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Kol HaNeshamah *Voice of the Spirit*

Join us for spirited discussion.

Wednesdays

November 2 and November 16

7:30 – 9:00 p.m.

with Dr. Howard Pollio

at Heska Amuna Synagogue

RSVP to marylinda@comcast.net

Background:

From 1990 to 2002, as part of Heska Amuna Adult Education, a group met for four weeks each fall.

We studied and discussed a book about or by Jewish women.

We then wrote our own midrashim (legends) about women in the Bible.



What will we be studying?

This year: we will revisit those stories, compare the status of women then and now, and enjoy lively and thoughtful discussion.

(Note: The group is open to those who did not participate previously.)

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Heska Amuna Synagogue

HaShofar



Jazz

By Rabbi Alon Ferency

Great prayer swings like Jazz, with the rhythm of Bebop. As we each find our own voice in the harmony and cacophony of prayer, there are choruses to sing and pray together, and times when each worshipper, like a musician, finds her own part in the orchestration.

Prayer starts with prepared melody lines: the *Bar'chu*, or another invocation from a cantor (our lay cantors, or *sh'lichei tzibbur*); then, we all join in for a jam session. Likewise in Jazz, there is a "head" melody that launches the tune. For example, you may be familiar with the opening of Duke Ellington's *Take the A Train*, (written by Billy Strayhorn): "If you take the A train..."

A Jazz solo follows a particular contour, set by the harmonic structure of the piece being played. Solo instruments play their licks, or runs of stylized notes, and rhythm players give a counterpoint to the soloists. For example, a drummer can "drop bombs" with unusual syncopations in his playing. This is ornamented by the arrangement of different timbres and tones of instruments – the high call of a trumpet, the low walking thump of bass.

So too, when we pray, we each have a part to play and a voice to share, whether it's the lead line, loud and strong, or simply offering counterpoint and "comping" by humming along or praying quietly, or dropping a bomb – shouting out a particularly meaningful verse. At times like the *kedushah*, we even find ourselves "trading fours" (in Jazz that means that the soloists alternately each play four measures each), when we offer call-and-response with the cantor. Then, we come back together for the concluding head melody. In some cases that might be the singing of *Oseh Shalom* or the chanting of a *Kaddish* at the end of a liturgical section.

Oh, and don't forget to woodshed. Of old, Jazz musicians would go out to a shed to practice and play their horns for hours on end. Prayer demands practice, too – you can't be great at it all at once. It takes many hours of woodshedding, whether at weekday *minyanim* or at home, to really find one's voice. In the meantime, don't be afraid to sing loud and off-key!



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From the President

By Gilya Schmidt

What an honor to be in the company of dedicated congregants who take their commitments to give voice to the Torah seriously and do it so beautifully – our daveners, Torah readers, Haftarah readers, and gabbayim. A profound thank you to each and every one of you for your service to the spiritual life of our synagogue. May we all go from strength to strength.

God does not go on vacation after the High Holy Days, and neither do we at Heska Amuna Synagogue. We have much to be grateful for, during this time of winding down in nature, when the golden bowers have been harvested and the new wine has been sampled. Nature is shutting down for a winter's nap, but our spiritual juices are just beginning to flow.

It is a new year, with new commitments, new energy, new promises, and new ideas. Like the ancient Israelites in the wilderness, we are beginning the time of consistency in our spiritual lives, the time of carrying out the promises we made to ourselves and to God during the Days of Awe, and with renewed vigor. Regular practice is a necessary part of living. Life cannot consist of all peak experiences, in Abraham Maslow's terms, but also requires valleys. During the month-long High Holy Day and festival period that we just ended, we have enjoyed our peak experience of major holidays until Pesach, and with the exception of some hills, such as Hanukkah and Purim, it's time to settle down to consistently participate in the practice of our faith, which is just as important as participating in the major religious holidays.

The Israelites took 40 years to perfect their faithfulness to God in the wilderness. We don't have 40 years, but just 11 months until the next accounting. May we make the most of it.

From the Chair of the Board

By Scott Hahn

One of the most effective forms of advertising is through word of mouth. As a lawyer, many of my best cases have been through the referrals of past clients. If I am in need of a painter, electrician, or other service provider, I will always first try to get a referral from a friend or family member. One of the constant complaints that I hear about the synagogue, is that we are not growing our membership enough. It is true that our numbers have remained flat for some time now. Of course, we cannot help it when a member dies or moves out of town, but we can always do a better job with recruitment. As a congregation, we need to place more emphasis of selling our positive points and encourage people to join our ranks. We should be proud of our synagogue and what it has to offer, and that pride should translate to third parties. We should always put on a positive, welcoming face to the public.

A great example of what I am talking about is provided by our Office Administrator, Marian Jay. I had the opportunity to observe Marian go into sale mode at the AJCC pool this summer. She does an excellent job as an ambassador to Heska Amuna. She is always meeting new people, getting names and addresses, and encouraging people to visit the shul. If the membership of our synagogue showed this type of salesmanship enmasse, our membership problems would be solved. I encourage everyone to help sell the synagogue to our unaffiliated friends, family, or people new to town. We have a lot to offer the Jewish community in Knoxville and it is time that more people knew about it. If you have contact information on someone, please forward to Marian, Susan Silber, our Membership Chair, Rabbi Ferency, or myself. Together we can help grow the ranks of the synagogue to a number that it should be.

Judaica Shop News

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

Todah Rabah

We thank the following members, who served as ushers during the High Holidays, enabling services to run smoothly.

Eric Bank	Ken Levine
Jeff Becker	Bryan Merrell
Bill Berez	Michael Messing
Abraham Brietstein	Jenifer Ohriner
Arnold Cohen	Ric Pasi
Ivan Cooper	Gene Rosenberg
Ernie Gross	Judith Rosenberg
Leon Hasden	Arnold Schwarzbart
Jeff Hecht	Joe Sitver
Gale Hedrick III	Alan Solomon
Manny Herz	

Among Our Members

- ◆ Condolences go to the following members and their families: **Joyce and Harold Diftler, Sandy and Alfred Robinson and Anita and Jeff Miller and Natalie Robinson** on the death of brother and cousin, **A. Stanley Robinson**. May his memory be a blessing.
- ◆ Get well wishes go out to the following people who were ill or recuperating during the past month: **Nancy Becker, Elaine Brown, Harriet Cooper, Charlene Gubitz, Bernie Iroff, David Linwood, Heather O'Brien, Judy Rattner, Marcie Shloush and Myra Weinstein**.
- ◆ Mazal tov to the following members and their families: **Alan Solomon** for being honored in Innovation as a Health Care Hero; **Judy and Abraham Brietstein** on the birth of their grandson, **Aitan Benjamin Katz**, son of **Autumn and Matt Katz**.
- ◆ Todah Rabah to **Ethel Wittenberg** who continues to work in the Synagogue office every week. Thank you also to **Marilyn Liberman** who helped out in the office during a busy time. We appreciate your time and the effort on behalf of the Shul.

Alert Us When a Loved One is Ill

If you or a loved one is ill or hospitalized, please let us know so that we can attend to him or her as a community, and place the name on our *Mi Sheberach* prayer list. Unfortunately, federal law prohibits hospitals from notifying us when community members are admitted.



New Bill Payment Procedures Introduced

Heska Amuna now offers new procedures to pay dues and other fees or charges. You have two preferred ways to pay: (1) direct withdrawal from your bank checking or savings account (ACH) or (2) charge to your credit card. (You can, of course, mail a check to the synagogue office, but that costs you postage and takes extra time and effort on our end to process this payment.)

Before you decide which of the two preferred methods you wish to use, please note that the first method is the least expensive for the synagogue. We pay only a small processing fee for direct withdrawal payments. For credit card payments, Heska Amuna pays a fee equal to 2.3% of the amount charged, PLUS an additional small processing fee. We strongly encourage you to pay by direct withdrawal from your checking or savings account. When you choose direct payment, more of the financial support you generously contribute is available to provide synagogue services to you and your family and less of that support has to be diverted to pay third party fees. This can only strengthen the synagogue's finances in both the short and long term. If you pay by ACH transfer or credit card, please make sure you indicate the amount of your payment. 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 mail. Should you have any questions, you can reach our Finance Vice-Chair, Barry Allen, by e-mail at barry.allen@sageontheweb.com, or you can leave a message for him by calling the synagogue at 522-0701.

Global Day of Learning

Sunday, November 13

9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. at Heska Amuna Synagogue
Joint Program for pre-K through High School



Everyone had so much fun with Syd Lieberman for the joint storytelling program at Temple Beth El in August! We are looking forward to hosting our friends and neighbors for our second joint program of the year for **Global Day of Learning!** This year's theme reminds us that Jews worldwide are one people, united by our traditional texts and prayers. What better way to celebrate that fact than to come together as people from different families, different congregations, different schools, and different ages to study and learn as one group? Communities all around the world will be doing the same thing!

SEE YOU THERE! For more information see www.theglobalday.com.

Things to Remember!

Wednesday, November 2 – **Religious School, grades 3-6**
 Sunday, November 6 – **Religious School, preK – Prozdor**
 Wednesday, November 9 – **Religious School, grades 3-6**
 Friday, November 11 – **Tot Shabbat & Dinner, 6:00 pm**
 Sunday, November 13 – **Global Day of Learning, Joint Program at HA**
 Wednesday, November 16 – **Religious School, grades 3-6**
 Sunday, November 20 – **Religious School, preK – Prozdor**
 Wednesday, November 23 – **NO Religious School - Thanksgiving**
 Sunday, November 27 – **NO Religious School - Thanksgiving**
 Wednesday, November 30 – **Religious School, grades 3-6**



Tot Shabbat

Friday, November 11
6:00 p.m.
Shabbat Dinner & Services
for Young Families

Shabbat dinner starts at 6:00 p.m. and is only \$10 per family! Tot Shabbat services are designed for children ages 2-6, though all are welcome. Join us as we welcome Shabbat with food, friends, music, and fun!

Tot Shabbat is open to HA members and non-members so **bring your friends for a wonderful family Shabbat experience!**

RSVP to Anna Iroff, education@heskaamuna.org or 522-0701 by **Tuesday, November 8.**

In honor of Shabbat, please send your check to the synagogue office either before or soon after Tot Shabbat.

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 Gilya Schmidt,
 694-6213, one week before.

Sunday Minyan.....9:30 a.m.

For a list of Heska Amuna's funds and
 other information, please visit
www.heskaamuna.org

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Adult Education

If you're interested in possibly attending the upcoming adult education classes at Heska Amuna (offered for free), check the website for details. Also, if you're interested in a particular topic, feel free to contact Rich Adlin at 865-680-2774 or richadlin@gmail.com.



Meet Our Religious School Staff

We've had a fantastic start to 5772, and none of it could happen without our dedicated team of teachers. They work very hard to reach and teach our next generation of strong Southern Jews. Please take a minute to thank each one when you see them!

Aaron Bronstein – 3rd - 6th grade Hebrew

Rachel Brown – Drama Specialist

Amy Canter – 3rd - 6th grade Judaica

Karen Ferency – Art Specialist

Charlene Gubitz – Music Specialist

Anita Kay – Librarian

Nigel Lay – PreK & Kindergarten teacher

Mary Ann Merrell – Prozdor

Andrew Messing – PreK & Kindergarten
Madrich

Rachel Ortiz – 1st & 2nd grade teacher

Max Silver-Alford – 1st & 2nd grade Madrich



Special Thanks

Marilyn Burnett would like to thank everyone who purchased Challahs for the High Holidays. Proceeds will go into the Kitchen Fund and help to enhance Heska Amuna's great kitchen. Marilyn would also like to thank Trudy Dreyer and the Dreyer family for the sizzling new Event Grill that they gave to the Synagogue Kitchen. The grill will enable us to enjoy many outstanding congregational cookouts for years to come.

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. *It's now possible to contribute any amount toward the weekly Kiddushim to help defray the Synagogue expenses by mailing your check to the Synagogue Office, marking Kiddushim.*

We thank Jenifer and Evan Ohriner who sponsored a Kiddush in honor of their anniversary; Pam and Ernie Gross in honor of granddaughter Phoebe Lynn King's naming; Peggy and Gale Hedrick and Mary Beth and Michael Eisenstadt in honor of Kimberly Cook and Joshua Hedrick's aufruf.



Contributions from Caring People

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

Donations received as of September 26th

BUILDING FUND

For Louis Billig's *yahrzeit*

By: Suzi and Jerry Candy

CEMETERY FUND

For Oscar Glazer's *yahrzeit*

By: Joani and Gary Leeds

COHEN-PRESSER FUND

In memory of her loved ones – Eva and Louis Slovis, Amy and David Cohen, Annie and Max Cohen, Joslyn Presser, Sadie and Adrian Goldstein, Rose and Isadore Presser, Sylvia and Harry Kelman and Norbert Slovis

By: Marilyn Presser

In honor of Peggy and Mark Littmann and in appreciation of their help and friendship

By: Miriam Weinstein

GENERAL FUND

Thanking Heska Amuna for their hospitality during their visit and it's good to know that their son Aaron has a caring and supportive community while attending UT

By: Susan and Bernard Bronstein

In memory of Adela Gross

By: Wendy and Ted Besmann; Margy and Mitch Goldman
A general donation to the fund in honor of the High Holidays

By: Jan and Colman Hoffman

In honor of Herb Jacobs on his birthday

By: Francie and Neil Foster; Jill and Bobby Ivins

Sending get well wishes to Nancy Becker, David Linwood and John Phelps; in honor of the births of Barb Levin and Josh Gettinger's grandson, Cort Csar and Judy and Abraham Brietstein's grandson, Aitan Benjamin Katz

By: Rosalie and Stephen Nagler

In honor of the Heska Amuna Adult Education program and in honor of Herb Jacobs on his birthday

By: Myrna and Irv Russotto

RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

In honor of Alan Solomon's Healthcare Heroes Award

By: Nancy and Jeff Becker

WINICK LIBRARY FUND

In memory of David Abrams

By: Nancy and Jeff Becker

Yahrzeit Fund

Estelle Binder

By: Marilyn and Isadore Abrams

Joseph Weinbren and Joseph Green

By: Anita and Jeff Miller

Jenny Grusin

By: Judy Rattner

KNOXVILLE

BBYO Upgrades Marketing Efforts

Reprinted from JTA, September 29, 2011

It might be hard to imagine what Michael Jordan and BBYO have in common, but Estee Portnoy knows.



Jordan, nearly as famous for his product endorsements as he is for his slam dunks, continues to be one of the most influential figures in both sports and branding. As Jordan's longtime business manager and spokeswoman, Portnoy understands the importance of a "brand refresh."

Since becoming chairman of BBYO's board of directors last year, Portnoy recognized the need for the 88 year-old Jewish teen movement to upgrade its brand while maintaining its heritage. The refreshed BBYO brand - an updated logo along with the release of the organization's new five-year strategic plan - was recently launched. The logo's design, says Portnoy, is meant to convey a "sense of tradition with modernity."

"We've set a bold vision for the organization," says Matthew Grossman, BBYO executive director. "We believe that we've created fun, meaningful and affordable experiences that can connect Jewish teens for a lifetime to the Jewish people."

A key priority in the five-year plan is BBYO's goal of reaching 70,000 Jewish teenagers by 2016. To reach the goal, BBYO is placing a stronger emphasis on programming for a younger audience: 6th, 7th and 8th graders.

TRAVEL TO ISRAEL WITH YOUR FRIENDS!



Camp Tikkun Olam is recruiting for Summer 2012!

We are looking for fun and friendly 9th and 10th graders interested in a cultural exchange to Israel in July 2012. Two weeks in ISRAEL and two weeks in East Tennessee. Interested?

Contact Deborah Oleshansky at the KJA
doleshansky@jewishknoxville.org or 865-690-6343

Winick AZA to Host Heart and Soul Dinner

Rabbi Isaac Winick AZA is a Knoxville Jewish youth group. As part of international BBYO, Winick works to provide Jewish high school teens with positive Jewish experiences and leadership skills. Winick plans a variety of Judaic, social, athletic, educational, and community service programs, while giving members an opportunity to attend programs in the South, across the country, and around the world.

We have our most exciting event of the year coming up, the Heart and Soul dinner. We hope you'll join us!

You're Invited to Winick AZA's

Heart & Soul Dinner and Silent Auction

Sunday, November 20 at 6:00 p.m.

Arnstein Jewish Community Center

6800 Deane Hill Drive

Enjoy live jazz, a silent auction, and delicious Italian cuisine

Tickets: In advance, \$18.00 for adults and \$9.00 for students and children

At the door: \$20.00 for adults; \$10.00 for students and children. *Checks payable to BBYO.*

Proceeds will benefit BBYO scholarship funds along with the American Heart Association pediatric programs. The night's honoree is our very own vice president, Ethan Sturm.

We hope to see our community support this event. This will be a fun-filled night with entertainment and delicious food for the whole family. Hope to see you there!

To purchase tickets and make reservations, please e-mail jechasan@aol.com or mail check to the AJCC.

H A P P E N I N G S

THE KNOXVILLE JEWISH WOMEN'S CIRCLE
PRESENTS:

Let's get organized!

A fun night out featuring
tips from professional organizer,
Karen, from Organize It.

November 10th at 7:00pm

At the home of Tamara Sturm
8500 Corteland Drive
Knoxville, TN 37909

Couvert: \$10

For more information or to RSVP
email me@kjds.org
or call/text 865-386-3827

FUTURE EVENTS:

FEB. 12: SPA FOR THE BODY & SOUL

MAR. 29: PASSOVER COOKING DEMO & TASTING

A program of the Knoxville Chabad House

God and the Art of Jewish Theology

Sundays, October 30 - November 20
7:00 - 8:15 p.m.

Rabbi Alon Ferency of Heska Amuna Synagogue will teach a course titled *God and the Art of Jewish Theology*. The workshops will take place in the Emporium Annex, 100 S. Gay Street. The class will develop art out of a conversation in Jewish theology with each other, the facilitator, and exploration of other works of art; for example, Anselm Kiefer's installation *The Shattering of the Vessels*, the rabbinic imagination of King David's death, or the songs of Leonard Cohen and U2. Taking inspiration from traditional Jewish sources and new media, such as transgressive Yiddish theater, the film *Ushpizin*, or subversive Israeli folktales, participants will have the option of presenting personal results in an exhibition of visual art at the Emporium from December 2-23, 2011. For more information and to register, contact: rabbi.ferency@heskaamuna.org.

Rosenblatt Nominated for JFNA Heroes Campaign

Bernie Rosenblatt, KJCFF president and longtime Jewish community leader, has been nominated for the JFNA Heroes program. The Jewish Federations of North America is proud to welcome the third annual Jewish Community Heroes campaign. This is our opportunity to celebrate the individuals who dedicate their lives to helping others. In keeping with the Heroes tradition, it's up to the public to nominate and vote for the community heroes they feel embody the spirit of the award. This year, the public will establish 20 semifinalists. Ten of the semifinalists will be professionals who earn a living from their socially conscious work. The other 10 semifinalists will be volunteers who don't earn an income from the services they offer to their community.



Bernie Rosenblatt

Voters can vote once every 24 hours through November 10. To vote for Bernie, please visit <http://www.jewishcommunityheroes.org/nominees/tennessee>.

Honoring Rabbi Beth Schwartz

A special event honoring Rabbi Beth Schwartz will be held on June 7 at 6:30 p.m. at the downtown Crowne Plaza Hotel ballroom. It promises to be a gala evening with dinner and music and maybe even a little dancing. The Knoxville Jewish community and other guests will be invited to attend.

Several people have already offered to be sponsors of the event and we welcome any others who wish to be sponsors. We know many will want to honor this special lady for her service to the Jewish community and the community at large.

Further information will be announced in the future.



NOVEMBER 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 5:15p Drama class, BBYO room 6p TBE-Exec Comm 6-9:30p fencing, gym 7p Ruth Weisburg lecture, UTK	2 KJDS-Open House 2p mahjong, BBYO rm 3:15-4p Music N Motion, gym 4:15p HA-religious sch 5:30-9:30p fencing, gym 5:45p TBE-midweek Hebrew, pizza 6:15p TBE-adult ed 7:30-9p HA-Kol HaNeshamah	3 7a HA-minyan 8:45a Zumba, gym 11a TBE-News & Schmooze 6:45p Hadassah Brd, AL 7p Ruth Weisburg lecture, UTK 7:30p Israeli dancing, AJCC gym 7:30p HA-Exec Comm	4 4:45-5:30p JFS Shabbat @ Echo Ridge 7:30p TBE-Elena Reineri bat mitzvah	5 9:30a HA-services
6 9:30a HA-minyan 9:30a-HA-religious sch 9:30a TBE-religious sch 1-3p Teen Connection, AJCC gym 3-5p TBE-Sisterhood Chai Tea 7-8:15p <i>God & the Art of Jewish Theology</i> class by Rabbi Ferency	7 7a HA-minyan 1p Art class, BBYO room 1-5p KJA Archives work session, Board room 3-3:30p TOT basketball, gym 7:30p JFS Comm mtg, AL	8 5:15p Drama class, BBYO room 6-9:30p fencing, gym 6:30p TBE-board mtg 7:30p JLI Course, AL	9 10a KJA Archives, BR 2p mahjong, BBYO rm 3:15-4p Music N Motion, gym 4:15p HA-religious sch 5:30-9:30p fencing, gym 6:15p TBE-midweek Hebrew 6:15p TBE-adult ed	10 7a HA-minyan 8:45a Zumba, gym 7:30p Israeli dancing, AJCC gym 7:30p HA-Board mtg	11 Veteran's Day 6p HA-Tot Shabbat dinner, 6:30p services 6:30p JCOR-Potluck dinner and services 8p TBE-Nora Khaddouma bat mitzvah 	12 9:30a HA-services, HA Religious Sch Family Minyan 10a Chabad-Camden Boring bar mitzvah
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TEMPLE BETH EL TIMES



It's Time For

Temple Beth El Sisterhood's Annual Mah Jongg Tournament

MAH JONGG MADNESS

Open to All

When: Sunday, November 20, 2011
12:30 p.m.—4:00 p.m.

Where: TBE's Arnstein Social Hall

**Cost: \$15.00 entrance fee includes snacks
and desserts**

PRIZES! PRIZES! PRIZES!



Registration forms will be mailed, but if you do not get one, contact Ellen Markman at 584-5820, ellen.markman@gmail.com or Linda Mongeon at 693-0407, lindamari@comcast.net

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November Services

- November 4, 7:30 p.m.** - Bat mitzvah of Elena Reineri
- November 11, 8:00 p.m.** - Bat mitzvah of Nora Khaddouma
- November 18, 7:30 p.m.** - Shabbat services in the Round
- November 19, 10:00 p.m.** - Bat mitzvah of Avery Wilhite
- November 25, 6:00 p.m.** - Kabbalat Shabbat service

Jewish Hospitality in Minnesota

B'nai Israel Synagogue in Rochester, Minnesota is located just a few blocks from the Mayo Clinic. Rabbi Michelle Werner and congregational members will reach out to Jewish patients visiting the Clinic. B'nai Israel has received a grant from the URJ to serve inpatients and outpatients who are Jewish. If you, a member of your family or someone you know is, or is going to be, a Jewish patient at the Mayo Clinic, please contact B'nai Israel and Rabbi Werner.

From The Rabbi's Study

By Rabbi Beth Schwartz



Once upon a time, voting in America was a privilege limited to white male property owners. It was not open to people of color, or to women, or to all citizens. Voting was a privilege, but not a right of all citizens. Those who were excluded had to fight for the right to vote, and some Americans still want to limit that right to their own kind, which is not defined as simply American. In recent years, many laws have been proposed that look fair and reasonable on the surface, but have the real effect of keeping some citizens away from the polling place.

At the same time, many Americans do not bother to vote. It may be a privilege and a right, but it doesn't seem to be a responsibility of citizenship. It may be inconvenient that day (the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November), maybe the weather is bad, or maybe some people think that their votes won't make a difference.

We who have known exclusion should be especially conscious of our right and responsibility to vote. In Israel, the majority of citizens go to the polls on election days. Here in America, Jews tend to be reliable voters, regardless of party affiliation.

And when we vote, we take our Jewish values into the booth with us. Judaism teaches us to think of the good of the community. Judaism teaches us to build strong community institutions, and to respect the needs and rights of others – to think of our neighbors as we think of ourselves. We all benefit from a strong and healthy society.

So as you vote this year, vote your conscience – your Jewish conscience. Vote for the things that

Judaism teaches us to care about: peace and security, health, and opportunity and prosperity for all citizens. Don't leave anyone out, in order that you won't be left out. Let us both treasure and share our freedom in this country.

From the President

By Deborah Roberts, President

Nowhere in our Constitution and Bylaws is there any mention of a Temple newsletter - or a required article by the president. Trust me....by now, I know the Constitution pretty well. It does say the president has to be on the Bimah for services, lead board meetings, appoint chairpersons, and a slew of other responsibilities. But not "Write a monthly article for the newsletter." That, however, has been a tradition, and we all know how important traditions are.

Each month I wonder: what would you as congregants want to hear from the president? What do you need to know about Temple that you don't know already? What would grab your attention or make you feel more connected or bring some extra meaning to your day?

It's a tough assignment - and this from a teacher who used to give her students tough assignments!

Our constitution does say, however, that we are required to have a congregational meeting twice a year. And we do. Those of you who attend realize the importance of these meetings, and we miss valuable input from those of you who do not.

This year our Semi-Annual Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 15. You will have a rare opportunity to vote for a Constitutional Amendment. No, not an amendment that requires monthly articles by the president. This one has to do with making certain that our directors, officers, and **all volunteers** will be adequately indemnified, by Temple, in the event a lawsuit related to their work at Temple is filed against them. Who knows? Hopefully we will never have to deal with such an issue. But **you** will be covered if we do.

I hope you will show your support and appreciation to David Fleischmann, Dick Jacobstein, Greg Stein and the entire Funds Financial committee who have put in many hours to research and compose this amendment. The Board, too, has worked hard to understand the complexity of the issue, and to make ethical and financial decisions that are in everyone's best interest. Your vote will make a difference - not just for now, but for years to come.

So, I've written my article. Yes, it is almost Thanksgiving; our lives are super-busy; meetings are not so much fun. But please try to come. Temple Beth El gives us a lot to be thankful for and, besides, the Constitution requires it.

It's Time For Sisterhood

By Karen Smith, Sisterhood Liaison

Team Sisterhood is busy, and here are some of our upcoming events.

A Chai Tea is planned for Sunday, November 6 from 3:00-5:00 p.m. at the home of Lesley Krakauer. RSVP to Lesley for an afternoon of cakes and sandwiches traditional to an English afternoon tea.

Mah Jongg Madness continues at Temple Beth El. Registration materials have been mailed. Please send yours in with your check for \$15.00 to Sisterhood of Temple Beth El, and we'll count you in on Sunday, November 20 from 12:30-4:00 p.m. at Temple Beth El. Chairs Ellen Markman and Linda Mongeon have planned the afternoon to include snacks, desserts, and prizes.

Chanukah Craft/Food/Book Fair Chair Lucy Barkan and her committee are busy planning the event for Sunday, December 4 at Temple Beth El during religious school. They need donations of baked goods, breads, candy, and canned items. Crafts and books are also needed. Please contact Lucy if you have items to contribute or can help during the sale on December 4 or with set up on December 3.

Looking ahead to 2012? Program Vice Presidents Mimi Brody and Kathy Young have planned an informative program on Sunday, January 15 at 10:00 a.m. Temple Beth El. The topic for the morning will be women's heart health.

Finally, Membership Vice Presidents Honerlin del Moro and Reneé Hyatt remind us that there is always time for Sisterhood. Your check for \$40.00 brings you a year of Sisterhood!

It's time for Sisterhood!

Come to Chai Tea

at the home of Lesley Krakauer
8721 Wimbleton Drive
Knoxville

Sunday, November 6
3:00-5:00 p.m.



Leslie Krakauer and Linda Zaretski will create an authentic English Afternoon Tea for our first Chai Tea event of the year on November 6. While we enjoy Lesley's English goodies -- finger sandwiches, coffee, a variety of teas, and beautiful desserts -- we will have a dual program.

SHOW AND TELL: Bring a teapot if you have one that has a story you would like to share.

"THERE'S MORE TO LIFE THAN TAUPE": Experienced and published interior designer, Mary Ann Shamblin, will discuss the use of light and color in your home. She is a member of American Society of Interior Designers and is licensed by the Tennessee Board of Architecture and Engineering.

R.S.V.P.: Lesley at 691-3208, or Linda at 690-0675.

Sisterhood Craft and Food Fair

Homemade
crafts, baked
goods, jellies,
honey and more!



SAVE THE DATE

Temple Beth El

10th Annual Auction

Saturday, March 3, 2012

Wine & Cheese Reception

By Amy Rosenberg

On September 9th, prospective members, new members and current members were invited to mix and mingle at our Wine & Cheese reception. We had a very successful turnout with over 40 people attending. It was truly a great opportunity to "smooze" with both old and new friends. Our newest members were greeted with "Shabbat Baskets" filled with challah, wine and candles as a welcome gift. Thank you to Phyllis, Sylvia, Joyce, Melissa T., Bella & Ed and Ceil for either bringing in an appetizer, bottle of wine



and/or setting up the room. It was also greatly appreciated that your help continued with clean up and set up for the Oneg.

(Above) Rob Robkin, Liz Gassel, Bella Lester, Emma Fleischmann and Karen Smith

(Left) Lesley Krakauer, Charle Rizzo and Melissa Treece

TBE Religious School Upcoming Events

November 2: Midweek Classes: Pizza dinner 5:45 p.m.

November 4-6: Reva Frankel visits from ISJL

November 4: 8:00 p.m. Elena Reineri becomes a Bat Mitzvah

November 11: 8:00 p.m. Nora Khaddouma becomes a Bat Mitzvah

November 13: HA hosts TBE for CLC Day

November 19: 10:00 a.m. Avery Wilhite becomes a Bat Mitzvah

November 20: No Religious School; Teachers attend Conference in Atlanta

November 23 and 27: Thanksgiving Break No Midweek and Sunday classes

Temple Beth El Religious School

By Norma James, Education Director, nfjames77@gmail.com

Meet our new School and Youth Chairs

Al and Gina Feldblum are honored to serve as the new co-chairs of the School and Youth Committee. We value the importance of Jewish education for all Jewish children. What better way to model this value to our own children – Zoe (1st grade) and Alex (kindergarten) – than to help promote and serve our religious school? We are both public high school teachers at Hardin



Valley Academy. Al teaches math and Gina teaches social studies. Hopefully our skills and experience as teachers will help support the goals, visions, and daily practices of the religious school. We believe we are joining a well-oiled machine that is fortunate to have an amazing religious school director, a learned and visionary Rabbi, talented and caring teachers, committed committee members, and supportive parents.

We cannot do this alone. We want and need your help and input. If you have any suggestions or comments about what is happening related to School and Youth at the Temple, please feel free to contact us at afeldblum@att.net or gfeldblum@att.net.

Pizza Dinner for Midweek classes will be at 5:45 p.m. on November 2

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

Reva Frankel from ISJL will visit November 4-6

This will be her first visit at Temple for Reva. She will arrive in time for Elena Reineri's bat mitzvah and stay through our Religious School Day on Sunday. We cannot wait to find out what she has in store for our students. Please make her feel welcome by introducing yourself to her at Shabbat services.

Good things Do happen in Three's

In November we are blessed with THREE ladies who will be Bat Mitzvah! Elena Reineri will read Torah on Friday, November 4 at 8:00. Nora Khaddouma has the honors on Friday, November 11 at 8:00. Avery Wilhite completes the mitzvah on Saturday, November 19 at 10:00 in the morning. These three young ladies have done a beautiful job preparing, and I know you will be proud of them when you attend these services. We congratulate the proud parents, Rina Reineri, Sandra Khaddouma Frye, and Karen Koplan.



Heska Amuna will host Temple Beth El for Global Learning Day November 13

Now it is Heska Amuna's turn to be the CLC host for our second annual Global Learning Day. Not only will we join as a community, but we will also join Jewish children worldwide in a day of study. Remember to take your children the Heska Amuna 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

No Religious School November 20. TBE Religious School staff travels to Atlanta for an educational Kallah

Our teachers cannot wait to attend EDC Kallah which involves more than 25 Atlanta congregations. Last year our teachers raved about the workshops. We look forward to learning new and exciting teaching ideas.

Thanksgiving Break

There will be no Midweek classes Wednesday, November 23 and no Religious School Sunday, November 27.

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Monday – Friday
9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Visit our website: www.tbeknox.org

We invite the Knoxville Jewish Community
To join us at

TEMPLE BETH EL CHANUKAH LATKE DINNER

Followed by a Shabbat Service at 7:30 p.m.

Friday, December 9

6:00 – 7:30 p.m.



- ◆ Dinner includes brisket, latkes, applesauce, sour cream, challah, green salad and beverages.
- ◆ Cost: \$6.00 per person.
- ◆ Please send payment to TBE office payable to TBE.
- ◆ You may pay the evening of the event, but must call the TBE office to RSVP.
- ◆ We need some volunteers to set-up and clean-up. Please contact Amy Rosenberg at Rockybergs@tds.net if you are interested in helping.
- ◆ Bring your own Menorah to decorate the table! We will supply the candles.

A Holiday Treasure in the Treasure Tov Gift Shop

The Treasure Tov is full of holiday fun and glamour. Come in and enjoy holiday shopping at its finest. Chose from a wide selection of new merchandise or that special piece you have had your eye on. Whether you are looking for menorahs, candles, gelt, dreidels, children toys or books, the Treasure Tov will have just the right item. Even if you just want to add a little holiday cheer to your home, office or school stop in and find the perfect decorations. And don't forget that special piece of jewelry for you or your loved one. It is not everywhere that you can find a Star of David watch.

The Treasure Tov is a TBE fundraiser and your purchases support Temple activities. Sundays and Wednesday evening during Religious School, or you can call the office for an appointment.



Donations to the Funds of Temple Beth El

August 21 – September 20, 2011

General Fund

In memory of:

Rose Krusler by Mary Beth Leibowitz and Michael Eisenstadt
Zelmore H. Brody by Jamie T. Brody
David Feldman by Maria Shusterman
Joe Miller by Harold and Ida Markman
Martin Plachter by Ceil Rosenberg

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

In memory of:

George Hill by Stuart and Neil Moss
Joe Miller by Pamela Brody
Dr. Jack A. Bernard by Maurice Greif

Preservation Fund

In memory of:

Martin Plachter by Hal and Amy Rosenberg
Samuel Gassel by Liz Gassel and Mike Pardee

Care Committee Fund

In memory of:

Ruth Sherrill by Judith Ratner

Strasburger Sacred Music Fund

In memory of:

Emilie and Clarence Strasburger by Linda Bolt
Hannah Strasburger by Linda Bolt
Victor Strasburger by Linda Bolt
Adele Zacharias by Linda Bolt
Joe Miller by Linda Bolt

Sam and Millie Gelber Cultural

In memory of:

Millie Gelber by Eugene Zuckerman

Lester Popkin Memorial Campership and Scholarship

In memory of:

Millie Gelber by Leona Popkin Spritz

Membership Committee

By Amy Rosenberg

We are excited to announce six new memberships into the Temple Beth El Family. **Charlene “Charle” Rizzo, Matthew and Emily Theriot, Jeannine Stanley, Brett and Bonnie Kolnick, Michelle and Michael “David” Gaddis and Andy and Vikki Traugot.**

Charle and her son Hunter are no strangers to Knoxville, They have been Knoxvilleans for the past 15 years and Hunter is part of this year’s Confirmation class. **Matthew and Emily**, along with their three lovely children, Grace, Thomas and Lucy have been active with the Religious School for over a year. Not only has **Jeannine Stanley** been born and raised in Knoxville, we are lucky to have her back along with her daughter Lilly. **Brett and Bonnie Kolnick** along with their three children, Taylor, Dylan and Rylee are also familiar with Religious School and the Temple. **Michelle and David Gaddis** and their two children, Rileigh and Ty, have been Knoxvilleans for many years. Michelle was a member throughout childhood and now has brought her family to join the TBE family. We are so excited to have **Andy and Vikki Traugot**, Mitchell and Jessica back in Tennessee. After being members for many years, Andy was transferred to Alabama for the past year and recently got transferred back to Tennessee.

Our goal is for you all to feel like a part of our TBE family and to involve yourself in the Temple Beth El community as well as the entire Knoxville Jewish community. Please look at our website www.tbeknox.org for valuable information about up incoming events, service hours, monthly calendar, religious school, sisterhood and much, much more.

Please contact me at Rockybergs@tds.net if you have any questions or need help.

MITZVAHS

Wilhite to Celebrate Bat Mitzvah

Avery Rose Wilhite will celebrate her bat mitzvah on Saturday, November 19, at Temple Beth El, with Rabbi Beth Schwartz officiating. She is the daughter of Karen Koplan and the granddaughter of Sue Miller.

Avery is an eighth grader at Bearden Middle School where she is in the National Junior Honor Society and the AVID Yearbook committee. She enjoys reading, swimming and babysitting.

Avery’s mitzvah project has been working at the Therapeutic Riding Academy of Knoxville, which helps children with disabilities through horseback riding and interaction.

The community is invited to share this special simcha.



Support Heska Amuna and Temple Beth El Buy Grocery Store Certificates

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

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Heska Amuna Synagogue

EarthFare	\$25	\$50	\$100	
Kroger	\$25	\$50	\$100	\$200
Fresh Market	\$25	\$50	\$100	
Food City	\$25	\$50	\$100	

Total Amount _____

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

Temple Beth El

EarthFare	\$25	\$50	\$100	
Kroger	\$50	\$100	\$200	\$300
Fresh Market	\$50	\$100		
Food City	\$50	\$100		

Total Amount _____

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: Amy Rosenberg 356-6830; Patti Austin 483-3049; Evan Sturm 584-0429.

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Ha'Kol

November 2011

KJA Makes the Most with the Least

By Stephen Rosen

The time leading up to, through and after the High Holy Days are periods of reflection, consideration and planning. This effort is done on an individual and family basis. As a community, we go through the same mental exercise and conversation with the annual KJA budget process. For the third year in a row, KJA will be lucky to close its books with a breakeven or a small loss. Our resources have been limited due to an annual campaign that is in the rebuilding phase. Because of this, we have been forced to make hard decisions. The main priority has been maintaining our internal program delivery at the expense of meeting our obligations to Jews outside of Knoxville. We have provided social services and financial support to Jewish people living in Knoxville, but have given little support to those in Israel. We have created a Jewish atmosphere at the University of Tennessee through Hillel, but we have not supported ORT schools around the world. We have operated a Jewish preschool and day camp, but have missed the chance to acculturate Jewish kids in the former Soviet Union. We have organized Israel exchanges including Camp Tikun Olam, but we haven't provided scholarships or subsidies for Knoxvilleans to travel to Israel.

The items above are just a few of our accomplishments and disappointments during this challenging economic time. I wish we could say it was a lack of effort on the part of staff or leadership as that would be easy to fix. The financial stewardship provided by Treasurer Adam Brown and Financial Resources Manager Ed Hunter is fantastic. When the KJA board votes on a proposed budget for 2012, we can be sure that we are considering a plan that is thoughtful, realistic and conservative. I am also proud to say that even though during our summer peak we employ more than 80 employees, dozens of programs, and scores of volunteers, we have excellent institutional controls when it comes to spending. Finally, you couldn't ask for a better sales team led by the best in business, Campaign VP Gene Rosenberg and Executive Director Jeff Gubit. As I have said in the past, KJA is ready, willing and able to produce as much Jewish life as the community can stand! In the same vein, we will only produce as much Jewish life as the community wants to afford. I think we all hope that the level is higher in the years to come.



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KJA 2011 Campaign

Campaign Goal \$350,000

As of 10/11/2011

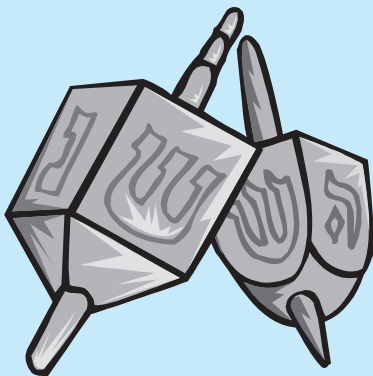
2011 Annual Campaign: \$306,452

54 new donors

145 increased gifts from 2010

It's not too late to make your gift, please call the KJA office at 690-6343 or Gene Rosenberg at 693-3162.

You can also go online at www.jewishknoxville.org and click "donate."



Save the Date
Menorah Madness
Monday December 26
AJCC

5 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Music, food, and one great, big Chanukiah!



One Day at a Time...Really?

By Gene Rosenberg, KJA Campaign Chair

As you read this issue of *Ha'Kol*, another Yom Kippur will have come and gone. Yom Kippur is the Day of Atonement, approximately 26 hours long. What about all the other days of the year....don't they count?

I submit for your consideration that every one of these other days should be a day of **AT-ONE-MENT**. Every day offers the opportunity to help someone less fortunate, someone in need, perhaps someone who is hungry. We could go on and on.

This is where your commitment to the KJA annual campaign(s) come into play; this is where your dollars can do the most good in our Jewish community, where you can be assured to get the biggest bang for your buck. It need not be a tremendous amount. We have NEVER asked anyone to put a financial strain on themselves or to give beyond their means; however we DO ask that you commit something, regardless of how small it may be. It is not my place to judge but I will go on record as saying that there are too many in the Jewish community who feel that they should be exempt for doing their fair share.

The Knoxville Jewish community is relatively small when compared to other cities our size; we need all the support we can get from as many who will come forward. We need everyone to be **AT-ONE-MENT**...it does not take that much to help others in need and it's never too late to start.

You may be the **ONE**....Make this your **MOMENT!**



Lunch and Then Some

By Laura Faye Berry, BSSW, Esq., Director

Please join us for this month's Lunch and Then Some program.

Wednesday, November 16, 2011: Rabbi Alon Ferency on his Peace Corps experience

After graduating from Harvard University, Rabbi Alon Ferency joined the Peace Corps where he served as a community health volunteer in Cameroon in West Central Africa.

Program location: Rothchild's, 8807 Kingston Pike

The luncheon begins at noon and the program begins at 12:30 p.m. Lunch is \$9. There is no cost for attending the program alone. Transportation is available upon request. For more information, please contact Laura Berry at 690-6343 ext. 18 or LBerry@jewishknoxville.org.



Rabbi Alon Ferency will present the upcoming November Lunch and Then Some program.

SAVE THE DATE

Tzelebrate Tzedakah

Our 2012 Pacesetter event and more

January 29, 2012

Location: The Grill at Highland Row
Time: 6:00 p.m.

Sidney Friedman is our featured program.

See him perform at

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AqQM3FBdxy8&feature=related>

Weinstein Retires from KJA

September 30 marked the official end of **Wilma Weinstein's** tenure at KJA. Wilma worked tirelessly for the community over the last six years and we wish her well in all she does. We also look forward to her returning to her role as a community volunteer and leader.



Make It Happen! Help Your Knoxville Community While Having Fun

Join us for our annual Mitzvah Day, the KJA's largest annual community service project, February 5. Give your **TIME, ENERGY and TALENT** to participate in a variety of *Mitzvot*. Sign up to work on a project as an individual, family unit or with a group of friends.

Can you think of a more rewarding way for our community to demonstrate the importance of *Tzedakah* and *Tikkun Olam* to the rest of the Knoxville community? What's better than spending a few hours with your family and friends while helping the community?

Please join us and participate in Mitzvah Day at the Arnstein Jewish Community Center on Sunday, February 5, 2012. (Mitzvah Day will be held rain or shine.) The entire Knoxville Jewish community is encouraged to donate just a few hours of time. We have projects for all ages and abilities.

Chairs and committee to be announced soon!

AJCC Preschool News

By Melissa Schweitzer, Director

The Preschool is often the beneficiary of wonderful parent and community volunteers. Most recently we participated in the University of Tennessee's Volunteer Challenge 2011. This is an annual program that consists of UT organizations being paired with non-profit organizations to do community service work. The Preschool was paired with Delta Zeta Sorority. This was a wonderful group of volunteers that accomplished a great deal. The ladies of DZ were with us for the week of September 12th – 16th. They worked on a whole list of projects including organizing our preschool library, painting a bookshelf and cubbies, organizing our shared storage closet, classroom reading, fall planting on the playground, moving items from the upstairs hallway to prepare for new tile, and generally anything they were asked to do. There were 87 sorority sisters (and one boyfriend) that donated 174 hours of their time! These ladies worked fast and had the projects completed in record time. They were also wonderful role models showing up with bright smiles and giving spirits. We were delighted to have them here and look forward to working with them again soon.

In the Volunteer spirit that Delta Zeta left with us, here are a few easy ways to help the preschool:

- ◆ Donate extra Kippot – we use them every Friday for our Shabbat Celebration. If you have extra gently used kippot that you no longer use, consider donating them.
- ◆ Sponsor Challah for Shabbat Celebration - \$25 sponsorships are available
- ◆ Volunteer one hour to a classroom – the children love special visitors and the teachers often have projects that benefit from an extra hand.
- ◆ Sponsor our recycling program - \$18 sponsorships cover our program for one month

Thank you to all those volunteers that help us throughout the year. You make a huge difference in the lives of children!



The AJCC Preschool children enjoyed a Rosh Hashanah celebration on September 27 which featured Charlene Gubitz leading them in song and Rabbi Yossi Wilhelm blowing the shofar.



Suzy Snoops

Got good news? Share it with your friends and family via the Ha'Kol. Send photos and information to Ha'Kol at hakol@jewishknoxville.org.



Aitan Benjamin Katz

◆ **Greg Kaplan**, professor in UT's Department of Modern Foreign Language and Literatures, was one of eight faculty members selected to present one of the university's pregame showcase public lectures. He spoke on the *Christian Pilgrimages and Cave Churches in Medieval Spain* before the September 10 UT-Cincinnati football game.

◆ Mazal tov to **Judy and Abraham Brietstein** on the birth of grandson, **Aitan Benjamin Katz**, son of **Autumn and Matt Katz** who was born on September 21.

◆ Congratulations to **Bob and Wendy Goodfriend** on the birth of their new grandson, **Dylan Sam Hodulich**.

◆ Mazal tov to **Erez Dessel**, son of **JP and Adrienne**, who was bar mitzvahed in Ann Arbor.

◆ **KJA Treasurer Adam Brown** was featured on WBIR's Darin' Erin this Wednesday during Live at 5.

◆ **Bryna Oleshansky** competed at the NCAA Women's Rowing competition in Sacramento, CA last May. Bryna was the only true freshman to compete for Michigan in the 1V boat, and was named *Freshman of the Year* by her coaches. She also earned a Michigan Scholar Athlete award.



Sister, Rae, and Bryna Oleshansky

Teen Connection Features Krav Maga

Attention all 5th-8th Graders!
Our next event is

Sunday, November 6
1:00-3:00 p.m. at the AJCC

Krav Maga demonstration and class.

Come learn about the official self-defense system of the Israeli Defense Forces! This is a fun, interactive activity designed to get you moving and have fun.

E-mail Melinda Gibbons at mgibbons@knology.net if you can attend.



South for the Winter

Let us know if you're moving south for the winter months and either need your KJA mailings forwarded or stopped. This helps us meet your communication needs and saves the KJA postage and handling fees. To alert the KJA, please e-mail Martha Andrus at mandrus@jewishknoxville.org.

When to Call Jewish Family Services

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

- ◆ If you are looking into long term care options (independent living, assisted living, or nursing homes) for yourself or a loved one, **call JFS**.
- ◆ If you have questions about senior services in the Knoxville area, **call JFS**.
- ◆ If you or a loved one are in the hospital and have questions, concerns, or would just like a listening ear, **call JFS**.
- ◆ If you need emergency financial assistance for things such as utility bills, rental assistance, food, or other qualifying expenses, **call JFS**.
- ◆ If you need assistance in securing affordable housing, **call JFS**.
- ◆ If you need help with transportation options, **call JFS**.
- ◆ If you need a counseling referral, **call JFS**.
- ◆ If you need in home care or home health care, **call JFS**.
- ◆ If you need job search assistance, including résumé help, **call JFS**.
- ◆ If you would like to volunteer or need community service hours for school credit, **call JFS**.
- ◆ If you're not sure if JFS can help you, **call JFS**. We can help you locate the appropriate resources for your situation.

Laura Berry can be reached at 690-6343 extension 18 or lberry@jewishknoxville.org.

Assistance for Children Available

By Jeff Gubitz

The Jewish Children's Regional Service (JCRS), located in New Orleans, is a social work agency and charitable fund providing help in the way of scholarships for Jewish summer camp programs, grants and no-interest loans for college, Jewish family counseling and referral, and tuition assistance and other aid for Jewish children with physical, emotional, and/or learning disabilities.

JCRS serves Jewish children and young adults living in the seven Southern states of Alabama, Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Oklahoma, Tennessee, and Texas.

The agency began as an orphanage in 1855 and is currently the oldest, existing Jewish child welfare organization in the United States. JCRS is also the only regional Jewish child welfare agency in the U.S.

Primary services include JCRS programs for college scholarships, overnight camps, and special needs. The agency also conducts adoptive home studies and consults on developmental problems and issues related to the development and needs of children. For an overview of the individual scholarship programs, deadlines qualification requirements, and the application procedures, please visit the website:

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Locally, Lee Miller has been a board member for a number of years. She can be contacted for additional information at LMM4VOLS@aol.com.

AJCC Gets Makeover

Thanks to a gift from Allen and Lea Orwitz, (Kim Rosen's parents) the AJCC's second floor carpeting was replaced with 18" x18" ceramic tile. The walls were painted a cream color and the ceilings were painted white.

(Below) Lobby before remodel

(Right) Lobby after remodel

(Below Right) Lobby and hallway after remodel



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Welcome Laura Berry; So Long Susan Contente

By Bernie Rosenblatt, President

The KJCF is pleased to announce that Laura Berry has accepted the part-time position of KJCF administrative director. Laura replaces Susan Contente who has moved to Tallahassee, FL. Laura is the Jewish Family Services director and will continue in that capacity. She is an attorney, has excellent social work skills, is knowledgeable about the Knoxville Jewish community, and brings a wealth of administrative and computer skills to the position.

Susan has served the KJCF with dedication and distinction. She has been instrumental in setting up and standardizing many of our procedures, assisting with the establishment of new funds, and assisting with the growth of the KJCF. Susan will be missed and we wish her and her family all of the best in their new home.

Thank you Susan and Welcome Laura!

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The Sisterhood of Jewish Congregation of Oak Ridge received a grant from the **Frances Sturm Cultural Fund for the Jewish Congregation of Oak Ridge** to support enrichment programs.

Donations

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Judy Teasley in memory of Doug Morrison

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The Book of Life may have closed for the year (well, not really –but we can leave that to the Rabbis), but the 2011 tax year is not over yet and you can still write yourself in for less taxes and more giving.

Here are just a couple of things to think about:

Cash Gift

If you are itemizing, consider this: if you make a charitable gift of \$1000 you can save money in taxes. Your charity will receive the entire donation, but you will get to deduct the donation from your pre-tax income and depending on your tax bracket, enjoy a 15% return or more. It works just as well for smaller gifts too!

Gift Amount	Taxes saved	Cost of Gift
\$1000	\$150 for 15% tax bracket	\$850
	\$250 for 25% tax bracket	\$750
	\$280 for 28% tax bracket	\$720
	\$330 for 33% tax bracket	\$670
	\$350 for 35% tax bracket	\$650

Appreciated Stock

Another great way to save taxes is by making a gift of appreciated stock. By donating the appreciated stock directly to charity, you can save a considerable amount in taxes.

Imagine you bought stock a few years back for \$5,000 and today it is worth \$20,000. Here are two scenarios, both assuming a 28% tax bracket, but with significant differences in tax savings. Take a look.

Sell the stock

\$20,000 stock value	\$3,000 capital gains tax	\$17,000 to charity	\$4760 tax savings	\$1,760 total tax savings
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Donate the Stock

\$20,000 stock value	No capital gains	\$20,000 to charity	\$5,600 tax savings	\$5,600 total tax savings
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*Please consult a tax professional when preparing your taxes. The information above is purely anecdotal and should not be used as professional advice.

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Jewish Congregation of Oak Ridge



President's Message

By Sig Mosko, President

Shalom from the Jewish Congregation of Oak Ridge (JCOR). Most of our members have long been recipients of *Ha'Kol*, but this is our first experience at contributing an entire section.

For those who are not familiar with us, there really is a synagogue across the Clinch River in the City of Oak Ridge. We are a small congregation, but the only one in town. Consequently, we try to accommodate a wide spectrum of ritual traditions. We have a history of being a "conservative" congregation, but we have a "reformed" Rabbi who has been with us for about 28 years.

We hope to use this section to help keep everyone in the Greater Knoxville Jewish Community aware of our schedule of ritual and social events. Come and join in on our activities! Visitors from across Solway Bridge are always welcome! Our participation in the publication of *Ha'Kol* is coordinated by Deborah Cole puwiffy@yahoo.com.

Upcoming JCOR Events

Israeli Dancing in Oak Ridge

The Oak Ridge Chapter of Hadassah is organizing Israeli Dancing each Sunday at Beth El synagogue in Oak Ridge. Dancing and lessons are from 10:30 a.m. to noon starting in late October and continuing as long as there is interest. Fay Campbell will be the instructor. If any of you have taken lessons from Fay, you know what a fantastic instructor she is! Email Becky Charles at gchar2@aol.com for notification of the dance schedule and directions or call Becky at 482-3061 or Avigail Rashkovsky at 483-8357.

JCOR to Host Potluck Dinner

Join us on November 11 for Friday night services and a potluck dinner. Bring a dairy or parve main course, vegetable, or salad. Drinks and dessert will be provided. Services start at 6:30 p.m. with dinner to follow.

JCOR Sisterhood Wellness Walks

One Sunday a month, JCOR sisterhood will be taking a "Wellness Walk." The walk for November will be Sunday November 20 at 10:00 a.m. Meet at the JCOR synagogue for carpooling to the walk. We will be exploring some of the many pleasant walkways and trails in Oak Ridge. Everyone is welcome. For additional information contact Linda Bell at 482-9570.

Synagogue Cleanup Day



JCOR members spruced up the grounds on a special synagogue cleanup day. Armed with clippers and pruners (thankfully, no chainsaws), volunteers enjoyed good weather and good company.

*Levi Laxton, age 9,
hard at work on*

synagogue cleanup day, asks "Am I getting paid for this?"

Bar Mitzvah

Corey Berger, son of Steve and Emily, celebrated his bar mitzvah on August 27 at JCOR. He thanks his teacher, Mira Kimmelman, for her years of support. Corey wants all to know he intends to continue his Hebrew studies.



Anne Greenbaum is the new Southern Region of Women's League for Conservative Judaism president. Accompanying Anne (top) at her installment in Charlotte are

Eileen Handler, Fran Silver, and Linda Bell. JCOR attendees not pictured are Peggy Laxton and Catherine Braunstein. Contact Anne at agreenbaum@wlcj.org.

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Mazel Tov!

Heska Amuna Synagogue

Happy Anniversary!

Anne and Eli Greenbaum
Lindsay and Chad Parizman
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Jami and Alan Quartararo
Ann and Hal Manas
Sarah and Bob Milford



Melissa and Seth
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Happy Birthday!

- ◆ Margy Goldman ◆ Stella Iroff
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- ◆ Fannie Richer ◆ Jill Weinstein
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All members whose birthday or anniversary occurs in November are invited to receive a blessing at kiddush on Shabbat morning, November 12.

TEMPLE BETH EL

Happy Birthday!

- ◆ Mrs. Bella Safro ◆ Eli Derrington ◆ Mrs. Emma Fleischmann
- ◆ Mrs. Charlene Rizzo ◆ Mrs. Bea Bush ◆ Dr. Mitchell Weiss
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Happy Anniversary!

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TEMPLE BETH EL

November 4

- ◆ Karen Brown ◆ Joel Samuel ◆ Cohn, Elva Cole ◆ Jacob Reich ◆ Maurice Sandler ◆ David Blumberg ◆ Tillie Brown ◆ Helen Epstein
- ◆ Rose Kate Lippner ◆ Sylvia Rozalsky ◆ Lee Meyers ◆ Leon Banov ◆ Gustav Brunschwig ◆ Simone Levi Brunschwig
- ◆ Bessie Stone Drake ◆ Sam Margolies ◆ Marvin Miller ◆ Yitzhak Rabin ◆ Agnes Canner

November 11

- ◆ Jay Goodfriend ◆ Gloria Weinstein ◆ Joyce Brown ◆ Gerson Bush ◆ Irwin Deutcher ◆ Dr. Frederick Millis ◆ Page Wallace
- ◆ Ursala Mangold ◆ Ethel Misner ◆ David Silverstein ◆ Betsy Coleman ◆ Charles Margolies ◆ Nathaniel Ross ◆ Max Gillman
- ◆ Eva Sturm ◆ Joseph Henry Buescher ◆ Rose Cohen ◆ Robert Moss

November 18

- ◆ Jean-Pierre Besman ◆ Anne Cohen ◆ Herbert Glazer ◆ Rich Meyer ◆ Dr. Richard Wayburn ◆ Samuel Mark Brody ◆ Ben Cohn
- ◆ Walter N. Blaufeld, Jr. ◆ Sigmund Frankel ◆ Emanuel Newman ◆ Celia Gutman ◆ Samuel Rosenthal ◆ Cheryl Weinberg
- ◆ Lena Zion Alper ◆ Florence Jacobstein ◆ Grace Marie Warn ◆ Joseph Dresner ◆ Micheal Ecker ◆ Benjamin Harmatz

November 25

- ◆ David Greenberg ◆ Sol Richer ◆ Albert Erlich ◆ Gloria Glazer ◆ Anne Goldstein ◆ David Goodfriend ◆ Jacqueline Selk
- ◆ David Hiller ◆ Silvestr Ostrovskaya ◆ Sarah Sue Bush ◆ Herbert Brody ◆ Emanuel Liebman ◆ Bernard Schramm ◆ Sam Cawn
- ◆ Michael Polsky ◆ Isadore Brody ◆ Irwin Kipnes

December 2

- ◆ I. Robert Brodie ◆ Albert Fribourg ◆ Charles Konigsberg ◆ Harry Mintz ◆ Jack Goldstein ◆ Sadie Rich Miller ◆ Ben Altshuler
- ◆ Shiela Belensen ◆ Bessie Gelber ◆ Shirley Blumenthal ◆ Belar Koptiva

Heska Amuna Synagogue

November 5

- ◆ Rose Shersky ◆ Phillip Krosin ◆ Zelda Finkelstein ◆ Jay Goodfriend ◆ Joseph Gurwitsch ◆ Charles Gubitz ◆ Virginia Morrison
- ◆ Dora Brody ◆ Aaron Shagan ◆ Gerson Cohen ◆ Abraham Leeds ◆ Anna Leibowitz ◆ Gertrude Gourse

November 12

- ◆ Sam Abrams ◆ Sam Freeman ◆ Harriet Gourse ◆ Lilly Stargardt ◆ Milton Collins ◆ Bruce Kingsley ◆ Mildred Baker
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November 26

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Hadassah Highlights

November is a Zionist Month

By Cindy Pasi, President

It was on November 2, 1917 that the Balfour Declaration was issued. This was a formal statement of policy by the British government who ruled Palestine under the League of Nations Mandate that Palestine would become the national homeland of the Jewish people. We had patiently waited for this recognition for 2000 years. We had endured Rome's sacking of Jerusalem, the Crusades, the Inquisition, the Chmielnicki pogroms, the ghettos of Europe, and the "dhimmi" status and persecution in Islamic countries. We had endured and finally after 2000 years we were given legal right to establish a homeland in our country.

Hadassah women have another attachment to November. It was at the November 1934 National Convention that Hadassah accepted exclusive fund raising responsibility for Youth Aliyah. This was no easy challenge! Months before the convention, the organized Jewish world had pleaded with Hadassah not to set up a separate fundraising drive for Youth Aliyah, fearing that it would lead to the "disintegration of the Zionist Movement in America." There was good reason for this concern. After the depression of 1929, organized Jewish philanthropy for domestic and overseas causes was in turmoil. "There were simply too many mouths to feed and too little money to go around." However, Hadassah women had heard the story from Henrietta Szold. The lives of European Jewish children were at risk. Little children had been thrown out of schools, parks, and recreational facilities. Nazi teenage thugs would routinely beat them. They lived in fear as daily life disintegrated, and they had no one to whom to turn. They needed rescue! Hadassah courageously adopted Youth Aliyah and saved thousands from the ovens of Eichmann. Unfortunately, millions were slaughtered.

Youth Aliyah was a turning point in Hadassah's history. Within one year after its adoption, Hadassah went from 272 chapters to 375 chapters. It forged the maternal tie between Hadassah and Israel. November is a Zionist month. It is a Hadassah month!



Meet Your Board



Shuli Mesa

Shuli Mesa

Shuli Mesa is Vice President of Programming for our Hadassah chapter. She and her husband, Gabriel, have four fabulous children: Noah, 12; Jonah, 6; Evyn, 3; and Elijah, 1 ½. She has an amazing schedule of events lined up for this year. If you would like to help or need information on the programs, please email her at shulime@gmail.com.

Elizabeth Spenser

Elizabeth Spenser is Assistant Webmaster for our Hadassah chapter. She is also a Girl Scout Gold Award winner and is currently enrolled in Pellissippi State Community College, working toward a degree in Video Production Technology, along with certificates in Game & Simulation Design and Videography.



Elizabeth Spenser



Help Israel by Purchasing Tree or Water Certificates

Yes, you can help Israel simply by contacting Marian Jay and purchasing a tree certificate for \$12.00 or a much needed water certificate for \$18.00. You may designate a name for either certificate in memory of someone, sending get well wishes to an individual, in honor of a birthday, anniversary, birth, marriage, engagement or someone's accomplishment. Israel is always in need of trees and water. Please help the forests by planting a tree and helping the trees grow in Israel by giving them some water.

You can call Marian at 524-8234, mail your request and a check to her at P.O. Box 10983, Knoxville, TN 37939 or e-mail her at mayfajjay@aol.com to arrange for a tree or water certificate to be sent out for you.

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- ◆ Frank Joseph Csar IV, grandson of Barb Levin and Josh Gettinger
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Book Club News

Here's the line up for the next few months:

We'll be reading *Moloka'i* by Alan Brennert on **November 15** and *The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks* by Rebecca Skloot on **December 13**. (Normally we would meet on December 20, but that is the first night of Hanukkah.) We meet at Barnes and Noble, 8029 Kingston Pike, (in the coffee shop area) 7:30 p.m. All Jewish women and friends are welcome.

Call or e-mail Peggy Littmann 588-6661, plittmann@comcast.net with any questions or if you need a ride.



Moloka'i Book Summary

This richly imagined novel, set in Hawaii more than a century ago, is an extraordinary epic of a little-known time and place---and a deeply moving testament to the resiliency of the human spirit.

Rachel Kalama, a spirited seven-year-old Hawaiian girl, dreams of visiting far-off lands like her father, a merchant seaman. Then one day a rose-colored mark appears on her skin, and those dreams are stolen from her. Taken from her home and family, Rachel is sent to Kalaupapa, the quarantined leprosy settlement on the island of Moloka'i. Here her life is supposed to end---but instead she discovers it is only just beginning.

With a vibrant cast of vividly realized characters, *Moloka'i* is the true-to-life chronicle of a people who embraced life in the face of death. Such is the warmth, humor, and compassion of this novel that "few readers will remain unchanged by Rachel's story."



Traveling Henrietta visits the West Hills Park by the Holocaust Memorial built by the Knoxville Community.

Please join us for the
Knoxville Chapter of Hadassah's **2011 HMO Luncheon**
Sunday, December 11

1 :00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

The Falls, 321 N. Cedar Bluff Road, Knoxville, TN 37923

**Topic: PTSD: THE CHALLENGE OF DEALING
WITH LIFE'S GREATEST STRESSES**

Discussion Panel: Rabbi Alon Ferency, Deborah Oleshansky, & Mr. Robert W. Weismueller, Jr (Esquire)

\$40.00 per person minimum contribution

All proceeds will go to Hadassah's new state of the art hospital –
The Sarah Wetsman Davidson Tower

R.S.V.P. before November 30, 2011

Laura Floyd, 1528 Fox Hollow Trail, Knoxville, TN 37923, 865-694-5921

A professional panel will discuss and answer questions about family support resources and the medical, legal, and advocacy treatment of PTSD. We hope you will put this important luncheon on your calendar. All proceeds will go to the building of our new hospital on the Ein Kerem campus.

We need Hostesses to sponsor this year's luncheon. Levels of giving are:

Keepers of the Gate

(Those members who pledge and give \$1000 yearly
are listed on the invitations)

Ultimate Hostess: \$180

Hostess with a heart: \$80

Associate host \$60

Young Hostess \$60 (under 45)

Hostesses will be listed on the invitation if donation received prior to printing. Hostesses will also be listed in the next bulletin and directory. Please contact Nancy Britcher (nbritcher@aol.com), Mary Evars-Goan [goan@knology.net] or Marcia Shloush (marcias@comcast.net) if interested in sponsoring this event. Knoxville Hadassah wants to sincerely "Thank everyone" for your past and continued support of our programs.

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www.knoxville.hadassah.org

November 19

7:00 p.m. at the AJCC

Cost: \$5.00

Hadassah's Centennial Search

We will google and giggle and gasp. All while celebrating our Centennial at last. Have fun with friends and laugh until the end. It will be a night that even a rhyme can't slow time. The clock is winding, the clues are there, whose team will you be on?

Come join the fun and play the Centennial way!!

RSVP: shulime@gmail.com

Our Centennial Celebration Pricing for Lifetime Memberships and Associate Memberships Ends December 2011

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Contact Lee Miller at 584-0454 or email her at Imm4vols@aol.com.



Stanford Eisenberg Knoxville Jewish Day School

Ms. Jessica's Science Class

The 2nd/3rd grade class, led by teacher Jessica Vose, learned about six different systems of the body, their corresponding body parts, and why we need each system. Then, the students learned how all the systems interact together. The students also traced a friend and got to add the body systems to the outline as each body system was studied. For example, they learned how the diaphragm pushes and pulls air into their lungs when they studied the respiratory system and then added the parts to their drawing. Along with studying the different systems in our body, the class also studied nutrition. They learned how to stay healthy by studying the food pyramid and eating the right foods. Learning about our body and taking care of it was a lot of fun!



(Above Left) Heidi and her body.

(Left) Ron, Frank, and Kirk showing what they have learned about nutrition.

(Above) 2-3 class picture, missing from photo: Aidan and Lila.



Hamorah Ortal's Hebrew Class

Twice a week 3-5 grade students are split into ability level groups as they rigorously delve into the Hebrew Language. Hamorah Ortal teaches the highest level group. Speaking in Hebrew only the students have reported having a blast and are showing outstanding progress as they check on the latest Israeli news, study authors such as Leah Goldberg and make personal dictionaries of the new words they encounter.

After reading an article about different flavors of Milki (Israeli treat), students were treated to some chocolate Milki's flown in from New York City.

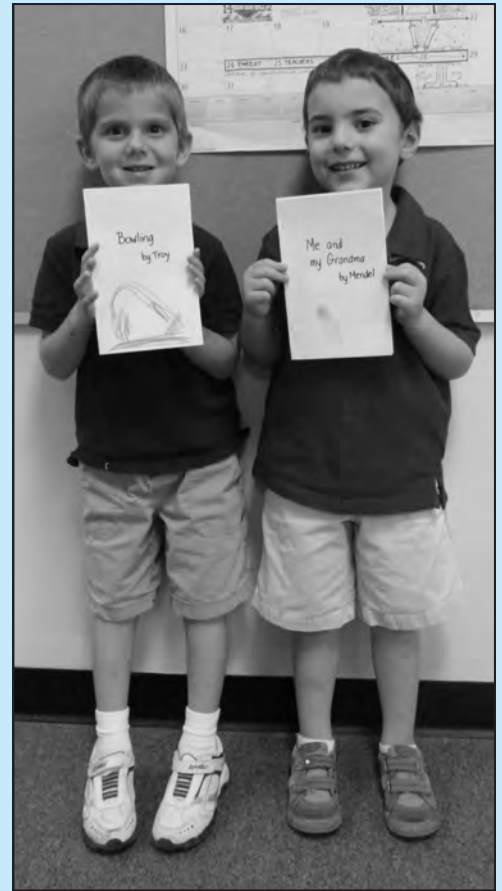
Mrs. Cruz's Class Happenings

The K-1 class has begun publishing. We are authors and we are practicing doing the things that authors do – we have been exploring all the many things there are to write about, we match our writing to our pictures, we publish, and we even read our stories to an audience. We love writers workshop!



When we made the decision to do without text books we simultaneously made the commitment to flood our school with quality books and literature. Students at KJDS interact with books in many different ways.

K-1 students have been building their stamina and can now sustain a "read to self" block for ten whole minutes! On Fridays students enjoy looking at a book from another angle as they pair up with a friend and "read to someone".



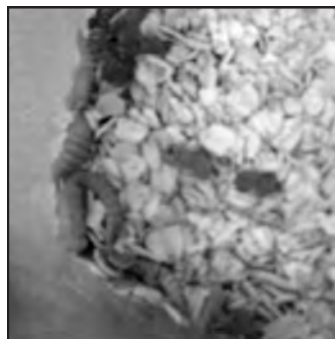
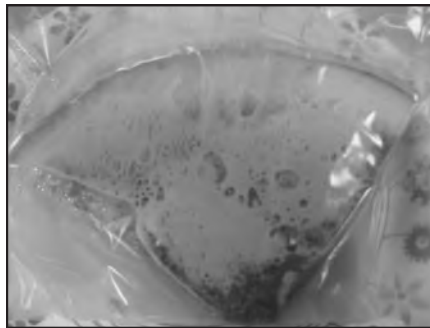
Mendel and Troy showing off their writers workshop books!

4th and 5th Graders Love Science Experiments!

The 4th and 5th graders recently did several science experiments. One that involved mealworms and another that involved watermelon and yeast!

The mealworm experiment was during a study about the different kingdoms. They watched the mealworms go through metamorphosis. They changed from a worm, into a pupa, into a beetle! They looked completely different at every stage!

The watermelon experiment was during a study of fungus, protists, and bacteria. The experiment proved that yeast is not a plant. The yeast was absorbing sugar from the watermelon and releasing carbon dioxide. This showed how the yeast helps bread rise, because the yeast releases carbon dioxide.



Miriam Esther's Hebrew Class

As the students' vocabulary grows they are putting all they have learned into creative writing projects. Second graders created a book in honor of Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur titled, Selicha – Sorry. Their multimedia

project involved taking pictures which were used to illustrate their stories, writing a rough draft, typing (this is the one part they got help with) and laying out their books on the computer, Creating a unique cover with paper cut outs and adding some finishing touches with markers, pencils and crayons.



Wondering what makes them jump for joy?



Stop by the KJDS Open House on **Wednesday, November 2** at **6:30 p.m.**
Stanford Eisenberg Knoxville Jewish Day School 1529 Downtown West
Open to Prospective Parents, community members
and anyone who has read about us in the *Ha'Kol* and interested in seeing first hand.

The KJDS Drama Department Proudly Present

Peter Pan

Sunday, December 11

4:00 p.m.

Performing Arts Center
Pellissippi State Technical Community College
10915 Hardin Valley Road
Knoxville, TN 37933

Ticket Price \$7.00

To purchase tickets, please call the school at (865)560-9922
or send an email to info@kjds.org.

We are thrilled to again have Debbie Richman directing our performance. Those of you who have been to a KJDS drama production are familiar with the caliber of play we put on. This year promises to be even more spectacular, with a venue that seats up to 500 people, and state-of-the-art stage and production equipment. Tell your friends, neighbors and co-workers. This is an affair for all theater lovers in Knoxville. Don't miss it!

Thank You to Local Businesses!

KJDS wants to say thank you to some wonderful and generous people who helped clean up our playground and make it handicap accessible.

They are:

- ♦ David Alt and Stan Johnson of Knoxville Leadership Foundation
- ♦ Nick Geier of Affordable Lawn and Landscape Services
- ♦ John Cass of C.J.P. Construction LLC

These people donated their time, materials and considerable expertise to make KJDS an even better place. We cannot thank them enough!



John Cass, his son Billy, and two of his crew, pose with Sarah by the new sidewalk they installed for KJDS.

Mrs. Huffaker's Science Class

Kindergarten and first graders at KJDS are hard at work learning about the Science Unit of Biomes! They are creating and experiencing Rainforests, Temperate Forests, Deserts, Polar/Arctic, and Ocean areas. They note the plant and animal life in each Biome and discuss the weather and how that climate would impact each plant or animal. Next, they will move this information back on to the world map to find where each Biome is located. Here you'll see the children proudly displaying their favorite work so far.



Learning about Biomes!

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The Way We Were in 1957

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

The Jewish Community Center pre-school first opened in January of 1957 with thirteen students, aged three to five, attending three days a week (at a cost of \$13 per month). Margie Marx, wife of Temple Beth El Rabbi Meyer Marx, was supervisor. This photograph of the first class was taken in May of 1957:



Sitting, L to R: Rebecca Saroff, Melanie Saroff, Matthew Silverman, Arthur Marx, Marilyn Richer. Middle Row: Jerry Kolodkin, Amy Cohen, Merryl Ross, David Popkin, Randy Robinson, Deana Rose, Buddy Bart. Back Row: Margie Goldberger, Alan Gruenberg, Barbara Scott. Brother Mark Saroff, parents David and Fannie Richer, mothers Marilyn Cohen Presser, Leona Popkin Spritz, Natalie Robinson, and cousin Robert (Buzz) Brody (cousin of Buddy Bart) continue to reside in Knoxville.