympathy, in joy, in respect. A father leads a Passover seder. There are special moments of meaning between generations of Jewish men, at family milestones, at festivals - moments that are filled with emotion and awe. Sometimes the emotion is unspoken; sometimes it is clothed in laughter. But the bond between Jewish men is part of the chain of tradition that stretches back to Moses and Aaron, even to Isaac and Ishmael.

As we approach Passover again this year, I think of the many seders that I have attended and different styles of leadership of the men who led them. Many of those styles are the reasons why women have needed, and learned, to conduct seders of their own, but the seder brings a man out of the public world of men and into the core of his Jewish identity.

The seder is an opportunity for Jewish men to share with their families in one of the most basic aspects of Jewish faith and life. It is a chance to reach back in time, through fathers and grandfathers and great-grandfathers many times over. For Jews by Choice is a time to reaffirm what they have chosen. And it is a time to reach to the future, to teach a new generation of children who they are.

When my son, Daniel, was a little boy, mystified by how the Afikomen disappeared from the table, Larry told him, "When you see it happen, then you will take over the responsibility of hiding the Afikomen." Larry was and is a great Afikomen-hider, but eventually - and not that long ago - Daniel did see Larry do it (I never have). Now it is Daniel's job, and part of his Jewish identity.

To all our fathers, grandfathers, uncles, and brothers, as you raise your glasses to say the blessings and read from the Haggadah, may you yourselves be blessed with a sense of God's presence in your lives, and with the knowledge that you are part of the story of an eternal people. *Chag sameach*.



15 Adar—16 Nisan 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 MARCH

March 5 – Shabbat in the Round, 7:30 p.m.

March 12 – Shabbat services, 7:30 p.m.

March 13 – Isaac Shefner will be called to the Torah as a bar mitzvah; Services begin at 10:00 a.m. Isaac is the son of Jon Shefner and Karen Holst and brother of Sophia.

March 19 – Shabbat services, 7:30 p.m.

March 26 – Shabbat services, 7:30 p.m.

March 30 – Festival service for the first morning of Passover begins at 10:00 a.m.

March 30 – Community seder begins at 6:30 p.m.

April 5 – *Yizkor* (Memorial) service for the end of Passover begins at 7:30 p.m.



Community Seder

Catered by Marilyn Burnett

**at Temple Beth El on
Tuesday, March 30
6:30 p.m.**

**\$25.00 for adults
\$12.50 for children**

Passover Services and Celebrations

Passover begins on Monday evening, March 29. As you plan to fill your table with all the symbolic and traditional foods, remember to make sure that you fill all the seats around your table as well. The Torah tells us that if we know of a family that is “too small for a lamb,” that is, too small to make their own seder, we are to invite them to ours (Ex. 12:4). The Haggadah reminds us to invite those who are hungry as well. Hungry for what? Not just food, but friendship, community, and Passover joy as well. As you sit at the seder table and retell the story, remember that it is a mitzvah to add your own thoughts and interpretations!

We also celebrate the beginning of Passover with a **festival morning service on Tuesday, March 29, at 10:00 a.m.**

As Reform Jews, we observe seven days of Passover; therefore, Passover ends at sundown on Monday, April 5. The observance of the end of Passover includes *Yizkor*, our memorial service. This year, we will remember our loved ones with a *Yizkor* service on Sunday evening, April 4, at 7:30 p.m.



Temple Beth El 6th Annual Auction March 20, 2010

The auction is really coming together and we already have some exciting items to help make this year's event the best ever. Get ready for a fun-filled evening of entertainment, food, and even a bargain or two for a great cause. Please join us!

Below is a current list of collected items:

New for 2010

- ◆ Catered Dinner By Famous Dave's BBQ
- ◆ Live Music performed by *Big Russ & The Bell Boys*
- ◆ WILL YOUR KEY OPEN THE CASE at this year's Auction?

50 Keys will be sold at \$20.00 each. One key will open the lock that secures the display case that holds \$500.00 Cash

Restaurants/Food

Applebee's ◆ Bonefish ◆ Brasserie ◆ Carrabba's Italian Grill ◆ Chili's ◆ El Charro Mexican Restaurant ◆ Famous Dave's ◆ Fresh Market ◆ Fuddruckers ◆ Ingles ◆ Jason's Deli ◆ Jersey Mike's subs ◆ Karen & Ronen Gilat's Israeli Dinner ◆ Lenny's Sub Shop ◆ McAlister's Deli ◆ Macaroni Grill ◆ MagPies ◆ Mellow Mushroom ◆ Moe's Southwest Grill ◆ Nama ◆ Outback Steak House ◆ Pei Wei ◆ P.F. Changs ◆ Panera Bread ◆ Puelo's Grille ◆ Sonny's BBQ ◆ Texas Roadhouse ◆ The Shrimp Dock

Entertainment

American Museum of Science & Energy ◆ Chattanooga Zoo ◆ Cheekwood Art & Gardens ◆ Children's Museum of Oak Ridge ◆ Creative Discovery Museum ◆ Dollywood ◆ Events @ Sherlake ◆ Grand Ole Opry ◆ Knoxville Opera ◆ Knoxville Symphony Orchestra ◆ Knoxville Zoo ◆ Museum of Appalachia ◆ Nashville Zoo ◆ Ober Gatlinburg ◆ Regal ◆ Railway Museum ◆ Ripley's Aquarium ◆ Ruby Falls ◆ Tennessee Aquarium ◆ Tennessee Smokies ◆ Tennessee Sports Hall of Fame & Museum ◆ The Parthenon ◆ Women's Basketball Hall of Fame ◆ Wonderworks ◆ Zuma Fun Centers

Art/Enrichment

Cherri Pollack Ceramic Pieces ◆ Enhanced Elegance ◆ Interesting Developments Photography ◆ Floral Arrangement ◆ Katie Habgood Quilt ◆ Liz-Beth ◆ Mill Agent ◆ Marla Brody Calligraphy ◆ Shelley Mangold Pastel Class ◆ Susan Arbal Stain Glass ◆ The Eye Group

Miscellaneous

AJCC Annual Membership ◆ All Knoxville Floral Company ◆ Concord Veterinary Hospital ◆ Dream Katcher Lodge ◆ Dwayne Allen Salon ◆ Gettysvue Country Club ◆ IT Computer Service ◆ LaQuinta Inn ◆ Mammogram ◆ Markman's Diamonds & Fine Jewelry ◆ MCDC ◆ National Auto Parts ◆ Orange Curl ◆ Prestige Cleaners ◆ Salon Amie ◆ Shoe Carnival ◆ The Glowing Body ◆ VG's Bakery ◆ Wine Baskets

If you have any questions, please contact Amy at Rockybergs@tds.net or Sylvia Joy Witcoff at Sylviajoyw110@att.net

**TBE Sisterhood Presents:
“Save My Achin’ Back, and Other Parts, Too”
Sunday, April 25 at 10:30 a.m. in the
Temple Social Hall**

Graeme Keys, clinical director of Results Physiotherapy in Farragut and former director of Physical Therapy of SPINE Knoxville, will provide an interactive session of information and exercises to protect our backs and other parts. Please bring a yoga mat or large beach towel to use. Dress in comfortable clothing.

Graeme brings a wealth of knowledge about what works and what doesn't. He is a graduate of the University of Ulster, a diplomat of the McKenzie International Institute International. He also lectures in the physical therapy doctorate program at ETSU and teaches physical therapists statewide on post-operative management of spinal conditions and integration of manual therapy approaches. He is a regular presenter on *The Dr. Bob Show*.

For those who prefer, you can watch and listen, ask questions and take away information sheets to try out later. As usual, coffee and snacks will be served.

Come on - join in!



Calling All Sisterhood Bakers!

Sisterhood has volunteered to provide all the desserts for the sweets table at the upcoming Temple Auction on March 20. Please call Phyllis Hirsh (675-0584) ASAP, and let her know what you will be baking.



Passover Event from Your Sisterhood

We are planning a wonderful Passover Bake. Phyllis Hirsh has once again offered her home for an exciting, new Sisterhood program. If you need a ride to this event, please let us know. We will make arrangements so that you can attend.

On Sunday, March 7 from 10 a.m. to noon, we will be together to enjoy a hands-on Passover Bake event. Phyllis, our impressive and remarkably talented baker, will demonstrate how to make several unusual desserts for Passover. We will be making “Painted Matzo,” “Farfel Candies,” “Matzo Roca,” and Passover Meringue Cookies.

In order for us to be able to make these desserts, we can only accommodate 15 people. Reservations are necessary since there is limited space. Please send in a \$10.00 check made out to “Second Harvest Food Bank.” Your check is your reservation. Once we receive your reservation, we will send you a shopping list so that you have the materials necessary to make these wonderful desserts. If we receive your check after the first 15 women have sent in their checks you will be put on a waiting list. We will serve refreshments and drinks.

Please send in your reservation no later than March 3.

Ask the Rabbi: What’s a Minyan?

Shiva marks the seven days immediately following the burial of a loved one, the time of the most intense mourning. Jewish tradition understands that we grieve in stages, and that we need the support of family, friends, and community to get through the first sad days of loss. A *minyan* is a quorum of 10 adult Jews, the minimum necessary for community prayer. A *shiva minyan* is a service, according to the time of day or evening, which includes the prayer, *El Malei Rahamim*, a prayer that the soul of the departed will rest in peace with God, and Kaddish. It is usually brief. Members of the *minyan* may also offer memories of the deceased and other words of comfort to the mourners.

Participating in a *shiva minyan* is a religious obligation, one of those whose immediate reward is in sharing the blessings of comfort and community with those in need, and whose ultimate reward will be in the World-to-Come. Attending a *shiva minyan* does not depend on being related to the mourners or being friends with them; again, it is a purely religious act. Also, it is not a social call, and the attendees may leave as soon as prayers are ended, without feeling rude, because mourners are not hosts. It is a kindness, however, to bring some refreshment to share (to ensure that the mourners are not skipping meals), but it is not necessary.

In some communities, *shiva minyanim* gather for all seven days, in many others, three days is the norm, and only in the evening. In others, there is a *shiva minyan* only on the first night. At Temple Beth El, one or two evenings are most common. Remember, in addition to being a mitzvah, the presence of a *shiva minyan* is in and of itself a source of comfort. When a death in our congregation is announced, and *shiva minyanim* are requested following the funeral, **PLEASE RESPOND**.

Mazal Tov

Linda and Neil Feld and Bess Feld on the birth of grandson and great grandson, **Ethan Gabriel Kaplan**, son of **Kimmie and Alan Kaplan**.



Temple Beth El Religious School March Update

By Norma James nfjames77@gmail.com Notice the change in Norma's e-mail address!

Pizza Dinner for Midweek classes 5:45 p.m., March 3: Join us for our monthly social time before classes at 6:15.

Family Shabbat March 12 with First Grade leading the service at 5:45 p.m.: Don't miss this very special family service. The students of Brett Smuckler's class will help Norma lead the service. We hope that many families will join this very bright and energetic group of young people as they lead this service. Parents of the First Grade class will host the oneg.

Isaac Shefner Becomes a Bar Mitzvah Saturday, March 13. Isaac will read Torah and lead Saturday morning services. As his mitzvah project, Isaac has raised more than \$7,000 for Haitian relief. We are very proud of Isaac's amazing success. Isaac's parents ask that we join them in this very special celebration. *Mazel Tov*, Isaac!

TBE hosts our last Combined Learning Day of the school year Sunday, March 14. We will again host our friends for Heska Amuna Synagogue and the Jewish Congregation of Oak Ridge for a day of learning, spirituality, and fun. We still have the rainbow we created in October. This day will be for all preschool through sixth grades only. Our 7th through 10th graders will continue regular programming. We welcome parents for our day as well.

Alex Glass from ISJL visits for the weekend of March 12-14. Once again we will host our ISJL Fellow. Alex will assist with Family Shabbat as she did last time. We are fortunate to have Alex on a CLC Day at Religious School because she can design some special activities for our combined learning. Our ISJL Program including our Fellow is provided through Endowed Funds. Without this assistance, we could not participate in this outstanding organization.

Religious School Seder Sunday, March 21. The holidays are really arriving early this year. Our school Seder last year was absolutely amazing thanks to the many parents who helped out. We also had outstanding attendance. I was overwhelmed when I looked at all the students. Then I looked at the back of the social hall and saw a very large group of parents watching their children at the Seder. I love it!!!

There will be NO Religious School March 28 through April 4 for Spring Break.

Upcoming Events

- March 3:** Midweek Classes: Pizza dinner 5:45 p.m.
- March 12:** Family Service 5:45 p.m. (First Grade leaders)
- March 13:** Isaac Shefner becomes a bar mitzvah
- March 14:** Combined Learning Day at Temple Beth El
- March 21:** Religious School Seder (Parent Help Needed)
- March 28-April 4:** Spring Break - No Religious School

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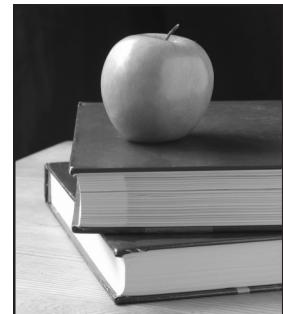
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Temple Office Hours
Monday – Friday
9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.



Save the date for

Temple's Got Talent!

Talent show and ice cream social

Saturday, May 1 6:30 p.m.

Watch the *Blast* for details about auditions

Condolences

- We are saddened to learn of the death of member **Henry Handler**, father of **Tom Handler**. May his memory be for a blessing!
- **Bob Parsons**, father to **Hazak, Blake, Kalisa**, and **Kirk** and spouse to **Sandra**, passed on January 10. Our condolences to the Parson family for their loss.

Donations to the Funds of Temple

December 21, 2009 – January 20, 2010

General Fund

By:

Dr. and Mrs. Jerry Winston
Keith and Susan Derrington
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In memory of:

Gersh Dolgonos by Ilya and Bella Safro
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Basya Shusterman by Maria Shusterman
Boris Shusterman by Maria Shusterman
Shlema & Golda Livshits by Bella & Ed Lester
Bob Parsons by Elizabeth Gassel and Michael Pardee
Bob Parsons by Stephen and Kim Rosen
Bob Parsons and Henry Handler by Wilma & Murray Weinstein

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In memory of:

Ella Marx by Ursula Marx
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Our TBE family & Jewish community, by Sandy Parsons and
children

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Bush
Bob Parsons by Sandy Parson and children
Abe Slovis by Esther Webster

In honor of:

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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.

MARCH 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 7a HA-minyan 3-6:45p AJCC-Kinderdance, gym 4:15p HA-HARS 7:30p AJCC-Israeli dancing, gym	2 2-3:30p Friendshippers Book Club, AJCC AL 6- TBE Exec Comm 6-9:30p Fencing, gym 6:30p Hadassah Brd, AL 7-8:30p JFS Family Promise program, AL 7:30p HA-Exec Comm	3 4:15p HA-HARS 5:30-9:30p Fencing, gym 6:15p TBE-Midweek Hebrew 6:15p TBE-Adult Ed	4 7a HA-minyan 5-7p Basketball, gym 6:30p Hadassah Brd, AL 7-9p Basketball, gym 7:15p Portraits in Leadership, AL 7:30p Shusterman lecture, College of Law	5 6:30p HA-Tot Shabbat 7:30p TBE-Shabbat services	6 9:30a HA-Shabbat services HA-Torah study following Kiddush 7:30p Israel Partnership Reception, AJCC AL
7 9a HA-Talmud study 9:30a HA-HARS 9:30a TBE-Religious School 9:45a HA-minyan 10-noon TBE-Passover Bake	8 7a HA-minyan 11:30a KJA JFS Comm, 3-6:45p AJCC-Kinderdance, gym 4:15p HA-HARS 7:30p KJA Exec Comm	9 6-9:30p Fencing, gym 6:30p TBE-Board mtg 7:30p HA-Board mtg	10 Noon KJA-Friendshippers, <i>Knoxville Jazz Orchestra</i> 4:15p HA-HARS 5:30-9:30p Fencing, gym 6:15p TBE-Midweek Hebrew 6:15p TBE-Adult Ed	11 7a HA-minyan 5-7p Basketball, gym 7-9p Basketball, gym 7:15p Portraits in Leadership, AL	12 5:45p TBE Family Shabbat, first graders lead 6:30p HA-Junior Choir services, dairy potluck dinner 7:30p TBE-Shabbat services	13 9:30a HA-Shabbat services 10a TBE Isaac Shefner bar mitzvah 10:30a HA-Contemporary Service HA-Torah study following Kiddush
14 9a HA-Talmud study 9:30a HARS & TBE at TBE for CLC Day 9:45a HA-minyan 1p KJA-Matzah in Aisles 1-3p J-Serve, AL 1p KJA-Teen Conn, gym 6:30p KJDS-Auction	15 7a HA-minyan 3-6:45p AJCC-Kinderdance, gym 4:15p HA-HARS 7:30p KJA Board, AL 7:30p AJCC-Israeli dancing, gym	16 Rosh Chodesh 6-9:30p Fencing, gym 7p Alan Zweibel Program, UT Student Center auditorium 7:30p HA-Rabbi & Rel Services Comm	17 4:15p HA-HARS 5:30-9:30p Fencing, gym 6:15p TBE-Midweek Hebrew 6:15p TBE-Adult Ed 7p Knoxville Opera Preview, AL	18 7a HA-minyan 4-5p Laura Levitt Lecture, UT Temple Ct. 6p AJCC Preschool Parent Comm, BR 7p HA-Ed Comm 7:30p Hadassah Book Club, Barnes & Noble	19 BBYO Spring Convention, Atlanta 7:30p TBE-Shabbat services	20 9:30a HA-Shabbat services 10:15a HA-Junior Congregation HA-Torah study following Kiddush HA-HARS Lock-In 6-9p TBE-Spring Auction
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For the most up-to-date listings or event information, please visit the KJA website at www.jewishknoxville.org

AL=AJCC Adult Lounge

BR=AJCC Board Room

HA=Heska Amuna Synagogue www.heskaamuna.org

KJDS=Knoxville Jewish Day School www.kjds.org

TBE=Temple Beth El www.tbeknox.org

March 29-April 4 is not only Passover week, but Spring Break for the AJCC Preschool, Heska Amuna Religious School, TBE Religious School, and the Knoxville Jewish Day School.

K N O X V I L L E

Teen Connection Gets “Real” - March 14

By Amy Rosenberg

Who's up for the challenge of a spectacular “TV Reality” event? This year we are expanding the “Survivor” theme and incorporating other top reality shows including, but not limited to Top Chef, Fear Factor and Project Runway. If you thought last year's event was amazing, you haven't seen anything yet!

Be prepared to HAVE FUN!

RSVP to Amy 356-6830 or Rockybergs@tds.net by March 12.

“Challenge To Survive”
Sunday, March 14
AJCC
12:45 - 3:30 p.m.
Lunch will be served.



AZA Winick Holds Elections; Plans Fund Raiser

Winick has been very busy recently. Elections for spring term officers took place in February and the board looks great and is ready to push Winick to new heights. New board members are Gadol, Justin Spiegelman; S'gan, Max Silver-Alford; Morim, Noah Erwin and Sam Talman; Maz-Giz, Aaron Chasan; and Slaliach, Andrew Messing.

Our spring formal is scheduled for March 6 and looks to be entertaining, once again. **Winick is also having a community wide fundraiser!** We are offering to plant a new garden, with flowers and food plants, in your yard for a very reasonable price! You have the option of choosing 5, 10, 15, or 20 flowers, food plants, or a combination of the two. You should have received an e-mail recently with more details. If you have any questions, please contact Noah Erwin at Noahft9@gmail.com.

Knox County Schools and You

By Arnold G. Cohen, KJA Community Relations Committee Chair

The January issue of *Ha'Kol* featured an article about Knox County Board of Education policies dealing with religious beliefs, religious expression, and holiday observance. This month's article defines KCS Board policies regarding prayer and religion in the curriculum. The official statements may be found in the Knox County School Board's Manual or on its website (sections IKDA and IKCB) at <http://knoxschools.org>.

Policy IKDA entitled “*Prayer and Period of Silence*” references judicial case law and a legislative enactment and states:

- Public prayer shall not be allowed at any school-sponsored or school-directed activity, but a period of silence may be observed as determined by the principal of each school.
- The principal of each school shall be responsible for calling the students to order and announcing that a moment of silence is to be observed. No other action shall be taken by a teacher other than to maintain silence for the full time.

Policy IKCB entitled “*Religion in the Curriculum*” states: The Board affirms that it is essential that the teaching **about** religion — and not **of** a religion be conducted in a factual, objective and respectful manner in accordance with the following:

- Music, art, literature, or drama with a religious theme or basis are permitted as part of the curriculum for school-sponsored activities and programs provided it is essential to the learning experience in the various field of study and is presented objectively;
- The emphasis on religious theme in arts, literature and history shall be only as extensive as necessary for a balanced and comprehensive study of these areas. Such studies shall never foster any particular religious tenants

or demean any religious beliefs; and

- Student-initiated expressions to questions or assignments which reflect their belief or non-belief about a religious theme shall be accommodated. For example, students are free to express religious belief or non-belief in compositions, art forms, music, speech, and debate.

So, what is a parent to do if he or she objects to what the school is doing? In short, talk with the principal, or if the principal is the offender, the principal's supervisor. A future article will deal with issues of harassment and intimidation. However, KCS Board policy IKBB entitled “*Controversial Materials*” is instructive and states:

- Parents may request in writing to the teacher that a student not be required to read a book, use certain materials, or participate in an activity. The request should include grounds or basis for exemption. The teacher should respond in writing with alternative plans. If the request to the teacher is denied, then a written appeal may be submitted to the principal.
- No student who is granted such a request shall be penalized academically for his failure to participate in an activity, read a book, or use certain materials.
- The final decision concerning the use of controversial materials shall rest with the Board.

Always consult Knox County School Board Policy IKB entitled “*Controversial Issues*” in the event that issues **and not materials** are the subject of the controversy.

If you have issues involving bullying, racial slurs or other acts that threaten your child at school, please contact me at AGCorganizations@gmail.com. We are lucky to have three professionals in the community, Rabbis Schwartz and Zivic and Jeff Gubit, who can assist you in dealing with school issues.

H A P P E N I N G S

United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism

On Supporting Freedom of Religious Practice at the Kotel

NEW YORK, NY - The recent detention and fingerprinting of Anat Hoffman, director of the Israel Religious Action Center, civil and consumer rights advocate, founding member of Women of the Wall and past member of the Jerusalem City Council, for her role in advocating a woman's right to pray at the Kotel opens a new and ominous chapter in intra-Jewish relations in Israel.

United Synagogue affirms that Hoffman's detention, following the recent arrest at the Kotel of Nofrat Frankel for wearing a tallit during worship services on Rosh Hodesh, drives a wedge between our communities at a time when working for unity within Israel and enhancing the connection between Diaspora Jewish communities and Israel should be a primary concern. We urge the municipality of Jerusalem, the State of Israel and its ambassador to the United States to realize the gravity of this issue and take immediate steps to end the harassment of women seeking to pray with dignity at the Western Wall, Judaism's most holy place.

United Synagogue urges members of its congregations and all members of the Conservative movement to write a letter to Ambassador Michael Oren (info@washington.mfa.gov.il) expressing the above sentiments. Further, as Conservative Jews, we hope for a pluralistic Israeli society that welcomes all Jews who share a commitment to Jewish continuity, peoplehood and Zionism. When the government limits access at the Kotel, changes the status quo of "who is a Jew," and refuses to grant Masorti rabbis equal rights in Israel, many in the Diaspora community, whose support of Israel is crucial if Israel is to continue to flourish, instead feel alienated.

By standing with the Women of the Wall, we affirm our unity as a single world-wide Jewish community. We affirm our connection with our sisters and brothers in the Land of Israel and we affirm the abiding holiness of the city of Jerusalem in our lives.

JDC's Haiti Earthquake Disaster Response

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In response to the devastating earthquake that struck Haiti on January 12, JDC is collecting funds to aid relief efforts for victims on a non-sectarian basis. JDC has moved swiftly to coordinate relief efforts with its network of Israeli, American, and other local partners on the ground, focusing on the provision of critical food, water, and medical aid to local residents.

JDC is supporting **EcoWorks International** in operating a feeding program for patients and their families as well as medical staff, based out of the remains of a collapsed local hospital. In addition, a JDC-allotted grant to **Chabad-Lubavitch** of the Dominican Republic funded convoys carrying milk for children in Haiti.

JDC is sponsoring 115 water tanks that will ensure clean drinking water for hundreds of thousands of quake victims living in tent villages. All of the tanks are expected to be operational by March 1. JDC is also funding several water supply projects through the **International Rescue Committee** to provide sources of clean, potable water in Port-au-Prince and the surrounding community.

Your KJA Board authorized a \$1,000 emergency grant from our Special Emergency Assistance Fund to support the JDC aid to Haiti. To date \$540 has been collected in Knoxville, in addition to the KJA grant, and sent to JDC.

JDC is the official humanitarian assistance organization for the Jewish community and the Jewish Federations of North America.

Tent camps are the interim reality for hundreds of thousands of homeless in Haiti.

Photo by the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee.



Heska Amuna Synagogue

HaShofar



Hag Sameach and Have a Sweet Pesach

Pesach Services

Monday, March 29 at 9:30 a.m.;
first Seder in the evening



Adar/Nisan 5770

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Following Kiddush

Torah Study with Rabbi Zivic

SUNDAY MORNINGS

March 7, 14, 21, 28

At 9:00 a.m.

Talmud Study with Rabbi Zivic

Tuesday, March 30
at 9:30 a.m.;
Community Seder
hosted by Temple Beth El
6:00 p.m.



From The Rabbi's Desk

By Rabbi Louis Zivic, D.D.

Dear Friends,

The results are in! In the January issue, I asked readers to respond with what they would like to see me write about. I received two replies: one stating that I should go with "cheerleading," pitching events and the synagogue and the other that I should talk about Jewish ritual stuff. Which took me right back to where I had started.

As many of you have no doubt heard, I will be retiring from the congregational rabbinate at the end of this year. It's a bit daunting to think of being retired. I understand the rabbis who continue to work even after 50 plus years of service. Part of it is because the rabbinate is wrapped together with a rabbi's ritual life. After all, rabbis become rabbis because they enjoy Jewish ritual life. There are few professions that make allowances for Jewish observance, but the rabbinate is one. It provides one with the companionship of like minded individuals to pray with and share life with. There is a lot that is good about synagogue life.

To be sure, there may be a lot that will be missed, but all of it can be enjoyed by anyone at any stage of one's life. Now I can be the guy who sleeps through some other rabbi's sermon.



From the Chair of the Board of Trustees

By Rosalie Nagler

We live in the "Volunteer State" and I thought that this would be the theme for my column this month. I would like to thank all the terrific volunteers we have in our Heska Amuna community. We had a wonderful Purim program and Megillah reading. Many thanks to all who helped make the day a success.

Volunteers make our Chevra Kadisha possible. Many communities do not have the support to provide this final mitzvah for members. It allows us to care for, in the greatest possible way, for each other in a very special way.

Our services are ably led by lay leaders. The Rabbi and Religious Services Committee is available to help anyone who would like to learn to lead services or chant Torah.

Volunteers assist in the office. They help out on Shabbat with ushering and greeting people as they come in to the Synagogue. We have a beautiful Judaica Shop run by volunteers. Volunteers are working on renovating the childcare room.

These are merely a few of the visible things our volunteers do. Many other opportunities exist for members to volunteer to make Heska Amuna even better! Take a chance and volunteer!

Reflections from the Education Director

By Morah Chaya Silver-Alford

March 2010

While searching for the right message for our Passover issue of *Ha'Kol*, I came across an essay by Susan Kaiser Greenland, author of *The Mindful Child: How to Help Your Kid Manage Stress and Become Happier, Kinder, and More Compassionate*. In her essay, she eloquently explains that when it comes to families and children, Passover is really not so different from all other nights.

Let's face it. Family holidays are times when we put aside absolutely everything to be together. It isn't always easy. I don't know about your household, but in mine, it's not always easy to find the time to make everything work. Yet, in lives often ruled by professional commitments, school schedules, homework, sporting events, and a myriad of other obligations that seem very important at the moment, carving out time for family holidays has never been more crucial. Each year around the Passover holiday, we pause, set aside all the to-ing and fro-ing for a moment and rest. It is an opportunity to bring our priorities into focus and remind us of something that's easy to forget: *How we spend our time speaks volumes about who we are, and about the paths down which our choices are taking us.*

Every minute of every day, we choose how to spend our time and where to focus our attention. Those choices telegraph our priorities more forcefully than anything we say. Leading up to Passover, I spend time cleaning, organizing, shopping, cooking and getting the house ready for guests. We re-arrange the living room, set a magnificent table for more people than last year and much more! I do this because I enjoy it, but also to send my kids a message about what's important to me. I have no way of knowing if they'll get the message, but I do it anyway. While Passover night is unique in many wonderful ways, this is the one way in which Passover night is exactly the same as every other.

Contemporary Services Bring New Worship Experiences

Heska Amuna now offers a new prayer experience on Shabbat mornings once a month. The service is held in the round, in the Winick Library and lasts an hour and a half. There is a different prayer experience each time, ranging from chanting to guitar-led singing, from quiet contemplative times to singing and clapping in joyful prayer. In addition to the service, there is a lay-led Torah study, with all participating. It's a wonderful change of pace.....a time to reflect in a different way, to be a community in a more intimate setting.

Won't you join us to feel Shabbat in a different way? All are welcome. The schedule for the next few months is: March 13, April 10, and May 22. The service begins at 10:30 a.m., and we join with the rest of the congregation for the kiddush lunch. Child care is available.

For further information, please call Nancy Becker 588-5294 or e-mail Nancy at nechama419@yahoo.com.



Heska Amuna Religious School News

Friday, March 5 - 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 **Passover**. If you would like to join us for this warm service and do not have children, you are still welcome. You will be renewed and inspired and those saying Kaddish are welcome. This service is open to the entire Knoxville Jewish community!

Friday, March 12 – Junior Choir ~ 6:30 p.m. Pot Luck Dinner Followed By Services

Join us for a dairy potluck dinner and a great service. Come and support your students who will be taking a special leadership role in this wonderful upbeat short evening service. We will provide drinks, paper goods, and challah. You bring something delicious to share with everyone. This event is open to the entire Knoxville Jewish community!

Sunday, March 13 – CLC Day (Cooperative Learning Component) 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Students in grades K – 6 will report to Temple Beth El for a day of cooperative Jewish learning. Prozdor students (those students in grades 7 – 10) will meet as regularly scheduled.

Thursday, March 18 - Education Committee Meeting ~ 7:00 p.m.

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.

Saturday, March 20 – Junior Congregation - 10:15 a.m.

This special Shabbat morning service is designed for students in all grades and their parents. We sing, we pray, we read Torah, and enjoy special activities related to the weekly Torah portion. Students at Heska Amuna have the chance to try out their new liturgy skills and even read Torah! There will be activities for parents as well as inter-generational Shabbat programming. After the service, families join the rest of the congregation for a delicious Shabbat Kiddush. This service is open to the entire Knoxville Jewish community!

Sunday, March 21 – Gan K'tan ~ 10:00 a.m. – 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 pre-school aged children and their parents. This month's program will focus on **Passover**! 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 or Morah Chaya at EdDirector@Heskaamuna.org.

March 29-April 5: Passover/Spring Break. Enjoy!

Classes resume April 7

For Kids in Grades 3 – 7, It's a Synagogue Lock-In

March 20-21

- ◆ Games
- ◆ Food
- ◆ Movies
- ◆ Fun



Starting at 10:15 a.m. with Junior Congregation Services on Saturday March 20 and ending after Sunday School on March 21 (12:30 p.m.), this is the kid social event of the year! The program

cost is just \$10 per child (for Heska Amuna members - \$20 family cap) and costs only \$36 for non-members. **You must reserve your spot by Tuesday, March 16 to attend.** Once your reservation is received, full details will be sent to you. Reserve your spot today by phone, e-mail or in person! *Your check is your FINAL reservation.*

For more information on this program, please contact Morah Chaya at 522-0701 x13 (messages welcome 24 hours a day--we will call you back!) or e-mail to EdDirector@heskaamuna.org.

A minimum of 12 students are needed for this program to succeed, so don't wait! Reserve Now!

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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

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Tza'ar Ba'alei Chayim and Tzedakah Project Animal Aid Continues

By Chaya Silver-Alford, Education Director; Michael Zemel, Education Committee Chairman; and all the kids enrolled in HARS!

Heska Amuna Religious School students will continue Tzedakah Project: Animal Aid through the end of the March. It is part of the curriculum where we have learned about the mitzvah of *Tza'ar Ba'alei Chayim* - Preventing Cruelty to Animals. This is part of the school's year-long commitment to *tikkun olam*, repairing the world. The school is collecting:

- Dry dog and cat food
- Canned kitten and puppy food
- Old towels
- 30 gallon plastic trash bags
- Heating pads (new or gently used)
- Clay cat litter
- Used stuffed animals or toys (please, no stuffed toys that have sand, beads or other "fillers" in them)

Please bring donated items to the Synagogue or to the AJCC and leave them in the bins. Let us say thank you in advance for all of your donations and contributions to our effort to practice the mitzvah of *Tza'ar Ba'alei Chayim*.

B'Shalom.



Join Heska Amuna Sisterhood on a Road Trip to see *My Catskills Summer* in Nashville

The Borscht Belt is back! Don't miss the chance to revisit those *meshugenah* days of young love, Jewish food, the ever present *machers*, the no nonsense grandfather, and, well, more food. Sound familiar? Live it all again in *My Catskills Summer*, a major musical debuting in Nashville at the Gordon Jewish Community Center, before hitting the road – a road that will end off-Broadway. *My Catskills Summer* was written by playwright, songwriter and West End Synagogue member, Jay Kholos.

My Catskills Summer is set in the Belsky Hotel, a fictional 1950s Catskills Mountain resort that primarily caters to the growing middle-class Jewish population. The show will star Barry Williams, who many of us remember as oldest brother, Greg Brady, on the television show, *The Brady Bunch*. *My Catskills Summer* will also include 18 original show tunes and a cast of 25.

The show will run in Nashville from Thursday, March 11 – Sunday, March 14.

If you are interested in joining a group to see this very funny, very Jewish show on Sunday March 14, please contact Amy Hull for more information at Hull5@comcast.net

See You There!



Message from the Men's Club

By Barry Roseman

Anshei Heska Amuna is open to all men affiliated with the Heska Amuna congregation. Anshei hosts monthly meetings (usually over dinner), and are planning the following events:

- Spring Dinner and meet with local sports or business leaders
- Cooperative events with Men's Club at TBE and AJCC members

If you are interested in participating, please contact one of the Executive Committee members: Barry Roseman, Bryan Merrell and Joe Sitver.



Community-Supported Agriculture Option Available

Be sure to check out Wee Farm in the City - Knoxville's newest community-supported agriculture (CSA) - run by our own Gennifer Spenser and family. Become a member to receive a basket (enough for four people) of fresh-picked, naturally-grown vegetables every week for 25 weeks. What a delicious and healthy option for you and your family! Baskets will be delivered on Thursdays, in the Heska Amuna parking lot (in September, the deliveries will move to Tuesdays due to the High Holidays). The first delivery date will be May 6 and the last delivery will be October 28.

Only a limited number of shares are available so register now! Your membership can be reserved with a 10% deposit. For fees, membership agreement, harvest schedule, and further information on CSA, please visit the website at www.weefarminthecity.com or call Gennifer Spenser at (865) 277-6801.

Among Our Members

- Condolences go out to the following members and their families: **Kay and Larry Leibowitz** and family on the passing of Kay's father, **Milton Shamitz**; **Judy and Gene Bocknek** on the passing of daughter, **Wendy Morcos**; **Stephanie and Eric Bank** on the loss of Stephanie's mother, **Vera Stallings**. May their memories be a blessing.
- Get well wishes go to the following people who were ill or recuperating during the past month: **Elaine Brown, Bess Feld, Hinda Duhan, Allie Hull, Bernie Iroff, Shirley Leeds, Karen Messing, Michael Messing, Judy Rattner, Toby Schwartz, Eleanor Shorr** and **Myra Weinstein**.
- Mazal tov to **Judi and Martin Abrams** and family on the engagement of their daughter, **Dr. Deborah Spector** to **Dr. David Hicks**; **Linda and Neil Feld** and **Bess Feld** on the birth of grandson and great grandson, **Ethan Gabriel Kaplan**, son of **Kimmie and Alan Kaplan**.
- A continued *todah rabah* to **Ethel Wittenberg** who works in the Synagogue office every month. Her time and efforts on behalf of Heska Amuna are appreciated.
- Heska Amuna accepts credit cards for payment of dues, fees, and other financial matters. Members have the option of paying a balance partially or in full or setting up an "auto pay" which would charge credit cards monthly over the next 12 months. If you wish to make a payment by credit card, please complete the "Credit Card Information" box on your statement and indicate the amount you are paying next to the account and make a note if you wish the 1-time pay or the auto-pay setup. Tear off the bottom portion and return in the enclosed envelope. All credit card information will be kept confidential. If you are making a payment by check, please indicate the amount you are paying next to the account, tear off the bottom portion and return in the enclosed envelope.
- Federal law keeps us from knowing who is in the hospital. Therefore, if you or a loved one is hospitalized, please let us know so we can place you on our Misheberach list.

Sponsor A 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 the following people for sponsoring Kiddushim in January: Jenifer and Evan Ohriner in memory of Rose Rosenthal; Heska Amuna Sisterhood in honor of the Sisterhood Torah Fund Shabbaton; Mindy Goldberg and Mark Blumenthal in honor of their daughter Hila Miriam becoming a bat mitzvah.



Contributions From Caring People ~ through January 26, 2010

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

Bradley Sturm Memorial Fund

In observance of Bonny Hasden Barsky's yahrzeit

By: Leon Hasden

Educational Enrichment Fund

In memory of Stanley Ginsberg

By: Ellen and Allen Shappe

General Fund

In honor of David Besmann becoming a Bar Mitzvah

By: Debra and Bruce LeShay Cohen

In memory of Betty Himes

By: Asset Planning Corporation

In observance of Maurice Lieberman's yahrzeit

By: Marilyn and Harvey Liberman

In memory of Milton Shamitz

By: Rosalie and Stephen Nagler

In memory of Bernie Shorr

By: The East Tennessee Medical Group

In observance of Stanley Webster's yahrzeit

By: Esther Webster

In honor of Shabbat honors and in memory of Richard Mittleman

By: Jill and Doug Weinstein

Leibowitz Fund

In observance of Joseph Richer's yahrzeit

By: Peggy and Gale Hedrick, Mary Beth Leibowitz

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

In memory of Betty Himes

By: Susan Whipple

In observance of John Gitman's yahrzeit

By: Carole Zwick Mandel

Winick Library Fund

In honor of the birth of Cindy and Ric Pasi's grandtwins, Makenna and Jake Bryan

By: Pat and Gene Rosenberg

In memory of Milton Shamitz

By: Barbara and Bernie Bernstein

Yahrzeit Fund

Balloff Family yahrzeits

By: Sam Balloff

Elsie Duhan, Philip Pensak and Dora Smith

By: Hinda Duhan

Mike Gettinger

By: Josh Gettinger

Jacob Goodstein

By: Marcia and Jay Menuskin

Caroline Schwartz

By: Charlene and Jeff Gubitza

William Shaw

By: Genevieve Kramer

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By: Selma Tobe

Delia Skalet

By: Priscilla and Victor Skalet

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Get Ready for the 2010 Summer of Fun

March 2010



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

The AJCC Pool opens May 23, 2010 at 1:00 p.m. Contact the AJCC for information regarding pool parties and swim lessons. We will have a whole host of lesson programs for youth and adults. Adult swim lanes will be available every afternoon. Several family and adult pool parties are in the planning stages. And of course, our world famous kosher hot dogs will be back!

The AJCC Smokin' Salmon Swim Team coaching staff always consists of experienced,

highly motivated persons. Our coaches and their support staff of parent volunteers are ready for a winning season. The swim team builds friendships, self esteem, strength and leadership. Coaches work with swimmers during practices to ensure the swimmer is working at a level that both challenges and encourages. We will list our coaching staff and pool staff next month.

Join now. Forms are available online at www.jewishknoxville.org. A member of Greater Knoxville Area Interclub Swim Association (GKAISA), the Smokin' Salmon is open for girls and boys ages 5-18. Swimmers are divided into age group competition levels.

Tennis lessons will be available from our tennis pro. Practice your game on one of our renovated four tennis courts. Membership is open to all – so come and join us and get ready for the Summer of Fun 2010 summer at the AJCC!

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Tzelebrating Tzedakah Fun, Successful Event

By Stephen Rosen

Tzelebrating Tzedakah was a great evening. If you don't know what I'm talking about, you may think of it as the Pacesetters Dinner - you know, that old thing that you went to but didn't really want to. Since KJA's annual campaign restarted this event three years ago, we have had a great time. However, to me it's the spirit of the party that counts.

The old methodology was to buy the donor dinner. Really, another donor sponsored your dinner so that half the room was hosting and the other half was being hosted. Then, you were confronted with the concept that the entire world was going to hell and if you didn't give the amount that some committee wrote on your card (I don't like the word "card"), you weren't a good person. I have to admit that as a motivated donor and solicitor, I loved the atmosphere. The problem is, too many people didn't enjoy the evening or the process.

In the last four *Tzelebrating Tzedakah* parties, we have wined and dined without whining and *dreying*. We have been entertained and enlightened by an Israeli wine critic/diplomat, Ben Gurion's biographer, a world-reknown sculptor, and an expert on cantorial opera. We have eaten elegantly in elegant locations. We have been hosted by the Robinsons, Gettingers, Rosenblatts, and Beckers. These are people who are community leaders, know about *tzedakah*, and know how to have fun! Most importantly, during these evenings we have shared the company of others who are committed to building Jewish life in Knoxville and saving Jewish lives abroad. Finally, we made our own financial commitments and enjoyed it!

I invite you to forget your memories or what you heard about the old Pacesetters events of days past. Make plans to *Tzelebrate Tzedakah* with us in late January or early February of 2011. I am sure it will be a wonderful time.



AJCC Preschool News

By Melissa Schweitzer, AJCC Preschool Director

As we waited for the much anticipated snow to arrive, the AJCC Preschool celebrated Tu B'Shevat on January 29. Our music and Judaic teacher, Charlene Gubitz, led our celebration with music. Several Immas and Abbas were able to join us for the festivities. Our tables were beautifully decorated with artwork by our students. Daled made tree centerpieces with paper and handprints. Gimel made trees with branches and tissue paper. Bet made a tree using recycled materials and handprints. Bet II made a Happy Birthday Trees banner decorated with painted fruit shapes.

Our story of Honi and the woman planting a tree for the next generation was brought to life by Jeff Gubitz and our own Christina Munday with narration by Morah Melissa. The preschool also received a Fringe Tree from Ijams Nature Center and pine seedlings from our science specialist, Ginny Small, that we can plant for the students who will be with us in the years to come.

We finished our celebration by talking about fruits that grow on trees and having snacks together as a preschool community. We sampled apples, bananas, oranges, dates, and fig cookies. This was a beautiful way to finish our week of studying and talking about trees.

KJA Hosts UT Jewish Faculty Lecture Series

March 22, 2010 at 7:30-8:30 p.m.

Igal Bursztyn, Shusterman 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

I Want To Make a Gift....

Too often we hear from our membership that they wish to make a Campaign Gift to the Annual Campaign but they cannot afford to do so at that particular time.

We also hear from some of our members that they limit their gift to a certain amount because they can write a check for it then.

Just a reminder... Pledges to the KJA Annual Campaign are not due in full until December 31 of the year they are made. We offer convenient monthly and quarterly billing to your credit card on file. We have some members who write a series of postdated checks and we deposit them one by one.

Have some stock in your portfolio that your great aunt gave you on your Bar Mitzvah and you have no idea what it's value was at gifting? Save your self some grief and use it to pay your gift. Many of our members choose to use appreciated stock in their portfolios.

We can make a plan that works for you and helps the KJA continue the work we do here in Knoxville, regionally, nationally and abroad.

Jewish Family Services News

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

As many of you know, I am serving on the 2010 Memory Walk planning committee for the Eastern Tennessee Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association. This year's walk will take place on Saturday, April 17. I joined up too late last year to start my own team, but this year I would love to see a team from the Jewish community. Alzheimer's disease affects so many families in our community and it is the seventh-leading cause of death in the United States. I first became interested in Alzheimer's disease when my grandfather, Mickey Lipson, was diagnosed a little over a decade ago. He passed away from complications of Alzheimer's disease in 2001, shortly before his 80th birthday. Last year, I walked in the Memory Walk in his memory. This year, I hope that others from the Jewish community will walk beside me. If you are interested in joining me please email me at lberry@jewishknoxville.org or call me at 680-6343, extension 18.

Family Promise Makes Presentation

By Suzanne Mittleman-Townsend

On March 2, JFS, the Weinstein and Dryzer families are welcoming Tere McDonough of Family Promise. Family Promise unites the interfaith community with local resources to help homeless children and their families get back on their feet. Brian Weinstein and Michael Dryzer have chosen this wonderful organization for their Bar Mitzvah service projects. This year JFS will continually call for new volunteers in the Jewish community. Just come, listen, ask questions during this very brief informational session. I promise you will be moved.

March 2, 7-8p.m., AJCC

Friendship Programs

Wilma Weinstein, Program Director

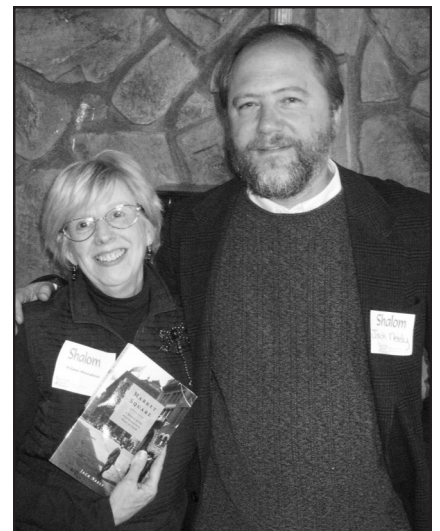
We have a number of new and exciting programs coming up:

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:

Dr. Henry A. Fribourg, Emeritus Professor of Crop Ecology, University of Tennessee, will present "Interactions among Grasses, Fungi, Herbivores, and Environmental Factors – The Story of the Tall Fescue for the 21st Century monograph."



Local historian and author, Jack Neely and KJA program director, Wilma Weinstein, at the January Friendship program.

Mitzvah Day- A great day!

By Wilma Weinstein, Program Director

KJA's day of 'good deeds' and service aids community

Over 150 adults and youth gathered Sunday, February 7 at the Arnstein Jewish Community Center to participate in various community service projects as part of the 8th annual Mitzvah Day celebration, designed coordinated by Mitzvah Day Co-Chairs Hayley Goldfeld and Michelle Cohen.

"A mitzvah is a good deed, or commandment," said Stephen Rosen, KJA President. "It's also an opportunity for us to fulfill our responsibility to better the world."

Students and adults participated in a wide array of projects including making blankets for the East Tennessee Chapter of Newborns in Need. NIN's major need is blankets and premie diapers, but they also need big items such as cribs, bassinets and pack 'n play. The entire Jewish community came together to "repair the world" by participating in various projects.

The Knoxville Jewish Alliance organizes the event each year to engage adults and students in improving our community. 135 pairs of gently used shoes were donated for "Soles4Souls." Children and adults participated in many craft activities as well as a Tu'B Shevat Seder. A group of teens worked at the Love Kitchen. The Medic Blood Mobile collected 21 pints of blood.

Volunteers, under the leadership of Campaign Chair Gene Rosenberg and co-chair Justin Bell, made numerous cell phone calls to local KJA supporters and 148 households responded with gifts totaling \$85,646 to support the KJA's mission and philanthropic allocations. If KJA callers missed you or you were not called your gift to the campaign may be made by calling the office or visiting the website. Following a brief opening ceremony, projects began at 9:45 a.m. and continued through the morning. A Tu'B Shevat Seder led by Chaya Silver-Alford was enjoyed by the students. Refreshments provided by Panera, Gamma Networks and Krispy Kreme were enjoyed by participants.

Special thanks to: Maya Greenshpan, Ellen Markman, Lee Miller, Deborah Roberts, Marion Jay, Linda Zaretski, Jenny Erwin, Linda Mongeon, Nancy Schonbrun, Phyllis Hirsh, Pessa Brody, Marla Brody, Lisa and Alan Sayles, Laura Berry, Brooke Steakly, Joyce York, Emma Fleischman, Monica Berman, Kimberly Bergeron, Phyllis Brownstein, Peggy Hedrick, Donna Solod, Rachel Zemel, Ed Alexrod, Tara Bain, Aron Goldfeld, Mark Frankel, Jeff Abrams-Cohen, Shuli Mesa, Yarom Polsky, Frank Floyd, Josh Galperin, Lesley Rosenblatt, Sands Parsons, Alex Khaddouma, Sandra Khaddouma, Joyce Seidel Hausman, Ruth Sherrill, Joyce Traugot, Chaya Silver-Alford, Norma James, Rabbi Beth Schwartz, Rabbi Louis Zivic, Rabbi Yossi Wilhelm, Gene Rosenberg, Justin Bell, Michael Dryzer, Steve Cohen, Nicki Russler, Anita Kay Sitver, Charlene and Jeff Gubitz, Aaron and Imelda Margulies, Mark Littmann, Arnold and Mary Linda Schwarzbart, Deborah and David Oleshansky, Melissa Schweitzer, Lily Schweitzer, Kathy Young, Anne Greenbaum, Mary Evars-Goan, Anna Iroff, Brett Smuckler, Ken Jordan at Panera, Krispy Kreme, Jeff McElroy at Benjamin Moore Bearden Decorating Center, John Homa, Knox County Solid Waste Project Manager, Melissa Sturm at Agri Feed Pet Supply. Campaign callers included: Bill Berez, Gene Rosenberg, Stephen Rosen, Renee Hyatt, Pace Robinson, Jane Cohen, Scott Hahn, Marian Jay, Arnold Schwarzbart, Jeff Becker, Melissa Feinbaum, Lee Miller, Justin Bell, Ellen Kern, Larry Silverstein, Anita Miller, Arnold Cohen, Judith Rosenberg, Rosalie Nagler, Brian Merell, Dick Jacobstein, Bernard Bendriem and Adam Brown. If you helped and we missed your name, please let us know!



Rabbi Yossi Wilhelm and son, Mendel, design tissue box covers together.



Grace Margolis decorates a pillow case on Mitzvah Day.

Galy diGuilio makes more tissue box covers.



Eli Derrington participates in the Tu'B Shevat Seder.

It Takes a Village

By Jeff Gubitz

One of my favorite stories about the people of Chelm concerns the need to bring wine to the community barrel to be ready for a large event being held a few months in the future.

With great ceremony the filling of the communal barrel began and wine was added to the large barrel. The weeks went by and many were seen shlepping their buckets to the barrel and dumping the contents into the barrel.

Soon the day of the large celebration dawned and with great ceremony the barrel was tapped. Pitchers were filled and the wine glasses on the tables were then filled.

As the head of the Jewish Community Council raised his glass, he was joined by all those present and with one communal motion they all took a drink and without pause each and every attendee spat out the vile tasting potion. "This is dreadful!" "This stinks!" "What has happened to our wine?"

Well it seems that over the period of time leading up to the banquet some thought they could bring a bucket of water mixed with wine; others brought a bucket of water; yet others pretended to lug buckets filled with air and went though the motions of "pouring" their contribution.

No one had ever felt the need to keep a list of those who filled the barrel, so it was never known who participated and who did not. In the end though, the wine was not usable; many were disappointed and the good wine was spoiled and tainted by the other mystery additions.

Our Annual Campaign is so much like the Chelm barrel of community wine. Many in our community willingly contribute to the community pool of funds that support our KJA and AJCC. Regrettably not everyone in the community participates. If you are not participating, please know that your participation in KJA Tzedakah is so easy. No one will ask you to plant a tree, cut the grass, or make a dinner to feed elderly abroad. No one will ask you to chaperone our youth to Israel or do a variety of community projects. Please write your check or pull out your credit card and say "yes" when our volunteers call upon you. The simple act of writing a check and making your gift makes everything happen. Even if you have not supported the KJA in the past, you are reading this publication today at no cost to you. If you do not agree with politics of Israel, know that you are supporting your local community. Know too that your gift, when allocated to our international beneficiary agencies, never is used to purchase armament or weaponry to support the Israel Defense Forces. We are in the humanitarian business, locally, regionally, nationally and internationally. All gifts, large and small, make it happen.

Suzy Snoops

- **Pace Robinson** is the new chairman of the Knoxville Utilities Board (KUB). Robinson is CEO of Knoxville-based Modern Supply Company. He has served locally on the board of the East Tennessee Foundation, the Knoxville Jewish Alliance, and Webb School of Knoxville. He has served on various trade association boards, including serving as past president of the Southern Wholesalers Association, and is a past member of Leadership Knoxville. Robinson has been a member of the KUB Board of Commissioners since January 2005.
- **Larry Silverstein** is on the board of the new KUB Tree Trim Policy Review Board.
- Many thanks to **Ben and Christa Webb**, volunteers from Lee College during December. They did a great job. Thank you!
- **Len Handler** is now retired from the University and is a Professor Emeritus in the Psychology Department. **Barbara Handler** continues to teach quilting locally and around the states. **Amy and Phil Handler** went to LA for the SAG awards (Screen Actors Guild) in January. **Charlie Handler** is still in New Orleans rooting for the Saints. The grandchildren are growing and happy. All is well.

Please share your good news by sending your items to hakol@jewishknoxville.org.

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HOLD THE DATE

Israel Partnership Reception
Saturday, March 6 at 7:30 p.m.
Arnstein Jewish Community Center

Yom Hashoah, April 11

Plans are underway for this year's Yom Hashoah commemoration to have Wendel Werner and the UT Singers perform the Holocaust Cantata at Temple Beth El on Sunday, April 11 at 4:30 p.m.



HOLD THE DATE J-SERVE PROJECT SUNDAY APRIL 25 OPEN to all volunteers 6th-12th grade



**Our Project this year will benefit:
Beardsley Community Farm**

For additional information contact
Deborah Oleshansky (865) 690-6343
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The Most Fun Under the Sun

Welcome to another summer of "The Most Fun Under the Sun"! The American Camping Association-accredited Milton Collins Day Camp and the Department of Human Services licensed-Camp K'tonTon are fired up and ready for another fantastic season, and we would love to have you join us. Whether you are joining us for the first time or as a returning camp family, the 2010 season offers enjoyment and excitement for everyone. While many favorite activities and traditional programs will return, this summer will also include new experiences for all age groups.

Sarah Price and Melissa Schweitzer are very excited to announce that registration is now available online. You may access our registration forms through our website at www.jewishknoxville.org. Our summer brochure will provide you with information about the AJCC summer programs and includes registration forms. If you are a returning friend of camp, you may note that a few changes have been made for the upcoming summer in order to provide the BEST quality experience possible for you and your campers.

Please note that there are some small differences between Milton Collins and Camp K'tonTon registration and attendance. These differences are in place to provide for the developmental needs of each age group. Please feel free to contact the AJCC with any questions or to request additional information. We welcome the chance to talk with you at any time about ways to enhance your child's camp experience.

There is no better way to spend the warm summer months than spending time with friends at our swimming pool, tennis courts and playing on our extensive grounds! Summer memberships are available too. Visit our website www.jewishknoxville.org for forms and information. We hope to see you soon!



Over 40 UT Hillel students attended a Birthright Israel Shabbat dinner on campus and heard from Jacqui Pearl about her trip to Israel last summer with the U.S. Men's Basketball delegation to the Maccabiah games, and from Spencer Glaser, Amy Schweig, Caycee Ellis and Rebekah Zeitlin who all participated in Birthright Israel trips over Winter Break. They described their experiences and encouraged ALL students to take advantage of the Birthright Israel opportunity.

The Brits are Coming!

Join us for soccer!

Challenger British Soccer is hosting a soccer camp from **June 7 through June 11.**

Register online at www.challengersports.com.

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

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



Ages 4—5	Mini Soccer	5:30—7:00 p.m.	\$ 90
Ages 6—9	Half Day	8:30—11:30 a.m.	\$115
Ages 10—15	Half Day	8:30—11:30 a.m.	\$115
Ages 10—15	Full Day	8:30—11:30 a.m. & 12:30—3:30 p.m.	\$180
Half Day MCDC	Half Day program	11:30a.m. - 3 p.m.	\$115

** Half Day MCDC rate is an option for half day soccer campers and includes lunch.

Israeli Partners Visiting This Month

The Israel Partnership Committee is pleased to announce that four members of the Israel Steering Committee from our sister region in Israel, Hadera-Eiron will visit Knoxville in March. Judy Yuda, our Israeli Regional Director, will make her first visit to Knoxville along with committee members Tova Meiner, Esther Roichman, and Elisha Hosman, Israel Steering Committee Chair. Our Israeli guests will be here from Friday, March 5-Sunday March 6. Sunday morning they will travel from Knoxville to Atlanta to participate in our Regional Steering Committee meetings with representatives of the other Southeast Region Partnership Communities: Nashville and Chattanooga TN, and Jacksonville, Pinellas, and Ft. Myers, FL. Our local Israel Partnership Chair, Dr. Renee Hyatt, will travel to Atlanta for these meetings along with Jeff Gubitz and Dr. Bernard Rosenblatt, who will all represent Knoxville at the meetings. Deborah Oleshansky, who serves as the P2K Southeast Regional Coordinator, will both represent Knoxville and work with Regional Chair, Sharon Bell of Nashville, to coordinate the project and budget process at the Atlanta meetings.

Our Israeli guests will join the community for Shabbat services at Temple Beth El on Friday, March 5 and Heska Amuna Synagogue on Saturday, March 6. The entire community is invited to attend a reception in their honor on Saturday night, March 6 at 7:30 p.m. at the Arnstein Jewish Community Center. For additional information please contact Deborah Oleshansky, (865) 690-6343 or doleshansky@jewishknoxville.org.

**UT Jewish Student Center/Hillel Presents
An Evening of Comedy with Five Time Emmy Award Winner**

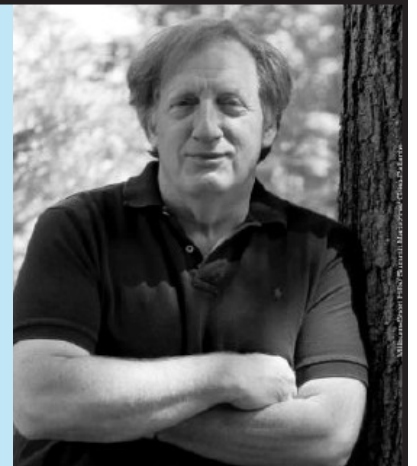
Alan Zweibel

**Renowned Writer of
Saturday Night Live & Curb Your Enthusiasm**

Tuesday March 16

7:00 p.m.

**University Center Auditorium
University of Tennessee**



This event is free and open to the public. It is made possible through a University of Tennessee Student Activity Grant

For more information contact Deborah Oleshansky at (865) 690-6343 or doleshansky@jewishknoxville.org

UT Hillel is a program of the Knoxville Jewish Alliance and is supported by your gift to the Annual Campaign.

Passover Greetings From The Community

<p><i>Hag Sameach v Kasher, Gilya Schmidt & Family</i></p>	<p>Freedom is not free; it is priceless. Arlene Goldstine, Gloria, Michael & Hannah Wald, Philip, Leigh Anne, Grant & Matthew Goldstine</p>	<p>HOLIDAY GREETINGS FROM PAM, NAOMI, ANNA, ERNIE GROSS, EVA AND DAVID BARNETT</p>	
<p><i>The Besmann family wishes everyone a sweet Pesach</i></p>		<p>HAPPY PASSOVER Chaya, Emma, Max, Lilly and Terry</p>	<p><i>Greetings to all from Len, Barbara and Charles (New Orleans) Handler, Amy, Phil, Oliver, and Calliope Oppenheim (Atlanta)</i></p>
<p><i>Happy Passover</i> Charlene & Jeff Gubitz Leslie Gubitz Jennifer Gubitz Ron Gubitz & Leslie Smith (St. Louis) Betty Gubitz</p>	<p>May your Passover celebration be full of joy and tradition Arnold and Mary Linda Schwarzbart www.schwarzbart.com</p>	<p><i>Hag Samayah The Liberman Family</i></p>	

Passover Greetings From The Community

<p>Chag Sameach to our friends and family. Heidi, Barry and Eddy Allen</p>	<p>HAPPY PASSOVER TO A WONDERFUL COMMUNITY! Bernie & Lesley Rosenblatt</p>	<p>PASSOVER GREETINGS Barbara & Bernie Bernstein</p>	
<p>Warm greetings to all our good friends in Knoxville Peggy and Mark Littmann Beth and James McGinnis Owen Littmann</p>		<p><i>Hag Pesach Same'ach</i> Jeff and Nancy Becker and our Children and Grandchildren Rachel, Micah, Sophie, and Reuben Becker-Klein Ben, Amy, and Harry Willis-Becker Sarah Becker Jeff Cohen Dan, Lorah, Noah, and Benjamin Cohen-Vogel Debbie, Jeff, and Samantha Abrams-Cohen</p>	
<p>Happy Passover Murray and Wilma Weinstein</p>	<p>Chag Sameach KJA Officers, Board and Staff</p>		
<p><i>Rabbi Schwartz and Larry Washington wish the entire Jewish Community a Happy Passover and a prosperous year</i></p>			
<p><i>Hag Sameach</i> Kim, Stephen, Nathan, Arielle and Tifannie Rosen</p>		<p>HAPPY PASSOVER TO EVERYONE PESSA BRODY</p>	<p>With love from the Oleshansky Family David, Deborah, Ben, Bryna and Rae</p>
		<p>Happy Passover to All LEE MILLER, LISSA, SHELLY and SETH</p>	



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Knoxville Jewish Community Family of Funds

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

KJCFF President Elected to ETF Board

Dick Jacobstein, KJCFF president, has been elected to serve on the East Tennessee Foundation Board. KJCFF is a supporting foundation of ETF and works under their auspices. As a new ETF board member, Dick hopes to learn more about building charitable resources and making Knoxville's Jewish community stronger. "I'm honored to be part of the East Tennessee Foundation and look forward to serving," offered Dick.

Donations:

Bill Brody Fund

Frank Wilson

B'nai Tzedek Fund of Hila Blumenthal

Mary Linda and Arnold Schwarzbart

B'nai Tzedek Fund of Brian Weinstein

Doug and Jill Weinstein

EAR Fund

Sondra Markoff in honor of Eli and Asher Robinson Natalie Robinson

Heska Amuna Cemetery Fund

Mary Linda and Arnold Schwarzbart for the yarzheits of
Sam Morrison
Annie Ross Joffe
Lillian Morrison
David Abramson
Fannie Moskowitz
Harry Moskowitz

Reback Family Fund

Richard and Katheryn Reback

Dr. Bernard S. Rosenblatt Fund

Bernie and Lesley Rosenblatt in honor of Gene Rosenberg
Bernie and Lesley Rosenblatt in honor of Michael Eric Spindell's bar mitzvah
Bernie and Lesley Rosenblatt in memory of Brian Britcher

B'nai Tzedek Program Lauded for Building Future Philanthropists

East Tennessee Foundation president and CEO Michael McClamroch touted the KJCFF's B'nai Tzedek youth philanthropy program at the ETF's 2009 Annual Meeting on January 26, 2010 as a template for teaching future generations the power, the importance, and the responsibility of philanthropy. Mike went on to say, "I'm proud of the Knoxville Jewish Community Family of Funds (KJCFF) for recognizing that nothing builds a lasting legacy better than helping young people to experience the power and importance of philanthropy. The young people in the KJCFF B'nai Tzedek Youth Philanthropy program learn at an early age what it looks like, feels like, and what it means to give back to other people."

The B'nai Tzedek program offers bar and bat mitzvah age-children an opportunity to begin their life in philanthropy. With a small donation, each teen is able to start a fund with KJCFF. Though these funds are smaller than a regular fund, they allow fund holders to donate and to make grants to Jewish charities.

New Grants made by KJCFF Funds:

The Jeff and Nancy Becker Community

Enrichment Fund made a generous grant to Heska Amuna Synagogue to renovate the childcare room.

New KJCFF Funds:

Anonymous

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To learn more about KJCFF philanthropic opportunities, call 690-6343 or visit our website at www.jewishknoxville.org/kjcff

Mazel Tov!

Heska Amuna Synagogue

Happy Birthday!

- ◆ Anita Merlin ◆ Manny Herz ◆ Bryan Merrell
- ◆ Alan Merlin ◆ Charlene Gubitz
- ◆ Arnold Schwarzbart ◆ Arnold Tew
- ◆ Muriel Levin ◆ Gene Rosenberg ◆ Shirley Leeds
- ◆ Selma Tobe ◆ Ricky Caplan ◆ Charlotte Slovis-Cooper ◆ Bruce Pearl
- ◆ Sharon Toedte ◆ Ivan Cooper ◆ Judith Bocknek ◆ Sharon Poore
- ◆ Richard Good ◆ Judith Rosenberg ◆ Mindy Goldberg
- ◆ Phyllis Brownstein ◆ Larry Leibowitz ◆ Andy Singer



Happy Anniversary!

- Amy and David Hull
- Susan and Marc Forman
- Sally and Jeff Baerman
- Marilyn and Isadore Abrams
- Jill and Doug Weinstein

Members celebrating a March birthday or anniversary are invited to share in the kiddush blessing on March 20.

TEMPLE BETH EL

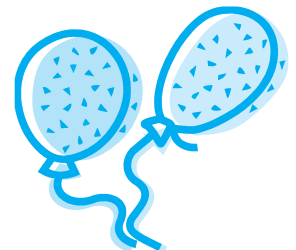
Happy Anniversary!

- Jeff & Lorie Hirsh
- Ilya & Bella Safto
- Mark & Irina Abrams
- Tom & Charolette Evans



Happy Birthday!

- ◆ Jim Hannah ◆ Robert Kronick ◆ Robert Pollack
- ◆ Leona Spritz ◆ Ivan Brody ◆ Moema Furtado
- ◆ Heather Sandberg ◆ Noah Erwin
- ◆ Keith Derrington ◆ Mark Frankel
- ◆ Elizabeth Austin ◆ Richard Licht
- ◆ Bruce Bursten ◆ Murray Weinstein ◆ Rachel Weiss ◆ Charlene Gubitz
- ◆ Jan Elston ◆ Henry Fribourg ◆ Maria Shusterman ◆ Zackary Snow
- ◆ Stuart Elston ◆ Jay Frankel ◆ Maurice Greif ◆ Amy Rosenberg
- ◆ Sherry Schoenfeld ◆ Monty Lewis ◆ Peter Branton ◆ Charolette Evans
- ◆ Michelle Gaddis ◆ Kaye Goodfriend ◆ Sylvia Miller ◆ Elizabeth Noon
- ◆ Allan Gerson ◆ Gabrielle Goodfriend ◆ Daniel Hookman
- ◆ Gregory Stein ◆ Matthew Lauer ◆ Frances Brody ◆ Nancy Altshuler
- ◆ Jessica Rosenberg ◆ Mark Barkan ◆ Allan Schoenfeld ◆ Ryan Gibbons



Shefner to Celebrate Bar Mitzvah

Isaac Shefner will become a bar mitzvah on Saturday, March 13, at 10:00 a.m. at Temple Beth El. Isaac is a seventh grader at Farragut Middle School. He plays basketball and swims, and has played guitar for years. Isaac enjoys playing basketball and other sports, and hanging out with his friends. Isaac is interested in being a sportscaster, a sports journalist, or an engineer because he likes math. For his mitzvah project, Isaac has worked with Friends of Fort Liberté, a non-governmental organization that has worked in Haiti for over 30 years. Isaac has raised several thousand dollars by helping create "Links of Love for Haiti" at his school. Isaac's parents are Jon Shefner and Karen Holst, and he has an older sister, Sophia. His grandparents are Deborah Shefner and Alan Shefner, and Marge Holst and Art Holst. An oneg will follow the services. Please join us to celebrate Isaac's bar mitzvah.

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TEMPLE BETH EL

March 5

- ◆ Edwin Deitch ◆ Penelope Blackwell ◆ Harry Ruben ◆ Jacob Chotiner ◆ Natalie Johannesburg ◆ Herman Werner
- ◆ Faisel Schuck ◆ Arthur Shor ◆ Toby Slabosky ◆ Morris Bart ◆ Robert Loebel ◆ David S. Striner ◆ Martin Andrew Koplan
- ◆ George Marshall ◆ Murray Steinfeld ◆ Stewart Crosier ◆ Sylvia Kessler Robinson ◆ Ginda Katz

March 12

- ◆ Rosa Kern ◆ Marjorie Freedman ◆ Leonard D. Licht ◆ William Brody ◆ Julia Markman ◆ Anna Wallace Rosenbloom
- ◆ Lana Schaefer ◆ Rose Schwartz ◆ Jacob Katz ◆ David Miller ◆ Morris Friedman ◆ Anna Kolodkin Bush
- ◆ Jessica H. Rosenthal

March 19

- ◆ Amy Bleier ◆ Germaine Kern ◆ Fe Dolar Serrato ◆ Bill Ray Treece ◆ Leon Leonard ◆ Ida Leonard ◆ Loretta Balzer
- ◆ Alice Willis ◆ Nannette Hope Hyatt ◆ Sarah S. Steinberg ◆ Carl Kaplan ◆ Fred Marx

March 26

- ◆ Bertha Goldberger ◆ Lester Popkin ◆ Henry Goldberg ◆ Hyman Markowitz ◆ Leon Potter ◆ Isaac Bressler
- ◆ Yetta F. Manis Speert ◆ Paul Davis Friedman ◆ Lillian Richer

April 2

- ◆ Theresa Greif ◆ Pauline Silverman ◆ Jason Alan Treece ◆ Alexander Traugot ◆ Gordon Brown ◆ Irwin Freedman
- ◆ Sarah Hannah Licht ◆ Millie Mersack ◆ Peter P. Holz ◆ William Orleck ◆ Stuart Bowen Elston ◆ Anna Davidoff
- ◆ Sam Chandler ◆ Victor Thomas

Heska Amuna Synagogue

March 6

- ◆ Pauline Botnick ◆ Bessie Greenbaum ◆ Esther Kislinsky ◆ Bessie Liberman ◆ Rae Weisberg ◆ Arthur Zivic ◆ Max Burnett
- ◆ Daniel Goldberg ◆ Albert Goodstein ◆ Morris Rattner ◆ Louis Rosen ◆ Sam Rosenblatt ◆ Esther Strauss ◆ Leah Herz
- ◆ David Leibowitz ◆ Yetta Nadler ◆ Oscar Pfeffer ◆ Dora Green ◆ Norma Herz ◆ Dorothy Rothman ◆ Irving Bayer ◆ Donald Brown
- ◆ Samuel Jacobs ◆ Max Rubenstein ◆ Lazar Schwartz ◆ Isaac Slovis ◆ Eli Yatsko ◆ Sarah Zwick-Daum

March 13

- ◆ Meyer Cohen ◆ Paul Kanfer ◆ Bernard Kronenberg ◆ Joslyn Presser ◆ Rebecca Reznick ◆ Sarah Robinson ◆ Jacob Winick
- ◆ Monte Kaplan ◆ Caroline Nadler ◆ Caroline Schwartz ◆ Sol Winer ◆ Sally Brownstein ◆ Lillian Kantor ◆ Pearl Meyers
- ◆ Theodore Nius ◆ Morris Bart ◆ Gordon Brown ◆ Mary Brown ◆ Ida Finestone ◆ Harold Leibowitz ◆ Margaruite Mandell
- ◆ Lillian Richer

March 20

- ◆ Joseph Imbrey ◆ Mazeltov Benhayon ◆ Matilda Davis ◆ Jacob Katz ◆ Casper Perelman ◆ Max Weinstein ◆ Philip Baggish
- ◆ Sam Chandler ◆ David Renert ◆ Esther Thompson ◆ Lillian Weinbren ◆ Jack Rosenberg ◆ Miles Siegel ◆ Julius Binder
- ◆ Ida Fenrow ◆ Isadore Wender ◆ Israel Cohen ◆ Pearl Collins ◆ Celia Danenberg ◆ David Krauss

March 27

- ◆ Dale Hasden ◆ Esther Kimerling ◆ Molly Chazen ◆ Bessie Green ◆ Dorothy Icove-Krause ◆ Gertrude Roth ◆ Yetta Rosenfield
- ◆ Rose Belaief ◆ David Hecht ◆ Luna Anidjar ◆ Sylvia Blumenthal ◆ Arthur Jay



Hadassah Highlights

Mark Your Calendar for Another Hadassah Happening

Who: Mr. David Vandergrif
UT Extension Services

What: Will talk with us about:

- Dogwoods - problems and possible solutions**
- Getting our yards and gardens ready for spring**
- YOUR specific questions**
- Diagnosis for YOUR diseased plant (bring in parts from your living plant – do not bring dead parts as they cannot be diagnosed)**

Where: AJCC, Adult Lounge, 6800 Deane Hill Drive

When: March 24, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.



What can I bring?

- **Your appetite – a complimentary lasagna dinner & delicious desserts will be served**
- **Your JNF boxes and/or donations**
- **Your green thumb as trees will be given away while supplies last (courtesy of Ijams)**
- **Your luck – buy a chance to win a beautiful plant**

Let us know you are coming by calling

Peggy Littmann, 588-6661

Friends in Deed

By Dalia Itzik

Dear Hadassah Members,

Below is a wonderful article by Dalia Itzik that was published in the *Jerusalem Post*. This article speaks volumes to the important work Hadassah does in providing health care, education and support for Israel. Dalia is a member of the Knesset, a former Deputy Mayor of Jerusalem and former Speaker of the Knesset. Those of you who attended Hadassah's 2008 national convention in Los Angeles may recall her joint appearance with House Speaker Nancy Pelosi.

Thanks,
Dana Waxler

Hadassah's national board will be visiting Israel next week. Like many institutions in America, Hadassah had a tough year in 2009. But all who know its history also know that when the going gets tough, Hadassah rises to the challenge.

The women of Hadassah built their first hospital on Mount Scopus during the Great Depression. Their national convention was held here in the middle of the second intifada. They were with us in wars and times of economic stress. Others cancelled; but Hadassah came in full force. Of course, they have also come here in good times, but were never deterred by the worst of times. For me personally, as an Israeli and as a Jerusalemite, Hadassah has a special place in my heart. One cannot think of Jerusalem without thinking of Hadassah, without thinking of its excellent health services, its training institutions, its youth programs which all ensure that our children and grandchildren stay connected.

Hadassah is today an organization of very dedicated and focused women headed by Nancy Falchuk. Women who serve as models of all that is beautiful and good in our Jewish ideals; women who do not just preach about what needs to be done, but get

up and carry out the crucial mission they have taken on themselves. It is an organization of women who work day and night for the cause and - together with the talent and charisma of Prof. Shlomo Mor Yosef, as their director-general have made Hadassah the amazing organization it is today.

When I was deputy mayor of Jerusalem, I remember the late Teddy Kollek saying that during the Sinai Campaign in 1956, it was a Hadassah mission that broke the downward spiral in tourism.

"With this kind of precedent," he wrote during his last year as Jerusalem's mayor, "I was not at all surprised 35 years later, when Hadassah moved part of its 1991 mid-winter convention to Jerusalem, arriving here even as Saddam Hussein's Scuds were falling."

For almost a century, Hadassah has been building Israel. When we declared independence, we didn't need to establish a medical infrastructure, because Hadassah had already built it for us.

After all these generations, Hadassah's hospitals are still at the forefront of Israeli medical treatment and research. Hadassah today continues to be a vital and significant factor in our health and well-being.

Hadassah youth aliya villages, which rescued so many children from the Holocaust, continue to be pioneers in education for at-risk children. Young Judaea, the leading Diaspora Zionist youth movement, still expresses Hadassah values.

During its lifetime it has raised billions of dollars for Israel. But Hadassah's real value is incalculable. One cannot put a price tag on the dedication of an army of 300,000 volunteers in the Diaspora, defending Israel and helping us build bridges to the rest of the world.

Israel will always stand by Hadassah, because Hadassah has always stood by Israel.

The writer is a Kadima MK.

Calling all Knoxville Mahj Mavens Join us

Sunday April 25th, 1-4 pm



Hadassah's Spring Mahj Tournament @ the AJCC Adult Lounge

Details & RSVP
Stefanie Rich 376-7219
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Greeting Cards

Do you remember when you could buy a reasonably priced greeting card at the local drugstore or even at a Hallmark store? Wouldn't it be nice if the prices for an excellent-quality greeting card cost under \$2.00 again? (I hear you scoffing: "Yeah--right.")

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Well, look no further! Hadassah has cards for just about every occasion available for only three/\$5.00. You can mix and match these lovely greeting cards: Mazel Tov / Congratulations, Thank You, Bar / Bat Mitzvah, Wedding Wishes, Anniversary Wishes, Birthday, Sympathy, and a variety of others. Plus, bonus cards are thrown in for EVERY \$50.00 spent at one time!

Please contact **Charlene Gubitz** to purchase these UNBELIEVABLE cards AND help Hadassah at the same time! (865) 693-1499 csgubitz@gmail.com. Convenient pickup at JCC.



Book Club News

The next Hadassah Book Club meeting will be Thursday, March 18, at 7:30 p.m. at Barnes and Noble. For March, we've chosen to read *The Boy who Harnessed the Wind* by William Kamkwamba.

This should lead to an interesting and thought provoking discussion. Can't wait to see everyone.

Schedule of Meetings and Events

March 2: Board Meeting 6:30 p.m. AJCC

March 24: Spring Event 6:30-8:30 p.m. AJCC

April 6: Board Meeting 6:30 p.m. AJCC

April 25: HADASSAH MAHJ TOURNAMENT 11:30-3:30 p.m. AJCC

May 4: Board Meeting 6:30 p.m. AJCC

May 13: Board Installation 6-8:30 p.m. TBA

June 1: Board Meeting 6:30 p.m. AJCC

July 6: Board Meeting 6:30 p.m. AJCC

Visit the website for any changes: www.knoxville.hadassah.com.

Help Israel by Purchasing Tree or Water Certificates

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. 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 for you.



Information, Please...

Historian **Nora Messing** is requesting anyone with photos and/or paraphernalia from recent Hadassah events such as the Hoedown, Board Installation, HMO Luncheon and the Build a Bear event, to forward copies to her for the scrapbook. Contact info— 148 Canary Lane, Speedwell, TN 37830, phone 423-869-9472.

January 2010 Layettes

Our children are important. Celebrate with these families by helping Hadassah. Our Chapter opens a "layette" upon notification of the birth of a child within our community. One dollar donations are then accepted to fill this "layette" with proceeds helping Hadassah hospitals. The families are notified that their newborn has been honored in this way. Help Hadassah give great beginnings to other children in Israel by helping to fill our layettes. Our ongoing "layettes" are:

- *Charlotte Emily & Nathan Vincent*, twin grandchildren of Emily Lebow and children of Lori and Michael Lebow.
- *Lucy Theriot*, daughter of Emily and Matthew Theriot
- *Samuel James Sparks*, grandson of Paula Carney
- *John Stephen Harris, III*, grandson & great grandson of Barbara Leeds & Shirley Leeds
- *Samuel Victor Drucker*, grandson of Linda & Neil Feld
- *Alyssa Kathryn and Julia Beth Chaffer*, twin granddaughters of Ianne & Bob Koppel
- *Talya Goldstein*, great granddaughter of Marion & Joe Goodstein
- *Liliana Sarah Greenbaum*, granddaughter of Anne & Eli Greenbaum
- *Ashley Nicole Myers*, granddaughter of Judi & Martin Abrams
- *Hillel Simcha Landman-Feldman*, grandson of Carol & Edward Feldman
- *Abigail Michele Quartararo*, daughter of Jami & Alan Quartararo
- *Blake Ferris Schleff*, grandson of Jeanne & Tony Zucker
- *Jake Hunter & Makenna Kate Bryan*, grandtwins of Cindy and Ric Pasi
- *Sydney & Sawyer Williams*, twins of Emily Schaefer Williams & Ashley Williams; grandtwins of Mary Ellen and Barrett Schaefer

Send your donation in honor of any or all of these children made payable to *Hadassah Knoxville* to Cindy Pasi, 2209 Lucado Way, Knoxville TN 37909. You can contact her at tenntrio@comcast.net, (865) 693-0299. Make life simpler – open your account to draw down from automatically when we open a new layette. Contact Cindy for details.

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A Medical Clown's Week in Ravaged Port au Prince

By Wendy Elliman

An Unfinished Sentence.

Strewn amid the rubble of what had been Haiti's capital, was a heap of splintered school desks and benches. Nearby, lay a blackboard, still improbably whole, half a sentence chalked on to it. "That unfinished sentence symbolized it all for me," says Hadassah medical clown Dudi Barashi, 33. "In my mind's eye, I could see that Port au Prince teacher writing on the board and the children following what she wrote, as the earthquake struck and probably killed them all."

Part of the medical team at the Hadassah Medical Organization in Jerusalem for the past six years, Barashi has volunteered in HMO's outreach in India, with AIDS-stricken orphans in Ethiopia, with survivors in tsunami-ravaged south-east Asia and with civilians under bombardment in Northern Israel during the last war with Lebanon. But, he says, he has never seen anything that compares with the misery and destruction into which he plunged last week in Haiti.

"It was as if the city had been no more than a house of cards," he says. "I have no words to describe the chaos and devastation. And when I thought that in every one of those crushed buildings there had once been life, and that life had been extinguished, it was unbearable. In my many years' experience as a medical clown, this was the first time I ever felt that here is a tragedy that's too vast to grasp hold of."

Barashi was one of four Israeli clowns who arrived in Haiti on the Friday following the Tuesday quake. "Each of us agreed to go immediately," he says. "We left Israel on Thursday, the day on which the Israeli rescue mission set up their field hospital in a Port au Prince soccer stadium. Anyone who's followed the news knows about this hospital - how efficient and well-equipped it was, how for days it was the only place to get effective medical help, how its doctors and nurses worked endlessly and tirelessly."

The Medical Clown

What can clowns do among so much suffering? "We can act as a filter," says Barashi. "Even if your eyes are awash with tears, you can still help. I went up to a child, perhaps two or three years old. His family was gone, his home was gone. But he was still a little boy. His attention was drawn by the man in the funny clothes. I smiled. He smiled. I made a funny face. He

smiled more broadly. I started chatting gibberish. For him, here was a man who didn't know about the earthquake, but knew how first to smile, and then to sing and to dance. For a little while, at least, he left his fear and his pain."

As delicately as Barashi and his colleagues work with sick youngsters in Hadassah, seeking their unspoken permission to come closer, that delicacy was magnified many times among the traumatized children they met in Haiti. "We took our cue from the youngsters," he says.

One among too many in the Israeli field hospital, a little girl had had her crushed leg amputated just above the knee. "The dressing had to be changed, but the child was in pain, and screaming in her language: 'Be careful of my leg!' I went over and repeated her words, as best I could. She stopped struggling and stared at me. I said her words again. And then I chanted them and then began to sing them, mugging around. She giggled and joined in my 'song,' correcting my pronunciation as we sang - and the nurse changed her dressing."

The Clowns and the Israeli Medical Team.

"We worked in tandem with the Israeli team," says Barashi. "It's important for me put on record what an honor it was to work with them. As a team and as individuals, they had come from across the world to work in the worst of conditions because they wanted to help. They'd work 36-hour shifts, and then feel guilty when they rested. The hospital tents were hot and stuffy, with only one air conditioner functioning. There was scarcely water to wash in. But they carried on as if they were in the best of facilities."

Search and Rescue.

Israel also fielded a large (and highly effective) search-and-rescue team to Haiti following the catastrophe. They, too, made use of the clowns. "We'd go with them to people living in temporary camps - people who'd lost everything and had made themselves shelter from a blanket on sticks," says Barashi. "Many were in shock, and none had anywhere to go or anything to do. They'd simply sit there in the heat all day long. The search-and-rescue people thought that perhaps we clowns could provide a diversion."

To reach these shocked, bereaved people, with whom he had no common language, Barashi relied on instinct. "I've been a medical clown for seven years and a street clown for 15 years before that," he says. "It's all about finding connections between people, being sensitive to them and thus allowing them to attach and open themselves emotionally."

One time when the Israeli search-and-rescue carried a giant water container into a camp like this, Barashi started up a Hebrew song: *Moses Struck the Rock, and Water Gushed Forth*. "I don't know how that even came into my head!" he says. "It's a song that Israeli children sing in kindergarten. But, of course, the whole search-and-rescue team knew it and joined in. And with its repetitive *Mayim, Mayim* at the end of each line, it wasn't long before the Haitians were singing along as well."

Haitians and Israelis.

"The people I met in Haiti were, without exception, grateful and responsive to everything we tried to do," says Barashi. "Amid the horror and the loss of everything they'd ever known, children were children and were ready to play. An old woman came up to me and grasped my hand, smiling into my face."

"Spoken language wasn't necessary. People are people everywhere, and despite barriers of language and culture, clowns can play a unique role in helping them."

"I had the Israeli flag as part of my clown costume, and our personnel and our hospital were all clearly identifiable as Israeli. The Haitians knew who we were and they were simply grateful that we'd crossed the world to help them. Alongside the overwhelming grief that I felt for these people, was a vast pride in Israel, in Israelis and in being Israeli."

For the full article and more pictures go to <http://www.hadassah.org/site/apps/nlnet/content2.aspx?c=keJNIWOvEIH&b=5765903&ct=7977493>.





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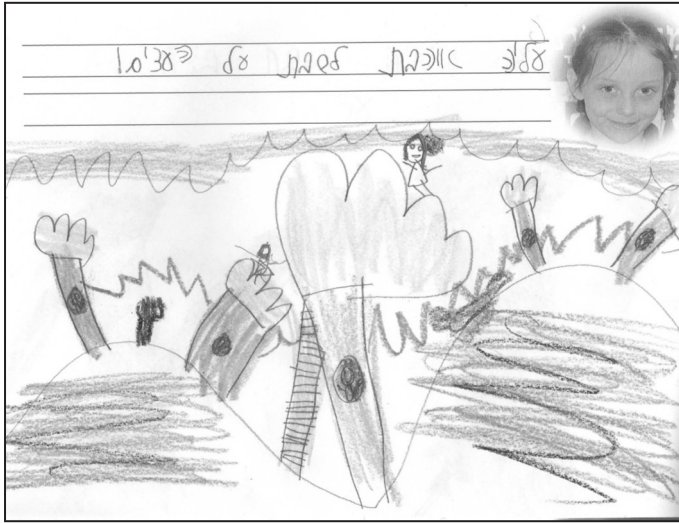
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First Grade Students Write Hebrew

In the spirit of Tu B'shvat, the first grade class learned about trees. They wrote a book called: למה כיתה א' אוהבת עצים: *Why the 1st Graders Loves Trees*
Below is one page from each of their books.



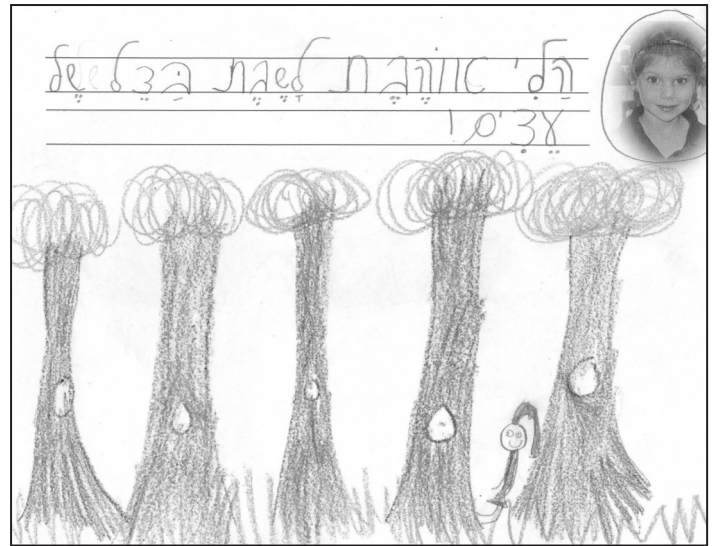
Aliya Roope: Aliya likes to sit on trees.



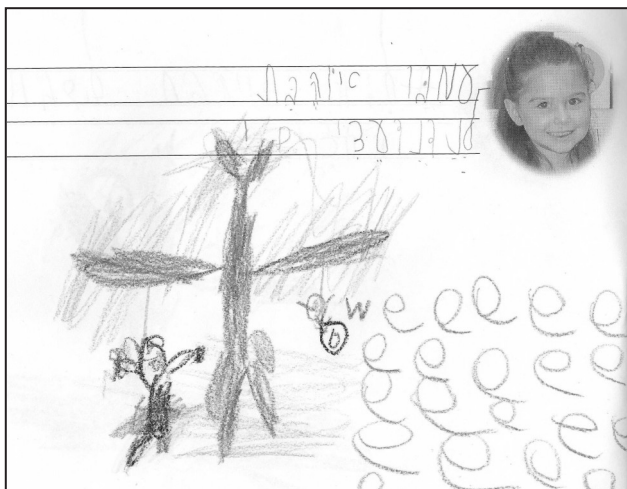
Frank Sturm: Frank likes to climb trees.



Ron Arel: Ron likes to build tree houses.



Hallie Boring: Hallie likes to sit in the shade of the trees.



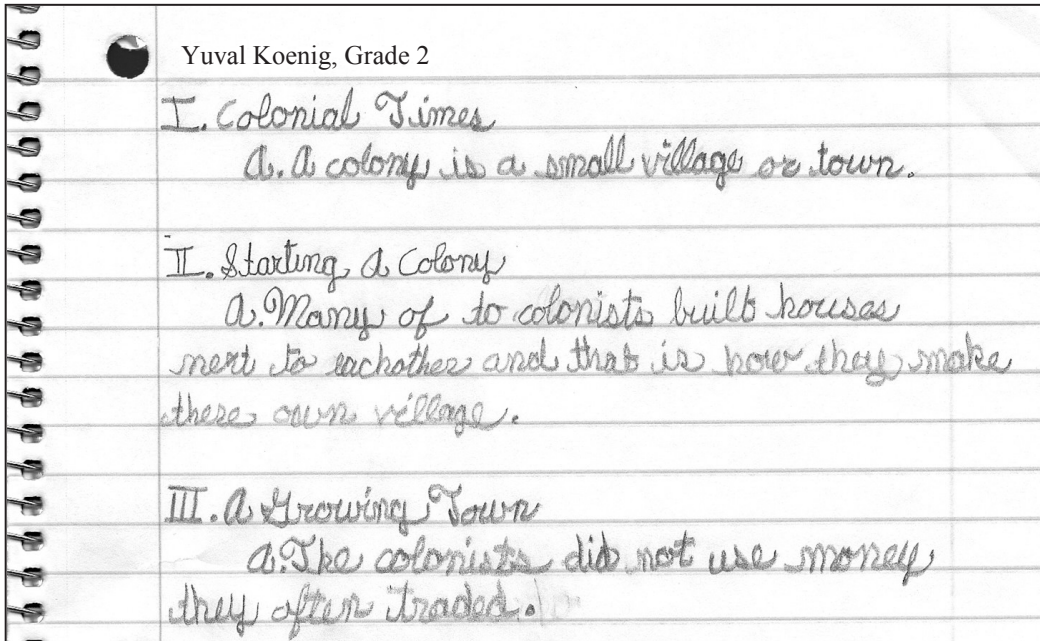
Amber Rooper: Amber likes to swing on trees.



Amit Pasca: Amit like to play in the holes that are in trees.

2nd Grade Non Fiction Brochures

In second grade literacy, students are working on a non-fiction unit using the "Picture the Past" series. Together as a class, they read *Life in a Sioux Village*. They have made their own dictionaries and are adding new vocabulary words daily. They have also learned to take notes outline style, and are using these notes to make tri-fold brochures to tell others about the non-fiction books they are reading on their own. They are using Microsoft Publisher to create their brochures on the computer.



Frank Sturm works on his non-fiction brochure.



KJDS students excitedly greeted their Special Friends for the Tu B'Shvat luncheon in January. The students were so eager to see their Special Friends that they were actually waiting for them, noses pressed to the front door! Many kisses and hugs were exchanged and the event was filled with happy chatting and laughter. It was a joy-filled way to celebrate The New Year of the Trees.

Participants enjoyed the music of the Oak Ridge String Quartet at a musical event hosted by Evan Sturm in support of the day school.



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Running for Victims of the Haiti Earthquake

In January, KJDS students, led by P.E. instructor Jessica Vose, organized a track event for the victims of the Haiti earthquakes. Each child was sponsored by a family member or friend for each lap completed. The children were eager to raise money and they enthusiastically completed each lap. To keep things interesting, Mrs. Vose set up special "stations" where the students got to stop after each lap and work with a partner on a particularly fun and challenging exercise.

The students raised more than \$250 for their cause and are very proud. All funds raised will go to the American Friends of Magen David Adom, one of the first relief agencies present in Haiti after the quake.



Coming to an event in your area....

Bruce Bogartz and his awesome team of Sous Chefs

Don't miss the fun!

Auctioneer Dave Fall will return to run a high energy live auction, which includes wonderful prizes provided by local businesses all over the Knoxville area.

To view these prizes, visit www.kjdsauction.com



This year's auction theme is *Art and Soul* and, fittingly, it will be taking place at the **Knoxville Museum of Art** on **Sunday, March 14** at **6:30 p.m.**

Local musicians will create a beautiful backdrop to our celebration of all things creative and inspiring.

Of course, all the profits from the event will be used to benefit the school and our wonderful students.

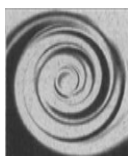
If you were there last year, you know this is an event not to miss!

Gather some of the best kitchen talent in our community, headed by Bruce Bogartz, chef extraordinaire, and an incredible menu is born. Add to that the elegance of the setting and you create an artistic culinary display. Sous Chefs Laurie Barocas, Joan Cohn, Mary Evars-Goan, Phyllis Hirsh, JB and Sylvia Johnson, Uzi Maman, Rebecca Merritt, Evan Sturm, Mary Linda Schwarzbart, Marnie Spiegelman and Barbara Winston will all work alongside Chef Bogartz to bring the finest of a variety of ethnic cuisines to delight your palette.

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The Way We Were circa 1919



Temple Beth El Sunday School Class, circa 1919

Picture taken on the Vine
Avenue side of the building

Children, left to right: **Dorothy Levy** (later **Mrs. Leonard Licht**), **Ruby Katz** (later **Mrs. Abraham Bass**), three unknown students. Teacher standing behind is **Flora Bart** (later **Mrs. Herbert Brody**)

Can anyone identify the three unknown students? If so, please call (865) 690-6343 or e-mail nrussler@jewishknoxville.org.

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.