



# Ha'Kol

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

## Day Camp Still "Most Fun Under the Sun"

*MCDC begins each day with songs, cheers, and flag raising activities. Isaac Phelps enthusiastically leads cheers. LEGO Camper Truda Mann readies her creation for flight along a zipline as Elsa Becford and Michael await their turns.*



*Pool manager Jackson Wallace plays with kindergartners Thomas Theriot and Logan Franklin during free swim. Mac Whipple creates a summer journal during an art activity.*

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# Knoxville Jewish Alliance

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## The Law of Small Numbers in Our Jewish Community

By Stephen Rosen, KJA President

Over the last several months, I find myself responding to questions and comments about our Jewish community with the reply, “the law of small numbers.” I have full confidence that my use of this “law” wouldn’t jive with any mathematician’s or statistician’s definition. It seems that the term warns that you can’t extrapolate the results from a small sample like you can a large sample in a survey or experiment. In other words, the individual is not as important or meaningful as the whole population.

In my version of the “law,” the impact of the individual is greater than the group and small numbers are a positive, not a negative. As I write this message, Knoxville (2,000 Jews...maybe) just finished a week with four consecutive evening programs at the Arnstein Jewish Community Center. We had a Physicians Lecture Series presentation, a session on homelessness with Compassion Knoxville, the Knoxville Jewish Day School graduation held in the Caller Auditorium and a speaker from the West Bank city of Ariel. The total attendance for the week was a little over 100 people. Interestingly, very few people attended more than one of the events so the week’s activity touched about 5 percent of our population. If this kind of schedule was held in Atlanta (120,000) with the same participation rate, you might have had 6,000 people involved!

Though everyone is aware that our calendar is full of events, each night someone probably thought there could or should have been more people in the audience. It is even possible that someone said “I wonder where so-and-so is tonight.” Do you think you would get these thoughts or comments at the 92<sup>nd</sup> Street Y in New York (2 million)? Do you think anyone would care who or how many were there? Is it possible that if you didn’t attend a speaker in Baltimore (95,000), you would be missed? How about our large, on-going programs like religious school? If a family with three children doesn’t show up one Sunday morning, everyone wants to know where they are. If a new family with one child enrolls in religious school for the first time in Knoxville, it’s a population explosion! In Philadelphia (285,000), I wonder if anyone would notice.

So what does this Law of Small Numbers mean for our Jewish community? I think it means that we place a huge value on individuals and families. We are concerned about their receptivity to Jewish communal offerings and we need every one of them to participate. At the same time, when 9 people show up to a program, we value those people’s energy and time more than we worry about those that weren’t interested. The bottom line is that KJA and the Knoxville Jewish community focuses on and gains strength from who and what we have rather than worrying about who and what we don’t have.



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### KJA 2011 Campaign

**Campaign Goal \$350,000**  
 2011 Annual Campaign: \$303,706  
 new donors: 52  
 increased gifts from 2010: 143

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

## It’s Not Too Late! Register Now for Fun-Filled Camp Sessions

Visit [www.jewishknoxville.org](http://www.jewishknoxville.org) for information and registration forms and join the Milton Collins Day Camp for art, sports, goofy games, swim lessons, field trips, overnights and more.

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| <b>July 5-8</b>    | <b>Sports &amp; Cooking Around the World + LEGO Camp</b> |
| <b>July 11-15</b>  | <b>Wizards, Wands &amp; Broomsticks</b>                  |
| <b>July 18-22</b>  | <b>Extreme Adventure</b>                                 |
| <b>July 25-29</b>  | <b>The Israelis are Coming! &amp; Mystery Week</b>       |
| <b>August 1-5</b>  | <b>Color Wars</b>  |
| <b>August 8-12</b> | <b>Camp Finale</b>                                       |



## KJA Campaign 2011

By Gene Rosenberg, Campaign Chair

When you read this, Campaign 2011 will be about at the midway point only as it applies to the calendar. I think we have been reasonably successful to date, but we still have a long way to go.

Last year, Campaign 2010 finished with \$329,652. While we do not really establish a "goal," our hope for Campaign 2011 this year is \$350,000, an increase of \$20,348...or only 6 percent.

This is a very realistic challenge. As of now, we are at approximately 86 percent of our "goal" with some substantial donors from last year who have not yet made their commitment (pledge) to Campaign 2011. Not if, but when these individuals commit, we should have a campaign we can all be very proud of.

Albert Schweitzer, a great humanitarian, is quoted... "You must give some time to your fellow men. Even if it's a little thing, do something for others—something for which you get no pay but the privilege of doing it." If you have not yet committed to Campaign 2011, take advantage of the privilege...make your commitment and share in our pride. Remember...you do not have to pay all at one time. Major credit cards are accepted and most of all, you will be doing the right thing. The Knoxville Jewish community has a grand history for doing that which is right; let's continue that effort.

No time is too short, no amount is too small. No one can do it all. Everyone can do something. No one can give it all. Everyone can give something.

## Community Friday Night Live Service Scheduled for August 19

By Wilma Weinstein

Mark your calendars! Friday Night Live is returning to the AJCC on August 19, 2011, starting at 5:30 pm. the Knoxville Jewish Alliance, Heska Amuna Synagogue and Temple Beth El invite the community to share in this joint annual Shabbat Dinner at the AJCC pool and Shabbat Service on the lawn. The musical service will be led by Jennifer Gubitz, daughter of Charlene and Jeff Gubitz.

Jennifer, a rabbinical student at Hebrew Union College – Jewish Institute of Religion, lives in Brooklyn, New York. She grew up in Ft. Wayne, Indiana, and graduated from Indiana University Bloomington with a bachelor of arts degree in English and Jewish Studies. Jennifer spent many summers at the Goldman Union Camp at Zionsville, Indiana, where she was a camper before becoming a song leader.

This musical, welcoming, energetic service uses new and familiar melodies. Prayers are in English, Hebrew and transliterated into English. Come, bring a blanket to sit on the lawn, clap, dance, and swim your way into Shabbat!

More details will be mailed soon with meal choices and reservation information. We hope that everyone will join us for a wonderful evening of celebration on Shabbat!



## Jewish Family Services News

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

It is with great pleasure that the Jewish Family Services committee welcomes Pat Rosenberg back as chairperson for the remainder of 2011. We are very grateful that Pat volunteered to help our chairperson-elect, Honerlin del Moro, learn the ropes. Jewish Family Services would not be what it is without Pat, Honerlin, and all the committee members. Thank you all so much for all that you do.

## Lunch and Then Some: July 13

By Laura Faye Berry, BSSW, Esq., Director

Please join us for this month's Lunch and Then Some (formerly Friendshipss) program, generously sponsored by Home Instead.

### Wednesday, July 13: Old City Buskers

The Old City Buskers began with two friends getting together for weekly jam sessions. They gradually assembled a group of fellow music lovers, and before long were a regular feature in the parks and on the streets of the downtown area. While their roots are in swing-era jazz, they play a little of everything and enjoy giving their own musical interpretations to popular songs. If you would like to hear a sampling of their music before the July 13 program, check them out at <http://www.oldcitybuskers.com/music>

Program location: **Rothchild's, 8807 Kingston Pike**

The luncheon begins at noon. For more information, please contact Laura Berry at 690-6343, ext. 18 or [LBerry@jewishknoxville.org](mailto:LBerry@jewishknoxville.org).

## LEGO Camp Offered July 5-8 at MCDC

K-2nd grade  
regular camp activity  
3rd-5th graders  
special elective

Call 690-6343 now  
to register.

Alex Franklin, Atticus Hull  
and Jacob Hale create  
LEGO structures.

Counselor Rodney  
Monroe works with Ron  
Arel to follow LEGO kit  
instructions in a special  
MCDC camp elective.



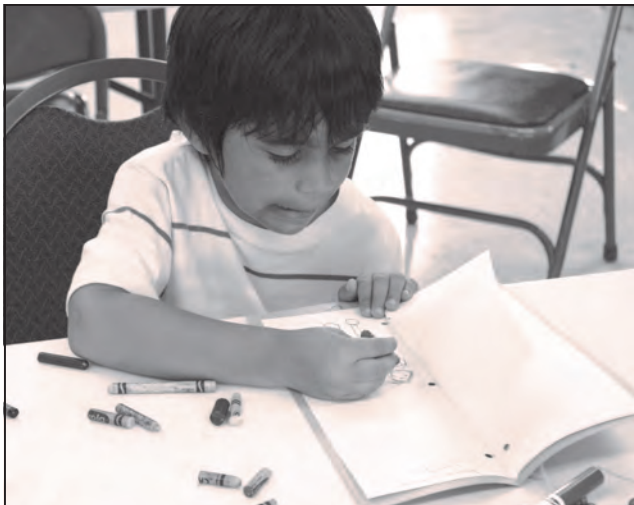
## Camp K'Tonton is So Sweet! Join Our Fun

Summer is off to a sweet start at Camp K'Tonton, a summer camp for children ages 2-4 years. Our version of Candiland had a colorful start with Rainbow Trail week. We played board games, dancing games, and thinking games galore. We even have a giant game board on the playground! Add in a dip in the Molasses Swamp aka swimming pool and you get a great week full of fun. Our campers followed the rainbow trail but reports of what they found at the end are under lock and key. Ms. Ginny, our science specialist, brought prisms and a rainbow maker lamp for our campers to create their own rainbows. Ms. Melissa, our camp director, was even seen with pink hair to celebrate the camp's start-up. This pink hair phenomenon has proven so popular with the campers that it has become a Monday morning tradition.

We are looking forward to more fun filled weeks as we visit the Peppermint Forest (Week 2), climb Gum Drop Mountains (week 3), rest under Mama Ginger Tree's shade (Week 4), practice our best royal manners with Princess Frostine and Duke of Swirls (week 5), cool off at Snowflake Lake (week 6), dance in Lollypop Woods (Week 7), learn from Gramma Gooney (week 8), tromp through Chocolate Swamp (week 9), and celebrate with King Kandy (week 10).



*Coach Lewis works with future soccer stars at the British Challenger soccer camp, a specialty camp provided through the Milton Collins Day Camp.*



*Kindergartener Jonah Mesa draws a picture to create his personal summer journal.*



*Benjamin Hale leaps into the arms of Counselor-in-Training (CIT) Nathan Rosen during free swim time.*

## Suzy Snoops

Got good news? A new job? Celebrating a lifecycle event? Share with your community. Send information and/or photographs to [hakol@jewishknoxville.org](mailto:hakol@jewishknoxville.org) or mail to Ha'Kol, c/o KJA, 6800 Deane Hill Drive, Knoxville, TN 37919.

- ◆ Knoxville's klezmer band **Dor L'Dor** was invited to play in Memphis at two different venues. One of the venues was a concert at the Levitt Shell, a famous outdoor stage that hosted what historians consider to be the first rock and roll concert. In addition to Dor L'Dor, Levitt Shell has featured such artists as Elvis, Johnny Cash, Ray Wylie Hubbard, Slim Whitman, and blues legend William Bell.

The band received roars of approval for their special tributes to Elvis with arrangements of *Hava'n Nagila*, *Trouble at the Heartbreak Hotel*, and *Erev Ba'Love Me Tender*. They were also the featured



performers at the Memphis Friends of Israel Festival at Shelby Farms Park. Band members include **Ken, Susan, Daniel and Rachel Brown**.

- ◆ **Nathan B. Weinbaum**, a West Knoxville native and son of **Wilma Weinstein**, is the new Blount County Veterans Service Officer. Previously Weinbaum was the Knox County deputy veterans service officer, a post he held since February 2007. He is a Navy veteran, having joined after 9/11. His office provides accredited representation to military veterans and their dependents and provides assistance or referrals in claims for other services.
- ◆ **Rabbi Alon Ferency** of Heska Amuna Synagogue will participate in the 2011 Class of Leadership Knoxville. This annual program brings together approximately 45 leaders from around the region for a 10-month, intensive study of the community, its history, opportunities and challenges. Participants are selected based on demonstrated leadership and commitment to the betterment of the community.
- ◆ **Brian Weinstein** was recognized at the Cedar Bluff Middle School Spring Band Concert for being selected to participate in the Knox County Schools 8th Grade Honor Band. He was also selected for membership in the East Tennessee School Band and Orchestra Association's Junior Clinic Band. Brian is the son of **Doug and Jill Weinstein**.
- ◆ **Ethan Sturm**, son of **Melissa Sturm** and grandson of **Leon Hasden** and **Mel Sturm**, is studying in Israel for eight weeks during the summer.
- ◆ **Olivia Talman**, daughter of **Nancy Young** and **Jeff Talman**, heads to London for the fall term. She's one of 40 students from her college selected for this special program for sophomores. It's very exciting and the plan is for all the Young/Talman family to visit her.
- ◆ **Andrew Messing**, son of **Michael Messing** and **Joyce York**, was named a Fein Fellow by the Edward J. Fein Foundation. The program recognizes Jewish high school juniors who meet the QuestBridge criteria of academic excellence, economic need, and demonstrated leadership potential. He will be a senior at Hardin Valley Academy this fall.
- ◆ **Jolie Spiegelman**, daughter of **Gary and Marnie Spiegelman** and a rising senior at Webb School of Knoxville, was selected as a delegate to the 65<sup>th</sup> session of the American Legion Auxiliary Volunteer Girls State based on her academic and leadership potential.
- ◆ **Eli Derrington**, son of **Susan and Keith Derrington**, was an individual winner at the 2011 Tennessee Middle School Math Competition sponsored by Oak Ridge Associated Universities. He attends West Valley Middle School.

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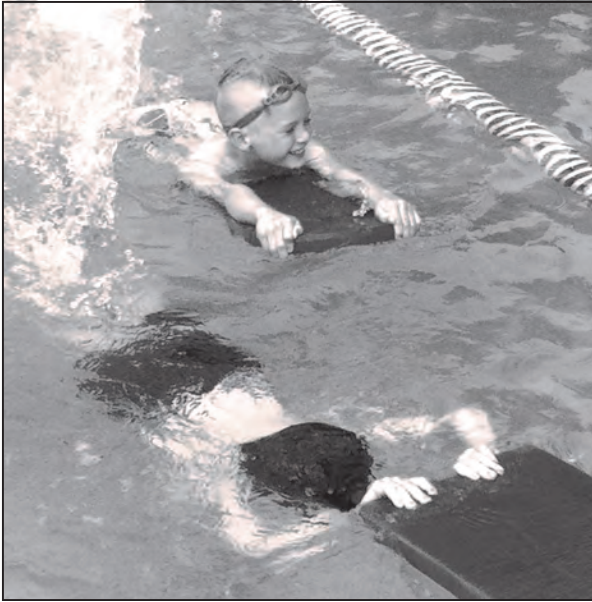
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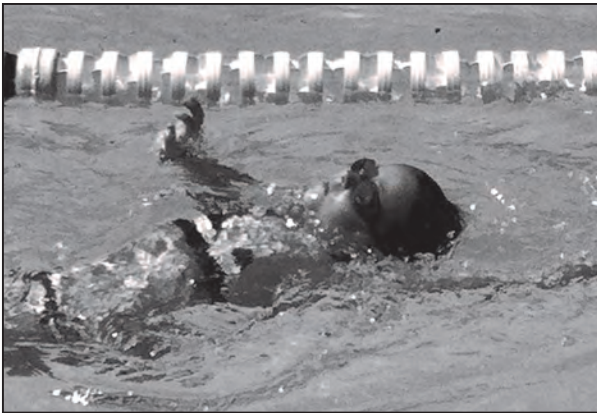


## AJCC Smokin' Salmon Have Fun with Swimming Fundamentals

Camaraderie, fun, and some competition make the AJCC Smokin' Salmon a fun team. Coach Megan Edman and her assistant coaches teach fundamental swim strokes and fun to children ages 4 and up. Morning and afternoon practices, plus meets gives team members a chance to make new friends as they learn to swim. In first meets of the season, the Smokin' Salmon placed second at their first ever tri-meet, then defeated Kingston 320-290 at an away meet.



*Nathan Rosen makes it to morning swim practice.*



*Ryan Neal practices kicks during practice.  
Heidi Sturm does the backstroke at an AJCC tri-meet.*



*Yum! Gavin Madgett and Robert Mann enjoy donuts with chocolate sprinkles as a treat for attending three or more morning swim practices during a week.*



*Kate Caldwell, Jackson Wallace, and Luke Trotter at the AJCC-Kingston meet.*

*Tiffannie Rosen and Addison Kirby at the Beaver Brook/Newport swim meet.*



# K J C F F

## Knoxville Jewish Community Family of Funds

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### Changing of the Guard

By Dick Jacobstein

At the May 24 meeting of the KJCFF board, I completed my two years as president. I would like to thank the board members, Susan Contente, the Knoxville Jewish Alliance, and the Jewish community at large for their support.

Over the past two years, we have added four new donor-advised funds. B'nai Tzedek has added additional fund holders. Our net assets have recovered the losses incurred when the market turned down, and have actually reached a new high.

As a final note, I would like to emphasize how important the KJCFF funds are to the Knoxville community. In times when contributions to the KJA annual fund are flat, the grants from our funds make it possible to continue speakers programs, scholarships for youth travel to Israel, support for the UT Jewish Studies Program, support for the Jewish archivist and a host of other things. Without them, none of these things would happen.



*KJCFF board and staff members (seated): Dick Jacobstein, Scott Hahn, Bernie Rosenblatt, Pace Robinson. Standing: Jeff Gubitiz, Mel Sturm, Susan Contente, Jeff Becker, Jacki Imbrey, Herb Jacobs.*

### Donations

#### *B'nai Tzedek Fund of Stephen Brown*

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#### *B'nai Tzedek Fund of Brandon Messing*

Harold and Joyce Diftler  
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#### *B'nai Tzedek General Fund*

Bernard and Leslie Rosenblatt in honor of Alexander Berube's bar mitzvah

#### *Harry and Molly Brietstein Memorial Fund*

Abraham and Judy Brietstein in memory of Harry Brietstein

#### *Heska Amuna Cemetery Fund*

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### Grants

- ◆ More than 150 people have the *Zelda and Max Morrison Cultural Enrichment Fund* to thank for a wonderful evening of comedy with Michael Danziger.
- ◆ Knoxville's Homeless Solution Fund received two grants from the KJCFF to support their work, one from the *Sylvia Greenberg Fund* and a second from *The Jeff and Nancy Becker Community Enrichment Fund*.
- ◆ *The KJA Director's Supplement Fund* made a grant to support the executive director's travel for 2011.

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

# K N O X V I L L E

## Teen J-Serve Program Helps Pond Gap Students, Community

Pond Gap students had a lot of fun lately with special events and trips. The Full Service program was taken on a trip to Pump It Up! by the Knoxville Jewish Alliance and J-Serve volunteers. Both the elementary-school aged children and adults had a great time. Everyone was also treated to pizza and snacks. It was tough leaving, but the kids had a wonderful time.

A big thank you to Deborah Oleshansky, Susan Contente, and all the volunteers who came to be with the kids, and Pump It Up! on Deane Hill Drive for hosting this field trip. Your support and generosity towards the kids in the Pond Gap community is greatly appreciated!



## Tikkun Olam Invites Alums to Charlotte

Tikkun Olam alumni are invited for a very special closing program in Charlotte, North Carolina along with this year's Tikkun Olam group. Those participating will travel by bus from Knoxville to Charlotte on Tuesday, August 2 – leaving about noon and return to Knoxville on Thursday, August 4. The cost is \$200 and includes all expenses – food, travel, and participation fees. *Please contact Deborah Oleshansky immediately at 690-6343 if interested.*

### Tuesday, August 2

5:00 p.m. Everyone arrives in Charlotte  
6:00 p.m. Dinner  
6:30 p.m. Drive to SC  
7:15 p.m. Charlotte Knights v Durham Bulls – Baseball  
Overnight: Lerner, Shalom Park

### Wednesday, August 3 –

#### U.S. National Whitewater Center

7:30 a.m. Breakfast  
8:15 a.m. Drive to U.S. National Whitewater Center  
9:00 a.m. Leadership Development – Low Ropes Course  
1:00 p.m. Lunch  
2:00 p.m. Whitewater rafting and all sport pass activities  
7:00 p.m. Return to Shalom Park  
7:30 p.m. Dinner at Shalom Park  
8:30 p.m. Movie night  
10:30 p.m. Lila tov!  
Overnight: Lerner, Shalom Park

### Thursday, August 4

8:00 a.m. Breakfast and summary

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# H A P P E N I N G S

## Margulies Attends Netanyahu's Address to U.S. Congress

By Aaron Margulies, M.D.

The atmosphere was electrifying. John Boehner stood up, pounded the gavel and called to order the House of Representatives. He invited the senators to join them and a procession led by Vice President Joe Biden entered the House chambers. John Boehner and Joe Biden then announced a bipartisan committee to escort the honored guest to the House chamber, all part of the pomp that is a joint meeting of both houses. The chamber was alive as Senators and Congressmen talked to each other, shared stories and smiled like the whole world was watching.

And then came the moment for which we were all waiting. John Boehner once again stood high and banged his gavel. A strong, but sweet, female voice from the floor announced the arrival of His Excellency, Prime Minister of Israel, Benjamin Netanyahu. In the peanut gallery, we all wanted to jump up, holler and shout at our great joy, but we were told not to do anything: no applause, no writing, no reading, no yelling, no eating and no drinking. But then the House floor erupted in applause as the mass of law makers rushed to the center aisle to welcome the Prime Minister. We, the chosen ones in the gallery, clapped and cheered, as if Ben Gurion himself had arrived.

The Prime Minister made his way to the podium and smiled. He knew where he was and what he had to say. And he knew he had the truth on his side. Mr. Netanyahu began his speech and never stopped for 45 minutes. He spoke the truth and laid out his vision for Israel and for her relationship with the Palestinians. He spoke the words that all of us Zionists have always believed: that Israel is a Democracy; that Israel is free; that Israel is the Jewish homeland and that Israel's sons and daughters will always defend

her. We rose countless times as we cheered on the words and visions of Benjamin Netanyahu. Our quads got quite the workout. Sometimes we rose at every other word, or so it seemed. Never have words been so right and so honest to my ears in all my years as a Zionist. Mr. Netanyahu gave an uplifting speech, not full of hope, but full of promise for the future. He laid out his plan of how peace, true peace, can be achieved. Throughout the address, I felt so proud that so many times Congress stood and applauded (there was a contingent on the *left* side that did not give its consent nearly as often) and approved of the words that has wrung truth in my ears for years. Never have I felt so positive about the future and the security of Israel. God's existence was again revealed to me.

At his speech's end, Mr. Netanyahu acknowledged what we American Jews know: that Providence sheds His light on America. As an American Jew I am very proud of Israel and I am very proud of how actively, and forthrightly, Prime Minister Netanyahu defends Israel and how he puts forth his vision of a better world for Jews and Arabs. Mr. Netanyahu's defense of Israel and his dream of peace reminded me that no matter how wonderful is Israel, that no matter how special is Israel, that no matter how much God protects Israel, Providence has made the USA the greatest country on earth. Israel may be a light unto the nations, but America is the force of good that will lead the world to freedom and liberty, to truth and justice, to growth and prosperity. Only America can lead the world to a better relationship with God and bring peace.

I am very grateful to Congressman John Duncan, Jr. (TN-2) for believing in me and inviting me to be his guest. It is an honor to be a guest of the House of Representative and a greater honor to be chosen by Rep. Duncan. It is a treat and pleasure to hear the words of Benjamin Netanyahu. Most importantly, it is a blessing from God to be an American.

*Dr. Aaron Margulies is a KJA member and president of the Knoxville Chapter of the Republican Jewish Coalition.*

## Study Reveals That Birthright Israel Trips Have Long-Term Impact

A new study of Taglit-birthright Israel participants from 2001-2005 finds that the experience in Israel continues to influence them years later. Taglit-birthright Israel trip participants are more confident explaining Israel's situation to others and more likely to feel very connected to Israel than peers who did not go on a trip. Trip participants are also 50 percent more likely to marry a Jewish spouse.

These are among the findings in *The Impact of Taglit-birthright Israel: 2010 Update*, a study released by Brandeis University's Cohen Center for Modern Jewish Studies. The study is part of a longitudinal project that examines the ways in which Jewish identity and decision-making shift during the life course of Jewish young adults. The current study surveyed nearly 2,000 young adults who participated in or applied for a birthright Israel trip between the years 2001 and 2005.

### Study highlights:

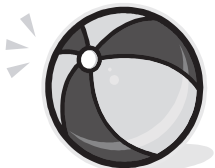
- ◆ Participants were 51 percent more likely than non-participants to be married to someone Jewish.
- ◆ Participants were 46 percent more likely to feel "very much" connected to Israel and 28 percent more likely to explain with confidence Israel/Middle East issues.
- ◆ Participants were 28 percent more likely to place high importance on marrying someone Jewish and 35 percent more likely to place high importance on raising Jewish children than non-participants.
- ◆ Among participants who married a person who was not born Jewish, the likelihood of their spouse converting to Judaism was four times higher than the spouses of non-participants.

Professor Leonard Saxe, one of the lead investigators, noted that "the impact of Taglit over time is stunning and suggests a new narrative for the evolution of the American Jewish community."

"Since day one of this project, we have invested a great deal in the educational quality of the 10-day trip. While our numbers have grown beyond a quarter of a million alumni, our focus has always been on having a qualitative impact on the future of the Jewish community," said Taglit-birthright Israel CEO Gidi Mark. "The research reinforces the fact that not only have we been successful, but that Taglit-birthright Israel has become the bridge between Israel and the next generation of the worldwide Jewish community."

# July 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 4:45-5:30p JFS-Shabbat services at Echo Ridge 6p TBE-Shabbat service	2 9:30a HA-Shabbat services
3 9:30a HA-minyan	4 <b>Independence Day</b> 7a HA-minyan 1-7p AJCC Pool hours 	5 <i>MCDC: Sports &amp; Cooking/Around the World</i> 2-3p KJA Friendship Book Group, AJCC AL 5:15p Drama Class, BBYO Room 6p TBE-Exec Comm Mtg 6-9:30p Fencing, AJCC	6 5:30-9:30p Fencing, AJCC gym	7 7a –HA-minyan MCDC overnight 11a TBE-News & Schmooze 6p CCR&R Childcare Training, AJCC AL 7:30p TBE-Shavuot study session	8 6p TBE-Shabbat service	9 Smokin' Salmon: Smoky Mountain Meet 9:30a HA-Shabbat services
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Love

Rabbi Alon Ferency

In the early aughts, I lived in West Hollywood while working odd jobs in the music business. Even as I dreamed of selling a record company for \$200 million, I was frequently unemployed. When between jobs, I was afraid to tell my landlord Scott Bowersock, a soft-spoken Orthodox Jew and Stanford Law School alumni who presided over a complex of rent-controlled units as though they were his luxury lofts. "Well, how on earth will you pay my rent now?!" I pictured him hectoring me; instead, his normal response was, "I'm sure you'll find another job." How could he believe in me more than I believed in myself? Where did he find that much trust and love?



If we're lucky, we are blessed with angels like Scott in our lives – people with more faith in us than we have in ourselves. Think how much more powerful it is to praise a child past his limitations, than to criticize those very limits. My Zayde (maternal grandfather) was one who exemplified this *mitzvah* (commandment); one of my rabbis, Bradley Artson, was another. He was always capable of seeing the blessing in a student, congregant, or leader, no matter what that person's own bitterness, stubbornness, or challenges. Rabbi Artson loved us into life, giving us the strength to transcend pettiness and become the persons we were called to be. Frankly, that is a rabbi's first task in a community: to love his or her congregants more than they know how to love themselves.

Rabbi Nosson Tzvi Finkel, the Grandfather of Slobodka, was thinking about this when teaching the principle of "Love your neighbor as yourself" (Leviticus 19:18). He said, "It is not enough to love your fellow as you love yourself." Almost anyone can do that, because frankly, we do not love ourselves all that well. If we really loved ourselves, then the *mitzvah* would have some teeth. But, most of us feel that we were born to lose, not born to be loved. The real issue, says Rabbi Finkel, is "to love your neighbor as you *should* love yourself." That is the essence of God's love for us. God calls us to become our best selves, by loving us enough to draw us through our limits, narrowness, and constriction. Imagine if you could see yourself the way God sees you: in all of your potential, with your clearest voice and your deepest joy. Listen to God's opinion, and the Scott Bowersocks of your world, rather than criticisms, insecurities, and self-doubt. If you can keep that picture in mind, just imagine the person you can become.

From the Chair's Chair

By Scott Hahn

As I sit down to write this article, I am in the slightly unusual position that I am not the Chair of Heska Amuna Synagogue yet. That means that I am in the future mode and not quite in the present.

I have had a life-long relationship with Heska Amuna (not Heska as some people now call it) for roughly two generations. The Synagogue is a very different place than when I had my bar mitzvah way back in 1975. Change presents a unique set of challenges all on its own. One of the most obvious is how a multigenerational institution can cater to a variety of different needs and priorities. What a synagogue means to a young family is not necessarily the same for a retiree. That is where the paradox lies. How do you respect the traditions of an institution while trying to incorporate new ideas and initiatives? That is only one issue in the ongoing life of Heska Amuna.

I enjoy a challenge and I believe the members of our congregation do as well. Over the next two years, I look forward to addressing some of these issues in a positive and thoughtful way. I welcome your comments and suggestions in helping Heska Amuna reach its full potential.

Sivan/Tamuz 5771

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## From the President

By Gilya G. Schmidt

*"I am standing on the shoulders of the ones who came before us, They are saints and they are humans, they are angels, they are friends, We can see beyond the struggles and the troubles and the challenge When we know that by our efforts things will be better in the end."*

These words, from the second verse of the song by the same name, written by singer/songwriter and environmental activist "Earth Mama" Joyce Johnson Rouse, are suitable for the gratitude I would like to express to my predecessor as president of Heska Amuna Synagogue, Bernard Bendriem. Bernard was a fine president, who embodied the qualities of Zaddik, human being, angel, and certainly friend. He was a dedicated and conscientious leader who always had a kind word for any member of the congregation, and beyond. Bernard and Anne bring light into the lives of those they touch, and our community is the richer for their presence. Merci beaucoup!

In my new capacity I am grateful to be able to stand on the strong and broad shoulders of Bernard, but am fully aware that Bernard is a hard act to follow. I am honored to have been elected president, and look forward to working with Rabbi Alon Ferency and the leadership as well as all the members of Heska Amuna for the betterment of our congregation and our community in the years to come. Heska Amuna is known for our warm and welcoming worship services, be they traditional or contemporary Shabbat services, daily minyan on Mondays and Thursdays, or Sunday morning. We look forward to welcoming you at the service of your choice for community and for renewal of spirit and body. May we go from strength to strength.

## Mazel Tov Graduates!

### High School Graduates

- ◆ **Eddy Allen**, son of **Heidi** and **Barry Allen**, graduated from Webb High School. He plans to attend Hadassah's Year Course in Israel, starting August 2011 through June 2012. While there, he will be able to take as many as 30 college credits, and will perform community service work and travel extensively. He has been accepted to attend Boston University, but will defer admission and enroll there in September 2012.
- ◆ **Samuel** and **Nathan Bendriem**, sons of **Anne** and **Bernard Bendriem**, graduated from West High School. **Samuel** will attend the University of Tennessee, Knoxville and **Nathan** will attend the University of Miami in Miami, Florida to study marine biology.
- ◆ **Abby Caplan**, daughter of **Cindy** and **Ricky Caplan**, graduated from Farragut High School, and will attend the Savannah College of Art and Design in Savannah, Georgia.
- ◆ **Melanie A. Jacobson**, daughter of **Lisa** and **Jeffrey Jacobson**, graduated from Hardin Valley Academy and will attend UT Knoxville in the fall of 2011. While living on campus, she will commute several days a week to family-owned Benhaven Stables in Roane County to continue her training for and participation in horseback riding competitions.



Dear Members of the Knoxville Jewish Community,

I wanted to take the opportunity to thank all of you for the support over the past two years as I have been Chair of the Board of Heska Amuna. It has been an honor and a privilege to serve in this capacity. The time, though often eventful and challenging, has been one filled with personal growth for me. I never in my wildest dreams imagined that I would be asked to take on such a leadership position. As I have relayed to many of you, I was the student in a small private school in Montreal that was too shy to raise her hand in a class of 20. Who knew?

The community has afforded me the opportunity to meet so many people from Knoxville and around the world. The chance to interact with you has been filled with rewards. We have come together as a group to weather the storms, floods and fires and have emerged stronger. We have grown spiritually together. We have worshipped together. We have bonds that tie us together as a community. As I said when I began the position, WE are the community. One person does not define us. This is truly what makes us community.

I look forward to assuming the best title in the world "Immediate Past Chair"! I am confident that Scott Hahn will be a wonderful leader as he assumes the role of Chair of Heska Amuna. He has shown his abilities when he was President of the Knoxville Jewish Alliance. He will work with the community to help make Knoxville an even stronger and more vibrant place.

Finally, I want to thank my family - Steve, Mara and Evan. I know you saw me with the phone attached to my ear and the computer running more hours than can be counted. Your unflinching support has been amazing and I love you all for this. I cannot thank you enough.

Thank you all for the opportunity to serve this community I call home,  
Rosalie Nagler

### 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.



### Sponsor a Kiddush - It's So Easy

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

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## Heska Amuna Religious School Welcomes Jewish Students for Fall 2011 Term

Children **pre-Kindergarten through 12<sup>th</sup> grade** are welcome as students of Heska Amuna Religious School. Our religious school is proud to offer high quality Hebrew and Judaic education for students of all ages. In addition to our regular academic program for our school age students, we also offer a monthly preschool program called Gan K'tan. Your child is welcome at Heska Amuna even if both parents are not Jewish or if they have never been in a religious school before.

Depending on the age of your child, classes meet one or two days a week. Students in grades preK - 2 and 7 - 12 meet Sunday mornings, 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., and grades 3 - 6 meet Sundays 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. and Wednesdays 4:15 - 6:30 p.m. Our Gan K'tan classes meet one Sunday per month from 10:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. The curriculum for each grade level includes age-appropriate Hebrew language, Jewish holidays and ethics, Torah stories, art, music, library, games, and lots of Jewish fun! Not only is our school a wonderful educational experience for your child, but it is a gateway for your family into an exceptional community of people committed to a life of Jewish education, family learning, holiday celebrations, and more.

If you have or know a child who is eligible for this program and would like more information, please call the synagogue office or set up a conference with our Religious School Director, Anna Iroff. There has never been a better time to join this dynamic, innovative, creative Jewish Education program.

### New for 5772

- ◆ Weekly program available to 4-year old pre-K students
- ◆ New (very affordable) fee structure
- ◆ Scholarships are available to qualified families

If you are interested in enrolling your child(ren) in our program, please contact Anna Iroff at [education@heskaamuna.org](mailto:education@heskaamuna.org) or call 522-0701. We are happy answer any questions and even schedule a tour of our school. If you have not yet made a commitment to membership at a religious institution, please contact us to learn about our special introductory rates and packages for new members.

**Enroll today!** Registration packets are available from the synagogue office or online at [www.heskaamuna.org/school.html](http://www.heskaamuna.org/school.html).

*Heska Amuna Religious School is the educational branch of Heska Amuna Synagogue which is affiliated with the Conservative Movement. We offer a comprehensive supplemental Jewish education program for learners of all ages in an environment that offers the very best in traditional learning, spiritual renewal, and a commitment to excellence in Jewish learning and living.*

## Todah Rabbah to Our Friends and Supporters!

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

- ◆ **Marilyn and Isadore Abrams** in memory of **Natalie Millen Brown**
- ◆ **Wendy and Richard Good** in observance of the yahrzeits of **Ilene and Louis Edelman**
- ◆ **Janet and Bert Gurwitsch** in appreciation of the adult education program and **Anna Iroff's** great leadership.
- ◆ **Leon Hasden** to the Religious School fund as a general donation.
- ◆ **Mark and Peggy Littmann** for their donation in honor of **Anna Iroff**
- ◆ **Pat and Gene Rosenberg** in memory of **Ellen Berez's** mother, **Frances Schanowitz**, and in honor of **Lucian Palcu**



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### Permanent Schedule

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

Evening minyanim can be arranged by calling President Gilya Schmidt, 694-6213, one week before.

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

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

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## Things to Remember!

Classes are out for the summer – Enjoy the vacation and see you in August!



Don't forget to register your students and tell your friends about us!

## Mazel Tov Graduates!

### High School Graduates, *continued from page 12*

- ◆ **Ethan Alexander Roseman** graduated from Maryville High School with honors and will be attending Brandeis University in Waltham, Massachusetts majoring in computer science. Ethan is the son of **Susan** and **Barry Roseman**.
- ◆ **Elizabeth Spenser** graduated from The Farm School. She will continue her education at Pellissippi State Community College where she is currently enrolled as a communication graphics technology major. Elizabeth hopes use her artistic talents and love of technology to pursue a career in character development for movies and video games. Elizabeth is the daughter of **Gennifer** and **Samantha Spenser**.
- ◆ **Ariel** and **Justin Spiegelman** graduated from Webb School. **Justin** will start at the University of Miami this fall. **Ariel** will enter the Art School at The University of Connecticut. **Ariel** and **Justin** are the children of **Marnie** and **Gary Spiegelman**. Their parents will be exhausted from traveling to visit them and daughter **Brittany**, who will be in Washington, D.C.
- ◆ **Sam Talman** graduated from West High School and is a National Merit Scholar. He will be attending University of Pittsburgh Honors College in the fall and received a University scholarship. He's very excited about being at one of the top public universities in the country and in Pittsburgh, voted the second best college town! His parents, **Nancy Young** and **Jeff Talman**, share in his dreams and hopes. He is interested in international business and foreign service.
- ◆ **Rachel Zoldessy**, daughter of **Elizabeth** and **Howard Zoldessy**, graduated from Karns High School and will attend the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga.

### College Graduates

- ◆ **Sonya Bendriem**, daughter of **Anne** and **Bernard Bendriem**, graduated from American University with a bachelor of arts degree in psychology.
- ◆ **Andrea Berez**, daughter of **Bill** and **Ellen Berez**, graduated with a doctoral degree in Linguistics from the University of California, Santa Barbara and has accepted a position as an assistant professor for Language Documentation and Conservation at the University of Hawaii, which she will begin August 1.
- ◆ **Jared Britcher** graduated from the University of Tennessee, Health Sciences School in Memphis, with a doctorate in physical therapy. Jared is the son of **Nancy** and **Tom Britcher**.
- ◆ **Daniel Brown**, son of **Ken** and **Susan Brown** and grandson of **Elaine Brown**, graduated from UTK with a Bachelor of Music degree in Jazz/Studio Bass Performance. He plans to go to New York to check out the professional scene there. In the meantime, you may hear Daniel in groups at various Knoxville locations, including Baker Peters Jazz Club, Coolato Gelato, and the Bistro.
- ◆ **Jonathan Glasman** graduated from the University of Tennessee in May with bachelor of science degree in psychology. Jonathan is the son of **Harriet** and **Michael Glasman**.
- ◆ **Jennifer Anne Gubitz**, received her master's degree in Hebrew Literature from Hebrew Union College – JIR in New York City and will continue her studies toward ordination. Jennifer is the daughter of **Charlene** and **Jeff Gubitz**.
- ◆ **Sam Haywood** received his medical degree from Northwestern University's Feinberg School of Medicine. He is continuing his training as a resident in urology at The Cleveland Clinic, Cleveland, Ohio. **Sam** was recently inducted into Alpha Omega Alpha Medical Honor Society. Sam is the son of **Ellen Schnoll** and **Terry Haywood**.
- ◆ **Miriam Kramer**, daughter of **Dina** and **Andy Kramer**, graduated summa cum laude from the University of Tennessee with a bachelors of science degree in Communications. She majored in journalism and electronic media with a science communications focus and a minor in anthropology. In the fall, Miriam will head to the Big Apple to enroll in NYU's SHERP (Science Health and Environmental Reporting Program) as the first UT grad to be admitted into this very prestigious master's program.
- ◆ **Mitchell S. Ohriner**, son of **Jenifer** and **Evan Ohriner**, graduated from The Jacobs School of Music at Indiana University with a Ph.D. in music theory. Mitch will join the faculty of Shenandoah University, Winchester, VA, in the fall.
- ◆ **Ben Oberman**, son of **Evelyn** and **Steve Oberman**, graduated from The University of Tennessee's Medical School. He will do his residency with Penn State in their Ear, Nose, and Throat (ENT) program. Once his residency is complete, he is considering doing a subspecialty in facial plastics.
- ◆ **Timothy Brian Poore**, son of **Sharon** and **Mike Poore**, graduated from the University of Tennessee Knoxville with a degree in computer science.
- ◆ **Brittany Spiegelman** graduated from Johnson and Wales University with a culinary degree and will transfer this summer to Gallaudet University in Washington, D.C. to pursue an early education degree. Brittany is the daughter of **Marnie** and **Gary Spiegelman**.
- ◆ **Sam Winston**, son of **Annette** and **Barry Winston**, graduated from the Southern College of Optometry and has joined his father and uncle in the Winston Eye and Vision Center as **Dr. Samuel A. Winston**. The school invited Barry and his father, **Harold** to present Sam his diploma – they represented the classes of '41, '73 and 2011. 70 years after Harold's graduation, he saw his grandson graduate! Sam and wife **Lea** and their new baby, **Noah**, are back in Knoxville.

## Among Our Members

- ◆ Condolences go to the following members and their families: **Jill and Stuart Chasan** on the death of Stuart's mother, **Shirley Chasan**; **Phyllis and Martin Brownstein** on the death of Phyllis's mother, **Dorothy Freeman**; **Ernest Wright** on the death of his mother, **Mary Lou Posey**; **Nancy Young and Jeff Talman** on the death of Nancy's father, **Everett Young**; **Marilyn and Howard Pollio** on the death of Howard's mother, **Ellen Chayet**. May their memories be a blessing.
- ◆ Get well wishes go out to the following people who were ill or recuperating: **Joyce Beerman, Elaine Brown, Harriet Cooper, Marc Forman, Bernie Iroff, Mark Littmann, Stephen Nagler, Judy Rattner, Marcie Shloush, and Myra Weinstein**.
- ◆ Mazal tov to the following members and their families: **Carole and Bob Martin** on daughter **Lindsey's** marriage to **Evan Jacobson** and daughter **Katie's** marriage to **James Cox**; **Marion and Joe Goodstein** on the birth of great grandson, **Daniel Yair Goodstein**; **Marcie and Moshe Shloush** on daughter **Marissa's** marriage to **Jeremy Love**; **Judy and Abraham Brietstein** on the birth of granddaughter, **Aviva Miriam Joiner**, daughter of **Raina and Nathan Joiner**; **Linda and Neil Feld and Bess Feld** on the birth of grandson and great grandson, **Maxwell Ryan Drucker**, son of **Merryl and Steve Drucker**; **Annette and Barry Winston** on the birth of grandson, **Noah Asher Winston**, son of **Lea and Sam Winston**; **Siri Khalsa Zemel and Michael Zemel** on daughter **Rachel's** marriage to **David Ortiz**.
- ◆ Todah Rabah to **Ethel Wittenberg** who continues to work in the Synagogue office every week.



*Elizabeth Floyd, Aaron Contente, and Rebecca Hale have fun in the hammock!*

*BBGers Jolie Spiegelman and Lily Silver-Alford sport farm-worthy hats and smiles.*



## A Day on the Farm

**Lag B'Omer Picnic**  
**Sunday, May 15 at HorseFeathers Farm**



*Jerry and Marilyn Solomon and Myrna and Irv Russotto enjoy the beautiful scenery.*



*Mommy-and-me time with Debbie and Gabe Abrams-Cohen and Karen and Elhanan Ferency!*



*Mary Linda and Arnold Schwarzbart and Jeff Becker schmooze with friends on the porch.*

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*Donations received by May 25, 2011*

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*To Marion and Joe Goodstein in honor of the birth of great grandson, Daniel Yair Goodstein and on their 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary; in memory of Sydney Feldman*

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By: Wendy and Ted Besmann

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By: Seth Fleishman

*For Howard Greenbaum's yahrzeit*

By: Eric Chazen

*For Beatrice Goldstein's yahrzeit*

By: Kathy and Don Goldstein

*For Yizkor honor*

By: Jeff Gubitz

*For Charlotte Kayser's yahrzeit*

By: Gilya Schmidt

*In honor of Jacob Messing becoming a Bar Mitzvah*

By: Ethel Wittenberg

*In honor of the following graduates from high school and college – Eddy Allen, Sonya, Nathan and Samuel Bendriem, Anna Besmann, Jared Britcher, Daniel Brown, Evan Chasan, Jonathan Glasman, Jennifer Gubitz, Sam Haywood, Miriam Kramer, Ben Oberman, Mitchell Ohriner, Timothy Poore, Ethan Roseman, Elizabeth Spenser, Arielle, Justin and Brittany Spiegelman, Sam Talman, and Sam Winston; in honor of the marriages of Lindsey Martin and Evan Jacobson, Katie Martin and James Cox and Marissa Natelson and Jeremy Love; in memory of Jane Siegel, Shirley Chasan and Selma Shapiro*

By: Rosalie and Stephen Nagler

*Get well wishes to Stephen Nagler*

By: Jill and Stuart Chasan

*To Marion Abrams in honor of her new home; in memory of Frances Schanowitz*

By: Natalie Robinson

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*In memory of Jane Siegel and Frances Schanowitz*

By: Evelyn and Steve Oberman

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*In honor of all the High School and College Graduates–Mazal Tov!*

By: Marian "TantaMay" Jay

*In memory of Ianne Koppel's mother, Bella Pone*

By: Ellen and Bill Berez

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*In memory of Todd Townsend; in honor of the birth of Noah Asher Winston*

By: Nancy and Jeff Becker

### WINICK LIBRARY FUND

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*For Arthur Hahn's yahrzeit*

By: Scott Hahn

*In honor of Jeff Becker becoming a UT Chancellor's Professor; get well wishes to Stephen Nagler; in memory of Jane Siegel*

By: Marilyn and Harvey Liberman

*For William Russler's yahrzeit*

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*In honor of: granddaughter Natalie Robinson's Bat Mitzvah and the birth of Noah Asher Winston*

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By: Selma Tobe

*Tillie Slovis*

By: Esther Webster

# TEMPLE BETH EL TIMES



## From The Rabbi's Study

By Rabbi Beth Schwartz

By now you all know that we will part when my contract ends next June. The coming year will be a busy one for us all, as I prepare to leave my home of 13 years (as of June 2012) and you prepare for your next rabbi. It is imperative that the members of Temple Beth El plan for and implement a smooth transition between spiritual leaders, as this will set the tone for your new rabbi – and for yourselves - for years to come.

I will be on vacation the weekend of July 4 and the last week in July.

The calendar for the coming year is already very full, and I hope and pray that our activities, in worship, study, and socializing, will have everyone's support and participation. The future of Temple Beth El is in your hands. May God bless you all with a happy and healthy summer.



## President's Message

By Deborah Roberts

Temple Beth El recently adopted new wording for the mission of our congregation: ***To inspire individuals to embrace their Jewish identity and to engage actively in our religious community.***

I have to say that listening to our confirmands' speeches in May assured me that we are moving along this path. We have included their speeches in this issue and I hope you will take time to read each one.

These teenagers are the "product" of our religious school program, the entry point to Jewish learning for our youngsters, taking them from Consecration to Confirmation with lots of special events along the way. We have a truly talented director who has a special knack for finding fabulous teachers at each grade level. I am extremely pleased that several of our teachers have just returned from the ISJL Education Conference in Jackson, MS.

Money from the *Levy Fund* enabled us to help them attend this outstanding opportunity. When you read the article about Dick Jacobstein and his role as chair of the Funds Financial Committee, you'll appreciate how much we are indebted to him, to the people who so generously created the funds, and to the committee that so carefully guides their disbursement.

As I begin my second term as president, I realize anew what an honor it is to serve this congregation and to have you as my Temple family. Thank you for your tremendous support and your continued commitment to insuring that Temple not only survives, but flourishes. I welcome the new members to our board and all of you, our sacred community, to another year in which we can embrace who we are as Jews ...actively and together.

29 Sivan—29 Tamuz 5771

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## July Services

*Note: All Friday evening services in July will begin at 6:00 p.m.*

**July 1**, 6:00 p.m. – Kabbalat Shabbat service

**July 8**, 6:00 p.m. – Kabbalat Shabbat service

**July 15**, 6:00 p.m. – Kabbalat Shabbat service

**July 22**, 6:00 p.m. – Kabbalat Shabbat service

**July 29**, 6:00 p.m. – Kabbalat Shabbat service

## Rabbi Featured Speaker

Rabbi Beth Schwartz will talk about *The Sacred Universe; Earth, Spirituality, and Religion in the Twenty-First Century* by Thomas Berry at July's Brown Bag – Green Book Lunch and Learn series sponsored by the Knox County Public Library and the City of Knoxville. The talk will be at noon, on Wednesday, July 20, in the East Tennessee History Center, 601 South Gay Street.

The public is invited to join the conversation. Copies of the books are available at the Library if you'd like to read one before the program. For more information, please call Emily Ellis at 215-8723.

## Mazel Tov to Our Graduates!

### High School

- ◆ **Liza Reiniri**, daughter of **Nina Reiniri**, graduated from Bearden High School. Actively involved in many school and community organizations, Liza is the Student Government Association treasurer for Bearden High School. She will attend the University of Tennessee and pursue a degree in business and finance.
- ◆ **Amanda Del Moro**, daughter of **Honerlin Del Moro**, graduated from Halls High School. Amanda plans to begin her studies at Pellissippi State Community College to become a pediatric nurse practitioner.
- ◆ **Lilia Brock** graduated from Oak Ridge High School. She will attend Western Carolina University in the fall and major in environmental health.
- ◆ **Genevieve Kupritz**, daughter of Dr. **Virginia** and **Garth Kupritz**, is salutatorian for William Blount High School Class of 2011. Genevieve will major in Environmental Science at Furman University on academic and track scholarships.



### College

- ◆ **Daniel Roberts**, son of **John** and **Deborah Roberts** and grandson of **Bea Bush** and the late **Mathis Bush**, received a bachelor of science degree in environmental science from the University of Alabama. Daniel will serve a summer internship with Discover Life in America.
- ◆ **Eric Eisen**, son of **Stephen Eisen**, graduated with honors from the business school and received an assistantship in the masters of accounting program at The University of Tennessee. Eric will start graduate school in the fall after serving as an intern this summer in Atlanta for the accounting firm Deloitte Touche.
- ◆ **Julia Fenton**, a favorite among our religious school, graduated from UT this spring. Julia taught 6th and 7th grade on Wednesday evenings. We will miss her.
- ◆ **Benjamin Heller**, son of **Robert** and **Beth Heller** and brother of **Joel**, graduated from The University of Tennessee, Knoxville with a bachelor's of arts degree in English, with a concentration in creative writing.
- ◆ **Mark Kline** graduated from The University of Tennessee, Knoxville in May with a bachelor of arts degree in Judaic Studies (major) Philosophy (minor). Mark will begin a masters in information science program, focusing on Museum Collection Management at UT in August.



*Dick Jacobstein at  
TBE Annual Meeting.*

## TBE Honors Dick Jacobstein

At the May 17 TBE annual meeting, Dick Jacobstein was honored for his many years of service to our congregation. A treasure in our midst, Dick has always been the epitome of patience and dedication. We have depended on him to oversee all manner of financial details, and he has done this with a careful eye. His insight has helped shape our Temple. We live in the future he envisioned so many years ago. We benefit now from his many years of stewardship.

Dick has held many vital posts in his years of service to Temple Beth El He's been Temple President and Treasurer. He served on the Board for years and years and is now honorary vice president and life member of our Board of Directors. Dick has served on the Ways and Means committee "forever." This committee oversees the financial matters of the temple.

Dick was honored for his 19 years on the Funds Financial Committee, with most of those years as Chair of the Committee. This fine group manages our investments and oversees expenditures from our endowed funds. They also encourage giving. While on this committee, Dick saw the need for a Preservation Fund, and he pushed it through to a reality. He also "worked the crowd" to get donors for this important endeavor and raised a considerable sum.

Dick has let us know he wants to turn over the reins of leadership and he will mentor Alan Smuckler, the incoming committee chair. To show our gratitude for his dedication to our temple and congregational family and for his guidance in helping our funds "appreciate", Ann Wayburn presented him with a Tzedakah box engraved for the occasion: *"With gratitude from an 'appreciating' congregation"*. Thanks so much to Dick for all he's done and for his incredible vision.

## Meet Our Members - Joe And Charlene Oleinik

By Deborah Roberts

From Wyoming to Knoxville? Seems like a rather unlikely journey, but it is the one that Joe and Charlene Oleinik recently chose. Joe, born in Austria, grew up in an Orthodox family in New Jersey. Charlene, a native of Edmonton, Alberta, was raised in Canada and Colorado. Joe arrived in Wyoming 30 years ago, and Charlene has been there the past twenty. So how did they get to our town? When they got a chance as semi-retirees to choose their next home, they decided on a place they love - Knoxville, Tennessee.

As fast food franchisees, they are not fully retired, and Joe finds himself traveling back and forth fairly often. The family also includes Gabe, 16, and Josh, 12, as well as Charlene's mom, Charlotte Miller. They currently live in west Knoxville, off Northshore Drive, and are planning to build a house in the coming year.

Gabe, who is part of this year's Confirmation class, attends Brewster Academy in New Hampshire. In addition to skiing and rock-climbing, Gabe enjoys geo-caching, knot tying, and video games. Josh, who is at Webb School, loves running and swimming, video games and reading. But the two of them love most to go fishing! Their mom and dad love the outdoors, too. Joe is also a big sports fan, while Charlene likes yoga, animals, and time to read.

Their pets include an unusual threesome: Pepper, the smartest dog on the block; Dusty Kitty (who is a bad kitty) and Candy, a Senegal parrot, who can say "tweet, tweet."

The news of their pending arrival in Knoxville came straight to us from their previous congregation, Synagogue of the Hills. Last summer, their web master and I were exchanging information via phone. When she learned I was from Knoxville, she immediately bemoaned the fact that one of her favorite families was headed here. Turns out Joe, who was just elected to our board, had served six years on the board there. Charlene has also jumped into Temple life - assisting with religious school, Sisterhood, and even co-chairing our Temple Seder.



Left to Right: Joe, Charlene, Josh, Gabe Oleinik and Charlotte Miller.

### July 8: Is Your Pet Jewish?



Your cat? Your horse? What about your working animals? Strictly speaking, there is no traditional Jewish blessing for pets, or for animals. On the other hand, God tells Noah that God has a covenant with every living creature. Even if our ancient Sages did not talk about pets, we have them now, and they are very dear to us – just ask Rabbi Schwartz to show you pictures of her “granddogs.”

The Torah portion for the second Shabbat in July tells the story of Bilaam and his donkey. He rides her to where the Israelites are camped, ostensibly to curse them on behalf of King Balak. Instead, as we know, it is Bilaam who says the famous words, “How lovely are your tents, O Jacob, and your dwelling-places, O Israel!” But on the way, it is God’s angel who interrupts the trip by confronting the donkey, unseen by Bilaam. The donkey sees the angel, but Bilaam does not. Is she more righteous than he?

On **Friday, July 8**, we will read about Bilaam’s donkey, and talk about the animals in our lives. Be there! (Sorry, no live pets in the sanctuary!)

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## Condolences

Our Temple family is saddened by the loss of our beloved Ruth Sherrill, who passed away May 9, 2011 in her home, after a long illness.

It is with great sorrow that we learned of the death of our life member Shirlike Goodfriend, who passed away in Florida on May 6, 2011. Our condolences go out to her husband Morris Goodfriend, her children Linda and Gary Johnson and Bob and Wendy Goodfriend, and her grandchildren, Jeff and Kaye Goodfriend and family, Josh and Heather Chrusciel and family, Ashley Hollis and family and Stacey Hodulich and family.

Condolences to Rob, Beth, Joel and Benjamin Heller, on the death of Rob's mother, Dorothee Heller, who passed away in Florida in June. She and Milt, who passed away in January, were together for 73 years.

*May their memories be for a blessing.*



## The Temple Beth El Confirmation Class of 2011

This year's confirmands include Amber Khaddouma, daughter of Sandra Frye; Keaton Noon, son of Chuck and Missy Noon; Gabe Oleinik, son of Charlene and Joseph Oleinik; Hazak Parsons, son of Sandra Parsons; and Connor Reis, son of Melissa Treece. The confirmation class reaffirmed their commitment to a life of Jewish study and practice with a meaningful service on May 20. The variety in their speeches was a testament to their individual dedication and exhibited the breadth of their personal growth. Gabe Oleinik was away at school and could not participate in the service; the class will revisit the bimah on June 17 to provide Gabe the opportunity to share his commitment with the congregation.

This class exemplified the Jewish value of tzedakah by using baskets of non-perishable food instead of flowers on the bimah, as well as for table decorations. The food was donated to Second Harvest after the service. The class also provided the Temple with the gift of a laminator for use in the office and by the religious school.

The confirmands continued the TBE tradition of adding gold bracelets to the chain started by Buzz Brody's confirmation class at his mother's suggestion. Rabbi mentioned that she had recently learned of one other congregation that has this tradition.



*TBE's 2011 Confirmation class includes Hazak Parsons, Gabe Oleinik, Rabbi Beth Schwartz, Amber Khaddouma, Keaton Noon, and Connor Reis. Photo by Robert Heller*

## Confirmand Speeches

### **Lecha Dodi by Amber Khaddouma**

William Shakespeare wrote "One half of me is yours, the other half yours - Mine own, I would say; but if mine, then yours, and so all yours!" Translation-One half of me is yours, and the other half—my own half, belongs to you too. If it's mine, then it's yours, and so I'm all yours. Lecha Dodi is a prayer about the coming of Shabbat. Its English translation is "come my beloved" and refers to the Shabbat as its bride. When I sit down and start to think about this prayer I can't help but get a little excited. Of course being a teenage girl, I am completely fascinated by the idea of love.

When singing Lecha Dodi I am enamored by the beauty of its meaning and why it was written the way it was. Why refer to the Shabbat as its bride? I was given this assignment. It was to journal a little bit everyday building up to my date with Shabbat. At first, I do admit, I felt a little silly. How was I supposed to start thinking about Shabbat as a date? Well when I was doing some cleaning it hit me. When I get ready for a date, the first thing I have to do before I leave the house, only because my mother requires me to, is clean up and do all my chores. During the week it consists of homework, working, cleaning, and getting ready for the next day where I will do the exact same thing. During Shabbat I'm not allowed to do any of that. I'm just supposed to enjoy my time and relax, similar to a date.

Another comparison is my favorite part, the getting ready. You get a reason to dress up and enjoy a dinner with people you care about. Going on a date is very different from getting married, but it is part of the big picture. I think that is why in Lecha Dodi Shabbat is referred to as its bride. Being a part of a wedding is a magical occasion. Getting to feel the love the couple shares for each other is extraordinary. That excitement the audience feels as she walks down the aisle to her new life with her love is like the feeling we're supposed to get when the Shabbat comes into our night. Whether it's a date, or a wedding being looked forward to, the description fits the feeling perfectly. When Shabbat greets the Sabbath, it's welcome with open arms. It has been preparing all week for this moment, and when it finally arrives it's enchanting. Now ending on a Shakespeare note "So they lov'd as love in twain, had the essence but in one; Two distinct, divisions none."

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## Confirmand Speeches, *continued from page 20*

### **My Refuge in a Day of Struggle by Connor Reis**

Right now the world is in a struggle. The riots in Greece have inspired a revolution in the world. While the people of Egypt have successfully overthrown their government and await elections for a new leader, others are less fortunate. Libya and Darfur are in a day of struggle at this moment. Yet the world seems to have forgotten many of them.

We have grown far too accustomed to hearing about something then forgetting about it within the day. When Jeremiah was speaking to these people, they had forgotten about God. These people had heard about God but then slowly forgot about God until God completely escaped their minds. Much in the same way that horrible events completely escape our minds.

But I wonder, what would I think if I saw Jeremiah standing there, saying God still exists and you're all worshiping idols? We spend our days looking at tabloids and reading the latest celebrity gossip, some being worshiped like gods. Yet we forget about the constant war crimes committed in Darfur and Libya. Can God change this himself? Probably not. But can he give us the opportunity to change it ourselves? Most definitely.

What can we do to make this change? We could bring back attention to the public eye towards these events, protest these atrocities to gain public support for a solution to ending them. God can't make them go away. But everyday he gives *us* a chance, yet we throw it away. Only *we* can make that all important decision to change it.

### **Haskeiveinu Prayer by Hazak Parsons**

*The Haskeiveinu Prayer is unique to the Friday evening service. It takes its place as part of the blessings that surround the Sh'ma. This is my interpretation of this prayer.*

Thank you, God for providing us a place to feel safe, physically and mentally. You allow us the ease of mind that comes from knowing You are here guiding our actions and our thoughts. We can rest knowing that You are here to protect us.

Your peace provides us rest, and helps us to wake with new purpose. You help us to know where we fit, how we can help ourselves and others.

Help us know what we need to do, teach us Your laws. Teach us to work with You to repair the world so that we can all be safe in Your care.

Provide us with protection against our fears and life's troubles. Help us God, to not to be afraid to try, to relax and let You work through us.

I see people drawn to help, drawn to do their best. Your spirit guides them to work together. Let Your spirit work within all of us.

You accept us as we are, and use us to help where we did not know we could. Some are afraid and You fortify them. Some are weak and You strengthen them. Some are without joy and You cheer them. Some are homeless in body and spirit and You shelter them. You are the great Protector. You are the God of those in need.

You help us to be our best. Your protection gives us the courage to move from task to task without fear of failure. We can help others and ourselves with your guidance.

We can sleep easily at night knowing you watch over every breath. Our God and our Protector, watch over us when we are in need and when we have enough. Help us to find those things we need and to know the difference between need and excess, and help us most of all to share those things we have with an open heart.

### **God by Keaton Noon**

Over the last few months, I have finally begun to ponder and mentally process the time I have spent in this building. I stand before you with a grand total of 12 years of religious school under my belt, more than any of my fellow classmates. Within these walls, I have experienced almost every measure of human emotion. I have been challenged and formed, both physically and mentally. I have been forced to think on new levels about new things. One of these things in particular is the subject of God.

I have been called a lot of things in my life, but never religious. I have always considered myself a believer, but only because I knew nothing different. Aristotle's quotation, "The more you know, the more you know you don't know," basically sums up how I feel about all of the schooling, both religious and academic, that I have received over the past 16 years. As my knowledge has grown, so has my ability to question, especially God, not only his existence, but his role in life as a whole.

The idea of a higher power baffles, excites, and scares me. When I was younger, God provided me with a means of explanation; however, as I have grown, I have learned or come up with alternative ways to explain my surrounding world. Now that I have acquired a small amount of knowledge about the world and life, my perception of God has changed dramatically. Rather than asking "How?" I now tend to ask "Why?" These questions that I pose are unanswerable through scientific reasoning. God also provides me with a means of emotional support. Whether it is a death, a loss, or a breakup, sometimes a person needs a little extra support; a resource in which one may ask questions that cannot be answered.

As we read in Psalm 42: 2:6: Why art thou cast down, O my soul? and why moanest thou within me? Hope thou in God; for I shall yet praise Him for the salvation of His countenance. God has equipped me with an instinctual GPS that I may use to guide my life and choices; however, the path is a bird's flight. I know the beginning point, and the end point, and the general direction. The challenge is navigating the terrain and deciding where to place my foot.

When you have a GPS you are never lost, and when you have God you are never alone. THAT is what I have learned from my time invested at Temple Beth El. THAT is what I will remember.

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## Lights, Camera, Auction

By Amy Rosenberg

On behalf of the 2011 Auction Committee, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all members, non-members, friends and the Knoxville community for supporting, attending and/or donating to Temple Beth El's "Lights, Camera, Auction" annual fundraiser. It gives the committee great pleasure to let you know that through your generosity and high bidding the evening of the Auction, we exceeded our goals and raised over \$17,000. This was a record-breaking year not only for the number of items donated and their retail value, but with our net profits as well.

This year the committee was spectacular! Your generosity of your time and commitment to the Auction goes beyond the goals of the Temple, in addition to showing how much you care! It is important for you, the congregation to know who helped on the committee. Special thanks to: Sylvia, Phyllis, Hayley, Ellen, Sandy, Missy, Joyce, Lorie, Susan F., Honerlin, Meredith, Shelley and Julie. In addition to the committee, many other people volunteered with check-in, set-up, collection of bid sheets, check out, making desserts and clean up. Many thanks to: Ken, Charlie, Richard, Norma, Ann, Wilma, Susan D., Doug, Jeanne, Patti, Jake, Stephen, Scott, Ceil and Lori (I sincerely apologize if your name has mistakenly been left off the list). Thank you to Phyllis for organizing all of those who baked or purchased a dessert. They were absolutely mouth-watering delicious.



Gary Price, Hayley Goldfeld and Jake Rosenberg



The band, "Big Russ and The Bell Boys" had the crowd dancing wherever they could find room. The caterer, "Famous Dave's" had everyone licking their fingers the food was so scrumptious. The finance team, "C.A.V. Group" had logged in all the bids and kept check out moving quickly. The auctioneer, David Alley, had people bidding higher and higher and higher! All the above played a huge role in the success of the auction and we could not have done it without you.

Once again, thank you to all of our bidders for their overwhelming generosity!

Big Russ and the Bell Boys

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# Mazel Tov!

## Heska Amuna Synagogue

### Happy Anniversary!



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

## TEMPLE BETH EL

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### Happy Anniversary!

Arnold and Susan Cohen  
Alan and Pam Schwartz  
Ronald and Ebbie Sandberg  
Barrett and Mary Ellen Schaefer  
Craig and Leslie Snow  
Anthony and Jeanne Zucker  
Jon Shefner and Karen Holst  
Linda and Phil Zaretski



# JAHRZEIT

## TEMPLE BETH EL

### July 1

◆ Harry Marx ◆ Abraham Plachter ◆ Rose Sanders ◆ Charlotte Bain ◆ Sally Dietch ◆ Lowell Nisely ◆ Mary Ann Garber ◆ Margaret Moss  
 ◆ Dora Silverstein ◆ Miriam Blumberg ◆ Richard Hecht ◆ Jerome Smith ◆ Patricia Zivi ◆ Max Cane ◆ Richard Marchand  
 ◆ Gertrude Spero ◆ Sarah Brody ◆ Gussie Potter ◆ Gladys Sanders ◆ David Sauers

### July 7

◆ Yudel Cawn ◆ Aaron Harris ◆ Jacquelyn Ruth Lauer ◆ Anita Mersack ◆ Dora Schramm ◆ Elizabeth Zimmerman ◆ Harry Lipner Sr.  
 ◆ Harold Zimmerman ◆ Ralph Kramer ◆ Barnett Mersack ◆ David Salus ◆ Stuart Bridle ◆ Max Korman ◆ Rose Mark ◆ Sol Moiger  
 ◆ Harry Gluck ◆ Alex Jacobson

### July 15

◆ Ben Dent ◆ Issac Diamond ◆ Samuel Feinberg ◆ Phillip Taylor ◆ Morris Deitch ◆ Irving Kovitch ◆ Louis Blumberg ◆ Joel Caller  
 ◆ Matilda Corkland ◆ KC Derrington ◆ Lisa Kahn ◆ Steven Peck ◆ Max Rosenthal ◆ Max Sonn ◆ Leo Silver ◆ Irene Chotiner  
 ◆ David E. Brown ◆ Mayme Dortch ◆ Minnie Katz

### July 22

◆ Pavel Budik ◆ Sylvia Frankel ◆ Israel Garber ◆ Jessie Black ◆ Arthur Freitag ◆ John Kelleher ◆ Malcolm Bloom ◆ Goldie Garber  
 ◆ David Licht ◆ Sam Rosenbloom ◆ Jennie Traugot ◆ Julia Hohenemser ◆ Albert Blumberg ◆ Lillian Gorfinkle ◆ Harvey Kronick

### July 29

◆ Jacob Blaufeld ◆ Nathan Lieberman ◆ Jacob Makoff ◆ Tinnie Diamond ◆ Shlema Livshits ◆ Lena Cohn ◆ Lillian Kern ◆ Judy Schwartz  
 ◆ Regina Sunshine ◆ Hilda Freedman ◆ Louis H. Gassel ◆ Joseph Silverstein

## *Heska Amuna Synagogue*

### July 2

◆ Selma Corkland ◆ Louis Edelman ◆ Esther Spiegelman ◆ Doris Weinstein ◆ Sylvia Kelman ◆ Edith Rosenthal ◆ Robert Sabler  
 ◆ Zelda Siegel ◆ Sylvan Zemel ◆ Sol Berry ◆ Jacob Klein ◆ Murray Baskin ◆ Mollie Brilliant ◆ Abraham Collins ◆ Fannie Russler

### July 9

◆ Bernard Marvet ◆ Lily Pincus ◆ Israel Dyller ◆ Homer Kramer ◆ Eli Wurm ◆ Susan Drayer ◆ Carol Glasman ◆ Marvin Ohriner  
 ◆ Morton Simpson ◆ Ida Hurvich ◆ Rose Robinson ◆ Joseph Weinbren ◆ Dorothy Blue ◆ Jennie Friedman ◆ Annie Cohen  
 ◆ Rebecca Fayonsky ◆ Erma Levin ◆ Louis Duhan ◆ Gerald Millen ◆ Bradley Sturm

### July 16

◆ Moses Greenberg ◆ Zelda Baskin ◆ Harold Brownstein ◆ Emma Burnett ◆ Lewis Littmann ◆ Anna Richer ◆ Marshall Stern  
 ◆ Belle Linke ◆ Celia Mackta ◆ Robert Milford ◆ Gussie Potter ◆ Martin Stollin ◆ Joel Caller ◆ Minnie Katz ◆ Ben Goodstein  
 ◆ Clara Goodstein ◆ David Sayah

### July 23

◆ Isaac Benhayon ◆ Louis Freeman ◆ Shirley Leeds ◆ Rebecca Millen ◆ Lillian Brody ◆ Karl Finestone ◆ Harry Kaplan ◆ Joseph Russler  
 ◆ Harold Shersky ◆ Sylvia Balloff ◆ Harry Cooper ◆ Nathan Quadow ◆ Siegfried Besmann ◆ Sarah Coplan ◆ Isaac Winick  
 ◆ Jessie Presser ◆ Mildred Shamitz ◆ Irving Danziger ◆ Norman Evans ◆ Josephine Gluck

### July 30

◆ Charlotte Cohen ◆ Fannie Goldberg ◆ Alvin Kingsley ◆ Bessie Perelman ◆ Janet Balloff ◆ Lisa Kahn ◆ Benjamin Leibowitz  
 ◆ Norman Millen ◆ Eva Slovis ◆ Leon Dobbs ◆ Maria Gruenberg ◆ Leonard Miller ◆ Madge Glidewell ◆ Frances Levin ◆ Evelyn Lowe



# Hadassah Highlights

## President's Remarks

Hopefully everyone is relaxing and enjoying all that the summer has to offer. It's a time to relax, a time for family, a time for friends, and a time for peace.



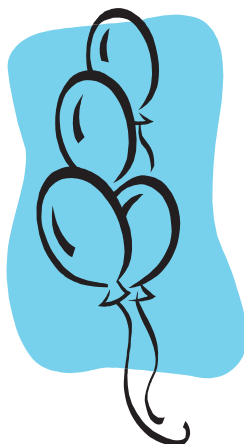
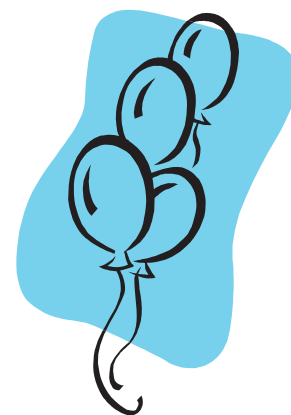
Seasons change... and so will our leadership for the Knoxville chapter, as we transition through the summer. There will be a whole new team to lead and energize this unbelievable group of talented women. I thank all of you for allowing me the opportunity to be led, and I have enjoyed the last few years as the president for our amazing chapter. I hope that together our accomplishments were able to lift our spirits and engage our hearts and minds. We have worked very hard together to help each project that we are involved in here in the United States, and Israel. I know beyond a shadow of doubt that we can accomplish any goal we set our minds to, no matter how hard they may seem to reach. The creative and innovative processes are re-engaged and re-energized during the summer months. I know our new team will take us to heights we may have never dreamed of, but with this group the sky's the limit. I accomplished nothing alone, but I did so much with everyone's help through these past years. We are all volunteers and YES that means we do this for the "Love of" our mission, so again I thank each and everyone of you that has made calls, sent a letter, posted notices, put stamps on invitations, sold trees, sold cards, sold certificates, brought napkins, made a dish, sang a song, gave a speech, came to a meeting, lent a hand, made a suggestion, donated time, money, and gave your heart to Hadassah. THANK YOU, and let's see what kind of fireworks we can continue to create! Each of you will be my guide, as my foot-steps lead me toward my future path. Enjoy the summer! *Bonnie Boring*

## Knoxville Chapter of Hadassah Upcoming Events

Celebrate with us as we celebrate  
*100 Years of Hadassah*

### Each Month Brings a New Event

- ◆ *Sweet Beginnings for a Sweet Centennial*
- ◆ *Hadassah Who Dun it Murder Mystery*
- ◆ *Scavenger Hunt of a Century*
- ◆ *HMO Luncheon*
- ◆ *Night of the Arts Gala*
- ◆ *Erev Centennial Celebration*
- ◆ *Passing the Torch Centennial Celebration*
- ◆ *Looking Good for the Next 100 Years*
- ◆ *100 Steps Toward Passing the Torch*



### Want to Help? We Need You!

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## May 2011 Layettes

Our children are important! Celebrate with these families by helping Hadassah. Our Chapter opens a “layette” upon notification of the birth of a child within our community. Donations are then accepted to fill this “layette” with proceeds helping Hadassah hospitals. The families are notified that their newborn has been honored in this way. Help Hadassah give great beginnings to other children in Israel and countless others by helping to fill our layettes. Our ongoing “layettes” are:

### Aviva Miriam

Granddaughter of **Judy and Abraham Breitstein**

### Chana

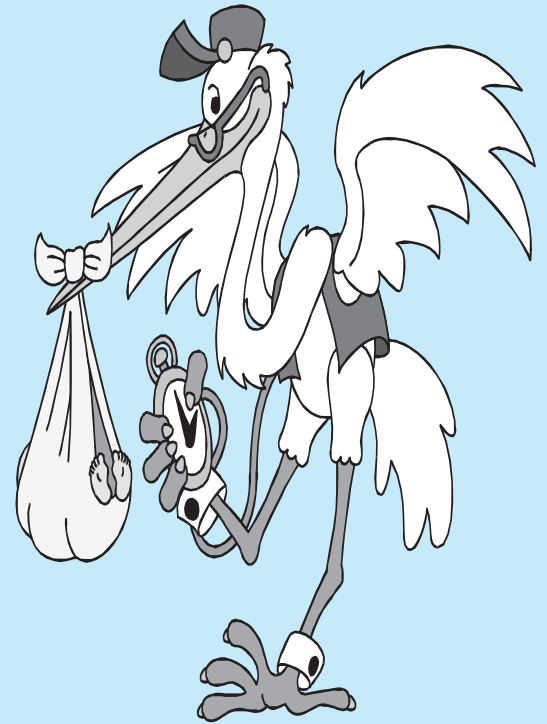
Daughter of **Rabbi Yossi and Miriam Esther Wilhelm**

### Noah Asher

Grandson of **Annette and Barry Winston**

Great-Grandson of **Becky and Harold Winston**

Send your donation in honor of any or all of these children made payable to *Hadassah Knoxville* to Cindy Pasi, 2209 Lucado Way, Knoxville TN 37909. You can contact her at (865) 693-0299. Make life simple; open your account to draw down from automatically when we open a new layette. Contact Cindy for details.



## Hadassah Knoxville

welcomes  
our newest  
Associates

**Terry  
Abrams**

**Jan Fay**

**Mark  
Littmann**

Associate Memberships:  
\$100 through

Dec 31, 2011

## Celebrate Good Times: It's Our Centennial

On February 24, 1912 – oh you know what happened. Let's flash forward for now, 100 years forward from February 24, 2012 – that's right, come with me to February 24, 2112. What will Hadassah look like in our community? What will the Hadassah woman look like- hello Judy Jetson's grand-daughters! This is a meaningful and important moment for us. We were there before Israel was a State. We were there through all of the wars and intifadas. We were there through the sadness and we were there in the joy.

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

And so they did.

And here we are: Daughters and granddaughters and great granddaughters of those strong, committed, visionary, feet-on-the-ground women. What made them different? Why did the organization they started continue and thrive, when others of the time are long forgotten?

Because they were practical Zionists, they dreamed of what could be in Palestine – and then they took off their gloves, rolled up their sleeves, opened their pocketbooks, and made it happen. They sent nurses to a bleak and barren Jerusalem...and laid the groundwork for Israel's healthcare system. They made the deserts bloom. They rescued and nurtured and educated children who would grow up to shape a new nation.

They dreamed of what could be for American Jews. They taught women to be leaders, and advocates for issues that matter to Israel and to American families. They championed the budding Zionist youth movement – their promise that Hadassah's partnership with Israel would last forever.

They could not know that the future would bring Depression, Holocaust, and wars. With intelligence, energy and grace, they met every call to action with action.

Today we stand with a prosperous, proud Israel. Like those pioneering women a century ago, we are practical Zionists. Today, Because of you- Hadassah hospitals treat one million patients a year, and our medical research and trauma care are world renown. Today, because of you – Israel's land is green, and youth become productive citizens and leaders, adding their strength to the land we love.

We move together into our future with confidence and with a love for the Jewish people, a steadfast commitment to Israel, and a mission to ensure Jewish continuity.

**Happy Centennial, Hadassah!**

# Hadassah Highlights

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## Save the Date

**August 28, 2011 - 10:30 a.m.**  
for a Fabulous  
Hadassah Happening  
at  
Harry's Deli

## New Board Members Installation

Everyone is invited to the  
Brunch Buffet

*More details in the August HaKol*

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Hadassah Knoxville  
welcomes

Shelley Binder  
who transferred from the  
Norfolk/Virginia Beach Chapter  
and

Amber Case  
who transferred from the  
Memphis Chapter

Isn't it time for you to join our Chapter?  
Contact Cindy at [tenntrio@ymail.com](mailto:tenntrio@ymail.com)

## Hadassah Goes Conferencing in Atlanta

This year the annual Southern Region Conference certainly lived up to its name – *Hadassah & Israel Innovation and Inspiration*. There were hundreds of women at this conference. Four of our chapter's members took this road trip together to Atlanta on May 13 to spend three days laughing, dancing, learning about the great accomplishments of the citizens of Israel, listening to Jewish music, and being inspired by internationally known speakers. Those fortunate Knoxville chapter members were Jill Weinstein, Bonnie Boring, Nora Messing, and Mary Evars-Goan.

Every luncheon and every dinner had a keynote speaker. These speakers included Pamela Dubin Beaty, an Israeli marketer who summarized the popular novel, *Start Up Nation: The Story of Israeli's Economic Miracle*. Another fascinating speaker was Maggie Anton, author of *Three Women and a Talmud: "Rashi's Daughters."* One of the region's most loved speakers, Marlene Post, Hadassah past national president gave a presentation entitled *Looking to the Future: Hadassah's 2<sup>nd</sup> Century*, and Marlene honored the Region by installing the new regional officers.

Our own Southern Region president, Dana Waxler, bestowed the highest honor a woman can receive in the Hadassah organization by pinning Nora Messing as the Knoxville Chapter's Woman of the Year. Congratulations to Nora for her endless accomplishments and her future endeavors with Hadassah. Nora also won the most prized raffle item – a Hadassah Centennial diamond key pendant on a silver chain that was hanging in a scrolled metal and silver frame.

Appearing in the lounge both nights of the Conference was Midnight Mahj Madness. No, this was not a hired group to entertain the women at the Conference. These were the women who entertained each other by playing Mahj until the early morning hours. The gauntlet has now been tossed. The Mahj challenge has been set for next year.

As with every Hadassah event, the attendees were an eclectic mix of exciting and intellectual young women, and wise, gracious, and hilarious mature women. Looking forward to seeing everyone again, and maybe next year we will need a bigger van to accommodate the Knoxville participants who wish to share in the fun.



*Mary Evars-Goan, Jill Weinstein, Bonnie Boring, and Nora Messing.*

## Messing Named Local Chapter's Woman of the Year

This lovely lady was born in Yazoo City, Mississippi and raised in Memphis, Tennessee. Her Hebrew name is "Tziporah," but in our Knoxville Hadassah family we know her better as Nora Messing. Nora has been a part of our chapter since 1983, and has worked in almost every spectrum. Nora has served as vice president of Membership, Small Equipment Luncheon Chair, New Membership Committee Co-Chairperson, Cafe Hadassah Committee Member, Planning Committee, Market Place Manager, Volunteer Coordinator, JNF Arrangements, dedicated volunteer on the Chapter's Directory, organizing, and drafting the Jewel and Professional pages, and Ad Solicitor for many years. Currently, Nora serves as our chapter's Historian. Recording our chapter's achievements, events, dreams, producing two beautiful yearbooks.

Nora's volunteer spirit abounds. In addition to her time spent with Hadassah, Nora has given more of her time, energy, and creativity by serving in many positions at her synagogue, Sisterhood, the Knoxville Jewish Day School, and on the Jewish Community Center committees and boards.

In her spare time, Nora became a University of Tennessee graduate, and for fun married Patrick Messing 29 years ago, and together they created two beautiful and successful children, Jason, 26, and Elyse 23 years old. Her professional career has spanned over the last 27 years working for the Knox County Schools as a special education teacher. Nora also loves scrapbooking, cooking and entertaining. Every year, she hosts a cookie party. This is such a highlight during the Chanukah season. Women are invited to exchange cookie recipes and bring cookies to share with everyone at the party. They then donate the rest to the elderly who do not live with or near their families. Nora has such a giving heart and a loving soul that to be in her presence is enchanting. The Knoxville Chapter of Hadassah is most fortunate that Nora Messing has graciously given many years of her time and talent to our causes.



*Hadassah's Southern region president Dana Waxler congratulates Knoxville Woman of the Year, Nora Messing.*

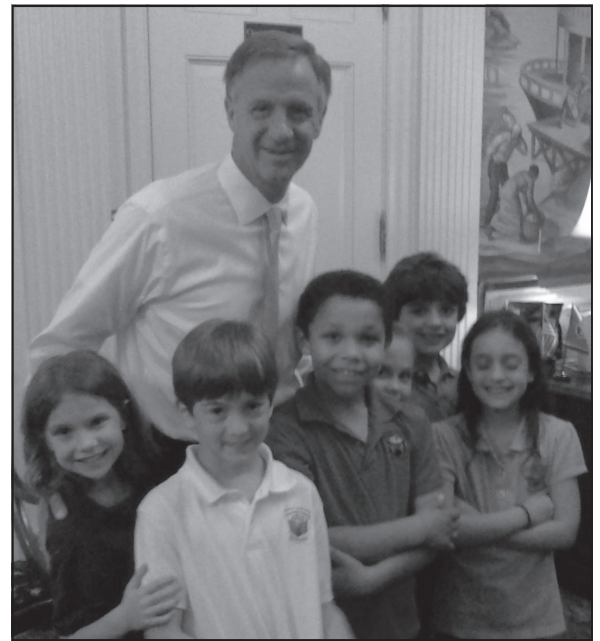


# Stanford Eisenberg Knoxville Jewish Day School

## Students Enjoy Overnight Nashville Field Trip

The second and third grade students had an exciting field trip to Nashville. Their first stop was a visit to Akiva Nashville Jewish Day School. They participated in Hebrew class and made the connection that they use the same Hebrew curriculum that we do! It was a lot of fun conversing in Hebrew with our new friends. The next stop was to the capitol building. We had a tour through the capitol and saw the many workings of our state government. We had our fingers crossed the entire tour hoping to see the governor, Bill Haslam. We told his secretary we were

also from Knoxville and he came out and made a special appearance. We felt so privileged to shake hands with the governor. Then we went to the Science Adventure Center to visit the planetarium and enjoy



their hands-on science activities, like running through a large replica of the human digestive system. We then went to the Chabad of Nashville for a yummy pizza dinner and stayed overnight at their community center. Friday morning was filled with a visit to the Hermitage (Andrew Jackson's home). Here we participated in a fun activity of identifying items from the past and figuring out how these items were used long ago. Then we toured his mansion and plantation. What a fun learning experience in our state capitol.

## KJDS Students Visit Horse Feathers Farm

Tying in with her unit on Spring and the growth cycle of plants, K/1 teacher Amie Cottrell took the kids out to Horse Feathers Farm in Clinton, which is owned and operated by Dr. Pam Gross. During their visit, the kids took a nature hike and discovered many plants in bloom, including the local favorite, the Dogwood. The kids also got to play with and feed many of the animals on the farm, such as horses, baby goats, llamas, fish and even donkeys. It was a peaceful, as well as educational day for the kids and we want to extend our thanks to Dr. Gross for hosting us!



## 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Pesach Musical

Students put on a Pesach musical depicting the story of Passover all in Hebrew. With their skilled theatrical talents at work, even audience members who don't understand Hebrew were able to follow the musical. As they sang and acted, spectators were wowed by their ability to speak and sing so fluently in Hebrew. The musical, which is part of the Talam Curriculum used at the Day School, is one of

the creative opportunities the curriculum offers for students to put the Hebrew they've learned in class to use.

Following the musical, students were joined by their special friends for a model Passover seder. What a special sight to see our K-5 students and their special friends join together in song at the model seder.



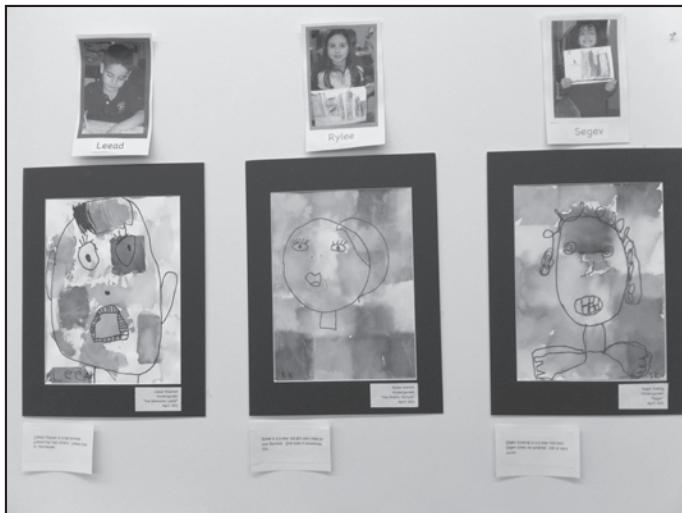
## KJDS Gets a Visit from a Police Helicopter

Yes, you read the title correctly. Amie Cottrell, the K/1 teacher was able to arrange for a visit from the Knoxville Sheriff Department, by helicopter. The big, black helicopter landed at the school and the kids were shown the controls and how the helicopter worked. The officer told them interesting facts about helicopters and the kids were absolutely captivated as they watched the helicopter take off from their very own school.



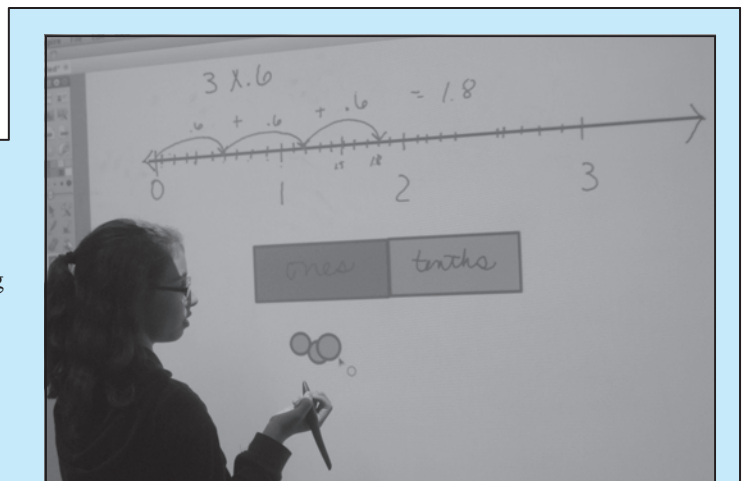
## KJDS' 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Fine Arts Evening

KJDS got a chance to show off its amazing fine arts program with a sophisticated gallery exhibit. The event was arranged by Laurie Barocas, art teacher, who put together a fabulous evening which highlighted the school's commitment to celebrating the arts. Students' art work was displayed and the K/1 class served as docents, explaining the artwork style and giving information about the artist upon which the style was based. Students also demonstrated their poetry works and music skills with the help of music and drama teacher, Debbie Richman. Wine and cheese was served, helping to lend to the feel of a real gallery exhibit. The parents were wowed, the kids were proud, and the huge success of the event guarantees that there will be another one next year.



## KJDS Has a New ActiveBoard

Thanks to the generosity of our supporters, we have installed an ActiveBoard at our school. The children are so excited about learning while using the board. We have learned how to combine this wonderful technology with videos, textbooks, note taking, and other classroom activities. After some training this summer our teachers will be able to do even more wonderful things.



## Mother's Day Celebrated with a Cool Twist

This year's Annual Mother's Day Tea was another huge success, complete with beaming, proud moms! First, the mothers were seated by their children and were then given two poems, a haiku and an acrostic, written by their child. While the mothers were seated reading their poems, their children served them snacks and refreshments. But the fun did not stop there! The moms were then treated to a performance by the very cool, sunglasses wearing class. The students sang "We Go Together" from the movie Grease. They did the hand jive, shook, shimmied and twisted, and then went to get their mothers and soon the whole room was dancing. Thanks goes to teacher Amie Cottrell for a wonderful kick off to Mother's Day!



## KJDS Students Connect with Israeli Students

Our students finished the year by saying goodbye for the summer to their peers in Israel. Thanks to the P2K program, also known as People-to-People, a class from Israel has been corresponding with our fourth and fifth grade students. We have shared pictures, information about our families, and PowerPoint presentations several times throughout the year. We even made a video about our school. Mrs. O can't wait to continue this tradition next year.



# Stanford Eisenberg Knoxville Jewish Day School

## KJDS Staff and Board

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Miriam Esther Wilhelm

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### The Way We Were ca 1996



Victoria **Kozyr** (daughter of Alex and Ella **Kozyr**) and Inna **Badalova** (daughter of Simon **Badalov** and Lena **Golburt**), two of the BBYO members at this Chanukah bazaar circa 1996. Victoria's family was the first family to arrive in Knoxville in 1991 as part of the Knoxville Jewish Federation's Russian Resettlement Program, and Inna's was the third. Today, Victoria, an attorney, lives in Atlanta with her husband Hakim **Ghanem**. Inna, an engineer, lives in Knoxville with husband Jody **Mullins** and their daughter Lilly, who turned four in June.

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

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