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TEMPLE BETH EL TIMES



From the Rabbi's Study

By Rabbi Beth Schwartz

Everybody has an opinion about music in the service. Ever since the earliest reformers of the prayer book decided to revive musical accompaniment to the prayers, which music and on what instruments have been debated and argued. It is a fact of congregation life that there will always be differences of opinion about music.

Temple Beth El is no exception. This speaks to the power of music to elevate our experience of prayer. Some folks don't like melodies that are too bright, and some folks think some tunes sound like dirges. I may hear something quite different from what you hear, and you may not hear what I hear. Our choir has a repertoire of two to four melodies or arrangements for most of our prayers and songs. Unless it is a special occasion, I try to stay within that repertoire, so that there is both continuity and variety. Of course, the best way to learn the songs is to attend services regularly and sing them.

Some folks like to sing, and some are used to listening. Some members want to sing with the choir, some want to be in the choir, and some want to be the choir. There are some services when the choir is not with us, and we need to be able to sing on our own, because one thing we do seem to agree on is that we like having musical accompaniment as part of our worship.

I would like to invite those who have good singing voices and want to sing with the choir and learn their repertoire to sit in the front rows by them. Come and sing with the choir, and then when you sit elsewhere in the sanctuary, you can help others to learn and to be comfortable singing. The Psalmists tell us to sing unto God – new songs or old – and praise God with music. Let us follow their instruction: *Shiru L'Adonai!*



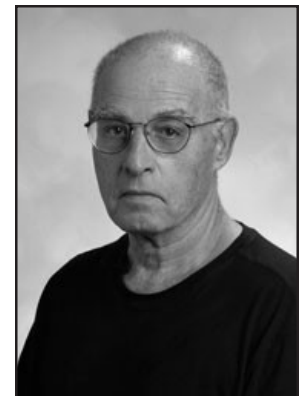
UT Schusterman Fellow, Art Historian to Speak at TBE

The Eternal spoke to Moses: 'See I have singled out by name Bezalel ben Uri ben Hur, of the tribe of Judah.

I have endowed him with a divine spirit of skill, ability, and knowledge in every kind of craft.... (Ex. 31:2-3).

In the portion known as *Ki Tissa*, God designates Bezalel to direct the work of building the *Mishkan* in the wilderness. Bezalel is the model of skill, talent, and taste. As we celebrated *Simchat Torah* this year, this year's visiting Schusterman scholar, Dr. Alec Mishory, an art historian and UT's Schusterman visiting professor, joined us, and by chance, he was holding the unrolled Torah just at these verses. Not only is Dr. Mishory an art scholar, but Bezalel is his favorite person in the Torah, and he was delighted by the coincidence. It was only natural for Rabbi Schwartz to invite him to join us when we would read that portion this winter, and he happily accepted.

Please join Rabbi Schwartz and Prof. Mishory on Friday, February 25, for this Torah reading and Dr. Mishory's scholarship.



Alec Mishory, Ph.D.

27 Sh'vat—24 Adar, 5771

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February Services

February 4: 5:45 p.m., Family Service, 6:30 p.m., Shabbat for Hunger

February 11: Shabbat in the Round with Cantor Karen Gilat; Rabbi Schwartz will be on vacation

February 18: 7:30 p.m., Shabbat services with guest Professor Alec Mishory, speaking on the artist, Bezalel ben Uri, the Torah's chief artisan of the Tabernacle in the wilderness, and on the modern Bezalel School of Arts and Crafts in Jerusalem.

February 25: 7:30 p.m., Shabbat services, with the *Union Prayer Book, Sinai Edition*, and preceded by a wine and cheese reception at 6:30 p.m.

From the President

By Deborah Roberts, President

Shabbat Shalom! As president, I have the privilege of saying this each Sabbath from the bimah. And what a privilege it is.

You may not be as aware as Rabbi and I are, but almost every week, someone entirely unknown to us arrives for services. The stranger inevitably turns out to be someone who is visiting Temple for the first time - maybe traveling through Knoxville, or perhaps fulfilling a class requirement; maybe Jewish, maybe not; maybe here to say Kaddish, or, even on occasion, to ask for help.

Whatever the reason, the appearance of non-members proves one thing: Temple Beth El is truly a welcome Jewish presence in Knoxville, Tennessee. And, Knoxville truly needs our Jewish presence - especially on Shabbat.

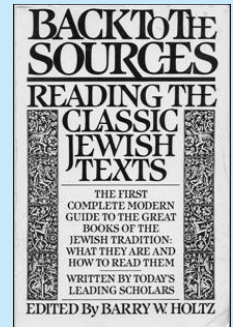
Each of these guests reminds me that we are conveyors of Judaism to our neighbors - that we are a "light unto the nations." As we open our doors, our arms, and our hearts to others, I realize anew how lucky we are to have a space and a place to nurture the best that is within us. I can count on our members to sit beside someone new, to explain our customs, to give a tour of our beautiful sanctuary. Our guests are delighted to experience our oneg - and we delight in making them feel welcome.

As they express their thanks for the opportunity to share our Sabbath joy and peace, I find myself filled with gratitude, too. I want you to know how grateful I am that our congregation actively conveys the message: "**Shabbat Shalom!**"

Adult Education Classes Begin This Month

Why do we see the world the way we do? Where do our Jewish attitudes come from? Join Rabbi Schwartz on Wednesday evenings in February to explore the literary heritage that makes us who we are, whether we realize it or not.

Our text will be *Back to the Sources*, edited by Barry Holtz. Our class will meet from 6:15 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. in the Temple Library.



Ruth Sherrill Honored

Ruth Sherrill was honored at Shabbat services on Friday, January 14, for her dedication and distinguished service to Temple Beth El. Among Ruth's many contributions to TBE are the establishing of our Care Committee; managing the Beiler Floral Fund, ensuring that flowers for the bimah were provided every week and donated to a Temple member after Shabbat; organizing our annual Mah Jongg Tournament; and being a champion of supermarket coupons and cards.

The Temple Beth El Distinguished Service Award will be named for Ruth in the future. It will be given to a member whose service to our congregation is extraordinary and long-standing. Awardees must be members for at least five years and not currently serving on the Executive Committee.

We are so grateful to Ruth for all she has done on behalf of Temple Beth El, and for her example of what it means to be a part of our *kehillah kedosha*.

Elise Levy – Founder of The Stanley and Elise Levy Enrichment Fund

By Rabbi Beth Schwartz and Dan Smith

There are two things you need to know about Elise Levy (1911-1994) from the start: Temple Beth El was her life, and she was very careful about money. During her long life, she devoted herself to her congregation. She attended services regularly; often Rabbi Howard and Rona Simon would pick her up and Leonard Licht would take her home. Her friends were here, the activities she enjoyed were here. There was always a special place in her heart for her nephews, David, of blessed memory, and Richard, and Richard's wife, Shirley McGuire. David and Richard's mother, Dorothy, was Stanley Levy's sister. Richard's family line at Temple Beth El goes back to the nineteenth century, almost to our very founding. As Richard once said, he's been a member of Temple Beth El for a long time.

Stanley died at a very young age, but to know him was to love him. Elise joined the Temple when she married Stanley, when the AJCC was part of Temple Beth El. For Elise and her friends, life revolved around the center. Her closest friends included Becky Winston, Sylvia Miller, Betty Goldberger and Muriel Zuckerman (may their memories be blessings), and Rabbi Derby's wife, Susan. It's hard for us to imagine today the level of social activity that went on at the Center, especially the dances, which often took place several times a week, and especially in the evenings as holidays and festivals ended. But Elise Levy was fully invested in it.

As TBE secretary for many years, she was an able administrator, always organized; she knew everything, kept good records, and maintained the confidentiality of members and rabbis alike.

Elise lived in a small house near Weisgarber Road and Northshore Drive; there's a big new office complex there now. Unbeknownst to everyone, she was also a careful and wise investor. Even those who knew her best were completely surprised when, after she died, the congregation learned that she left a bequest of a million dollars. The Stanley and Elise Levy Enrichment Fund provides for special and unanticipated needs of the congregation, particularly cultural enrichment. Specifically, the fund is not to be used for "normal expenses" like utilities, salaries, or building maintenance.

The Levy Fund is our largest endowment and produces the most income, which is used every year. Without it, TBE would not have a choir, High Holy Days cantor, special programs, Religious School supplements, and more.

She wanted to take care of the Temple family she knew, and the Temple family who would come after her. And so she has.

TBE's Funds Financial Committee oversees the Levy Fund and many other endowments. Members are encouraged to contribute to the funds of their choice. The long-term benefit to the Temple is obvious and so is the personal satisfaction derived from the act of giving. We do not spend the principal investments of our Funds, only a portion of the annual income, which is, of course, affected by the economy, no matter how carefully we invest. Our endowments must grow if we are to continue to benefit from them in the years ahead. It is a *mitzvah* that Elise Levy understood, and she set a strong example. To Elise Levy we owe our thanks, many times over.

Temple Beth El Religious School Events

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

Pizza Dinner for Midweek classes, 5:45 p.m., February 2: Join us for our monthly social time before classes being at 6:15.

Shabbat for Hunger has a new look! Friday, February 4 - This is an evening NOT TO BE MISSED! Our students have been studying the issue of hunger and how we as Jews can help those in need. This year we will not have bowls to sell so that more money can go directly to the hungry. Please join us for a very special Shabbat dinner complete with soups and breads of all kinds and, of course, plenty of desserts. The Sisterhood will give the details of the dinner plans. Proceeds go to Mazon and Second Harvest. After dinner, there will be a special Shabbat service with hunger as the theme.

Family Shabbat Service at 5:45 p.m. This is our first Family service of the New Year.

Dinner begins at 6:00 p.m. with a service by our 8th & 9th graders at 7:30 p.m.

Mitzvah Day, February 6: Please note that Religious School will meet at the AJCC from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. for Mitzvah Day. You will receive special fliers with all the information. We have some exciting plans for this year. **Parents are strongly encouraged to attend and either participate with your child OR participate in one of the many adult activities for that day.**

Teen Retreat for 8th-12th has been modified. Our plans for having Rabbi Alon Ferency as our guest during a Teen Retreat had to be canceled because he needs to be at home with his new baby and the new mom. We are working on an alternate plan and will send out more information on a teen event as soon as we have it.

There will be NO Religious School February 20 for Presidents' Day Weekend.

Upcoming Events:

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

February 5: Family Service at 5:45 p.m.

February 5: "Shabbat for Hunger" Dinner and Service by 8th & 9th Grade

February 6: Mitzvah Day (Religious School students and parents meet at the AJCC from 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.)

February 20: No Religious School

Celebrate Great News with the Traugot Family

Andy Traugot has just received a promotion to the rank of Senior Master Sergeant. With his new title, he will assume the responsibility of education director of Satellite Enlisted Education. He is responsible for the Air National Guard Professional distance learning. Along with this very special news, I am so happy to let you all know that Andy, Vikki, Mitchell and Jessica will be returning home to Knoxville in the spring of 2011. I guess all who know Grandma (Joyce), know that she could not be happier. We are all very excited.

Condolences

We note with sadness the death of TBE member **Gladys Caller**, step-mother of **Pessa Brody** and step-grandmother of **Bart Brody** and **Marla Brody**, on December 7.

We also send our condolences to **Robert, Beth, Joel and Benjamin Heller** on the death of **Rob's** father, **Milton Heller**, on January 14th.

May their memories be for a blessing.

Thanks! From Shelley Mangold

By the time you read this I will have returned from a week-long work trip to Haiti! Six people from Knoxville and six from Charlotte, N.C. collected supplies, raising funds and awareness to help rebuild from last year's earthquake. I plan on teaching art with a science connection at Trinity House School for boys in Jacmel.

During December, the opened suitcase in the Temple's lobby was filled several times with the requested personal care items and a few personal checks. A heartfelt thank you for your generosity and support to improve the education and daily care of these Haitian children.

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Shabbat for Hunger Friday, February 4

Join us at 6 p.m. for an evening not to be missed.

Please join us for a very special Shabbat dinner, hosted by Sisterhood. Enjoy a complete selection of soups, pastas and breads. Enjoy the dessert table after the services. Contact Joyce Traugot or Phyllis Hirsh, Sisterhood co-presidents, for details on how you can be part of this special evening. Proceeds go to Mazon and Second Harvest Food Bank.

Our students have been studying the issue of hunger and how we as Jews can help those in need. This year we will not have bowls to sell so that more money can go directly to the hungry.

There will be a special Shabbat service with hunger as the theme led by the 8th and 9th grade students.





All smiles at the Temple Beth El Annual Chanukah Dinner.



Meredith Jaffe, Stephen Eisen, and son, Eric, enjoy the annual TBE Chanukah Dinner.



Susan and Jean Millis enjoy the Chanukah dinner.



Rabbi Schwartz at the Chanukah Supper.



Chanukah Supper draws a crowd.



Sisterhood Hosts Crafts Fair

TBE Sisterhood held a Holiday Crafts Fair with creative crafts and homemade food items. Thanks to all who participated. Cashiers Mark Barkan, Lucy Barkan and Honerlin Del Moro await customers while visitors strolled through the TBE Lobby, shopping for gifts.



Donations to the Funds of Temple Beth El

November 22 – December 20, 2010

General Fund

By:

John and Deborah Roberts
Kenneth and Phyllis Hirsh
Jeff Gubitz

In memory of:

Elise Levy by Richard Licht & Shirley McGuire
Ann Lieberman by Daryle and Marsha Gross
Sheila Belensen by Daryle and Marsha Gross
Jacqueline Selk by Dr. Charles and Elaine Noon
Gladys Caller by Evelyn S. Oberman
Ricka Licht Goodfriend by Morris and Shirly Goodfriend

Endowment Fund

By:

Chuck Dickey

In memory of:

Sadie Goldberg by Dr. Harvey and Judith Kaufman

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

In memory of:

Mose Zavel by Nell Zavel
Stanley Webster by Esther Webster
Betsy Coleman by Laura Johnson
Edward Moss by Neil Moss
Max and Muriel Zuckerman by Eugene Zuckerman

Membership Dues Gift Fund

By:

Allan and Valerie Rosenbaum

Preservation Fund

By:

Janice Feinman
Keith and Susan Derrington
Philip and Linda Zaretski

In memory of:

Mark Barkan's Parents by Mark & Lucy Barkan
Anna Gassel by Michael Pardee and Elizabeth Gassel
Jacqueline Selk by Michael Pardee and Elizabeth Gassel
Bill Dillon by Murray and Wilma Weinstein
Gladys Caller by Hal & Amy Rosenberg
Jacqueline Selk by Hal & Amy Rosenberg

Goodfriend Holocaust Foundation

In memory of:

Irene Schiffer by Lawrence and Judith Schiffer

Beiler Floral Fund

In memory of:

Elise Levy by Richard Licht & Shirley McGuire
Eileen Pucci by Parsons Family

Marx Educational Fund

In memory of:

Eileen Pucci by Parsons Family
Elise R. Guthman by Ursula Marx
Robert Hyatt by Renee Hyatt & Paul Erwin
Dennis Silver by Renee Hyatt & Paul Erwin

February 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 6-9:30p fencing, gym 6p TBE-Exec Mtg	2 4:15p HA-rel school 5:30-7:30p fencing 5:45p TBE-Pizza for mid-week hebrew 6:15p TBE-midweek hebrew 6:15p TBE-adult ed 7:15p HA-adult ed 8:30p HA-adult ed	3 7a HA-minyan 11a TBE-News and Schmooze 5:30-7:30p basketball 7:30p HA-Exec Comm mtg	4 3-4p Kindergym 4:45-5:30p KJA-JFS Shabbat service at Echo Ridge 5:45p TBE-Shabbat for Hunger 6p TBE-Dinner 6:30p HA-Service for Brandon Messing Bar Mitzvah 7:30p TBE-Shabbat services led by grades 8-9	5 9:30a HA-services, Brandon Messing bar mitzvah HA-Rabbi's <i>Tisch</i> (Q&A) follows kiddush
6 KJA Mitzvah Day 9a Community meets at AJCC for volunteer efforts—adult & children 9:30a – 12:30p Both HA & TBE religious school students and parents meet at AJCC	7 7a HA-minyan 1-5p KJA Archives, BR 3-6:45p Kinderdance 3:30p AJCC Preschool staff meeting, AL	8 6-9:30p fencing, gym 6p KJDS Student-led conference 6:30p TBE board mtg	9 4:15p HA-rel school 5:30-7:30p fencing 6p KJDS board mtg 6:15p TBE-midweek hebrew 6:15p TBE-adult ed 7:15p HA-adult ed 8:30p HA-adult ed	10 7a HA-minyan 5:30-7:30p basketball 7:30p HA-Board of Trustees mtg 7:30p Israeli dancing, gym	11 3-4p Kindergym 6:30p HA-Tot Shabbat 7:30p TBE-Shabbat service, Shabbat in the Round/Cantor Enrichment	12 9:30a HA-services HA-Rabbi's <i>Tisch</i> (<i>Parshat Shavua</i>) follows kiddush
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Passover Greetings Allow You to Send Warm Wishes to Your Community

Act now to wish your family and friends a warm, caring Passover message. Your purchase supports the production of the *Ha'Kol* community newsletter, enabling us to share community news and events with you. Greetings range from \$30-65 and will be published in the April 2011 issue. The deadline is Friday, March 4. Order forms can be found at www.jewishknoxville.org, can be e-mailed by request at kja@jewishknoxville.org, or found at Heska Amuna, KJA, or Temple Beth El. Thank you for your support!

K N O X V I L L E

AZA Winick Chapter Wins Awards, Honors at Regional Convention

By Andrew Messing

Seven members of Knoxville's Rabbi Isaac Winick AZA chapter participated in BBYO's Cotton States' Winter Convention, held December 20-23 in Nashville. Jonathan Branton served as advisor and basketball coach during the event. Winick alumni Josh Koller also staffed the event.

Winick won first place for door signs and four program of the year awards (one first place and three third place). Winick teamed up with the New Orleans' Big Easy BBYO to compete in the basketball tournament and was 1-1 in bracket play.

Winick senior Justin Spiegelman was awarded best four-year member and Aaron Chasan was inducted into the newly-created Cotton States Region Handsome Men's Club as the first ever sophomore inductee member.

Weinstein BGG Elects 2011 Officers

The Gert Weinstein BGG Chapter elected the following as new officers:

N'Siah (president) Jolie Spiegelman; S'ganit (vice president) Lilly Silver Alford; Mazkirah (secretary) Rae Oleshansky; Gizborit (fundraising) Samantha Hull; Aym Ha Chaverot (recruitment) Addison Leinart and Amber Khaddouma.

Marty's Mission Update

By Joyce Traugot, Marty's Mission Chair

Once again, our community has come through in support of the "Marty's Mission" Turkey Trot drive. This drive, held every November, brings Thanksgiving dinner to families who would not be able to enjoy this wonderful holiday without our help. This past November, we collected close to \$400. We were able to supply dinner for more than 1,200 families through Second Harvest Food Bank. I would like to thank each and every one of you who was able to support this special cause.

Marty's Mission does not stop after Thanksgiving. Unfortunately, families are having difficult times all year long. So this is my appeal to start setting your extra change aside and get ready for our "Change for Change" drive that will begin in March/April. Containers will be at each organization and all we ask is that you drop some of your extra change into these containers. I realize that everyone cannot make large donations to all the organizations that request your help, but I am sure that everyone can donate some change to this special cause. (Of course, some bills will also fit into the collection containers.)

My sincerest thanks for all your support



BGG members volunteer to help backstage at the KJDS' production of the Wizard of Oz on December 14.

(Above) Lilly Silver-Alford applies make-up to Aliyah Roope.

(Left) Jolie Spiegelman makes sure Lila Singer is ready to go.

**Looking forward to seeing you on Mitzvah Day, February 6
at 9:00 a.m.—12:30 p.m.**

H A P P E N I N G S

Singer Friedman Remembered by Knoxvilleans

Jewish folk singer Debbie Friedman died January 9 from complications of pneumonia. Throughout her recording career, Friedman released 20 albums, and much of her work was incorporated into modern day synagogue and Jewish camp traditions. Friedman worked to blend folk music with traditional Hebrew styles, and she's best known for her musical version of *Mi Sheberach (the Prayer for Healing)*. In 2010, Friedman released *As You Go on Your Way: Shacharit-Morning Prayers* and worked as a teacher. Local Knoxvilleans remember her from concerts, Jewish conferences, conventions, and camp experiences.

Knoxvillians Nora Messing, Sarah Milford, Charlene Gubitz, Nancy Becker, Shush Carson and Kathy Goodfriend have fond memories of learning from and singing with Debbie Friedman at CAJE Conferences. Friedman taught **Jennifer Gubitz**, daughter of **Jeff** and **Charlene Gubitz**, at Hava Nashina and Kutz Camp. The following is a tribute Jennifer wrote upon learning of her death.

Tribute to Debbie Friedman

By Jennifer Gubitz, HUC-JIR Rabbinical Student, www.jengubitz.com

We sit side by side,
staring up at the Power Point screen,
the newest innovation in summer camp songleading.
It's a hot summer evening in Warwick, New York,
and yet she wears jeans and a long-sleeved shirt,
sweating maybe,
but looking calm and cooled by,
I can only guess,
the youthful voices around us.
A throat lozenge is,
naturally,
protruding slightly from her cheek.
You can't see it,
but the Perrier is there, too,
somewhere within reach.

My hands are pressed
tightly against the frets of my guitar.
In one hand she holds a pick;
the other hand calmly rests on her leg.
In all other photos that follow,
I play and she sits next to me.

"Want to start the next song, Debbie?"

"No, no. It's okay. You start. I'll play back up," she says warmly.

I don't think she played much that evening.
Rather most of the time,

she just sat next to me,
Singing quietly,
sensitively, and supportively.
Did I ever tell her that her music served as the
soundtrack
of my Jewish experience?
Singing Unto God on repeat at the top of our lungs,
Lechi Lach accompanying us on so many journeys,
feeling safe with the sense of angels by our side,
ensured that *Hey* always came after *Dalet* and *Gimel*,
and relieved and glad that I was not a turkey on this
Thanksgiving day,
and passionate that I was
to see visions,
and comforted with a
sense of renewing my
body and spirit
in the most difficult of
times.

And that summer,
as I found my voice,
we sat side by side,
in that sweltering summer
heat,
Debbie and me,
and all that I never told
her,
I sense that she knew.

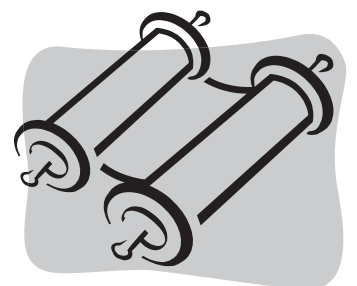


Debbie Friedman and Jennifer Gubitz at a summer camp.

Enrollment Opens for Spring'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).



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Ha'Kol

KJA Mitzvah Day Calls on Community to Help with Tikkun Olam Projects

Men, women, families, kids, teens, seniors, in fact, everyone is invited to participate in the 8th annual community-wide Mitzvah (Good Deed) Day in Knoxville. This year Mitzvah Day will be held on **Sunday, February 6** from 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., announced co-chairs Hayley Goldfeld and Michelle Cohen. This year volunteers are urged to participate in projects to support the Knoxville Family Justice Center. The goal for 2011 is Total Community Involvement.

The term *mitzvah*, from the Hebrew word for "commandment," has come to express acts of human kindness. Mitzvah Day is a wonderful opportunity for community members of all ages to participate in the holy task of *Tikkun Olam*, repairing the world. Mitzvah Day is a concerted effort, on a single day, to bring the entire community together to spend one day volunteering with social justice projects and activities. Participants can choose from a variety of projects that cater to diverse interests, capabilities, and ages. A successful Mitzvah Day strengthens our community's commitment to social action and its identity as a caring community.

Mitzvah Day is the day that our 2011 Campaign begins in the greater community. Over 20 volunteers will be calling to ask members of the community to commit to a gift to support the KJA's programs locally and abroad. More details are in this issue.

Registration begins at 9:00 a.m. with a complimentary continental breakfast. Following a communal recitation of a blessing on the day's work, volunteers will select their projects.

Volunteers are asked to bring canned and packaged grocery products for food banks. The Family Justice Center is also in need of **grocery cards, gas cards and bus tickets**. Bus tickets are used by the Family Justice Center to enable victims of domestic violence to get away from their abusers and back on their feet, often in another community. Grocery card purchases from Temple Beth El and Heska Amuna provides funds to them for special programs. You can put money in an envelope labeled Mitzvah Day and bring it to Mitzvah Day at the AJCC, Temple Beth El or Heska Amuna. We will purchase cards in \$10 increments and give them to the Family Justice Center.

To make a donation, or to register as a volunteer, please contact Wilma Weinstein at wweinstein@jewishknoxville.org.



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KJA 2010 Campaign

Year end total for 2010
Campaign Goal \$390,000
2010 Annual Campaign **\$332,131**
336 family gifts
153 increased gifts from 2009
62 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 and click "donate."

KJA Campaign 2011

By Gene Rosenberg, Campaign Chairman

By the time you read this, the campaign should be well underway. You all know the programs and activities that your campaign commitments and dollars make possible. If you haven't been called, you will not hurt any feelings by contacting Stephen Rosen, Jeff Gubitz, Ed Hunter or myself. Any one of us will be more than happy to accept your commitment/pledge.

What you may not realize is how important it is that your commitment be made as early in the year as possible; obviously, this is critical so the committees and boards can plan realistically and intelligently.

Remember, you have all year to honor your pledge. Statements are mailed monthly; major credit cards and appreciated stock are accepted. Ed Hunter is waiting to help at (865) 690-6343.

Please be generous and be early. It's a good thing. You'll be glad you did.

Looking Back and Looking Forward

By Stephen Rosen

In late December, I had the opportunity to tour *Bagels and Barbecue, the Jewish Experience in Tennessee* with Congressman John Duncan. It was a cold Monday in December and we were the only visitors at the East Tennessee History Center during the mid-afternoon. The congressman and I exchanged stories about our families and who we knew in common. His father helped my grandfather Sam immensely with some issues in front of the Interstate Commerce Commission. My family has never forgotten it. He talked about how his mother came to Knoxville in connection with TVA just as my grandfather George had done with UT. It was just a couple of Knoxvilleans looking back with pride at who we are and how we got here. The Bagels and Barbecue exhibit did that for us as a community.

We have so much to be proud of in Knoxville. If you think about it, no one ever really sent us or invited us to come here. We settled here as a community over the last 160 years on our own without the help of any Jewish or non-Jewish support. Many of us came here for employment or business opportunities. Some came for educational reasons and never left. The one thing that was evident in the history exhibit is that we thrived together. The common bond of a thirst for Jewish life runs throughout *Bagels and Barbecue*. Who we are as individuals never seemed as important as who are as a Jewish community. I am convinced that this is what makes Knoxville so attractive to people. I will give you a question that I have offered to friends over the years: can you think of a Jewish **family** that left Knoxville seeking more Jewish life? Sure, we have lost friends due to changes in employment or business opportunities. We have also lost singles and snow birds. However, other than those making aliyah, I can't think of anyone leaving because they were seeking more *hamisha* pastures.

In the coming months, you will have the opportunity to help decide what the *Bagels and Barbecue Exhibit* of 2060 looks like. Will it have the same community feel? Will it be brimming in *yiddishkeit* like the 2010 version? Will it tell a continuous story of our Jewish institutions over the next 50 years or will those organizations and values be in the archaeological section of the museum? For the last two years, our community has limped along financially like most of the non-profit world. In order for us to continue to build Jewish life in Knoxville like we have done since 1850, we need to raise more money to pay for it. In order for us to resume our responsibility of Tikkun Olam and restart allocations to Jewish causes in Israel and all over the world, we need a significant jump in our funding.

Chairman Gene Rosenberg and the volunteers for the Knoxville Jewish Alliance 2011 Annual Campaign will be calling you in the next few weeks. Be ready to participate financially in the present so that we will be able to take our place in the museum exhibits of the future.

Stephen Rosen is interested in your looks back, thoughts about the future, and pledges at stephen.rosen@morgankeegan.com.



Knoxville Jewish Alliance Mitzvah Day 2011 Religious School Parent Information

All Temple Beth El and Heska Amuna Synagogue religious school students **will meet at the AJCC at 9:30 a.m., Sunday, February 6.** Please remember that this is a community event, for adults and children. Come around 9:15 a.m. and enjoy a cup of coffee before the activities start! Children learn by what we do as adults. The more we model the value of helping others, the more real the lesson will be for our children. Thank you for all your help and support!

Please contact Wilma Weinstein at the AJCC or Michelle Cohen and Hayley Goldfeld, co-chairs, if you have any questions.

Mitzvah Day Collections and Projects

Collection sites for Knoxville's Family Justice Center are located at Temple Beth El, Heska Amuna Synagogue and the AJCC. Items may be dropped off any time through Mitzvah Day.

- Art supplies for children
- Games/activities for all age children (no board games)
- Used cell phones
- New blankets
- New stuffed animals
- Children's books
- Diapers and wipes
- Grocery, bus or gas gift cards

Mitzvah projects

- Draw string bags
- Key chains
- Beaded bracelets
- Book markers
- Coloring pages
- Delivery boxes

Adult activities

- KJA Campaign 2011
- Medic Blood Drive
- Enjoy continental breakfast
- Michael Burnett will demonstrate documenting historical Jewish families
- Bring identified photos/documents for the KJA Archives (donate or scan)
- Refurbish - Paint upstairs restrooms
- Grounds clean-up (weather permitting)
- Mitzvah Day volunteer
- Helpers are needed to replenish coffee and snacks

KJA Annual Campaign Led by 10 Lions of Judah

The Lion of Judah was established in Miami in 1972 as a symbol to recognize a new level of commitment set forth by a cadre of doers. These women knew that to shape the future they envisioned, they would have to contribute accordingly. At that time, only 16 women qualified for this level of giving (\$5,000 for a woman or \$10,000 for a couple). Today, over 13,000 women declare their commitment to the preservation and growth of the worldwide Jewish community by making such contributions to their annual campaigns. The 2010 KJA Annual Campaign was led by these Lions of Judah:

Nancy Becker
Barbara Bernstein
Wendy Goodfriend
Elise Jacobs
Mary Beth Leibowitz

Barb Levin
Natalie Robinson
Alexandra Rosen
In memory of Esther Rosen (endowed LOJ gift)
Kim Rosen



If you would like to join these leaders in building Jewish life in Knoxville and saving Jewish lives abroad, please contact Jeff Gubitz at 690-6343.

AJCC Preschool Pre- K (5) Class Teaching Kindergarten Readiness

Not many things strike fear into a parent's heart as *kindergarten*. The nurturing cocoon that is preschool will be replaced with "big kid school" and this is often terrifying. Place on top of that, the question of "is my child ready for kindergarten?" And you have a perfect storm of worry and fear. This is where the AJCC Preschool comes in to help. Our staff has the expertise to help parents make these tough decisions as well as lay the foundation for school success.

The AJCC operates two classes that prepare the future kindergartener. "Daled" is a tradition pre-k class for four year olds. The children practice writing, basic math concepts and "reading". Students participate in science, music, art and have exposure to Hebrew. Our pre-k teachers use the basis of what the children know to introduce new and exciting material that enables them to excel in school. We also have created the "Hey" class for those students who have aged out of Daled but might need a little extra time to prepare for kindergarten. This pre-k (5) class is specifically designed for the older 4 and 5 year olds. This stimulating class also uses previous knowledge to expand upon. The fundamentals (math, reading, & writing) as well as science, music, art and Hebrew are taken just a little further for these children. Homework is also assigned to get students and parents used to at-home responsibilities. This exciting new class is welcome news to many families wishing to wait for their child to enter kindergarten. Often those students with late summer or early fall birthdays need just a little extra time in order to be fully prepared for school. Spending that time in such an enriching environment produces positive results for both child and parents.

Here are a few things your kindergartener should be able to do:

- ◆ sit still while listening to a story for at least 10 minutes
- ◆ be apart from parents for several hours without getting upset
- ◆ transition easily to and from school
- ◆ take care of personal belongings and personal hygiene by oneself
- ◆ properly hold a pencil and attempt writing their name
- ◆ identify shapes, letters and numbers
- ◆ follow directions even if no one is watching
- ◆ participate in daily routines
- ◆ know name, phone number and address
- ◆ enjoy new and different experiences
- ◆ actively participate in conversations
- ◆ able to wait and take turns
- ◆ play cooperatively with other children
- ◆ deal with social conflict appropriately

Often parents are confused because their child may be strong emotionally or academically but not up to par in the other area. It is important to remember it is the whole child who will be in the classroom. If a child is emotionally or socially immature, it may be just as unfavorable as academically immature. Children must be accepted by their peers in order to create a positive school connection. These are tough choices to make and a parent can often feel overwhelmed. If you are at all concerned about your child and his or her kindergarten readiness please talk to your child's teacher. If you think AJCC Preschool might be the right fit to help your child prepare, please call us to schedule a tour. Spaces are limited.



Zumba at the AJCC

Come join us for Zumba Fitness classes
Thursdays at 9:00 a.m. in the gym

Zumba® is a Latin-inspired, dance-fitness class that incorporates Latin and International music and dance movements, which create a dynamic, exciting, and effective fitness system.

Check out the Facebook page – Zumba Knoxville.

The cost is \$5.00 for a single class taught by Sandy Z. For information or registration, contact kja@jewishknoxville.org or 690-6343.

Teacher's Exchange Worthwhile

By Jenifer Orhiner

My fourth trip to Eretz Yisrael was everything I didn't think it could be. As my fourth trip, I realized that I could focus better on the people I was meeting, instead of being awed by the land itself. Israel is and always will be the most wonderful place I have ever visited. The Kotel continues to provide a feeling of indescribable awe. Yad Vashem brings new insights every time it is visited. I feel the excitement just at the thought of bargaining and shopping at the Shuk.

But this trip, I was able to look at Israel through the eyes of my Israeli companions as if I was living there. That is what made all the difference. My hosts, Marion Moses and her family, included me in their everyday lives. We had a semi-traditional Shabbat dinner, went to an Orthodox bar mitzvah, went shopping in Hadera, drove to Haifa for a 6 year old's birthday party, then back to the bar mitzvah party that evening -- and all took place on Shabbat!

I walked around Gan Shmuel with a fourth generation member of the founding families of that Kibbutz, talking about how the kibbutz system has changed and why it no longer serves the needs of the families as well as it might. I argued daily with Israelis about the seam line and the settlers on the other side. Most importantly, I spend time with the children, learning from them and helping them to understand that there is a diaspora outside Israel. They now know that people can be Jewish even if they don't speak Hebrew!

The trip was so incredible that I've already gotten my reservations for my return in two years. Hopefully, the people I toured with from the American side of the Partnership will join me as well in our next trip!

It's Showtime at the KJA

Ben Feldman to Entertain at March 7 Lecture

Ben Feldman is an author and essayist based in New York City, who grew up in Oak Ridge. He has presented programs in New York 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.



His show is March 7, 7:30 p.m., at the AJCC.

For more information, please visit www.jewishknoxville.org or call 690-6343.

Save the Date



Monday, March 1, 2010
6:00 p.m.
AJCC Adult Lounge

We will be hosting a reception for UT President, Dr. Joe DiPietro.

Solicitors Keep the Community Going and the Tzedekah Flowing

A KJA campaign solicitor is someone who helps keep Jewish life going in Knoxville, the United States, Israel, and around the world. By facilitating the act of tzedekah, the solicitor commits a double mitzvah. Not only are they helping others, but they are making it easier for someone else to help others. KJA would like to thank the following people who have made campaign solicitations in 2010:

Jeff Becker, Justin Bell, Bernard Bendriem, Bill Berez, Barbara Bernstein, Adam Brown, Jane Cohen, Arnold Cohen, Melissa Feinbaum, Jeff Gubitz, Scott Hahn, Renee Hyatt, Dick Jacobstein, Marian Jay, Ellen Kern, Bryan Merrell, Lee Miller, Anita Miller, Rosalie Nagler, Pace Robinson, Stephen Rosen, Gene Rosenberg, Judith Rosenberg, Mary Linda Schwarzbart, Susan Silber, Larry Silverstein, Rebecca Zeitlin

If you would like to join this list, there is still an opportunity for a mitzvah in 2011. Please contact Gene Rosenberg at 693-3162 or email jgubitz@jewishknoxville.org. If we forgot to recognize you, please let Gene or Jeff know so we can correct this list in the next issue.

UT Faculty Lecture Series

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

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

Presented by Alec Mishory, Ph.D., UT Schusterman Fellow

Monday, February 21

7:30 p.m.

AJCC Adult Lounge

For information, call 690-6343 or visit www.jewishknoxville.org.

Joani Leeds chairs this popular program.



Jewish Family Services News

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

At our January meeting, the Jewish Family Services Committee voted to change our meeting time to the first Friday of every other month at 7:30 p.m. If you have been interested in joining the JFS Committee in the past, but could not attend daytime meetings, we would love for you to reconsider.

Remember, you can always volunteer with JFS without serving on the committee. We have had many new volunteers this past year and we are so grateful for everything our volunteers do.

If you are interesting in joining the committee or volunteering, please contact Laura Berry at 690-6343 ext. 18 or LBerry@jewishknoxville.org.

Next Friendshipers Meets February 23

Friendshippers is our active seniors group, but we welcome all ages to join us. We meet once a month for lunch and entertainment. The cost for lunch is \$9/person. There is no charge for the program alone.

For several years, Wilma Weinstein has run the Friendshipers program. This year, Wilma has reduced her hours at the KJA. Laura Berry, Jewish Family Services director, is now leading Friendshipers along with Mimi Pais, Friendship Steering Committee chairperson.

Wednesday, February 23, 2011: Wendel Werner and the UT Singers will entertain us! Wendel Werner has worked in many capacities. He served as the director for the Knoxville Children's Show Choir, the Athens Area Children's Choir, as well as the Knoxville Showstoppers. Werner has served as director of the UT Singers, the jazz choir at the University of Tennessee, since 2001. Please join us for a lively and entertaining program. **Program location: AJCC Gym, 6800 Deane Hill Drive.** The luncheon begins at noon. For more information, please contact Laura Berry at 690-6343 ext. 18 or LBerry@jewishknoxville.org.

Suzy Snoops

Share your good news. Did your child win an award or tournament? Got a new job? Did family celebrate a 25th or 50th anniversary or another milestone? Send news articles and photos to Suzy Snoops at hakol@jewishknoxville.org, or mail to Ha'Kol, c/o Knoxville Jewish Alliance, 6800 Deane Hill Drive, Knoxville, TN 37919.

- Congratulations to **Steven Pearl**, son of **Bruce Pearl** and **Kim Shrigley**, for graduating with a bachelor's degree in marketing from the University of Tennessee in December. **Pearl** is a 6'7" forward for the Tennessee Volunteers.
- Mazel tov to **Bryan Berube**, son of **Rich** and **Sharon Berube**, for being selected by the Tennessee Sports Writers Association as a member of the All-State Football Team for Division II-A as a defensive back. Bryan played on offense as wingback and defense as a defensive cornerback on the Webb School of Knoxville varsity team.
- Congratulations to **Neil Cohen** on the birth of granddaughter, **Paige Nancy Cohen**, daughter of **Jeremy** and **Tracey Cohen**.
- **Jennifer A. Gubitz**, daughter of **Charlene** and **Jeff Gubitz** delivered her Senior Sermon in December. **Jennifer** is a fourth year rabbinical student at the Reform Movement's Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion (HUC-JIR) in New York City. **Jennifer** will receive her Masters of Hebrew letters in May 2011 and upon completing her dissertation and some other requirements, expects to be ordained in May 2012. Brother **Ron** of New Orleans, and sister, **Leslie** of Bloomington, Indiana were there as well.
- The 2010 Greater Knoxville Business Journal "40 under 40" climbed corporate, professional and academic ladders or struck out on their own; they've pursued their passion for helping others and they've earned the respect of their peers. Congratulations to KJA/AJCC members **Andy Singer**, **Indya Kincannon**, **Jeff Stevens**, and **Amanda Busby** who were named to the *Greater Knoxville Business Journal's* 40 under 40.
- Congratulations to **Rabbi Alon** and **Karen Ferency** on the birth of their son, **Elhanan Shakade**, on January 7.



Pearl



Bryan Berube



Elhanan Shakade Ferency

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KJA New Staff Member

The KJA welcomes Melissa Treece as its Camp Tikkun Olam director. Treece, a middle school social studies teacher, brings experience and perspective to the KJA's Israeli-Knoxville teen exchange program. She is a three-year veteran of the Partnership 2000 U.S.-Israeli Educators Exchange and the mother of 2010 Camp Tikkun Olam alum Connor Reis.

Parents of Jewish 9th and 10th graders who are interested in this summer program can contact Treece via the KJA Office at 690-6343.

Camp Tikkun Olam Recruiting for Summer 2011

Travel to
Israel
with your
friends!



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 Melissa Treece or Deborah Oleshansky at 690-6343 or doleshansky@jewishknoxville.org.

March 26: Comedy Night at The J!

Saturday, **March 26** features the KJA's first ever Comedy Night with comedian Michael "Ziggy" Danziger, a professional stand-up comic from Memphis.

Danziger 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, and 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, Miss.

The show, for adults, begins at 7:30 p.m. with a cost of \$10.00 per person.



Join a Team for This Year's Alzheimer's Memory Walk

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

For the third year in a row, I am serving on the Memory Walk planning committee for the Eastern Tennessee Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association. This year, the national Alzheimer's Association changed the walk's official name to the Walk to End Alzheimer's, but locally it will be called the *2011 Alzheimer's Memory Walk*.

The 2011 Alzheimer's Memory Walk will be on **Saturday, April 2**. In 2010, the Knoxville Jewish community formed a team the first time. This year I hope to do it again with an even larger team. I walk each year in memory of my grandfather, Mickey Lipson. Will you join me in memory or in honor of a loved one?

If you are interested in joining me for the 2011 Alzheimer's Memory Walk, please e-mail me at lberry@jewishknoxville.org or call me at 690-6343, extension 18.

MCDC SUMMER SESSIONS Just Announced!

- Session 1 May 31-June 3 **Mad Science Week**
- Session 2 June 6 - June 10 **Survivor Week**
- Session 3 June 13- June 17 **Summer Splash**
- Session 4 June 20- June 24 **Camp Gone Crazy**
- Session 5 June 27- July 1 **Back to Nature**
- Session 6 July 5 - July 8 **Sports and Cooking Around the World**
- Session 7 July 11- July 15 **Wizards, Wands, Broomsticks and more**
- Session 8 July 18- July 22 **Extreme Adventure Week**
- Session 9 July 25- July 29 **The Israelis are coming! and Mystery Week**
- Session 10 August 1- August 5 **Color Wars**
- Session 11 August 8- August 12 **Camp Finale**

- ♦ Camp fees will be the same as 2010.
- ♦ Summer registration will be \$60.00
- ♦ More details to follow via e-mail and your mail box.



KJA Needs Volunteers

The KJA is a volunteer driven organization. Volunteers are important and are a vital part of the KJA and provide many services that supplement the basic, essential functions of the professional staff. All of the wonderful events hosted by the AJCC depend on many volunteers who make these events happen. Share your talents by contacting the AJCC, 690-6343.

Giving your time, skills and experience enhances the effectiveness of our programs and strengthens **your** ties to **our Knoxville Jewish** community. Whether you are looking for a year-round commitment or a one-time event, the KJA has a place for you.

We appreciate the time **Suzanne Middleman Townsend** has given to us this summer. She was a great help with the pool parties and Friday Night Live. **E.L. Gordon** has been volunteering every Monday afternoon, helping in the front office. Thank you.

Donations to KJA Funds and Programs, December 2010

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Toby Schwartz	<i>Bill and Martha Rose; Leona Spritz</i>
Menorah Madness	<i>Lev Gross-Comstock Photography</i>
Mitzvah Tree	
	<i>Shelly and Jeffrey Abrams; Jesse and Lauren Javors David or Heather Sandberg; Darrin and Katy Travillian</i>
Teen Connection Program	<i>Knoxville Comprehensive Breast Center</i>
Tzedakah Box Donation	<i>George and Ellen Kern</i>

UT Hillel Enjoys Chanukah Celebration, Latke-Making Fest



(Above) UT Hillel students gather in Bruce and Brandy Pearl's kitchen during a latke cooking break.

(Below) Zack Kramer, Adam King and Sam Thomas together at the UT Hillel Chanukah Party.

(Right) Greg Kaplan, UT Hillel faculty advisor, along with his wife Nuria Cruz and son Andrew, joined students for the Chanukah Party. Pictured: Alexandra Gellis, Bruce Pearl, Spencer Glaser, Nuria Cruz, and Greg Kaplan.





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KJCCFF Awards \$86,000 in Grants

The KJCCFF and its board is proud of assisting its fund holders in making grants to support the Knoxville Jewish community, as well as the general community and the world. The majority of KJCCFF funds made at least one grant in 2010 and many funds made multiple donations. Knoxville Jewish institutions, including the KJA and Heska Amuna Synagogue, received several grants to support their ongoing programming and special events, including renovations at the synagogue and capital improvements at the AJCC. An interesting trend in grant-making this year was several grants were awarded for leadership training that included attending out-of-area conferences, as well as awards for our teens to participate in the Tikkun Olam projects.

Fundholders continued to support The University of Tennessee Schusterman Fellow. This grant-funded position brings an Israeli scholar to the University for an academic year. Additionally, KJCCFF donor-advised funds supported the National Alliance for the Mentally Ill, the United Way, WUOT, Second Harvest Food Bank and other national and international organizations.

The most rewarding grants made this year were from our teen philanthropists who came together to choose three charities to award grants. Their grant making was in concentric circles – one to benefit the Knoxville Jewish community, one to assist a national Jewish organization assist people in crisis, and a third to an Israeli not-for-profit working for peace.

At the KJCCFF, we often reference the story of Honi---our elderly tree planter who ensures that just as there was a fruit-bearing tree for him, there will be one for those who come after him---KJCCFF fundholders plant the seeds for tomorrow's Honis even as they sow today's seeds.



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Grants

- The KJA received a grant from the **KJA Director's Fund** to support the executive director's attendance at conferences.
- **The Sam and Esther Rosen Friendshipshippers Fund** made a generous grant to support the ongoing Friendshipshippers program.
- A new pergola was installed on the AJCC grounds to be used for outside events thanks to a generous grant from the **San and Esther Rosen Community Enrichment AJCC Fund**.

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Heska Amuna Synagogue

HaShofar



The Feeling of Prayer

By Rabbi Alon Ferency

It takes a long time to learn to pray Jewishly: you have to read Hebrew, slowly decode the words, navigate the prayerbook, and master the choreography. All that effort can distract from the important question: what are we supposed to feel during Jewish prayer?

Do you expect a direct experience of God? If a guru were to tell you that you would hear God through prayer, or that your life would be forever changed in one prayer, would you believe it? To me, that sounds like an implausibly high standard. If someone promises it, watch out. (As Peter Drucker said, people use the word guru because charlatan is hard to spell.) Prayer is not revelation; at least, not always. Furthermore, if you expect to hear God every time you pray, you will quickly lose hope and become disillusioned. Yet, without an occasional spiritual epiphany, we are likely to stop trying. So, although prayer does not promise a moment of enlightenment, maybe it can make us ready for one. Regular liturgical prayer is there to help us grow spiritually.

Think of prayer as a practice, a daily run for your soul, or spiritual gym, and the prayer book is the exercise routine. Prayer stretches and strengthens our spirits beyond our limits. For example, daily prayer trains you to cry out to God in time of need, much as a marathon runner would be better prepared than a couch potato to chase a pick-pocket. You see, it would be hard to call up profound prayerfulness off the starting line. But if you pray regularly, you might be more ready to speak to God directly when real joy or trouble comes your way. You have the phone line already ready and standing by.

While you are at it, the experience can be contemplative and introspective. Regular prayer, alone or in a community, can be a special time with the words of our prophets, poets and sages, and a time to be soothed by God's presence. Like mantra meditation, regularly reciting the ritual Hebrew words, even when you don't understand them, can be relaxing, calming, and help to lower your stress levels. As you build up your spiritual receptiveness, you may find prayer to be meaningful and fulfilling in new ways, along the way. As the saintly rabbi of Apt said, by mastering oneself, one masters the world.



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Continuing Education

SHABBAT AFTERNOONS

February 1

Rabbi's Tisch (Q&A)

February 8, 15 and 22

Rabbi's Tisch (Shabbat HaShavua)

Ladies! Save the Date for Delicious Fun

Vashti's Banquet

Sunday, March 20

5 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Heska Amuna Synagogue, 3811 Kingston Pike

Tickets are \$36 each. Space is limited. Your check is your reservation. Send checks to Heska Amuna, 3811 Kingston Pike, Knoxville, TN 37919. For more information, call Lynn Fuson, (865) 540-1338.



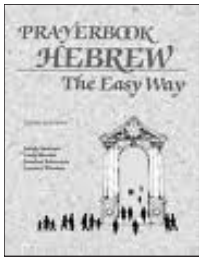
Heska Amuna Adult Ed Classes Open to All

Heska Amuna offers the following classes at no cost to students, taught by instructors who volunteer their time. To honor their service, a donation to the synagogue is suggested. Refreshments include coffee, tea, and cookies with the addition of juice and bagels on Sundays.



Sunday Mornings, January 16-May 8

Beginning Hebrew. This class teaches beginners to read the Hebrew alphabet and begin to follow the Hebrew in our prayerbook. The textbook is *Shalom Aleichem: Learn to Read the Hebrew Prayerbook* by Noah Golinkin. (Instructor Peggy Littmann, Sundays 10 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.) To register, contact plittmann@comcast.net or call 588-6661.



Intermediate Hebrew. Do you have a good command of Alef-Bet and the pronunciation of Hebrew, but possess little in the way of comprehension of the Hebrew vocabulary you recite in synagogue or at home? If you have ever wondered whether understanding the words of the prayers you recite would bring about a more meaningful experience, then this is the class for you. Our text will be *Prayer Book Hebrew, The Easy Way*, EKS Publishing Company. (Instructor David Hull/Sundays 10 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.) To register, contact hull5@comcast.net, or call 660-1872.

DIY Judaism. Ever wondered how you could bring a bit more “Jewishness” into your everyday life? Want to find a way to incorporate home-based Jewish traditions into your home? Or maybe you have some traditions and are ready to add more but not sure exactly how or what to do? Join us for some non-judgmental Jewish Home 101. The first few classes focus on Shabbat—what makes a Shabbat evening, traditional, and nontraditional Shabbat options—and culminate with a group Shabbat dinner. Each successive session focuses on aspects of a Jewish home and offers specific suggestions for enhancing Jewish family life. (Instructor Amy Hull, Sundays 11 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.) To register, contact hull5@comcast.net, or call 660-1872.



Wednesday Evenings

Symphony of Prayer. Prayer is a bridge to G-d, built by the individual and the community. In order to make Jewish prayer more accessible to beginners and to those who want to deepen their practice, this course will be more than a “how-to.” It will also be a “where to”: where does prayer take us? By focusing on the individual prayers as well as the symphonic structure of the Shabbat morning service, we hope to unlock some of the mystery of Jewish prayer together. This class will be facilitated by prayer-leaders from our congregation, including Rabbi Alon Ferency, using texts, audio, and student participation. Join us to explore the world of meaningful Jewish prayer. (7:15 p.m. - 8:15 p.m. beginning January 19 through Spring). To register, contact richadlin@gmail.com, 680-2774.

Jewish History and Arts: Ancient Jewish Coins and the History of the Second Commonwealth with Instructor Stephen Nagler. Second Temple era coins were more than simply instruments of financial transaction. They also served as the mass medium of the day, circulating widely and communicating political and cultural messages. We will examine Jewish and some related coins, with an opportunity for hands-on examination of specimens from the instructor’s personal collection or collections of other volunteers. We will discuss the historical background, the artistic motifs and their significance, and the translation and meaning behind the inscriptions, especially those in ancient Hebrew script. (6 sessions beginning January 19, 8:30 p.m.- 10:00 p.m.)

Wednesday, March 2, 7:30 p.m., one class

The Temple Menorah Returns Home. Schusterman Visiting Israel Professor Alec Mishory will speak in honor of the American Guild of Judaic Art Jewish Arts Week. The Temple Menorah, the Seven Branched Candelabrum, depicted in relief on the Arch of Titus in Rome, is a visual record from antiquity that turned into a traditional Jewish symbol for the destruction of Jerusalem in 70 C.E and for the beginning of Jewish Exile. Many legends have been written about it, all of which carry Messianic aspects; they state that when the Messiah comes, the Menorah will return to the rebuilt Temple in Jerusalem. A recurring motif in these legends tells that the Menorah brought by Titus to Rome was a copy of the original and that the whereabouts of the real Menorah is unknown.

For information, contact Mary Linda Schwarzbart, marylinda@comcast.net, 588-6111. No registration required.



Rome’s Arch of Titus and its menorah detail

Heska Amuna Religious School Happenings

Things to Remember! Upcoming School Events



- **Wednesday, February 2** – Religious School, grades 4-6
- **Sunday, February 6** – Mitzvah Day! All students meet at AJCC
- **Wednesday, February 9** – Religious School, grades 4-6
- **Sunday, February 13** – Religious School, Kindergarten – Prozdor Parent Learning Series: *Topic TBA* (10:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon)
- **Wednesday, February 16** – Religious School, grades 4-6
- **Sunday, February 20** – NO Religious School – Presidents Day
- **Wednesday, February 23** – Religious School, grades 4-6
- **Sunday, February 27** – Religious School, Kindergarten – Prozdor Gan K'tan (10:00 – 12:00)

Todah Rabah to Our Friends and Supporters

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

- ♦ **Nancy & Jeff Becker** in memory of Selma Vogel.
- ♦ **Herb & Elise Jacobs** for the color printer.
- ♦ **Ellen Clare & Scott Dreyer** for a general donation to the Religious School.

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

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Sisterhood's 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.

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 the following people who sponsored kiddushim in December – **Michael Burnett** in honor of his birthday; **Peggy and Mark Littmann** in honor of their anniversary.

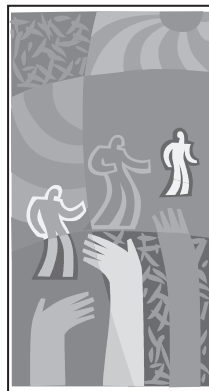


Alert Us When Loved Ones are Ill, Injured

Federal law keeps us from knowing who is in the hospital. If you or a loved one is hospitalized, please let us know so we can place you on our Misheberach list.

Among Our Members

- ◆ Condolences go to **Linda Buxbaum** and family on the death of her sister, **Karen Bell** and **Amy Cantor** on the death of her mother, **Virginia Cantor**; **Elise** and **Herb Jacobs** on the death of **Elise's** mother, **Mary Wolf**; **Scott Hahn** on the death of his mother, **Terry Hahn**. *May their memories be a blessing.*
- ◆ Get well wishes go to the following people who are ill or recuperating: **Marion Abrams, Joyce Beerman, Elaine Brown, Aaron Chasan, Bernie Iroff, Rachel Iroff, Marian Jay, Helene Messing, Rodney Peron, Asher Robinson, Mark Saroff** and **Arnold Schwarzbart**.
- ◆ Mazal tov to the following members and their families: **Shelley** and **Jeff Hecht** on son **Robby's** engagement to **Annie Klaver**; **Carol** and **Mark Harris** on the birth of granddaughter, **Ella Joy Harris**, daughter of **Kevin** and **Melissa Harris**; **Joshua Hedrick, Peggy** and **Gale Hedrick, Mary Beth** and **Michael Eisenstadt** on **Josh's** engagement to **Kimberly Cook**. **Josh** is the grandson of the late **Sylvia** and **Harold Leibowitz**. An October wedding is planned; **Neil Cohen** on the birth of granddaughter, **Paige Nancy Cohen**, daughter of **Tracey** and **Jeremy Cohen**; **Sam Balloff** on the birth of his great granddaughter, **Peyton Alexandra Smallman**, daughter of **Andy** and **Jennifer Balloff Smallman**; **Karen** and **Rabbi Alon Ferency** on the birth of their son **Elhanan Shakade**; **Jenifer** and **Evan Ohriner** on the birth of their grandson **Elior Rafael**, son of **Shoshana** and **Philip Ohriner**.
- ◆ Todah rabah to **Ethel Wittenberg** who continues to work in the synagogue office every month. We appreciate your time and the effort on behalf of the shul.



Credit Card Payments Available for Dues, Fees

Heska Amuna accepts 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.

Contributions From Caring People

For a list of synagogue funds, visit www.heskaamuna.org.. *Donations received by December 15*

BUILDING FUND

In honor of Mark Liberman

By: Marilyn and Harvey Liberman

CALENDAR DONATIONS

By: Heidi, Barry and Eddy Allen, Kim and Stephen Rosen

GENERAL FUND

In honor of Susan Contente and Kurt Piehler for the Childcare Room Renovation Fund

By: Judy and Abraham Brietstein

Earmarked for the Kitchen

By: Ellen Clare and Scott Dreyer

In memory of Lowell Dryzer

By: Jane and Burnet Mendelsohn, Beth and Michael Ross

In memory of Helaine Levin Jacobs

By: Betty Levin Anfanger and family

In memory of David Tomlinson

By: Shelley and Jeff Hecht

COHEN-PRESSER FUND

Good luck to Mary Ann and Bryan Merrell in their new home

By: Marilyn Presser

GERTRUDE GLAZER COHEN AND I.B. COHEN ENDOWMENT FUND

For Ida and Aaron Glazer's yahrzeits

By: Joani and Gary Leeds and Amy and Gene Dandy

RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

General donation to fund

By: Susan Neiman and Stuart Ferency

General donation to fund

By: Jenifer and Evan Ohriner

In memory of Toby Schwartz

By: Susan and Thomas Hahn, Jordan Schwartz and Kerri Rose

For Bernard Simon's yahrzeit

By: Susan and Harold Silber

YAHRZEIT FUND

Frances Grossman August

By: Shelley and Jeff Hecht

Maurice Lieberman

By: Marilyn and Harvey Liberman

MITZVAHS

Messing to Celebrate Simcha February 5

Brandon Messing, son of Daniel and Karen Messing and the brother of Zachary Messing, will celebrate his bar mitzvah, February 5 at Heska Amuna Synagogue. Rabbi Alon Ferency will officiate.

Brandon is a seventh grade student at West Valley Middle School. He enjoys playing basketball and golf and is a member of the West Valley varsity golf team.

Brandon’s mitzvah project is working with SADS Foundation (Sudden Arrhythmia Death Syndromes Foundation). SADS’ mission is to save the lives and support the families of children and young adults who are genetically predisposed to sudden death due to heart rhythm abnormalities so that these conditions can be treated and deaths can be prevented.

The SADS Foundation welcomes Brandon as a new Climber sponsor. He is participating in “The Climb to Conquer SADS” by creating his first giving web page (www.firstgiving.com/brandonmessing1). The *Climb to Conquer SADS* is one of the Foundation’s largest annual fundraisers, partnering skilled climbers with SADS families as they raise awareness of life-threatening arrhythmias. Twelve skilled climbers will be matched with families or individuals around the world to raise \$1,000 per climber. Climbers will bring a flag honoring the sponsoring family to the peak of Mt. Rainier. If you would like to help Brandon reach his goal of raising \$1,200 or learn more about the SADS Foundation, go to Brandon’s website.

In addition, Brandon will participate in the B’nai Tzedakah teen philanthropy program sponsored by the Knoxville Jewish Alliance (KJA). Brandon has made a contribution to begin the fund which will be matched by Heska Amuna Synagogue and the Knoxville Jewish Community Family of Funds (KJCFF). The KJCFF will invest Brandon’s monies and he will decide each year which Jewish non-profit organization will receive a grant from his fund. Brandon would be honored for friends and family to contribute to his B'nai Tzedek fund so that he can fulfill the mitzvah of tzedakah each year.

Brandon is honored to have his grandpa and grandma, George and Helene Messing, his nana, Susie Welch, and his great-grandparents, Bob and Shirley Roach, joining him. Family and friends will be on hand to help the Messing family celebrate this joyous simcha along with family from New Jersey. The Messing family invites the community to this celebration.



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 _____

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Heska Amuna Synagogue

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

Temple Beth El

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

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

Temple Beth El, 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!

Linda Buxbaum and John Graben
 Pat and Gene Rosenberg
 Vicki Myers and Ron Sebold
 Anita Kay and Joe Sitver
 Joyce and Harold Diftler
 Marion and Joe Goodstein



Happy Birthday!

◆ Leo Adams ◆ Bernie Bernstein
 ◆ Pat Rosenberg ◆ David Dobbs
 ◆ Jerry Solomon ◆ Joni Hirschhaut
 ◆ Josh Gettinger ◆ Marty Iroff
 ◆ Joani Leeds ◆ Wendy Besmann
 ◆ Amy Hull ◆ Annette Winston
 ◆ Dina Kramer ◆ Leon Hasden
 ◆ Ted Besmann ◆ David Oleshansky
 ◆ Nora Messing ◆ Gary Leeds
 ◆ Jay Witherspoon ◆ Tommy Hahn
 ◆ Carol Harris ◆ Jan Fay ◆ Andi Schwartz ◆ Rich Berube
 ◆ Terry Haywood ◆ Monte Millen ◆ Lindsay Parizman
 ◆ Marilyn Presser



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

TEMPLE BETH EL

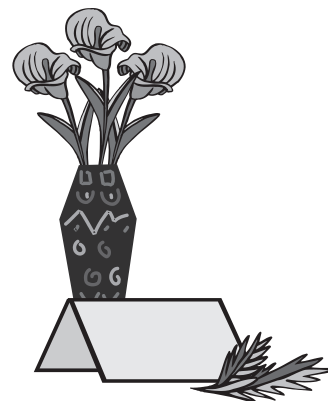
Happy Birthday!

◆ Katherine Habgood ◆ Isaac Shefner ◆ Rabbi Beth Schwartz
 ◆ Jeff Goodman ◆ Boris Budik ◆ Valerie Frankel ◆ Ursula Marx
 ◆ Abbie Smith ◆ Joyce Traugot ◆ Pam Schwartz ◆ Bella Budik
 ◆ Karen Koplan ◆ Michael Pardee ◆ Jason Sandberg ◆ Gary Sturm
 ◆ Lorie Hirsh ◆ Robyn Pavan ◆ Robert Brody ◆ Anthony Meyers
 ◆ Melissa Treece ◆ Michael Cole ◆ Laurence Concors
 ◆ Charlotte Nicholas ◆ Nancy Locklin ◆ Jason Fleischmann
 ◆ Haley Gassel ◆ Hayley Goldfeld
 ◆ Ivy Gilat ◆ Wilma Weinstein
 ◆ Robert Goodfriend ◆ Kirk Parsons
 ◆ Robert Shagan ◆ Robert Zivi



Happy Anniversary!

Buzz & Sondra Brody
 Allan & Valerie Rosenbaum
 Jeff & Teresa Goodman
 Hal & Amy Rosenberg
 Melissa & Ron Feinbaum



JAHRZEIT

TEMPLE BETH EL

February 4

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

February 11

◆ Julius Glassman ◆ Clarence Cole ◆ Phillip Herbert Robinson ◆ Rachel Schnitman ◆ Frances Sturm ◆ Abe Slovis ◆ Leonard Davis
◆ George Gudis ◆ Martin Traugot

February 18

◆ Sam Pollack ◆ Rae Korkin ◆ Anne Simon ◆ Rose Werner ◆ Rose Friedman ◆ Randall Schwartz ◆ Carolyn Weinberger ◆ Roy Mostov
◆ Simon Korkin ◆ Ben Lang ◆ Bertram H. Joseph Jr. ◆ Yetta M. Konigsberg ◆ Deborah Rabin Freeman ◆ Isadore Misner
◆ Henrietta H. Samuel ◆ Rabbi Matthew Derby

February 25

◆ Hyman Kligman ◆ Yvonne Fribourg ◆ Erma Gerson ◆ Herbert Davis ◆ Riva Golden ◆ Richard E Carter ◆ Abram Badalov
◆ Rose Greenberg ◆ Jack Balaban ◆ Annie Rebecca Striner ◆ Daniel Davis ◆ Jerome S. Gerson ◆ Benjamin Epstein
◆ Leopold Fleischmann ◆ Blanche K. Jacobs ◆ Samuel G. Herrman ◆ Gussie Kligman ◆ Jerry Spritz ◆ Isaac Gutman ◆ Edward H. Jacobs

March 4

◆ Lalla Block Arnstein ◆ Fannie Fisher Harris ◆ Catherine R Carter ◆ Johanne Gillman ◆ Edwin Deitch ◆ Penelope Blackwell
◆ Harry Ruben ◆ Betty Jane Gubitz ◆ Jacob Chotiner ◆ Herman Werner ◆ Faisel Schuck ◆ Arthur Shor ◆ Toby Slabosky ◆ Morris Bart
◆ Robert Loebel ◆ Martin Cohen ◆ David S. Striner ◆ Martin Andrew Koplan ◆ George Marshall ◆ Yulia Ioselev ◆ Murray Steinfeld
◆ Stewart Crosier ◆ Sylvia Kessler Robinson

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February 5

◆ Ida Brown ◆ Albert Fadem ◆ Clarence Mann ◆ Caryl Schweitzer ◆ Herbert Davis ◆ Samuel Green ◆ Alfred Levin ◆ Monte Abrams
◆ Barnett Mackta ◆ Isadore Presser ◆ Randy Schwartz ◆ Howard Blumenthal ◆ Esther Mann ◆ Marilyn Shorr ◆ Jeanette Ziskind
◆ Isaac Corkland ◆ Gertrude Danziger ◆ Rose Delinsky ◆ Elizabeth Farkas ◆ Rose Leeds ◆ Nathan Oleshansky ◆ Miriam Ring
◆ Abe Slovis ◆ John Walton ◆ Robert Moore ◆ Max Robinson ◆ Doris Rothbart ◆ Morris Shagan ◆ Harold Adams ◆ Florence Lieberman
◆ Harry Moskowitz ◆ Kenny Palmer

February 12

◆ Molly Botnick ◆ Gerson Corkland ◆ Helen Gries ◆ Anna Snyder ◆ Zelda Levin ◆ Celia Polasky ◆ Rita Solomon ◆ Joseph Gluck
◆ David Levine ◆ Paula Rader ◆ Ruben Robinson ◆ Sarah Abrams ◆ Nathan Samet ◆ Toby Slabosky ◆ Lillian Ellin ◆ Herman Linke
◆ Rita Nichols

February 19

◆ Aaron Wise ◆ Samuel Fayonsky ◆ Edna Hirschhaut ◆ Edwin Markoff ◆ Herman Werner ◆ Mayer Zucker ◆ John Abrams
◆ Helen Cooper ◆ Mary Ginsburg ◆ Barney Schiff ◆ Elsie Shorr ◆ Sarah Berry ◆ Rudolph Deitch ◆ Debby Freeman ◆ Pearl Goodstein
◆ Elsie Rattner ◆ Ruth Kaplan ◆ Louis Klinkowstein ◆ Ida Nius ◆ Pauline Botnick ◆ Bessie Greenbaum ◆ Esther Kisilinsky
◆ Bessie Liberman ◆ Rae Weisberg ◆ Max Burnett ◆ Albert Goodstein ◆ Betty Gubitz ◆ Morris Rattner ◆ Sam Rosenblatt
◆ Esther Strauss

February 26

◆ Leah Herz ◆ David Leibowitz ◆ Yetta Nadler ◆ Sophie Dobbs ◆ Dora Green ◆ Stephanie Routman ◆ Norma Herz ◆ Dorothy Rothman
◆ Irving Bayer ◆ Donald Brown ◆ Samuel Jacobs ◆ Paul Kanfer ◆ Joslyn Presser ◆ Rebecca Reznick ◆ Sarah Robinson ◆ Jacob Winick
◆ Monte Kaplan ◆ Caroline Schwartz ◆ Sol Winer



Hadassah Highlights

Hadassah Hosts Souper Event for a Super Deal

By Cindi Pasi

It snowed on Shabbat, and a storm was brewing for Monday but that Sunday – January 9 – was perfect timing for the Knoxville Chapter of Hadassah to welcome new and prospective members with a “Souper” event. We gathered at the home of Mary Evars-Goan to enjoy the “souper” feast she prepared for us: asparagus soup, Thai soup, her version of Jewish ratatouille, assorted dips and salads, and scrumptious desserts, including a chocolate-chocolate-chocolate cake, Italian cream cake, peach cobbler, chocolate chip cookies, and cherry white chocolate chip cookies. It was a perfect meal for the cold weather we have been having.

We broke into smaller groups to get to know one another. Each small group was then tasked with deciding what type of soup that group would be and what ingredient each person in the group would be for their soup. There was matzo ball soup without any matzo balls, there was soup that included cinnamon, and there was soup that had Romanian garlic in it. We are happy to report that the Knoxville Chapter of Hadassah has a variety of souped up people flavored by some rather unusual herbs and spices.

Bonnie Boring, Chapter president, welcomed all those who came to learn about our chapter and our work. She talked of the importance of the work that Hadassah does and how our chapter helps in carrying out that work. All who walk through the doors of the hospital in Israel are helped whether they are Arab, Christian or Jewish. Bonnie challenged those present to help with ideas to help reach our fundraising goals.

Hadassah is celebrating its 100th birthday by offering lifetime and associate memberships for \$100. This is a fantastic celebration offer since a lifetime membership is normally \$360. An annual membership is \$36 per year. As part of our “souper” celebration, a drawing was held for a lifetime membership and the winner was Charlene Gubitz, who already a lifetime member, but can gift someone a membership. Mary Evars-Goan and Jenny Pfeffer-Rodriquez each won a Hadassah umbrella as door prizes. Mary Evars-Goan was thanked for the hard work she did in hosting the chapter. As a token of our appreciation, she was given a “Taste of the Negev” gift bag, including olive oil, olive tapenade, and lemon salsa all made by Israeli farmers.

If you were not able to join us this time, we hope that you will be able to next time. You don’t know what you are missing.



Honerlin Del
Moro, Mary
Evars-Goan,
Cindy Pasi



Lidia Palcu, Jenny Pfeffer-Rodriguez, Gennifer Spenser, Charlene Gubitz, and Stefannie Rich brainstorm on the perfect soup.



New members Samantha Spenser, Lidia Palcu, and Liz Spenser at the January 9 Souper event.

President's Remarks

By Bonnie Boring

A reminder of WHY we do what we do. Thank you to all the Knoxville Hadassah Members whose tireless efforts and dedication make this all come together! A reminder of WHY we do what we do.

- **You keep cutting edge medical science moving forward through your support of Hadassah's embryonic stem cell research.** This year we saw research breakthroughs in macular degeneration, the leading age-related cause of adult legal blindness in the western world.
- **You move the world closer to a healthier environment with your support of Hadassah College Jerusalem's classroom to industry focused studies.** Hadassah is the only college in Israel to offer a B.Sc. degree in Environmental Health Sciences.
- **You connect the next generation of young people to Israel and strengthen their love of Judaism by supporting Young Judea camps and Israel programs.** Research shows that youth who participate in these programs are more likely to have Jewish homes and become leaders in their communities.
- **You change the lives of desperate children from Darfur, Ethiopia and Russia, and neglected Israeli children, through the love and hope of Hadassah's Youth Aliyah.** Your support helps lay the groundwork for the next generation of successful Israeli citizens.
- **You are building the new Sarah Wetsman Davidson Hospital Tower, a state-of-the-art inpatient care facility and a model of emergency preparedness, at Hadassah Hospital's Ein Kerem campus.** This facility will change the landscape of healthcare in Jerusalem.

Thank you to all the Knoxville Hadassah Members whose tireless efforts and dedication make this all come together!!

Hadassah Book Club News

By Peggy Littmann

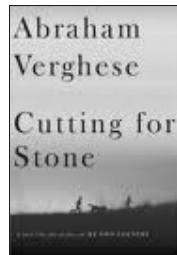
I would like to say a special thank you to Laurie Barocas. She treated us to a magnificent Sephardic feast of desserts at her beautiful home for our last meeting. We are enjoying some very nice perks from our book club participation!

Our next book will be *White Oleander* by Janet Fitch. It is a coming-of-age story about a child (Astrid) who is separated from her mother (Ingrid) and placed in a series of foster homes. The book was a selection by Oprah's Book Club in May 1999 and became a 2002 movie.

After *White Oleander*, we'll read *Cutting for Stone* by Abraham Verghese. (This is pretty long, so I suggest an early start.) All Jewish women and guests are welcome.

Our next meeting will be on February 22, 2011.

Any questions or need a ride, call Peggy Littmann at 588-6661 or e-mail plittmann@comcast.net.



Thank You's

We are so very touched by the outpouring of care and support by the many friends who contributed to the Hadassah certificate in memory of our brother-in-law David Tomlinson. My sister Anne wrote "it is always wonderful when Hadassah is given the money to continue the wonderful things that they do." And, Sarah, Anne's daughter wrote: "How nice! I also like where the money is going. It is so great that people thought so much of dad." Anne and her daughters still feel very connected to Knoxville and our community. Thank you for the work you do to help make these connections. (David Tomlinson was the husband of Anne Morrison Tomlinson, who is a Life Member of our chapter)

Mary Linda Schwarzbart

Dear Hadassah Family,

Thank you so much for the certificate in memory of Scott's father, Lowell ryzer. Knowing that so many friends in our community reached out to support us during this difficult time means a great deal.

Thanks again,
Lynn & Scott Dryzer

Bonnie,

I received a note from Hadassah about a gift made in honor of our new little boy, Gabriel David, and didn't know who to thank. So, I am thanking you as a representative of Hadassah. Please pass it on. Nancy

Large Certificates Available for Purchase

By Lee Miller, Chair

The following certificates have are in progress:

In Memory Of:

Gladys Caller, stepmother of Pessa Brody
Terry Hahn, mother of Margot (Boe) Dunn, Scott and Mark Hahn
Mary Wolf, mother of Elise (Herb) Jacobs

A certificate in memory of Dorothy Greenland was sent by Paula (Zemel) Carney.

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.

Hadassah Layettes

Mark and Carol Harris became grandparents for the eighth time on November 30. Their granddaughter, Ella Joy Harris was born in Philadelphia. She weighed in at 8 pounds and she looks exactly like her sister, Madeline, who is 2 ½ years old. Her parents are Kevin and Melissa. Mark and Carol are very proud of this newest addition to their family.



Ella Joy Harris

We share in their joy. Won't you honor Ella's birth by contributing to the layette in her honor. All donations go directly to support the work of Hadassah hospitals. Reply by e-mail to tenntrio@ymail.com and credit your account or mail your donation to her at 2209 Lucado Way, Knoxville TN 37909.

Mah Jongg Card Donations Available

Each year, the National Mah Jongg League makes a donation to charitable entities that sends orders for new cards in excess of 35 cards. Thanks to the efforts of Ruth Sherill, Hadassah Knoxville has been a happy recipient, last year receiving close to \$200. If you are interested, either individually or as a Mahj group, send your checks payable to Stefanie Rich, 718 Dogwood Valley Road, Kingston, TN 37763.

Small print cards are \$7, large print cards are \$8. Please note that checks will not be deposited until I have the entire order ready to mail. Please include your address, a phone number or e-mail address so I can remind you next year.

Any questions? Contact Stefanie Rich at (865) 376-7219 or stefanierich@bellsouth.net.



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- 12 month credit card payment is available for both donation levels.
- Donors (or those whom they wish to acknowledge) will receive a beautiful commemorative certificate.



Special Centennial Path Chapter/Unit "Naming Opportunity"! Units that reach their fundraising quota and remit an additional \$1500 or \$5000 above quota for the fundraising year 2010-2011, will be given the opportunity to have their unit name inscribed on a brick.

To make a donation or for additional information contact 866.229.2395 frservices@hadassah.org

What is Happening on Our College Campuses?

By Mimi Pais

Evergreen State College in Olympia, Washington is a college with a reputation as one of the region's most open-minded campuses, but for the past few years, some pro-Israel students are afraid to express their opinions at the school. Student Josh Levine says that some days he feels uncomfortable walking across campus with his yarmulke on. This past summer, the student body voted overwhelmingly to divest from companies with economic interests in Israel. One student commented "When my Jewish friend goes into a rest room and is confronted by SS logos and swastikas, there's something wrong."

There seems to be "something wrong" on college campuses around the country. Recently Ali Ab Unimah, co-founder of an online anti-Israel publication, was welcomed as a speaker at the University of Pittsburgh. His lecture was sponsored by a host of pro-Palestinian groups. One Jewish student stated that he was one of only two Jewish students who came to hear the speech. Pitt also presented an anti-Israel play and an incendiary photo exhibit showing acts of violence committed by Israelis. Finally some pro-Israeli students came together to create a plan of action to counteract these acts.

In March, the film *Crossing The Lines. The Intifada Comes to College Campuses* was shown at the Hilton Hotel in Philadelphia. The film highlights the problem of anti-Zionism and anti-Semitism on American college campuses. Khaled Abu Toameh, an Israeli Arab journalist, who writes for the *Jerusalem Post* was invited to speak at the event. Abu Toameh says there is more support for Hamas at American colleges than in Ramallah.

Judea Pearl, the father of slain journalist Daniel Pearl, was part of a panel at the Hadassah convention which addressed this problem and said that Jewish college students are ill equipped to address these issues.

In April 2006, the United States Commission on Civil Rights announced its findings on incidents of anti-Semitism and stated this was a "serious problem on college campuses throughout the United States." And in September of that same year, Yale University founded "The Yale Initiative For Interdisciplinary Study of Anti-Semitism. Yale is the first North American University-based center for study of the subject as part of its Institution For Social and Policy Studies.

Some that have commented on this manifestation attribute it to just a new kind of anti-Semitism. Nancy Falchuk, Hadassah president, says Hadassah is active in the fight against anti-Semitism. Others have stated that evidently the Palestinians have better PR than the Israelis. A new reality show titled "Sleepless in Gaza and Jerusalem" is on You Tube. It presents Palestinian families in a normal home setting just like the rest of us.

This whole situation on college campuses came home to me recently when my granddaughter who is a college freshman, expressed her views on the Israeli/Palestinian problem. She told me about the course she is taking with a Jewish professor and sent me a paper she wrote titled *Political Influence on the Israeli Palestine Conflict*. I was not happy with her or her paper but it started me Googling on the Internet and it was an eye opener.

Israel is not perfect. No country is. But something needs to be done to counteract or at least respond to today's college students.

Hadassah Membership Dues

	Normally	2011 Price
Annual	\$36	\$36
Lifetime	\$360	\$100
Associate	\$360	\$100

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Hallie Boring enjoys delicious desserts at the Hadassah Souper Event. She not only got sweet treats, but mom, Bonnie, gave her a Hadassah Lifetime Membership. A Lifetime membership is the perfect gift for bat mitzvahs, birthdays, new baby gifts, Mother's Day, and special occasions. Contact Cindi Pasi at tenntrio@ymail.com today and celebrate a loved one's simcha with a Hadassah Lifetime membership.

What's New?

We try our best to keep our records straight, but we 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 or 917 Turnberry Drive Knoxville, TN 37923.

Our 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 Ln., Knoxville, TN 3792 or send to ndbmess@comcast.net.



Stanford Eisenberg Knoxville Jewish Day School

Oh Chanukah, Oh Chanukah Come Light the Menorah.....

To kick off the KJDS Chanukah party, Evan Ohriner, husband of our dear Mrs. O., lit the very first candle to welcome the holiday of Chanukah! The menorah lighting was followed by students singing some of their favorite Hebrew Chanukah songs.

Let's have a party, we'll all dance the Hora...

A party it was but true to KJDS style, we had to have fun and learn at the same time. No one could put together a more educational and fun program than parent, Ortal Arel. In the spirit of the Chanukah miracles, Dr. Arel teaches us a new "scientific miracle" every year. This year's miraculous theme was static electricity. The children had a fabulous time watching a demonstration and then experimenting and learning some of the cool tricks they could perform after generating some static electricity.

Gather Around the table and let's have a treat....

Everyone immensely enjoyed the pot luck buffet prepared by all the school families. There was such a nice variety it was hard to choose.

Svivon to play with, and Latkes to eat

Play with svivon, how about making our very own 3-D dreidel that we then filled with a variety of treats. And not only were we treated to latkes but sufганиot (jelly doughnuts) all the way from New York!



The Fourth annual KJDS auction
presents

KJDS Kosher Steakhouse*

Sunday, March 6
6 p.m.

At The KJDS Ballroom

\$50 per person, \$90 per couple,
\$350 per table of 8

To reserve your seat, become a sponsor or see some
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*also known as: KJDS Vegetable Palace (for
those of the vegetarian persuasion)

Fabulous Engagement Party Was the Perfect Ending to 2010

On December 17, almost 150 parents and friends of KJDS' own Morah Rishi Wilhelm were treated to a wonderful party celebrating her recent engagement to Rabbi Yitzchok Bendet. Volunteers led by Amy Hull and Rebecca Merritt worked laboriously transforming the rather uninspiring building next door to the Knoxville Jewish Day School into a beautiful and sophisticated club-like setting, with delicious desserts prepared by Marilyn Burnett, flickering candles and beautiful table scapes. Live music played by the Dor L'dor klezmer band was the final touch to set the tone for the evening. Even those who came from New York were impressed!

Not only were the setting and desserts amazing, but what was more amazing was the outpouring of love for Rishi Wilhelm that could be felt tangibly throughout the room. Rishi is such an important part of KJDS and the Knoxville Jewish community, and it was a joy to see her realize what she means to us all. A wonderful video was prepared in her honor by Amie Cottrell of KJDS in which the parents, staff and children were interviewed. The main theme of the video was that Rishi must come back after she is married, as opposed to moving to New York. The video was both funny and moving with children's comments ranging from, "Who will teach me Hebrew?" to "Morah Rishi has to stay because her hair smells good."

The party went on well into the evening with Rishi herself very reluctant to leave. Yitzchok also enjoyed himself immensely and both he and his family (who came from Minnesota for the party) were overwhelmed by the way the Jewish community of Knoxville embraces their members. They themselves felt so enthusiastically welcomed and remarked that they had never seen a party so warm and supportive in all their years in Minnesota.

It was truly a wonderful way to end the year, a wonderful way to make our cherished Morah Rishi feel special, and a wonderful way to welcome the Bendets into our community. Thank you to all that participated and *l'chaim* to Rishi and Yitchok!



Alumni Check: Ilana Blumenthal

Even with a wonderful orientation from her sister Hila, a recent Bearden Middle School graduate, Ilana was initially nervous about starting classes there. She knew that her homeroom would have at least as many students as the entire Knoxville Jewish Day School had last year. By the end of the sixth grade orientation, she had a new friend in her homeroom. During her first few weeks of school she seemed to meet a new friend almost daily.

Ilana has joined the Science Olympiad team at her school. The team has been the Tennessee state champions for the middle school class 19 of the last 21 years. To achieve that level of accomplishment, the team members stay after school most days and attend volunteer-run extra classes geared toward the competition events of that year. Ilana hopes to make the A team which is an honor for a sixth grader. Many of her teammates think she has a good chance at achieving that.

The only honors class available to sixth graders that Ilana is not in is math. She is doing well enough in that class that she has borrowed the honors math book in order to place into honors math for next year. Reading is a passion of hers, and she hopes to get through her reading teacher's entire in-class library. Ilana is enjoying her yearlong art class, and developing a talent for drawing. Next year, she hopes to audition for the girls' ensemble.

Ilana's success in middle school is in large measure due to the independent learning skills and self-confidence she developed at KJDS. Her family is grateful for the nurturing experience she had there.

Waiting List for Fall 2011 Enrollment!

Fall Enrollment at the Knoxville Jewish Day School is quickly filling up and some grades are approaching maximum capacity. We encourage you to get your applications in as soon as possible. While having a waiting list is mark of our growing success, we still do not like turning any student away! We invite you and your family to come by and visit us at any time or please feel free to call us at 560-9922 if you have any questions.



(Above) Jackson Davis as the Lion

(Below) Frank Sturm prognosticates as Professor Marvel



(Top) Dorothy (Taylor Kolnick) meets the Tin Man (Jacob Hale);

(Above) Glenda the Good Witch (Yuval Koenig) celebrates with Munchkins Lila Singer, Maya Pasca, Stella Contente, and Sophie Bergman.

Wizard of Oz Performance Wows Overflow Audience

Congrats to **Morah Debbie Richman** and the entire student body for an outstanding performance of the *Wizard of Oz*. Morah Debbie formed our elementary students into young performers that wowed our captivated audience of approximately 200. We are so grateful to have Morah Debbie as part of our phenomenal KJDS staff. Our music and drama department is an integral part of our curriculum and we love seeing the benefits our students reap from their experiences with her.

Such a production was only feasibly with the help of many. We'd like to take the opportunity to thank the many members of our Knoxville community who volunteered their time and effort to help our students talents shine on the night of the performance.

Thank You!

- **Glenn Zahn** for setting up and donating the sound equipment
- **Donna-Lisa Valencia**, Morah Debbie's able acting coach, for her dedication to our students
- **Jennifer Davis** for an extraordinary job with the costumes, helping with choreography and all her support
- **Paulina Lacs** for preparing our sets
- **Michael Messing** for running the sound system and lighting at the performance
- **Lev Comstock** for photographing the event
- **Jeff Gubitz and the AJCC staff** for allowing us use of the facilities
- **BBYO girls** for being our make-up artists and helping backstage
- **Morah Rishi** for all her work at the AJCC.. on costumes and props
- **Jenifer Ohriner** for being our stage manager and coming to all the after school hours rehearsals!
- **HP Video** for supplying video equipment.
- **And to all the students, parents, board and staff** that make up our wonderful KJDS family. We couldn't have done it without your support and work!



(Left) Scarecrow (Leah Anovitz) sings as Dorothy listens.

(Above) Wicked Witch (Sarah Perez) cackles as she plans Dorothy's demise.

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The Way We Were in the 1990's



Friendshipper Hannukah Gathering

Laura **Supman**, pianist Susan **Brown**, Friendshipper coordinator Beth **Heller**, Mimi **Pais**, and (the late) Eleanor **Shorr** at a Friendshipper event held in the Adult Lounge during the 1990's

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