



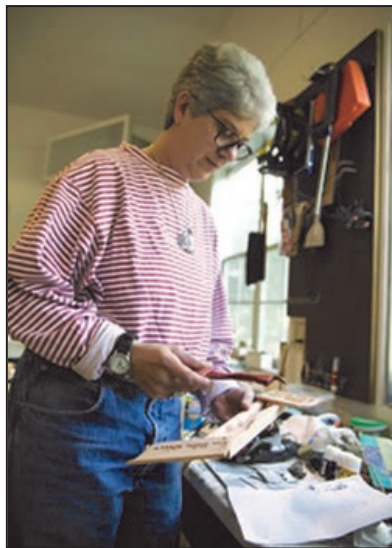
# Ha' Kol

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

## Sisterhood Torah Fund Shabbat Saturday, January 22 9:30 a.m. Shabbat Services Followed by a Special Kiddush

For several years, Heska Amuna Sisterhood has combined two important events at Sabbath service. The women of Sisterhood lead and conduct services, then are joined by a noted speaker speaking on behalf of Torah Fund.

The Torah Fund campaign, under the chairmanship of Heather Hahn and Barbara Levin, enables our Sisterhood to raise money toward developing, strengthening and maintaining the Jewish Theological Seminary in New York, Ziegler School of Rabbinic Studies in Los Angeles, Schechter Institute of Jewish Studies in Jerusalem and Seminario Latino Americano in Buenos Aires. This is an opportunity for our women to support all four institutions by their contributions to Torah Fund, enabling us to foster a Judaism that conserves the Jewish past while building the Jewish future.



### Laurel "Dafna" Robinson, Visiting Scholar and Artist

Laurel Robinson will be our guest speaker on Saturday morning at Sisterhood Shabbat services. She will present a Havdalah program that evening about the newly completed Women's Torah Project. A professor of art at Georgia Southwestern State University, Robinson has been Camp Ramah Darom's art director since its inception. She is a classic storyteller who blends knowledge and belief into a visual performance.

Judi Abrams and Charlene Gubitza are coordinating Sisterhood Shabbat. Sisterhood members will be asked to participate in the service and contribute to Torah Fund through a financial donation.

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# Heska Amuna Synagogue

# HaShofar



## Hustle and Flow of Prayer

By Rabbi Alon Ferency



Writer Jay Michaelson recounts the experience of a friend, “a Jewish academic from New York who had relocated to a midsize Jewish community in the South.” Formerly members of a Conservative congregation, this family had great difficulty finding a meaningful prayer experience, and eventually joined an Orthodox *shul* far away. What makes it hard to create powerful prayer experiences? I hope to offer ideas for a more engaging service.

I think back to my experiences as a jazz radio deejay. An important thing in radio is “tight air”. The DJ has to play the next song right after she announces it, follow quickly on the heels of that song with another, and eventually back announce what she played before leading into a commercial break, and another set of

songs. A gap, or “dead air,” is the time when a listener will change channels, so a break in service is deadly. Likewise, “dead air” in a prayer service is the time when congregants are most likely to tune out. “Filler” like interruptions, shuffling, asides and other pauses are distracting and take away from the prayer experience, and that “dead air” adds up, making for a longer service. So, our service should be all service and nothing but the service. We can tighten the seams, and avoid lags between prayers or parts of the service. If we keep the pace going, and build prayers on top of each other in rhythm, the excitement and attention build. This doesn’t necessarily mean that the service is fast or slow, just that it has a continual pulse and dynamic flow.

For this to succeed, we all have roles to play. As a rabbi, I can offer guidance on the macroscopic level, akin to an orchestra conductor or radio station manager, setting the tone, program, and playlist, while ensuring that Synagogue “air” is tight. I can also model devoted prayer and help build the energy in the “pressure-cooker” of the sanctuary. Prayer leaders, or *shlichei tzibur*, become independent DJ’s who can program the individual musical sets, setting the pace for particular sections of the service: by turns gentle and meditative, or ecstatic and joyful. You have a role when you pray, as well. In addition to being prepared when your time comes for an *aliyah* or other ritual role, you can contribute you devotion, energy and persistence. True, traditional prayer takes some getting used to, but so does marriage, parenthood, a career, an education, learning a language. “Things that come cheap usually feel that way,” Jay Michaelson says, “Having a meaningful spiritual experience, whatever that means for you, takes learning, practice and dedication. Just like anything else worth acquiring.”

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## Continuing Education

### SHABBAT AFTERNOONS

January 1

Rabbi’s *Tisch* (Q&A)

January 8, 15, 22 and 29

Rabbi’s *Tisch* (*Shabbat HaShavua*)

## Torah Fund Pin Revealed for 5771 (2010-2011)

Designed by Eytan Brandes

**Kehillah Kedoshah: Celebrating Community Woman to Woman:** The 5771 Torah Fund Pin commemorates the energizing power of women’s community. Kehillah Kedoshah was the common term for Jewish community in Eastern Europe, but it also implies a community bound together by similar values and beliefs. The images contained within this stylized hamsa\* pin reflect women in celebration, dancing and praising. The pin’s golden flame, representing the Women’s League logo, alludes to our members who are committed to a common purpose and the unbreakable bonds of Sisterhood.



\* The hamsa is a popular Middle Eastern symbol dating back to ancient times. Its name is thought to be derived from the Arabic word for “five,” a number identified with fighting off the Evil Eye. The symbolic connection to God may be the result of the hand appearing in kabbalistic manuscripts as the letter *shin*, the first letter of the divine name *Shaddai*. There are two main hamsa forms: the stylized hand with two symmetrical thumbs, and the one that is shaped like an actual hand. The hamsa is particularly popular among Sephardic Jews who sometimes call it the “hand of Miriam.” Other symbolic value is attributed to the humash (Torah).

## Heska Amuna Religious School News

By Anna Iroff, Education Director

Happy Secular New Year! I hope you all enjoyed the break and are ready and excited for the new semester of religious school. We come back to classes just in time for Tu B'Shevat which is known as the New Year (or Birthday) of the Trees. The Tu B'Shevat seder teaches us about three different kinds of fruits: (1) those that are hard or inedible on the outside with soft, edible insides (2) those that are soft and edible on the outside but have hard pits inside and (3) those that are edible inside and outside with no pits or shells. Over the years, our rabbis, commentators, and educators have offered different interpretations of these different species. Let me offer one I find relevant to our school and our community.

The first variety, fruits like oranges, pomegranates, and nuts, is like a student who only studies and lives Judaism privately at home. This person never joins a Jewish congregation, takes part in community programs, or attends religious school or adult education classes. These fruits may be very sweet, but they take hard work and are difficult to access and enjoy. Likewise, this type of student of Judaism must work extra hard by him/herself to reach the sweetness of Judaism, and even then will not be able to enjoy everything the Jewish community has to offer.

The second variety, fruits like dates, peaches, and olives, is like a member who expects the community to be the entirety of his/her Jewish identity. This person comes to services, holiday programs, and religious school but does not support any of the experiences on his/her own. This family does not celebrate the holidays in their home, read about or discuss Jewish issues and events at the dinner table, take on any mitzvot outside the synagogue, or engage in Jewish culture like music, films, books, or social action. These fruits are delicious and take very little effort to access, but at the end you are left with a hard pit at the center. Similarly, this type of student enjoys the communal aspects of Judaism, but without commitment to personal work and growth, s/he will not be able to experience all Judaism has to offer down to the core.

The third variety, including fruits like grapes, figs, and strawberries, are the members who live and explore their Judaism fully both at home and in the community. These members attend services, classes, and community events and also commit to build a Jewish home rich with study, mitzvot and personal engagement. This type of student understands that the richest, most complete experience of Judaism cannot come solely from without or from within, but from the blending of both.

Our challenge this Tu B'Shevat is to be the third kind of fruit. To find ways to engage and interact with our Judaism both in the community and in our private lives. Our Knoxville Jewish community offers a huge variety of ways to shed your hard shell and express your Judaism proudly, publicly, and communally through book clubs, study groups, klezmer concerts, Israeli films, religious school and adult education classes, holiday celebration, worship services, and much more. We also have resources and support to help you find ways to connect to Judaism in your own individual ways at home. This is especially true for our young students. We must teach them that we are not only Jewish at synagogue or religious school, but that this continues at home, secular school, and out in public. For Jewish education to be most effective it should be taught and enjoyed as part of the community and school, but must also be supported and reflected in the home. The complete, well-rounded education of our children is not only the responsibility of the religious school, but a team effort of the school staff, parents, and community members. I look forward to seeing all our religious school parents at the Parent Meeting and Open House on January 9 to continue this conversation and talk about how we can work together to enrich the Jewish education of our students.

### 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.



*Thank you to our friends at Temple Beth El Religious School for hosting us for Global Day of Learning! We had a great time and look forward to returning the invitation for our Tu B'Shevat Celebration on January 23!*



*Students from Heska Amuna and Temple Beth El worked and studied together to create an etz hayim (tree of life) that reminds us to incorporate God, Love, and Tzedakah into our daily lives.*



*The 8<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> graders baked bischochos to include in thank you packages for veterans and emergency medical technicians. Thank you to Stella Iroff for teaching them how to make these delicious Sephardic sesame cookies!*

## Things to Remember!

### Upcoming School Events

- Sunday, January 9 – **Religious School, Kindergarten Prozdor; Parent Meeting & Open House**
- Wednesday, January 12 – **Religious School, grades 4-6**
- Sunday, January 16 – **NO Religious School – Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday**
- Wednesday, January 19 – **Religious School, grades 4-6**
- Sunday, January 23 – **Joint Tu B'Shevat Celebration with Temple Beth El at Heska Amuna**
- Wednesday, January 26 – **Religious School, grades 4-6**
- Sunday, January 30 – **Religious School, Kindergarten – Prozdor**



## Todah Rabbah To Our Friends and Supporters!

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

- **Ed Feldman** who has donated his woodworking skills to make an easel for the school, giraffe tzedakah box for the K-1 class, and a new table top for the seventh grade class.
- **Pat and Gene Rosenberg** in memory of **Toby Schwartz**.



## Among Our Members

- Condolences go to the following people and their families: **Lynn and Scott Dryzer** on the death of Scott's father, **Lowell Dryzer**; **Pam and Alan Schwartz**, **Zeke Frumin**, **Joani** and **Gary Leeds** and **Carole** and **Ivan Cooper** on the death of mother, sister-in-law and aunt, **Toby Schwartz**. May their memories be a blessing.
- Get well wishes go out to the following people who were ill or recuperating: **Marion Abrams**, **Joyce Beerman**, **Elaine Brown**, **Linda Buxbaum**, **Aaron Chasan**, **Charlene Gubitz**, **Bernie Iroff**, **Rachel Iroff**, **Marian Jay**, **Helene Messing**, **Rodney Peron**, **Judy Rattner**, **Asher Robinson**, and **Burt Routman**.
- Mazal tov to **Ted Besmann** and family on his award as Distinguished Engineer from ORNL.
- 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.
- We accept credit cards for payment and you have the option of paying your balance partially or in full or setting up an "auto pay" which would charge your credit card monthly over the next 12 months. If you wish to make a payment by credit card, please complete the "Credit Card Information" box on your statement and indicate the amount you are paying next to the account and make a note if you wish the 1-time pay or the auto-pay setup. Tear off the bottom portion and return in the enclosed envelope. All credit card information will be kept confidential. If you are making a payment by check, please indicate the amount you are paying next to the account, tear off the bottom portion and return in the enclosed envelope.
- Federal law keeps us from knowing who is in the hospital. Therefore, if you or a loved one is hospitalized, please let us know so we can place you on our Misheberach list.

## Heska Amuna Synagogue *HaShofar*

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### Permanent Schedule

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

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

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

For a list of Heska Amuna's funds and other information, please visit [www.heskaamuna.org](http://www.heskaamuna.org)

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## Sponsor A Kiddush

All Kiddushim are deliciously prepared by Marilyn Burnett. Call Gene Rosenberg at 693-3162 for more information and to reserve a date.

We thank **Lidia** and **Lucien Palcu** for sponsoring a Kiddush in honor of Lidia's birthday and their anniversary in November.



*At the Hanukkah Family Fair, students practiced playing dreidel to hide their Judaic studies from the Syrians.*



*Morah Rachel Zemel teaches Hebrew letters and the dreidel game to the kindergarten class.*



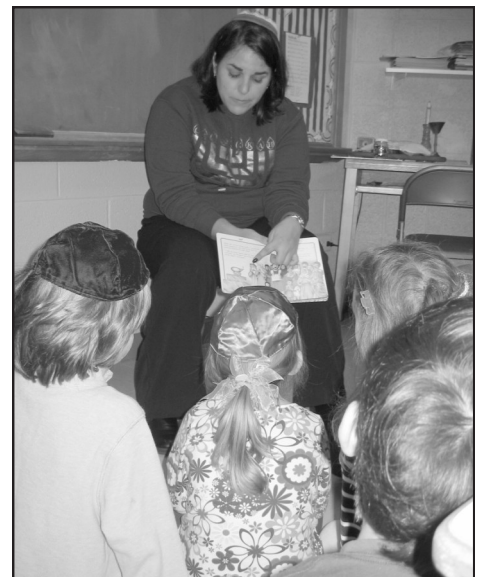
*Seventh graders participate in a Lifecycles course during the first semester and one tradition is hosting a mock wedding, presented to all students. Jacob Messing, Rabbi Alon Ferency and Esther Sitver enact the ceremony.*



*Jacob is congratulated by his aunt, Karen Messing, at the mock wedding reception.*



*Morah Michelle Cohen and her kindergarten class create a bulletin board with their artwork.*



*Education Director Anna Iroff reads the Hannukah story to students.*

## Contributions From Caring People

For a list of synagogue funds please check our website at [www.heskaamuna.org](http://www.heskaamuna.org)

*Donations received by November 29*

### BUILDING FUND

*For the yahrzeits of George Kramer and Lois Boiarsky*

By: Suzi and Jerry Candy

### CALENDAR DONATIONS

By: Marilyn and Isadore Abrams, Anne and Bernard Bendriem, Cindy and Ricky Caplan, Michelle and Stephen Cohen, Susan and Arnold Cohen, Cheryl and Rich Kaplan, Dina and Andy Kramer, Genevieve Kramer, Joani and Gary Leeds, Peggy and Mark Littmann, Regis Loffman, Nora and Patrick Messing, Anita and Jeff Miller, Rosalie and Stephen Nagler, Evelyn and Steve Oberman, Heather O'Brien and Jan Hahn, Judith Rosenberg, Lesley and Bernie Rosenblatt, Ethel Wittenberg.

### EDUCATIONAL ENRICHMENT FUND

*For the yahrzeits of Malvina Schwartz and Harold L. Rosenthal*

By: Jenifer and Evan Ohriner

### GERTRUDE GLAZER COHEN AND I.B. COHEN ENDOWMENT FUND

*For Gert Cohen's yahrzeit and in memory of Isolde Clark*

By: Debbie and Jeff Abrams-Cohen

*In honor of Arnold Cohen*

By: Isadore Abrams

*For the yahrzeits of Anna Cohen, Gertrude Glazer Cohen, Ida Glazer, Rose Bresoff Busch, Aaron Glazer, and Bella Bresoff; in memory of Toby Schwartz*

By: Susan and Arnold Cohen

*For Bella Leeds's yahrzeit*

By: Joani and Gary Leeds and Amy and Gene Dandy

### GENERAL FUND

*For Isaac Chazen's yahrzeit*

By: Eric Chazen

*In memory of Isolde Clark and Lowell Dryzer*

By: Wendy and Ted Besmann

*For the yahrzeits of Peter Dreyer and Nathan Naumann; in honor of her high holiday honor*

By: Trudy Dreyer

*For David Goldstein's yahrzeit*

By: Kathy and Don Goldstein

*Sending get well wishes to Aaron Chasan and Asher Robinson; in memory of Toby Schwartz; mazal tov to Ted Besmann on his award as distinguished engineer from ORNL*

By: Rosalie and Stephen Nagler

*In honor of her high holiday honor*

By: Sharon Poore

*In appreciation for attending high holiday services*

By: Susan and Alan Salzmanowitz

*In memory of Toby Schwartz*

By: James Atsides and Ardell Terry, Edith Brown, Wendy and Bob Goodfriend, Natalie Robinson, Maxine Szabo

*In honor of the birth of Linda and Richard Prosan's granddaughter, Kiley Reese Prosan*

By: Ethel Wittenberg

### RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

*In honor of Karen and Rabbi Alon Ferency, Amy and David Hull and Debbie Johnson*

By: Judith and Jack Benhayon

*In memory of Hinda Duhan*

By: Nancy St. Lifer

*For Charles Gubitz's yahrzeit*

By: Charlene and Jeff Gubitz

*Get well wishes to Marilyn Pollio*

By: Allison Fay

*In memory of Toby Schwartz*

By: Joani and Gary Leeds, Pam and Alan Schwartz

*General donation to the fund*

By: Mary Linda and Arnold Schwarzbart

### RELIGIOUS SCHOOL FINANCIAL AID FUND

*For sister Dorothy Sherman's yahrzeit*

By: Carol Feldman

### VMC FUND

*Yizkor for Israel, Anna and Lionel Mahler*

By: Bernice Mahler

### WINICK LIBRARY FUND

*In memory of Isolde Clark*

By: Barbara and Bernie Bernstein

*In memory of Hinda Duhan*

By: Ethel Wittenberg and Lee Wittenberg

### YARZHEIT FUND

*Mark Fleishman*

By: Lori Fleishman

*Irvin Wolf and Sayde Jacobs*

By: Elise and Herb Jacobs

*Lillian and David Liberman*

By: Marilyn and Harvey Liberman

*David Mandell*

By: Cheryl Kaplan

*Meyer Miller*

By: Anita and Jeff Miller

*Raye and Morris Panitz*

By: Barbara Leeds

*Milton Shaw*

By: Genevieve Kramer

# JANUARY 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						<b>1</b> New Year's Day 9:30a HA-services HA-Rabbi's <i>Tisch</i> (Q&A) follows kiddush
<b>2</b> No HA or TBE religious school 9:30a HA-minyan	<b>3</b> KJDS-Winter break 7a HA-minyan 3-6:45p Kinderdance 7-8:30p basketball, gym	<b>4</b> KJDS-Winter break 6p TBE-Exec mtg 6-9:30p fencing, gym	<b>5</b> Noon KJA-Friendshippers No HA religious school 5:30-7:30p fencing, gym 6:15p TBE-adult ed TBE-No mid-week hebrew	<b>6</b> 7a HA-minyan 9a KJA-Zumba demonstration, gym 11a TBE-News & Schmooze 5:30-7:30p basketball 7:30p HA-Exec Comm	<b>7</b> 3-4p Kindergym 4:45-5:30p JFS Shabbat service at Echo Ridge 7:30p TBE-Shabbat service, Eli Derrington bar mitzvah	<b>8</b> 9:30a HA-services 10:30a HA-Contemporary service 10:30a TBE-Torah study HA-Rabbi's <i>Tisch</i> (Q&A) follows kiddush
<b>9</b> 9:30a HA-minyan 9:30a HA-rel school & parent mtg 9:30a TBE-rel school 3p Hadassah membership party at Mary Evar-Goins Noon TBE- Bagels and Barbeque field trip	<b>10</b> 7a HA-minyan 3-6:45p Kinderdance 3:30p Preschool staff mtg, AJCC AL 7-8:30p basketball, gym	<b>11</b> 6-9:30p fencing, gym 6:30p TBE-Board mtg	<b>12</b> 4:15p HA-rel school 5:30-7:30p fencing, gym 5:45p TBE-pizza 6p KJDS-Board mtg 6:15p TBE-mid-week hebrew 6:15p TBE-adult ed 8:30p HA-adult ed	<b>13</b> 7a HA-minyan 5:30-7:30p basketball 7:30p HA-Board of Trustees mtg	<b>14</b> 6:30p HA-Tot shabbat 7:30p TBE-Shabbat Services	<b>15</b> 9:30a HA-services HA-Rabbi's <i>Tisch</i> (Q&A) follows kiddush 7p TBE-Wine tasting program
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<b>23</b> 9a-3p HA-Board retreat, AJCC AL 9:30a HA-minyan 9:30a HA-rel school 9:30a TBE-rel school—CLC at HA 10a HA-Gan K'Tan 10a HA-adult ed 12:30p Teen Connection	<b>24</b> 7a HA-minyan 3-6:45p Kinderdance 7-8:30p basketball, gym 7-8:30p UT Lecture series, AJCC AL	<b>25</b> 6-9:30p fencing, gym	<b>26</b> 4:15p HA-rel school 5:30-7:30p fencing, gym 6:15p TBE-mid-week hebrew 6:15p TBE-adult ed 8:30p HA-adult ed	<b>27</b> 7a HA-minyan 5:30-7:30p basketball	<b>28</b> 3-4p Kindergym 7:30p TBE – services, KJA Shabbat	<b>29</b> 9:30a HA-services, KJA Shabbat HA-Rabbi's <i>Tisch</i> (Q&A) follows kiddush
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# KNOXVILLE

## Menorah Madness A Success!



Photographer Lev Comstock shoots photos of Jacob Hale and Judah Maccabee (Mark Barkan) at the Decemeer 5 event.

Rabbi Beth Schwartz welcomes everyone to Menorah Madness. As KJA president, Stephen Rosen watches.



The crowd feasted ob falafel and trimmings, latkes, salad and jelly doughnuts.



KJA Executive Director Jeff Gubitx shares a chuckle with Judah Maccabee (aka Mark Barkan) as photographer Lev Comstock prepares to shoot their photo.



Coins filled the menorah, turning it into a giant tzedakah container. Monies raised were donated to the Knoxville Utilities Project Help fund.



Jacob and Jackson make Hanukkah placemats at the AJCC Preschool crafts table.

# H A P P E N I N G S



*Volunteer and Temple member, Laurie Fisher reads a Hanukkah story to children as part of a Knox County Libraries program at the Bearden Branch. Stories, gelt, and an art project rounded out the activities.*



*Bruce Pearl hosted the Teen Connection group (open to students in grades 5-8) for a visit to the UT Athletic facilities including the basketball locker room and practice arena..*

## Enrollment Opens for Winter's Introduction to Judaism Class

The rabbis of Temple Beth El and Heska Amuna Synagogue jointly teach "An Introduction to Jewish Life and Thought," a class for those who are interested in converting to Judaism, those who may be exploring their Judaism for the first time, and those who are seriously curious about Judaism but are not sure they want to convert. This year's class will be taught in the spring. If you are interested, contact Rabbi Schwartz (524-3521) or Rabbi Ferency (522-0701).

## J-Serve Training Session for Area Teens Scheduled

**Sunday, January 23**

**12:45-2:45 p.m.**

**Arnstein Jewish Community Center**

**OPEN TO ALL INTERESTED**

**VOLUNTEERS**

**GRADES 9-12**

Our J-Serve project this year will benefit the Full Service Schools program housed at Pond Gap Elementary School. We will volunteer there on a series of Wednesday afternoons from 4:00-6:00 p.m. from the end of January until the beginning of April.

The training session will prepare the volunteers regarding the student population at Pond Gap and the best ways to meet the needs of those students. **J-Serve**, is a national day of volunteerism and engagement held annually in conjunction with Youth Service America's Global Youth Service Day and co-sponsored locally by AZA, BBG and B'nai Tzedek.

For additional information regarding J-Serve and other opportunities for teens, please contact Deborah Oleshansky [doleshansky@jewishknoxville.org](mailto:doleshansky@jewishknoxville.org) or call (865) 690-6343.

## Mazel Tov!

**Lucas Richman**, conductor and music director of the Knoxville Symphony Orchestra, was conductor on a recording that was nominated for a 2010 Grammy in the **Best Classical Crossover Album** category. The album is *Calling All Dawns* by Christopher Tin, a song cycle in three movements.

Richman has been KSO music director since 2003.

The 53rd Grammy Award winners will be announced on February 13, 2011.



# TEMPLE BETH EL TIMES



## From the Rabbi's Study

By Rabbi Beth Schwartz

Over and over, the Torah tells us to take care of the “widow, the orphan, and the stranger.” Who are these members of society and why is their welfare up to us? In ancient cultures, and even in some communities today, women and children were (are) the property of their husbands and fathers. They had no independent status, and if there was (is) no man to provide for them, there was no place for them in the community. “Strangers” – outsiders – also had no status. The Torah took a stand on behalf of those who were excluded: if society had built-in exclusions for the weak and powerless, then each citizen was required – commanded – to look after them and give them the support and respect that society did not.

The words, “widow,” “orphan,” and “stranger,” stand for those who are left out of the system. The Torah itself doesn't clearly say the “the system” is wrong, but if every one followed the Torah's instructions, then the society would, indeed, change. In our world, there are many “haves,” and most of us would include ourselves in this group. There are small number of “have-mores,” and great many “have-less-es” and “have-nots.”

As this winter continues, and not all of us or all of our neighbors are safe, snug and warm, let's remember the words of the Torah. If we add to those teachings the spirit and values of America, I am sure we can see how well the work of *tikkun olam* suits us, and how much it is needed. We can make a difference. As we wish one another a happy and healthy 2011, let us work to bring health and happiness to the widows, orphans and strangers who are our neighbors. Our 2011 will be happier and richer for our efforts.



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## January Services

**January 7, 7:30 p.m.** – Shabbat evening services; Eli Derrington will be called to the Torah as a bar mitzvah. Eli is the son of Susan and Keith Derrington and the brother of Clark.

**January 8, 10:30 a.m.** – Shabbat morning Torah study in the TBE Library.

**January 14, 7:30 p.m.** – Shabbat evening services.

**January 21, 7:30 p.m.** – Shabbat evening services will be led by Norma James. Norma will lead us in singing the songs we already know, but even better!

**January 28, 7:30 p.m.** – KJA Shabbat services.

## Brunch & Learn Series Gets New Name, New Topic: Current Events

Beginning this month, Brunch & Learn becomes *News & Schmooze!* Our focus will be on current events of Jewish interest, here in America, in Israel, or anywhere in the world. Bring your questions (your answers?) and your brunch on Thursday, January 6, to the TBE Library at 11:00 a.m. till noon.



There still may be time to make your reservation for Temple Beth El's

**Kosher Wine Tasting Event  
with Harvey Kaufman**

**Saturday evening, January 15**

**7:00 – 10:00 p.m.**

**Cost: \$30.00 per person**

Contact Meredith Jaffe at  
[ldlady@charter.net](mailto:ldlady@charter.net) now!

## From the President

By Deborah Roberts

I miss having Shabbat dinners. That's the plain and simple truth. We didn't have matzah ball soup and chopped liver at ours, but my mother always prepared chicken, rice, and was it peas? Someone had encouraged her, emphasizing that the ritual of Sabbath blessings followed by a special meal would provide some of the essential ingredients for establishing a Jewish home. How glad I am that she did!

We always lit the candles and had wine. We didn't have challah - there were none available commercially at that time - so we used sliced bread, protected by the Challah cover my grandmother had carefully embroidered. As we became busy teenagers, Friday night was the one meal where we expected to all sit down together.

Sabbath dinners at summer camp were a delight, too. There we dressed in our special Shabbat whites, could sit with other friends besides our bunkmates, and spent an hour just singing afterwards.

I tried to carry on the family tradition of Sabbath dinners when I became a mom. I succeeded for the most part, though sometimes the menu was pizza - and the dinner was often rushed. We did always try to get to Temple for the kiddush Suppers, which were potluck, and had lots of members attending. I miss those, too, and that's why I am appealing to you.

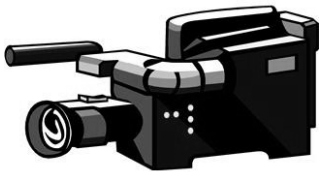
I would like for Temple Beth El to rekindle the Sabbath Dinner-before-Services format. The Pollocks helped host one for families with young children at the end of October. We've had our fabulous Chanukah-Latke dinner and even met at a Chinese restaurant on December 24. A Shabbat dinner really adds warmth to our Friday evenings at Temple Beth El. I would like to have occasional Shabbat dinners, perhaps for small groups, or with different food formats: picnic style, potluck, pickup, or even pay-your-way catering. **If you want to be included, I invite you to sign on.** There's a sign-up sheet in the lobby or you can call the Temple office and register or send an e-mail. Let us know if you have a preference for the format. We will get back to you with the details. I want Temple to be a place where you can **bring** family, where you can **be** family, and where the spirit of family permeates the joy of Shabbat.

### Save The Date

## Lights, Camera, Auction Temple Beth El's Annual Auction



**Saturday, April 2**  
**6:00 - 9:00 p.m.**



Please contact Amy  
Rosenberg at  
[Rockybergs@tds.net](mailto:Rockybergs@tds.net) if you  
are interested in volunteering  
on the Auction Committee.

Temple Beth El cordially invites all  
Prospective Members, New Members and  
Existing Members for a

## Wine & Cheese Social

**Friday, February 25**  
**6:30 p.m. in the Library**  
**Followed by 7:30 p.m. Shabbat Services**

Sponsored by Membership  
Committee

RSVP: Amy Rosenberg,  
356-6830 or  
[Rockybergs@tds.net](mailto:Rockybergs@tds.net)



## Care Committee Seeks Volunteers

The Care Committee is growing to further meet the needs of our congregation. We are seeking volunteers who can be called on to help as needed. Sometimes families could use some extra assistance due to illness, injury, a death in the family or other situations that can be very stressful.

People are needed to:

- Run simple errands or provide rides to services or Temple events
- Visit the sick and homebound
- Prepare or deliver freezer meals, or "freezer pleasers" (thank you, Stephen)
- Assemble care baskets and shiva food

Thankfully, most of these needs occur on an occasional basis, so there is not a great deal of time involved in this rewarding mitzvah.

This is an exciting time our Temple life as we continue to build community and grow as a caring and committed Kehillah Kedoshah. Thank you everyone, for making Temple Beth El indeed, a Holy congregation!

Please contact Honerlin Del Moro at [lurv Kurt@comcast.net](mailto:lurv Kurt@comcast.net) or 603-0507.

## January Religious School News

By Norma James, Education Director, [nfjames77@gmail.com](mailto:nfjames77@gmail.com)

### Happy New Year! Religious School starts Sunday, January 9.

It is hard to believe that it is already the first of the new year. We hope you enjoyed a great winter break and wonderful time with family.

### Eli Derrington starts off 2011 by becoming a Bar Mitzvah.

Eli will conduct the service and read Torah on Friday, January 7. Eli has been looking forward to this day for a long time. We hope you will join Eli and his family for this wonderful event. Mazel tov, Eli!

### Religious School will take a field trip to *Bagels and Barbeque* on Sunday, January 9.

What a perfect way to begin our second term! We invite families to join us for a barbeque lunch at the Temple at noon. (There will be a small charge for the luncheon.) We will carpool to the East Tennessee Museum of History to see the exhibit. This trip is geared to students in fifth grade and up, but anyone is welcome who might enjoy this. Parents, you know your children.

### Midweek Pizza is January 12 this month.

Due to our vacation, we are having our pizza dinner a little later this month. Don't forget to arrive at 5:45 p.m. for pizza and socializing.

### We *WILL* have Religious School on MLK Weekend, January 16.

We have special programming for this important holiday. Don't miss it.

### Norma conducts Shabbat service and teaches the music of Shabbat at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, January 21.

This is a great time to bring your children to services. We will be singing familiar melodies, and our students will be a great help. No experience necessary! I hope we have a great turn-out and a great time.

### CLC Day at Heska Amuna for Tu' Beshvat on January 23.

Heska Amuna visited us for Global Day of Jewish Learning in November. Now it is our turn to be the guests. We will attend a Tu Beshvat seder and a day of activities with our friends at Heska Amuna. School hours will be the same as usual with drop off at 9:30 a.m. and pick up at 12:30 p.m. at Heska Amuna.

### Join is for our Shabbat for Hunger on Friday, February 4.

Our congregation will have our annual 6:00 p.m. soup dinner to raise money and awareness of world hunger. Our students have been studying issues of hunger this year, and have planned a very special event. The service will be conducted by the eighth-tenth graders. Parents of the class will plan the oneg.

## January Events

**January 7:** Eli Derrington Bar Mitzvah

**January 9:** Religious School resumes

**January 9:** Field trip to "Bagels and Barbeque" at 12:30 p.m.

**January 12:** Midweek Pizza at 5:45 p.m.

**January 21:** Norma conducts Shabbat services and teaches Shabbat music 7:30 p.m.

**January 23:** CLC Day at Heska Amuna 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

**February 4:** Shabbat for Hunger (Dinner 6:00 p.m. and services 7:30 p.m.)

# TEMPLE BETH EL TIMES

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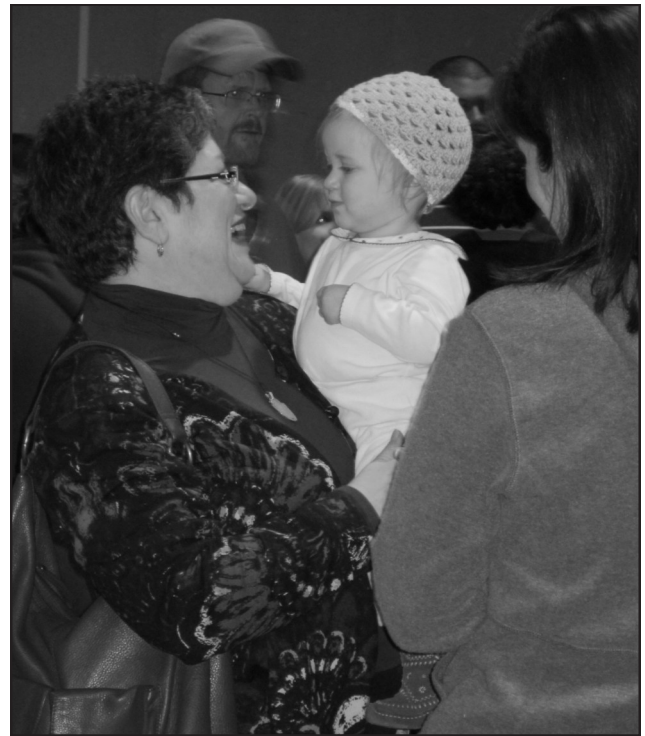
Any intelligent  
fool can make  
things bigger and  
more complex. It  
takes a touch of  
genius and a lot of  
courage to move  
in the opposite  
direction.

– Albert Einstein

## Condolences

- We are saddened to learn of the death of **Mr. Michael Billinson**, father of **Brian Billinson**, on Thursday, October 28 in Syracuse. We send our condolences to **Brian, Susan, Daniel** and **Gregory** for their loss.
- We are saddened to learn of the death of our member, **Betty Manis Friedman Nash**, on November 7. **Betty** lived in Knoxville for more than 50 years and was a long-time member of Temple, preceded in death by her husbands, **James Friedman** and **Herbert Nash**, and her son, **Paul Friedman**. Our condolences are sent to her family.
- We are saddened to learn of the death of **Mrs. Page Wallace**, mother of **Lee Hume**, on Monday, November 8. We send our condolences to **Lee** and **Dr. Sue Hume** for their loss.
- We are saddened to learn of the death of **Betsy Seligstein Coleman**, mother of **Laura Johnson**, on Wednesday, November 10, in Schenectady, New York. We send our condolences to **Laura** for her loss.
- We are saddened to hear of the death of **Jacqueline Selk**, mother of **Hayley Goldfeld**, on November 2, in Delray, Florida. We send our condolences to **Hayley, Aron, Danielle** and **Stephanie** for their loss.

May their memories be for a blessing.



*Rabbi Beth Schwartz entertains young Alice Habgood at December's Menorah Madness.*

## Donations To The Funds Of Temple Beth El

**October 21 – November 20, 2010**

### General Fund

*By:*

Alan and Karen Smith – Special Semi-Annual Congregational Gift  
Jeffrey and Nancy Becker

*In memory of:*

Charles Gubitz by Jeffrey and Charlene Gubitz  
Mildred Jacobson by Joyce Traugot  
Shirley Blumenthal by Anthony and Barbara Meyers  
Frieda L. Freedman by Harold and Shirley Freedman

*In honor of:*

Deborah Roberts' participation in Jessica Traugot's Bat Mitzvah Service  
David Fleishman (sincerest thanks) by Joyce Traugot

### Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

*In memory of:*

Tom Case by The Noon Family  
Harry L. Jaffe by Jerry and Meredith Jaffe  
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*In honor of:*

Rabbi Schwartz by Andrew and Vicky Traugot  
Rose Holz's 90<sup>th</sup> B'day by Arnold and Susan Cohen

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*By:*

Sisterhood of Temple  
Louis Gross and Marilyn Kallet

### Preservation Fund

*By:*

Harold and Ida Markman  
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*In memory of:*

Barbara Dillon by Wilma and Murray Weinstein  
Yolanda Del Moro by Hal and Amy Rosenberg  
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### Strasberger Sacred Music Fund

*In memory of:*

Jean Pfeiffer by Linda Bolt

### Marx Educational Fund

*In memory of:*

Eileen Pucci by the Parsons

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Tom Case by Hal and Amy Rosenberg  
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### Licht Youth Fund

*In memory of:*

Peter Yellen by Katherine and Kenneth Habgood

### Sisterhood Contributions

*In honor of:*

Birth of Lucy and Mark Barkan's granddaughter by Hal and Amy Rosenberg  
Ken Hirsh's birthday by Hal and Amy Rosenberg

*With Thanks:*

To Sisterhood for help with Jessica Traugot's Bat Mitzvah

### Beiler Bimah Flowers

*In Memory Of*

Arthur Miller by Ron & Melissa Feinbaum  
Janet Baker by Keith & Susan Derrington  
Louis Pollock by Howard and Janice Pollock  
Eileen Pucci by the Parsons

*In Honor Of*

6th & 7th Graders holding Services by their parents

# Knoxville Jewish Alliance

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*Building Community  
Enriching Lives*

# Ha'Kol

## President's Report

By Stephen Rosen

At a recent meeting of the Knoxville Jewish Alliance board of directors, we had a long conversation about what motivates people to take part, or not take part, in our community. One of the ideas that came forth is that we need to do a better job of educating people about what it is that KJA does. As I listened to the discussion, I was reminded of a conversation I had while meeting someone for the first time a few weeks ago. The person asked "what does KJA do besides publish *Ha'Kol*?" I started rattling off a list of 25 or so programs and probably lost the attention of my inquirer. A recent agreement of the Jewish Federations of North America, the Jewish Agency for Israel, and the Jewish American Joint Distribution Committee did a better job of answering the question than I did. What I should have said is:

*We at KJA attempt to "fulfill the collective responsibility of the Jewish People to rescue Jews in distress, care for Jews in need, enable our elderly to live in dignity, educate our children, support the State of Israel and build a vibrant Jewish community" here in East Tennessee.*

That's a powerful statement and I don't have any qualms about plagiarizing good stuff for our use. Most of what we do is easy to see: senior programs offered through Friendshippers and Jewish Family Services, a Three-Star-accredited preschool and an ACA-accredited day camp, Israel partnership programs like Camp Tikkun Olam and so many other things that fit in with this framework. We loudly bemoan the fact that we are not currently providing financial support to Jews in Israel and all over the world like we have for nearly a century. Unfortunately, the community is not providing enough funding at the moment to allow KJA to make those allocations. But what about the things we do but don't talk about?

Did you know that KJA provides social services to individuals on a case-by-case basis and privacy issues preclude us from talking about it? Since our community is so small, we don't even speak about what we do in general terms. We fear that describing the act of kindness may make it obvious as to who is the recipient. I can tell you that in dollar terms, we have given out tens of thousands of dollars of needed scholarships and fee adjustments to children and families in our camp and preschool over the last few years. I can also tell you that we have experience in being "Tzedekah brokers." One of the highest forms of tzedekah is when the donor and recipient don't know each other, there are no questions asked and no strings are attached. KJA's Jewish Family Services has facilitated this mitzvah more than once during this time of economic strife and all we do is smile silently.

I am also happy to tell you that we are known in the general community for being a source of support. I recently received a call from a non-Jewish person concerned about a Jewish acquaintance. KJA became involved immediately and provided the support we could even though the community member would not have thought to seek our help. Getting involved simply because it is the right thing to do is the true meaning of "caring for Jews in need."

So through all this I am left where I started: how do we educate people about things we don't even talk about? Maybe the self-satisfaction of being a community of *menschen* is more valuable than attracting the acclaim that the volunteers and staff at KJA deserve.



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### KJA 2010 Campaign

**As of December 16, 2010**  
**Campaign Goal \$390,000**  
**2010 Annual Campaign \$302,730**  
325 family gifts  
147 increased gifts from 2009  
58 new donor families

*It's not too late to make your gift. Please call the KJA office at 690-6343 or Gene Rosenberg at 693-3162. You can also go online at [www.jewishknoxville.org](http://www.jewishknoxville.org) and click "donate."*

## AJCC Preschool Celebrates Thanksgiving in Style

By Melissa Schweitzer, AJCC Preschool Director

The AJCC Preschool had its annual Thanksgiving Feast on November 19. Our families look forward to this all year. Each classroom prepares a song or skit with costumes to share with their families. This year, the Daled and Hey classes combined for their presentation of the "Sunshine Song". They also had all the adults on their feet to join them in a chorus of "Tooty Ta". Everyone was laughing and having a grand time. Bet and Gimel made turkey headbands with a few pilgrim hats thrown in for good measure. Our Aleph friends made grand debuts to the delight of all the moms, dads, grandmas, grandpas, aunts, uncles, and friends in the audience. Our potluck was a feast to behold with dishes from around the world from traditional to exotic. This is the event that everyone looks forward to all year. We are thankful to have such supportive families and friends here at the preschool!



Moma and Andrew  
enjoy the Feast



Gimel Girls do a Turkey Song



Everyone joined in for the "Tooty Ta"

## Tzelebrate Tzedakah

By Jeff Gubitza

Jane Stein will be our featured guest and speaker at the 2011 Pacesetters event. Hosted by Barbara and Bernie Bernstein, the event is Sunday, January 30. Pacesetters includes dinner, music, and a program by Stein. It will take place at Echo Bistro and Wine Bar, 5803 Kington Pike, beginning at 6:00 p.m.

The KJA Pacesetters event is for KJA campaign donors who make a minimum gift commitment of \$1,800 per couple. Dinner is \$75 per person. Call 690-6343 to make your reservation. An invitation will be sent shortly.

Stein will tackle the issue; *Why We Do What We Do*. Stein is a gifted speaker and motivator. She is the immediate past National Chairman UJC Campaign Training, a position that she held for three years. Stein has spoken to practically every UJA/Federation from tiny Springfield, Illinois to New York, Los Angeles and Cleveland. As a Joint Distribution Committee board member for 10 years, she co-chaired the Public Information and Education Committee and the Resource Committee.

Stein has been very involved in every aspect of her community Federation, culminating in several United Jewish Federation of Tidewater campaign awards. Her civic activities have included serving as vice president of development of the Virginia Opera, Parents Giving chairman at the Norfolk Academy, an Education Foundation of Old Dominion University trustee, and long ago, many turns at coaching soccer and T-Ball. Jane holds both a bachelor's degree and a master's degree in Business Administration.

Stein was the founder and executive director for the Child Abuse Center of Hampton Roads, an assessment center serving young victims of child sexual and physical abuse and neglect. In January 2000, the Child Abuse Center became a department of Virginia's premier children's hospital. She just completed a project as a national Director of Major Gifts for the American Cancer Society and is currently president of JPS Consulting.

Stein has traveled Eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union and lands of the Mediterranean basin so she has seen exactly how our dollars impact the lives of other Jews. The faces of the Jewish children from all over Eastern Europe and the FSU as they dance and sing Israeli songs are the images that she carries in her mind and in her heart every day, as Jane has visited JAFI summer camps in the Former Soviet Union and the Ron Lauder/JDC summer camp in Szarvas, Hungary. She also has spent a great deal of time in Israel and never ceases to wonder at the miracle that our work has helped to perpetuate.



## Mitzvah Day is Sunday February 6

The **Knoxville Family Justice Center** serves domestic violence and sexual assault victims. This comprehensive support center provides co-located services for victims and their children including prosecutors, detectives, clergy and social service professionals. Founded in 2006, the Knoxville FJC is one of 15 Presidential Family Justice Centers in the country funded through the Office on Violence Against Women

We are collecting used cell phones to donate to the Family Justice Center – we will have a plastic container in the lobby of the AJCC. If you received a new cell phone for Chanukah (or any other reason) please remember our mitzvah.



## It's Showtime at the KJA

February and March will feature films, comedy and a humorous lecture that will enthrall and entertain. Mark your calendar for these three events.

### Ben Feldman to Entertain at March Lecture

**March 7** at the AJCC. Ben is an author and essayist based in New York City, 58 years old, who grew up in Oak Ridge. He has been presenting a program in New York State recently in various venues and will do a Texas tour this coming spring 2011 entitled *From Billy Graham to the Bal Shem Tov - A Jewish Boy's Flight from the South in the Time of Sputnik*. His references reported that we "will wonder where the world has been keeping Ben: his mix of erudition, Yiddishe scrim, and native talent as a (slightly self-deprecating) ham will engage you all on many levels."

### Comedy Night at The J!

Save the date, Saturday night, **March 26** for KJA's first ever Comedy Night. Michael "Ziggy" Danziger is a professional stand-up comic from Memphis, Tennessee. He is a past "Funniest Person in Memphis" winner and the current, reigning "Funniest Jew in the Deep South." (Seriously. There was a contest.) Some of his original material was published in Alpha Books' *The Complete Idiot's Guide to Jokes*. (Again, seriously.)

Michael is known for his clean, playful, well-written material and his timing. He is a hit with club, corporate, and college audiences. A portion of the proceeds from all of Michael's shows is donated to Camp Dream Street in Utica, MS.



Michael Danziger

For more information, please visit [www.jewishknoxville.org](http://www.jewishknoxville.org) or call 690-6343.

## UT Faculty Lecture Series

The KJA Institute for Jewish Studies presents the UT Jewish Faculty Lecture Series.

### When:

**Monday, January 24**

Dr. Michael Zemel

**Monday, February 21**

Dr. Alec Mishory

"Blue and White": The Design Process of Israel's National Flag

**Thursday, March 31**

Dr. Jeffrey Becker

"Living in a Microbial World"

**Monday, May 2**

Dr. Melinda Gibbons

"Career Planning and Development for Underserved Populations"

**Time for all programs is 7:30—8:30 p.m.**

### Where:

Arnstein Jewish Community Center  
6800 Deane Hill Drive  
Knoxville, TN  
865-690-6343

*Joani Leeds chairs this popular program.*

## Campaign 2011 Supports All From Nursery School to Nursing Home

By Gene Rosenberg, Campaign Chair

As we merge into Campaign 2011, we know that to achieve success we must have greater community participation as never before. More Knoxville Jewish community members need to believe that what the Alliance does is important...from nursery school to nursing home...and beyond.

The weekend of January 28-30 is Knoxville Jewish Alliance weekend. Mitzvah Day is Sunday, February 6. I believe we're kicking off the campaign a bit earlier than in most previous years. We recognize that the current economy is having an impact on everyone; therefore everyone needs to step up and do their share.

When you make a pledge to your Knoxville Jewish Alliance, PLEASE keep in mind that you have all year to honor your commitment (I prefer the word "commitment" to "pledge"). You do not have to pay all at one time...you can pay every month, every week, or whatever is best for you. We want to make it as easy as possible for you. We do everything, including accepting major credit cards, if you prefer. We try to enable everyone to be an important part of the campaign and YOU ARE IMPORTANT. We mail a statement every month or will make any arrangements you prefer.

The Knoxville Jewish Alliance is not about asking people for money. The KJA is about people and providing services to our community. The monies we give to make those services and programs possible are the means to an end. Please make the Alliance a part of your monthly financial responsibilities.

Remember, when you need the Alliance, it's always there for you. We need you to be there for the Alliance. Your pledge will be the only request for a financial commitment you will get for the entire year.

"U" are in the middle of community!

## Summer Preview

After a great deal of work by the Summer Parent Committee, the Budget Committee, the staff, and the board, we are pleased to announce that there will NOT be any increases in camp, swim team fees, summer membership fees or preschool fall tuition fees. A complete list of fees and programs will be available soon so that you can enjoy your "Summer of Fun 2011."



## DeBolt Named MCDC Camp Director

**Brian DeBolt**, a long-time, familiar name with the Milton Collins Day Camp program returns this year as the camp director. Brian served last year as co-camp director with Sarah Price, Jessica Hill and Evan Chasan.

Brian holds a BS in Elementary education and a MA in Special Education. He is currently a teacher in Summerville, S.C. He has taught in Kentucky and coached several high school and college teams. He married Megan Kunkel this summer.

Brian looks forward to seeing familiar faces and anticipates new faces joining our summer camp family. Brian can best be described as having one mode of operation -full speed ahead. His competency and insight in day camp operations brings important strengths to our program.

DeBolt is currently reviewing past summer efforts and has begun planning for the summer. More camp senior staff will be named over the next few months.

## ON YOUR MARKS, Let's Swim

**Megan Yates** is rejoining the Smokin' Salmon as swim coach for the **Summer of Fun 2011**. Last year, she helped rebuild the team so that it earned an improved record. Joining Megan as assistant coach is **Jackson Wallace**.

Wallace is a big fan of the AJCC and reflects that "I would like to think that as a part of the lifeguard, lesson, and swim team staff, I have made an impact in all aspects of the community surrounding the pool." A competitive swimmer for many years, he 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." Jackson went on to say, "I know that I can continue that tradition."

In a recent interview, Megan reflected that "Swimming is a sport that I have been actively involved in for a majority of my life." She 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."

Working with Swim Team chair, Heather Kirby, Megan will help plan several group activities to precede the season.

Both coaches look forward to working together this summer and commented, "It is hard for us to imagine, considering the relationships we have formed with the swimmers and their families, seeking work as a coach elsewhere."

We welcome Megan and Jackson back for another fun and successful season. Swim team and summer program information will be available in late January.



## Wallace Named Pool Manager

The AJCC welcomes **Jackson Wallace** as our 2011 pool manager. Jackson has been part of the AJCC aquatic family since 2006 as a highly competitive swimmer for the Smokin' Salmon, a lifeguard and swim instructor. A West High School graduate, he is currently a UT student majoring in accounting. Jackson was an assistant swim coach last summer and served as a swim instructor for the MCDC morning instructional program for the last two years.

Jackson is pleased to be joining the summer "Summer of Fun 2011" team and is planning a very broad program of swim fun and instructional swimming for youth and adults. He also has plans to conduct a class for adult non swimmers.

Watch for more information on the AJCC's summer programs.

## Friendshippers

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

Program begins at noon. For ore information please call Laura at 690-6343 or visit [www.jewishknoxville.org](http://www.jewishknoxville.org).

## Jewish Family Services News

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

The Healthy Living Expo is coming to the Knoxville Convention Center Friday and Saturday, January 21 and 22. Seniors (age 55 and up) and their caregivers or families can get in FREE on Senior Day Friday, January 21. Please contact Laura Berry at 690-6343 or [lberry@jewishknoxville.org](mailto:lberry@jewishknoxville.org) for your tickets, which are good for seniors and their caregivers or families. Although admission will be free to those who qualify that day, a ticket is required.



*Rabbi Beth is giving a drash on the origins of Hanukkah at the JFS Hanukkah party held at Elmcroft.*

## Suzy Snoops

- **Bernie and Shirley Levenson** are proud to report that son **Bruce** has re-enlisted in the U.S. Air Force Reserves. Previously, he served as captain in the Air Force for 17 years. He works with the NSL Science Foundation in Washington, D.C. as a computer analyst. In addition, son **David** is considering joining the U.S. Air Force Reserves. He, too, was formerly a captain in the Air Force. He now works for the Internal Revenue Service. Both sons are following dad's footsteps. **Bernie** is a World War II veteran who served in the Air Force in the Pacific Theatre during WWII.
- **Brett Smuckler**, the daughter of **Alan** and **Karen Smuckler**, was featured in a *News-Sentinel* article about a children's book that she has written called *Under the Same Sky*.
- **Rabbi Beth Schwartz, Sylvia Witcoff**, and UT Hillel President **Victoria Kisluk** were interviewed by Channel 8 about Hanukkah. At the Jewish Federations of North America General Assembly in New Orleans, **Joe Gettinger**, son of **Josh Gettinger** and **Barb Levin**, was named one of eight finalists of the Philip H. and Susan Rudd Cohen Student Exemplars of Excellence award. These young people demonstrated outstanding leadership through their extraordinary contributions to Jewish life on their campuses. The eight finalists, selected from across North America, were singled out for their tireless devotion and by inspiring others to act and lead, building meaningful relationships, fostering innovation and creativity, and modeling and inspiring Jewish growth. **Joe Gettinger**, of Stanford University, is the Jewish Student Association board president and an involved Jewish community member. Modeling the value of pluralism, **Gettinger** strives to ensure that all students can practice and explore Judaism on their own terms, drawing on his personal Jewish knowledge to educate students and help them. His deep relationships with students of other backgrounds and faiths have also enabled Joe to facilitate dialogue and conversation among Jewish and Muslim students on the Middle East and campus politics, as well as identity and beliefs. Such leadership and relationship building has resulted in an Invest for Peace initiative uniting the two groups. **Gettinger** is both an exemplary leader within the Jewish community and a critical Jewish leader on the Stanford campus.

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# Global Day of Learning and Jewish Book Month



*Rabbi Beth Schwartz*



*The Tennessee Schmaltz klezmer band provided music while attendees waited for the David Kushner book signing to begin.*

*Both Rabbi's presented two educational programs during the Global Day of Learning.*



*Rabbi Alon Ferency*

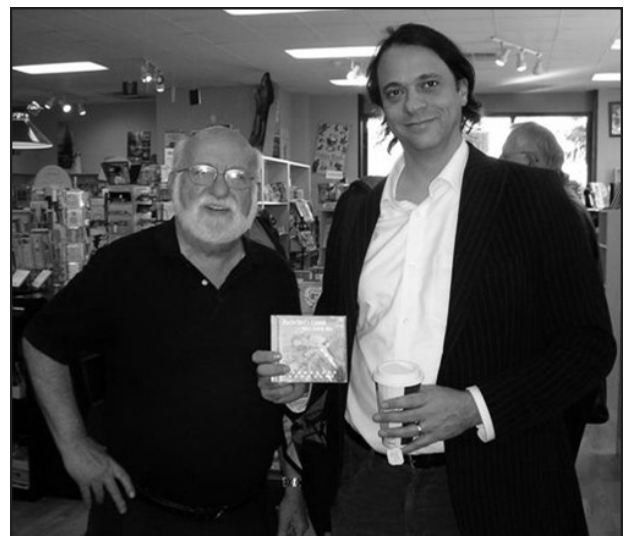


*Author David Kushner gave an interesting and well attended lecture on the origins of his book, Levittown.*

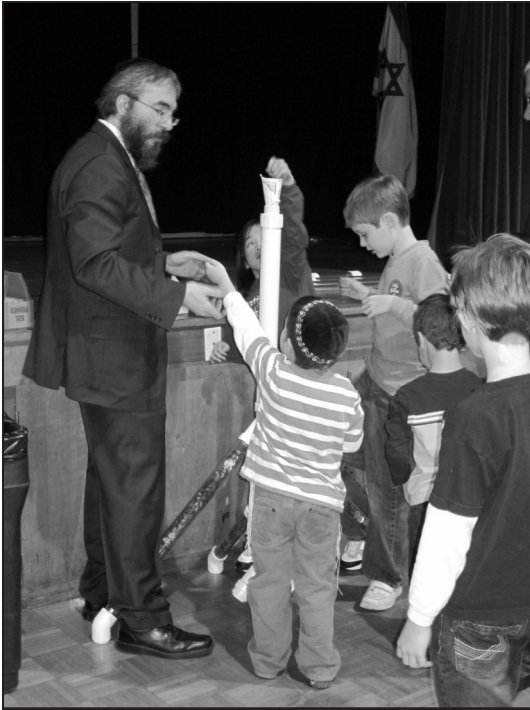


*Children discussed topics, listened to stories, and completed art projects.*

*Manny Herz, VP of Culture, and David Kushner at the Jewish Book Month book signing at Carpe Librum.*



# Menorah Madness



*Rabbi Alon Ferency and wife, Karen, enjoy celebrating Hanukkah at Menorah Madness.*



*Brian Salesky, replete in his Israeli national team hockey jersey, was guest candlelighter and cantor.*

*Rabbi Yossi Wilhelm and son Mendel help fill a menorah with donated coins. Funds raised went to KUB's Project Help.*



*Avery Juhl creates a beautiful door hanger at the Hannukah arts and craft table.*

*About 250 people enjoyed falafel, latkes, and jelly-filled doughnuts at the community event.*



*Andrew Levine watches son William spin the dreidel at the 2010 Menorah Madness event.*

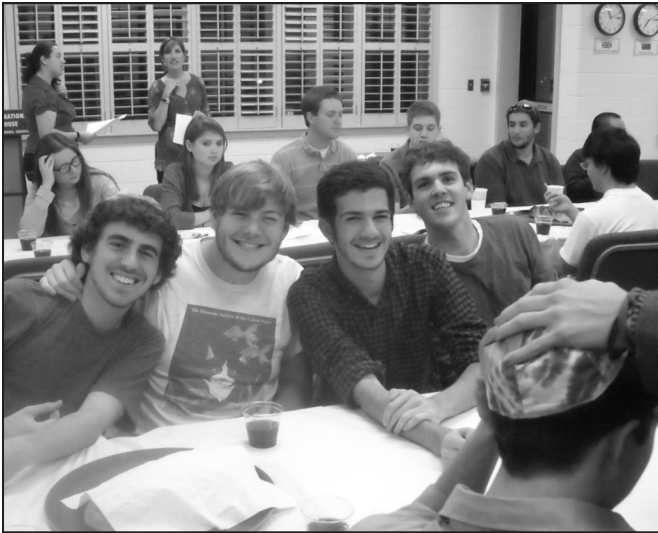
## Hillel Celebrates Shabbat, Hanukkah



*Hillel students join students from Spain, Turkey and Romania at the co-sponsored Shabbat dinner at International House on November 19.*



*Alexandra Gellis with her challah-bear creation.*



*Memphis is well represented by friends Louis Bernsen, Josh Ellis, Jessie Feld and Spencer Glaser.*



*Aly Resh, newly elected UT Hillel Treasurer, with friends at Shabbat dinner.*

**Travel to  
Israel  
with your  
friends!**



### **Camp Tikkun Olam is recruiting for Summer 2011**

We are looking for fun and friendly 9th and 10th graders who are interested in a cultural exchange to Israel in July 2011. Two weeks in ISRAEL and two weeks in East Tennessee. Interested? Contact Deborah Oleshansky at 690-6343 or [doleshansky@jewishknoxville.org](mailto:doleshansky@jewishknoxville.org).



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## Knoxville Jewish Community Family of Funds

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

### New Year's Resolutions – KJCFF Can Help

It is that time of the year again, a new year, another opportunity to start over, do better and recommit to our goals. The Knoxville Jewish Community Family of Funds can help you make 2011 the year you reach them. Here are just a few standard resolutions and some ways to make charitable giving work for you.

**Make a positive difference in someone's life.** One great way to do this is by starting a KJCFF fund. It will make it easy to support the organizations and causes you care about.

**Get Organized.** Let the KJCFF help you manage your charitable giving. By starting a donor advised fund, you can advise the KJCFF of the charities you want to support and the KJCFF will write the checks and manage your fund.

**Save Money.** Donations to KJCFF funds are tax deductible. So, you can give to charities you care about and get a nice tax savings.

**Thinking of losing weight?** That one is a little tougher for the KJCFF to help, however, we can help you lighten the load of the many people and organizations that we serve!

### Donations:

#### B'nai Tzedek Fund of Blake Parsons

Sandra Parsons  
Bernard and Lesley Rosenblatt in  
honor of his bar mitzvah

#### B'nai Tzedek Fund of Sam Seifert

Philip Seifert

#### B'nai Tzedek Fund General

Dick Jacobstein in honor of Mary  
Linda Schwarzbart

### Grants:

- The United Way of Greater Knoxville has received a generous grant from the **Bernard E. and Barbara W. Bernstein Charitable Fund** to support their annual campaign.
- **The Bernard E. and Barbara W. Bernstein Charitable Fund** made a generous donation to Heska Amuna Synagogue for their annual appeal.
- **The Sharon Brietstein Memorial Fund** made a grant to NAMI – the National Alliance on Mentally Illness to further NAMI's mission of eradicating mental illness and to improve the quality of life of all persons of all ages who are affected by mental illness.
- **Nancy and Jeff Becker Community Enrichment Fund** offered a grant to the AJCC Preschool to support its director's travel to Israel for an teacher exchange program as part of Partnership 2000.
- The KJA is a recipient of a generous grant from the **Ted and Dolly Reback Knoxville Youth Fund** to support travel for BBYO youth attending regional events.

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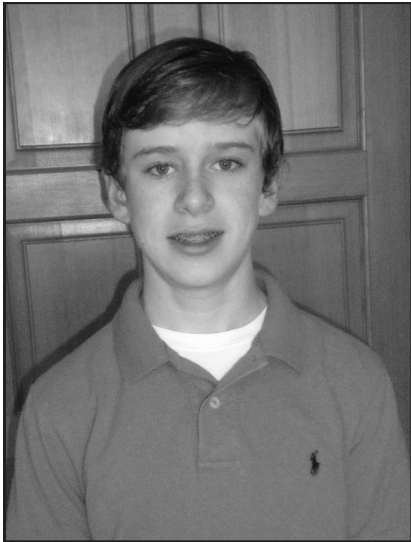
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**To learn more about KJCFF philanthropic opportunities, call 690-6343 or visit our website at [www.jewishknoxville.org/kjcff](http://www.jewishknoxville.org/kjcff)**

# MITZVAHS

## TEMPLE BETH EL



### Derrington to Celebrate Bar Mitzvah

Eli Derrington will celebrate his Bar Mitzvah on Friday, January 7, 2011 at 7:30 p.m. at Temple Beth El. He is the son of Susan and Keith Derrington and brother of Clark. Eli is a seventh grade honors student at West Valley Middle School and plays the baritone sax in the WVMS seventh grade band. He loves to play football and has played five years for Bearden. Eli also likes to watch all sports and play sports computer games. For his mitzvah project, Eli is making a new belt for the Polish Torah. For the celebration, Eli will welcome family from Virginia, California, New York and Texas. The congregation is invited to join Eli and our family for the bar mitzvah and the Oneg Shabbat.



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

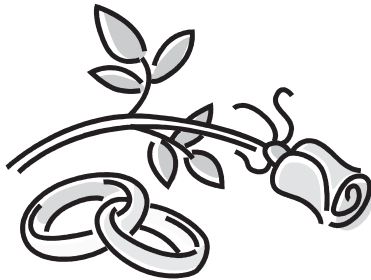
Temple Beth El, P.O. Box 10325, Knoxville, TN 37939-0325. Gift Cards can also be obtained in person from the Temple Office or any of the following individuals: Patti Austin 483-3049; Ruth Sherrill 690-5015; Evan Sturm 584-0429.

# Mazel Tov!

## Heska Amuna Synagogue

### Happy Anniversary!

Sharon and David Icove  
 Jill and Stuart Chasan  
 Peggy and Gale Hedrick  
 Marilyn and Howard Pollio  
 Heidi and Barry Allen



### Happy Birthday!

- ◆ Martin Brownstein
- ◆ Zeke Frumin ◆ Susan Cohen
- ◆ Scott Hahn ◆ Jeffrey Scott
- ◆ Marion Goodstein
- ◆ David Beerman ◆ Frank Floyd
- ◆ Deborah Oleshansky
- ◆ Markus Eisenbach
- ◆ Evelyn Oberman ◆ Jenifer Ohriner
- ◆ Gene Bocknek ◆ Lynn Fuson ◆ Susan Brown
- ◆ Jeff Abrams-Cohen ◆ Mark Blumenthal ◆ Gilya Schmidt
- ◆ Marc Forman ◆ Chris Hale ◆ Anita Kay
- ◆ Helene Messing ◆ Sharon Icove ◆ Norm Licht
- ◆ Alan Quartararo



*All members whose birthday or anniversary occurs in January are invited to receive a blessing at kiddush on Shabbat morning, January 8.*

## TEMPLE BETH EL

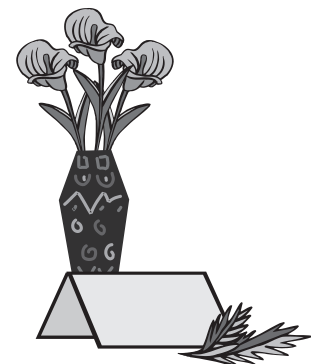
### Happy Birthday!

- ◆ Susan Cohen ◆ Peter Hance ◆ Carol O'Donnell ◆ Gabriel Oleinik
- ◆ Alan Smuckler ◆ Joan Cohn ◆ Sarah Wilons ◆ Louis Gross
- ◆ Jacob Brown ◆ Paul Lee ◆ Marcy Frankel ◆ Jerry Jaffe
- ◆ Ray Pais ◆ Laura Supman ◆ Susan Billinson ◆ Anthony Gibbons
- ◆ Sylvia Witcoff ◆ Danielle Goldfeld ◆ Bernard Levenson
- ◆ Harold Markman ◆ Shirley Sturm ◆ Ron Feinbaum ◆ Edith Hecht
- ◆ Pessa Brody ◆ Debra Caylor ◆ Alan Schwartz ◆ Shirley McGuire
- ◆ Sheila Popkin ◆ Dani Rosenberg ◆ Jon Shefner ◆ Elaine Freeman
- ◆ Lily Jeanette Hirsh ◆ Sandra Khaddouma ◆ Rachel Kline
- ◆ Becky Winston ◆ Eric Eisen ◆ Rachael Feinbaum ◆ Mark Kaufman
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- ◆ Lyubov Morkovnikova ◆ Beth Newman
- ◆ Robert Feinberg ◆ Karen Smith
- ◆ Jenna Anderson ◆ Michael Markman
- ◆ Nina Reineri ◆ Thomas Evans



### Happy Anniversary!

Alan & Karen Smuckler  
 Louis Gross & Marilyn Kallet  
 Michael & Angie Anderson  
 Robert & Ruth Feinberg  
 Larry & Barbara Winston



# JAHRZEIT

## TEMPLE BETH EL

### December 31

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

### January 7

◆ Jacob Caller ◆ Mone Hess ◆ Jean Fribourg ◆ Sam Morrison ◆ Tammie M. Brodie ◆ Robert Oury ◆ Alexander Feldblum ◆ Arthur Slome  
 ◆ Bella Zavels ◆ Minnie Aron

### January 14

◆ Mollie B. Smith ◆ Lena B. Konigsberg ◆ Edward J. Moss ◆ Robert Dean Parsons ◆ Isadore Beiler ◆ Michael Kostinsky  
 ◆ Louis Gershberg ◆ Telsie Greif ◆ Harold Stanley Harris ◆ Henrietta Feldblum ◆ Temma Nassau Schwartz ◆ Grigory Targonsky  
 ◆ Minette Jacobstein Clark ◆ Stanley Webster ◆ Mary Lippner ◆ Mary Kichler Licht ◆ Irene Schiffer

### January 21

◆ Max Zuckerman ◆ Sadie Goldberg ◆ David Farin ◆ Walter N. Blaufeld ◆ Fannie Liebman Beiler ◆ Jacob Spiro ◆ Fannie Burnett  
 ◆ Beatrice S. Steinfeld ◆ Alfred Korkin ◆ Helen Sandberg ◆ Muriel Zuckerman ◆ Caroline Schwartz ◆ Kingdom Balzer ◆ Ella Marx  
 ◆ Theodore Hecht ◆ Mary S. Bernard ◆ Frank Bernard ◆ Bill Dillon

### January 28

◆ Meyer Ostrovskiy ◆ Joseph Herman Bush ◆ Howard Teitelbaum ◆ Ethel Brown ◆ Maxine H. Arbital ◆ William Steinberg  
 ◆ Sarah Vendig Samuel ◆ Joseph Soss ◆ Irvin Shenkman ◆ Evalyn B. Weiss ◆ Basya Shusterman ◆ Robert Hyatt ◆ Boris Shusterman  
 ◆ Dennis Silver ◆ Julius Hohenemser ◆ Frank Heart ◆ Helen M. Siegel ◆ Albert G. Bessel ◆ Leo Diamond ◆ David Barnes

### February 4

◆ Carolyn S. Ziegler ◆ Gustav Dreyfuss ◆ Fannie Spiro ◆ Oscar Sisman ◆ Paul Lee ◆ Bernard Silverstein ◆ Morris Reich  
 ◆ Harry Marshall ◆ Bobby Mintz

## *Heska Amuna Synagogue*

### January 1

◆ Stephen Sugarman ◆ David Abramson ◆ Clarence Mann II ◆ Stanley Webster ◆ Jill Witten ◆ Mark Balloff ◆ Joseph Bernstein  
 ◆ Fannie Moskowitz ◆ Rachel Menachem ◆ Jack Ruchlin ◆ Rose Bart ◆ Morris Schwartz ◆ Morris Simon ◆ Bella Bresoff  
 ◆ Nathan Diftler ◆ Rafael Anidjar ◆ Ben Winick

### January 8

◆ Seymour Chasan ◆ Delia Skalet ◆ Sam Morrison ◆ Samuel Fenrow ◆ Charles O'Brien ◆ David Cohen ◆ Cecil Nichols ◆ Jack Orlick  
 ◆ Milton Shamitz ◆ Mae Stern ◆ Samuel Brown ◆ Annie Joffe ◆ Joseph Soss

### January 15

◆ Celia Berry ◆ Elizabeth Busch ◆ Caroline Schwartz ◆ Frank Winick ◆ Gladys Johnson ◆ Jack Scott ◆ Harry Tobe ◆ Lillian Klein  
 ◆ Alexander Licht ◆ Rose Shapiro ◆ Jacob Goodstein ◆ Anne Dolinka ◆ Lillian Morrison

### January 22

◆ Hilda Presser ◆ Lena Rosenfield ◆ Sarah Rubenstein ◆ Charles Silverman ◆ Harry Strauss ◆ Helen Hahn ◆ Milton Finkelstein  
 ◆ Rose Imbrey ◆ Philip Pensak ◆ Esther Rosen ◆ Vera Stallings ◆ Lela Lippner ◆ Dora Smith ◆ Fran Sturm ◆ Joseph Richer  
 ◆ John Gitman ◆ Deborah Kaplan ◆ Clarice Weinstein

### January 29

◆ Myer Sachs ◆ Max Finkelstein ◆ Louis Balloff ◆ Isadore Kleg ◆ Ethel Brown ◆ Saul Cohen ◆ Chaya Goodstein ◆ Frances Klein  
 ◆ Mollie Saroff ◆ Harry Ziskind ◆ Harold Brown ◆ Louis Joffe ◆ Joseph Billig ◆ Abraham Fay ◆ Jack Feld ◆ David Rabin



# Hadassah Highlights

## Presidents Remarks

By Bonnie Boring

I had the incredible opportunity to travel to Israel for the first time in November 2010, as I joined a small group of Hadassah women for the “Face 2 Face” Young Leaders Mission to Israel. I had dreamed of going to Israel my whole life, yet never expected to experience as much as I did in just six days. To start with, the weather was 75 degrees and sunny the entire trip, so a wonderful mood and feel of the land was set from the minute we landed.

### DAY ONE

We started our journey at Independence Hall and learned about the founding of Tel Aviv and the establishment and declaration of the Jewish State of Israel.

(Did you know that Theodor Herzl, the founding father of Zionism, was born in 1860 the same year as Henrietta Szold, coincidence? I think not!) We then dined in the extraordinary port of Jaffa, where we sampled delicious and unique native dishes. We continued onto the Atlit Detention Camp, where we learned about Holocaust survivors experiences’ immediately following their liberation from concentration camps and the journey they took to get to Palestine. The day ended with a visit to Meir Shfeya, our Hadassah Youth Aliyah Village. We had a chance to meet young refugees from Africa, who risked their lives to get to Israel, and learn how the Village is giving them a chance to go to school, and be cared for.

### DAY TWO

We started early and woke to see the beautiful port of Haifa, and were briefed by the Deputy Executive to the Mayor of Haifa, Sam Proper. We toured the Bahai Gardens, and visited the Gavrieli elementary school to meet with Ethiopians, Muslims, Jews and Christians who study and socialize in an integrated school. As we traveled through out Haifa we learned of the successful mix of Arabs and Jews in Haifa, a real model for peace, starting with pre-school. The afternoon was spent visiting the Okeztz Army base and learned about the K-9 units, whose extraordinary soldiers and dogs are responsible for saving many lives. At sunset we viewed the model of Jerusalem and saw the Book of the Shrine at the Israel Museum. Following a short walk through the Jewish Quarter, we gathered at the *Kotel* and ended our day with an amazing tour of the tunnels that run underneath the city.

### DAY THREE

Our day started at a memorial site just four miles from the Gaza Strip near Sderot, and discussed the geographic conflict and the **thousands** of Kassam rockets launched at Israel in the past few years. We got a firsthand look at the evidence of the bombs at a police station near by and had my picture taken with one that was dated 11-5-2010. (My children were quoted saying...”don’t mess with Mom and a bomb”) We checked out the amazing bomb-proof indoor playground built by the Jewish National Fund, where children can play safely indoors with out hearing the sirens indicating an incoming attack. Next we toured Masada and enjoyed a relaxing moment floating in the Dead Sea. (Yes, just a moment) We were then off to dine under the stars with the Bedouins.



Hadassah Hospital Ein Kerem

### DAY FOUR

We separated into three groups and joined our Hadassah Young Judaea Year Course teens at their community projects. One was Ghan Aliyah a pre-school for the blind, where we delivered our Build a Bear “bears” directly from the hands of our Knoxville Hadassah members into these children’s hands. For me it was one of the highlights of our trip! We then visited the “Jewel” in our crown when we arrived at Hadassah Hospital Ein Kerem and entered the mother and child pavilion and donated the rest of “our bears” for the children in the pediatric wing. We then had an authentic hard hat tour of the Sarah Wetsman Davison Tower. Following the tour we viewed the Chagall windows in the Abell Synagogue, and then heard from three exceptional young female physicians, and toured the amazing new Center for Emergency Medicine.



A group of Hadassah women in Israel



Bonnie Boring at Masada

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## Presidents Remarks

By Bonnie Boring

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### DAY FIVE

Friday: Our day started with a presentation from Rina Quint a child of the Holocaust, who shared her compelling story of survival. We then visited Yad Vashem and had a beautiful ceremony in the Valley of the Communities where we laid a wreath from our mission in honor of all those lost, and befitting for me to be under the stone that read "Odessa" in large print, where my ancestors came from! We visited Machaneh Yehudah to shop and experience the crazy pre-Shabbos atmosphere (there is nothing that tastes better than a chocolate filled challah!), and then back to the Kotel to experience the "wall" at its best and most spiritual....



### DAY SIX

Services at the Great Synagogue and a walking tour of the old city was truly a beautiful way to spend the Sabbath and enjoy Jerusalem in peace. It was a time for reflection, and ended our mission with a wonderful *Havdallah* service before heading to the airport.

The hand of Hadassah is far stretched....to see forest after forest of trees that we have planted, projects that are flourishing, leading the way in cutting edge technology, and most amazing of ALL was the "thanks" we received whenever people knew we were from Hadassah. Being a VOLUNTEER never felt so good!

## Thank You's

By Lee Miller

Dear Members,

I received the following note from Rabbi Beth and Larry Washington:

Dear Lee,

*Please give our thanks to all those who made a gift to Hadassah in memory of Larry's brother, Tom. We were very touched by everyone's thoughtfulness and the mitzvah done in Tom's name.*

*B'Shalom,*

*Rabbi Beth and Larry*

To my Hadassah Friends,

*I cannot tell you the comfort that it gave to Bob and me to receive the certificate in Bob's father's memory. Knowing that so many dear friends in our community have reached out in this way to support us during this difficult time gives us such strength.*

*We truly appreciate the gift to medical research in Joseph Martin's memory.*

*Many thanks, Carole & Bob Martin*

Robert Del Moro (Honerlin's husband) was so touched by the certificate we sent him in memory of his mom, Yolanda Del Moro, that he personally hand wrote notes to everyone on the donor list.

I thought that you would want to know how much these certificates mean to the recipients. Even when you don't hear back personally, you can be sure that you have touched the heart of the grieving family and brought them comfort in a very special way.

## HMO Luncheon A Success!

The Knoxville Hadassah's 2010 HMO luncheon was held on December 6 at The Square Room on downtown's Market Square Mall. Our topic was the new Hadassah Medical organization (HMO) project in Israel. The focus was on the building of our new hospital at Ein Kerem. In addition, we had a report on the recent joint venture between Hadassah and Susan G. Komen to bring the "Race for the cure" to Israel. As an added bonus, Bonnie Boring presented pictures from her recent Hadassah trip to Israel. Cantor Karen Gilat joined us for musical entertainment. We hope everyone had a great time. All proceeds go to the Hadassah Medical Organization and the building of our new hospital for the Ein Kerem campus. We would like to "Thank everyone" for your past and continued support of our programs, particularly our hostesses listed here. A special thanks to Laura Floyd for helping keep us organized.



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

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

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

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

Contact Cindy at [tenntrio@ymail.com](mailto:tenntrio@ymail.com)  
for membership information.

## Hadassah Layettes

Sharon Poore has been blessed with her first grandchild – a girl who weighed in at 7 pounds, 4 ounces and was 20.25 inches long. Her name is Gabriella Diane Bauman and she was born on October 13. Gabriella's parents are Michelle and Chris who live in Knoxville.

Join with Hadassah Knoxville as we build a layette in honor of Gabriella to help continue the life saving work of Hadassah hospitals and researchers. To donate, simply contact Cindy Pasi by return email to use your account or mail your donation to her at 2209 Lucado Way, Knoxville TN 37909.



*Gabriella Bauman*

## Large Certificates

*By Lee Miller, Chair*

The following certificates have either been sent by the time you read this, or are still in progress:

In Memory of:

- Alice Palmer, mother of Alexandra Rosen
- Sherry Laxer
- Steve Brody, father of Pam Branton
- Joseph Martin, father/father-in-law of Bob & Carole Martin
- Hinda Duhan
- Yolanda Del Moro, Mother/mother-in-law of Robert & Honerlin Del Moro
- Isolde Pehler, mother/mother-in-law of Kurt Pehler & Susan Contente
- David Tomlinson, brother-in-law of Mary Linda & Arnold Schwarzbart
- Lowell Dryzer, father/father-in-law of Scott & Lynn Dryzer
- Tom Case, brother/brother-in-law of Larry Washington & Rabbi Beth Schwartz
- Toby Schwartz, mother/mother-in-law of Alan & Pam Schwartz
- Betty Nash - individual certificates from 5 members

The following individual certificates have been mailed out to:

- Vera & Leon Maya from Barbara & Bernie Bernstein
- Becky Winston, get well, from Carole & Ivan Cooper
- Marion Abrams, get well, from Sondra & Buzz Brody
- Lee & Sue Hume, memorial, from Carole & Ivan Cooper
- David Tomlinson family - individual certificates from Heidi & Barry Allen & Jackie & Richard Imbrey

Many thanks to all who think of Hadassah in sending a memorial, get well, or congratulatory donation to honor a loved one. You help us to raise our funds to support our hospitals and other humanitarian projects..

## What's New?

We try our best to keep our records straight, but we really need your help in staying up-to-date. Have you moved, changed your name, or changed your e-mail address? Have you recently given someone the gift of a Hadassah membership? Please share this information with Jill Weinstein, Knoxville Hadassah Records Administrator at [jillweinstein@comcast.net](mailto:jillweinstein@comcast.net) or 917 Turnberry Drive Knoxville, TN 37923.

## Historian Seeks Photos for Scrapbook

Historian **Nora Messing** requests anyone with photos and/or paraphernalia from recent Hadassah events, such as the Board Installation, HMO Luncheon and the Build a Bear event, to forward copies to her for the scrapbook. 1333 Shady Brook Cove Lane, Knoxville, TN 37923.

# Hadassah Highlights

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Lynn Fuson	Publicity
Marilyn Abrams	Life Membership
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Emily LeBow	Web Master
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Melissa Schweitzer	Hospitality Cards
Carol Feldman	Condolence Cards
Ethel Wittenberg	Mailings
Judi Abrams	Directory Donor Pages

[www.knoxville.hadassah.org](http://www.knoxville.hadassah.org)

## A Virtual Hanukkah?

By Mimi Pais

Imagine the light of 300,000 menorahs, one for each of our members and supporters illuminating the extraordinary work of Hadassah. How do we do this you might ask? Well, I have just learned that this is a simple matter. You simply google Hanukkah 2010 and read the instructions on how to light a *virtual menorah*. Yes, Hadassah has now entered this technological world and you can toss your beautiful menorahs because you will no longer have any use for them. It is Hanukkah made easier. Just follow these instructions:

“Light the Hanukkiah from right to left by dragging the Shamash with your mouse. Each candle represents a donation of eighteen dollars. Light the whole menorah for a donation of one hundred thirty dollars. When you are ready to donate, click on the donate now link.” It doesn’t say anything about Hanukkah gifts but I would imagine to go along with this whole virtual thing, it would follow that the gifts would have to be virtual. The page also includes the prayers said over the virtual menorah. And you are also asked to share the virtual menorah.

The page says nothing about how to fit in the story of Hanukkah, the miraculous burning oil and the Maccabees but perhaps we can also have a virtual Maccabee family. See? Everything is made so much easier. No more cleaning up the wax drippings. No more putting the menorah in the window with the lit candles shining down on all those Christmas decorations. Just that virtual menorah glowing on your computer.

I wonder if our Christian neighbors will be advised on how to deal with virtual Christmas trees?

I would like to wish everyone a Happy Hanukkah. This is not a virtual greeting. It is for real.

### Hadassah Membership Dues

	Normally	2011 Price
<b>Annual</b>	<b>\$36</b>	<b>\$36</b>
<b>Lifetime</b>	<b>\$360</b>	<b>\$100</b>
<b>Associate</b>	<b>\$360</b>	<b>\$100</b>

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### Hostesses for Invitation 10

#### Keepers of the Gate (\$1000 yearly to Hadassah)

Mary Evars-Goan  
Marcia Shloush  
Jill Weinstein

#### Hostesses Extraordinaire (\$180)

Kim Rosen  
Judy Teasley

#### Hostesses (\$90)

Nancy Becker  
Barbara Bernstein

Bonnie Boring  
Judy Brietstein  
Jill Chasan

Laura Floyd  
Susan Frant  
Peggy Hedrick  
Jackie Imbrey  
Elise Jacobs  
Judy Kaufman  
Mary Beth Liebowitz

Peggy Littmann  
Barbara Meyers  
Lee Miller

Evelyn Oberman  
Natalie Robinson  
Marcie Silverstein  
Leslie Rosenblatt

## Hadassah Medical Research Leads to Detection, Test

We are all familiar with the Talmudic saying, “Whoever saves a life, it is as if he has saved an entire world.” Sometimes, when we least expect it, that quote takes on new meaning.

Almost 30 years ago, Prof. Zohar Argov, Senior Physician in the Department of Neurology, and Prof. Stella Mitrani-Rosenbaum PhD, of Hadassah’s Goldyne Savad Institute of Gene Therapy, identified the genetic defect responsible for Hereditary Inclusion Body Myopathy (HIBM). HIBM is an incurable disease that affects Jews of Persian origin – and, it turns out, many others.

Little could Hadassah professors have imagined that their discovery would have implications for people among other ethnic groups and in countries as far away as Japan.

HIBM causes progressive muscle degeneration, which eventually leads to general disability and even total paralysis of the voluntary muscles. This orphan disease is so rare that medical professionals often can’t identify it since they are not familiar with the symptoms. Between 5 and 10 percent of the Persian community is thought to carry the defective gene.

“The condition was first identified in an ethnic cluster of Persian Jews, but we now know that the disease is a world-wide condition,” Prof. Argov says. “After we discovered the defective gene, suddenly patients with the same disease were identified in other countries and other communities around the world – especially in Japan.

“This discovery is a classic example of the global benefit of Hadassah research,” said Prof. Shlomo Mor-Yosef to the more than 700 people present. “A single patient turns to Hadassah with a problem and our researchers work tirelessly to find a solution. In this case our solution helps the Iranian Jews who initially turned to us as well as Japanese patients and others around the world.”

“Today, thanks to Hadassah researchers’ discovery and the generous support of donors, we are able to prevent HIBM by a simple test,” Prof. Mor-Yosef said. “This is the power of research, the power of Hadassah.”

*“If we are Zionists...what is the good of meeting and talking and drinking tea? Let us do something real and practical—let us organize the Jewish women of America and send nurses and doctors to Palestine.” — Henrietta Szold, Feb. 24, 1912, the day Hadassah was founded, to 38 women gathered at Temple Emanuel, New York City*

***And so they did.***



# Stanford Eisenberg Knoxville Jewish Day School

## Teachers Go To "School"

On October 24<sup>th</sup> Nancy Becker, KJDS Board Chair and Miriam Esther Wilhelm, KJDS Head of School, traveled to Baltimore for the PEJE Assembly titled, *Harnessing Our Power*.

PEJE, Partners for Excellence in Jewish Education, is an organization dedicated to strengthening the Jewish day school movement. "PEJE believes that day schools are essential for fostering an engaged Jewish people for an enduring future. With over twelve years of experience and expertise leading the diverse day school field, they focus on three critical levers: professional leadership, board governance, and financial sustainability".

By bringing Jewish Day School leaders together from around the U.S. and Canada, the assembly was designed to help us find unexpected connections to enrich our work. And find those connections we did. A highlight of the assembly for us was a "Solitary Jewish Day School Breakfast," where we met other day school leaders who represented schools that were the only Jewish Day School in their areas. By speaking with colleagues, we learned that our school is on a strong path of growth and our numbers are incredible for the small community we live in.

Over the next six months, our school board will be looking to secure our financial sustainability and enhancing our position in the community. We bring to the table many fabulous ideas we accumulated over the three-day conference.

To learn more about PEJE and the phenomenal work they do, visit [www.PEJE.org](http://www.PEJE.org)



## Save the Date

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Stanford Eisenberg KJDS

# Annual Auction

March 6, 2011

At the Art Emporium

## Dad's Day Successful and Fun

Recently KJDS held our 2nd Annual Dad's Day event. Dads were treated to breakfast, got to take part in a classroom activity with their child(ren), and also participated in a very energetic kickball game. The turn-out was fantastic and while all the activities were a hit, the K/1 classroom activities definitely brought on the most



laughter. Basing the activity on a poem regarding following in a father's footsteps, teacher Amie Cottrell had both the dads and the kids paint each other's feet with bright, fun colors and make wonderful art pieces that I'm sure will be kept for years.

*Dad's Day and Special Friends Photos by Lev Gross Comstock [www.lgphoto.com](http://www.lgphoto.com)*



*As part of the variety of classes offered during our after school program, students enjoy guitar lessons from instructor Lev Comstock.*



## Special Friends Luncheon: A Truly Special Event

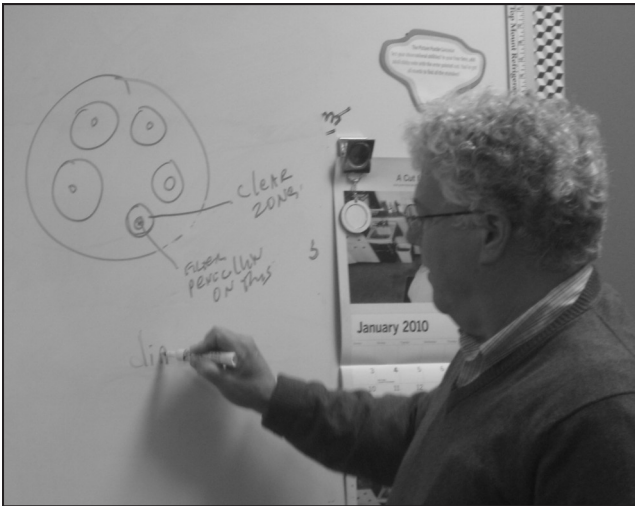
We also recently held our first Special Friends luncheon of the year. The luncheons are particularly special because we have all our Special Friends here at one time. Many of our Special Friends know each other but do not see each other often, and it was very nice to see old friends embracing while enjoying the wonderful food which was beautifully prepared by KJDS mom Jennifer Davis. It was also a great



opportunity for newer members of the Jewish community of Knoxville to meet and many phone numbers were exchanged. But, the biggest winners of the day were the KJDS students who were absolutely over-the-moon from all the grandparent-ish attention!

## Becker Visits Science Class

Dr. Jeff Becker joined the fourth and fifth grades for a wonderful lesson on how to study the effects of different doses of penicillin. We learned how to measure the halos of different samples in a dish of agar, and we practiced plotting our data on line graphs. Thanks so much for joining us, Dr. Becker!



## Students Explore the Nina and Pinta

Students recently went on some very interesting field trips. The kindergarten through third grade classes went to see actual reproductions of the famous ships, the Niña and the Pinta. As most of you remember from grade school, these are two of the ships Columbus sailed across the Atlantic on his three voyages of discovery beginning in 1492. The ships are open to the public as “floating museums” and the kids were very intrigued to learn about both the building and the sailing of the ships. Particularly interesting to the children was hearing of the living conditions aboard the ships. No beds, extremely cramped quarters, etc. I’m sure the students had a new appreciation of their comfy and warm beds later that night.



## Students Visit *Bagels and Barbeque* Exhibit to Learn About Knoxville

The fourth and fifth graders showed the Lunch Meeting how much fun it is to learn about history through a child’s eyes. Each KJDS child told a brief first-person narrative of what Jewish Knoxville was like when they were growing up. We learned about Clara Katz (Kalisa Parsons), Sara Green (Sarah Perez), Bella and Gert Glazer (Leah and Havah Anovitz), Myra Corkland (Mrs. O), Mary Linda Morrison (Taylor Kolnick), Mitchell Robinson (Jackson Davis), Kenny Baum (Joey Carson), and Philip Ohriner (Jacob Hale). It was amazing to see the differences in the lives of these children from 1914 to 1994. Following the program the class toured the *Bagels and Barbeque* exhibit. It was a great field trip.



## Thanksgiving

KJDS celebrated Thanksgiving this year with a feast for the whole school. The Kindergarten and 1<sup>st</sup> grade classes dressed as Native Americans, while the 2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> grade class dressed as pilgrims. In the spirit of the holiday, the younger grades gave presentations and sang songs regarding life at the time of the first Thanksgiving. The older grades presented their research projects on famous explorers of the Americas. And then, of course, there was a lot of eating! Delicious food and amazing deserts completed this festive send-off to the actual holiday.



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# Stanford Eisenberg Knoxville Jewish Day School

## KJDS Staff and Board

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Ms. Amie Cottrell

### K-2 Literacy Specialist

Ms. Jennifer Dancu

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Ms. Jessica Vose

### 4-5th Grade Teacher

Ms. Jenifer Ohriner

### Hebrew Teacher

Morah Rishi Wilhelm

### Music & Drama Teacher

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### The Way We Were in the 1910's



First cousins Adrian and Ted **Burnett** (born in 1905 and 1908, respectively) on the Max **Burnett** farm in Halls in the 1910's. Their fathers Max and Nathan were brothers.

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

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