



# Ha'Kol

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

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## Temple Beth El High Holy Days 5772

Sept. 24	8:45 p.m.	Community Selichot Service (Heska Amuna)
Sept. 28	8:00 p.m.	Erev Rosh Hashana Service
Sept. 29	9:00 a.m.	Children's Service
	10:00 a.m.	Morning Service
	12:30 p.m.	Luncheon
	1:30 p.m.	Tashlich (Weather Permitting)
Oct. 2	10:00 a.m.	Old Cemetery Visit
	11:00 a.m.	New Cemetery Visit
Oct. 7	8:00 p.m.	Erev Yom Kippur Service
Oct. 8	9:00 a.m.	Children's Service
	10:00 a.m.	Morning Service
	2:30 p.m.	Afternoon service
	4:30 p.m.	Yizkor
	5:30 p.m.	Neilah
	6:30 p.m.	Break the Fast

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# TEMPLE BETH EL TIMES



## From the Rabbi's Study

Five thousand, seven hundred, and seventy-two years ago, God separated the form from void, light from dark, dry from wet. So began the seven days of creation, good work, leading to the creation of human beings – very good work. We observe this anniversary as a matter of faith. Yet we know from our scientific inquiries that while creation happened in a similar order to the biblical account in Genesis I, it happened over a much longer time, and far, far longer ago. At the same time, we realize that the Bible is not a science textbook. Cosmology and evolution do not make Genesis any less poetic, and our Torah does not take away from the awesomeness of the universe as revealed by telescopes and calculations.



Science is not “just a theory,” and the Torah is not “just a myth.” Both are ways of knowing, and both should teach us the same lesson: that we are the latecomers to events that push the boundaries of human understanding, albeit in very different ways, and we depend on the Earth for our survival. The Torah tells us that the Earth is God’s gift to us, and we are obligated to cherish it and care for it and manage it well. Science teaches us that the Earth is strong and resilient, yet finite and fragile and that we should cherish it, care for it, and manage it well.

The Ten Days of Repentance, also known as the Days of Awe, are meant for change: turning from all the ways that we sin against our community, against God, and against ourselves. They are for turning towards health: healthy souls and healthy bodies, healthy communities and a healthy world. Can our repentance include our environment? Indeed it can, and by including *teshuvah* for the world around us, we can preserve our past, our present, and our future.

As we study Torah and recite our ancient prayers, let us remember that we are a small part of a great history and a great heritage. May we protect and nurture one another, so that we might all live, together, in a world of health, happiness, and peace.

*L'Shanah tovah!*

## Adult Education

**Wednesday evenings, August 31, Sept. 7, 14, and 21:** We will study the High Holy Day Torah and Haftarah readings, how they work together and how they promote reflection, repentance, and personal change and growth.

**Coming this fall:** An in-depth study of the Binding of Isaac, which we read on Rosh Hashanah, as presented in Shalom Spiegel’s *The Last Trial*. How do we make sense of this most difficult of biblical passages, when so many others have struggled with it? How does it challenge our values and our choices? What can we learn from it about our own relationship with God?

**Also:** Come hear members of other faiths talk about their traditions and beliefs, and how we live together in Knoxville.

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## September Services

**September 2, 6:00 p.m.** – Shabbat evening service

**September 9, 7:30 p.m.** – Shabbat evening service, preceded by a Wine & Cheese reception at 6:30 p.m.

**September 10, 10:30 a.m.** – Shabbat Torah Study with Rabbi Schwartz in the Temple Library

**September 16, 7:30 p.m.** – Shabbat evening service, with guest Pastor Wade Bibb of Central Baptist Church of Bearden

**September 23, 7:30 p.m.** – Shabbat evening service

**September 24, 8:30 p.m.** – Community Selichot Service, at Heska Amuna Synagogue

**September 28, 8:00 p.m.** – Erev Rosh Hashanah service

**September 29, 9:00 a.m.** – Rosh Hashanah Children's service

**September 29, 10:00 a.m.** – Rosh Hashanah Morning service, followed by lunch

**September 29, 1:30 p.m.** – Tashlich service, weather permitting

**September 30, 7:30 p.m.** – Shabbat Shuva evening service

## From the President

By Deborah Roberts, President

Can I really be writing a message for September? School is still out, the temperatures are in the 90s, and some people are just beginning to enjoy a summer vacation. Still, I trust that summer will fade into the beautiful colors of autumn, and the High Holy Days will arrive on schedule.

Like the fall colors, our Days of Awe require months of preparation. As president, I am especially aware of the time and thought that our members and staff contribute. Their diligence and dedication throughout the summer are evident in every aspect of our worship.

I am reminded of that unique symbol we have for the New Year - an apple dipped in honey. Most of us enjoy the honey without a thought for the worker bees who produced this delightful concoction. I want to be sure that our workers - those who provide so much for us at Temple - know how greatly they are appreciated. I also want to thank everyone who returned forms, read e-mails, sent in money, and participated in any way with Temple life. It takes a whole hive to make our lives so sweet.

Wishing you a happy and healthy 5772.

## TBE Welcomes Pulpit Exchange with Central Baptist Bearden

Rabbi Beth Schwartz and Dr. Wade Bibb, senior pastor of Central Baptist Church of Bearden, will participate in a pulpit exchange this fall, beginning with Pastor Bibb's visit to TBE on Friday evening, September 16. Pastor Bibb was called to Central Baptist Bearden as their senior pastor in 2010, having previously been on the faculty of Carson Newman College in Jefferson City. Since many of us know very little about other faith traditions, the topic for the exchange will be *The Top Five Things I Want You to Know About My Faith*. Rabbi Schwartz and Pastor Bibb are both aware that this is new territory for both congregations, have both promised that this is not an opportunity to witness. They both hope that this exchange will be the beginning of a new interfaith partnership, through which we can grow, share, and do good works in our community.

## Holy Day Greetings Opportunity

TBE Sisterhood is once again offering a way for you to send High Holy Day greetings to your family and friends....Just send in the names of the Temple family and friends you would like send greetings. This is NOT limited to Temple members. You can send greetings to family and friends located anywhere. Just be sure to write their names and addresses legibly so that we can mail your greetings. We will keep a record of who is to receive greetings and who has sent these greetings. After we accumulate these names, Temple holiday cards will be mailed to each and every person who has been sent a High Holy Day greeting. These cards will include the names of several people who have chosen to send cards to them. *The cost of EACH greeting is \$5.00 for each greeting.* The deadline is **September 8** so that we can mail these cards in a timely manner.

This is a wonderful (and inexpensive) new way to let your friends and family, know that you are thinking of them at this special time of year. All you have to do is send in your list, or get a form at the Temple office, with your check, made out to Temple Beth El Sisterhood, and your Sisterhood will take care of the rest. If you have any questions, please call Joyce Traugot at (865) 675-6260. Mail forms to Temple Beth El, P. O. Box 10325, Knoxville, TN 37939. **Mark your envelope "HH Greetings."**

Try it. You'll like it and so will your friends and family.

## It's Time for Sisterhood at Temple Beth El

By Karen Smith, Sisterhood Liaison

Please join Temple Sisterhood on **Sunday,**

**September 11** at 10:00 a.m. at Temple for our opening meeting. Sisterhood will welcome Joan Cronan, UT interim vice chancellor/director of athletics. Program Vice



Presidents **Mimi Brody** and **Kathy Young** tell us this is one speaker you don't want to miss. A delicious brunch, visiting with friends old and new, and a great speaker will make this a fun morning.

Membership Vice Presidents **Honerlin Del Moro** and **Renee' Hyatt** will be at Sisterhood's opening meeting on September 11 to greet returning members, introduce new members, and give out "It's Full of Sisterhood" folders. Honerlin and Renee have mailed our Sisterhood membership information for the new Sisterhood year and will be glad to collect your dues of \$40.00 if you haven't yet mailed them.

Oneg Shabbat Chairs **Karen Smuckler** and **Ava Radoff** have mailed Oneg Shabbat assignments. Thanks to everyone who returned the Oneg Shabbat date request form.

Beiler Floral Fund Chairs **Emma Fleischmann** and **Lisa Sayles** remind everyone that flower arrangements for Shabbat are \$36.00. What a wonderful way to remember or honor someone for a life cycle event or special occasion.

High Holiday Childcare Chair **Tamara Sturm** is sharing information about child care for the holidays.

Finally, Mah Jongg Madness is back. Chairs **Ellen Markman** and **Linda Mongeon** want everyone to save the date of Sunday, November 20 for this year's mah jongg tournament. Watch your mailbox for registration forms in October.

## High Holy Holiday Babysitting Available

TBE Sisterhood will provide child care during the Rosh Hashanah morning service from 10:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. and on Yom Kippur from 10:00 a.m. – 6:30 p.m. Registration forms will be available through Hebrew School and in the *Blast*. Call the Temple office (524-3521) to make reservations and Tamara Sturm (470-7061) for further information.



## Temple Beth El Religious School September Update

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

### No pizza for Midweek in September

Since we had pizza on our first night, August 31, our next pizza night will be Wednesday, October 5.

### Sisterhood Treats Religious School to Apples and Honey September 25

The tradition continues as our students study our High Holy Days. How wonderful that our young people can experience the sweetness of Judaism with their tummies as well as their minds!

### Confirmation Class will attend cemetery services October 2

Our 10<sup>th</sup> graders will join Rabbi at the Old Cemetery at 10:00 a.m. and the New Cemetery at 11:00 a.m. We suggest carpooling to help with parking. This is an important service in our TBE community, and Temple Beth El has a long-standing tradition of confirmand participation. It would be great if the class could have a group lunch after the services.

**Please Note! Both the Children's Services for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur will be at 9:00 a.m. this year. This will prevent members from trying to dodge UT football traffic on the way to the children's service on Yom Kippur.**

### We hope to see all of our students at High Holy Days

I am always so pleased to see almost every student in our school attend at least one High Holy Days service. Many attend several. For the younger children, we have an engaging Children's Service with Cantor Jenifer Blum and Norma James. For our older children, there are many to choose from. We credit our children with creativity, intelligence, and a zest for life. Let us not forget to credit them with the spirituality that also comes so naturally to them. They need this spirituality fed by family attendance at these most sacred services. The students I see in our school are more than capable of sitting through services and engaging with others about the service. As much as we parents might worry about their missing school, we are also sending them the message that High Holy Days are more important than a day of school. It is seldom convenient for us to miss work, yet we do it. Why not do as many families do, start a tradition of breaking the fast with some of your Temple buddies or those of your children? It will make the holidays what they should be, something to look forward to.

### Do you have a child ready to start Religious School for the first time?

We would love to have any child turning four this fall and older. Our school has a terrific program of hands-on study for children from preschool to 10<sup>th</sup> grade. We are looking forward to having several new family memberships this fall. However, membership is a big step for some families. If you are not currently a member of Temple Beth El, you may enroll your child in our school for one school year without joining our congregation just to give us a try. Contact Norma James at [nfjames77@gmail.com](mailto:nfjames77@gmail.com) for more information.

## Important Upcoming Events

**August 31:** Midweek Classes: Pizza dinner 5:45 p.m. Classes 6:15-7:30 p.m.

**September 4:** Labor Day weekend. No Religious School

**September 28 & 29:** Rosh Hashanah Services

**October 2:** Religious School as usual. Confirmation Class attends Cemetery Service

**October 5:** Midweek Classes: Pizza dinner 5:45 p.m. Classes 6:15-7:30 p.m.

**October 7 & 8:** Yom Kippur

**October 9:** No Religious School (Day after Yom Kippur weekend)

**October 12:** Fall Break. No Religious School

**October 16:** Fall Break. No Midweek Classes! BUT We need people to build the Sukkah!

**October 19:** Midweek classes celebrate end of Sukkot in the Sukkah

**October 21:** Simchat Torah Service at 7:30 p.m.

**October 23:** Religious School with Consecration at 11:30 a.m.

## Membership Committee

By Amy Rosenberg

We are excited to announce the new membership of **Bradley and Lydia Drew** into the Temple Beth El family. Bradley and Lydia currently reside in Morristown.

Please join us September 9 for a Shabbat Wine & Cheese. **All Prospective, New and Existing Members** are invited to attend. It is a time to "Schmooze" before our 7:30 p.m. service.

We are currently looking for congregants to participate on the Membership Committee. We meet quarterly to talk about issues relating to membership recruitment and retention, host Wine & Cheese events and make personal phone calls during holiday seasons and emergencies. Please contact me at 356-6830 or at [Rockybergs@TDS.net](mailto:Rockybergs@TDS.net) if you are interested. This is a great opportunity to meet many of the members and to get involved in the Temple.

## Temple Beth El

Cordially invites all  
Prospective Members, New Members  
and Existing Members  
for a Wine & Cheese Social  
outside on the patio  
(Social Hall if raining)

### Friday, September 9

6:30 in the evening  
followed by 7:30 Shabbat Services

Sponsored by TBE Membership  
Committee

RSVP: Amy Rosenberg 356-6830  
or [Rockybergs@tds.net](mailto:Rockybergs@tds.net) by  
September 5.



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## SAVE THE DATE!

Sunday,  
November 20, 2011

It's Time for  
Temple Beth El Sisterhood

Information: Ellen Markman - 584-5820 or  
Linda Mongeon - 693-0407



## Donations to TBE Funds

June 20-July 20, 2011

### General Fund

*In memory of:*

Joe Miller by Linda & Gary Johnson  
 Joe Miller by William & Debra Grodnick  
 Joe Miller by Mark & Carol Harris  
 Joe Miller by Alan Solomon  
 Alex Jacobson by Joyce Traugot  
 Shlema Livshits by Vladimir Livshits  
 Richard M. Hecht by Edith R. Hecht  
 Nathan Lieberman by Marsha Gross

### Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

*In memory of:*

Richard Harris Marchand by Gertrude Siegel  
 Elisabeth Zimerman by Joseph Zimerman  
 Mayme Dortch by The Noon Family  
 Gussie Potter by Frances Brody  
 Irene Chotiner by Meredith & Jerry Jaffe  
 Leo Silver by Matthew Silver

### Care Committee Fund

*In memory of:*

Ruth Sherrill by Robin Brown

### Patio and Grounds

*In memory of:*

Joe Miller by Henry & Claudia Fribourg

### Lester Popkin Memorial Campership & Scholarship

*In memory of:*

Joe Miller by Leona Popkin Spritz  
 Leona Kessler by Leona Popkin Spritz

## Library Luchshen Kugel

By Shelley Mangold, Library Chair

Our newly formed Library committee hopes to make TBE Library a more user friendly place to research, check out books, hold meetings, classes, as well as relax with a good book or friends. We would like to add some new shelving for rotating displays to showcase recommended readings and new additions. Plans are underway for reorganizing and labeling so you can find what you're looking for!

The "Adopt a Book" program has begun! If you would like to honor a special someone's life cycle event, or a loved one who has passed, let us know so we can have a label placed inside one of several new hard bound books that have been put aside for a donation to the Library fund.

Thank you to those who donated wonderful Jewish books. There is always a need for new or gently used children's and current non-fiction (those possibly not in the public library). Starting in September we will again need folks to come most any Sunday morning to help process, shelve books; etc.

We also appreciate those who regularly check out books. This is a great time to go through your own library and **return those overdue**. We miss them! Enjoy!

### Luchshen Kugel (Noodle Pudding)

1/2 pound broad noodles  
 4 eggs, lightly beaten  
 1/4 cup sugar  
 1/4 teaspoon ginger  
 1/2 cup butter, melted  
 1 teaspoon salt, or less to taste  
 2 cooking apples, peeled and diced  
 1/3 cup raisins  
 1/2 cup apricots, cut in sixths  
 1/2 teaspoon cinnamon mixed with 2 teaspoons sugar

Cook and drain the noodles. Mix them with everything but the cinnamon-sugar. Pour the mixture into a buttered 2-quart baking dish, sprinkle the top with the cinnamon-sugar, dot with more butter and bake at 350 degrees for 40 minutes. This recipe is easily doubled.

## Condolences

Our condolences to **Scott Clabo** and his family as his daughter, **Jennifer Hanna**, was killed in a car crash Tuesday, July 19. May her memory be for a blessing.

## Support Heska Amuna and Temple Beth El Buy Grocery Store Certificates

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

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

### Heska Amuna Synagogue

EarthFare	\$25	\$50	\$100	
Kroger	\$25	\$50	\$100	\$200
Fresh Market	\$25	\$50	\$100	
Food City	\$25	\$50	\$100	
<b>Total Amount</b> _____				

### Temple Beth El

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

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

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

# SEPTEMBER 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
				1 7a HA-minyan 11a TBE-News & Schmooze 7:30p HA-Executive Comm mtg.	2 11a TBE-News & Schmooze 4:45-5:30p JFS Shabbat Service at Echo Ridge 6p TBE Shabbat service	3 9:30a HA-Shabbat service
4 9:30a HA-minyan 9:30a HA-No rel school 9:30a TBE-rel school 10:30a Hadassah-Board installation 1-3p Teen Connection/ B'nai Tzedek pool party, AJCC pool	5 <b>Labor Day</b> KJA offices closed 9a HA-minyan <b>1-7p KJA-Last Day at the AJCC Pool</b> 	6 5:15p Drama class, BBYO room 6p TBE-Exec Comm mtg 6-9:30p Fencing, AJCC gym 6:15p TBE-Adult Ed	7 4:30p HA-rel school 5:30-9:30p Fencing, AJCC gym 6:15p TBE-Midweek Hebrew	8 7a HA-minyan 6p CC&R training, AJCC AL 7:30p HA-Board mtg	9 6p HA-Tot Shabbat-dinner 6:30p-HA-Tot Shabbat service 7:30p TBE-Shabbat service	10 9:30a HA-Shabbat service HA-religious school family minyan 10:30a TBE-Shabbat Torah Study
11 9:30a HA-minyan 9:30a HA-rel school 9:30a TBE-rel school 10a TBE-Sisterhood 10:30a HA-Sisterhood Board mtg	12 7a HA-minyan 1-5p Archives work session, AJCC BR 7:30p KJA-Exec Comm, AL	13 5:15p Drama class, BBYO room 6-9:30p Fencing, AJCC gym 6:30 TBE-Board mtg	14 Noon Lunch & Then Some @ Rothchild's 4:30p HA-rel school 5:30-9:30p Fencing, AJCC gym 6:15p TBE-Midweek Hebrew 6:15p TBE-Adult Ed	15 7a HA-minyan 7:30p HA-Rabbi & Rel Services Comm	16 6p HA-Kabbalat Shabbat Hoot'nanny & Barbeque 7:30p TBE-Shabbat service	17 9:30a HA-Shabbat service 10:30a HA-Contemporary service
18 9:30a HA-minyan 9:30a HA-rel school 9:30a TBE-rel school	19 7a HA-minyan 1-5p Archives Work Session, AJCC BR 7:30p KJA Board of Directors mtg, AJCC AL	20 5:15p Drama class, BBYO room 6-9:30p Fencing, AJCC gym	21 7a Aziza Al-Hibri lecture at UT 4:30p HA-rel school 5:30-9:30p Fencing, AJCC gym 6:15p TBE-Midweek Hebrew 6:15p TBE-Adult Ed	22 7a HA-minyan 6p Republican Jewish Coalition, AJCC AL 6:30p Hadassah event, AJCC gym 7p HA-Ed Comm	23 7:30p TBE-Shabbat service	24 9:30a HA-Shabbat service 8:30p Selichot services, joint service of HA & TBE at HA
25 9:30a HA-minyan 9:30a HA-rel school 9:30a TBE-rel school	26 7a HA-minyan 1-5p Archives Work Session, AJCC BR	27 5:15p Drama class, BBYO room 6-9:30p Fencing, AJCC gym	28 No HA rel school No TBE rel school 5:30-9:30p Fencing, AJCC gym 6p HA-Rosh Hashanah services 8p TBE-Rosh Hashanah services	29 <b>Rosh Hashanah</b> KJA offices closed 9a TBE-Children's service 9:30a HA-Rosh Hashanah service 10a TBE-Rosh Hashanah service 1:30p TBE-Tashlich service 5p HA-Tashlich services at the river, Cherokee Blvd.	30 <b>Rosh Hashanah</b> KJA offices closed 9:30a HA-Rosh Hashanah service 7:30p TBE-Shabbat Shuva service 	

# K N O X V I L L E

## Tikkun Olam 2011

Tikkun Olam 2011 delegation provided hands and hearts for our Israel Night celebration at the AJCC July 28. The Israeli teens came prepared with a WIDE variety of activities for MCDC campers and the entire community. Projects included games, music, dancing, and art. They also helped prepare the Israeli themed dinner for the evening and made a special "kadorey shokolat" (chocolate balls)

Chaperone Melissa Treece accompanied the local delegates to Israel this year: Sam Hull, Gabe Oleinik and Ethan Snow. They were joined by Hannah Boulware from Chattanooga and the group spent one weekend hosted by the Chattanooga Jewish community. The program concluded with a three day program in Charlotte, North Carolina.



*(Left) Ethan Snow at Pond Gap Elementary school – the service project served by Tikkun Olam 2011.*

## Dor L'Dor Performance on October 1

Knoxville klezmer band Dor L'Dor will perform at Nashville's "Celebration of Cultures" (formerly known as "Celebrate Nashville") on Saturday, October 1, 2011. The annual festival takes place at Nashville's Centennial Park. If you can't get there for the fun, please let your Nashville friends and family know! Dor L'Dor band members include Ken, Susan, Michael, Daniel, and Rachel Brown.



# H A P P E N I N G S

## Hunger Doesn't Take a Break For the Holidays

By Joyce Traugot, Marty's Mission Food Drive coordinator

Once again as we prepare for the Holy Days, the Jewish community is planning Marty's Mission, its annual food drive to support Second Harvest Food Bank. We have done a wonderful job over the past five years and are looking forward to hosting a record-breaking drive this year. Please bring non-perishable foods to Temple Beth El, Heska Amuna Synagogue, the Knoxville Jewish Day School, or the Arnstein Jewish Community Center and place them in bins provided by Second Harvest. Bins are already in place so you may bring food at any time.

Please remember: many families are in need and your support will provide healthy, needed meals for these families.

Second Harvest Food Bank asks that you do not donate items packaged in glass. Some suggestions include:

- ◆ Meals in a can (stew, chili, soup)
- ◆ Tuna and canned meat
- ◆ Peanut butter
- ◆ Canned foods with pop-top lids
- ◆ Low-sugar cereals
- ◆ 100% fruit juices in single-serving boxes
- ◆ Canned fruit packed in juice
- ◆ Canned vegetables (low salt)

The food bank also needs nutritious, non-perishable, single-serving foods for use in programs for children.

- ◆ Tuna with pop-top lids
- ◆ 100% fruit rolls
- ◆ Raisins
- ◆ Graham crackers
- ◆ Unsweetened applesauce
- ◆ Cheese and crackers
- ◆ Fruit cups
- ◆ Low-sugar cereal bowls
- ◆ Pretzels
- ◆ 100% fruit juice boxes
- ◆ Granola bars (without peanuts)

Checks are also welcome. Just make your check out to "Second Harvest Food Bank" and leave it in the office of the Jewish organization that you are attending or just mail it to them along with the check for your dues, tuition, or fees. In the note portion of your check, please indicate that this is part of Marty's Mission HH drive. I will pick them up and get them to our friends at Second Harvest. Thank you in advance for your support and for all your assistance during the past year. We really do appreciate you and your efforts.

## South East - Hadera Eiron Consortium A Taste of Partnership Celebration

Join us for a wonderful trip to Israel to celebrate the tenth anniversary of the Knoxville-Hadera partnership. February 28 through March 4, 2012.

Knoxville will join with friends from Nashville, Jacksonville, Chattanooga, Pinellas County, FL, Flagler and Volusia Counties, FL, and Ft Myers, FL.

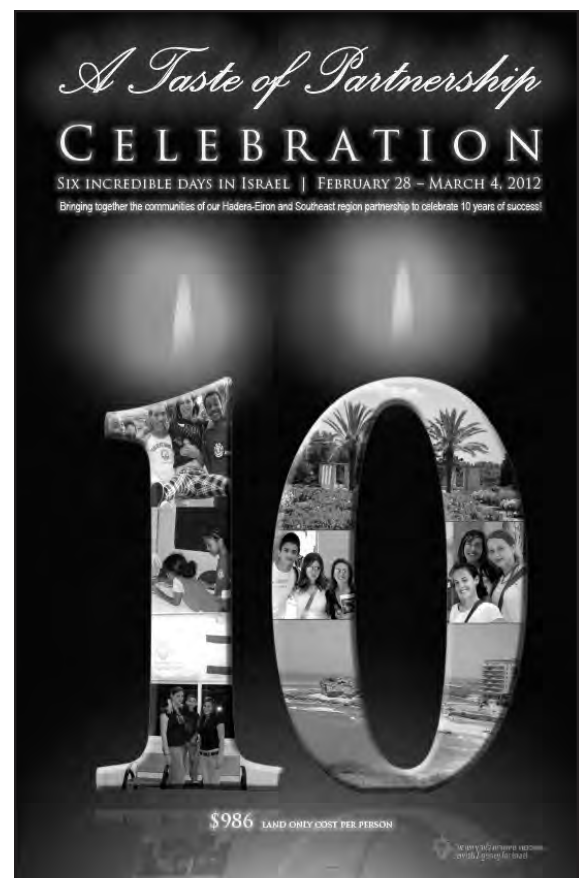
You and your guests are welcome to be part of this exciting trip.

Land cost is only \$986 double occupancy or \$480 single occupancy. We are working on a group fare, although you may make your own airfare arrangements.

Your trip includes:

- ◆ Bus – Wednesday; Thursday; Friday; Sunday
- ◆ Guide - Wednesday; Thursday; Friday; Sunday
- ◆ Security - Wednesday; Thursday; Friday; Sunday
- ◆ Include Sites - Hadera; Hadera Market; Seam line and learn about the complexity of the Palestine-Israeli border proximity; Binyamina Winery; Gardens of the Baron Rothschild ; Zichron Yaacov; "In Our Street" Neve Tzedek competitive game; Nachalat Binyamin; Jerusalem in Haas Promenade in Armon Hanatziv; Tower of David – Light & Sound Show; Israel Museum; Holocaust Museum Ein Karem; Jewish Quarter.
- ◆ Meals – Lunch: Wednesday; Thursday; Friday; Sunday. Dinner: Thursday; Sunday
- ◆ Hotels – Inbal Jerusalem; Dan Caesarea

Pre and post extensions are being planned. For additional information, contact Jeff and Nancy Becker, trip chairs, at [jbecker@UTK.edu](mailto:jbecker@UTK.edu) or Jeff Gubitz at [jgubitz@jewishknoxville.org](mailto:jgubitz@jewishknoxville.org) or (865) 690-6343.



# Knoxville Jewish Alliance

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# Ha'Kol

## KJA President's Report

By Stephen Rosen

A few weeks ago, the Knoxville Jewish Alliance Board of Directors and staff had a very pleasant evening at the AJCC pool. We had dinner, talked about food, and pondered future leadership. Then, we took some time to have our own version of Shakespeare's *A Midsummer Night's Dream* (don't get confused with Woody Allen's version). We took turns dreaming about things we would like to see in our community if money were no object. Sometimes, a good idea can be contagious and one person's dream matches another's. Below you will find a general list in no particular order of priority. I have taken a guess at what it might cost to turn a particular dream into reality, but don't get the idea that we have hard numbers or plans to back up the guesstimates.



Community Campus (Temple Beth El, Heska Amuna and/or KJDS relocated on our property)	\$3mm-5mm
Refurbished AJCC Building per 2008 schematics	\$2mm
Home for the Aged or Assisted Living	\$(I have no idea!)
Health Club on site	\$500,000 to \$1mm
Endowment for big name Jewish Entertainment	\$300,000
Pool improvements including cosmetics and a bubble	\$100,000 – 250,000
Kitchen expansion and/or improvement	\$500 – 50,000
Sign at front of AJCC property	\$5,000
Elevator	\$50,000 – 100,000
Social hall/multi-purpose room	\$250,000 – 500,000
3 <sup>rd</sup> awning at pool	\$5000
Locker room renovation	\$25,000
Renovation of upstairs hallways	\$25,000
Flooring in Board Room/Archives	<del>-\$3,000</del> DONE

If you see something you like and want to make our dream your own, let's talk. Sometimes to have a dream, it takes a poet who can write a script. Other times, it just takes a dreamer that can write a check. If either of those roles fit you, let me know.

Note – a list of previously advertised and board approved naming opportunities can be found at [www.jewishknoxville.org](http://www.jewishknoxville.org)

*Stephen Rosen can be awakened from his current dream at [stephen.rosen@morgankeegan.com](mailto:stephen.rosen@morgankeegan.com)*

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### KJA 2011 Campaign

**Campaign Goal \$350,000**

*As of 8/9/2011*

2011 Annual Campaign: \$304,027

52 new donors

144 increased gifts from 2010

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

*You can also go online at*

*[www.jewishknoxville.org](http://www.jewishknoxville.org) and click "donate."*

### Jewish Family Services News

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

For the High Holy Days, Ken Brown, Harold Markman, and Rabbi Yossi Wilhelm will be visiting our long-term care residents to blow the shofar for them. Jewish Family Services will also be providing each resident with a Rosh Hashanah *Chai Bag*, filled with apples, honey sticks, and challah rolls. Thank you to all of the volunteers who have participated in this mitzvah. If you are able to blow the shofar and are interested in doing so for our residents in the future, please contact Laura Berry at 690-6343 ext. 18 or [lberry@jewishknoxville.org](mailto:lberry@jewishknoxville.org).

## Do U Know Where U Are?

By Gene Rosenberg, KJA Campaign Chair

According to Webster's *Unabridged Dictionary*, the definition of "community" is... "a society of people having common rights and privileges, the people living in the same district, city, etc. under the same laws," and it goes on further.

This, I think, really defines our Knoxville Jewish Alliance. We do what we have to do as a community; the Jewish people have done this and survived for centuries.

It's interesting, maybe coincidental, maybe just meant to be (b'shert?) that "U" is in the exact center of community. It takes a lot of "U-s" to make a community. It takes people and it takes dollars... never too little time to volunteer, never too few dollars to contribute, and it's NEVER too late to start.

### WHERE ARE U...ARE U WITH US?

If U have not yet made your commitment (pledge) to Campaign 2011, now is the time... for the High Holidays. Our very best to everyone for a healthy, happy, safe and prosperous New Year. L'Shana Tovah.



## Sundown in the Sukkah

Sunday, October 16, 2011

5:00 – 7:30 p.m. at the AJCC  
6800 Deane Hill Drive

Sukkot is a fun and funny Jewish holiday. During its seven days, Jews are commanded to build and live in an outdoor lean-to-type structure the construction of which is governed by incredibly detailed rules.

Harvest festivals are always fun, and Sukkot creates not just a time to celebrate, but a place. The holiday of Sukkot helps us experience God's kindness to the Jewish people while in the desert during the Exodus from Egypt and celebrate the Fall harvest. Sukkot is during the harvest moon.

Join us for live entertainment and a wonderful array of delicious refreshments, beer and wine for the adults. The children will design colorful arts and crafts.

Bring a non-perishable item for Marty's Mission – our collection for Second Harvest!

The event is free and open to the entire community. For additional information or to volunteer, please call 690-6343 or e-mail [kja@jewishknoxville.org](mailto:kja@jewishknoxville.org).



## Lunch and Then Some

By Laura Faye Berry, BSSW, Esq., Director

Please join us for this month's Lunch and Then Some (formerly Friendshippers) program.

Wednesday, September 14: **Marilyn Kallet, PhD**

Marilyn Kallet is the author of 15 books, including *Packing Light: New and Selected Poems*, and translations from the



Dr. Marilyn Kallet

French, most recently *The Big Game (Le grand jeu)* of Benjamin Péret, both from Black Widow Press.

She directs the Creative Writing Program at the University of Tennessee, where she is also Professor of English. She teaches poetry workshops in Auvillar, France, for the Virginia Center for the Creative Arts.

Dr. Kallet was inducted into the East Tennessee Literary Hall of Fame in poetry, 2005, and was named Woman of Achievement in the Arts by the YWCA in 2000. She has won the Tennessee Arts Commission Literary Fellowship in Poetry, and serves on the TAC Literary Advisory Board.

She has performed her poems in theaters and on campuses across the United States, in France and in Warsaw and Krakow, as a guest of the United States Embassy's "America Presents" program.

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



Sybil Joffe, Carol Solenberger, and Marilyn Wohl enjoy the July Lunch and Then Some program.

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

## Suzy Snoops

### Mazal Tov!

- ◆ Congratulations to former Heska Amuna Rabbi **Louis Zivic**, who married **Karen Hockley** in late July.
- ◆ Congratulations to **Pam** and **Ernie Gross** on the birth of granddaughter, **Phoebe Lynn King**, daughter of **Naomi** and **Brice King**.
- ◆ **David Cohn**, son of **Joan** and **Steve Cohn**, was selected as a principal with Sullivan-Cotter, Inc., a financial consulting firm specializing in compensation planning for the healthcare industry. David is the chief actuary and head of pension development for the firm which has offices in 10 major U.S. cities. David lives in Atlanta with his wife **Nancy** and children, **Daniel** and **Matthew**.
- ◆ **Ed Greif**, son of **Maurice Greif** and the late **Carolyn Greif** of Rockwood, received three awards in the 2011 Tennessee Sports Writers Association writing awards at the TSWA's annual convention on July 15. He won third place Gary Lundy Writer of the Year (Division 3), third place for Best Special Section (Division 2) and second place for Best Individual Layout (Division 3). He is sports editor of the Crossville Chronicle in Crossville, Tennessee.
- ◆ **Judith Rosenberg** has accepted a position with the Girl Scout Council of the Southern Appalachians (GSCSA) as its Director of Community Development. Judith previously was a regional BBYO executive director.



*Ed Greif*



- ◆ **Fallon Parker**, a senior AJCC Smokin' Salmon, received a GKAISA college scholarship at the July GKAISA City Meet. Parker will attend Radford College in Virginia on an athletic scholarship this fall. Congratulations to Fallon!

*Fallon Parker with parents.*

## Jewish Book Month Features Knoxville Native Ronda Robinson

On **October 30, 2011**, KJA's Jewish Book Month will feature Ronda Robinson, *Beyond Politics Inspirational People of Israel* writer/editor. This program is sponsored by the Knoxville Jewish Alliance.

A writer all her life, she has made her living at it since 1977. Her credits include many national and international publications, such as American Profile, Hadassah, Jerusalem Post, Jerusalem Report, Ms., Rolling Stone, Travel & Leisure, USA Today, The Washingtonian and Woman's World.

She particularly enjoys writing about people, health and fitness, Israel and Jewish life – and want to share some stories. She sees the world as stories. Friends can tell when she gets “the look” while carrying on a conversation and she is thinking, “That’s a great idea for a story.”

"Beyond Politics" bids us to expand our understanding of "what is going on in Israel today" by focusing not on current events, but on the lives of people - individuals living today in Israel - immigrants from different parts of the world and those born in Israel. It is a must reading for anyone who cares deeply about the future of Israel and the Jewish people and seeks to foster dialogue, cooperation, and shalom in the Middle East. "Beyond Politics" shatters the omnipresent myths and stereotypes of Israel by highlighting the lives of 18 different people making up the mosaic we call Israel. Read "Beyond Politics" to understand the true face of Israel - in all its diversity and depth.

For additional information, please contact, Wilma Weinstein, Program Director at (865) 690-6343 x16 or [wweinstein@jewishknoxville.org](mailto:wweinstein@jewishknoxville.org).

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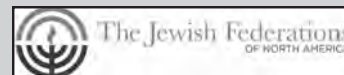
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*Good times were had by all at AJCC Family Pool Party.*



*Shirley Levenson and Joe Sitver at the Family Pool Party on July 24.*



*(Above) Swimmers get ready to dive in at a meet in July.*

*(Right) AJCC Smokin' Salmon won their league this year at the Smoky Mountain Invitational and GKISA. Congratulations!!*



*(Above and Right) Israel Night festivities featured Israeli dancing, games, music and lots of delicious food.*

# Community High Holiday Greetings

## LaShanah Tovah

Marilyn Presser, Linda Slovis, Lisa, Michael, David, Adam & Jennifer Cohn. Alaina Slovis, Ely & Ayva Oberman and David Slovis

Happy New Year from  
Fay Campbell, Jane  
Cohen, Monty Lewis,  
and the Knoxville  
Israeli Folk Dancers

Holiday Greetings from  
The Dreyer Family:  
Trudy, Gary Marcie, Allison,  
Emma, Scott, Ellen Clare,  
Natalie, Hannah, and Stone

Thanks for a great year in our  
new home! Looking forward to  
a blessed 5772 together.

Fondly, Karen, Elhanan  
and Alon Ferency

**WISHING ALL A HEALTHY &  
REWARDING YEAR  
SUSAN AND ARNOLD COHEN,  
OUR CHILDREN,  
GRANDCHILDREN AND  
EXTENDED FAMILY**

## Shana Tova!

Elaine Brown  
Karen, Hardin, Benjamin & Sarah Rubin  
Susan, Ken, Michael, Daniel & Rachel Brown  
Steve and Laurel Brown  
David, June & Arianna Brown, Karen Haberfeld

The KJA Board and  
Staff wish you a  
healthy and happy  
New Year!

Our perennial prayer for  
peace and prosperity.  
Arlene Goldstine &  
Family

*L'Shana Tovah*  
Jeff & Charlene,  
Ron & Leslie Gubitz,  
Jen, Leslie Gubitz

## Happy Holidays from The Rebacks!

Gary, Kathy, Jenna & Ben ~ Portola  
Valley, CA; Rick, Kate, Jessica,  
Joshua & Matthew ~ Potomac, MD;  
Sandy, Shelley, Dana & Samantha ~  
Bethesda, MD

*Best Wishes for a Happy, Healthy  
New Year.*

*Sondra and Buzz Brody*

A Happy New Year from  
all the Kramer's from  
St. Louis, Rochester,  
Oxford, Great Britain  
and Jerusalem

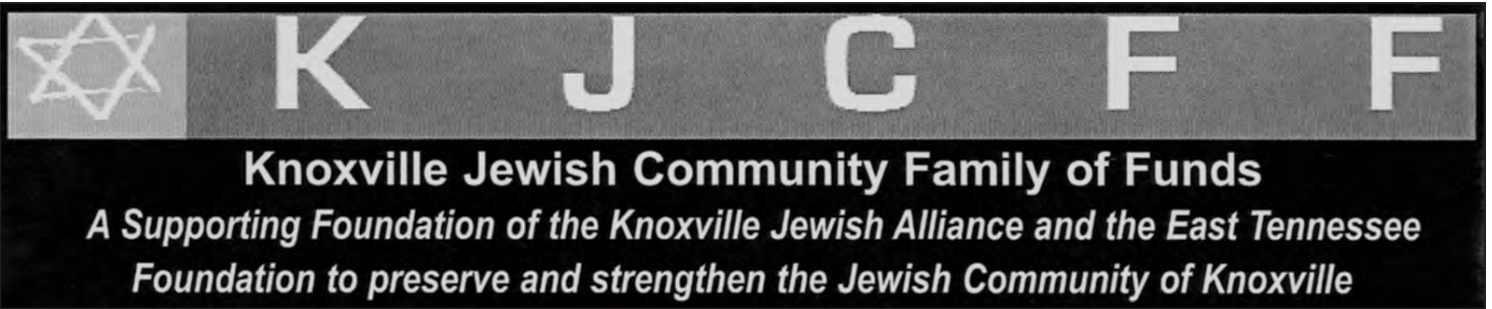
Greetings from Len &  
Barbara Handler,  
Charles Handler, Amy,  
Phil, Oliver & Calliope  
Rose Oppenheim

# Community High Holiday Greetings

<p><b>Holiday Greetings</b> From Marcie Silverstein and Family</p>		<p><i>L Shana Tovah</i></p> <p><i>Kim, Stephen, Nathan, Arielle and Tifannie Rosen</i></p>
<p><i>Wishing everyone a wonderful New Year. All the best from Mark, Peggy &amp; Owen Littman and Beth McGinnis</i></p>		
<p><i>L Shana Tova</i> Arnold and Mary Linda Schwarzbart <a href="http://www.shwarzbart.com">www.shwarzbart.com</a></p>	<p><i>May health, happiness and peace be yours as you celebrate the New Year</i> Fran Silver and Family</p>	
<p><i>We wish you a New Year full of Happiness and Blessings</i></p> <p><i>The Board and Staff of Keska Amuna Synagogue</i></p>		<p><i>Wishing health, happiness, and peace to all</i> <i>The Roberts Family</i> Deborah, John and Daniel Megan &amp; Josh Koller</p>
<p><i>Wishing Everyone a Healthy &amp; Happy New Year</i> Lee Miller, Lissa, Shelly &amp; Seth</p>		<p><b>High Holiday Greetings</b> Barbara and Bernard Bernstein, Barri and Mark</p>
<p>May the New Year Bring You Peace, Good Health, and Happiness, Norman and Sandra Licht</p>	<p><i>L Shana Tova</i> from Stephen, Rosalie, Mara &amp; Evan Nagler</p>	<p><b>BEST WISHES FOR A HAPPY NEW YEAR</b> Alice &amp; David Goldfarb, Livingston, NJ; Debbie Renert, NYC; Diane &amp; Andy Lechter &amp; family, Atlanta; Betty &amp; Malcolm Minsk, Atlanta; Wendy &amp; Alan Solon, Atlanta; Gail &amp; Ron Minsk &amp; family, Rockville, MD; Elisa &amp; Morris Hartstein, Israel</p>

# Community High Holiday Greetings

<p>With all good wishes, <i>PESSA, MARLA, BART, JOEL &amp; WILL BRODY</i></p>	<p>Shanah Tovah U'Metukah Gilya Schmidt and Family</p>	<p><b><i>L'Shanah Tovah</i></b> <i>Jeff and Nancy Becker and our children &amp; grandchildren, Rachel, Micah, Sophie and Reuben Becker-Klein; Benjamin, Amy &amp; Harry Willis-Becker; Sarah Becker; Danny, Lora, Noah, and Benjamin Cohen-Vogel; Jeff Cohen; Debbie, Jeff, Samantha &amp; Gabriel Abrams-Cohen</i></p>	
<p><b>L Shana Tova</b> <b>Wishing all a year of peace, health and happiness</b> <b>Marilyn and Harvey Liberman, Mark and Janet - Atlanta, GA; Lynn - Mendota Heights, MN; Scott, Ann, Andrea and Deborah - Dayton, OH</b></p>		<p><b>L'Shana Tova</b> Mark &amp; Carol Harris Alan, Mary Jo, David, Daniel, Rachel &amp; Jacob Harris Robert, Marcy, Alex &amp; Noah Chatham Kevin, Melissa, Madeline, and Ella Harris</p>	
<p><b>A Healthy and Happy New Year to All. Lesley and Bernie Rosenblatt</b></p>	<p><b>L'Shana Tova</b> Mark &amp; Carol Harris Alan, Mary Jo, David, Daniel, Rachel &amp; Jacob Harris Robert, Marcy, Alex &amp; Noah Chatham Kevin, Melissa, Madeline, and Ella Harris</p>	<p><b>L Shanah Tova Joani &amp; Gary Leeds</b></p>	
<p><i>L'Shana Tovah from the Officers and Board of Directors of Temple Beth El</i> <i>We wish the entire community a joyful and peaceful New Year.</i></p>		<p><i>A Happy, Healthy and Peaceful New Year. Bunny &amp; Allan Gerson &amp; Family</i></p>	
		<p><b>L'Shana Tovah Tikatevu to all.</b> <i>May you and your families be sealed in the book of life with good health, prosperity, and happiness. Heidi, Barry and Eddy Allen</i></p>	



## A Word from Incoming President Bernie Rosenblatt

By *Bernie Rosenblatt, President KJCFF, Inc.*

L'Shana Tova! This is the time of year we reflect on the past and look to the future. Jewish tradition teaches that we are one link in a long chain and we must work to maintain continuity for those who will come after us. To reinforce our connection to the future and provide a sound financial base upon which our community can build we have begun to endow our community organizations through the KJCFF. Currently there are 43 funds valued at over \$2 million which have made over \$80,000 in grants.

Imagine if you could provide a gift to the Knoxville Jewish community that would be everlasting...one that preserves the memory of a loved one, fulfills a moral obligation, or demonstrates deep humanitarian concerns. Planned giving is one of the most beautiful things that you can do to ensure that our Jewish history and values are not forgotten. There are a variety of ways you can set up a fund and the KJCFF or your financial advisor can help you decide which type of fund will meet your desires and assist you in the process of establishing your fund.

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the KJCFF I wish you a very healthy, happy and charitable New Year!



## KJCFF Board Welcomes Ellen Markman

The KJCFF is delighted to welcome Ellen Markman to the board. Ellen was excited to join the board as she believes strongly in the integrity and longevity of the community funds and the Knoxville Jewish community. (Of course, she could not say no to former KJCFF Board President Dick Jacobstein!)

Ellen is a graduate of the University of Tennessee and is married to Steve Markman of Markman's Diamonds and Fine Jewelry. They have raised three fine young men—Jeff, Michael and Ryan. When asked what it was like to raise three boys, she replied that she is very good at "...feeding boys." Ellen is very active outside her home and is passionate about the Community School of the Arts and spends time regularly working at the production office store.

Of course, the KJCFF feels fortunate to have her on the board and looks forward to her service to our community.



*Ellen Markman (right) with daughter-in-law.*

## Donations

- ◆ **B'nai Tzedek Fund of Jacob Messing**  
Carole and Bob Martin

## Grants

- ◆ The University of Tennessee Judaic Studies Department will continue their annual lecture series in part thanks to a generous grant from the **Jeff and Nancy Becker Community Enrichment Fund**.
- ◆ ChildNet, a program run by Helen Ross McNabb Center designed to help children who are struggling with mental health issues and who do not have access to adequate social services, is receiving support from the **Jeff and Nancy Becker Community Enrichment Fund**.
- ◆ In addition, the **Jeff and Nancy Becker Community Enrichment Fund** has made a grant to support the Knoxville Jewish Alliance appeal to support Jews both locally and around the world and another grant to the East Tennessee Foundation to support their daily work serving our local community.

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# Heska Amuna Synagogue

# HaShofar



## High Holiday Schedule

**Elul/Tishri 5771**

### Selichot Services

**Saturday, September 24**

Preparation for the Holidays

At Heska Amuna Synagogue will host a joint Selichot program with Temple Beth El, beginning with Havdalah, led by Rabbi Alon Ferency and Rabbi Beth Schwartz., at 8:00 p.m. Dessert and discussion will follow. The 9:30 p.m. Selichot Service in the Sanctuary of the Six Million will be led by Rabbis Ferency and Schwartz.

Erev Rosh Hashannah - **Wednesday, September 28** - Services at 6:00 p.m.

First Day Rosh Hashannah - **Thursday, September 29** - Services at 9:30 a.m.

Tashlich Ceremony and Service - **Thursday, September 29** at 5:00 p.m., at the river on Cherokee Boulevard.

Second Day Rosh Hashannah - **Friday, September 30** - Services at 9:30 a.m.

Memorial Service - **Sunday, October 2** at 11:00 a.m.

Joint service with Temple Beth El at the New Jewish Cemetery.

Memorial service will be conducted by Rabbi Alon Ferency and Rabbi Beth Schwartz.

Kol Nidre - **Friday, October 7** - Minchah at 6:15 p.m.; Kol Nidre at 6:30 p.m.; a musical ensemble will accompany Kol Nidre. Please bring non-perishable items for the Jewish Community Food Drive. Donations may be brought to the AJCC Preschool, Heska Amuna, Temple Beth El, or the Knoxville Jewish Day School.

Yom Kippur Day - **Saturday, October 8** - Services at 9:30 a.m.; Yom Kippur - Afternoon Discussion at 2:30 p.m. in the Winick Library with discussion facilitator, Peggy Littmann. The topic will be "Job, The Reluctant Prophet" along with a short play about Job written by Mark Littman. Minchah, Neilah and Ma'ariv at 5:15 p.m.; Shofar and Havdallah at 7:30 p.m.; the Congregation is invited to attend The Break-The-Fast following services.

All times subject to change.

Lulav and Etrog order and payment deadline is **Tuesday, September 27**. Pick up your lulav and etrog at the Synagogue on Monday and Tuesday, October 10 and 11, 9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.; or Wednesday, October 12 from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Erev Sukkot - **Wednesday, October 12** - Family Sukkot Dinner and Celebration at 5:30 p.m.

First Day of Sukkot - **Thursday, October 13** - Services at 7:00 a.m.

Second Day of Sukkot - **Friday, October 14** - Services at 9:30 a.m.

Erev Shemini Atzeret - **Wednesday, October 19**

Shemini Atzeret - **Thursday, October 20** - Services at 9:30 a.m.; Yizkor recited during services; Erev Simchat Torah Celebration starting at 7:00 p.m.

Simchat Torah - **Friday, October 21** - Services at 9:30 a.m.

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## The Power of Place

*By Rabbi Alon Ferency*

Most married couples fondly recall their first apartment. For some, it was so memorable that they celebrate the date corresponding to its address. Today, they may live in a house of five times the square footage, and the first place may have been as dark and dingy as the tool shed of their current place. Still, the power of that first cramped, shared space endures. Similarly, I have a pet theory that we each, all of us, need continual contact with a natural feature whose impression marked our childhood psyche. I was raised by the ocean, and I always have a longing for the sea. People who were raised by forests forever need forests in their lives, and so too, mountains. For a local, that identifying feature could be the rolling green highlands of East Tennessee. Debbie Johnson told me that she visited Myrtle Beach once, and couldn't wait to leave. (As a lover of the sea, I couldn't imagine why.) It was too flat, she said.

Place marks our Jewish history, as well. Bible scholar Adele Berlin describes Torah as a narrative about the People and the Land. One may even say it is a love-story between the Israelite People and their Promised Land. Sarah's, Abraham's, Rebekah's, Isaac's, Leah's, Rachel's and Jacob's tales are filled by journeys away from homes they knew, to and from the Land, as they make new homes, and settle, and re-settle, again and again. Later, David and Solomon strive to make a home for God in the holy hills of Jerusalem. Subsequently, the latter books of the Hebrew Bible recount the exile and redemption from our holy home in the Land of Israel.

As someone who's lived in too many different cities, states and nations, I've learned one thing about homes: make yours wherever you are, as soon as you can. During my first year in the Peace Corps in Cameroon, I lived in the Sahel desert town of Kaélé, in a large, shoddily built concrete house. For months, I dreamed of finding a less dilapidated place, until I finally decided to stay where I was for the duration of my service. So I reinforced the gate, patched the roof, repainted the interior and exterior walls, and found some lovely furniture. It became a great space, and I always regretted waiting so long to settle in it. More recently, Karen and I lived in a small cottage by the beach in Santa Monica, but it wasn't for eight months, when we needed to move our couch for the Passover *Seder*, that we finally realized how to make our house a home.

As 5772 arrives, my new year's advice to you is this: make your house into a home. Don't wait to find yourself a home; make your home where you are now. Be like a turtle, or a hermit crab, which carries its home wherever it goes, following Langston Hughes' advice: "He carries/ His own strength/ And his own laughter,/ His own today/ And his own hereafter." This year, I pray that Heska Amuna Synagogue can be part of your home, wherever you are in your life. I hope that its rooms and people become a touchstone for you, as they were and are for many others. Whatever your needs, I hope that the warmth and support of our wonderful community can help you to feel at home in Knoxville. I know that it has made me feel at home here.

## From the President

*By Gilya Schmidt*

"Awake ye sleepers from your slumber..." In an older Machzor, these words by Maimonides begin the Shofar service on Rosh Hashanah. But we begin blowing the Shofar much earlier than the New Year, on the first of Elul in fact. This practice is designed to remind us to return, to reconsider, to change our ways, and to mend our ways. For a whole month, the penetrating sound of the Shofar conveys to us the urgency of awakening spiritually. The Shofar reminds us that we are about to begin a new cycle in the Jewish calendar and challenges us to try and get it right this time around. The excitement and anticipation are palpable, and the countdown is inevitable. "On Rosh Hashanah it is written..." The High Holy Days are a busy and intense time ritually and liturgically. It takes much planning, much organizing, and paying attention to many details to get it right.

And it takes a village to make it happen. At Heska Amuna, we are blessed with committed and talented congregants who work with Rabbi Ferency and the Rabbi and Religious Services Committee to create a worshipful and uplifting atmosphere for all who attend our services, during the High Holy Days and all year long. And we are blessed with a dedicated staff that makes sure that every last detail is just right.

Would you like to be part of the cadre of congregants who share their love of davening and knowledge of Jewish liturgy with the congregation? Sign up on the Heska Amuna website, <http://heskaamuna.org/>, under upcoming and sign-up, or send me an email at [hapresident@heskaamuna.org](mailto:hapresident@heskaamuna.org). If you aren't sure if you are ready, several of us would be happy to listen to you and teach you. All you have to do is ask.

I would like to express my gratitude to every one of you who participates in services during the High Holy Days and throughout the year. We couldn't do it without you! At this time of year it is customary to ask forgiveness of family and friends for any offenses one may have committed in the past year. If I have offended you in some way during the past year, I ask your forgiveness. May we all be inscribed for a good year. Shanah Tovah Tikatevu.

## From the Chair of the Board

By Scott B. Hahn

As many of you know, the word synagogue was given to us by the Greeks, meaning place of assembly. The rabbis being slightly more clever, did not confine synagogue to having just one definition. The Hebrew terms for synagogue include: *beit tefillah* (house of prayer), *beit kenneset* (house of meeting, similar to the Greek), and *beit midrash* (house of study). The central theme in all the words is *beit*, or in English, house. The rabbis could have just as easily used the Hebrew word *makom* (place), but chose the word *beit* instead.

Obviously, home has a much more symbolic and intimate image than the word place. Just as our homes have more than just one function, eating, sleeping, shelter, etc., the synagogue serves many functions as well. In Judaism, the two equally important centers of the universe are the synagogue and the home. I believe this is one of the reasons why the rabbis incorporated the same word to describe where we live and where we worship.

During the Days of Awe, we seek *Teshuvah*, or return, but what is it that we are returning to? For some, *Teshuvah* means returning to God. However, I would like to offer an alternative meaning as well. *Teshuvah* can also mean returning home, i.e. the synagogue. Unlike other Jewish holidays, Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur are the most synagogue-centered festivals. No other time of the year does the service convey a sense of awe and majesty as it does for these holidays. To help achieve the full effect of this special time, the Rabbis believed it was important to be with other Jews in synagogue.

In our modern era, many people either take the synagogue for granted, or ignore it all together. The synagogue gets about the same respect as an old coat in the back of closet; it's there if we need it. This year, I would like to offer a challenge. Try discarding your preconceived notions about synagogues and Heska Amuna. I would like you to try and elevate the synagogue of the status it should have by definition, a second home. Just as the rabbis did two thousand years ago, don't confine your definition of a synagogue to a single word or phrase. Definitions change with time, age experience or your current place in life. Don't limit your viewpoint of Heska Amuna to your experiences from 20 years ago. Try taking a fresh view of what your "second home" has to offer you. From my home to yours, I wish each and every one of you a happy and healthy New Year.

## From the Sisterhood President

By Marilyn Liberman

As the New Year 5772 approaches on the Jewish calendar I can't help but think of all the new beginnings that occur in one's lifetime. Change is what people are mostly about. Whether we change in age, looks, position, profession, we are constantly adding or subtracting in some way.

The one constant that we all still need is to be connected to other human beings whether it is our family, our business associates, our social contacts, our neighbors and/ or our religious affiliation. These connections help us build community throughout the year.

I would like to think that our Sisterhood allows our members the opportunity to engage in change as we grow to meet the needs of our members. We have many new and exciting plans in the works for this New Year and I invite everyone to participate in their areas of interest.

We can best serve our members if we communicate and express our needs. Sisterhood works best when it works as a team. I invite present members, new members and those unaffiliated to join our team.

I look forward to seeing most of you over the upcoming holidays and wish you all the best for a happy and healthy new year ~ Shanah Tovah !

## Judaica Shop News

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



## High Holiday Childcare

Childcare for children ages 1-13 is provided by the congregation during all High Holiday services. Teens are expected to participate in the Yom Tov services in the sanctuary. The childcare rooms provide *chag*-appropriate activities, games, and snack. These rooms will be open and supervised during the times below. *Parents are asked to be respectful of these opening and closing times. Parents are responsible for their children at all times when they are not in the specified childcare room.*

**New payment structure for 5772:** - Childcare is now only **\$36 per family** for the High Holy Days. This \$36 fee will provide child care for *all children ages 1-13 per immediate family for all the scheduled times listed below*. In observance of the holiday, please send your payment either before or soon after the holidays. Make checks payable to Heska Amuna.

### Rosh Hashanah

Thursday, September 29 - 9:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Friday, September 30 - 9:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

### Yom Kippur

Friday, October 7 - 6:00

p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Saturday, October 8 - 9:30

a.m. – 2:00 p.m. and

5:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

*Childcare providers will do their best to bring children to appropriate Youth and Family Services and to hear the Shofar in the Sanctuary of the Six Million.*



## Among Our Members

- ◆ Condolences go to the following members and their families: **Bruce Morrison** and **Daren Eddy** and **Mary Linda** and **Arnold Schwarzbart** in memory of father and cousin, **Douglas Morrison**; **Eleanor Adams** on the death of husband, **Leo Adams**; **Pam** and **Ernie Gross** on the death of Ernie's mother, **Adela Gross**. May their memories be a blessing.
- ◆ Get well wishes go to the following people who were ill or recuperating during the past month: **Larry Bayer**, **Elaine Brown**, **Susan Brown**, **Harriet Cooper**, **Bernie Iroff**, **Judy Rattner**, **Marcie Shloush**, **Miriam Weinstein** and **Myra Weinstein**.
- ◆ Mazal tov to the following members and their families: **Jeffrey Becker**, UT Chancellor's Professor and head of the department of microbiology at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, for being named a member of the National Institutes of Health (NIH) Drug Discovery and Mechanisms of Antimicrobial Resistance Study Section, Center for Scientific Review; Outgoing UT Medical Center board chair **Bernie Bernstein**, who will move into a non-voting board position after a dozen years chairing the board; **Jane** and **Sheldon Cohen** on daughter **Sara's** marriage to **Brandon Swinehart**; **Annette** and **Barry Winston** on son **Alex's** marriage to **Jessie Renfro**; **Pam** and **Ernie Gross** on the birth of granddaughter, **Zoe Lynn King**, daughter of **Naomi** and **Brice King**.
- ◆ Todah rabah to **Ethel Wittenberg** who continues to work in the Synagogue office every week. We appreciate your time and the effort on behalf of the shul.

## Kabbalat Shabbat Hoot'nanny and Barbecue

**Friday, September 16**  
**6:00 p.m.**

Got a stringed instrument? Meet us on the Synagogue porch, or just come to sing along at our *Kabbalat Shabbat Hoot 'nanny and Barbecue*. Enjoy Appalachian instruments and traditional Jewish music, song, and prayers to welcome the Sabbath, with tasty fare on the barbecue! Let us know if you'll attend so we can prepare enough vittles! E-mail us at [admin@heskaamuna.org](mailto:admin@heskaamuna.org) by **Friday September 2**. Cost is \$8.00 per person for adults and children 6 year old and over; \$5.00 for children under 6; with a \$25.00 cap for a family of 4 or more. Your check (or charge it on your charge card) will hold your spot and no reservations will be made without payment.



## Members Encouraged to Sponsor a Kiddush

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

We thank **Joyce** and **David Beerman** who sponsored Kiddush in August in honor of Joyce's birthday and their grandchildren.

## Heska Amuna Synagogue *HaShofar*

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### Permanent Schedule

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

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

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

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

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## 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.

## HA Religious School News

By Anna Iroff

*Shanah Tova u'Metuka* - a happy and sweet New Year – from all of us at Heska Amuna Religious School. We've had a great start to our school year and are looking forward to all that 5772 has to offer. Heska Amuna Synagogue has educational opportunities available for learners of all ages from our tiniest friends in Gan K'tan and Tot Shabbat to our twice-weekly elementary and middle schoolers to our dedicated high school Prozdorians. We offer parenting classes, book study groups, adult b'nai mitzvah students, and a wide variety of Jewish education classes for "grown ups" across the spectra. We have learners who meet in the synagogue, in coffee shops, at friends' homes, and even online. ***If you can dream it, we'll find a way to help you study it!*** This High Holiday season, let's all set a New Year's resolution to discover new ways to connect to God and our Jewish community by studying something new, or revisiting the old favorites, in a new way with new people. May we all be inscribed and sealed in the Book of Life for a year filled with the sweetness of family, friends, and learning – *gmar hatimah tovah*.

### Todah Rabbah to Our Friends and Supporters

Thank you to **Lee Miller** who made a generous donation to the Religious School in memory of Naomi Miller.

### Things to Remember! Upcoming School Events

- Sunday, September 4 – **NO Religious School – Labor Day**
- Wednesday, September 7 – **Religious School, grades 3-6**
- Friday, September 9 – **Tot Shabbat, dinner and services 6:00 p.m.**
- Sunday, September 11 – **Religious School, PreK -Prozdor**
  - Wednesday, September 14 – **Religious School, grades 3-6**
  - Sunday, September 18 – **Religious School, PreK – Prozdor – Gan K'tan, 12 noon**
  - Wednesday, September 21 – **Religious School, grades 3-6**
  - Sunday, September 25 – **Family Fair: Exploring the High Holidays!**
  - Wednesday, September 28 – **NO Religious School – Rosh Hashanah**
  - Sunday, October 2 – **NO Religious School**



## Religious School Family Fair Sunday, September 25 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Exploring the High Holidays



Join us for a day of family education and fun! Why do we have all these holidays back-to-back? Why do we eat honey and throw breadcrumbs? What is *Selichot* anyway?? Bring your entire family and let's explore the High Holiday Season! Our Family Fairs include group learning as well as chances for families to choose activities and explore values, texts, and projects that are meaningful and interesting to them. This is a great opportunity to try something new as a family or to learn more about things you already do together. *Please let Morah Anna know you are coming by e-mailing her at [education@heskaamuna.org](mailto:education@heskaamuna.org), by September 18.*

## Join Us—First Gan K'tan of the School Year

Gan K'tan is a special program for young preschoolers and their parents. We come together for music, art, stories, games, snack, and friends – all in a fun Jewish environment.



**Sunday, September 18  
10:00 a.m. – Noon**

The theme for this month's Gan K'tan class is *Symbols of the High Holidays*.

*This program is free for all Heska Amuna members and only \$5.00 per session for non-members. Please sign up with Anna Iroff at 522-0701 or [education@heskaamuna.org](mailto:education@heskaamuna.org).*



## High Holiday Youth & Family Programming

### Rosh Hashanah – Thursday, September 29

**10:00-10:30 a.m.** Minyan Katan (ages 6 and younger) in Robinson Chapel

**10:30-11:30 a.m.** Junior Congregation (ages 7-12) in Robinson Chapel

Teen Discussion: *T'shuvah* (ages 13 and up) in Winick Library

**12:30 p.m.** estimated time - Following Rabbi Ferency's sermon – Youth Tashlich in Winick Library

### Rosh Hashanah – Friday, September 30

**10:30-11:30 a.m.** Junior Congregation (ages 7-13) in Robinson Chapel

Teen Discussion: *Tefillah* (ages 14 and up) in Winick Library

### Yom Kippur – Saturday, October 18

**10:00-10:30 a.m.** ~ Minyan Katan (ages 6 and younger) in Robinson Chapel

**10:30-11:30 a.m.** Junior Congregation (ages 7-12) in Robinson Chapel

Following Rabbi Ferency's sermon (about 2:00 p.m.)

Youth Activity (ages 7-12) in Robinson Chapel

Teen Discussion: *Tzedakah* (ages 13 and up) in Winick Library

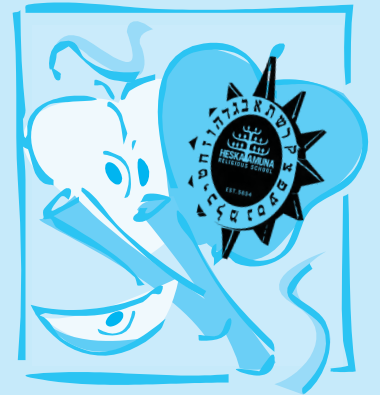


**\*\*We will do our best to have all children join us in the main sanctuary to hear the Shofar!\*\***

## Tot Shabbat Begins September 9

Tot Shabbat will start on Friday, September 9 with Shabbat dinner and family-friendly services. Dinner starts at 6:00 p.m. and is only \$10.00 per family. Tot Shabbat services are lead by **Shush Carson** and are designed for

children ages 2-6, though all are welcome. Join us as we welcome Shabbat with food, friends, music, and fun! Tot Shabbat is open to HA members and non-members so bring your friends for a wonderful family Shabbat experience!



## Correction

**Rachel Hale's** name was inadvertently left off of the Board of Trustees list in the July *HaShofar*. The editor apologizes for this oversight and acknowledges Rachel's position on the board.

## Contributions From Caring People

For a list of synagogue funds, please visit

[www.heskaamuna.org](http://www.heskaamuna.org)

Donations received by July 27

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

For Linda Cohen's *yahrzeit*

By: Arnold Cohen

### COHEN-PRESSER FUND

In memory of Joe Miller and Douglas Morrison

By: Marilyn Presser

### GENERAL FUND

In honor of Heidi and Barry Allen thanking them for their hospitality

By: Zieva and Marc Konvisser

For the *yahrzeits* of Thekla Naumann and Seena Allen

By: Trudy Dreyer

For Bella Linke's *yahrzeit*

By: Simpson Linke

In memory of Douglas Morrison

By: Rosalie and Stephen Nagler

### LEIBOWITZ FUND

For Albert Eisenstadt's *yahrzeit*

By: Mary Beth Leibowitz and Michael Eisenstadt

For Anna Richer's *yahrzeit*

By: Peggy and Gale Hedrick

### RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

With thanks for his guidance during the conversion process

By: Bob Martin

### WINICK LIBRARY FUND

In honor of Stella and Bernie Iroff of their 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary and Bob Martin with warm congratulations and love

By: Barbara and Bernie Bernstein

In memory of Ellen Chayet

By: Scott Hahn

For Victor Hanan's *yahrzeit*

By: Stella and Bernie Iroff

### YAHREIT FUND

Mollie and Meyer Brilliant

By: Joni and Steve Hirschhaut

Charlotte Cohen

By: Susan and Barry Roseman

Muriel and Lewis Littmann

By: Peggy and Mark Littmann

Zelda Baskin and Lily Pincus

By: Selma Tobe

# Mazel Tov!

## *Heska Amuna Synagogue*

### Happy Anniversary!



Stephanie and Eric Bank  
 Michelle and Alan Danziger  
 Kay and Larry Leibowitz  
 Jenifer and Evan Ohriner  
 Debbie and Jeff Abrams-Cohen  
 Sharon and Ross Toedte  
 Fannie and David Richer  
 Susan and Ken Brown  
 Deborah and David Oleshansky  
 Mary Evars-Goan and John Goan

### Happy Birthday!

- ◆ Jeanne Kidd ◆ George Messing ◆ Alexandra Rosen
- ◆ Alice Farkas ◆ Heather Hirschfeld ◆ Greg Kaplan
- ◆ Len Handler ◆ Bruce Morrison ◆ Barbara Mintz
- ◆ Susan Silber ◆ Barbara Handler ◆ Jeff Talman
- ◆ Karen Messing ◆ Mary Beth Leibowitz
- ◆ Morty Goodfriend ◆ Samantha Spenser ◆ Yetta Burnett
- ◆ William Lapidés ◆ Esther Webster
- ◆ Steve Oberman ◆ Wendy Good
- ◆ Debra Gordon ◆ Gabriel Mesa
- ◆ Barb Levin ◆ Melissa Sturm
- ◆ Anne Greenbaum ◆ Nikki Russler
- ◆ Mary Evars-Goan
- ◆ Kathy Goldstein



*All members whose birthday or anniversary occurs in September are invited to receive a blessing at kiddush on Shabbat morning, September 10.*

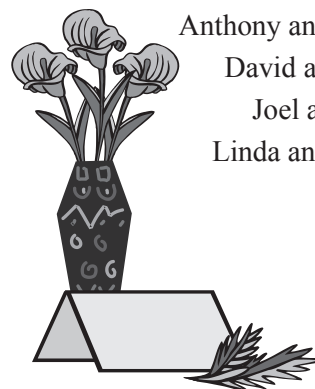
## TEMPLE BETH EL

### Happy Birthday!

- ◆ Sophia Tumpson ◆ Bert Gudis ◆ Jeanne Kidd ◆ Ethan Concors
- ◆ Daniel Shenkman ◆ Melody Shenkman ◆ Sondra Bressler
- ◆ Steve Cohn ◆ Khasya Shaposhnikova ◆ Sydney Tumpson
- ◆ Jeanne Zucker ◆ Garth Kupritz ◆ Linda Mongeon ◆ Eric Berman
- ◆ Howard Pollock ◆ Janice Pollock ◆ Larry Winston ◆ Sarah Frankel
- ◆ Jean Millis ◆ Zakhar Sapozhnikov ◆ Keara Bain
- ◆ Catherine Concors ◆ Melissa Elston ◆ Mary Beth Leibowitz
- ◆ Leo Pollock ◆ Laura Fisher ◆ Esther Webster ◆ Nora Khaddouma
- ◆ Geoffrey Laing ◆ Benjamin Heller ◆ Deborah Sloan-Cribb
- ◆ Abram Hanford ◆ Genevieve Kupritz ◆ Arthur Pais
- ◆ Sophia Shefner ◆ Jenny Erwin ◆ Harold Freedman
- ◆ Adam Hookman ◆ Camille Brody ◆ Keaton Noon
- ◆ Larry Washington ◆ Monica Berman ◆ Rebecca Cole
- ◆ Carolyn Bush

### Happy Anniversary!

Robert and Wendy Goodfriend  
 Richard and Sheila Hahn  
 Andy and Vikki Traugot  
 Marc and Monica Berman  
 Steve and Joan Cohn  
 Brian and Karen Smith  
 Anthony and Barbara Meyers  
 David and Sheila Popkin  
 Joel and Susan Shor  
 Linda and Craig Mongeon



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## TEMPLE BETH EL

### September 2

◆ Milton Levy ◆ Louis Bronstein ◆ Hermina Beiler ◆ Rudy Crohn ◆ Henry Igar ◆ Tillie Solomon ◆ Hannah Strasburger ◆ Ida Bing  
◆ Frances Guthman ◆ Vincent Salomone ◆ William Schwartz

### September 9

◆ Ida Chandler ◆ Ernest Wohl ◆ Emanuel Samuel ◆ Israel Grusin ◆ Daniel Pardo ◆ Max Reich ◆ Celia Stein ◆ Bertha Bollag  
◆ George Hill ◆ Helen Koffman ◆ Dorothy Allen ◆ Harry Davis ◆ Ada Garber ◆ Seymour Gerson ◆ Julius Goodfriend  
◆ Rose Newman ◆ Emanuel Schenkel ◆ Maurice Zauber ◆ Martin Krakauer ◆ Howard Rabin ◆ Marilyn Rabin ◆ Zelmora Brody  
◆ Anna Cohn ◆ Monroe Hecht ◆ Annie Mace

### September 16

◆ Arthur Feinbaum ◆ Julia Little ◆ Jacob Margolies ◆ Renee Oury ◆ Lewis Waxelbaum ◆ Milton Chess ◆ Elaine Lewis  
◆ Martin Plachter ◆ Max Derby ◆ Edwin Stein ◆ Lu Grant ◆ Rose Kreisler ◆ Herman Schaefer ◆ Sylvia Gelenter ◆ Stanley E. Levy

### September 23

◆ Paula Kahn ◆ Suralee Smith ◆ Jack Bernard ◆ Charles Green ◆ Irving Lichter ◆ Nancy Netzow ◆ Samuel L. Gassel ◆ Clyde Sanders  
◆ Sydney Tumpson ◆ Nelson Cutler ◆ Samuel Shapiro ◆ Irving Shey ◆ Julia Herrmann ◆ Adolph Gelber

### September 30

◆ Evan Brody ◆ John Buescher ◆ Melvin Levy ◆ Dorothy Levy Licht ◆ Morris Rosenberg ◆ Hyman Taylor ◆ Sarah Feinberg  
◆ Ellison Jacobstein ◆ Nathan Mofsky ◆ Beatrice Sturm ◆ Fannie Tomshinsky ◆ Peggy Austin ◆ Raymond Landsberger  
◆ Joseph Smuckler ◆ Yolando Del Moro ◆ Dr. Michael Diamond ◆ Mordechai Heiser ◆ Gerald A. Dortch ◆ Sam Miller  
◆ Esther Seigal

## *Heska Amuna Synagogue*

### September 3

◆ Robert Messing ◆ Oscar Isaacs ◆ A.J. Robinson ◆ Estelle Binder ◆ Seymour Landis ◆ Hyman Liberman ◆ Molly Thorp  
◆ Ida Chandler ◆ Julius Gruenberg ◆ Albert Ring ◆ Bella Allen ◆ Ethel Foster ◆ Lawrence Hahn ◆ Sylvia Leibowitz ◆ Rebecca Millen

### September 10

◆ Dustee Bendes ◆ Rosa Deitch ◆ Louis Roth ◆ Shlomo Shloush ◆ Tessie Siegel ◆ Helen Tobe ◆ Samuel Poster ◆ Irene Deutsch  
◆ Rebecca Krauss ◆ Martin Schwab ◆ Ada Garber ◆ Sylvia Greenfield ◆ Gershon Cooper ◆ Andy Frank ◆ Max Hasden  
◆ Muriel Littmann ◆ Wolf Brody ◆ Louis Perelman ◆ Daniel Goodman ◆ Hannah Nius ◆ Anna Belle O'Brien ◆ Emanuel Schenkel

### September 17

◆ Betty Presser ◆ Bea Schwartz ◆ Robert Zalkin ◆ Aaron Pensak ◆ Adrian Burnett ◆ Freda Samet ◆ Abraham Silber ◆ Decia Bendriem  
◆ Louis Slovis ◆ Leah Schiff ◆ Sarah Billig ◆ Esther Perlberg

### September 24

◆ Abraham Drutz ◆ Dora Frumin ◆ Molly Cohen ◆ Harry Davis ◆ Edwin Herz ◆ Frieda Robinson ◆ Sophie Merlin ◆ Irwin Bendes  
◆ Sally Dyller ◆ Isadore Schwarzbart ◆ Charlotte Kalotkin ◆ Mary Pensak



# Hadassah Highlights

## Hadassah American Affairs/Hadassah Stands with All Women

By Mimi Pais

In April Hadassah stood on the National Mall in Washington, D.C. for Stand Up For Women’s Health Lobby Day. We opposed any attempts to restrict through legislation the right to reproductive choice and/or family planning programs. (We are seeing these attempts being played out right here in Knoxville.)

Now Hadassah is again standing up for women’s rights in reacting to the Supreme Court decision to find in favor of Wal-Mart Stores, Inc. V. Betty Dukes in which the court denied Wal-Mart’s 1.6 million female employees the opportunity to sue the retail giant collectively for gender-based employment discrimination. Hadassah signed an *amicus brief* in the case along with the National Women’s Law Center, American Civil Liberties Union and others in support of the women’s suit.

The court did agree unanimously on a few aspects of the case but there was sharp disagreement over whether female employees had enough in common to constitute a unified class. Judge Ruth Bader Ginsberg, being in the minority, felt so strongly about the outcome of the case that she wrote and read her objections in the courtroom.

This action on the part of the court severely restricts employee’s ability to fight discrimination and allows corporations to hide behind their written fair employment practices, despite actions to the contrary. If a woman wants to sue a company, she can do so on her own but how many hourly paid employees of a company as huge as Wal-Mart have the means or ability to become involved in such a lawsuit?

Hadassah members, associates and supporters joined rallies across the country on June 21 to show solidarity with the women of Wal-Mart. It is now almost 50 years since the passage of the Equal Pay Act and yet women still only make 77 cents for every dollar a man earns. Hadassah, a long-time member of the National Committee on Pay Equity, strongly supports the adoption and strict enforcement of equal pay laws to reduce the wage gap and ensure better economic security for women. Hadassah urges its members to contact Congress to urge legislators to co-sponsor and support the Paycheck Fairness Act which would close loopholes in the Equal Pay Act.

In this climate of huge donations by corporations to members of Congress I wouldn’t take any bets on that happening. And as far as the Court is concerned, if numbers and ideology remain as they are...it ain’t gonna happen. Sorry, ladies.

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In other news, Hadassah brought to its members attention an open letter written to Judge Richard Goldstone who recently wrote a piece on the op ed page of the *Washington Post* in which he retracted essential findings of the Goldstone Report. Goldstone was chair of the Goldstone Report sanctioned by the United Nations, which included findings of the 2008/2009 Gaza war and which found both Israel and the Palestinians had engaged in war crimes against humanity but came down particularly hard on Israel.

Hadassah gave access to members on the internet of an open letter to Judge Goldstone before his retraction laying out exactly what happened during the Gaza war written by Dr. David Zangen. In it Dr. Zangen states that statements made at the time by the Palestinians “have been proved and documented as straight lies, not only by Israeli sources, but also by the Human Rights Watch and the UN organizations. Dr. Zangen was present and was responsible for the care of both Israeli and Palestinian soldiers and found there were 52 people dead rather than the 5,000 reported by the Jenin hospital director. The conclusion of his letter states “We look for peace, we love peace and we do try our very best to fight for our right to exist in the highest possible moral standards even at the cost of our lives.”

### *The Knoxville Chapter of Hadassah*

*Welcomes our Newest Member  
Shara Cunningham*

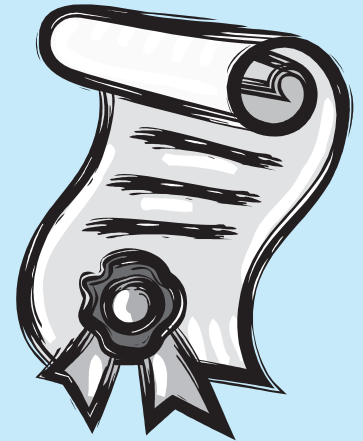
*And Transferring Member  
Caitlin Seidler  
Who transferred from Illinois*

## Hadassah Large Certificates

By Lee Miller, Chair

The following certificates have been mailed.

- ◆ In memory of **Frances Schanowitz** - mother/mother-in-law of **Ellen & Bill Berez**
- ◆ In memory of **Harvey Hoffman** - sent by **Lee Miller**
- ◆ In memory of **Natalie Millen Brown** - daughter of **Lila & Norman Millen**
- ◆ In memory of **Shirley Chasan** - mother/mother-in-law of **Stuart & Jill Chasan**
- ◆ In memory of **Shirley Goodfriend** - Mother/mother-in-law of **Bob & Wendy Goodfriend**
- ◆ In memory of **Ruth Sherrill** - friend to all who knew her
- ◆ In memory of **Ruth Sherrill** - sent by **Robin Brown** - sent by **Linda & Phil Zaretski**
- ◆ In memory of **Dorothee Heller** - mother/mother-in-law of **Rob & Beth Heller**
- ◆ In memory of **Ellen Chayet** - mother/mother-in-law of **Howard & Marilyn Pollio**
- ◆ In memory of **Leona Kessler** - sister/sister-in-law of **Harold & Becky Winston**
- ◆ In memory of **Lois Koff** - sent by **Marcie Silverstein**
- ◆ In memory of **Bill McKinney** - sent by **Lee Miller & Joe Blotner** - sent by **Myrna & Irv Russotto** - sent by **Monte Millen & Judy**



These large certificates are still in progress:

- ◆ In memory of **Joe Miller** - Husband of **Sylvia Miller**
- ◆ In memory of **Bill McKinney** - father/father-in-law of **Carolyn & Jan Fay**

May their memories always be for a blessing.

## Associates News

### National Committee of Hadassah Associates Annual Business Meeting

By Ric Pasi

I recently attended the Annual Business Meeting for the National Committee of Hadassah Associates. The Hadassah Associates are men who recognize the noble and life affirming goals of Hadassah. They support Hadassah, the Jewish people, and the State of Israel by expanding relationships and identifying new sources of funds

There are now 31,500 active associate members of Hadassah. 180 of those Associates are also Associate Keepers of the Gate. A Keeper of the Gate is an associate who has committed to provided \$1000 per year to Hadassah for a period of 5 years.

Two primary fundraising goals of Associates are (1) to assist in the funding of Hadassah's Medical Center's research, development and transplanted of mesenchymal stem cells (MSC) which are extracted from bone marrow; and (2) financing the building of the Medication/Internal Medicine Room of the Sarah Wetsman Davidson Hospital Tower.

Prof. Shlomo Mor-Yosef (the outgoing Director General for the Hadassah Medical Organization) gave a very information presentation on the progress of the Sarah Westman Davidson Hospital Tower which will be dedicated during Hadassah's Centennial Celebration in Jerusalem in October 2012. He reported that the exterior of the Hospital is completed and the inside is being completed floor by floor. The operating rooms are now operational. But there is much more to do. The equipment and other supplies are needed to complete each floor. One example is the critical care unit for children. Currently this unit at the current hospital is running at full capacity. Children are being turned away to travel long distances to hospitals with room, in some cases this can be fatal. This unit alone will double in size once the equipment needed is purchased. The hospital will begin taking in new patients in March 2012. It will take all of us to help in making this a reality.

On a lighter side, Sheldon Adelson (Chairman and CEO, Las Vegas Sands Corp.) was our guest speaker. He was gracious enough to arrange a 2 ½ hour "Behind the Scenes" tour of the Palazzo/Venetian Resorts. These resort employ 6,500 people, and in the month of August will host over 18,000 people. It is the only non-union resort in Las Vegas. We were shown not only the physical workings of the hotel (laundry, kitchens, bakery, etc.) but we toured the private gambling rooms, the executive/presidential suites, and the surveillance rooms. While extremely interesting, it was refreshing to know that the overall consensus among the attendees of the tour, was that by putting our money into Hadassah – we were saving lives and making a huge difference in our world.

I went on this trip at the urging of my spouse because she is dedicated to the cause of Hadassah. I am glad I went and met this committed group of men. Associates are making a difference in Israel, we are saving lives, we are making a difference through our actions. If you have not thought about becoming an Associate, I ask you to consider joining this worthwhile cause. With the Centennial Celebration offer of \$100 for a membership, you can't go wrong.



Ric Pasi



*Save the Date*  
*September 22, 2011*  
*6:30 pm at the AJCC Gym*  
*Celebrate with Hadassah*  
*as we share*  
*Sweet Beginnings for a*  
*Sweet Centennial*  
*Watch your e-mail for*  
*more info.*

## Traveling Henrietta

Hadassah Turns 100 years old next year and the founder, Henrietta Szold is helping Knoxville celebrate by popping up all over the place.

You never know where she will show up, so be prepared!

She caught up with Mary Evars-Goan at a local deli.



## Book Club News

Our September meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 20, 7:30 p.m. at Barnes and Noble Booksellers on Kingston Pike. No September book has yet been picked, so please check the community calendar or call or e-mail Peggy Littmann for an update. Peggy's number is 588-6661, e-mail is [plittmann@comcast.net](mailto:plittmann@comcast.net).

We welcome suggestions for new book ideas. Please contact Peggy Littmann. Our last few books have been:

- ◆ *Away*, by Amy Bloom
- ◆ *White Oleander*, by Janet Fitch
- ◆ *Cutting for Stone*, by Abraham Verghese
- ◆ *When Everything Changed, The Amazing Journey of American Women from 1960 to the Present*, by Gail Collins.
- ◆ *Water for Elephants* (saw the movie), book by Sara Gruen
- ◆ *Hotel at the Corner of Bitter and Sweet*, by Jamie Ford

# Hadassah Highlights

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

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

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For more info contact Barbara Mintz at [barbara@bmintz.com](mailto:barbara@bmintz.com).



## Help Israel by Purchasing Tree or Water Certificates

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

Please help the forests by planting a tree and helping the trees grow in Israel by giving them some water. You can call Marian at 524-8234, mail your request and a check to her at P.O. Box 10983, Knoxville, TN. 37939 or e-mail her at [mayfajjay@aol.com](mailto:mayfajjay@aol.com) to arrange for a tree or water certificate to be sent out for you.

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# Stanford Eisenberg Knoxville Jewish Day School

## SDE National Conference in Las Vegas

This summer, Ms. Amie, Ms. Jessica, and Ms. Jennifer, all traveled to Las Vegas for the SDE National Conference on Differentiated Instruction and Singapore Math. While they gambled a little, the majority of their time was spent learning more about Singapore Math and Differentiated Instruction, two concepts that were incorporated into KJDS last school year. Singapore Math is a math curriculum that is designed to answer fundamental questions of mathematics based upon logical explanations. This model believes in digging deep into roots of reason. The math understanding model is designed at every stage such that the child attempts to ask questions pertaining to fundamental understanding of mathematics. They start asking "why" rather than trying to remember rules.

Differentiated Instruction involves implementing an effective differentiation system which benefits more students by having their individual needs respected. It responds to the diverse learning differences within a classroom. Teachers customize instruction to learners' needs by adjusting the pace and level of instruction and varying the products of learning to reflect students' best ways to learn. Our teachers work hard to take each child from where they are, to as far as they can go!



*Ms. Jessica, Ms. Jennifer, and Ms. Amie in Las Vegas!*

Our teachers work hard to take each child from where they are, to as far as they can go!

## Getting to Know Your Teachers

We asked the teachers, what was the most exciting thing you did this summer? And what are you most looking forward to this school year?

### Miriam Esther Wilhelm, Director

"This summer, the big excitement in our house was getting Mendel ready for kindergarten. Mendel has been waiting for five years to go to KJDS and he has been counting the days all summer long. We got our uniform shirts early on in the summer and Mendel has enjoyed showing them off to anyone who would look. We went on a few special shopping trips to buy him a backpack and school supplies to get him ready for his first day of school."

"After 5 years of administrative work, I really look forward to being back in the classroom. I am excited to implement all I've learned over the past year about Differentiated Instruction, Literacy, and specifically writing, into our Hebrew curriculum. I can't wait to have fun learning with all of our wonderful students."



*Miriam Esther Wilhelm*



*Jennifer Dancu*

### Jennifer Dancu, Principal

"I enjoyed a wonderful summer with my beautiful children. We traveled to Ohio and Pennsylvania to visit family, swam A LOT, and of course, played soccer, lots of it! I also had the opportunity to travel to Las Vegas with Ms. Jessica and Ms. Amie for the SDE National Conference on Differentiated Instruction and Singapore Math and learned many new and exciting classroom strategies that I am excited to help implement this year!"

"I'm really looking forward to seeing all of the KJDS students and their parents. Coming to KJDS every day is like coming home. I've missed everyone over the summer!"

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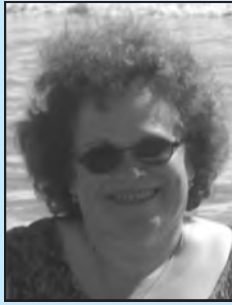
## Getting to Know Your Teachers

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### Jenifer Ohriner, Teacher

"This summer I got to spend lots of time with my family, including spending time at the Pacific Ocean with my grandsons, going to a concert in St. Louis that my son sang in, and visiting Virginia to help Mitch move. It was all wonderful."

"I'm looking forward to the fact that I went to three days of training on the ActivBoard with Ms Jessica, and I can't wait to start using it. I know our students will enjoy it as well."



Jenifer Ohriner



Jessica Vose

### Jessica Vose, Teacher

"The greatest part of my summer was reading lots of great books and spending lots of time at the barn."

"I'm looking forward to using the Active Board this year at KJDS!"

### Laurie Barocas, Art Teacher

"I enjoyed my summer out on the lake, reading, gardening, seeing friends and spending time with my husband and all of my children, and my dog."

"I'm looking forward to getting back to school with the kids at KJDS and a fun-filled year of art."



Laurie Barocas



Debbie Richman

### Morah Debbie Richman, Music and Drama Teacher

"My summer highlight was taking a road trip from Knoxville up to Bar Harbor, Maine. On the way I saw a friend in a production of *South Pacific*, visited friends in Connecticut and ended the trip with watching Lucas' concert in Sugarloaf, Maine."

"What I am most excited about for this coming year is our production of *Peter Pan*! I look forward to the process of teaching

children from Kindergarten through 5th grade about stage presence, learning their lines, choreography and performing on stage - doing more than anyone expects of them!"



Corinne Cruz

### Corinne Cruz, Teacher

"The most exciting thing I did this summer was move back East from the West."

"And I am looking forward to rejoining the KJDS community, re-establishing old relationships and creating new ones."

### Jaime Huffaker, Teacher

"This summer was filled with excitement for my husband and me. Since we got married, we have lived in San Diego, California. This summer, we drove

across the country to move back home to Knoxville, where our friends and family all still live. We stopped in many different cities along the way and were able to see many interesting things on our 2,300 mile trip!

"I'm looking forward to being the newest teacher at KJDS. Everything about the school year in a new position is something to look forward to. Most of all, I am looking forward to reuniting with old friends and learning new families in the KJDS community. I can't wait to meet each and every one of you!"



Jaime Huffaker



Tamara Sturm

### Tamara Sturm, PE Teacher

"I had a wonderful summer watching my kids Frank and Heidi swim for the Smokin' Salmons Swim Team! My kids, along with several other swimmers from AJCC, qualified for the finals in the city wide meet!"

"I am getting geared up for all the new kindergartens that have endless amounts of energy for P.E. Class! I am also looking forward to meeting all the new little faces and seeing how much the KJDS kids have grown over the summer!"

### Ortal Arel, Hebrew Teacher

"I enjoyed spending quality time with my amazing sons over the summer."

"I look forward to being a part of the staff and interacting with the wonderful students."



Ortal Arel

## KJDS Alumni Shine!!

### Noah: A Graduate Follow Up

Since graduating from KJDS last year, Noah has embraced middle school with open arms. He has leaped to every challenge and possibility.

Academically, KJDS prepared him and gave him the confidence to conquer the honors classes. His love for math led him to join the Math Olympiad, where he finished in 2<sup>nd</sup> place. Noah completed the year with a perfect 4.0.

Socially, Noah was elected as the Student Government representative. There he learned first hand the complexities and thrills of politics. He also joined the orchestra by taking up the violin. They traveled to Sandusky, Ohio for a school competition, where his 6<sup>th</sup> grade performance won first place. His love for the violin continued through the summer where he participated in the Knoxville Symphony Orchestra String Camp.

It was during the 6<sup>th</sup> grade Award Ceremony where he received the highest of accolades, Noah was announced as the Most Outstanding Student of his 6<sup>th</sup> grade suite. This is an honor given to only one student per suite, a total of four for 6<sup>th</sup> grade (over 400 students), that is decided by the teachers to a student that excels not only academically but also socially and beyond.

So, did Noah survive the transition from a small private school to a large public Middle School? No, he did not survive it, he mastered it! The school felt that he achieved this so successfully, that the guidance department asked him to be a permanent Link-Up Mentor for the following year's class. Noah gave tours of his school and visited 5<sup>th</sup> grade classes in the area, all while shouting praises of middle school. He shared his experience to soften the transition blow to others and is still in contact with several of these students.

But, the greatest challenge came when Noah moved into Humes Hall, at UT, for a week this summer. He joined 32 rising 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders, out of the nearly 300 that applied, for the MITES program, (Middle School Introduction to Engineering and Science). He dove into the foreign realm of engineering and science, well, it is foreign to me, all while getting a dose of college life. He attended classes, ate cafeteria food, slept in his dorm room and made some fantastic friends.

Academically, we assume that our children will be prepared for the next phase of their studies, but KJDS teachers care enough to go the extra mile to prepare them for everything else.



*Shuli and Noah Mesa*



*Camden Boring*

### Camden Boring

Wow, I can't believe that Camden is getting ready to start 7<sup>th</sup> grade and that it's been over a year since graduating from KJDS! Camden started 6<sup>th</sup> grade at Webb School. He realized this year how important his friends at KJDS were to him and how they helped him get over his shyness and strengthened his skills in making friends. That helped him tremendously this year to fit right in. Although his schedule was a bit tough the first semester, he seemed to be able to handle the work load easily.

There were so many new things to adjust to, even beyond learning the Hebrew he had at KJDS. He took Spanish, accelerated math, and even learned how to play the saxophone! Camden has also enjoyed being on the Webb tennis team and has really developed a passion for the sport. Camden will have another tough academic year with accelerated classes, but he will be up for the challenge and looking forward to coming and visiting all his friends at KJDS!!!

The education Camden received at KJDS was more than enough to help him through 6<sup>th</sup> grade.

### Ilana Blumenthal

Ilana adjusted quickly to 6<sup>th</sup> grade and middle school, even with classes that were bigger than all of KJDS. Ilana was in Honors Science and Reading classes. She was nominated for the Junior National Young Leadership Conference and People to People. She joined the Bearden Middle School Science Olympiad team, and had the privilege to be a member of their A team, which is the most serious and highly ranked group of competitors. The team was greatly disappointed when they finished in 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the state competition, having lost to a school whose main goal was to beat Bearden Middle. (Never mind that the Bearden team was composed of half 6<sup>th</sup> graders and the rest 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders, while the winning team was mostly 9<sup>th</sup> grades and some 8<sup>th</sup> graders.) Ilana's events included Storm the Castle (1<sup>st</sup> place in state), Meteorology (4<sup>th</sup> in state), and Solar System (3<sup>rd</sup> in state). She has also moved to a new, more advance horseback stable and has placed well in her jumping shows.

### Miles Loflin

Miles Loflin has been busy this last year sculpting his academic expertise into perfection. Additionally, he has been on the fast track, really, with Knox Youth Track sprinting away. He participated in the Kid's Run held the night before Knoxville Marathon and even surprised himself at his performance. Miles enjoyed swimming with Pilot swim club and participating in Home School programs all over town during last school year. He was acknowledged at the Clayton Center for the Arts Film Camp Award Ceremony in Maryville including Best of Red Carpet Fashion and Best of News. He is currently in second place for Audience Choice Award, with voting going through August and maybe a few days into September. Miles is going to Greenway School this school year and is currently working on his next film.

## KJDS Volunteers

KJDS is honored to have such wonderful families and community members that volunteer their time and money to the school. We wanted to share our appreciation to some of them this month.

### Mary Elizabeth Ben-Ami

"I came to KJDS to observe what's going on with Montessori teaching tools, Singapore math, foreign languages and much more. Good work is going on here, and KJDS students came across as sociable, comfortable and well-motivated during my visit. All this lifted my spirits -- so when the schedule offered a few free hours, I thought I'd contribute in return to the pleasant environment of KJDS by cleaning/dusting classroom shelves and their interesting contents. Best wishes for the upcoming school year, KJDS, and keep up the good work!"

### Andy and Jennifer Davis

Why do we give? It is difficult to explain because the answer is a result of another question. The better question is who are you and why do you do what you do? Andy and I know who we are because we know what we believe and why it is important. Believing motivates us to act. A wise man once said that we should not withhold good from those who deserve it when it is in the power of our hands to do so. We believe that there is none more deserving than those we consider our wider family, the family that is comprised of the students, teachers, special friends and the leadership of the Knoxville Jewish Day School. The academic program at KJDS is exceptional, their fine arts department is stellar beyond compare and its students come from families that are diverse, accomplished and extremely good looking. Even though these facts are plain and worthy of attention, there is still only one reason why we believe the Knoxville Jewish Day School is deserving.

The first day we visited the school another parent was waiting for us at the door holding it open as we walked up. *The open door* - that was our first impression and after four years it is still the best description of our experience at KJDS. The door at the Knoxville Jewish Day School is open to every Jew. The



key that keeps this door open is the love that is displayed by every teacher, staff member and student at KJDS. At KJDS we have found that you are loved for being you. We believe that this love grows from the wide range of diversity that makes up the tapestry of families at the Knoxville Jewish Day School and this is what makes it such an exciting place to be. We are so thankful that KJDS is a place of new people, new ideas, new thoughts and new perspectives.

We love KJDS because the leadership has the courage to believe in new ideas and has an even greater capacity to actually implement them. To believe that anything is possible and be given the support to achieve the impossible is a rare quality in today's culture of apathy. We firmly believe that no one is more deserving of support than someone who is courageous enough to believe in someone else. That is true love. And that is why we give our time and energy to something we love. We give because we have been greatly loved. If leading by example is the most effective form of teaching, then the education our son is receiving at the Knoxville Jewish Day School is truly priceless.

# Stanford Eisenberg Knoxville Jewish Day School

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#### Heska Amuna Religious School Minicourse

Jewish Literature  
5<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> grades

Front row left to right:  
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**Adler**, Lenny **Burnett**  
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late Sidney **Burnett**)  
Stephen **Rosen** (president  
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**Wilson** (daughter of  
Robert **Wilson** and the  
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