



Ha'Kol

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

Yom Hashoah 2010

By Jeff Gubitz

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



The April 11 community event held at Temple Beth El featured the voices of the UT Singers under the direction of Wendel Werner lending their vocal talents to the Holocaust Cantata (see photo above); music compiled from original music and lyrics written by Holocaust victims and survivors. Jeff Gubitz created the service from a number of sources.

Participating clergy included Rabbis Louis Zivic and Beth Schwartz, Pastor Philip C. Morris, Reverend Charles Fels and Reverend Susan Fels. The stories of the Shoah were shared in various readings and poems interspersed with song. Community readers included Manny Herz, Ilya Saфро, Wilma Weinstein, David Fleischman, Marilyn Solomon, Ray Pais, Charlene Gubitz, Gilya G. Schmidt, and Mary Linda Schwarzbart.

The service, punctuated by six moments of silence in memory of the nearly six million Jewish victims, began and ended by the stirring blasts of the Shofar, blown by Ken Brown.

Honoring the victims of the Shoah by lighting candles were survivor Arthur Pais and his son Ray Pais and grandson Jacob Pais (see photo below); Michael Messing, Andrew and Jacob Messing representing their grandparents, survivors George and Helene Messing; survivors Trudy Dreyer, Manny Herz and Ruth Sherrill; Bryna and Rae Oleshansky, granddaughters of survivors; Arnold Schwarzbart, Scott Hahn, Rabbi Louis Zivic, sons of survivors; and in memory of those rescuers, Senator Tim Burchett.

Temple Beth El soloist Lynn Bennett sang a soul stirring rendition of *Ani Ma'Amin* and Charlene Gubitz chanted *El Malei Rachamim*. As the service ended, the attendees sat in silence listening and reflecting while Charlene Gubitz played variations on the themes from *Schindler's List*.

The Yom Hashoah committee is chaired by Manny Herz and includes Rabbis Zivic and Schwartz, Dr. Ray Pais, Dr. Gilya Schmidt, Wilma Weinstein and Jeff Gubitz. The program was sponsored by the KJA, Heska Amuna, Temple Beth-El and the The Fern and Manfred Steinfeld Program in Judaic Studies, the University of Tennessee, Knoxville and the Tennessee Holocaust Commission.



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Ha'Kol

Milton Collins Day Camp.....Join The Family!

May 2010

Milton Collins Day Camp is really one big continuous family. Tifannie, Arielle and Nathan will be attending this summer as they do every summer. It makes for a very enjoyable day as they are in camp from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and then attend swim practice with the Smokin' Salmon. They get to spend time with friends that they might see more in the summer than during the school year. In some cases, there will be kids they haven't seen since last August, but they immediately rekindle camp friendships. We also have a family history to this camp that I'm sure is found in many families. My sister, Katheryn, and I attended MCDC. My mother, Alexandra, was a counselor, and my aunt Rachel Rosen was one of her campers! Sarah Price has been with us for over 20 years as a camper, a counselor, and for several years now, our director. The camp has a continuity of people, program, and place that is hard to beat.



The camp is very inclusive and welcoming to new people. We bring children together from diverse segments of our community for a summer of fun. At the same time, it is a nice gathering place for Jewish families. In the words of Melinda Gibbons, our VP of Children and Youth, "camp is a low-key way to start meeting other Jewish families and have your children interacting with other Jewish kids." For some people, this becomes a convenient and cost-effective way to connect to the Jewish community.

Along with the friendships built between campers, there are significant experiences and relationships that shape the lives of the staff. In today's economy, having a summer job is a big deal. The fact that KJA can employ so many Jewish community members is very important. I have jokingly thanked MCDC parents for loaning us their children so that we have the opportunity to train our staff. I say it with a laugh, but I'm 100 percent serious. On-the-job training is a huge plus for our kids and we think we do a good job at it. Our staff work well together and become a close-knit team. I can even think of a few that have gotten married! They also have an impact on our kids that isn't always found in the camp schedule. I can distinctly remember having a conversation with Steve Brown about Judaism and Christianity during lunch one day. This side conversation wasn't on the agenda but it stuck with me for 35 years. My sister was fortunate enough to have a counselor who eventually ran the camp and knows a thing or two about education....Marty Iroff. Milton Collins presents our community with intergenerational contacts in an environment that can't be reproduced anywhere else. If you are signed up and ready to go, we look forward to seeing you this summer. If you haven't tried the program, check it out. I think you and your children will be happy that you had the Most Fun Under the Sun.

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KJA 2010 Campaign

Campaign **\$380,287**
Pledge count is **281**
30 new gifts
114 increased gifts
17 decreased gifts

Please call Gene Rosenberg at 693-3162 or the KJA office at 690-6343 to make your gift today. You can also go online at www.jewishknoxville.org and click "donate."

KJA Barbara Bernstein Archives Hosts Open House

For years the KJA Barbara Bernstein Archives has resided at the AJCC. For years Wendy Besmann and more recently Nicki Russler and volunteers have been sorting, organizing and preserving information about the Knoxville and surrounding area Jewish communities. It is now time to open the files for public perusal.

On May 16, from 4:00 – 6:00 p.m., come see what we've been doing. Check out the information we have about each organization, view parts of video interviews with our community elders, review the files we keep on individual families.

Once you have seen what the archives offer, we are certain you will want to delve deeper into the files to learn about the history of our community and perhaps, your family's involvement in creating it. Nicki Russler, archivist, will be available on second, third, and fourth Mondays, beginning in June during her regular work hours and by appointment to help you search the archives for items of interest. Call the KJA to make an appointment at 690-6343.

Jewish Family Services News

By Suzanne Mittleman-Townsend, Jewish Family Services Chairperson

Jewish Family Services wants to know how we may better serve our community. We often hear JFS only serves seniors and persons in time of crisis. Yes, we do those things with much joy, but that is not all we do. We want to hear from you about what sort of programming you would like to see. You may have received our survey. If you haven't, please send your e-mail address to suzannehope1@gmail.com. Please share your ideas with JFS by telling us what programs you are interested in. How can we reach more members of our community? One wonderful suggestion from Matthew Theriot was for programs/lectures for the parents/teacher association, but we want to hear from those parents and teachers about what topics would be of most interest for them.

While I'm asking for your input I also ask that you come and share our joy and enthusiasm. We are only a few months into the year and we have had a great time. From Bar Mitzvah service projects at the Family Promise house, having a blast at Echo Ridge with a lively Purim party (thank you Charlene Gubitz and Joyce Traugot) and Rabbi Schwartz's lovingly engaging our seniors at Elmcroft for a Passover seder. As always, we will place the call for volunteers. Our hearts are happy. Come share our joy in serving our community.

Thank you to our wonderful volunteers! You all are invaluable asset to Jewish Family Services. We would like to send a special welcome to Honerlin Del Moro, our newest JFS Committee member. Honerlin brings much caring and energy to everything she does and we are excited to have her.



Brian Weinsten and Michael Dryzer, along with their families and children from the Amachi program, joined JFS for a day of spring cleaning at the Family Promise Day Center on March 7. Brian and Michael have chosen Family Promise for their bar mitzvah projects.

KJA Focus: Public Relations

By Mary Linda Schwarzbart, KJA Vice President, Public Relations

In the April *Ha'Kol*, Jeff Gubitz wrote a loving tribute to the long-time KJA Publications Committee chairperson. In the time that I have served as KJA Vice President for Public Relations, Eleanor Shorr's participation in our committee and staff meetings was always on target. We will miss her insightful and direct approach.

New! We now welcome Mary Ann Merrell, KJA's new *Ha'Kol* chair. With Mary Ann's extensive background in writing and editing, our *Ha'Kol* will continue to grow and thrive. We invite your suggestions and comments, as always.

Social Media: New! New! New! KJA is now on Facebook with the following groups: Knoxville Jewish Alliance, UTK Hillel, and Jewish Young Professionals in Knoxville, TN. Check us out. Social media is a new communication opportunity for KJA. Please send your suggestions on how we may best use this resource to marylinda@comcast.net.

Goals: Our goals are to communicate effectively with our members, maintain our website, help represent our members to and resolve issues in the larger Knoxville and East Tennessee area, and to serve you, our community. Let us know how we can do that better!

Thank you to the Public Relations Chairs and Committees: Community Relations Committee (Arnold Cohen, chair), *Ha'Kol* (Mary Ann Merrell), Israel Missions (Nancy and Jeff Becker, chairs), and KJA website - jewishknoxville.org (Jane Cohen, chair and webmaster). Annual Meeting, Jewish Community Calendar, and Media Relations are staff managed. Thank you Jeff, Joyce, Wilma, and Martha.

Thank you for your support of the Knoxville Jewish Alliance.

Come Join Us for the Most Fun Under the Sun

By Sarah Price, MCDC Camp Director

Welcome to another summer of the "Most Fun under the Sun" at the American Camping Association-accredited Milton Collins Day Camp. We are firing up 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. As always there are many returning staff members that are eager to welcome the campers and begin a summer of swimming, sports, drama, art, field trips, and much more. Everyone at the Arnstein Jewish Community Center is fully committed to bringing you and your family a safe, fun, and rewarding summer experience.

For additional information on our camp please access Milton Collins Day Camp at the KJA website www.jewishknoxville.org. Online registration forms are available here. If you do not have Internet access, please contact the office at 690-4363 and we will gladly supply you with all necessary paperwork. Also, please feel free to contact us with any questions or to request additional information.

There is no better way to spend the summer months than with friends at our swimming pool, tennis courts and playing on our extensive grounds! Our highly trained staff of counselors, swim instructors, and specialists is eager to work with your camper. We hope to see you soon!

Upcoming Friendshipper Programs

Wednesday, May 12: Nicki Russler will present *Roots: It's Never Too Late to Start Digging*. Genealogy is part history and part puzzle-solving. Find out tips for solving your research problems. **Join us at Rothchild's, 8807 Kingston Pike,** at noon. Lunch is \$9.00; no cost for program alone.

Wednesday, June 9: UT professor Rob Heller will present *City Light*. City Light highlights the effect of light on architecture and the fascinating play light has on cityscapes. **Join us at Rothchild's, 8807 Kingston Pike,** at noon. Lunch is \$9.00; no cost for program alone.

Wednesday, July 14: Evening Program - The Old City Buskers and Ice Cream Social at the AJCC. A lot of what they play is Swing-era jazz. They also like classic rock, hip hop, and even some country twang. Come for ice cream and enjoy a sing-along with the Old City Buskers! **Program location: AJCC at 6:00 p.m.** Reservations are needed; cost is \$5.00.

Thursday, August 19: Joan Markel of the UT McClung Museum presents her newest program *Knoxville's Civilian War: Faces of Conflict, 1861-1865*. This is a continuation the program on the Civil War she did last time. **Program location: Calhoun's Bearden, 6515 Kingston Pike.** Reservations are needed; lunch is on your own.



The Knoxville Jazz Orchestra entertains at the March Friendshipper program.

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.

See website for pricing.

Matzah in the Aisles

by Wilma Weinstein

A successful second time Matzah in the Aisles program was held Sunday, March 14, 2010, at Kroger Knox Plaza. Laura Berry and Sara Mazeroff were gracious volunteer/hosts for the event along with me.

The program was based on the JOI model called "A Taste of Judaism." In addition to the raffle for a Kroger gift Passover gift basket and informational booklets, volunteers offered samplings of charoset, matzah and chocolate covered matzah. Congratulations to Melissa Chase for winning the basket filled with wonderful Passover products from Kroger.

Passover in the Aisles is valuable, "for putting a face to the community," letting Jewish — and non-Jewish-shoppers — see that the local Jewish community is warm and welcoming.



Your Dollars. Your Choice

By Gene Rosenberg, Campaign Chair

- Tikkun Olam
- Friendshippers
- IsraelFest
- Hadassah
- Jewish Family Services
- Milton Collins Day Camp
- BBYO
- JCC Building and Campus
- Pool and Tennis Courts
- AJCC Preschool
- UT Hillel
- KJA Scholarships
- Indigent Burial Fund

If you had to eliminate or cut funding for one or more of these programs, which would you choose?

This is a short list of the programs and organizations that your Knoxville Jewish Alliance campaign dollars support. These are all local, but your dollars also support other local, regional, national and international agencies and programs.

You really do have a choice. You can choose to support or not to support. You can use the AJCC pool and tennis courts or not. You can support our youth with Jewish activities and leadership opportunities or not. You can choose to furnish our seniors with social programs and crisis assistance or not.

You Really Do Have a Choice.

Please support your Knoxville Jewish Alliance with your time and with your dollars. No amount is too small or too great.

The Choice is Yours!

The AJCC Preschool: Planting Seeds

By Melissa Schweitzer, Director

Visit us any warm sunny day at the playground and you will probably see one of our students digging. They are often on the hunt for buried treasure, but usually find more than gold coins. We have observed the great ant march as a crumb or two is brought back to the ant hill. The rain will occasionally bring a worm or two to the surface to sun for a while. Sometimes, there are even tracks of animals that have skittered through our playground.

Morah Ginny has been sharing plants and bulbs indoors with us for some time. Together with this and our students' love to dig, we thought the natural extension to this learning would be a vegetable garden. Often in today's fast paced world, we forget that someone not only delivers fresh food to the grocery stores, but has also planted, tended and harvested that same food. Tomatoes do not sprout from store shelves and carrots do not grow bite-sized. What better way to connect our students to nature than through gardening. Gardens hold learning opportunities that are never ending (not to mention there is something quietly therapeutic about digging in the earth). As we prepare to start our vegetable garden, I think about the learning opportunities that will be at our back door. Math, literacy, science, self-esteem and art will all be a part of our garden. It is our hope that the garden learning continues year round from watching those first seedlings growing to observing what happens when the cold weather appears again. We look forward to tasting our first fruits with the satisfaction of knowing that we are responsible for taking care of just a little part of the earth.

Suzy Snoops

Got good news about a current or former member of our Jewish community? Please share news and photos by sending them to hakol@jewishknoxville.org or mailing to Ha'kol, Knoxville Jewish Alliance, 6800 Deane Hill Drive, Knoxville, TN 37919.

We're looking for school-related news for the June issue. Please share high school or college graduate information with us. Ha'Kol seeks the name, parent's names, high school or college from which one graduated, any honors or special achievements, and future plans. If a child received a special honor such as a senior superlative or "best 6th grade math student," let us know that, too.

- Former Knoxville resident and Heska Amuna congregant **Didi Benami** was voted off *American Idol*. The 23-year-old waitress, who lives in Los Angeles but lists Knoxville as her hometown, finished in the Top 10, so she'll be going on this summer's *Idol* tour. **Benami**, a West High School graduate, is the only Knoxville native to make it this far on *Idol*.
- Maestro **Lucas Richman** came in second at Knoxville's Dancing with the Stars competition, which raised more than \$37,000 for East Tennessee Children's hospital. He's congratulated by son, **Max**, after the event.
- Zachary Messing**, son of **Daniel** and **Karen Messing**, was named Defensive Player of The Year for Bearden High School's 2009 Freshman Football Team. **Zack** plays middle linebacker and fullback.
- Passover brought a new form of freedom to the **Bendriem** family. **Bernard**, **Anne**, **Samuel** and **Nathan Bendriem** became U.S. citizens.

Anne and Bernard Bendriem celebrate their new U.S. citizenship.



Maestro Lucas Richman with son Max.

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Friendshipper Book Club

Our next meeting will take place:

Tuesday, May 4
at 2 p.m.
KJA

Our book will be:

Family Tree
by Barbara Delinsky

The library system has many copies.
Looking forward to seeing you.

KJA Impacts Youth of All Ages

The following is a synopsis of a speech that Bryna Oleshansky gave at Heska Amuna Synagogue's KJA Shabbat service.

The first thing people say when I say I am a Jew from Knoxville is: "There are Jews there?!" For some reason this is a shocking fact to most people. I guess they do not expect such a thing smack dab in the middle of the Bible belt. I wonder why....

When my parents first moved here almost 20 years ago, my mom received the same reaction. "Jew in Tennessee? Sounds like an oxymoron." Both of my parents, and my overly-concerned Jewish grandparents, soon found that yes, indeed, there are Jews in Knoxville!

Instantly when my family moved here, they were welcomed into the Jewish community. That is what the Jewish community here is—a family. But even more than just being a family, it is a team.

As many of you know, I am a fairly competitive rower so I am very familiar with a team dynamic. Many aspects go into making a team run smoothly. You need hard work, dedication, strength, determination, hunger, kindness, trust, and poise. Each of these aspects of a team requires total cooperation from all members.

A team mindset is possibly that most important quality of a team member. As Paul "Bear" Bryant said "In order to have a winner, the team must have a feeling of unity; every player must put the team first-ahead of personal glory."

As a team, the Jewish community of Knoxville not only works together, but works incredibly hard. Whether it is Liza Reineri planning a monthly community service project for the BBG girls, Bernard Bendriem being at synagogue services every week to sit on the bimah, Jeff Becker putting incredible amounts of time and resources into the B'nai Tzedek funds, baking Loaves of Love with Miriam Esther, or just Marian Jay's sweet kisses every time I see her, every team member in our community has his or her role. Every intricate detail of this community requires a team approach to be at its best.

Many of you knew me first as the enormous baby in my mom's belly. Since that time, I have gone through a lot with this community. My first appearance into the world outside my home was to pick up my brother Ben from AJCC Preschool. I also attended AJCC Preschool, Camp K'ton Ton, Milton Collins Day Camp, was a Smokin' Salmon before the Smokin' Salmons even existed, participated in Tikkun Olam, Heartaction, B'nai Tzedek, three years of J-Serve, four years of BBYO, 10 years of Heska Amuna Hebrew School. Oh and if that wasn't enough Judaism, and since I couldn't get enough of the AJCC, I had my Bat Mitzvah

party there...where we also celebrated Mr. Rosenberg's birthday.

I could go through and tell you my experience with each one of these programs and how they have changed my life and shaped me as a person, but that would take too long so I am going to focus in on one particular event that I think personifies my experience with the Jewish community in Knoxville and a feeling that I hope stays with me the rest of my life. The event isn't a major one like my bat mitzvah or going to Jerusalem during Tikkun Olam. It is much less dramatic and very recent.

This moment that defines my experience in the Jewish Community here happened at the B'nai Tzedek fundholders meeting after Mitzvah Day a few weeks ago. For all of you who do not know what B'nai Tzedek is, it is a teen philanthropy program run by the KJA and made possible through Temple Beth El and Heska Amuna and the Becker Fund of the KJCF.

I don't know if it was because my mom had made the best lunch ever or if everyone was just in a Mitzvah mood, but there were more people at this meeting than there ever has been at a B'nai Tzedek meeting. This particular meeting was for the fund holders to decide where to allocate the money our funds had accumulated. Last year we decided we wanted to pool our money and donate it to one place instead of each of us granting separately. The fund holders narrowed the thousands of possible Jewish non-profits down to three: a local, an international, and an Israeli option. The local program was the KJA scholarship fund for students needing aid to attend Jewish sponsored programs. The international option was the JDC-Emergency Response Fund. And the Israeli organization was Arava—an environmental program that brings together Israeli and Palestinian scientists.

During the discussion about the pros and cons, a point was made that if we allocated our money to the KJA scholarship fund, that might give a teen the opportunity to expand his or her knowledge and leadership abilities and bring those skills forward to solve problems of the world. In this way, the scholarship fund is an investment in the future of Jewish leaders. For me, this was a profound moment. I realized that my peers and I were not only concerned with hot topics but were also concerned with the future of our world. We were embodying all of the Jewish lessons we had learned over the years to make the world a better place for the next generation.

The teen fund holders voted on where to grant our funds and the decision was to give the money to the KJA scholarship fund—which we found out later would have been eliminated from the budget. Our decision was a community experience witnessed by parents and KJCF board members.

The poise and hard work that the teens demonstrated at the meeting is just one minor example of the teamwork always present in this Jewish community. All team members are invested in the overall health and well being of the community.

Like any team, our Jewish community and the KJA strives for the ideal of unity. I must say I admire the strength, dedication, and determination that our captain, Stephen Rosen, has shown for what seems to me like forever. I cherish being a member of this team and always having a family to come home to. Shabbat Shalom!



Emmy Award-winning writer Alan Zweibel meets Hillel students at the reception in his honor prior to his presentation at the University Center Auditorium on March 16. The program was extremely well attended with more than 300 in the audience. Pictured: Rebekah Zeitlin, UT Hillel President, Hannah Zeitlin, Alan Zweibel, Victoria Kisluk, and Aly Resh.



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New Grants made by KJCFF Funds:

- The renovation of the Childcare Room of Heska Amuna Synagogue received grants from the following KJCFF Funds: **the Rose Rosenthal Environmental Fund** and **the Sam and Esther Rosen Community Enrichment Heska Amuna Fund**
- One of Knoxville's high school students received a grant to attend a BBYO Leadership Conference from the **David Blumberg Youth Leadership Fund**
- **The KJA Opportunity Fund** made a generous grant to support the overseas work of the Jewish Federation of North America
- **The Zelda and Max Siegel Fund** made an innovative grant to the KJA to start a program to bring kosher meals to Jewish elderly through the local Mobile Meals program (see article below)
- New trees will be planted in Israel in honor of our community's bar and bat mitzvahs thanks to the support of the **Zionist Organization Fund**

KJCFF Miles and Zelda Siegel Fund Sponsors Grant to Bring Kosher Food to Jewish Elderly

In March, the KJCFF Miles and Zelda Siegel Fund for Knoxville's Jewish Elderly made a grant to support the Jewish Family Services participation in Knox County Mobile Meals. Mobile Meals is Knox County's version of Meals on Wheels bringing meals to homebound seniors. "It is for homebound seniors, age 60+, who cannot prepare meals for themselves," says Laura Berry, KJA Jewish Family Services coordinator. Mobile Meals provides noon meals Monday-Friday, as well as on holidays. Jewish Family Services has several clients who qualify for the program, but are hesitant to sign up because they do not eat pork or mix meat and dairy. Currently, the only option for these clients is going without a meal. Thanks to the **Siegel Fund** grant, JFS will partner with Mobile Meals to prepare kosher meals for these clients, thus encouraging more eligible Jewish clients to sign up for Mobile Meals.



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K N O X V I L L E

My Reflections on Yom Hashoah Service at Temple Beth El

By Arnold G. Cohen, CRC Chair

The day before, Rabbi Louis Zivic gave a stirring Shabbat sermon at Heska Amuna. He made an excellent case for how Jews stood up to the Holocaust by keeping their faith and their identities in various ways. Some ways were so private that they were beyond view. He noted that this was not unlike how Jews had reacted to persecutions through the ages from the Romans to the Inquisitioners and thereafter. Jews had always found ways to stand up for their faith and their identity.

From the words of Elie Wiesel eloquently read by Rev. Charles Fels at the April 11 Yom HaShoah service and the recited words of Rev. Martin Niemoller, we were strongly reminded of the extreme dangers of silence. We know that the stirrings of genocide started with hate speech and writings of hate. As Rev. Niemoller pointed out, no one, including himself, spoke out earlier enough, and when the Nazis came for him, there was no one left to speak out.

So where does that leave us living in this highly affluent society of considerable assimilation (not unlike that enjoyed by German Jews in pre-Hitler times)? We, as adults, and our children still experience anti-Semitism largely of a verbal nature. Can we

ignore that? After all, it is just words. If we have learned anything from the past, however, it is that unchecked hate speech inevitably leads to acts of hatred and violence. Certainly, our African American brothers and sisters and the paradoxical tragedies of their history attest to those dangers.

So, when an incident occurs, it is incumbent upon us to speak out, to respond. It is then that we call on the goodwill which we build in the community-at-large through our daily activities and our inevitable (intended or not) personal representations of the Jewish people to the community. It is then that we call for us and the community-at-large to acknowledge and seek the more exalted standards of behavior and to reject the baser standards of hate and racism.

And it is not enough for us to do it only for ourselves, but we must do it when hate speech is directed at other groups including Christians, Muslims, those of other faiths and even those of no faith, homosexuals, immigrants, and peoples of color. We must do it when it comes from our friends and business associates. We must take the risk because we cannot afford the risk of silence.

The Knoxville Jewish Alliance recognizes that we are all hurt by injustice to anyone. Each of us can and should make that motto a part of our own belief and action systems, and in that way, stand up.

Wanted: Applicants for JCRS

Jewish Children's Regional Services - We raise money to give it away. We have funding for Jewish camps, college stipends, special needs children, and/or troubled children.

Our focus is Jewish children in a seven-state region: Alabama, Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Oklahoma, Tennessee, and Texas. We have supported Jewish needy youth for **155 years** through private funding alone. We are a very unique agency - there is nothing else like JCRS anywhere. We are able to limit our focus to Jewish children and Jewish families because we have no government or federal funding at all. Last year we funded almost 300 children all over the south in various programs.

If you are interested in learning more about our agency, we would also like to hear from you. For more information about who we are and what we do, and how we do what we do, call Lee Miller at 584-0454.

Tea For the Tatas

Gert Weinstein BBG is organizing a tea party fundraiser to benefit the American Cancer Society. All proceeds will go to this worthy cause, so please come and give your support!

When: May 2, 2010

Time: 12:30-2:30 p.m.

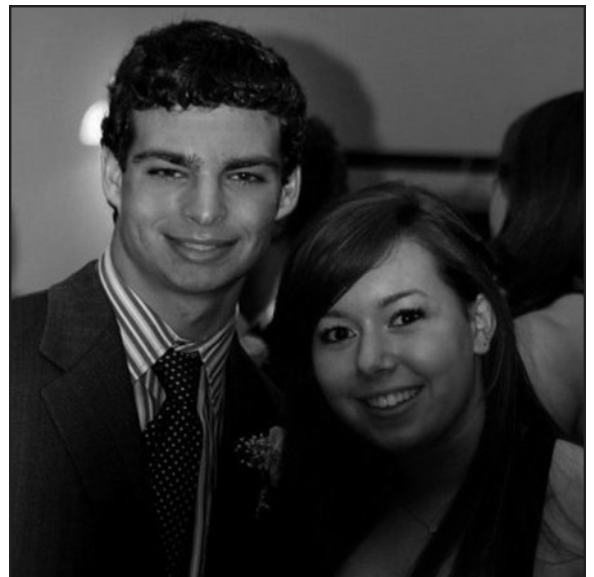
**Where: Heska Amuna Synagogue
3811 Kingston Pike
Knoxville, TN 37919**

Please wear pink!

There is an entrance fee of \$5.

Merchandise will also be sold.

If you have any questions, please e-mail gertweinsteinbbg636@gmail.com. We look forward to seeing you there and supporting this wonderful cause!



Justin Spiegelman was selected as the 2010 Beau and Liza Reineri became the 2010 Sweetheart at the BBYO Spring Formal.

H A P P E N I N G S

People of the Book...and More

This column features books, music, articles, websites, and social media with Jewish-related themes (Jewish topics, authors, characters, celebrities, trivia, etc.) Please share your favorites with our community by e-mailing hakol@jewishknoxville.org or sending to Ha'Kol, 6800 Deane Hill Drive, Knoxville, TN 37919.

Gift for the College-Bound

Jewish U: A Contemporary Guide for the Jewish College Student, by Rabbi Scott Aaron, 168 pages, URJ Press, revised edition April 2010. You've applied. You've been accepted. You're planning and packing. And off to college you go. But, something you shouldn't leave behind is your Judaism. *Jewish U* is a hands-on guide to living Jewishly on campus. How to observe your first high holidays away from home; how to decide if you should join a fraternity or sorority; how to find the right place to eat during Passover; how to talk to non-Jewish roommates about Judaism; how to find common ground with Jewish students from different backgrounds; how to find a Jewish home for yourself on campus. *Jewish U* is a resource for those about to be presented with these choices. Alongside the many contemporary resources that he recommends, the author incorporates what the Jewish texts have to say about interacting with others, making decisions, and ethical living.

New Holocaust-Themed Books

Resistance, Book 1, by Carla Jablonski, is a graphic novel for students grade 7 and up. A brother and sister in occupied France team up with the Resistance to reunite their Jewish friend with his parents. What starts as an adventure becomes more and more serious as they see the brutality of the Nazis along their journey in this nuanced and insightful story. 128 pages, published April 2010.

He Was My Chief: The Memoirs of Adolf Hitler's Secretary, by Christa Schroeder. The memoir of one of Hitler's personal secretaries gives readers a behind-the-scene glimpse of one of the most evil men to have ever lived.

Night of Flames of World War II, by Douglas W. Jacobson. This is a gritty spy novel set during World War II beginning in 1939 during the invasion of Poland by the Nazis. The main protagonists, Anna and Jan Kopernik, are separated by war and face near misses with the wrath of the Germans. This is a fast-paced novel that pushed through the front lines and skulks in the shadows of the resistance.

Words that Burn Within Me: Faith, Values, Survival, by Hilda Stern Cohen. A collection of photographs, essays, stories, snippets of interviews, and poems detailing Cohen's experiences during the war and the Holocaust as a German resident.

Kosher Wines Offer Good Value, Enjoyment Part 1

By Robin Purvis, Farragut Wine & Spirits

According to Wikipedia, kosher wine (*yayin kashér*) is wine produced according to Judaism's religious law, specifically, the Jewish dietary laws (*kashrut*) regarding wine. Some non-Orthodox branches of Judaism; however, may be more "lenient." When kosher wine is produced, marketed and sold commercially to Orthodox Jews, it must have the *hechsher* (seal of approval) of a supervising agency or organization (such as the OU sign of the Orthodox Union), or of an authoritative rabbi who is preferably also a *posek* ("decisor" of Jewish law) or be supervised by a *bet din* ("Jewish religious court of law") according to Orthodox Judaism.

In general, *kashrut* deals with avoiding specific forbidden foods, none of which are normally used in winemaking, so it might seem that all wines are automatically "*kosher*." Because of wine's special role in many non-Jewish religions, however, *kashrut* laws specify that wine cannot be considered kosher if it might have been used for "idolatry." These laws include *Yayin Nesekh*-wine that has been poured to an idol; *Stam Yainom*-wine that has been touched by someone who believes in idolatry or produced by non-Jews.

In recent times, there has been increased demand for kosher wines and many wine-producing countries now produce a variety of sophisticated kosher wines under strict rabbinical supervision, particularly in Israel, United States, France, Germany, Italy, South Africa, and Australia. Two of the world's largest producers and importers of kosher wines, Kedem and Manischewitz, are both based in the northeastern United States.

History of Kosher Wine

The use of wine has a long history in Judaism, dating back to biblical times. Archeological evidence shows that wine was produced throughout Israel until at least 636 C.E. when the area came under Muslim control which prohibited alcoholic beverages. The traditional and religious use of wine continued within the Jewish diaspora community. In the U.S., kosher wines came to be associated with sweet Concord wines produced by wineries founded by Jewish immigrants to New York. Beginning in the 1980s, a trend toward producing dry, premium quality kosher wines began with the revival of the Israeli wine industry. Today kosher wine is produced throughout the world including premium wine areas like Napa Valley and the St. Emilion region of Bordeaux.

Requirements of a Kosher Wine

While none of the ingredients that make wine (alcohol, sugars, acidity and phenols) are considered non-kosher, the *kashrut* laws involving wine are concerned more with who handles the wine and what they use to make it. To be considered kosher, a Sabbath-observant Jew has to be involved in the entire winemaking process from the harvesting of the grapes, through fermentation to bottling. Any ingredients used, including finings, need to be kosher. This requirement can exclude certain fining agents such as casein (derived from dairy products), gelatin (which is derived from non-kosher animals) and isinglass (which comes from non-kosher fish). Egg whites can be used in the clarification of kosher wine but would not be appropriate for vegan kosher wine. Wine that is described as **kosher for Passover** must have been kept free from contact with grain, bread and dough.



MAY 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 9:30a-Ha-Shabbat service; Michael Dryzer bar mitzvah HA-Torah study after Kiddush 5p TBE Rel Sch Lock-in TBE-Talent Show, Social
2 Lag Ba'Omer 9a HA-Talmud study 9:30a HA&TBE Lag Ba'Omer Picnic 9:45a HA-minyan 3:30p Chabad Lag Ba'Omer Family Day	3 7a HA-minyan 3-6:45p Kinderdance, gym 4:15p HARS 6:30p KJA Archives, BR 7:30p Israeli Dancing, gym	4 2p Friendship Book Club, AL 6-8p <i>Redirecting Children's Behavior</i> , AL 6-9:30p fencing, gym 6p TBE-Exec Comm 7:15-8:45p JLI Class, BR 7:30p HA Exec Comm	5 TBE 11a-Brunch & Learn 4:15p HARS 5:30-9:30p fencing, gym 6:15p TBE-adult ed 7:30p Israel Partnership meeting, AL	6 7a HA-minyan 6p AJCC Preschool Parent Comm mtg, BR 6:30p Hadassah Brd mtg, AL	7 4:45-5:30p JFS Shabbat Service @ Echo Ridge 6:30p HA-Shabbat services, Nathan Rosen bar mitzvah 7:30p TBE Shabbat services	8 9:30a HA-Shabbat service, Nathan Rosen bar mitzvah HA-Torah study after Kiddush
9 9a HA-Talmud study 9:30a HA-Mother's Day Brunch, Wax Museum 9:30a TBE Rel Sch 9:45a HA-minyan 2p <i>Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat</i> -Oak Ridge 4p HA-Garden Party	10 7a HA-minyan 11:30a JFS Comm, AL 3-6:45p Kinderdance, gym 4:15p HARS 7:30p KJA Exec Comm, AL	11 Yom Jerushalayim 6-9:30p fencing, gym 6:30p TBE-Board mtg 7:15-8:45p JLI Class w/ Rabbi Wilhelm, BR 7:30p HA-Board mtg	12 12n Friendshippers: <i>Roots: It's Never Too Late to Start Digging</i> , Rothchilds 4:15p HARS 5:30-9:30p fencing, gym	13 7a HA-minyan 6p Hadassah Board Installation	14 Rosh Chodesh 7:30p TBE Shabbat services; Confirmation	15 9:30a-HA-Education Shabbat Celebration; Confirmation, birthday & anniversary Shabbat HA-Torah study after kiddush
16 9a HA-Talmud study 9:30a HARS 9:45a HA-minyan 10a HA-Gan K'Tan 10:30a KJDS-Graduation, AJCC 4-6p KJA Archives Open House AL, BR	17 7a HA-minyan 3-6:45p Kinderdance Class & Performance, gym 7:30p KJA Board mtg, AL 7:30p Israeli Dancing	18 6-9:30p fencing, gym 7:15-8:45p JLI Class w/ Rabbi Wilhelm, BR 7p TBE-Congregational mtg 8p-8a HA-Tikkun L'yl Shavuot all-night celebration	19 Shavuot 9:30a HA-Services 5:30-9:30p fencing, gym 5:30p Chabad-Shavuot Celebration	20 Shavuot Last Day of Preschool 7a HA-minyan 9:30a HA-Services; Yizkor recited 7p HA-Education Comm 7p TBE-Sisterhood, Seasons Cafe	21 7:30p TBE Shabbat services	22 9:30a-HA-Shabbat service; special kiddush honoring Rabbi Zivic who is retiring HA-Torah study after kiddush
23 9a HA-Talmud study 9:30a HA&TBE Lag Ba'Omer Picnic 9:45a HA-minyan 10a -Special Event, Rouxbarb 10:30a HA Sisterhood Brd	24 MCDC-First Day of Camp <i>Session 1: Fun in the Sun</i> 7a HA-minyan 7p <i>Transitions Towns</i> lecture, AL	25 MCDC: Session 1 6-9:30p fencing, gym 7:15-8:45p JLI Class w/ Rabbi Wilhelm, BR 7:30p HA-Rabbi & Rel Services Committee	26 MCDC: Session 1 5:30-9:30p fencing, gym	27 MCDC: Session 1 7a HA-minyan 7p HA-Education Comm	28 MCDC: Session 1 6p TBE-Kabbalat Shabbat service	29 9:30a-HA-Shabbat service 9:30a TBE-Danielle Goldfeld bat mitzvah HA-Torah study after kiddush
30 9a HA-Talmud study 9:45a HA-minyan	31 Memorial Day 7a HA-minyan			POOL OPENS MAY 23!	POOL HOURS: M-W 1-7 p.m. TH 1-8 p.m. F-SAT 1-7 p.m. SUN 12-7 p.m.	

KinderDance

Summer Dance at AJCC

6 Weeks - Only \$50Learn ballet, tap and creative movement basics in an upbeat, developmentally appropriate environment. Enjoy our special summer curriculum, and bring along props for theme days like Sunglasses Day and Crazy Hat Day. **Monday afternoons, June 7 – July 12.****Ages 3-5:** 3:15-4:15 p.m.; **Ages K-7:** 4:30-5:30 p.m.

For information, call Maria Richardson at 573-0094.

Heska Amuna Synagogue

HaShofar



Shabbat Hinuch ~ Education Shabbat

Saturday, May 15

Services begin at 9:30 a.m.

Kiddush lunch beginning at approximately 12:30 p.m.

This special service honors all teachers and students and gives special attention to students reaching important milestones in their lives. Shabbat Hinuch also celebrates education as a core value in Jewish life. At this year's service we will recognize the 5770 Confirmation Class, and our graduating seniors. The confirmands will present their personal Jewish identity projects.

Lunch costs \$5.00 per person with a family cap of \$20. Donations made to the school honoring a teacher, student, or program will be noted in the morning's program if received by May 13. If you have questions about this event or would like to help with the morning, please contact Morah Chaya at 522-0701 or Anna Iroff at 335-0459.

Confirmands

David Besmann
Rachel Brown
Andrew Messing
Max Silver-Alford
Jolie Spiegelman



Graduates

Harris Bailey
Jason Berube
Mara Hahn
Rachel Iroff
Zack Kramer
Bryna Oleshansky
Emma Silver-Alford
Britt Sturm
Olivia Talman

Iyyar/Sivan 5770

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Continuing Education

SHABBAT AFTERNOONS

May 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29

Following Kiddush
Torah Study with Rabbi Zivic

SUNDAY MORNINGS

May 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30

At 9:00 a.m.
Talmud Study with Rabbi Zivic

From The Rabbi's Desk

By Rabbi Louis Zivic, D.D.

Dear Friends,

I have been a congregational rabbi for 34 years. In that time I've seen a lot of change in the Conservative rabbinate. Among the more distressing of these changes has been in the role of congregational rabbis.

When I was ordained as a rabbi, I understood my role to be a prince of Torah. Over the years that changed to a facilitator of Torah, program director of Torah, then a few more changes, until now 34 year later, I think Conservative rabbis are now bureaucrats of Torah. Rabbis as the "heads" of lay-led congregations are all the rage these days. Oxymoron aside, what has happened is that members of Conservative congregations have reduced expectations of what Jewish learning is.

A *bakee* (an expert) in Talmud is/was a person who could, from where a pin passed through any page of the Talmud, tell what all of the words the pin pierced were/are. Today, in most Conservative congregations, a well learned Jew is someone who can chant an *aliyah* or two of a Torah portion. It's regrettable that Jewish knowledge is now measured as a performance art for many people.

Today's rabbis are expected to be people who manage the "religious" (not necessarily spiritual) side of the congregation. They are supposed to know how to keep the kitchen kosher, but not the synagogue's attitude toward worker's rights or the synagogue's responsibility to its employees. *Kashrut* is for the kitchen and many would like to confine the rabbi's authority to that, rather than also the *kashrut* of how a synagogue does business. All of today's "knowledgeable" Conservative Jews have forgotten the message of our prophets that religious formalism without religious behavior in **all** aspects of Jewish life is meaningless to God, and ultimately, to ourselves.

Empty ritual behaviors caused the destruction of Solomon's Temple and will cause the destruction of American Jewish religion as well.

B'shalom!



From the Chair

By Rosalie Nagler

This is a time of transition for our congregation. With this transition comes the opportunity for us to grow as a community. I believe that this will make us a stronger and more vibrant community.

At this time, I would like to send good wishes to both Rabbi Louis Zivic and Chaya Silver Alford. Rabbi Zivic is retiring from Heska Amuna and active pulpit duties. He has served our congregation since August 2004. One thing that Rabbi Zivic enjoys is teaching Torah and Talmud. Early in his time with us, I recall Annette Winston (at the time Heska Amuna president) referring to the Torah study session following Kiddush lunch on Shabbat as Rabbi Zivic's "Happy Hour." His insight and love of study has been a source of growth for our community. He leaves a legacy of study with us - a true Jewish value. We wish him every bit of happiness as he returns to Lebanon, Pennsylvania to enjoy the next phase of his life.

Chaya leaves us at the end of May after working as our education director since August 2001. We will miss her beautiful voice leading the children in song or davening on Shabbat morning. We wish her every success as she joins a Reconstructionist congregation in Bethesda, Maryland as their education director. I am sure her spirit and joyful voice will be loved in her new setting.

Tuesday, May 18 Tikkun L'yl Shavuot

An Evening Learning Celebration for Shavuot 6:30 p.m.—12:00 a.m. midnight

Join with families and friends to celebrate PERSONALLY receiving the Torah! This year, we will be offering a series of lectures and discussions that will last until midnight! There will be dairy pot luck dinner from 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. followed by the education sessions. Come for part or all of the evening and there will be education sessions for all levels of learners. Adults and students in grade 3 and up are encouraged to come and study through midnight! A detailed schedule for the program will be available on May 3rd. The Rabbi and Religious Service Committee via Marilyn Burnett is sponsoring festival nibbles to help people keep up their strength until midnight. Prozdor Students are **encouraged** to attend! If you are interested in learning more about this program please contact Rabbi Zivic or Morah Chaya at 522-0701.

Mother's Day Brunch and Wax Museum

Sunday, May 9
10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Come celebrate *Immanu* (our ancestral mothers - Sarah, Rebecca, Rachel and Leah) as well as a host of other Jewish celebrities! Students will present a living museum in which they portray famous Jewish women and men. This entertainment will be at the heart of a morning of food, fun, and friendship sponsored by Heska Amuna Religious School.

Brunch costs \$8.00 per person and there is a family cap of just \$36.00. The fee includes flowers for all the moms, aunties, and grandmothers who raised our children with their loving embraces and smiling faces. Your check is your reservation. Please send by May 3. The entire community is invited!



Join your

Heska Amuna Family

On Sunday, May 9

From 4:00 - 6:00 p.m.

at

The Solomon's Garden



for *Wine and Cheese*

and the opportunity to stroll through
their exquisite riverside garden

🌿 Sculptures 🌿 Unique plantings

🌿 Spectacular views

**Free child care
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during this event**

Self-guided tours
RSVP – required
Heska Amuna - 522-0701

Heska Amuna Religious School News

Reflections of the Education Director

By Chaya Silver-Alford

“Great is the art of beginning, but greater is the art of ending.” – Lazurus Long/ Robert A. Heinlein

Over the past 10 years at Heska Amuna Religious School, I have had the privilege of watching our children grow and flourish as Jews and as productive, positive members of our community and our world. In addition, I am blessed to look back over years of wonderful programs including regular religious school days, Pajamas and Books Day, Tu B'Shevat Environmental Festivals, the Not Ready for Torah Time Players, teen, youth, and family retreats, concerts, holiday happenings and greater cooperation between our school and other community Jewish educational organizations.

Getting to know your children and teens has been a gateway for me to get to know many families; some of whom have become dear friends, advocates, and supporters. I have enjoyed the many opportunities to be part of communal worship and adult education. I am very excited about my upcoming professional opportunity and am confident that the lessons I have learned here will serve me well. I also know that the connections I've made with friends of all ages will continue to strengthen, support and enlighten me. Thank you to all of my fellow teachers, co-workers, and supporters for a wonderful 10 years.

Always in peace,
Chaya

Educational Offerings for Adults, Families, Children, and Youth

Sunday, May 9 ~ Mother's Day Brunch and Wax Museum

The final Sunday school session of the year will provide an exceptional opportunity for the entire community to come together to celebrate *Immanu* (our ancestral mothers- Sarah Rebecca, Rachel and Leah) as well as a host of other important Jewish women including our own mothers! Students will present a living museum in which they portray famous Jewish women and men. This entertainment will be at the heart of a morning of food, fun, and friendship sponsored by Heska Amuna Religious School. The entire community is invited! Please see page 12 for more details!

Saturday, May 15 – Shabbat Hinuch – Education Shabbat

This special Shabbat morning service celebrates Jewish education at Heska Amuna. Many students will take part in the morning's service by leading prayer, speaking, and acting! The service will be followed by a celebratory and festive Kiddush in honor of this year's Confirmation class as well as the school staff and teachers. Please see page 11 for more details!

Sunday, May 16 – Gan K'tan ~ 10 – 11:30 a.m.

Gan K'tan, Heska Amuna's newest educational offering, is open to members and non-members! The morning is designed for preschool-aged children and their parents. This month's program will focus on **Shabbat!** 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.



Jonah Mesa, Samantha Abrams-Cohen and Stella Piehler helped place a mezzuzah on the doorway of the renovated Child Care room during a recent Gan K'Tan program.

Judaica Shop Offers Wonderful Items, Books

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



Your School and the Art of Giving

**“The world is new to us every morning - this is God's gift;
and every man should believe he is reborn each day.”**

-- Baal Shem Tov

- **Wendy Good** in observance of the **yahrzeits** of **Ilene** and **Louis Edelman**.
- The **Chasan** family in honor of **Stephen Nagler's** nomination to the American Nuclear Society.
- **Marilyn** and **Isadore Abrams** in memory of **Eleanor Shorr**.
- **Carlos, Jenny, Stephanie** and **Vanessa Pfeffer-Rodriguez** in observance of **Oscar Pfeffer's** **yahrzeit**.
- **Rabbi Louis Zivic** in honor of **Cindy** and **Ricky Caplan, Rodney Peron, Mary Linda** and **Arnold Schwarzbart**, and **Daren Eddy** and **Bruce Morrison's** engagement.

Thanks to all of those who helped make the HARS Mishloach Manot Fundraiser a resounding success - **Melissa Sturm** and **AgriFeed** for donating the out-of-town shipping; **Lynn, Lauren, Dani** and **Michael Dryzer, Jill** and **Brian Weinstein, Melissa** and **Lillian Schweitzer, Mark** and **Sarah Siegel, Joyce York, Andrew Messing, Gennifer** and **Liz Spenser**, for assistance in assembling our beautiful packages; **Jill Chasan** who donated hundreds of Hershey kisses; and to **Susan Contente, Nancy Becker, Ellen Kern, Melissa Sturm, Joyce York, Michael** and **Rachel Zemel**, and others who helped deliver goodies to Heska Amuna congregants. We have received many notes of gratitude, especially from out-of-towners who loved being a part of this annual mitzvah!

A **HUGE** thank you to **Laura Berry**, the chairperson for this year's synagogue Purim Extravaganza, and to planning committee members, including **Rosalie Nagler, Bernard Bendriem, Michael Zemel**, and **Susan Contente**. Thank you to **Lynn Fuson** for the beautiful *Peace, Love, and Purim* display, to **Nancy Becker** and **Marilyn Burnett** for supporting the pot-luck lunch, to **Manny Herz, Stephen Nagler, Marian Jay** and **Charlene Gubitz** for creating the wonderful Beatles parodies for the Megillah reading and great piano playing, to **Josh Gettinger** for an outstanding reading of Megillat Esther. Thanks to **UT Hillel volunteers, the Winick AZA Chapter 420 gentlemen** and the **Gert Weinstein BBG women, Anshei Heska Amuna** as well as **Michael Messing, Michael Zemel, Terry Silver-Alford, Mindy Goldberg, Lynn Dryzer, Martha Iroff, Rebecca Merritt, Mark Littmann, Anna Iroff, Elyse Messing, Josh Carson, Emma** and **Lilly Silver-Alford**, and **Andrew Messing** for helping with Purim carnival booths, set up, clean-up, shopping and millions of other details. Last, but not least, **THANKS** to **Joyce York** for helping with set up, event design, photography and a million other details for this wonderful day.



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 March kiddushim:
Carol and **Ed Feldman** in honor of their grandson **Hillel Simcha's** first birthday; **Leon Hasden** in observance of wife **Dale Hasden's** **yahrzeit**.

Announce Your Graduates!

If you have a high school or college student in your family who will be graduating this year, please let us know by e-mailing us their information. Give us their name and if they are graduating from high school, list the high school name and their future plans. If going to college, give us the name of the college and what they plan to study. If graduating from college, let us know what degree they earned and what their next step is! If there's any other information about your student that you'd like to share, let us know. We would love to share your good news with your community family and kvell along with you!

Please e-mail us at admin@heskaamuna.org with any information as soon as possible to be included in *Ha'Kol*.

Heska Amuna Synagogue *HaShofar*

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Permanent Schedule

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

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

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

For a list of Heska Amuna's funds and
other information, please go to our
website www.heskaamuna.org

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Among Our Members

- Condolences go to the following people and their families: **Sandra** and **Alfred Robinson** on the passing of Alfred's brother, **Melvin Robinson**; **Jacki** and **Richard Imbrey** on the loss of Jacki's mother, **Peggy Ades**; **Harold** and **Norman Busch** on the passing of mother, **Josie Busch**. May their memories be a blessing.
- Get well wishes go to the following people who were ill or recuperating during the past month: **Joyce Beerman**, **Elaine Brown**, **Trudy Dreyer**, **Bess Feld**, **Bernie Iroff**, **Marian Jay**, **Shirley Leeds**, **Helene Messing**, **Karen Messing**, **Judy Rattner**, **Toby Schwartz**, and **Myra Weinstein**.
- Mazal tov to the following members and their families: **Carol** and **Mark Harris** on the birth of their grandson, **Noah Ryan Chatham**, son of **Marcie** and **Robert Chatham**; **Daren Eddy** and **Bruce Morrison** on their engagement; **Shuli** and **Gabriel Mesa** on the birth of son **Elijah Rain**; **Bruce**, **Steven** and **Jacqui Pearl** for being honored at a UT football game for their involvement with the USA Men's Maccabiah Basketball Team in 2009.
- **Ethel Wittenberg** who continues to work in the Synagogue office every week. Thank you also goes to **Ellen Kern** and **Susan, Stella** and **Aaron Contente** for all their help with an important project. We appreciate your time and effort on behalf of the Shul.
- Heska Amuna Synagogue accepts credit cards for payment and members have the option of paying your balance partially or in full or setting up an "auto pay" which would charge your credit card monthly over the next 12 months. If you wish to make a payment by credit card, please complete the "Credit Card Information" box on your statement and indicate the amount you are paying next to the account and make a note if you wish the 1-time pay or the auto-pay setup. Tear off the bottom portion and return in the enclosed envelope. All credit card information will be kept confidential. If you are making a payment by check, please indicate the amount you are paying next to the account, tear off the bottom portion and return in the enclosed envelope.
- Federal law keeps us from knowing who is in the hospital. If you or a loved one is hospitalized, please let us know so we can place you on our Misheberach list.

Renovated Child Care Room Opens

Heska Amuna preschoolers recently held a *Chanukat Habayit* in the newly renovated child care room. The room features a beautiful mural of the aleph-bet designed and painted by **Liz Spenser**. Liz also helped rip out carpet and paint the entire room - all as part of her Girl Scout project. Joining Liz were her moms **Samantha** and **Gennifer** and her Girl Scout troop leader. Several parents helped with the room, including **Naomi Rowe**, **Chris Hale**, **Shelley Abrams**, **Rebecca Merritt**, **Debbie Abrams-Cohen** and **Frank Floyd**.

Renovations were supported by Heska Amuna Sisterhood, The Becker Family Community Enrichment Fund, the Rose Rosenthal Environmental Fund, and the Sam and Esther Rosen Community Enrichment Heska Amuna Fund. **Linda Gray-Slovis** donated her design services, **Judi** and **Martin Abrams** donated the fabric for the curtains, and **Miriam Weinstein** donated some VCT flooring. **Marilyn Burnett** and **Pat Rosenberg** got the room ready for the renovation and **Debbie Johnson** and **Morah Chaya Silver-Alford** were pivotal in getting the room finished. **Susan Contente** coordinated the renovation and learned how to spackle!

The most eager and enthusiastic helpers were **Stella** and **Aaron Contente**, **Samantha Abrams-Cohen** and **Lila** and **Zach Singer** who made sure all the toys were put away! It was a great community effort that will be enjoyed for many years.



Samantha Spenser painting.



Folks listening to a story.



Shelly Abrams taping.



Artwork by Liz Spenser.

Heska Amuna Says Goodbye

The month of May brings us bittersweet moments as Heska Amuna honors its two professionals who are leaving.

On Saturday, May 22, the entire community is invited to 9:30 a.m. services as we honor and celebrate Rabbi Louis Zivic as he retires from the congregational rabbinate and leaves Knoxville. Join us as we pay tribute to Rabbi Zivic, who has served our community for six years, and stay for a special kiddush in his honor.

On Saturday, May 15, as part of *Shabbat Hinuch* (Education Shabbat), everyone is invited to join us as we honor Chaya Silver-Alford, who will be leaving us and assuming the duties of education director of a synagogue in Bethesda, Maryland. Chaya has skillfully guided our religious school for nine years and all are invited to help us pay tribute to her. (*Shabbat Hinuch* details may be found on page 11).



Contemporary Worship

Our Contemporary service is held in the Winick Library monthly. We seek to experience prayer, community and learning in a more intimate atmosphere. Our past services have included a chanting and meditative experience, guitar and song. Our study sessions encourage discussion and have been led by various members and we welcome all volunteers to participate.

Please visit Heska Amuna Synagogue's website at www.heskaamuna.org for future dates!

Contributions from Caring People

For a list of synagogue funds, please visit

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By: Eytan and Rebecca Hammerman

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TEMPLE BETH EL TIMES



From the Rabbi's Study

By Rabbi Beth Schwartz

Six hundred thousand eyewitnesses can't be wrong! That's how many Israelites – at least how many adult Israelite men – were counted in the first census after the Exodus from Egypt. The Torah gives an exact count, 603,550, not including the tribe of Levi (Num. 1:46). And each and every one of them experienced God directly and uniquely. Our tradition also tells us that the souls of all Jews who ever was or ever would be were together at Sinai – such is the enduring strength of our covenant.

Shavuot begins on the evening of May 18, on the 50th day after Passover begins. Imagine, if you will, having your own experience with God, up close and personal. Is your divine moment one of words or music? Or perhaps color or fragrance? Maybe, for you, God is in the wind, or in a combination of sensations that is utterly indescribable, just like God.

God says, "I bore you on eagles' wings and brought you to Me" - to Sinai, to be "a kingdom of priests and a holy nation... My treasured possession" (Ex. 19:4-5). Imagine, if you will, being carried aloft, not just rescued but redeemed. Let yourself feel that you are, indeed, treasured by God. The journey from Egypt to Sinai, from Passover to Shavuot, from slavery to freedom, leads us to the revelation of God's love for the People of Israel. May you be touched by the essence of the Holy One, and by memories of Sinai.



17 Iyyar—18 Sivan 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 MAY

- May 7 – Shabbat services, 7:30 p.m.
May 14 – Shabbat services, Confirmation, with Cantor Karen Gilat, 7:30 p.m.
May 21 – Shabbat services, Shavuot, 7:30 p.m.
May 28 – Kabbalat Shabbat, 630 p.m.

Join us as we honor

Harold Markman

for his many years of service as our
Ba'al Shofar at the Annual Temple Beth El
Congregational Meeting

Tuesday, May 18, 7:00 p.m.

**Temple Beth El
Arnstein Auditorium**

Election of Officers and Board of Directors
Annual Reports

Light Refreshments to Follow

Get the **WINNING CHILI
AND SOUP RECIPES** from
February 5's **SHABBAT FOR
HUNGER** at www.tbeknox.org
on the Sisterhood page.



Sisterhood Annual Night Out

May 20
7:00 p.m.
Seasons Café



We will be totally entertained by the dynamic duo of Charlene and Joyce.

Please contact Susan Frant at sammoll@neerucc.org to make a reservation.

Mark your calendar: May 20 at 7:00 p.m., Seasons Cafe. Let us know if you need to carpool. *Come on, join in, and eat!*

TEMPLE BETH EL TIMES

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Sisterhood Reporting In:

By Joyce Traugot and Phyllis Hirsh, co-Presidents

Yes it's true. Time does go fast when you are having fun! We thought this would be a good time to review this year's programs: Sisterhood Shabbat, Yom Kippur Break Fast, a day of beauty at Sephora, painting kiddush cups and our chili cook-off, our Hamentashen Bake, Book Fair, Hanukkah Craft Fair, and Passover Dessert Bake. We offered programs to entice Temple Beth El women to become active Sisterhood members. Our mantra for this year has been "Come On Join In." We are happy to say that many have taken this offer to heart and have become members. Our sincerest thanks for your support.

We want to highlight a project that Sisterhood oversees for the Temple. Sisterhood arranges the oneg Shabbat schedule so that congregants enjoy an oneg after every Friday evening service. This time is a wonderful opportunity for our Temple family to share what is going on in each other's lives. We will soon start scheduling for the upcoming year and would like to offer you the opportunity to select the date for your oneg. This is a great chance to celebrate a birthday, an anniversary, or to honor someone special. It is also an opportunity to remember someone who is no longer with us.

To pick a date, call Lucy Barkan at 671-1840. You won't be left alone. We always have two families sharing the date. "Come on Join In." Your cooperation is both needed and appreciated. REMEMBER, it is a mitzvah as well as an obligation of Temple membership to sponsor an oneg.

Meet Our Members: Sandra Parsons

Sandra Parson is so much a part of Temple Beth El life that one might not realize the circuitous route that led her to us. Having lived in several western states during her youth and young adult years, Sandra moved to Tennessee in the mid-1980s. She had studied other religions for almost 20 years when she began to pursue Judaism. Her search led her to Rabbi Howard Simon who provided her with an armful of books, encouraging her to explore further. Sandra found answers to her questions while being challenged with more questions. Eventually, she started attending services and attests that the welcome she received from long-time members like Ursula Marx, Sylvia Silver, and Marcie Silverstein confirmed her realization that she had found her way home.

Since becoming a member in 1988, Sandra has been an active participant in all aspects of Temple life. Her first and favorite job was serving as a teacher, teaching the regular curriculum and Hebrew. She taught third grade, then added teaching Hebrew to adults, and finally b'nai mitzvah tutoring. She spent several years on the Board and served more than one term as vice president. When Rabbi Schwartz began the b'nai mitzvah tutoring program, Sandra served as coordinator and created the handbook. Her talents lend themselves to the publishing field. Among other tasks, she has written services, compiled the auction booklets, and produced the Temple bulletin for nearly 10 years. Sandra also attended Para-Rabbinic training, providing leadership in ritual as well as educational and administrative endeavors.

Sandra stays involved because she can. "The Temple allows me the honor to do what I can. I am no longer able to run and do, to reach and bend like I once could. But I can still type at the computer and Temple accepts that effort as my contribution of time and love." Sandra retired as the KJA's Cultural Arts and

Education director a few years ago. A sick husband and four newly-adopted children demanded her full attention.

Hazak, 14, attends Farragut High School and enjoys ROTC and karate. He looks forward to participating in Camp Tikun Olam this summer. Blake attends Holston Middle School; his favorite class is band in which he plays the flute. The AJCC pool is calling to Blake, and he can hardly wait until opening day. Kalisa attends the Knoxville Jewish Day School. She is an avid reader who can barely eat a meal without a book in front of her. Kirk, a very active seven-year-old, attends Ritta Elementary School. He hopes to get onto a ball team this year and doesn't care which type. He just wants to play!

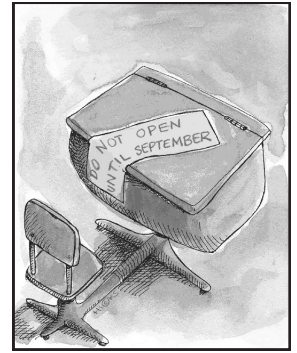
Temple Beth El is fortunate that Sandra, with her devotion and dedication, chose TBE as her spiritual home.



Temple Beth El Religious School May Update

Norma James nfjames77@gmail.com Notice the change in Norma's email address!

Another year, another wonderful experience for this director! I know that I say this every year, but it never ceases to amaze me just how blessed I am to work in this Jewish community. Not only are the children amazing, but the parents are the most supportive people a director could ever ask for. Dan Smith, Lori Hirsh, and all of the School & Youth Committee provide the leadership and guidance that our school needs to maintain excellence. I have a staff that makes my job a joy because they step up week after week to provide a solid and loving education for our children. Many of our staff (Brett Smuckler, Alex Khaddouma, Clark Derrington, Deborah Roberts, Norma James, Lilia Brock, and Sophia Shefner) grew up in our school or joined us as teens (Hannah Kline, Alicia Carter, and Ryan Marshall), which says so much about Temple Beth El. We have fabulous parents (Tara Bain, Aaron Margulies, Mark Abrams, and Sandra Khaddouma) who have made simply amazing teachers. Then, of course we have been graced by Rachel Bleuze, E.L. Gordon, and Rabbi Beth who raise the bar every week with their professional teaching skills and endless talent. Last, I would like to thank Heska Amuna and the KJA for making it so easy to fit our school into the Jewish community. Your support is much appreciated.



Chaya and Rabbi Zivic, we will miss you! As long as I have been TBE Religious School director, I have had the good fortune to work with a wonderful educator at Heska Amuna - Chaya Silver-Alford. Together, Chaya and I have tried new programs and tweaked old ones. We have held combined in-service training for our staffs, hosted a teen retreat, planned Mini-CAJE conferences, created CLC days, designed combined classes for our older students, taught classes for Mitzvah Days, and enjoyed a wonderful Lag B'Omer picnic. Best of all, we have made it a priority to provide the students and staff of both congregations with opportunities to study, pray, and play together. It also has been a pleasure to work with Rabbi Zivic. I will always remember how perfectly he fit right into our Teen Retreat. He has a wonderful way of explaining the similarities and differences of the Conservative and Reform movements to our young people that emphasizes the beauty of both. As a Jewish educator, it has been wonderful to experience such positive support from Rabbi Zivic and Chaya. We at TBE Religious School will miss you and wish you both the best. We hope you will keep in touch with us.

Overnight Lock-In for 4th-8th Grades, Saturday, May 1. Our 4th-8th grade students are excited about having a Lock-In to end the school year. Amy Rosenberg is planning a full evening of activities. **As one special event, students will be part of our First Ever Talent Show!** Norma is still working on our student act, but promises it will be hilarious! Students will spend the night in the Temple and join the rest of the Religious School for Sunday's Last Day Celebration. The evening begins at 5:00 p.m. and the cost is \$5 per child. Please contact Amy Rosenberg to register your child. rockybergs@tds.net

Let's end the year with a CLC event for all grades Sunday, May 2! Our last day of Religious School falls on Lag B'Omer which is the P-E-R-F-E-C-T opportunity for a picnic. Chaya and Norma are cooking up something special for Sunday, May 2 for the students and families of Temple Beth El and Heska Amuna. Watch for e-mails with more details. (Ah, that rhymes!)

Confirmation, May 14. Please note the change of date for this year's Confirmation service. This is a wonderful group of young people who have brought joy to our Religious School. We join the parents of **Noah Erwin, Jake Rosenberg, Zeve Gilat, and Eric Berman** in inviting all of you to this sacred event. This year's class is a wonderful blend of longtime Temple members, recent members, and very new members. All have bonded into one class a very special way. We are excited to have Cantor Karen Gilat, proud mother of Zeve Gilat, cantor the service. We hope our congregation will make plans to attend this important life cycle event.

Danielle Goldfeld Becomes a Bat Mitzvah Saturday, May 29. Danielle will read Torah and lead Saturday morning services. As her mitzvah project, Danielle volunteered in a vet clinic. The kind treatment of animals is very important to this young lady. Danielle's parents ask that we join them in this very special celebration. We look forward to a beautiful service.

Social Justice Committee Reviews and Brainstorms

The Social Justice Committee met and talked about building community; understanding Jewish Spirituality; Tzedakah and Social Justice.

We talked about:

- A. Hunger: Marty's Mission, Meals on Wheels (at holidays), & Bowling for Hunger
- B. Protecting the Environment: Recycling, Global Warming
- C. Family justice and domestic violence: providing supplies for families and working with Jewish Family Services to learn what else we can do.
- D. Anti-hate, anti-violence: how do we work towards unity, tolerance and diversity?

We talked about local concerns, community concerns and Jewish concerns, both within our community and elsewhere. We asked the question. Do we take care of our members when they are in need? And we spoke about sustainability: how we continue to meet these concerns and needs over time.

We decided to do an assessment of our congregational involvement. This would give us information about what our members were doing within TBE, within the Jewish community and within the community at-large.

We decided to host a Social Justice Shabbat on November 5, which will include "what's your story" discussion circles.

TBE Auction: A Night To Remember

By Amy Rosenberg and Sylvia Witcoff (Event Co-Chairs)

The 6th Annual Spring Auction was a rousing success. Held on Saturday, March 20, the event took place at TBE with more than 125 people in attendance. Participants bid on more than 190 items and raised more than \$16,000 for the Temple General Fund. Thank you for your generosity with your bidding.

This year's event featured silent and live auctions, including terrific items ranging from restaurant certificates, professional services, art, a Discovery Dinner from Flemings's Steakhouse, the Rabbi's incredible Dinner Extravaganza, jewelry from Markman's, the Bistro By The Tracks Dinner Event, pet portraits, magnificent Stained Glass by Susan Arbibal, parking spaces, a \$1,000 certificate for orthodontia treatment from Dr. Joseph Hicks, and the ever popular homemade Black & White cookies from Phyllis Hirsh, just to name a few. Thanks to our auctioneer, David Alley, who was simply excellent and perhaps the best we have ever had. There were many bidding battles and David made sure to maximize the smiles, laughs, and donations.

This year, a new game was introduced called Adopt a Box Sweepstakes, where every box purchased for \$20 produced a prize, with \$500 in cash and gift certificates awarded. Congratulations to Harvey and Judy Kaufman, who won the \$300 grand prize sponsored by Karen and Alan Smuckler.

The event also featured a delicious catered dinner from Famous Dave's, complete with all their delicious sauces and the sweet aroma of fabulous Texas beef brisket and chicken permeating the Social Hall. And if that wasn't enough, Sisterhood had the most scrumptious dessert spread.

A highlight was the live music of Big Russ & The Bell Boys. The band was simply fantastic and played for more than three hours. The band even donated another event to TBE which was auctioned off and raised \$440. We look forward to having the band back soon!

Aptly billed as The Social Event of The Year, the Spring Auction was made possible through the extraordinary dedication of many volunteers. Volunteers were busy with planning, faxing, mailing, solicitation, invitations, advertisement, booklets, baking desserts, set-up, clean up, check-in and checkout. And let's not forget all our gracious donors from the TBE Congregation, the East Tennessee Jewish community, local retailers and service providers.



Our Thanks To These Donors

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Alumni Hall	Dwayne Allen Salon	Katie & Ken Habgood	Orange Curl	Tennessee Aquarium
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Angelos' Brick Oven Pizzeria	Ellen & Stephen Markman	Knoxville Jewish Alliance / MCDC	Peerless Steak House	Tennessee Sports Hall of Fame
Ann Wayburn	Events @ Sherlake	Knoxville Opera	Pei Wei	Texas RoadHouse
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Aubrey's	Fort Sanders Health Club	Linda Zaretski	Puleos Grill	The Glowing Body
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Bonfish	Fuddrucker's	Liz-Beth & Co.	Rachel & Mark Kline	Three Rivers Market
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Carrabba's Italian Grill	Hairpeace	Marla Brody	Salon Amie	Volunteer Princess
Cheri Pollack	Hal & Amy Rosenberg	McAlister's Deli	Salon West	West Bikes
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Creative Discovery Museum	Hibachi Factory	Moe's Southwest Grill	Shirley McGuire/ Richard Licht	WonderWorks
Crown Cleaners	Hicks Orthodontics	Mulligans	Shoe Carnival	
Dan & Abbie Smith	Hobby Town	Museum of Appalachia	Sisterhood (TBE)	
David & Patricia Lee	Honerlin Del Moro	Nails by Tracey	Snappy Tomato	
Dazzo's	Howard & Janice Pollock	Nama	Southern Appalachia Railway Museum	
Deborah Sloan & Rebecca Glover	Huntington Learning Center	National Auto Parts, Bart Brody	Susan & Keith Derrington	
Diana & Bill Steinfeld-Hicks	I Tunes		Susan Shor	
Dollywood	Me & Mommy-to-be		Susan Watson Arbibal	
	Jason's Deli		Sylvia & Irv Witcoff	
	Jersey Mike's Subs		Susan Frant/ Doug Hunt	
	Joyce Seidel Hausman			

Audit Of Temple Beth Financial Records

The Temple constitution states that periodically Temple's financial records should be audited. Hayley Goldfeld, Richard Licht, and Amy Rosenberg were appointed to do the audit. With the help of Stu Elston, Ed Hunter, Fae, and Dorette the audit was completed.

A report was given to the Executive Committee and the Board. The basic results were that there was no evidence of any wrongdoing but there were a number of weaknesses in financial procedures. The Board approved changes to procedures that should help to prevent any problems with the bookkeeping or with the handling of money.

Although none of the committee members are accountants and the audit was very thorough, that does not guarantee that the Committee or an accountant might miss something.

Donations To Temple Funds

Feb. 23 – Mar. 22, 2010

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Isaac Shefner's bar mitzvah by his parents

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Beiler Bimah Floral Fund

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

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

MITZVAHS

Heska Amuna Synagogue

Rosen to Celebrate Simcha

Nathan Rosen, son of Kim and Stephen Rosen, will celebrate his Bar Mitzvah on May 8 at Heska Amuna Synagogue. Nathan is the brother of Arielle and Tifannie. Proud great grandparents, Alice and George Palmer, will travel from Florida to celebrate this simcha as well as grandparents, Alexandra Rosen and Lea and Allen Orwitz, from California.

Nathan is a seventh grader at Webb School. He loves sports both as a player and a fan. This year he played for the middle school B basketball and tennis teams. He also plays lacrosse for the Knox Cannons. This summer, Nathan is looking forward to returning to camp at the AJCC, swimming with the Smokin' Salmon team and his third year at Camp Barney Medintz .

Nathan's community service involved helping with Jewish Family Service programs and at Second Harvest Food Bank. Thank you to Rabbi Zivic and Deborah Oleshansky, his tutor, for preparing him for this special day.



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Goldfeld to Celebrate Bat Mitzvah

Danielle will recite her Torah portion and Haftorah on May 29. Family and friends from all over will be with her for this happy occasion.

Danielle's love of animals shines through and is exhibited through her Mitzvah Project. Danielle has been volunteering at Concord Veterinarian Hospital, helping with the animals and watching surgeries. In addition, Danielle is asking all of her school friends, in lieu of gifts to donate a small contribution of either money or non-perishable foods to Marty's Mission; Second Harvest.

Danielle's parents and sister Stephanie are very proud of her. She is a straight A student at Farragut Middle School. She plays soccer for both Farragut Middle School and AYSO. Danielle cannot wait for the summer to begin. After her bat mitzvah, she will be boating, tubing and wakeboarding. In July, Danielle will go to Camp Coleman, an URJ summer camp; this will be Danielle's fifth year.

Mazel Tov!

Heska Amuna Synagogue

Happy Birthday!

- ◆ Trudy Dreyer ◆ Siri-Datar Khalsa-Zemel ◆ Jill Chasan
- ◆ Stuart Chasan ◆ Ellen Kern ◆ Harold Silber
- ◆ Mark Saroff ◆ Shelley Hecht ◆ Muriel Marvet
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- ◆ Marnie Spiegelman ◆ Marion Abrams ◆ Ethel Wittenberg
- ◆ Jack Benhayon ◆ Barbara Bernstein ◆ Mark Siegel
- ◆ Lee Miller ◆ Linda Feld

All members whose birthday or anniversary occurs in may are invited to receive a blessing at kiddush on Shabbat morning, May 15.

Happy Anniversary!

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| Nancy Young and
Jeff Talman | Joani and Gary Leeds |
| Marion and Larry Bayer | Dina and Andy Kramer |
| Judy and Lindsey Brown | Sandy and Alfred Robinson |
| Karen and Daniel Messing | Rebecca Merritt and
Andy Singer |
| Judy and Gene Bocknek | Elizabeth and Howard
Zoldessy |
| Joan and David Linwood | |
| Sharon and Michael Poore | |
| Carole and Ivan Cooper | |
| Laura and Frank Floyd | |
| Jill and Rich Adlin | |
| Sharon and Rich Berube | |



TEMPLE BETH EL

Happy Anniversary! Happy Birthday!

- Douglas Sofer & Nancy Locklin
- Murray & Wilma Weinstein
- Beverly & Stanimire Tomov
- Greg Stein & Jeanette Kelleher
- Barry & Marilyn Wohl
- Bob & Sandra Kronick
- Dan & Abbie Smith
- Daryle & Marsha Gross
- David & Heather Sandberg
- Adam & Jennifer Friedman
- Melinda & Tony Gibbons
- Jay & Valerie Frankel
- Aron & Hayley Goldfeld
- Tara & Bradley Bain
- Ivan & Mimi Brody
- Beth Schwartz & Larry Washington
- Harold & Becky Winston



- ◆ David Branton ◆ Andrew Loeb ◆ Michael Brock ◆ Sandra Murray
- ◆ David Popkin ◆ Susan Derrington ◆ Stephen Eisen ◆ Beverly Tomov
- ◆ Justin Bain ◆ Melinda Gibbons ◆ Lisa Sayles ◆ Aaron Shagan
- ◆ Amber Khaddouma ◆ Marilyn Wohl ◆ Gladys Caller
- ◆ Wendy Goodfriend ◆ Jean Gudis ◆ John Pavan ◆ Rueben Margulies
- ◆ Rachel Shenkman ◆ Michael Abrams ◆ Hannah Kline ◆ Sandy Parsons
- ◆ Melissa Feinbaum ◆ Marc Mangold ◆ Danny Budik
- ◆ Diana Steinfeld-Hicks ◆ Angeline Anderson ◆ Abby Brown
- ◆ Gary Aron ◆ Bunny Gerson
- ◆ Lawrence Schiffer ◆ Arline Gershberg
- ◆ Lawrence Hookman ◆ Eugene Zuckerman
- ◆ Sheila Hahn ◆ Cheri Pollack
- ◆ Daniel Roberts ◆ Michael Marshall
- ◆ Faye Raymon ◆ Richard Hahn
- ◆ Deborah Roberts ◆ Jacob Pollack
- ◆ Mitchell Traugot ◆ Karen Smuckler

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May 7

◆ Dorothy B. Goldberger ◆ Mathilde Wolff Levi ◆ Phillip Blumenthal ◆ Pauline Gershberg ◆ David Bush ◆ Hannah Licht ◆ Flora Brody
 ◆ Fannie Mofsky ◆ Mary Ella Hicks ◆ Alma Moss ◆ Lawrence Levy ◆ Isadore Wolner ◆ Bess Zipser ◆ Sheperd Zafran ◆ Milton Lebovitz
 ◆ Cindy Morrison Sot

May 14

◆ Harry Walowitz ◆ Maurice Phineas Greif ◆ Joseph J. Harris ◆ Morris Berkowitz ◆ David Nathan Koffman ◆ Sadie Harris
 ◆ Cecilia Zimmerman ◆ Lucie A. Fribourg ◆ Hyman T. Kern ◆ Saralee Cohn ◆ Rosa Ostrovskiy ◆ Verne Canner ◆ Les Harris

May 21

◆ Joice Brown ◆ Sheldon Rosenberg ◆ Bessie Teitelbaum ◆ Harold Raymon ◆ Clariene Mash ◆ David Prial ◆ Althea Almeda Brakebill
 ◆ Sam Kadison ◆ Jack Frant ◆ Dr. Louis Brenner ◆ Lawrence Arnold Allen ◆ Louis Werner ◆ Minnie Victor ◆ Bertha Baum Ehrlich
 ◆ Jeanette Hyatt ◆ Frances Dickey Patton ◆ Doris Winnick

May 28

◆ David Garber ◆ Bea Jaffe ◆ Anny I. Marx ◆ Jakob Marx ◆ Philip Davis ◆ Nathan Harry Smith ◆ Harvey Smuckler
 ◆ Frances Hirschberg ◆ Carolyn Grief ◆ Charles Clarence Strausburger ◆ Uriel Alayev ◆ Rose Bank Gudis ◆ Saul Garber
 ◆ Esther Yadgaroff ◆ Kathriene Caller ◆ Annie S. Taylor ◆ Cecile Feinberg ◆ Kathrine Soss ◆ Joseph Sandberg ◆ Harold Pomerantz

June 4

◆ Jack Parish ◆ Alexander Gompertz ◆ E. Max Kesselman ◆ Harry Goldberger ◆ Stephen Lieberman ◆ Florence Gluck
 ◆ Abraham D. H. Kaplan ◆ Theodore Cohn ◆ Rose Dubinsky ◆ Marie Nordmann Brunschwig

Heska Amuna Synagogue

May 1

◆ Tybee Millner ◆ Stella Piates ◆ Jacob Schwartz ◆ Benjamin Tew ◆ Harriett Herbin ◆ Joseph Sherman ◆ Pauline Viener ◆ Charles Siegel
 ◆ Paul Cawn ◆ Max Friedman ◆ Stan Duhan ◆ Esther Millen ◆ Lottie Siegel ◆ Beatrice Goldstein ◆ Flora Hasden ◆ Pearl Austin
 ◆ Isaac Cooper ◆ Howard Greenbaum ◆ Sidney Licht ◆ William Russler

May 8

◆ Sandra Levinstone ◆ Benjamin Weinstein ◆ Sanford Weinstein ◆ Hymie Billig ◆ Sharon Brietstein ◆ Gary Miller ◆ Sarah Miller
 ◆ Hannah Moskowitz ◆ Lillian Drutz ◆ Nat Nisenson ◆ Kate Caller ◆ Mary Milford ◆ Linda Cohen ◆ Phillip Levine ◆ Yachel Wender

May 15

◆ Jacob Ellin ◆ David Garber ◆ Samuel Grusin ◆ Samuel Lavine ◆ Jack Poloway ◆ Bernard Schanowitz ◆ Ruth Kahan ◆ Isaac Resnick
 ◆ Katherine Soss ◆ Anne Fuson ◆ Phillip Chazen ◆ Sam Nius ◆ Celia Cohen ◆ Sarah Weinstein ◆ Melba Werfel

May 22

◆ Saul Garber ◆ Sarah Sachs ◆ Benjamin Togonal ◆ Lester Berry ◆ Sam Danenberg ◆ Pessa Gurwin ◆ Ethel Rosenberg ◆ Abraham Jacobs
 ◆ Leon Leibowitz ◆ Arlene Rubin ◆ Hyman Strauss ◆ Sylvia Allen ◆ Ida Brown ◆ Amelia Strauss ◆ Sol Leeds ◆ Nathan Robinson

May 29

◆ Bek Hurvich ◆ Lillian Millner ◆ Nettie Secaul ◆ Louis Tobe ◆ Morris Werner ◆ Rachel Resnick ◆ Alice Landis ◆ Morris Rosenblatt
 ◆ Rebecca Forstein ◆ Ellen Goldberg ◆ George Gourse



Hadassah Highlights

Southern Region Spring Conference

“CELEBRATE THE ARTS WITH HADASSAH”

May 15 - 16

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AWAY FROM HOME

JEWISH ARTISTS

JEWISH COMPOSERS

JEWISH WRITERS



Who Are We? What Are We? Were Are We Going?

By Bonnie Boring, President

As we examine the record of Hadassah's achievements over 98 years we see a history replete – overflowing – with vision and dedication and immense determination.

We have been and are passionately engaged in a partnership which binds us intimately with Israel and its people. The “healing of the daughter of my people” is the Zionist imperative that has spurred our work, fathered initiatives undreamt of in 1912, made dreams tangible, created a wise generosity which made possible on a grand scale: scholarships, endowments, research grants, new buildings, equipment.

Hadassah remains unique well beyond the borders of the Middle East.

No matter the country – Haiti, Chile, Kinshasa – when the cry of need is heard, Hadassah responds with alacrity and multiple hands.

We are engaged in a great enterprise – a humanitarian mission which is open-ended and not limited to time or place, or a particular people.

Our work changes lives over the globe, our passion and creativity allows us to “heal, teach, rescue,” and give voice to people around the world. Thank you, to every one of our members here in Knoxville, that help to make our Hadassah dreams a reality. Your passion and dedication are truly an inspiration to me every day, and I am so proud to be a part of this team.

May the journey never end.



Condolences

- to Jacki and Richard Imbrey on the passing of Jacki's mom, Peggy Ades
- to Charlene and Jeff Gubitz on the passing of Jeff's mom, Betty Gubitz
- to Sandy and Alfred Robinson on the passing of Alfred's brother, Melvin Robinson
- to Alexandra Rosen on the passing of her brother, Kenny Palmer
- to Kim and Stephen Rosen and to Kathryn Rosen on the passing of uncle, Kenny Palmer
- to Harold Busch and Norman Busch on the passing of their mother, Josie

Mazel Tov to ...

- Shuli and Gabriel Mesa on the birth of son Elijah Rain Mesa (7 lb. 12 oz., 21”).
- Daren Eddy and Bruce Morrison on their engagement.
- Carol and Mark Harris on the birth of their grandson, Noah Ryan Chatham.

Get well Wishes to...

- Helene Messing
- Stefanie Rich

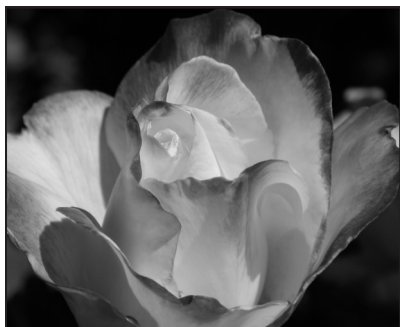
Spring Gardening Anyone?

Spring is in the air and after this harsh winter, we are all ready for our lawns to be green and our gardens to start showing off their beauty and bounty. With these thoughts in mind, Hadassah members gathered to meet with old friends and make new ones as we shared a wonderful dinner complete with salad, pasta dishes, corn casseroles, garlic bread, fresh fruits, and desserts.

Members pooled together collected coins in our JNF tins and our donations. This money will help Israel as it continues to be one of only two countries worldwide that is reclaiming its land faster than it is losing it due to desertification.

To further get us in the mood for gardening, a drawing was held for two different plants. Jane Cohen won the drawing for a beautiful daffodil in a lovely blue and white ceramic pot. Judi Abrams was the recipient of a gorgeous calla lily. She was saving her question on where to plant it for our special guest of the evening.

Our guest speaker was David Vandergriff. He is with the UT Extension Service and has been assisting our community with their gardening questions for many years. Did you know there are NO native short grasses to Tennessee? What causes those bald spots that pop up in our lawns and what can we do about them (could be rocks right



under the surface of our lawn)? What is the proper way to prune a crepe myrtle (no pruning will result in the most flowers)? How do I get rid of the unwanted “wild onion” growing in my garden? What do you do when your dogwoods are dying. All these questions and more were expertly answered by Mr. Vandergriff.



If you were never aware of the impact of dogwood trees on our local economy, keep reading. Mr. Vandergriff explained the issues this area is having with its dogwood trees. Tennessee is the #1 producer of dogwoods in the USA. The annual income from Tennessee's nursery industry's more than \$270 million; Dogwoods comprise 20% of nursery sales. The Knoxville Dogwood Arts Festival adds millions of dollars to East Tennessee's economy each year. So, you can see that dogwoods are vital to our local economy. However, threats to dogwoods through disease and increased costs of raising these trees has caused many small growers to drop out of dogwood production. This has created a critical shortage of these trees. The UT Ag Research has developed disease resistant dogwoods called Appalachian Dogwoods. These varieties of dogwoods consist of mostly white trees, but there are some with color. Mr. Vandergriff encouraged gardeners to plant these varieties of dogwoods.

A very special thank you goes out to Peggy Littmann who put together this most relaxing yet informative evening.

Help Israel by Purchasing Tree or Water Certificates

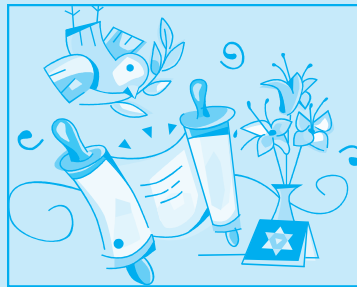
You can help Israel simply by calling Marian Jay and purchasing a tree certificate for \$12.00 or a much needed water certificate for \$18.00. You may designate a name for either certificate in memory of someone, sending get well wishes to an individual, in honor of a birthday, anniversary, birth, marriage, 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 mayfajjay@aol.com to arrange for a tree or water certificate to be sent for you.

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.") and wouldn't it be quite a bonus if a wonderful charitable organization benefitted every time you bought one of these special cards?



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 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.

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May Hadassah Book Club Meeting

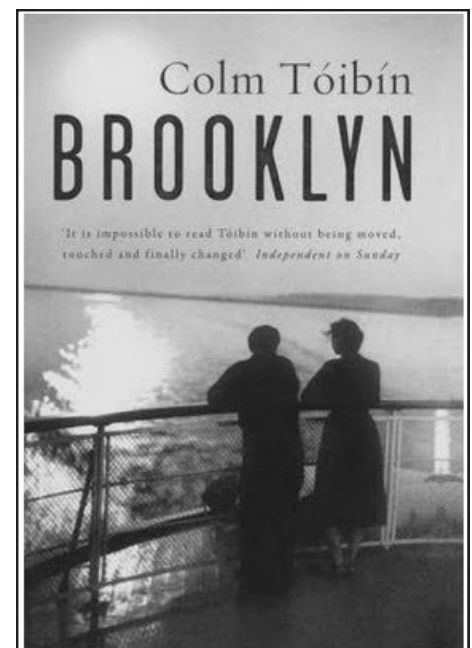
Our May meeting will be held at 7:30 p.m. May13th, at Barnes and Noble on Kingston Pike. We'll be discussing *Brooklyn* by Colm Tóibín.

Summary from BookBrowse:

Eilis Lacey has come of age in small-town Ireland in the years following World War Two. Though skilled at bookkeeping, she cannot find a job in the miserable Irish economy. When an Irish priest comes from Brooklyn to sponsor Eilis in America -- to live and work in a Brooklyn neighborhood "just like Ireland" -- she decides she must go, leaving her fragile mother and her charismatic sister behind.

Eilis finds work in a department store on Fulton Street, and when she least expects it, finds love. Tony, a blond Italian from a big family, slowly wins her over with patient charm. He takes Eilis to Coney Island and Ebbets Field, and home to dinner in the two-room apartment he shares with his brothers and parents. He talks of having children who are Dodgers fans. But just as Eilis begins to fall in love with Tony, devastating news from Ireland threatens the promise of her future.

By far Tóibín's most instantly engaging and emotionally resonant novel, *Brooklyn* will make readers fall in love with his gorgeous writing and spellbinding characters.



Large Certificates

The following certificates have either been sent in recent months or are now in progress:

In Memory Of:

- Ted Pais, brother/brother-in-law of Art & Mimi Pais
- Betty Gubitz, mother/mother-in-law of Jeff & Charlene Gubitz
- Betty Gubitz, from Jackie & Richard Imbrey
- Bob Parsons, husband of Sandy Parsons
- Milton Shamitz, father/father-in-law of Kay & Larry Leibowitz
- Milton Shamitz, from Jackie & Richard Imbrey
- Alan Hess, father of Tanya Hess
- Vera Stallings, mother/mother-in-law of Stephanie & Eric Bank
- Monte Abrams, husband of Marion Abrams
- Eleanor Shorr, mother/mother-in-law of Fred & Ava Radoff; stepmother/stepmother-in-law of Susan & Ken Brown
- Kenny Palmer, brother of Alexandra Rosen
- Rita Louise Nichols, mother/mother-in-law of Margy & Mitch Goldman
- Rita Louise Nichols, from Kim & Stephen Rosen
- Sophie Dobbs, mother/mother-in-law of David & Elaine Dobbs
- Melvin Robinson, brother/brother-in-law of Alfred & Sandy Robinson
- Irwin Blecher, (Bonnie Boring's dad) from Kim & Stephen Rosen
- Evelyn Goldstein, from Becky & Harold Winston
- Dr. Raphael Paul, from Becky & Harold Winston
- Jay Solod



May 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. \$1 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:



- *Gabriel Allen Carson*, grandson of Shush and Dave Carson
- *Elijah Rain Mesa*, son of Shuli and Gabriel Mesa
- *Noah Ryan Chatham*, son of Marcy and Robert; grandson of Carol and Mark Harris. Very proud big brother is Alex!
- *Ethan Gabriel Kaplan*, son of Kimmie and Alan Kaplan; grandson of Linda and Neil Feld; great grandson of Bess Feld.

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 (865) 693-0299 or tenntrio@ymail.com. Open your account to draw down from automatically when we open a new layette (which is separate from the large certificates). Contact Cindy for details.

Thank You Notes

Many thanks to all Hadassah members who were kind enough to remember our cousin Helene Bebergal Markus. We appreciate your thoughtfulness in thinking of her. It is so comforting to know that even though someone has been gone from our community for some time, there are still those who remember.

Thanks again,

Pessa Brody & Esther Webster

Dear LADIES OF HADASSAH,

Just a little note of "thanks" for your contributions made in honor of my newest granddaughter, Ashley Nicole Myers. We were actually just in Atlanta this weekend and how she has grown! Hadassah has a special place in our hearts as my mother; Ashley's Bubbie Janette, has and continues to play a very active role throughout her life in Hadassah. Thank you all. Todah Rabah!

Judi Abrams

New Member

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Stanford Eisenberg Knoxville Jewish Day School

Annual Auction Delights Attendees

“This evening was our Knoxville Jewish Community at its best,” said one auction attendee.

A phenomenal group of volunteers representing all corners of our Knoxville Jewish community, spearheaded by Auction co-chairs **Amy Hull** and **Tamara Sturm**, and supporting co-chairs **Rebecca Merritt** and **Debbie Richman**, came together to make this event a success.



Leslie Berez, joined by Rita Liner, served the drink of choice.



BBYO kids were on hand to help in a variety of capacities. What a great, capable group of teens we have!



A talented crew of sous chefs worked alongside Chef Bogartz in preparing the food.



Marilyn Burnett presented a mouth-watering array of delectable desserts.



Bruce Bogartz (pictured with daughter, Sarah Beth) cooked up a storm with foods from different ethnic cuisines.



We were honored to have Ann Friedlander, daughter of Stanford Eisenberg, at the event. Ann traveled from Florida with friend, Dominique, to be at the KJDS Auction.

The auction was beautifully decorated by Amy Hull and Rebecca Merritt.

All auction photography by Colby Photography
www.colbysphotography.com
and Lev Gross Comstock.



Brett and Bonnie Kolnick greeted guests as they arrived and offered them our signature cocktail.

Students had the opportunity to learn from stained glass artist Susan Arbutal as they created a KJDS special coffee table.



In a Dutch-style auction, eight people won the opportunity to join Maestro Lucas Richman and his wife, Debbie, at their home for supper and song.



Anyone wearing a strand of beads was invited to participate in a surprise game. Congratulations to our winner, Dr. Jeff Becker.



KJDS students took part in the auction by submitting two masterpieces as auction items. They thoroughly enjoyed working alongside artist, Anne Bendriem, to create a dogwood tree.



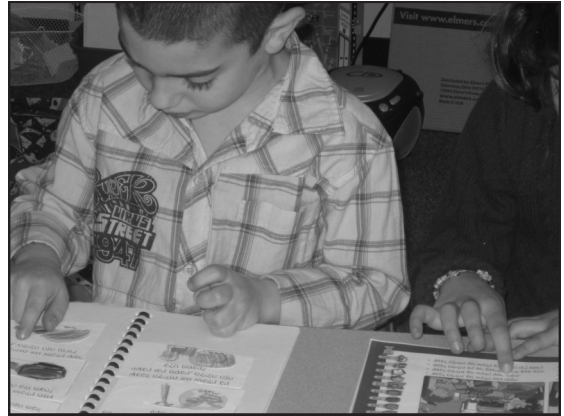
Auction participants were treated to a fun and enjoyable evening.



Cal MacLean, Clarence Brown Theatre artistic director; Maestro Lucas Richman, KSO maestro; Glenn Zahn, Terry Ford, Rebecca MacLean, Morah Debbie Richman, Katy Wolfe-Zahn, Rachel Ford, KSO executive director.

Pesach

March was a busy time at KJDS as Morah Rishi and her students prepared for the holiday of Pesach (Passover). Students in all grades learned about the holiday's traditions, its meaning and of course some great Pesach songs. In culmination of their work and studies the students conducted their very own model seder. This year when KJDS students ask the four questions....they'll know the answers as well.



Choosing **KJDS** means choosing a school where children are **growing, learning** and **becoming their very best selves.**

We are currently enrolling students in grades K-5 for the 2010 – 2011 school year.

To receive an information packet or schedule a school tour, please contact the admissions office at 865-560-9922 or info@kjds.org.



Noshing In Knoxville Has Arrived

Our long awaited KJDS cookbooks have arrived. We've polled a number of people to hear what recipe they'll be looking for first. Here are some of the responses:

- **Ms. Amie** – Great fast easy meal for my first homemade meal in my new home. (Page 79)
- **Peggy Loflin** - Kids favorites..... (Page 195)
- **Rebecca Tabler-Bishop** - It's a tie between desserts and kugel. Although some kugel can be dessert, so I guess I'll just look for the sweetest one! (Pages 12-13)
- **Rachel Hale** - I can not wait to look at the Kids favorite section. It will finally give me some idea of what to make my kids for dinner that they might actually eat! (Page 195)
- **Sandra Parsons** - We will be looking for easy recipes. (Page 120)
- **Joelle Adajian** – My kid's picture of course! (Page 194)
- **Miriam Esther Wilhelm** – The professionals section.I always love learning tips and hints from the pros. (Page 181)
- **Rose Ebel** – Salads – can't wait to see those. (Pages 59 - 77)
- **Laurie Barocas** - I will of course be looking for my own recipe first! - (Page 145)
- **Maya Di Guilio** – The first thing I would look for is cookies – the chewy chocolate chip ones! (Pages 169 - 170)



Parent Committee chair, Shuli Mesa, shows the new cookbooks to a delighted group of students.

Noshing in Knoxville



Reserve your
KJDS Cookbook
for only

\$25.00 / book
\$48.00 / two books
E-mail info@kjds.org

Stanford Eisenberg KJDS GRADUATION

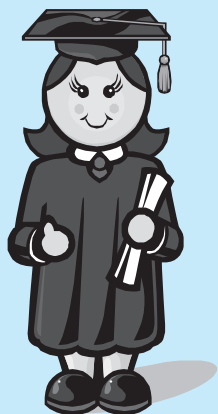
Sunday, May 16
10:30 am

Arnstein Jewish Community Center
6800 Deane Hill Drive

Light lunch will be served

Join us as we celebrate with
our first KJDS Graduates

*Ilana Blumenthal
Camden Boring
Miles Loflin
Noah Mesa*



Stanford Eisenberg Knoxville Jewish Day School

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Temple Beth El

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

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



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The Way We Were in 1955



Jewish Welfare Board Southern Section Convention

In 1955, the Jewish Welfare Board Southern Section convention was held at the Farragut Hotel in Knoxville. Among those participating were (left to right) **Sylvia (Mrs. Leo) Silver**, **Rose (Mrs. George) Busch**, **Debby (Mrs. Sam) Freeman**, **Becky (Mrs. Harold) Winston**, and **Zelda (Mrs. Max) Morrison**.

Descendants who live in the Knoxville area today include **Francie Foster**, **Bob Freeman**, **Ralph Freeman**, **Jerry Winston**, **Barry Winston**, **Larry Winston**, and **Bruce Morrison**.

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.