



Ha'Kol

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

We invite the Knoxville Jewish community to

Temple Beth El's Chanukah Latke Dinner



Shabbat Service at 7:30 p.m.

Friday, December 9

6:00 – 7:30 p.m.



Bring your favorite Menorah to decorate the table!

We will supply the candles

**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* RSVP to the TBE office
by Tuesday, December 6**

Still accepting volunteers for the night of the event.
Please contact Amy Rosenberg at 356-6830

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TEMPLE BETH EL TIMES



From the Rabbi's Study

By Beth Schwartz

We like short-cuts. “Take Neyland Drive instead of going through town – less traffic during the day, fewer lights.” We like nicknames. “The Vols.” We like acronyms. “Kay-Pee-Dee.” They make our conversations flow faster and smoother. They put us in the inside, in the know. They are sprinkled all through our speech and our lives, at least in English. We teach our children the shorthand of prayer, too, as each prayer is known by a key word or phrase at its beginning, like “the *Barechu*,” or “*Yotser*.” We refer to a book of Torah and its weekly portions in the same way: *Bereshit* and *Kedoshim*. “Tzahal” is the acronym for the Israel Defense Forces.

Every generation creates its own linguistic shortcuts, and every generation lets go of older ones, forgetting what they are as well as what they mean. That is the way of the world, or to use a term from physics, the “arrow of time points in one direction.” And yet, we as Jews also appreciate and value some, if not much, of what we inherit. Respecting and treasuring the past, even past words, does not mean that we have to live in the past, and we are good at reinterpreting words and symbols, metaphors and customs – and even laws – so that they can serve us now.

But there is no shortcut to learning how to do that. Judaism teaches us to understand how details add up to something greater than the whole – synergy is implicit in Jewish knowledge. It is our challenge to take up that task, that responsibility. Judaism has high expectations, and it is our job to keep that bar high.

Chanukah is a wonderful example of this, as we reclaim that history, understand what those events meant in their own time, and how they have been understood ever since. The candles themselves are a metaphor for resistance to conquerors, and for religious freedom. For ourselves and our children, and their children, each year we “unpack” meanings old and new. Nicknames and abbreviations are hints to greater and deeper truths. *Nes gadol haya sham!* Let us remember, and celebrate! *Chag ha-Urim Sameach!*



5 Kislev - 5 Tevet 5772

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December Services

December 2, 7:30 p.m. – Shabbat services

December 9, 7:30 p.m. – Shabbat services, preceded by Latke Dinner

December 16, 7:30 p.m. – Shabbat services, led by 6th and 7th grade students

December 23, 6:00 p.m. – Kabbalat Shabbat services in the Round

December 30, 6:00 p.m. – Kabbalat Shabbat service



Come support the Temple's biggest FUNDRAISER!
Saturday, March 3, 2012

6:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Temple Beth El's 9th Annual Auction
Catered by Bravo! Cucina Italiana
Featuring Live Jazz Ensemble
Live & Silent Auction



Look for changes at this year's auction!

If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Amy Rosenberg at 356-6830. Watch for event details on TBE Website or in the *Ha'Kol*.

From the President's Desk

By Deborah Roberts, President

"Deck the Halls with Lots of Dreidels....."

"I'm Dreaming of My Mom's Latkes...."

"On the first day of Chanukah, my parents gave to me..."

"It's beginning to look a lot like Chanukah, menorahs on every sill....."

These are not the usual words for these songs, but their tunes are definitely familiar to all of us. And what fun to change the words and enjoy some catchy Chanukah music. At this time of year, Christmas is a pervasive part of our American culture. Many of us find ourselves joining with our extended families to celebrate.

Our own holiday of Chanukah is not nearly as important.... a minor holiday in fact. But timing is everything..... so Chanukah has received much more attention and achieved more recognition than any other Jewish holiday.

The message of Chanukah - that is what's truly important. The Maccabees certainly "blazed the trail" for religious freedom - something we often take for granted in the United States. A miracle, lights, festive foods, and of course, gift giving are the common denominators for both December holidays. Sharing the customs - though not the theology - is a way to be sure that we all feel accepted and grow in understanding. Recognizing that all people have the right to worship as they please is truly the American way.

This year Temple Beth El is beginning our celebration of the Festival of Lights a bit early - on Friday, December 9. Our much acclaimed Latke Supper will be held in anticipation of the actual holiday dates of December 20 -28. Our Religious School will hold its marvelous Maccabiad on Sunday, December 11. It's a fantastic competition between all our students who are grouped in four different "family teams." The more audience there is the better!

With Rabbi, Norma, and I all attending the URJ Biennial in Washington, D.C., the following week, the Calendar Committee agreed to accommodate our schedules. We don't want to miss these fun-filled events and you won't want to miss them either! We'll all be in the mood that much sooner - and maybe have time to complete the lyrics for a whole set of charming songs with a Chanukah twist.



Craft & Food Fair
Sunday,
December 4
9:30 a.m.—1:00 p.m.

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



It's Time for Sisterhood at Temple Beth El

By Karen Smith, Sisterhood Liaison

It's almost time for Sisterhood's annual Chanukah Craft/Food/Book Fair on Sunday, December 4 during religious school at Temple Beth El. Chair Lucy Barkan and her committee need donations of baked goods, breads, candy, cookies, and homemade 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.

January will be a busy month for Team Sisterhood. Program Vice Presidents Mimi Brody and Kathy Young have planned a program for Sunday, January 15 at 10:00 a.m. at Temple Beth El. Knoxville cardiologist Jeffery Johnson from University Cardiology will discuss women's heart health issues. This is a timely topic and discussion that you won't want to miss.

And, on Tuesday, January 24 at 6:00 p.m. Temple Sisterhood will host the Rosh Chodesh program for Shevat. Dr. Elisa Carandina, UT's Diane and Guilford Glaser and Lea and Allen Orwitz Teaching Fellow in Modern Hebrew, will speak about her work on motherhood following a light supper. We join with the Sisterhoods from Oak Ridge and Heska Amuna and celebrate the new moon of each Hebrew month. Temple Sisterhood Rosh Chodesh Chair Meredith Jaffe tells us that this is an interesting, warm and sisterly group.

Team Sisterhood thanks the following for their help with recent Sisterhood events. Thank you to Tamara Sturm and Renee Hyatt for arranging child care during the high holiday services; Phyllis Hirsh and Karen Smith for coordinating the complimentary Break the Fast; Karen Smuckler, Amy Rosenberg, Ceil Rosenberg, Lesley Krakauer, Lisa Sayles Lucy Barkan, Renee Hyatt, and Ken Hirsh for helping set up Break the Fast; Lesley Krakauer for hosting the Chai Tea and serving the delicious food items traditional to an English afternoon tea; Linda Zaretski for arranging the Chai Tea program; Ellen Markman and Linda Mongeon for the very popular and successful Mah Jongg Tournament; Mimi Brody and Marla Brody for planning Sisterhood's visit to Sephora; B'nai Mitzvah Gifts Chair Monica Berman for keeping up with all of the fall B'nai Mitzvah gifts from Sisterhood; and a very special thank you to Sisterhood Treasurer Rebecca Lane.

Beiler Floral Fund Chairs Emma Fleischmann and Lisa Sayles welcome all flower donations of \$36.00 for Shabbat and holidays. What a wonderful way to remember or honor someone for a life cycle event or special occasion.

It's never too late to join Sisterhood. Your check for \$40.00 brings you a year of Sisterhood. Come on, join in!



Temple Beth El Religious School December Update

By Norma James, Education Director nfjames77@gmail.com

Pizza Dinner for Midweek classes 5:45 p.m., December 7: Don't forget to arrive early. You can have some free time to socialize with your friends before classes begin at 6:15 p.m.

Chanukah Supper December 9: Our Chanukah supper is always loads of fun! This year we will begin with our latke dinner at 6:00 p.m. There will be lots of time for socializing with family and friends. Don't forget to bring your family menorah to light up this holiday evening. A brief service will follow at 7:30 p.m.

10th Annual TBE Macabbiad December 11: The Tenth Anniversary Maccabiad will be bigger and better than ever! All students will be placed on Team Hay, Shin, Nun, or Gimel. Families stay together. The teams will compete in wacky games with a Chanukah theme. The younger children work with the older students in a great family atmosphere. It is as much fun to watch as it is to play. We need lots of parents to help in the kitchen, at the party, and as judges. PLEASE contact Al and Gina Feldblum gfeldblum@att.net if you can volunteer some of your time. We would love to have every student and parent attend this fun event.

Temple Tots who have not yet started school are invited to join us for this day of fun!

Norma James to attend the URJ Biennial in Washington, D.C.: Norma is very excited about the upcoming conference December 13-18. She will have an opportunity to learn about the latest and greatest ideas in Jewish education. As an extra treat, Norma will be part of the Biennial Choir that will sing both for the Shabbat morning service and the Saturday evening program. Even better, Norma will get to room with a fellow choir member who just happens to be her sister Susan! Susan will represent her own congregation in Georgia.

Winter Break: There will be no Religious School or Midweek classes from Wednesday, December 21 to Sunday, January 8. Classes will resume Wednesday, January 11 with our monthly pizza dinner at 5:45 p.m.

Coming Events:

December 7: Midweek Classes: Pizza dinner 5:45 p.m.

December 9: Chanukah Supper 6:00 p.m.

December 11: Maccabiad at Religious School

December 21-January 8: Winter Break No Midweek & Sunday classes.

Thank You

By Alan Feldblum

The TBE School and Youth Committee would like to thank Einstein's Bro's Bagels on North Cedar Bluff Road for providing bagels and cream cheese for the Consecration reception. They also provided bagels and cream cheese for the Back to School reception in August.



Treasure Tov

Special Chanukah Sale

Friday, December 9-
Sunday, December 11

Come to the Gift Shop
Support Temple Beth El and
receive 10% off of any purchase
over \$40.00.

Hannukah* – An Introduction

By Clark Derrington

Hanukkah, Hebrew for "Dedication," is a holiday that celebrates the success of the Maccabean revolt against the Syrians and the rededication of the Temple in Jerusalem. In 164 BCE, Judah Maccabee led the ragtag Israelite army to recapture the Temple, which Syrian King Antiochus had turned into a pagan shrine. After the Maccabees cleaned and rededicated the Temple, the Israelites celebrated their victory over an eight-day festival based on Sukkot, which they had been unable to observe earlier in the year. Years later, Jewish teachings will explain that the length of Hanukkah represents the miracle the Eternal Light burning for eight days with only a small amount of oil.

Hanukkah is observed primarily through home rituals, such as the lighting of candles in special Hanukkah Menorahs, eating fried foods such as latkes and jelly doughnuts, gift giving, and singing Hanukkah songs. The dreidel game is a Hanukkah tradition with a special meaning, because the four letters on the dreidel tell the Hanukkah story. *Nun, gimel, hey, and shin* are an acronym for the Hebrew phrase "*nes gadol hayah sham*," meaning, "a great miracle happened there."

*"Hanukkah" may also be spelled, "Chanukah."

Membership Committee

By Amy Rosenberg

Thank you to Sandy Parsons, Sylvia Witcoff, Allan Rosenbaum, Honerlin DelMoro, Deborah Roberts, Toby Tumpson, Dick Jacobstein and Liz Gassel for making High Holiday phone calls to all of our congregants wishing them a Happy, Healthy and Sweet New Year! It was a nice way to start the New Year.

The Temple Beth El family would like to welcome two new members. Rachel Heller and the Wisnoff Family. Rachel Heller currently resides in South Knoxville and is excited to become an active member of Temple Beth El. Dr. Warren and Jennifer Wisnoff recently moved to Harrogate from California. They are very busy with four young children: Samuel, Jonathan, Maxwell and Benjamin. Please take the time to introduce yourselves to both new members.

New Jewish Camp Features Sports Focus

As a new camp, one of Six Points Academy's highest priorities is providing a meaningful Jewish summer camp experience to sports minded children, who are not currently attending one of our other camps.

Each two-week session of intensive sports training for girls and boys ages 10 to 16 includes:

- ◆ Professional instruction from top high school and college level coaches in state-of-the art facilities
- ◆ Sports include basketball, soccer, swimming, tennis, boys baseball, girls lacrosse, girls softball and girls cheer/dance
- ◆ Have fun while enriching your sense of Jewish pride and community
- ◆ Campers from 33+ states and 6 countries
- ◆ Located in Greensboro, North Carolina

"One Happy Camper" incentives are available to first time campers. For information, contact www.6pointsacademy.org or 561-208-1650.

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Making Strides to End Breast Cancer

By Amy Rosenberg and Haley Goldfeld

October was "National Breast Cancer awareness Month." The "Making Strides" walk was sponsored by the American Cancer Society. Their wish was to create a world where everyone can celebrate more birthdays and where breast cancer is merely a memory. "Making Strides" was an opportunity to not only honor breast cancer survivors and to remember people we have lost but also to raise funds and awareness to help end this disease.

More than 20 members of Temple Beth El participated in a non-competitive 5K walk on October 2 sponsored by the American Cancer Society. Thank you to everyone one who participated, donated funds and volunteered. TBE volunteers for this event included Lisa Sayles, Emma Fleischmann, Lizzy and Missy Noon, Bella Lester, Jake and Amy Rosenberg, Aron, Danielle and Stephanie Goldfeld.

Once again, thank you to everyone for supporting this event! Every dollar raised is one step closer to helping save lives. To learn more about the many ways you can fight breast cancer year round, please visit cancer.org/stridesonline.



Back Row: Nina R., Heather L., Danielle G., Aron G., Stephanie G., Abigail F., Erin V., Bella L., Emma F., Lizzy N., Missy N.

Front Row: Amy R., Hunter, Nathaneal L., Aviagail L., Charle R.

Not pictured: Lisa Sayles, Charlotte Nichols, Jake Rosenberg and Phyllis Hirsh

TBE Library Seeks Additions

By Charle Rizzo

Would you like to honor a loved one, friend, or colleague? Do you want to memorialize someone who has led a noteworthy life? The opportunity for either of these is available from Temple Beth El. By donating \$25.00 to Temple Beth El, you can make this thought a reality. Just note "Buy a Book" in the memo portion of your check.

The current book list includes:

Dixie Diaspora: An Anthology of Southern Jewish History (Judaic Studies Series), by Mark K. Bauman—"This is an anthology of broad geographical and chronological span; southern Jewish history, economics, politics, rules of women, ethnicity, and race."

The Wonder Child: & Other Jewish Fairy Tales by Howard Schwartz, Barbara Rush, and Stephen Fieser (Oct 1996)
"Enter an extraordinary world where a princess carries her soul in a precious jewel, an evil demon sleeps year-round beneath the sea rising only on his birthday, and a kindly rabbi is turned into a werewolf."

The Jewish Americans: Three Centuries of Jewish Voices in America by Beth S. Wenger (Oct 23, 2007)

"This companion to the major PBS television documentary of first-person accounts, interviews, writings, and profiles of prominent and ordinary Jews is very powerful."

Finding God Ten Jewish Responses by Rifat Sonsino and Daniel B. Syme—"4000 years of Jewish thought; many Jews today avoid speaking to God. Unaware of the variety available in Judaism today, they abandon their religious community in the mistaken expression that their longing for God cannot be satisfied within."

The Way Meat Loves Salt: A Cinderella Tale from the Jewish Tradition by Nina Jaffe and Louise August (Sep 15, 1998)

"In Poland, a Rabbi and his wife had three daughters, Reyzeleh, Khaveleh, and Mireleh. He asked his children a very powerful question "How much do you love me?"; one response being "The way meat loves salt."

Other books are always accepted for consideration. Please consider making this donation soon.

Please contact the Library Committee with the following information:

Title and Author of the sponsored book _____

Family or Individual(s) adopting _____

Contact information: _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Person being honored _____ Remembered _____

Contact information: _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Temple Beth El Donations

September 21 – October 20, 2011

General Fund

In memory of:

Martin Plachter by Ceil Rosenberg

David Feldman by Bella & Boris Budik

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

By:

Harold & Shirley Freedman

In memory of:

Jacqueline Robkin by Robert & Gary Robkin

Sara Pais by Art Pais

Dr. Jack A Bernard by Maurice Greif

Joe Miller by Pamela Brody

George Hill by Neil Moss

Preservation Fund

By:

Harold & Ida Markman

In memory of:

Samuel Gassel by Liz Gassel and Mike Pardee

Care Committee Fund

In memory of:

Ruth Sherrill by Norman & Sandra Licht

Marx Educational Fund

In memory of:

The Parents of Lee and Sam Goldkopf

Patio and Grounds

In memory of:

Nicole Shenkman by Laura & Michael Shenkman

Endowment Fund

In memory of:

Dina Shklyarova by Bella & Boris Budik

Sara Hirsh by Ken Hirsh

DECEMBER 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 7a HA-minyan 8:45a Zumba-AJCC Gym 11a TBE-News & Schmooze 6:45p Hadassah brd, AL 7:30p Israeli dancing 7:30p HA-Exec Comm	2 4:45p JFS Shabbat Service at Echo Ridge 7:30p TBE-Shabbat service	3 9:30a HA-Shabbat Service 8p Tennessee Schmaltz concert, Laurel Theatre 
4 9:30a HA-minyan 9:30a HA-religious school 9:30a TBE-religious school 9:30a-1p TBE-Craft & Food Fair	5 7a HA-minyan 1p Art class, BBYO rm 1-5p Archives work session, BR 3-6:30p TOT basketball, gym 6:30p Archives Comm	6 5:15p Drama class, BBYO rm 6p TBE-Exec Comm 6-9:30p fencing, gym 7:30p JLI Course, AL	7 2p mahjonng, BBYO rm 3:15-4p Music N Motion, AJCC Gym 4:15p HA-religious sch 5:30-9:30p fencing, gym 5:45p TBE-midweek Hebrew 6:15p TBE-adult ed	8 7a HA-minyan 8:45a Zumba-AJCC Gym 7:30p Israeli dancing 7:30p HA Board mtg	9 5:45p TBE-Latke Dinner 6p HA-Tot Shabbat 7:30p TBE-Shabbat service	10 9:30a HA-Shabbat service 10:30a HA-Contemporary Shabbat service
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25 Chanukah 9:30a HA-minyan HA-No religious school through Jan. 18	26 Chanukah BBYO Regional Conf 7a HA-minyan 1p Art class, BBYO rm 4-6p Community Menorah Madness event, AJCC 	27 Chanukah BBYO Regional Conf 5:15p Drama class, BBYO rm 6-9:30p fencing, gym	28 Chanukah BBYO Regional Conf 2p mahjonng, BBYO rm 3:15-4p Music N Motion, AJCC Gym 5:30-9:30p fencing, gym	29 BBYO Regional Conf 7a HA-minyan 8:45a Zumba-AJCC Gym 7:30p Israeli dancing	30 6p TBE-Shabbat service	31 New Year's Eve 9:30a HA-Shabbat service

The **AJCC Preschool** has a new **direct** phone number. Please call **963-8001** to talk directly to the preschool office.

BBYO Regional Convention December 26-29
Cotton States BBYO's regional convention will be held December 26-29 in Birmingham. Regional convention brings almost 300 Jewish teens together from **Knoxville**, New Orleans, Memphis, Nashville, and Birmingham. The Regional convention theme this year is *"Harry Potter and the Region of Cotton, the Final Chapter."* Registration is open on b-linked.org and will CLOSE on Sunday, December 4.

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Local Knoxville Fire Fighters Paul Trumppore, Steven Fowler and Richard Kerley are joined by ten more fire fighters from our P2K Southeast Consortium for a professional delegation to Israel from November 1-7.

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

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.

For more information contact the TBE office or Mimi Pais at 539-5193.



Sincerest Thanks

By Joyce Traugot, Chair, Marty's Mission

I want to take this opportunity to thank the entire Jewish community for its continued support of Marty's Mission. Once again we have come together as a compassionate, caring community to help those in need of assistance through Second Harvest Food Bank. Marty's Mission began six years ago and is just a way for the Knoxville community to be aware that the Jewish community here in Knoxville is concerned and supportive of our general community. When I get the exact numbers from Second Harvest I will be sure to share them with you. No matter what the numbers, it is always impressive to see our community come together for a special cause.

Remember, the collection barrels are always out for your donations. All non-perishable food goods are needed and welcome. If you would like to send a check to Second Harvest, please indicate in the memo portion of your check that it is part of Marty's Mission.

TENNESSEE
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IN CONCERT

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3
8 P.M. LAUREL THEATER

purchase tickets at knoxtix.com or call 865 523-7521

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H A P P E N I N G S

Friends of Israel Night a Surprise

By Ric Pasi

Being asked if I would go to the "Honor Israel Night Knoxville" held at the airport Hilton on September 22 to set up a table for Hadassah, I was more than a bit skeptical. This event was sponsored by *The Friends of Israel*, an evangelical Christian group.

All I could hope for was not too much

"Praise this and Praise that, etc., etc." It didn't take long to realize that my misgivings were unfounded and I absolutely enjoyed myself. These people truly do believe in The Torah, Eretz Israel and in the Jewish people. Knowing our history, it felt good! There were more than 200 representing this group, some coming from as far away as Virginia and driving several hours to attend. Our community was represented by Stephen Rosen (KJA), Jeff Gubitz (AJCC), Bonnie Boring (Hadassah Past President) and me representing Hadassah Associates. If you attended and I didn't see you, I apologize.

Another surprise was the Invocation/Benediction Honoring G-d, only. Impassioned speeches titled "Historical Connection" by Rev. R.L. Johnessee (Church Min. Rep. Friends of Israel) and Rev. W.E. Sitter (Executive Director, Friends of Israel) on "Pro-Israel Christians" set the tone for the rest of the evening. This was followed by Jeff Gubitz who talked to the audience about the Ben Yakir Youth Village in our own sister city, Hadera. More than \$3,700 was raised for the Youth Village. Mazel Tov to Jeff on such an inspirational presentation for such a great cause. Sharon Kobalo (Israeli Deputy Consul Gen., SE States) gave an update on the Israeli, Arab, UN happenings that were occurring that week with the vote at the UN of the Palestinian State. Victory Baptist Church closed out the evening by singing *HaTikvah*. As Bonnie said to me as we were heading home, "I've never watched so many non-Jews singing *HaTikvah*!" It was amazing.

The only disappointment of the evening was for the interfaith efforts that our community so strongly wants/supports, it was a missed opportunity.



Ric Pasi and Bonnie Boring



Jeff Gubitz and Pastor Steve Craft



Ric Pasi offers an explanation to participants.

Costumes Needed

If you have outgrown costumes (or just don't like the ones you have), we are collecting costumes to send to our sister city Hadera for Purim. These costumes will go into a lending costume "library" for children who cannot afford their own.

Collection sites are at the Arnstein Jewish Community Center, Knoxville Jewish Day School, Temple Beth El and Heska Amuna.



2011 Hanukkah Stamp Available

The 2011 Hanukkah Forever stamp is now be available at all post offices. This year's design is only the fourth since the first Hanukkah stamp was issued in 1996. Only 25 million Hanukkah stamps have been printed.



Knoxville Jewish Alliance

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Ha'Kol

Create Your Own Legacy in the Knoxville Jewish Community

By Stephen Rosen, President

Legacies come in many different forms in our Jewish community. Most are serious and positive, though some are innocuous or humorous. The most visible legacy we encounter is that of the Arnsteins whose name is carried on our Jewish community center. But aren't Major Millen's hat, Professor Shaw's glove, Dewey Reich's leadership and Marc Bressler's machete-cut watermelon also legacies? If you lived here in the 70s and remember those images, aren't you the beneficiary of some kind of annual grant?

We all can't be department store moguls, stylish people or memorable pillars of the community. What can we do in our own ways to create lasting legacies? I'll suggest two methods where at least one can be within everyone's reach – write a check or make a difference.

Writing a check is simple but it's the amount that can be difficult. The Knoxville Jewish Community Family of Funds will accept an endowment gift to create a new fund at \$5,000. If that is not within your means, you can make a gift to the Knoxville Jewish Alliance Opportunity Fund or the Arnstein Jewish Community Center Endowment Fund. We recognize certain levels of gifts on our donor wall in the newly re-floored Morrison Lounge at the AJCC. If you can't do it now, how about at a time when money won't help you anymore? My will includes a bequest to KJA and I hope you will consider our community in your will. KJCFV volunteers and staff are ready to help you make arrangements to benefit our community years after you have made a difference in person.

So what does it mean to make a difference in our community? I don't think this requires being a president of one of our institutions. It could mean that you were known for leading minyan, blowing the shofar, or giving rides to programs. How about being the one that bakes that great cookie for the oneg? What if you are remembered for being the person that couldn't say "no" when it came to serving on a committee? We can always use some help on the phones in the office. Could you follow Helen Ecker and be the next "voice of the AJCC?" Here's a simple and fun idea: be the person that always greets the new people at services and KJA programs. People never forget the person that first made them feel welcome and included in a new community. My poker game traces its roots to the early 70s and I can tell you there are a *Ha'Kol's* worth of legacies in that small circle. I suggest you ask yourself if you are making a difference and how you want to be remembered in your game.

Instant legacies can be obtained by mailing a check to Stephen's attention at 6800 Deane Hill Drive. Please tell him about it at stephen.rosen@morgankeegan.com



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KJA 2011 Campaign

Campaign Goal \$350,000

As of

2011 Annual Campaign: \$
new donors
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*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."*



AJCC Announces Summer Staff

We welcome back Brian DeBolt as camp director, Megan Yates as Smokin' Salmon Swim Team coach and Jackson Wallace as assistant swim team coach for the Summer of Fun 2012!

Please see the full article on **page 12**.

*(Left) Brian DeBolt, (center) Megan Yates and
(right) Jackson Wallace*

Ready or Not

By Gene Rosenberg, KJA Campaign Chair

The following was written by Rabbi Akiva thousands of years ago.

"Everything is a loan against a pledge; a net is spread over all the living. The shop is open, the shopkeeper extends credit, the ledger is open, the hand records, whoever would borrow may do so; the collectors make their rounds daily, they exact payment from everyone, with or without consent; they have a reliable record. The verdict is a just one, and everything is ready for the final accounting."

I've read this many times and I still can't decide how I feel about it...it almost sounds threatening, and yet it's still the way business is conducted today. There is one thing that I do agree with..."everything is ready for the final accounting."

This, I think, can be interpreted two ways. I suspect Rabbi Akiva was referring to the shopkeeper and his "clients" and how they will be judged, their "verdict" if you will. The other "final accounting" refers to the balance in their ledger. We are nearing the close of Campaign 2011. A strong argument can be made that these two possible interpretations cannot be separated.

If you have not yet made your commitment (pledge) to the campaign, there's still plenty of time to do the right thing...you can still be a partner in the final accounting. No amount is too small, the satisfaction of being a partner in something so great will be more than profitable.



Jewish Family Services News

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

Jewish Family Services assists families and individuals in all stages of the life process. On occasion we come across situations where a loved one passes away, but the family members do not know if the individual had a will or where that will is located. For anyone in the local Jewish community who is interested, we are happy to store your letter of last instructions. These letters would be placed in sealed envelopes, only to be opened upon your passing. A letter of last instructions is not a substitute for a will. It is a separate document that tells your loved ones important information such as where your will is and who the attorney is who drafted it, what your funeral and burial arrangement wishes are, where your financial savings and investments are, and many other things.

If you are interested in storing a letter of last instructions with Jewish Family Services, please contact Laura Berry at 690-6343 extension 18 or lberry@jewishknoxville.org.

Sidney Friedman - State-of-the-art Mind Power

After wowing dozens of Jewish federations, and Jewish organizations across North America, renown mentalist **Sidney Friedman** is coming to the Knoxville Jewish Alliance's "Tzelebrate Tzedakah" Pacesetters event.

As featured on NBC-TV's *Today Show*, ABC-TV's *The View* and CBS-TV's *The Early Show*, here is your chance to experience America's premier mentalist, and a favorite of federations across the country, **Sidney Friedman**.



Known as "the mentalist to the stars" (*Chicago Tribune*) for his many celebrity clients, Friedman will read your mind, and perform ESP, telepathy and premonition. Plus, you will witness his unique "Music Mind Reading" where audience members think of song melodies and Friedman telepathically senses each tune then plays them on the piano. This is a fun, inspiring evening not to be missed.

The *Chicago Tribune* writes, "Mentalist to the stars, Sidney Friedman is the master of all things psychic."

Friedman is also the author of the national best-selling book *Your Mind Knows More Than You Do* which reached #8 on Amazon.

His corporate clients include Dean Witter, Smith Barney, John Hancock, Campbell's Soup, McDonald's, Quaker Oats, Harris Bank, Navteq, Motorola, Nortel, Abbott, Merck and hundreds more.

This year's Pacesetters event will be at **The Grill at Highlands Row, January 29, 2012**. The event begins at 6:00 p.m. with a dinner and refreshments. Pacesetters set the pace of the Annual with a minimum campaign commitment of \$1,800. Invitations will be in the mail shortly.

This will be a rare event. Be thrilled and elevated. Experience mentalist **Sidney Friedman**.

Learn more at: www.SidneyFriedman.com.

Lunch and Then Some

By Laura Faye Berry, BSSW, Esq., Director

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

Wednesday, December 14: A Chanukah Sing-a-Long with Charlene Gubitz and Joyce Traugot

Anyone who has heard Charlene Gubitz and

Joyce Traugot perform knows the fun and musical talent they bring to an audience.



Please join us for a Chanukah celebration and sing-a-long that is sure to put you in the Chanukah spirit. You may sing along with them or just enjoy! There will be a special Chanukah menu complete with latkes. **Program location: Rothchild's, 8807 Kingston Pike**

The luncheon begins at noon and the program begins at 12:30 p.m. Lunch is \$9.00. 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.

AJCC Preschool News

By Melissa Schweitzer, Preschool Director

Learning happens all day every day in the life of a child. The AJCC preschool supports this learning with a myriad of celebrations. We have been very busy with these learning celebrations beginning with Rosh Hashanah. We invited our families to join us on September 27 to celebrate Rosh Hashanah with songs led by Ms. Charlene, the sound of the shofar brought to us by Rabbi Yossi, and a picnic snack of round challah and apples and honey. Not only did some of our moms and dads join us but we had several grandparents who were able to come. This was a great way to start our Holidays. There is a short video of our celebration at www.jewishknoxville.org.

For a few weeks the children have been working with Mr. Nigel and Ms. Lauren to learn about the holidays and make some wonderful artwork. We learned about starting fresh with Rosh Hashanah, saying sorry with Yom Kippur, and the blessings of abundance with Sukkot. The community Sukkah is adorned with apples, paper chains, and peace doves that our students created. Our teachers added to the fun with a good-natured scarecrow contest. The classrooms were tasked with using recycled materials that would hold up to the weather. The creativity was amazing. Scarecrows were built from plastics and paper as an extension of our year-round recycling project. The scarecrows were on display at Sundown in the Sukkah and we have plans to move them to our playground to observe how long these materials last.

We were also excited to have Hagit Benjamin, an Israeli kindergarten teacher here with us for the week of Sukkot. Hagit teaches in our sister school in Givat Nili, Israel. We have been participating in a school exchange since December 2010. We learned about her family and her students, her moshav and city, tried some rainbow crayons that she brought from Israel, saw our names in Hebrew, and learned a song about a three pointed hat. Hagit spent time with the Daled and Hey students sharing ideas, games, and songs. We also learned about the scrap and playground at her school and methods for student-led conflict resolution. The exchange of letters and ideas will continue throughout the school year. Through the Partnership 2000 organization, Knoxville teachers will travel to Israel in the winter of 2012 to continue this valuable connection.

The preschool kicked off Jewish Book Month a day early with a Read-In Day on October 31. We wore our PJs, read lots and lots of books with help from parent volunteers and ate breakfast for lunch. This is an annual tradition and supports our initiative of "the most important 20 minutes of your day".

The preschool is open for tours on Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m. To make a reservation for a tour, please contact the preschool office at (865) 963-8001.

Hagit Benjamin, a visiting Israeli Kindergarten teacher, visits during the week of Sukkot.



AJCC Announces Summer Staff

Several familiar names return for the 2012 summer day camp season. Camp Director **Brian DeBolt**, a 12-year MCDC veteran, returns as camp director. Brian is currently a teacher in Charleston, South Carolina.

Megan Yates will return for her third year as our AJCC Smokin' Salmons as swim coach for the **Summer of Fun 2012**. Joining Megan again as assistant coach is **Jackson Wallace**.

Jackson Wallace has been a competitive swimmer for many years and enjoys working with youth to develop their skills. "I truly value the bonds many of the children and I share and am eager to help them improve their skills in swimming."

Megan is a firm believer that team sports like swimming are ways to build strong and caring youth for the future. Megan goes on to say, "It amazes me that so many of the kids who get involved

with our team are even younger than I was when I first began to swim on a team. It is important to me that the numerous four and five year olds who join each year for the first time, end the summer with nothing but good memories of their initial team experience. There are so many benefits they receive as athletes: health, camaraderie, structure, and a sense of achievement. Catching their attention with a fun team environment, then keeping them involved and motivated are key."

Megan is working with Swim Team chair Heather Kirby to plan several group activities to precede the season. There will be no increase in swim team fees this year.

We welcome Brian, Megan and Jackson back for another successful season. Information, as well as summer pool and swim team membership information is available online at www.jewishknoxville.org or by calling (865) 690-6343.

What's in the Archives: Records of Jewish Institutions and Organizations

(third in a series of articles)

By Nicki Russler, Archivist

Did you ever wonder how a small town the size of Knoxville has had a long-established Jewish Community Center plus two houses of worship more than 120 years old? How did that happen? Did Oak Ridgers actually physically build their own synagogue?



Have you ever longed to see those fabulously imaginative teenage scrapbooks that the BBG girls lovingly put together when you were there?

Is there REALLY a synagogue near Blountville, Tennessee? How did it get organized and when? Who belonged?

Is it true that Knoxville had a Jewish country club?

The records of Jewish organizations and institutions help tell the story of what a community WAS...and what a community IS today. A community is built on what happened in the past, and maintained and nurtured by people who want to see it flourish. The Archives of the Jewish Community of Knoxville and East Tennessee is a storehouse for revealing that historical tale of the Jewish Community of Knoxville and East Tennessee.

Admittedly our records are less complete than they should be. Here is a very partial list of the **organizational and institutional records in the archives**:

- ◆ Knoxville, Oak Ridge, and Middlesboro (Ky.) Jewish cemeteries
- ◆ Temple Beth El, Heska Amuna Synagogue, Jewish Congregation of Oak Ridge, Beth Israel Congregation, Congregation B'nai Sholom
- ◆ Hadassah
- ◆ Arnstein Jewish Community Center
- ◆ Knoxville Jewish Alliance and all its predecessors
- ◆ BBYO, Young Judaea, college fraternities, Hillel
- ◆ Knoxville Jewish War Veterans
- ◆ Hillvale Country Club

Some institutions are new, others are long-standing, while some have ceased to exist. The records include newsletters, minutes, constitutions, bylaws, membership lists, news clippings, photographs, and more. They are here to be seen because someone thought to donate them for posterity.

(Above) First confirmation class of Temple Beth El

(Right) AZA Winick Chapter 420 from the 1950's



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Israeli Teachers Visit Knoxville

In October, Knoxville hosted three educators from Hadera Eiron, Israel. Through this project, local teachers alternate between hosting Israeli teachers here and traveling to Israel to observe Israeli classrooms. This year the Israeli's visited our area, and next year our teachers will travel to the region in Israel. While here, the Israeli educators worked in educational settings ranging from preschool to high school classrooms.



Iris Cnaan working with students in Matt Lauer's 5th grade classroom at Webb School of Knoxville.



Iris Cnaan, Naomi Maymon and Hagit Benjamin enjoy their trip to Cades Cove.



Holly, Logan and Greg Franklin were among the many guests at Sundown in the Sukkah, Sunday, October 16, 2011



(Above) Lee Miller and Jane Cohen enjoy a chat and nosh at Sundown in the Sukkah.

(Right) Author, Knoxville native and guest speaker, Ronda Robinson, signs books for Andrea Cartwright and Mayor Madeline Rogero at Union Avenue Bookstore at Jewish Book month.

Sundown in the Sukkah

By Jeff Gubitiz

On a beautiful October afternoon on Sunday, October 16, the community gathered at the AJCC to celebrate Sukkot.

Many thanks to Manny Herz and the Tennessee Schmaltz for sharing their unique music, "Music in Motion" for providing youth activities, and volunteers Rachel Hale, Lauren Javors, Barbara Leeds, Adam and Jennifer Friedman, Karen Ferency, Yaffa Klarich, Greg Franklin for beverage sponsorship, and Charlene Gubitiz.





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Honoring the Past, Embracing The Future: Part II

By Bernie Rosenblatt, President, KJCFF

What Kind of Legacy Will YOU Leave? A couple of months ago I talked about Charitable Bequests as one means that you can use to leave a legacy. There are many ways to leave a legacy and I will outline them in future editions but meanwhile, I urge you to talk with your financial advisor, attorney, or call Laura Berry or me and we can put you in touch with a knowledgeable KJCFF board member who can help you. Why the urgency? Many of us make resolutions at the beginning of the secular New Year so December is a good time to plan ahead to be sure that those resolutions are realistic and possible! In other words, now is a very good time to be of "sound mind" to plan a bequest as part of your legacy.

What can your bequest accomplish?

- ◆ *Demonstrate your values and ideals to your heirs*
- ◆ *Pass on the legacy of those who came before you and help build a brighter future*
- ◆ *Demonstrate your appreciation for the wonderful Jewish community of East Tennessee in which you have been privileged to live*
- ◆ *Provide financial stability and continuity for the organizations that have helped to shape your life*
- ◆ *Support and enhance the aims, goals, and objectives of the Jewish community of East Tennessee and the worldwide Jewish community*
- ◆ *Demonstrate that a bequest is one of the most beautiful, meaningful, and fulfilling things that you can do to ensure that our Jewish history and values are not forgotten*
- ◆ *And, oh yes, there are tax advantages!*

You should know that already there are Jewish community members who have taken the initiative and set up KJCFF Funds and Bequests. Here are some facts:

- ◆ Since 1999, through 44 different KJCFF Funds and 60 B'nai Tzedek Funds, members of the Knoxville Jewish community have made over 166 grants totaling \$675,510!
- ◆ All grants go to not-for-profit 501(c) 3 organizations.

- ◆ Most of the grants have gone to Jewish organizations as BBYO, KJA, Heska Amuna Synagogue, Jewish Congregation of Oak Ridge, Anti-Defamation League, Jewish Federations of North America, Joint Distribution Committee (JDC), ORT, Union Council of Soviet Jews, and the World Jewish Congress.
- ◆ There is over \$2,000,000 in KJCFF Funds.

I hope that I have provided some useful thoughts to guide you in masking 2012 a very meaningful year for you, your family, and your community through charitable giving. I hope to hear from you and thank you very much for reading!

Donations

B'nai Tzedek Fund of Jacob Messing

- ◆ Joyce York and Michael Messing

Heska Amuna Cemetery Fund

- ◆ *Yizkor and Yarzheits of Anna Gruenberg, Blima Schwarzbart, Samuel Schwarzbart, Virginia Morrison, Isaac Joffe*
Mary Linda and Arnold Schwarzbart

Grants

- ◆ Jewish Family Services, a program of the Knoxville Jewish Alliance, received a grant from the **Miles and Zelda Siegel Fund for the Jewish Elderly** to help low-income seniors pay for non-medical home care.
- ◆ The Cotton States Region of BBYO received a grant from the **Ted and Dolly Reback Knoxville Youth Fund** to support travel and scholarships for Knoxville BBYO teens attending out of town conventions and leadership programs.
- ◆ Heska Amuna received a grant from the **Sam and Esther Rosen Heska Amuna Fund** to help cover the costs of purchasing and installing a new air conditioner.
- ◆ Heska Amuna also received a donation from the **Harry and Mollie Brietstein Memorial Fund** in honor of the births of Aitan Katz and Aviva Joiner, great grandson and great granddaughter of Harry and Mollie Brietstein. May their memories be a blessing.

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

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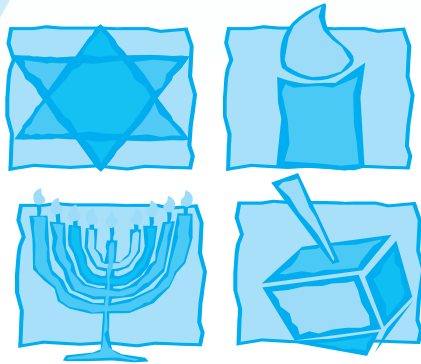
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Join us for a fun, festive

Family Chanukah Celebration

Wednesday, December 21

6:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Heska Amuna Synagogue, 3811 Kingston Pike

Plan on lots of family fun with karaoke and latkes.

Please bring your family Menorah, too, as we light up the night.

*The dress for the event is "Rabbi Ferency casual,"
with a prize for the best Rabbi look-alike!*

MENU FEATURES

Smoked and Fresh Salmon	Fish Sticks
Latkes (of course!)	Cooked Apples and Applesauce
Snow Peas	Blintz Souffle
Desserts	Coffee, Tea, and Lemonade

We welcome all area families and
hope you'll join us in celebrating the Festival of Lights!

Cost: Adults \$18.00 Children ages 6+ \$ 9.00; Family of 4 + \$45.00

Become a Sponsor: Well Wisher \$36.00 or Judah Macabee \$72.00

Reservation deadline: December 15. Your check is your reservation.



**Heska Amuna Sisterhood
Invites You to**

Saturday,

January 14, 2012

9:30 a.m.

***for the Torah Fund
and***

Sisterhood Shabbat

Featured speaker will

be our very own

Rabbi Alon Ferency

**Watch next month's Ha'Kol
for more details.**

Heed the Call

By Rabbi Alon Ferency

.I used to think I wasn't achieving anything unless I consistently struggled, constantly swimming upstream in rough waters against the current. Recently, I've noticed that my life has grown easier. I wonder: should it be more complicated? Isn't work supposed to be more wearying? Isn't that why they call it work? If the going gets easy, does that mean we're going downhill? As an Onion headline reads: "'I Make My Own Hours,' Says Man about to Get Fired." I worry about that.

Maybe, I've settled into my life and career; maybe, it's something more. Perhaps, life doesn't need to be so hard. Frankly, I think that we sometimes intensify the difficulty level on life, just by worrying about it. As in sports, we look to make the big play, when if we simply played smart, the other player would make a mistake and we'd find our opportunity. We look for new and unnecessary challenges in the workplace, supposing that they will make us shine, when just doing a good job would be all the glory we'd need. What stops us from simply relishing the pride and joy in a job well-done? For the purpose of anxiety or vanity, we take on more than we can reasonably hope to finish. Then, we ratchet up the tension in our homes and find ourselves more prone to fighting our spouses, parents, and kids, rather than accepting them for who they are. Better to do as a friend says: "Take it easy, but take it."

What can make life easier is finding your place and your calling. Too many of us try to play to our weak side. We spend too much effort improving the things of which we're ashamed. But you can control the tempo of a game and a life, and then force the other team, or the world, to play on your terms, to your strong side. To do this, you've got to trust your instincts and find your calling, focusing on what makes you unique, great, special. What makes you tick? What are your gifts in this world? What special blend of talents and qualities did God give you that no one else has? Put *those* talents to use in your life, career and home.

If you're a bad cook, let your spouse make the lasagna while you clean the dishes. If you are nervous around people you don't know, you shouldn't be in sales. If you hate deadlines and time crunches, don't become a consultant in a fast paced firm. Overall, if you don't trust yourself and your instincts in your work, then you're probably in the wrong field. Don't get stuck in a career that's a bad match for who you are. Most of all, honor yourself and others. You were put on this earth to do something special, and when you find it, it will be easy, and you'll be a natural. As Rabbi ben Azzai said in the Mishnah, "do not despise any man, nor discriminate against anything, for there is no man that does not have his hour, and no thing that does not have its place."



From the President

By Gilya Schmidt, President

In the Diaspora, the month of December is at best an anti-climactic time for Jews. In Israel, one has to go to the YMCA in Jerusalem or an Arab Christian neighborhood to find holiday lights, and the sights and sounds are not nearly as overwhelming as they are here. When I have been in Israel during December, I was astounded at how liberating it felt to do business as usual. But since Zionism didn't totally succeed in the ultimate dream of having all Jews move to the Land of Israel - not a realistic expectation anyway - we here in the Diaspora make do with a few tokens, such as the public lighting of a Hanukkah menorah or the occasional insertion of a Hanukkah song in the children's holiday concert.

A Jewish return to Zion was not the only dream of the Zionists, they had another dream as well. Martin Buber, in his young and fiery stage, wrote an essay that Shabbat Hanukkah should become the Zionist holiday, sort of like Sukkot is Ha Hag, the Holiday, in Rabbinic Judaism. This also didn't quite come true, even though we celebrate Hanukkah happily and unabashedly, both as a festival of lights based on a miracle and as the victory of zealous Jews who put God first.

Hanukkah means dedication. The Maccabees also had a dream - that all Jews everywhere would rededicate themselves to God the way they did. We do not have to be as dramatic as Mattathias and his five sons, or as physical, slaying those who desecrated the altar, but we might consider the idea of rededication, for ourselves, in a small and personal way, and perhaps in a way that puts our better selves in the service of our community, if not humanity.

We all have dreams, big and small. Rabbi Jill Hammer notes that Kislev is the month of dreams - the Pharaoh's, Jacob's, Benjamin's, Miriam's and Joseph's. The best dream is the one that is lived. In addition to dreams for ourselves, perhaps we have dreams for Heska Amuna. What better time to turn those dreams into reality by rededicating ourselves to the institution we love. Happy Hanukkah!

Sponsor a Kiddush

It's now possible to contribute any amount toward the weekly kiddushim to defray the Synagogue expenses. Mail your check to the Synagogue Office, marking Kiddushim and we'll take care of your request. 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 who sponsored kiddushim: **Peggy and Gale Hedrick** and **Mary Beth and Michael Eisenstadt** in honor of Kimberly Cook and Joshua Hedrick's **aufруб** and **Heska Amuna Congregation** in honor of the **Rendezvous With The Rabbi Committee.**



From the Chair of the Board

By Scott Hahn, Chair

One of the best parts about living in Sequoyah Hills is that it is the most pedestrian-friendly neighborhood in Knoxville. For a good portion of my life, I have spent a lot of time walking the neighborhood and checking out the sights. My most frequent walk day is on Saturday, particularly Saturday afternoons. When the weather got a bit toasty this summer, I decided to change things up a little and started walking in the mornings before shul. Not only was it a beautiful time of day to be outdoors, but I discovered something else as well. There were many other people who also enjoyed walking this time of day and I began to recognize these people on my walks. The morning crew was a surprisingly social group and saying good morning became a part of the routine. In essence, it became a fraternity of morning walkers. I am sure everyone of us has some activity where over time we develop a relationship with our fellow comrades.

As a new project, Heska Amuna is going to begin to introduce affinity groups for different activities. This is a great way to meet people in a completely new and different setting. If you have an activity that you believe would make a good affinity group, please contact Margy Goldman, our Programming Vice-Chair, or Rabbi Ferency with your ideas. These are not intended to be formal programs that require a lot of planning, but a way for people to get together and enjoy a common activity together. An important part of synagogue life is interacting with our fellow congregants. Affinity groups will help foster those relationships and help to develop new ones.



Chanukah Memories

Celebrate by selecting holiday items that will become treasured family heirlooms from **Heska Amuna Sisterhood's Judaica Shop.**

Judaica Shop is open throughout the week between 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Thursday, Fridays between 9:00 a.m. and 2 p.m., and Sundays between 9:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. when Religious School is in session.



Sisterhood Paid-Up Membership Brunch

The Paid-Up Membership Brunch was held on Sunday, October 23. More than 50 women attended and several new women joined. The brunch and program was beautifully put together by Marilyn Burnett, Jill Weinstein, Jill Chasan, and Kim Rosen.

A "Woman of Valor" award was presented to Lee Miller by Anne Greenbaum for her



years of contributions to Heska Amuna Sisterhood.

Heska Amuna Religious School News

Anna Iroff, Education Director

Finding Jews around the World

Winter Break is coming very soon! I know all the Religious School students (and staff) are ready and excited for a few weeks of vacation and relaxation. We have families traveling to many different places, and while this is a welcome break from classes, I have a homework assignment for everyone (including those traveling without students!). There are about 13-14 million Jews in the world, spread throughout every continent and many different countries. In some ways, we're all very similar: we read the same Torah, celebrate the same holidays, and pray to the same God. But *how* we do those things can be very different. So wherever you go this vacation, take some time to visit the Jewish community in that area and see what interesting customs and ideas you can find. For example, remember when Morah Amy was out of town for a long time last semester? She was in China, learning about the Jewish community there! Here are some of her impressions from her trip:

"Last fall I attended a lecture given by Professor Changgang Guo from Shanghai University on religion in China.

After the lecture there was a small reception and I had the opportunity to speak with him. He was very interested in Judaic Studies and Hebrew and after I told him I had gone to university in Israel he suggested that I should study in China. I told him I would love to if I ever had the opportunity, and to my surprise a few weeks later I received a formal letter of invitation to attend Shanghai University. I was ecstatic and could hardly believe I had been given this amazing opportunity after simply having a conversation with a visiting professor.

Once I accepted the invitation, I began working with Dr. Gilya Schmidt to decide what I would research while there and applied for my visa. I arrived in Shanghai at the beginning of March and stayed until the end of April. While there I interviewed over 100 Chinese students on what they knew about Judaism, Israel, and the Holocaust. For the survey I prepared about 20 basic questions such as "What is Judaism?", "Where is Israel located?", and "What happened to the Jewish people during WWII?" I also asked a few questions specific to Shanghai, since it played such an important role in the Holocaust and World War II. I made sure to interview many different ages and majors, and am working on correlating how much was known based on those factors. I also had to do the interviews in English which made it a little difficult; however one of Professor Guo's students helped me find English speaking students and translated a few things into Chinese for me to make the questions easier to understand.

While most of the students didn't know much about these topics, some knew a great deal, in particular the law students. I had many interesting answers; for example I asked the students if they knew of anyone famous who was Jewish and almost all of them answered Karl Marx and Albert Einstein. I learned that there was a Jewish American English teacher at the university and some of the students had learned about Judaism from her. A few had also learned about Israel by visiting the world expo, which Shanghai hosted in 2010. Also, many of the students had learned about Jewish culture through popular American television series, such as *The Big Bang Theory*.

I found the topic fascinating, and I am still working on finishing my research paper. Also, while I was there I had the opportunity to experience the Chinese culture, which was far different from anywhere else I had ever been. While I was mostly in Shanghai I was also able to travel some while I was there. I visited Xian and Beijing and also Fenghuang, an ancient city in the Hunan Province with a Chinese student I met during my research. It was an amazing experience and I am so grateful to Professor Guo and Dr. Schmidt for giving me the opportunity to do this."

We may not all get to go somewhere as exciting as China, but we can all take time to learn about our Jewish brothers and sisters wherever we are – at the beach, visiting grandparents, or even staying here and exploring our Knoxville Jewish Community. *N'siah tova* – safe travels!

Things to Remember!

Upcoming School Events

- Sunday, December 4 – **Religious School, PreK - Prozdor**
- Wednesday, December 7 – **Religious School, grades 3-6**
- Friday, December 9 – **Tot Shabbat, dinner and services, 6:00 pm**
- Saturday, December 10 – **Family Minyan**
- Sunday, December 11 – **Religious School, PreK -Prozdor**
- Wednesday, December 14 – **Religious School, grades 3-6**
- Sunday, December 18 – **Religious School, PreK – Prozdor**
- Wednesday, December 21 – **Hanukkah Dinner, 6:00 pm**
- Sunday, December 25 – Wednesday, January 18 – **NO Classes – Winter Break**



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- ◆ **Anne and Eli Greenbaum** for the proceeds of her sale of a special edition of *The Diary of Anne Frank*.



*Anne Bendriem,
Jennye Merrell and
Mary Ann Merrell
decorate the sukkah.*



The Heska Amuna Sukkah crew includes Esther Sitver, David Perkins, Bryan Merrell, Gilya Schmidt, Barry Roseman, Anne Bendriem, Don Berry, Marty Iroff, Josh Hedrick, Markus Eisenbach, Miriam Weinstein, Ed Feldman, Lilly Sitver, and Bernard Bendriem.

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Saturday Morning Service.....9:30 a.m.
Mon. & Thurs. Minyanim.....7:00 a.m.

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by calling President Gilya Schmidt,
694-6213, one week before.

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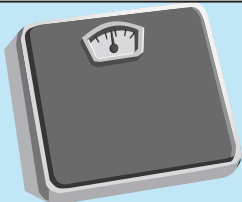
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Among Our Members

- ◆ Condolences go out to **Marilyn and Harvey Liberman** on the death of Harvey's sister, **Terry Meredith**. May her memory be a blessing.
- ◆ Get well wishes go out to members who were ill or recuperating: **Nancy Becker, Elaine Brown, Bernie Iroff, David Linwood, Mark Littmann, Heather O'Brien, Judy Rattner, Myra Weinstein**.
- ◆ Mazal tov to **Bernie Rosenblatt** and family for his being featured in the Jewish Federations of North America Heroes program.
- ◆ Todah rabah to **Ethel Wittenberg** who continues to work in the Synagogue office every week. We appreciate your time and the effort on behalf of the Shul
- ◆ **Heska Amuna has new procedures to pay your dues and other fees.** You have two preferred ways to pay: (1) set up 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 postage and takes time and effort to process.) *Before deciding which method you wish to use, please note that the first method is the least expensive for the synagogue.* Heska Amuna pays only a small processing fee for direct withdrawal payments. Heska Amuna pays a fee equal to 2.3% of the amount charged, PLUS an additional small processing fee for all credit card payments. 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. Should you have questions, you can reach our Finance Vice Chair, Barry Allen, at barry.allen@sageontheweb.com or 522-0701.



Weight Watchers Informational Meeting Set for January 4, 2012

Start your new year off with more than just wishes and resolutions. Come join us for information and sign up on January 4. This informational meeting will run from 5:00 – 6:00 p.m. at Heska Amuna Synagogue.

What have you got to lose? For information, call Margy Goldman at 679-2215.

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Jewish Congregation of Oak Ridge



President's Message

By Sig Mosko

As I write these comments, we are in the middle of Sukkot, but thinking about our busy schedule during Chanukah and beyond. Several important events are ahead which are open to the community at large. Our "Ah-Men Feast" (prepared and served by the men of JCOR) is tentatively scheduled for February 12. It will feature a musical program and a silent auction. Save the date and your white elephants for this event.

There are plans underway for a combination Chanukah & Shabbat dinner with services for December 23. Rabbi Rashkovsky now offers a monthly adult education session following Shabbat morning services on the first Shabbat of each month. He will also be presenting a Judaic-themed movie nominally on the third Saturday evening of each month.

Upcoming Events

Oak Ridge Hadassah Chapter Mitzvah Day for Hanukkah

We will collect linens, toiletries for women and children, common household items, and cell phones for the Oak Ridge YWCA Domestic Violence Shelter. Collection dates are Sunday, December 11 and 18 from 10:00 a.m. to noon at JCOR, where parking lot drop off will also be available. This is part of our Hadassah national awareness program spreading the message that "Domestic Abuse Does Not Discriminate." For further information, contact Jeannette Gilbert at 483-8774.

Chinese Dinner and Latke Hanukkah Party

Join us Friday, December 23 at JCOR for a "traditional" Chinese dinner and latke Hanukkah Party. Friday night services will be at 6:30 p.m. with dinner and party to follow. Call Peggy Laxton 269-4649 or Linda Bell 482-9570 for reservations.

Rabbi's Study Session

This month's Shabbat study session will cover *Rashi's Contribution to Jewish Scholarship*. Join us Saturday, December 3 following Kiddush at 11:30 a.m.

Jewish Film Series

This month's film will be *100 Voices: A Journey Home*, a musical documentary that uniquely tells the history of Jewish culture in Poland. Join us Saturday, December 10 at 7:00 p.m.

Happenings

JCOR members and guests enjoyed lively bluegrass music, bonfires, a beautifully decorated sukkah full of desserts, and lots of barbeque on Sukkot.



Peggy Laxton decorates the sukkah in preparation for Bluegrass and BBQ in the Sukkah.

(Below) Ron Sternfels (foreground) and Zane Bell cookin' up vittles for Bluegrass and BBQ in the Sukkah.



(Below) Ben & Rebecca Carlson (foreground) with Levi Laxton and Havah & Leah Anovitz waiting for BBQ on Sukkot.



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Mazel Tov!

Heska Amuna Synagogue

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Happy Birthday!

◆ Greta Besmann ◆ Michael Burnett ◆ Rich Kaplan
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All members whose birthday or anniversary occurs in December are invited to receive a blessing at kiddush on Shabbat morning, December 10.

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Happy Birthday!

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◆ Shiela Belensen ◆ Bessie Gelber ◆ Shirley Blumenthal ◆ Belar Koptiva

December 9

◆ Ella Heart ◆ Iris Anita Kenton ◆ Werner Mangold ◆ Gladys Caller ◆ Elise Levy ◆ Esther Waldman ◆ Louis Cohen
◆ Matilda Goodfriend ◆ Lillian Herrmann ◆ Pearl Salky ◆ Isadore Shey ◆ Ruth Brown ◆ Samuel Mash ◆ Jacob Pais

December 16

◆ Mary Ellen Epstein ◆ Anna Gassel ◆ Harry Jaffe ◆ Jacob Victor ◆ Nachum Barkan ◆ Charles Manis ◆ Lena Rosenberg ◆ Roxie Arms
◆ Erma Hill ◆ Jack Misner

December 23

◆ Gersh Dolgonos ◆ Elise R. Guthman ◆ Lillie Haas ◆ Arlene Karklin ◆ Louis Pollock ◆ Abraham Garber ◆ Minnie Goldberger
◆ Naftula Zauber ◆ Julius Sanders ◆ Harry Sturm ◆ Barbara Dillon ◆ Sigmund Green ◆ Abraham Markman ◆ Logan Ossinsky
◆ Leah Freeman ◆ Florence Straus Gerson ◆ Jacob Nechamkin ◆ Samuel H. Robinson

December 30

Risel Kronick ◆ Fletcher C. Little, Sr. ◆ Bennie Salky ◆ Sam Salky ◆ Ann Lieberman ◆ Lena Loveman Bloom ◆ Ted Pais
◆ Marian V. Waxelbaum ◆ Eileen Pucci ◆ Bessie Weinstein ◆ Ben R. Winick ◆ Hyman Henry Smith ◆ Luba Golburt ◆ Barnie Frankel
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December 3

◆ Ronald Berry ◆ Bernard Greenbaum ◆ David Norynberg ◆ Robert Shersky ◆ Lena Alper ◆ Jacob Corkland ◆ Rose Presser
◆ David Goldstein ◆ Jerome Schweitzer ◆ Eva Sturm ◆ Patricia Kaplan ◆ Dora Shersky ◆ Lois Boiarsky ◆ Samuel Deutsch
◆ Mike Gettinger ◆ Sadye Jacobs ◆ Lillian Liberman ◆ Charles Margolies ◆ Nathan Slovis ◆ Harry Becker ◆ Fanny Diamond
◆ Rose Diftler ◆ Sol Richer

December 10

◆ Mattie Corkland ◆ Helen Presser ◆ Bea Russotto ◆ Milton Shaw ◆ Ida Siegal ◆ Rafael Benhayon ◆ Rose Busch ◆ Charles Davis
◆ Max Gabler ◆ Sigmund Bank ◆ Toby Schwartz ◆ David Liberman ◆ Meyer Linke ◆ Eddie McCoy ◆ Norman Nadler
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◆ George Kramer ◆ Bertha Lamstein ◆ Raye Panitz

December 17

◆ Eddy Allen ◆ Bella Leeds ◆ Isidor Lippner ◆ Meyer Miller ◆ George Goldberg ◆ Bessie Hite ◆ Gustave Deitch ◆ Jacob Scyefsky
◆ Pearl Suss ◆ Fannie Werner ◆ Betty Abrams ◆ Rabbi Mordecai Golinkin ◆ Ida Ruchlin ◆ Sarah Green ◆ Nancy Lampert

December 24

◆ H. Roy Waugh ◆ Yetta Wittenberg ◆ Mary Freeman ◆ Sadye Goldstein ◆ Sigmund Green ◆ Lillian Rotter ◆ Gertrude Weiner
◆ Ethel Deitch ◆ Bernard Diamond ◆ Mitchell Robinson ◆ Max Wolf ◆ Esther Adams ◆ Belle Gottlieb ◆ Louis Levin ◆ Harry Bender
◆ Calvin Hahn ◆ Joseph Shamitz ◆ Moe Slovis

December 31

◆ Mamie Berry ◆ Liebel Goldstein ◆ Helaine Jacobs ◆ Bonny Barsky ◆ James Greenfield ◆ Madelyn Millen ◆ Sophie Rosenthal
◆ Helen Billig ◆ Alvin Ellin ◆ David Mandell ◆ Benjamin Zwick ◆ Frances August ◆ Ida Glazer ◆ Idell Harris ◆ Louis Glazer
◆ Renee Perl ◆ Samuel Rosen ◆ Simon Deitch ◆ Benjamin Diftler ◆ Samuel Mintz ◆ Morris Schneider ◆ Jeanette Scyefsky
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Hadassah Highlights

President's Message

By *Cindy Pasi, President*

During this time of the year, the lights of the Hanukkah menorah remind us of how our people banded together to fight off those who sought to destroy us. During this Festival of Lights and season of miracles, we must remember that the spark of the human soul is strong and powerful, enabling people to overcome tremendous adversity. Even as the rededication of the Temple brought the bright glow of hope to our people during troubled times of oppression, we must rededicate our efforts to ensure that Hadassah's light continues to burn brightly for many years to come.

May we always be reminded of the great light that has been entrusted to each of us by our grandmothers and mothers, sisters and aunts. May we continue to feed the fire and proudly pass the torch to the next generation of future Hadassah leaders and members.



5772 Could Not Have Started Off Any Better

Take note: it was September 22, 2011 when the past, present and future collided to make glorious Hadassah harmony. The past was revisited through a unique historical journey presented by many of Knoxville's past presidents: Barbara Leeds, Jill Weinstein, Mary Evars-Goan, Marian Jay, Carol Abeles, Elaine Dobbs, Mary-Linda Schwarzbart, and Peggy Littmann as well as by current President Cindy Pasi and special Hadassah Board members Barbara Mintz and Judi Abrams. It was an honor to hear and learn from all of the amazing stories that the past presidents shared and to be reminded of what was accomplished. Thank you, ladies!

EL Gordon conquered the present by teaching shofar origami, which was the centerpiece of the Secret Szold Shanah Tovah greeting card. Each member in attendance made and received a card from a secret pal. All of this while noshing on holiday inspired apple and honey desserts—sweet indeed!

Special thanks to Bonnie Boring for sponsoring this program, Lynn Fuson's amazing advertising designs, the Spenser trio for the Historic Slideshow and to EL Gordon and Kathy Goldstein for their significant part in the evening's success.

Meet Your Board



E.L. Gordon

E.L. Gordon is a documentary artist who has been lucky enough to travel all of her life. She believes Judaism is one of the most positive gifts we've been allowed to touch, along with the world and people in it to whom we are able to say hello.

Marcia Glidewell Shloush, a Knoxville native, attended the University of Tennessee and holds many degrees in nursing and child development. She and her husband Moshe recently celebrated their 21st anniversary. She has four children, four stepchildren, and one grandchild. Marcia has been a life member of Hadassah since 1977 and has served in many positions during that time, including past president of the Knoxville chapter as well as Southern Regional Board positions.



Marcia Glidewell Shloush

Sponsorship Plea

Mary Evars-Goan, Bonnie Boring, Marian Jay and Jill Weinstein... what do these names have in common? Other than being extraordinary Hadassah members, they have each sponsored a programming event. With only a \$36 donation you, too, can become a sponsor and help keep Knoxville Hadassah programming effervescent. With Hadassah's Centennial underway, this year will be one for the history books. Come be a part of history in the making, send in your donation now.

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January 28: Roaring 20's Murder Mystery

February 23: Erev Centennial

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Show Off Your Sleuthing Talents at Hadassah's Murder Mystery Night

It's 1920 and the American economy is booming. Employment is high, new inventions and mass production have improved people's standard of living, and life, for many, is good thanks, in part, to Henry Ford's assembly line. The Age of Jazz brought about a new American sound with prominent musicians like Louis Armstrong and Duke Ellington leading the forefront. The Charleston was all the rage and a new kind of woman stepped onto the stage. She bobbed her hair, raised her hemline, drank, smoked, and demanded equal right to their counterparts. She was the flapper and she was fabulous!

Under President, Warren G. Harding, the 18th Amendment passed initiating Prohibition with the intention of providing a healthier, happier, safer, and a more efficient America. However, this 'return to normalcy' failed drastically and is what will define the time, also known as The Age of Intolerance. This vacuum became the breeding ground for crime. Gangsters profited greatly by selling bathtub gin and other homemade alcoholic creations. Illegal bars, called speak easies, popped up to serve up this new alcohol and entertain their unique crowd with gambling.

Don Wannabe is hosting a grand opening celebration for his new club The Four Deuces and you are invited to attend. The Four Deuces is a lavish joint serving music, food & fun. The cream, and not so cream, of society will be here. With gangsters, hit men, politicians, opera singers and many other interesting guests in attendance, there are sure to be a lot of big deals being made.

Hadassah invites you to join us on Saturday, January 28 at 7:00 p.m. as we visit the Four Deuces Club, sometimes known as the AJCC Gym, and dive into the world of the Roaring 20's. But this is a classy joint, and only a few select can enter. You might have to bribe the bouncer (\$36 or \$60 per couple) or you can get the secret password by sending your bribe in early (check sent to Peggy Littmann) to get in. We will dine on the greatest of Italian feasts, sway all night to Jazz, and,

oh yes.....there might be some trouble a brewing.

Now that your history lesson is done, let's have some fun!

Calling all Gangsters and Molls; The Roaring 20's has come back in town

For one night only,
Saturday, January 28
at 7:00 p.m.

\$36 for You or \$60 for Two
Dine, dance, and oh yeah....
Murder is in the air and ONLY YOU
Can solve this crime.

(If you would like to join the cast, e-mail
shulime@gmail.com for more information.)





Stanford Eisenberg Knoxville Jewish Day School

Mrs. O is Retiring!

On December 22, Mrs. Jenifer Ohriner will officially say good -bye to KJDS. She is retiring as our 4th and 5th grade teacher so she can spend more time with her children and grandchildren. She has done a great job preparing our students for middle school and has established a strong curriculum that any teacher would be thrilled to step into and continue. Mrs. Ohriner will be missed so much but we know that she will be happy with her decision and will come back and visit often. Below are some quotes from current and former students when asked about their much-loved teacher:

Ilana Goldberg: "I will miss you a lot. You pushed me through math, just as you did some of the others and that's one of the best things a teacher can do."

Noah Mesa: "Mrs. O taught me the importance of applying elbow grease on the squeaky wheel in order to be successful in life."

Jacob Hale: "I'm sad Mrs. O is leaving because even when I get in a math fact jam, she helps me work through the problem."

Eitan Klarich: "I like Mrs. O because she's nice and has a good sense of humor."

Jackson Davis: "I'm sad Mrs. O's leaving because she is a very smart, nice, interesting and a funny teacher."

Joey Carson: "What I like most about Mrs. O is she's really good at history."

Yuval Koenig: "I'm sad that Mrs. O is leaving because she makes us laugh even in the middle of class."

Camden Boring: "She taught me that listening well and paying attention in class usually pays off."

Havah Anovitz: "Mrs. O taught me fractions!"

Leah Anovitz: "Mrs. O taught me to tackle math without worry."

Kalisa Parsons: "I am learning now about geometry and algebra. I could not have learned these things without learning the math facts you made me learn."



*Mrs. O and her 2011 graduates
Photo by Lev Gross-Comstock*



KJDS Aftercare

KJDS offers interesting aftercare enrichment for any students who wish to participate. This fall, we have had Basketball with Ms. Ashley, Photography and Guitar lessons with Lev Comstock, Karate with Bonnie Boring, and Technology with Ms. Huffaker. Next semester we will continue to offer fun and exciting enrichment opportunities.

Kids practicing dribbling during basketball enrichment.

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Stanford Eisenberg Knoxville Jewish Day School proudly presents:

PETER PAN

Directed by Debbie Richman

Sunday,
December 11th
@ 4pm

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(865) 560-9922 or email info@kjds.org

Pellissippi State's
Performing Arts Center
10915 Hardin Valley Road

Sukkot Celebrated in Many Festive Ways!

We want to send a special thank you to one of our parents, Dana Maman, for finding the materials and sponsoring the opportunity for each of our students to build a mini wooden sukkah. Decorating the sukkah was an educational, crafty and fun experience. The students displayed their wealth of knowledge as they depicted the 12 Hebrew months, specific holidays, and many symbols relevant to the holiday of Sukkot. To further the celebration, we all ate lunch in a sukkah. This was no ordinary lunch, but a delicious and kosher Israeli lunch prepared by some of our KJDS moms. Thank you to Meytal Maman and Liat Koenig for cooking this wonderful meal.



Students begin decorating the walls of their Sukkah



Liat Koenig and Meytal Maman, cook an Israeli lunch for KJDS students.

Lunch under the Sukkah!



Grades 2-5 Field trip to Appalachian Museum

Grade 2-5 students were thrilled to visit the Museum of Appalachia on Student Heritage Day. They toured old cabins and a school and saw lots of artifacts such as quilts, furniture, and tools that date back to hundreds of years ago. Additionally, since this was a special presentation by the museum, there were lots of demonstrations. For example, the students saw mules working to grind sugar cane and how the farmer cooks it into sorghum. Also, they watched candle making, wood working, blacksmithing, and an old fashioned spelling bee at the school house. The students' favorite stop at the museum was the old fashioned games interactive exhibition. The kids played kick the can and hopscotch, participated in three-legged races, potato sack races, and stilt races, walked a tight rope, jumped rope, etc. Even though all the kids had fun, they all decided they would rather live in 2011, with all our cozy amenities, than to live on an Appalachian farm without modern day tools and luxuries.



Field trip to the Appalachian Museum

Special Friends Program Truly Special

The Special Friends program pairs grandparent-aged members of the community with KJDS students. They meet and have lunch, they attend special events. Many of the kids at KJDS have grandparents who live out of town and many of our seniors have their grandchildren not living close by as well, so this mutually beneficial program has become very important to all members of the KJDS community.



(Above) Special friends lunch with Vera Maya

(Left) Special friends lunch with Mel Sturm.

Above Photos by Lev Gross-Comstock

Mrs. Cruz's Inquiry Project

Mrs. Cruz's literacy group is in the midst of an inquiry project on endangered animals. When asked what they would like to study if given a choice, most of the students replied with animal or pollution related topics. So, we decide to combine our interests and study endangered animals of the world. For the past couple of weeks, the students have immersed themselves in books from the Knox County library with varied titles on endangered animals. The next step will be to narrow down their focus to a particular animal and do more in-depth research in books and on the internet. The students will then decide how they would like to share their information with an audience. To culminate our inquiry unit, we will decide what we could do, from our own backyards, to improve the plight of endangered animals.



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The Way We Were in 1948-1949



Jewish Community Center Basketball Team

Front row (left to right): Monte **Abrams** (brother of Isadore and Sam **Abrams** and husband of Marion, who is now residing in Chattanooga), Zelig “Zeke” **Frumin** (still lives in Knoxville, father of Joani **Leeds**), captain Monte **Millen** (still lives in Knoxville), Leonard **Morris**, Irving **Farber**.

Back row: Mitchell **Robinson** (husband of Natalie and father of Pace **Robinson**), Zane **Finkelstein** (cousin of Pam **Brody**), Irving **Leeds** (still lives in Knoxville, uncle of Gary **Leeds**), Joe **Billig**, Bert **Sands**, Al **Steinman**, coach.

Not pictured: Sam **Rosenfield**, Jerome **Glazer** (uncle of Arnold **Cohen**)

For more information on these men and their families, go to the Archives webpage at www.jewishknoxville.org/archives [click on Ha'Kol: “The Way We Were”], to 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.