



# Ha'Kol

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

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## Sundown in the Sukkah

Sunday, October 16

5:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Arnstein Jewish Community Center, 6800 Deane Hill Drive



You're invited to join the KJA in celebrating Sukkot at Sundown in the Sukkah, a community event that will feature live entertainment by the Tennessee Schmaltz, a wonderful array of delicious refreshments including beer and wine for the adults, and colorful arts and crafts projects for children. Please bring a non-perishable item for Marty's Mission – our collection for Second Harvest Food Bank!

Sundown in the Sukkah 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).

### Sukkot's Origins

Sukkot is a seven-day festival characterized by the outdoor Sukkah-huts that we sit in, and the "Four Species" of plants waved together each day. The Sukkah is decorated and many people hang fruits and flowers from the ceiling. It is a special mitzvah to rejoice on Sukkot. Sukkot has a dual significance: historical and agricultural. The holiday commemorates the 40-year period during which the children of Israel wandered in the desert, living in temporary shelters. Sukkot also helps us experience God's kindness to the Jewish people while in the desert during the Exodus from Egypt as we celebrate the fall harvest. Sukkot is during the harvest moon.

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# Knoxville Jewish Alliance

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# Ha'Kol

## Jewish Life in Knoxville is Spreading and Addictive

By Stephen Rosen, President

**Warning** – Jewish Life in East Tennessee is spreading and powerfully addictive. As opposed to some of the less desirable substances, it is very good for your physical, mental, and communal health. You may or may not be taking some kind of role in this proliferation. Below is a brief description of some of the people who are involved. You may see yourself in one of these groups.

**Abstainers** – these people are keeping away from Jewish life (JL) in all its forms. We have more people in this category than in past years in East Tennessee and we need to tempt them into the user categories. Abstainers typically avoid JL for fear of becoming addicted. There is a concern that partaking can be expensive and time consuming. This group of people needs convincing that JL can be used in moderation, at low cost and on any personal schedule. You know, lighting up on Friday night can be a cheap and fun way to start.

**Experimenters** – these people are casual users who can live with it or without it. They don't have the negative reactions of Abstainers but they also don't get the *chai* of more frequent users. This group is responsive to positive peer influence. A call from a friend to attend Sundown in the Sukkah or Menorah Madness could be just the thing that gets this crowd hooked.

**Frequent Users/Social users** – they buy and use JL all the time. This is the largest group and they buy from all the dealers. They get a lot out of it but the intensity of the experience has room for growth. They can spend more money and more time on JL. They will buy when the "good stuff" is available at the right price. They deserve the most attention from the dealers and growers as they are the difference in JL being a success or not.

**Addicts** – this group is the success story in JL. They can't get enough as the more JL they use, the more they want. Don't get me wrong, they know good quality JL from the bad stuff. Since the product is a winner, long-term use leads to long-term self-fulfillment. The side effects and flashbacks for this group are intense and enjoyed from a lifetime of heavy usage. These people tend to plan their monthly schedule when they get their orange postcard in the mail.

**Enablers** – these people are frequent users and help Experimenters move up the ramp. They are the ones that invite people to sit at their table at the Tzelebrating Tzedekah Pacesetters Dinner. They also talk about how much their kids enjoy the AJCC Preschool so that an Abstainer or Experimenter might give it a try. They know the best gateways to get someone into being a user.

**Pushers** – they might be the most important group. They find people who others don't know are even potential users. They give a little JL to Abstainers and Experimenters, sometimes at their own expense. They bring people over for a Shabbat dinner, give them a ride to a Jewish Book Month event, and take the Abstainers' parents to Lunch and Then Some. They are highly effective in building a market for JL where it might not exist without their involvement.

**Dealers** – this group keeps the JL flowing. These people are highly motivated and are heavy users of JL themselves. This group's sole compensation is getting "*chai*" on their own supply. They gain strength personally and communally when they see Abstainers and Experimenters become addicts. They are the Growers' best sales people and they distribute JL all over East Tennessee. They give people a supply to get hooked on when they run organizations and programs.

**Growers** – these people create JL from nothing. They have been doing it for thousands of years and they are pros at it. Their product flows best when dealers and pushers are involved, though they are able to sell it on their own. Without them, you can forget the future of JL in East Tennessee.

*Stephen Rosen appreciates the seriousness of the drug problem in East Tenn. He considers himself a dealer in JL and can be reached at [Stephen.rosen@morgankeegan.com](mailto:Stephen.rosen@morgankeegan.com). If you are trying to find your place in this network, he'll be happy to hook you up.*



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### KJA 2011 Campaign

**Campaign Goal \$350,000**

*As of 9/14/2011*

2011 Annual Campaign: \$306,277

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."*

## Batters Up

By Gene Rosenberg, KJA Campaign Chairman

If you have been reading these articles in *Ha'Kol* over the past few months, and we hope you have, you will have read that I have repeatedly said that no one can give or do it all – it takes a joint effort on the part of many people to participate in our annual campaigns as best they can to make the campaign successful.

We are now at about the three-quarter point of Campaign 2011; the number of commitments (pledges) has exceeded Campaign 2010. With a little luck and more “sweat and blood,” we should finish this year’s campaign with an increase in total dollars committed; that’s the good news.

The not so good news is that there are still too many members of our Jewish community who have not responded to our pleas for their help. Who think they should be exempt from participation.

Months ago I mentioned my “coffee and bagel” plan – once a week, for the price of a cup of coffee and a bagel, you can commit at least a reasonable amount to YOUR campaign. How? Coffee and a bagel at \$3.75 one day a week times four weeks a month is \$15.00 a month times 12 months and you will have made a campaign commitment of \$180. *To the hundreds of non-participants I make this offer – call me, we’ll meet and I’ll buy you the first coffee with a bagel; the rest is up to you.*

Yes, it’s somewhat late into Campaign 2011, but it’s never too late to do the right thing ---we’re not in the “bottom of the ninth” yet, but the game ain’t over either. It’s time to step up to the plate and help us hit one out of the park.



## Jewish Family Services Hosts Insurance Program

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

Each year in late autumn, Medicare has an open enrollment period where beneficiaries can make changes to their health and prescription coverage. This year, that period is nearly three weeks earlier than it has been in years past. This year’s Medicare Open Enrollment Period runs from October 15 to December 7.

Do you have questions about your Medicare coverage or about upcoming changes? Please join Jewish Family Services at 7:00 p.m. on **Monday, October 17** in the AJCC Adult Lounge where Kathy Young will tell us about Medicare changes and answer any questions you may have.

Last year many people who attended this program had questions about long-term care insurance, so we are pleased to announce that Richard and Jacki Imbrey will join us to answer your long-term care insurance questions. For



questions or to RSVP for this free program, please contact Laura Berry at 690-6343 extension 18 or [lberry@jewishknoxville.org](mailto:lberry@jewishknoxville.org).

## KJA’s Jewish Book Month Welcomes Ronda Robinson, Knoxville Native and Author of *Beyond Politics: Inspirational People of Israel* Sunday, October 30 at 2:00 p.m. Union Ave. Books, 517 Union Avenue (Downtown)

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

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

Robinson’s book, *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 Israel’s omnipresent myths and stereotypes by highlighting the lives of 18 people making up the mosaic we call Israel. Read *Beyond Politics* to understand the true face of Israel - in all its diversity and depth.



Kallet

Jewish Book Month also features **Marilyn Kallet**, author of 15 books including *Packing Light: New and Selected Poems* and translations of French works, most recently *The Big Game* by Benjamin Peret. Kallet is director of the Creative Writing Program and an English professor at the University of Tennessee.

The klezmer band **Tennessee Schmaltz** will kick off the Jewish Book Month program. Sponsored by the Knoxville Jewish Alliance, Jewish Book Month is free and open to the entire community. We hope to see you there.

Parking in the city garages is free on weekends. For additional information, contact Wilma Weinstein, KJA program director, at 690-6343, x16.



## AJCC Preschool News

By Melissa Schweitzer, AJCC Preschool Director

Sometimes I struggle with what topic to share in the *Ha'Kol*. It is not the lack of happenings at the preschool. The children and teachers are busy everyday learning, exploring, and discussing. I think the roadblock is my adult brain -- thinking that I have already covered a topic and I do not want to be repetitive. Repetitive... hmmm and then I have an ah-hah moment. Learning is most definitely about repetition.

Consider for a moment things like phone numbers that are harder to remember with the popularity of cell phones and smart phones. We do not know what the phone numbers are any more; only where they are stored on our phones. Are we less able to remember them? Possibly if your brain is overloaded with information you will not remember. More probably, it is because we do not do the repetitive dialing once needed. Repetition helps use to remember and memorize facts.

Repetition also helps us to polish our skills. What if someone handed you a new kind of machine and asked you to perform a task with it? You might be able to operate it on the first try but to really be proficient I am guessing you would



Rachel Iroff decorates for the first day of AJCC Preschool

need practice.

Repetition.

Preschoolers

are no

different in

their need for

repetition.

Whether it is

trying new foods, a new skill, or practicing manners, we all need

repetition. This is the way that our brains develop the neural

connections necessary to remember and perform. The more times

we practice a skill or hear a fact, the stronger the connection in our

brain becomes. The brain also prunes neural connections that are

not being used. Even if your child knows all of the ABCs at age 2,

they still need the repetition at age 3, 4, and 5 to retain the

knowledge.

So I hope you will be forgiving if from time to time I share the

same information with you. We can chalk it up to necessary

repetition.



Daled and Hey students build a teepee with natural materials.

## New After Pre-School Program Features Basketball

By Hannah Blair, TOT Director, Knoxville Area

Hello AJCC Parents:

My name is Hannah Blair and I am the Knoxville area director for the Teams of Tomorrow (TOT) program. I am so excited to share this very unique program with the families at AJCC this year.

TOT is an amazing extra-curricular ball-handling and dribbling program for preschoolers. However, TOT is so much more than basketball skills. TOT is a program where physical activity meets cognition...you might say it is where athletics meets academics.

Why would someone create a program that incorporates ball handling with learning? The answer is simple...brain research! TOT was created by elementary educators committed to offering a program that incorporates the latest brain research with what children love to do-move! Research shows that students learn better when movement and learning are combined.

Just to let you know, monthly TOT tuition is \$40 and there is a \$28 registration fee. With the registration fee, your child receives a TOT t-shirt to wear each week to class as well as a TOT prize at the end of each of TOT's six units. Parents receive newsletters at the end of each unit keeping you informed of all your child is accomplishing with TOT.

Thank you for letting me share information about TOT with you. I think you can tell how excited I am to bring the program to AJCC. In TOT we say we're learning to move and moving to learn! I hope your child will come "have a BALL" with us!

Visit <https://teamsoftomorrow.com/DirectorDetail.aspx?id=38> to learn more about the Knoxville TOT program and your TOT director.



## Lunch and Then Some

By Laura Faye Berry, BSSW, Esq., Director

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

### Wednesday, October 19, 2011: Opera singer Harry House

Harry House has been performing with Knoxville Opera for several years, most recently appearing as Bruno in Bellini's *I Puritani* and Guillot in Jules Massenet's *Manon*. Through his performances, Harry House brings music to life.



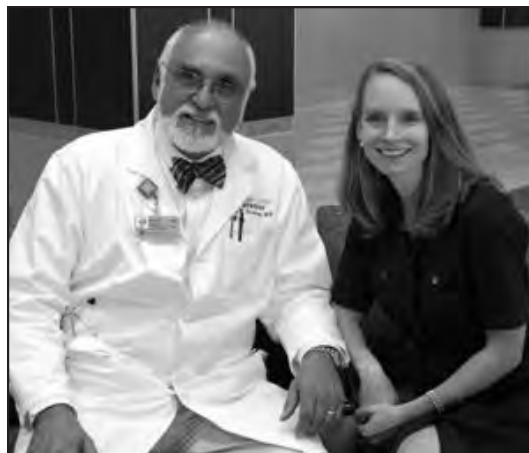
Steve and Harold Markman were the speakers at the August luncheon.

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

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. Transportation is available upon request. For more information, please contact Laura Berry at 690-6343 ext. 18 or [LBerry@jewishknoxville.org](mailto:LBerry@jewishknoxville.org).

## Suzy Snoops

◆ **Mitchell Goldman, MD**, professor in UT Department of Surgery, was featured in an article about a Medical Explorations program he started 20 years ago that has encouraged teens to look at medical careers. After a talk to teens at West High School in 1991, student Brooks Davis asked him to become her mentor. He agreed, and embarked on developing the Medical Explorations program. It is now a coveted tutoring and mentoring program for college and high school students with an interest in medicine. Students spend six weeks at the medical center during the summer, followed by fall lectures, writing papers, and learning with medical professionals. For more information: [www.utmedicalcenter.org/news/748/medical-explorations-program-celebrates-20-years-at-ut-medical-center/](http://www.utmedicalcenter.org/news/748/medical-explorations-program-celebrates-20-years-at-ut-medical-center/).



Mitchell Goldman, MD, is joined by Brooks (Davis) Hagee, MD, now a San Antonio-area pediatrician, during the Medical Explorations program's 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration.

- ◆ Mazal tov to **Barb Levin** and **Josh Gettinger** on the birth of grandson, **Frank Joseph Csar IV**, son of **Sunny Gettinger** and **Trey Csar** in Jacksonville, Florida.
- ◆ Congratulations to **Marilyn** and **Isadore Abrams** on son **Terry's** engagement to **Maria Bracamonte**.
- ◆ Mazel tov to **Wendy Besmann** and **Lynn Fuson** for winning the Youth and Family Service Network's 2011 Model Program Award for the K-Town Youth Empowerment Network Youth Council's new book *Be True to You: Celebrating the Things that Make Us Unique*. The book – a collection of art and essays on self-esteem, anti-bullying, and appreciating each other's differences—emerged from a Youth Council mentoring project in collaboration with the 2011-2012 third grade classes of Sarah Moore Greene Elementary School. **Fuson** of Foursquare Consulting Group designed the book and **Besmann's** Melton Hill Media is its publisher.
- ◆ **Nathan Weinbaum**, son of **Wilma Weinstein**, was featured in a September 9 story about his decision to enlist in the U.S. Navy after the 9/11 attack. The story can be found at <http://www.wbir.com/news/local/story.aspx?storyid=183294>

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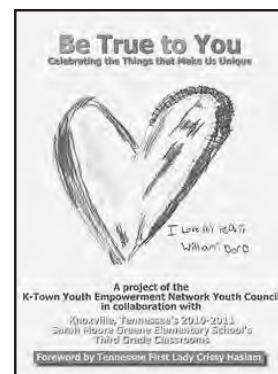
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Above: Rabbi Alon Ferency, Rabbi Beth Schwartz and Rabbinical student, Jennifer Gubitz lead the group in song at Friday Night Live.

Above Right: Jennifer and Sammy Friedman at Friday Night Live.

Right: Over 100 people attended Friday Night Live at the AJCC on August 19.

Below Right: Stephen Rosen, Deborah Roberts and Scott Hahn at Friday Night Live.

Below: KJA Archivist Nikki Russler, speaks to group of touring Young Israel students from New York, New Jersey, and Connecticut about the history of Jews in Knoxville and East Tennessee during an August 9 visit.





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## Knoxville Jewish Community Family of Funds

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

### Honoring the Past, Embracing the Future

By Bernie Rosenblatt, KJCFF President

**What kind of legacy will you leave?** No matter your age, this is a question you will answer by your actions and these actions reveal your values and your character. One action you can take is through *Planned Giving*. It is one thing that you can do to ensure that our Jewish history and values are not forgotten. There are a variety of methods you can use but today I only want to discuss one.

A *Charitable Bequest* is the simplest form of planned giving. You can leave a bequest of a specific cash amount, a percentage of your estate, or the residue of your estate; to leave this type of gift, you simply *direct in your will* that you want a specific amount or percentage to go to the KJCFF, Inc. For example, "I give to the Knoxville Jewish Community Family of Funds (KJCFF) \_\_\_\_\_ (percent of my estate, dollars, property, securities, rest, residue, or remainder of my estate) to be used for \_\_\_\_\_ (however you wish your gift to be used or you may stipulate "greatest need"). The exact wording should be developed with your attorney.

What are some of the benefits of a Charitable Bequest?

- ◆ Your bequest can provide an everlasting gift to the Knoxville Jewish Community.
- ◆ Your bequest may be fully deductible from your estate and therefore reduces estate taxes paid.
- ◆ Your bequest can be a very simple and inexpensive means of making a gift that can last forever.
- ◆ Your bequest can be revocable (we hope you won't!) until your death.

When you are ready to leave your legacy, please talk with your attorney, financial advisor or call me; the KJCFF is ready and willing to assist you. If you already have included the KJCFF in your will please let me know and thank you very much!

Please remember, it does not matter how long you live in Knoxville, you can make a difference now and for the future of the Knoxville Jewish Community; you will not have just passed through you will have left a legacy!

### B'nai Tzedek Funds Continues to Grow

In less than 5 years, the B'nai Tzedek program has grown to over 60 funds! These funds are held by Knoxville Jewish Community's best and brightest, our post b'nai mitzvah teens. This innovative program was set up to teach teens the value of philanthropy--but not in your classic classroom lecture style format. Instead, each participant is an actual fundholder entrusted with the task of giving money to charitable causes. They must consider the needs of the community, what they care about and how they can best help. They come together to discuss their findings and decide on how to direct their grants. B'nai Tzedek fundholders are also given organized opportunities to participate in service learning, another great way to give to the community.

B'nai Tzedek Fundholders:

- ◆ Become philanthropists
- ◆ Help their community – near and far
- ◆ Socialize with their friends
- ◆ Build their resume for college applications
- ◆ Have fun



*Jacob Messing  
becomes the  
newest B'nai  
Tzedek  
Fundholder*

### Grants

The Knoxville Jewish Alliance received a grant from the **EAR Fund** to support its annual fund.

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**The Board of Directors of the Knoxville Jewish Family of Funds** thanks the Knoxville Jewish Community, the staff of the Knoxville Jewish Alliance and the East Tennessee Foundation for their support and encouragement. The KJCFF encourages you to help insure the healthy future of our Knoxville Jewish community by including a commitment to the KJCFF in your financial and estate planning.

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

# K N O X V I L L E

## UT Hillel Enjoys Shabbat Dinner

Over sixty students, and some parents, gathered for Shabbat dinner on campus September 9 during UT Parent Weekend. UTK Hillel sponsors on campus Shabbat dinners several times a semester and works with community families to host students for all other Friday nights. If you would like to host a SMALL group of students, usually 6-8, for a Friday night meal, please contact Deborah Oleshansky at 690-6343 or [doleshansky@jewishknoxville.org](mailto:doleshansky@jewishknoxville.org).



Above: *Students join for Kiddush and Motzi before the Shabbat meal.*



Left: *Some of the UTK Hillel Memphis contingent enjoy friendship and food for Shabbat.*

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The Knoxville Jewish Women's Circle Presents:

## **LET'S GET ORGANIZED!**

A fun night out featuring tips from a professional organizer.

November 10th at 7:00pm

At the home of Tamara Sturm  
8500 Corteland Drive  
Knoxville, TN 37909

Couvert: \$10

For more information or to RSVP email [me@kjds.org](mailto:me@kjds.org)  
or call/text 865-386-3827



Future Events:

February 12: Spa for the body and Soul

March 29: Passover Cooking Demo and Tasting

# H A P P E N I N G S

## Project Heart: Holocaust Era Asset Restitution Taskforce

By Henry A. Fribourg

This notice is to inform eligible persons about Project HEART, a project of the Jewish Agency for Israel, funded by and in cooperation with the Government of Israel. Project HEART is focusing now on identifying individuals with potential claims regarding

- ◆ private property that was located in countries controlled by Nazi forces or Axis powers at any time during the Holocaust era;
- ◆ private property that belonged to Jewish persons as defined by Nazi/Axis racial laws; and
- ◆ private property that was confiscated/looted/forcibly sold by Nazi forces or Axis powers during the Holocaust era.

The ultimate aim of Project HEART is to provide the tools, strategy, and information to enable the Government of Israel, the project, and its partners to bring about a small measure of justice to eligible heirs of Jewish victims, the victims themselves, and the Jewish people. You may access additional information about Project HEART and download or request additional questionnaires and other documents on Project HEART's official website: [www.heartwebsite.org](http://www.heartwebsite.org). *Questionnaires will have to be submitted by December 1, 2011.*

## Local Artist Featured in Exhibition

Local artist **Arnold Schwarzbart** is one of 21 featured Southern Judaica artists at The Rosenzweig's exhibit of the American Guild of Judaic Art (AGJA), September 2- November 30, 2011. The gallery is located in the Judea Reform Congregation in Durham, NC.



The exhibit at the Rosenzweig Gallery will present 21 AGJA member artists from six Southern States in honor of the Guild's 20th anniversary as a national organization. The AGJA is an international non-profit organization of artists that specialize in all forms of art that focus on Judaic and spiritual subject matter, and includes artists that create Judaic artifacts used both in the home and the Synagogue.

## Negev Nectars – Sustainable Organic Products from the Desert

By Cindy Pasi

In 2009, my husband and I began buying products from the Negev through a new business called Negev Nectars. We did it mostly as a mitzvah to help the farmers in that area of Israel. We have continued because we love the products we receive each season. We have given the products as gifts and our family loves receiving them. Their products include the best olive oil I have had, jams, spreads, honey, teas, dates, and spices. Imagine adding sage directly from the Negev to your Havdalah spices! Negev Nectars is still small, but continues to grow. They were even featured in *Hadassah Magazine*.

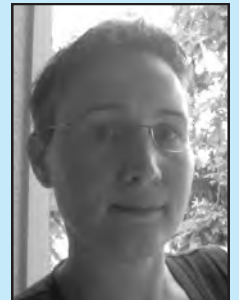
Negev Nectars serves as a link between small-scale Negev farmers and conscientious consumers. They believe for food unattainable locally, it is still possible to have a relationship with your farmer, and to support responsible agricultural practices as a community. Negev Nectars' mission is to support small-scale, sustainable agriculture in Israel, and to provide a market for those



## Judaic Studies Program Welcomes New Professor

The Department of Religious Studies and the Fern and Manfred Steinfeld Program in Judaic Studies are delighted to welcome Dr. Elisa Carandina, 2011–2012 Diane and Guilford Glazer and Lea and Allen Orwitz Teaching Fellow in Modern Hebrew.

Elisa Carandina received her PhD in Hebrew Studies in 2006 from the University of Turin and from the INALCO, Paris. Her main field of interest is contemporary Hebrew literature with special focus on gender issues. She devoted her articles to the theme of motherhood in contemporary Hebrew literature and the use of myth in Hebrew literature by women writers. Dr. Carandina also has a wide translation experience with major Italian publishing houses for which she translated Israeli novels and essays. She taught for two years at L'Orientale University, Naples, as non-tenured professor of Modern Hebrew Language and Literature.




*Dr. Elisa Carandina*

farms. All profits from Negev Nectars are reinvested in helping their partner farmers in the Negev to sustainably expand their growing capacity and continue to pursue organic and healthy growing practices.

All Negev Nectars gourmet products hail from small-scale, Israeli farms that produce artisanal foods out of a very difficult landscape. They base their selections of products on the criteria that their partner farms work with the desert, not against it, and farm using the most sustainable methods available. Negev Nectars is continuing to search for the newest tastes of the Negev, and the latest in sustainable, small-scale agriculture in Israel, as well as finding new ways to assist the Negev farmers.

Negev Nectar foods are certified kosher by the local regional rabbinic councils in each municipality of the Negev. I encourage you to visit the website and learn more about this organization and the various farmers who are represented. [www.negevnectars.com](http://www.negevnectars.com)

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*We wish everyone a healthy  
and happy New Year  
The Besmann Family*

The **AJCC Preschool** now  
has it's own phone number!  
**Call (865) 963-8001**  
to get the preschool office directly.



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# TRASH or Treasure?

Bring an item to be evaluated



**Heska Amuna Sisterhood  
Paid Up Membership Brunch**

**10:00–Noon Sunday, October 23 at the Synagogue**  
RSVP by October 17 to [admin@HeskaAmuna.org](mailto:admin@HeskaAmuna.org) or  
call 865-522-0701



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owners of Seven Seas  
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get the most from selling  
on sites like E-Bay!

**Brunch and program are free with your \$36 paid-up annual  
Sisterhood membership.**



Come celebrate  
with us

**Erev Simchat Torah**

**Thursday,  
October 20, 2011**

**7:30 p.m. at  
Heska Amuna  
Synagogue.**

Watch your mail and  
check our website for  
more details:

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

## The Culture of *Kvetch*

By Rabbi Alon Ferency

One summer afternoon, as I left the Arnstein pool to attend a Synagogue meeting, Debbie Abrams-Cohen prompted me to “put on my happy rabbi face.” One of the challenges of my work, and a challenge of many leadership positions, is to be upbeat, regardless of my personal mood or circumstance, or the events of my day. As the professional face of an institution, a leader must project confidence, optimism and a willingness to serve.

There’s another reason for this. As one of my rabbis said, a rabbi cannot join in a “Culture of *kvetch*” so prevalent in our society, which can enter into any synagogue. Because of its safe and homey environment, we feel at ease complaining about the shortcomings of whichever synagogue we belong to. We’re free to pick nits, notice paint chips, calls unreturned, or things that don’t ever seem to get fixed. In some ways, that’s perfectly alright: in fact, it’s good to vent with each other and to share our problems in the hope that we can improve them. Unfortunately, sometimes *kvetching* becomes a substitute for action, and a *culture* of complaining stymies efforts to get anything done. Torah says that the Israelites’ complaints were reason for the forty years of wandering the wilderness of Sinai: “*When God heard your loud complaint, God was angry.*” (Deuteronomy 1:34)

It is surely easier to criticize, and point out what’s wrong, than to focus on the positive, and build from strength. Harder still may be rolling up one’s sleeves and stepping in to lend a hand and fix things. At the very least, we should be wary of complaining that brings down others: spitefully or absent-mindedly crabbing about what’s wrong behind his or her back. If we must say something challenging, saying it to a person directly may give her, him, or the institution the chance to make amends and improve the situation. Who knows? You may even be invited to become part of the solution. A billboard outside a church read, “Destruction is easy. What have you created?” This is also true of a synagogue, just as it is of one’s home.

The greatest moral risk is that criticism can turn into contempt – contempt for ideas, institutions, or worst of all, persons. Contempt makes a person into a means to an end, or an object to be used, not a human worthy of our respect. At that point, there is a tremendous effort needed to move from contempt to praise, mutual recognition and loving work together. In this new year, I invite you to make every effort to find optimism, focus on the positive, and help yourself and our community grow from strength to strength. I will do the same.



## From the President

By Gilya Schmidt

“... on Yom Kippur it is sealed.” For just a moment, ever so briefly, following the conclusion of Yom Kippur, the tablets that Moses broke in anger when he returned from the mountain are whole again. At least, this is the feeling I have sometimes had following the purification and restoration process that we undergo between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. The breach is healed, our communication with our fellow human beings is perfect--no anger, no blame, no deprecation, but joy at the fellowship that enriches our lives. And God has been given His/Her due, we have prayed, we have confessed, we have praised. But this bliss is only momentary, for, as human beings, missing the mark follows all too quickly. We are human again, we are mortal again, and we fall short of expectations--our own, our family’s and friends’, and of course our Maker’s.

But God has more faith in us than that. According to the tradition, Moses in fact returned from his second trip to the mountain with a new set of tablets on Yom Kippur. God has more faith in our goodness than we perhaps have ourselves and in ourselves. In spite of our almost immediate new transgressions, neither Moses nor God broke the covenant a second time, but kept it, nourished it, yes, cherished it.

In the new year, during the beautiful fall festival of Sukkot and Simchat Torah, as we rejoice with the Four Species in the Sukkah, let us aim higher - for our own sake, for the sake of our family and friends, and for the sake of our God. Let us cherish that which we enjoy so easily--our synagogue, our community, and the ability to worship freely. It is the ultimate privilege.

## From the Chair of the Board

By Scott Hahn

It states in the book of Proverbs, “*where there is no vision, the people will perish.*” These are wonderful words to try and live by, but are often easier said than done. We are all told in a myriad of ways to plan for the future. Whether it involves saving for retirement, getting a regular check-up, or having your tires rotated on a regular basis, we are told to plan for the future, because it will be here before you know it.

What holds true for an individual holds true for Heska Amuna. When the synagogue was built over 50 years ago, split foyers were all the rage. Who could have envisioned that this would create a problem for handicap-access? Another example the Rabbi pointed out to me involves the pews in both sanctuaries. Pews were the way congregations arranged seating for hundreds of years. No one really considered other alternatives. Now it might be nice to have more flexibility in our seating for certain occasions.

Heska Amuna is at the genesis of trying to provide a vision to its congregants. During parlor meetings with Rabbi Ferency, people suggested some innovative ideas to improve the synagogue. Another project the synagogue is about to embark upon is a specific long-range plan. Ted Besmann has agreed to chair this endeavor. We hope these projects can provide valuable insight for years to come.

It is almost impossible to plan for every contingency - just as it is impossible to predict the future. If that were the case, we would be eating solvent green and be ruled by super intelligent apes (Google Charlton Heston, if you don't get the references.). The point is not to stick our heads in the sand and do nothing. The one constant we can predict is that nothing stays the same. I welcome your ideas on what Heska Amuna should be like in the near future or 10 years down the road. Heska Amuna is in need of a vision. Hopefully, with your help, we can all provide one.

## HA Religious School News

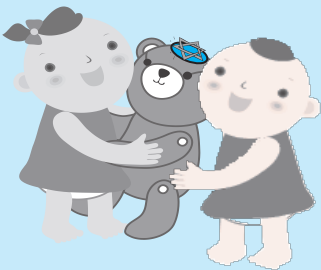
By Anna Iroff, Education Director

At the end of the month, we will celebrate Simchat Torah, the holiday when we reach the end of the Torah reading and promptly begin all over again at the beginning. It reminds me of when I was a little girl and would make my parents read the same stories and watch the same movies over and over and over again. For children, this repetition is a source of comfort, bonding with their parents through shared experiences and the detailed minutia of *Mary Poppins* and *The Cat in the Hat*. For Jews, there is a familiar cycle to the annual Torah reading that is also comforting. We know and love these stories so reading them each week is like visiting old friends. The sense of security in this familiarity allows us to relax and reconnect with God and ourselves.

Conversely, each time we read these Torah stories, they are different and fresh and we find something new in the text. It all depends on where you are in life and what's going on around you at that moment. The *pshat*, the actual text, stays the same of course, and has for thousands of years. But what we hear each year – which nuances strike us, which characters we identify with, and what lessons we discover – changes every single time we read the stories. In *Pirkei Avot*, Ben Bag-Bag tells us to “turn it and turn it again, for everything is in it.” There is something for everyone to discover in the Torah, no matter what you're looking for. Often, we find truths and advice we didn't even know we needed. This is the magic of Torah: an ancient text that understands and speaks to us in this high-tech digital world.

The best part about Torah is that you don't have to be a learned rabbi or a die-hard “bible thumper” to reap its benefits. Anyone can read these stories and find meaning in them. Anyone can study these tales and develop valid and true explanations or illuminations. God gave the Torah to us as people, to study, learn from, turn over and over, and make of it what we can. In Deuteronomy 30:11-14, God assures us that the Torah is not baffling or beyond our reach. We learn that Torah “is not in the heavens, that you should say ‘Who among us can go up to the heavens and get it for us and impart it to us?’” The truths of Torah are given to the people in a way that is accessible and all-inclusive. Since Torah is within everyone's reach, then everyone's reading, understanding, and interpretation is accurate, relevant, and true. There is no monopoly on Torah; there is no training or initiation required to make it work. All that is required is that we carve out some time to read, study, discuss, debate, and think about the text. There are books, teachers, classes, and resources to help guide us on this journey but ultimately it's up to us. We manage to find time to wash the car and catch up on American Idol; we should be able to find some time to relax and visit with our old friends in the Torah. It is within our grasp, and the benefits are both comfortably familiar and excitingly new.

### Join us for Gan K'tan!



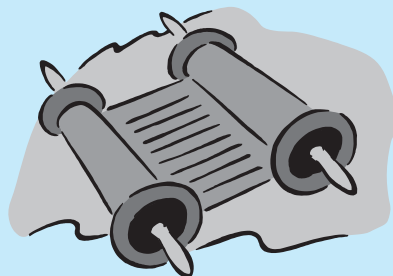
Gan K'tan is a special program for young preschoolers and their parents.

We come together for music, art, stories, games, snack, and friends – all in a fun Jewish environment!

**Sunday, October 23**  
**10:00 a.m. - Noon**

The theme for this month's Gan K'tan class is  
*The Torah: Our Present from God!*

*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).*



## Family Sukkot Celebration



**WHO:** All Heska Amuna Religious School Families

**WHAT:** Sukkah Decorating and Dinner!

**WHEN:** Wednesday, October 12 at 5:00 p.m.

Dinner is only \$10.00 per family, veggie options will be available.

*Please let us know you're coming by **OCTOBER 5** to 522-0701 or [education@heskaamuna.org](mailto:education@heskaamuna.org)  
There are no Religious School classes on this Wednesday.*

## Things to Remember

### Upcoming School Events

- Sunday, October 2 – **NO Religious School**
- Wednesday, October 5 – **Religious School, grades 3-6**
- Friday, October 7 – **Kol Nidre, Services at 6:15 p.m.**
- Saturday, October 8 – **Yom Kippur, Services at 9:30 a.m.**
- Sunday, October 9 – **NO Religious School**
- Wednesday, October 12 – **Family Sukkot Celebration: Dinner & Decorating**
- Sunday, October 16 – **NO Religious School: Fall Break**
- Wednesday, October 19 – **NO Religious School: Hoshanah Rabbah**
- Sunday, October 23 – **Religious School, preK – Prozdor**  
**Gan K'tan 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.**
- Wednesday, October 26 – **Religious School, grades 3-6**
- Sunday, October 30 – **Religious School, preK—Prozdor**



## 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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## Youth Activities and Childcare for Yom Kippur

### Saturday, October 8

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

10:30-11:30 a.m. - Junior Congregation (ages 7-12)

Following Rabbi Ferency's sermon (about 1:00 p.m.)

Youth Activity (ages 7-12)

Teen Discussion: "Tzedakah" (ages 13 and up)

**Childcare will be available for ages 1-13 during the following times.** This service is only \$36 per family for the High Holiday season.

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.

*G'mar Hatimah Tovah* – May you be sealed in the Book of Life for the year to come.



## Todah Rabbah to Our Friends and Supporters!

Thank you to **Laura & Frank Floyd** who made a generous donation toward the Religious School in memory of Mary and Marty Ginsburg.

## 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. *It's now possible to contribute any amount toward the weekly Kiddushim to help defray the Synagogue expenses by mailing your check to the Synagogue Office, marking Kiddushim.*

We thank Bernard Bendriem for sponsoring a kiddush in honor of Anne's birthday.



## From the Sisterhood President

By Marilyn Liberman

Sisterhood had a very successful open board meeting in August with 22 members in attendance. Adding to the day was the beautiful setting at the lovely home of Natalie Robinson. A huge thank you to Natalie for hosting this event.

The next major event will be the paid-up membership lunch on October 23. A very exciting program is in the planning stages. Check page 11 of the *HaShofar* section and more information will be coming soon.

The Sisterhood budget was passed realizing that we have just a few catering events and will have to consider some other fundraising ideas. Sisterhood was able to give the synagogue \$25,000 this past year and to continue a commitment to the synagogue we know we have the potential to reach or surpass this goal if we have more of our membership participate in buying grocery cards on a *regular* basis. With this in mind, we want to thank those members who have continually supported the program this past year:

Marian Jay, Laura & Frank Floyd, Pat & Eugene Rosenberg, Leon Hasden, Nancy & Jeff Becker, Charlene & Jeff Gubitz, Mindy Goldberg, Marilyn & Harvey Liberman, Susan & Arnold Cohen, Alan Solomon & Andrea Cartwright, Melissa Sturm, Debbie & Jeff Abrams-Cohen, Trudy Dreyer, Mary Beth Leibowitz & Michael Eisenstadt, Barbara & Bernard Bernstein, Joni & Stephen Hirschhaut, Jenifer & Evan Ohriner, Joe Sitzer & Anita Kay, Anne & Bernard Bendriem, Judy Rattner, Rabbi Alon & Karen Ferency, Mary Linda & Arnold Schwarzbart, Shelley & Jeff Hecht, Martha & Marty Iroff, Lee Miller, Ethel Wittenberg, Sandi & Norman Licht, Heidi & Barry Allen, Kathy & Don Goldstein, Peggy & Gale Hedrick, Joan & David Linwood, Rosalie & Stephen Nagler, Susan & Barry Roseman, Adam Brown, Dina & Andy Kramer, Judy & Abraham Brietstein, Peggy & Mark Littmann, Natalie Robinson, Sam Balloff, Wendy & Ted Besmann, Susan Contente & Kurt Piehler, Sharon Poore, Anita & Alan Merlin, Gilya Schmidt, Ken Levine, Marion Abrams, Carol & Ed Feldman, Barbara Leeds, Pam & Ernie Gross, Nancy Young & Jeff Talman. Thirty-seven other members bought cards between one and three times, while 134 did not purchase any grocery cards this past year. The numbers speak for themselves!

## Judaica Shop News

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

## Among Our Members

- ◆ Condolences go out to **Melissa** and **Seth Schweitzer** on the death of Melissa's grandfather, **Rembert Harris**. May his memory be a blessing.
- ◆ Get well wishes go out to the following people who were ill or recuperating during the past month: **Elaine Brown**, **Harriet Cooper**, **Charlene Gubitz**, **Bernie Iroff**, **Judy Rattner**, **Marcie Shloush** and **Myra Weinstein**.
- ◆ Mazal tov to the following members and their families: **Marilyn** and **Isadore Abrams** on son **Terry's** engagement to **Maria Bracamonte**; **Barb Levin** and **Josh Gettinger** on the birth of grandson, **Frank Joseph Csar IV**, son of **Sunny Gettinger** and **Trey Csar**.
- ◆ 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.



## Adult Education Classes

If you're interested in possibly attending Heska Amuna's

adult education classes (offered for free), check the website for details. Also, if you're interested in a particular topic, feel free to contact Rich Adlin at 865-680-2774 or [richadlin@gmail.com](mailto:richadlin@gmail.com).



## Alert Us When Loved Ones are Ill, Injured

If you or a loved one is ill or hospitalized, please let us know so that we can attend to him or her as a community, and place the name on our *Mi Sheberach* prayer list. Unfortunately, federal law prohibits hospitals from notifying us when community members are admitted.



## Contributions from Caring People

For a list of synagogue funds, please visit [www.heskaamuna.org](http://www.heskaamuna.org).

### Donations received as of...September 2, 2011

#### BUILDING FUND

*For Betty Billig's yahrzeit*

By: Suzi and Jerry Candy

*For Janet Krauss's yahrzeit*

By: Brenda Mosko

#### EDUCATIONAL ENRICHMENT FUND

*In honor of Carol and Ed Feldman's 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary*

By: Rabbi Jen Feldman and Dr. Benjamin Landman and Solomon and Hillel Landman Feldman

#### EDUCATOR'S SUPPLEMENT FUND

*For Albert Ring's yahrzeit*

By: Nancy and Jeff Becker

#### GENERAL FUND

*In memory of Adela Gross*

By: Andrea Cartwright and Alan Solomon, Jacki and Richard Imbrey, Evelyn and Steve Oberman, Dottie Roddy

*In honor of: Sara Cohen and Brandon Swinehart's marriage and Jessie Renfro and Alex Winston's marriage; in memory of Douglas Morrison*

By: Scott Hahn

*In honor of Mary Linda Schwarzbart's being named a 2011*

*Tribute to Women finalist and in memory of Adela Gross*

By: Carole and Bob Martin

*In memory of Douglas Morrison*

By: Wendy and Ted Besmann, Eleanor Sims and Rina and Jack Wolfe

*Get well wishes to Charlene Gubitz and in memory of Adela Gross*

By: Rosalie and Stephen Nagler

*In honor of Evelyn and Steve Oberman's wedding anniversary*

By: Pessa Brody

*In honor of: Rabbi Ferency's support and Moshe's birthday; for the yahrzeits of Shlomo and Mazal Shloush and Madge Glidewell*

By: Marcie and Moshe Shloush

*A general donation to the fund*

By: Robert Weatherstone

#### KIDDUSHIM FUND

*Donation to the fund*

By: Lee Miller

#### LEIBOWITZ FUND

*For the yahrzeits of Sylvia Leibowitz and Gussie Richer*

By: Peggy and Gale Hedrick, Mary Beth Leibowitz and Michael Eisenstadt

#### RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

*In memory of Douglas Morrison and Adela Gross*

By: Nancy and Jeff Becker

*In memory of Adela Gross*

By: Carol and Mark Harris

*In honor of Rabbi Alon Ferency's completion of his first year at Heska Amuna Synagogue*

By: Linda Gray-Slovis

*For Thomas Miner's yahrzeit*

By: Marion Bayer

*In memory of Douglas Morrison*

By: Evelyn and Steve Oberman

#### YAHRZEIT FUND

*Meyer Brilliant*

By: Joni and Steve Hirschhaut

*Leon Dobbs*

By: Elaine and David Dobbs

*Muriel Boothman, Dustee Bendes, Irwin Bendes and Barney Levine*

By: Rhoda, Marian and David Jay

*For the Ellin and Lipshin family yahrzeits*

By: Karen Kaye

*Homer Kramer*

By: Genevieve Kramer

*Rebecca Krauss*

By: Elise and Herb Jacobs

*Robert Messing*

By: Helene and George Messing

*Lenny Miller*

By: Lee Miller

*Edwin Rappaport*

By: Ken Levine

*Albert Ring*

By: Susan Ring

*Helen Tobe*

By: Selma Tobe

*Robert Zalkin*

By: Robin Brown

## New Procedures to Pay Your Dues

Heska Amuna has new procedures to pay your dues and other fees or charges. You have two preferred ways to pay: (1) set up direct withdrawal from your bank checking or savings account (ACH); or (2) charge to your credit card. (You can, of course, mail in a check to the synagogue office, but that costs you postage and takes extra time and effort on our end to process this payment.) Before you decide which of the two preferred methods you wish to use, please note that the first method is the least expensive for the synagogue. We pay only a small processing fee for direct withdrawal payments. On the other hand, Heska Amuna pays a fee equal to 2.3% of the amount charged, PLUS an additional small processing fee, for all credit card payments. We strongly encourage you to pay by direct withdrawal from your checking or savings account. When you choose direct payment, more of the financial support you generously contribute is available to provide synagogue services to you and your family and less of that support has to be diverted to pay third party fees. This can only strengthen the synagogue's finances in both the short and long term. If you pay by ACH transfer or credit card, please make sure you indicate the amount of your payment. If you are making a payment by check, please indicate the amount you are paying next to the account, tear off the bottom portion and return in the enclosed envelope. Should you have any questions, you can reach our Finance Vice Chair, Barry Allen, by email at [barry.allen@sageontheweb.com](mailto:barry.allen@sageontheweb.com), or you can leave a message for him by calling the synagogue at 522-0701.

# TEMPLE BETH EL TIMES



## From the Rabbi's Study

By Beth Schwartz

This is a time for turning. What are we turning from, and what do we want to turn to? Can we clear our heads of “pettiness and pride, envy and enmity,” as our prayer says? Can we shut out “complacency, selfishness, and harshness?” Can we welcome the stranger; comfort the bereaved and the lonely? If we cannot remove the stumbling blocks that we place around our own hearts, how can Temple Beth El be a place of welcome, hope, and peace?

The Jewish world is wide and varied. For our children’s sake, we cannot live in isolation as Jews here in Knoxville. For our children’s sake, we cannot insulate ourselves from the rest of the Jewish world, from Jews who grew up elsewhere, or from Jews who grew up outside of Judaism.

Children of all ages watch and listen. For our children’s sake, we cannot be uncaring about the rest of the world. We cannot rob them of their childhoods by making them grow up too soon. If we want Jewish children and grandchildren, then Jewish life has to be important to us: learning, praying, playing, celebrating, and sorrowing *as Jews*.

If we want our children to comfort us, to get our in-jokes and buzz-words, to savor what we know, then we must think beyond today’s schedule and convenience. There is so much for us all to do and to be, to be more than we are and do more than we do. Turn over a new page in the book of your life. Turn over a new page for your family. Turn over a new page in your congregation.

May 5772 be for you and yours a time of renewal and growth as well as contentment and peace.

*L’shanah tovah.*



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## October Services

- October 7**, 8:00 p.m. - Erev Yom Kippur
- October 8**, 9:00 a.m. - Yom Kippur Morning Children’s service
- October 8**, 10:00 – Yom Kippur Morning service, followed by discussion hour
- October 8**, 2:30 p.m. – Yom Kippur Afternoon service
- October 8**, 4:30 p.m. – Yizkor (Memorial) service
- October 8**, 5:30 p.m. – N’eilah Service, followed by Break-the-Fast
- October 14**, 7:30 p.m. – Shabbat/Sukkot evening service
- October 21**, 7:30 p.m. – Shabbat/Simchat Torah service
- October 23, 11:30 a.m.—Consecration
- October 28**, 7:30 p.m. – Shabbat evening service

## Thank You Temple Beth El

By Scott Clabo

My wife and I will never forget what all of you have done for us when we lost our daughter. I can’t thank all of you enough for all the cards and donations that came from all of you. The phone calls and food that were sent meant more than all of you will ever know. My wife and I had to pay for our daughter’s funeral, and we lacked \$2,000. Then came a check from all of you wonderful people that came to \$2,400, and we were able to pay it all off. Rabbi came by our home and stayed for two hours. She was great and her wisdom really helped and brought us a peace we did not have.

Thanks also for all who came to Jennifer’s funeral. We were so surprised and it meant more than I can ever say. You all have very big hearts, thanks so much. We have our grandson, who is only 5, to raise. His name is Scott also, and he looks just like his mother. Jennifer is gone, but she left us a wonderful little boy who keeps us very busy. Thanks you again for all you have done. You have our love and respect always.

Scott and Sharon Clabo

## Mildred Walowitz Gelber

June 21, 1919 - August 30, 2011

Mildred "Millie" Gelber passed away Tuesday morning, August 30, 2011. Millie was born in Brooklyn, New York, and after living there most of her life she joined beloved husband, Sam, in a move to Knoxville in 1960. Sam established Alpha Industries, a military apparel manufacturing company. Millie became the President of Alpha Industry upon the death of Sam. Millie was active in the Jewish community and sports and generous to both.

Temple Beth El will long remember Millie and Sam for the time and energy they gave the Temple. Their generosity established the Gelber Cultural Enrichment Fund, which has enabled us to bring in guests and speakers like Theodore Bikel and Doug Cotler. Millie also endowed the Gelber Family Rabbinic Fund. Millie supported the absorption of immigrants into our Jewish community from the former Soviet Union, by providing funds above and beyond the basics. Her devotion and loyalty were vast and have much to do with the health of our congregation today.

One might say that the greatest loves of her life - after her beloved Sam and the rest of her family, were the Jewish community and Temple Beth El and the Lady Vols and UT sports. Her friend Bunny Gerson invited Millie to play doubles in a friendly tennis match against Joan Cronan and a young basketball coach named Pat. Following the match Millie formed a strong relationship with Joan and eventually endowed the first women's basketball scholarship at UT.



Millie Gelber and Abba Eban

## Adult Education Classes Begin November 2

Adult Education will resume on Wednesday, November 2, at 6:15 p.m., with the study of the *Akedah*, the Binding of Isaac, which we read on Rosh Hashanah morning. Why study this most difficult of biblical texts? Precisely because it contradicts so much of what we value as Jews. It is a story that we cannot let go of, even as we are horrified and mystified by Abraham's behavior – and God's. Our tradition is rich with commentary, speaking to the heart of what it is to be human, and to be a believer in the eternity of the Jewish people. Shalom Spiegel's *The Last Trial* brings our attempts to understand to life, in ways that will challenge, surprise, and offer comfort. We meet in the Temple Library. All are welcome.

## From the Cemetery Committee

Planning your final arrangements in advance is one of the greatest gifts you can give to your family. No one wants to think about one's own death any sooner than necessary, but planning for your burial in advance is a responsible, caring act that can reduce stress for your grieving loved ones at a very difficult time. Making decisions now also helps assure those left behind that your wishes are being fulfilled.

Your Temple Beth El membership provides you the opportunity to purchase interment rights in the TBE section of the New Jewish Cemetery. At the August board meeting, a **revised fee schedule** - recommended by the Cemetery Committee - was adopted. Its effective date was set as December 1, 2011. By acting soon, however, you can purchase interment rights and the required perpetual care at the **current prices**.

For further information, a simple phone call or e-mail to the Temple office is all that is necessary. You will then be directly contacted by a Cemetery Committee member.

## Sisterhood of Temple Beth El presents

# MAN JONGG MADNESS

Sunday, November 20, 2011

12:30 p.m.—4:00 p.m.

**\$15.00 registration fee includes snacks and desserts**

For more information contact Ellen Markman - 584-5820 or  
Linda Mongeon - 693-0407

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

By Karen Smith, *Sisterhood Liaison*

Sisterhood's opening meeting on September 11 was a hit! Thanks to Program Vice Presidents **Mimi Brody** and **Kathy Young** for a delicious brunch and great speaker.

Mimi and Kathy have been busy planning the next two programs. A *Chai Tea* on Sunday, November 6 at 3:00 p.m. will be at the home of **Lesley Krakauer**. An English afternoon tea hosted by Lesley will please everyone.

The Sisterhood program/meeting on Sunday, January 15, 2012 at Temple Beth El will focus on Women's Health in another excellent program with a timely topic.

Thanks to Membership Vice Presidents **Honerlin Del Moro** and **Renee' Hyatt** for welcoming new and returning Sisterhood members at the opening meeting. All paid up members received the "It's Full of Sisterhood" folder with information and the YES Fund stationery. Honerlin and Renee' remind us that it is never too late to join Sisterhood. They will collect your Sisterhood dues of \$40.00 at any meeting or by mail.

Sisterhood's Chanukah Food/Craft Fair will be on Sunday, December 4. Please contact Chair **Lucy Barkan** about your food and craft items for the sale.

Mah Jongg Madness continues. Chairs **Ellen Markman** and **Linda Mongeon** remind mah jongg players to save Sunday, November 20 for this year's tournament. The registration fee of \$15.00 includes snacks and desserts. Registration forms will be mailed by the end of October.

Beiler Fund Floral Chairs **Emma Fleischmann** and **Lisa Sayles** welcome all flower donations of \$36 for Shabbat and holidays. What a wonderful way to remember or honor someone for a life cycle event or special occasion.

Finally, Sisterhood thanks Publicity Chairs **Meredith Jaffe** and **Linda Zaretski** for keeping us informed through posters, flyers, and *Ha'Kol* articles.

## Celebrate Rosh Chodesh With Sisterhood<sup>3</sup>

The Sisterhoods of Jewish Congregation of Oak Ridge, Heska Amuna and Temple Beth El combine to celebrate Rosh Chodesh, the new moon of each Hebrew month. Rosh Chodesh is a special holiday given to women as a reward for refusing to contribute to the building of the golden calf in Exodus, and has been marked by women in various ways over the centuries.

When Sisterhood<sup>3</sup> celebrates, we usually eat a light meal, participate in a short ceremony, talk about the significance of the new month, and share thanks for the previous months and hopes for the new one. Often a special program follows.

This year for Elul (August 30), Sisterhood of Temple Beth El hosted; we made New Year cards for the seniors living in our area. On July 31 when JCOR hosted, we met at the Knoxville Museum of Art for a look at Ai Wei Wei's exhibit. Docent Naomi Rowe explained the exhibit's theme – out of destruction comes renewal. How perfect for Av when we consider the destruction of the Temple in Jerusalem!

This is an interesting, warm, and very sisterly group. When you see the next Rosh Chodesh notice, consider giving it a try.

# TEMPLE BETH EL TIMES

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*Sisterhood<sup>3</sup> celebrates Rosh Chodesh Av at the Knoxville Museum of Art:*  
(l to r) Bella Budik, Anne Greenbaum, Sondra Narkoff, Natalie Robinson, Barb Levin, Rebecca Charles, Pat Rosenberg, Rosalie Nagler, Meredith Jaffe, Naomi Rowe, Jane Cohen, Marilyn Liberman.



## Temple Beth El Religious School - October Update

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

### Pizza dinner for Midweek classes 5:45 p.m., October 5

Don't forget to arrive early for pizza with your classmates. There is still time to pay \$25 for the year and avoid worrying about individual payment of \$4. Maybe we will even have time for a game of Jewish Apples to Apples before our classes begin at 6:15p.m.

### BOTH Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur Children's Services will be at 9:00 a.m.

Join Norma and Cantor Seeger for our very special services for our youngest congregants! Parents and grandparents are welcome! There will be music and stories and prayers that our children can understand.

### No Religious School October 9, 12, and 16

*There will be NO Religious School on the Sunday following Yom Kippur.* We have had all the fasting, forgiveness, and feasting possible and need a quiet day of rest. Knox County schools will be on Fall Break later that week.

### HEY! Where did Sukkot go?

The calendar was not our friend this year. Knox County Fall break closes Religious School right when we need to build our Sukkah! That means we all need to pitch in and help out. We plan to put up our lovely fabric Sukkah that covers the entire patio. Adults will do the fabric hanging and lights on Wednesday, October 12. We need our families who are in town to join us for **Sukkot service on Friday, October 14** as we decorate the Sukkah and celebrate the wonderful festival of Sukkot. This will be your opportunity for you and your children to shake the lulav and smell the etrog. Midweek students will get a chance on October 19, but by the time our Sunday classes return, Sukkot will be over, and the Sukkah will be gone. Did you know that you are always welcome to bring your family meal to our patio and eat in the Sukkah? It is a mitzvah to do this and loads of fun, too.

### Celebrate Simchat Torah at our First Family Shabbat of the Season, October 21

What a great way to start the Family Shabbat season! We will wrap our little ones in our Torah so that they can experience the joy of Torah in their own service. Norma will lead this abbreviated, child friendly service at 5:45 p.m. for children ages 3 through 3<sup>rd</sup> grades. Older and younger siblings are welcome, or anyone else for that matter! This will be very informal and kid friendly with singing and movement and always a surprise or two. The parents are asked to bring a light snack for a tiny oneg following the service. This is a great way to both introduce your child to services and meet parents of young children. Our oneg is as much fun and the service!

### October 21, older students will love our Simchat Torah at 7:30 p.m.

We will surround ourselves with Torah as we unroll two scrolls around our sanctuary. If you have done this with us before, you know how much fun it is. If you have not, *don't miss out!* Rabbi will read both the last verse and the first verse of the Torah while all of us we hold the schools in our hands.

### Consecration for students new to Religious School will be Sunday, October 23

Our congregation has a long history of celebrating all students who have just begun their education at Temple Beth El. We invite the parents, family, and friends of our newest students (and all who love to see this simchah) to join us at 11:30 a.m. for Consecration. The students will be blessed by Rabbi Beth and will receive a tiny Torah to mark the event. We will follow this with a special reception in our social hall.

### Reva Frankel from ISJL makes her fall visit for the weekend of October 28-30 or November 4 – 6

For those who have not yet heard of the ISJL, it is the Institute of Southern Jewish Life. As members, we receive a wonderful hands-on curriculum and our very own Fellow to advise us throughout the year. Reva visited our teachers in August and will make a fall and a spring weekend visit. We are not yet certain which weekend Reva will visit, but we certainly look forward to having her join us. Reva will teach our students some special lessons and lead great activities. She is also on call to answer any questions from teachers and parents. Please make her feel welcome when you see her at services and Religious School. Our ISJL Program including our Fellow is provided through Endowed Funds. Without this assistance, we could not participate in this outstanding organization.

### Reminder to B'nei Mitzvah students

Do not forget your obligation to attend services at least 12 times prior to your Bar/Bat Mitzvah date. October and November provides many opportunities to achieve this goal with our holidays and B'nei Mitzvot.

### Upcoming Events:

**October 8:** Yom Kippur Children's Service at 9:00 a.m.

**October 5:** Midweek Classes: Pizza dinner 5:45 p.m.

**October 9, 12, and 16:** *No Religious School or Midweek Class*

**October 21:** Family Shabbat 5:45 p.m.

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

**October 23:** Consecration 11:30 a.m.

**October 28-30:** ISJL Fellow Reva Frankel Visits TBE

## TBE Members Help with Tornado Recovery

Social responsibility makes wonderful things happen. Rabbi Jonathan Miller of Temple Emanuel joined with other clergy and initiated multi-denominational *Teyn Yad* (Lend a Hand), a program designed to repair and rebuild Birmingham after the tornadoes of last spring. He put out a call to Reform congregations and many answered, including Temple Beth El. Under Rabbi Schwartz's direction two groups from Temple Beth El traveled to Birmingham, Alabama to lend their hands.

Mark and Lucy Barkan, Karen and Brett Smuckler, and Rob Robkin joined Rabbi Schwartz on August 7, 2011.



*Brett and Karen Smuckler face the daunting task.*

Their camaraderie added friendship and good humor to the work at the Christian Service Mission's warehouse, repackaging donated supplies so that they could more easily be distributed to the tornado victims. They enjoyed home hospitality and shared down-home Alabama cooked meals.

On August 21, Evan Noon and Clark Derrington, along with a neighborhood friend, Erin Davenport, followed the first group and went to work in that same un-air-conditioned warehouse for three days. They received home hospitality (including amazing breakfasts) at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Levin of Temple Emanuel. Evan, Clark and Erin worked with another group of Jews from the Northeast and a social work graduate student from U of A to organize and clear the main warehouse floor making it available for newer items as they arrived.

Both groups enjoyed successful trips; they felt appreciated and met wonderful generous people. The mountains of donated items did shrink a little but the generosity of many brings more goods daily and work at the warehouse will continue, Temple Emanuel will welcome volunteers through the fall. The work is tedious but the rewards are a full heart, wonderful camaraderie, new friends, and Southern hospitality. Both groups reported a happy fulfilling trip. Contact Rabbi Schwartz if you have a few days to give.

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*Karen Smuckler and Rabbi Schwartz help with sorting.*



*Brett Smuckler, Lucy Barkan, and Rabbi Schwartz making boxes for the packing to follow.*



*Lucy Barkan stops for a well earned break*



*Karen and Brett Smuckler seems like we've been packing all day*



*Mark Barkan is happy to help.*

## Membership Committee Welcomes New Members

By Amy Rosenberg

We are excited to announce three new memberships into the Temple Beth El Family. **Rob and Gary Robkin, Ron and Vicki Sebold and Ceil Rosenberg.**

**Rob and Gary** are no strangers to Knoxville, they have been Knoxvilleians for the past six years. **Ron and Vicki** are also no strangers to the Knoxville area or Temple Beth El. They have participated in many TBE social events and we are excited to have them as dual members with Heska Amuna. **Ceil** recently moved from Delray Beach, Florida to be closer to her grandchildren, Dani, Jake & Jessie and Hal & Amy.

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.

## Looking Through the Glass

Your Temple gift shop just received new merchandise and both holiday and general items are now available! Beautiful necklaces and bracelets, key chains, and car mezuzahs adorn the shelves. You can give your next party Jewish sparkle with party plates, napkins, and holiday decorations for your home or school. Chanukah can be even more fun with games, puzzles, and dreidels that you custom fill with candy or gelt. (Bubbie or Zadie, are you reading this?). A wonderful selection of menorahs for Chanukah and Shabbat candles make finding the perfect decorative item for your home easy, and shaped cookie cutters and decorations for cupcakes make every day an occasion.

And best of all, your Treasure Tov purchases support Temple Beth El. We are open during religious school hours on Sunday mornings or you can call Temple Beth El to make an appointment to shop.



## Donations to the Funds of Temple El

July 21-August 20, 2011

### General Fund

*In memory of:*

Shirlie Goodfriend by Robert & Jill Ivins  
 Jennie Traugot by Joyce Traugot  
 Sylvia Frankel by Mark & Marcy Frankel  
 Marie Elston by Stu & Jan Elston  
 Joe Miller by Paul Erwin & Renee Hyatt, Bob & Wendy Goodfriend, The Houston Jewish Community Foundation  
 Rose Shenkman by The Shenkman Family  
 Dora Schramm by Beatrice Bush

### Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

*In memory of:*

Matvei Ioselev by Bella Safro  
 Charles Evans by Thomas Evans  
 Sara Pais by Art Pais

### Care Committee Fund

*In memory of:*

Joe Miller by John & Deborah Roberts

### Sisterhood Contributions

*In memory of:*

Ruth Sherrill by Leslie Badaines

## Sukkot at Temple Beth El

We will be observing Sukkot during the Shabbat Service on

**Friday, October 14**

Come Join the Celebration on the Patio in our Sukkah

Bring your Family

Bring some Harvest Décor, Seasonal Foliage and Fruits to Festoon our Temporary Booth

We'll be building the sukkah in the early evening of **Wednesday, October 12** and could use some help.

Please let us know if you can join us. Call the Temple Office at 524-3521.

Wine, cheese and some snacks will be served.

Watch "The Blast" closer to the date for exact 'build' hours.



## Syd Leiberman Visits Temple Beth El



The two kids and Syd "Syd's Helpers Getting into the Story"



Michael and Syd: "Capturing the Moment with Syd"

### 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		
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<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.

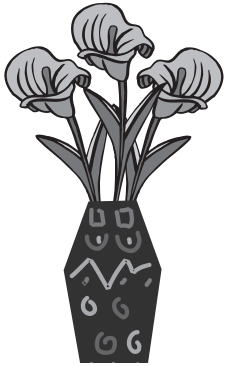
Temple Beth El, P.O. Box 10325, Knoxville, TN 37939-0325. Gift Cards can also be obtained in person from the Temple Office or any of the following individuals: Amy Rosenberg 356-6830; Patti Austin 483-3049; Evan Sturm 584-0429.

# Mazel Tov!

## *Heska Amuna Synagogue*

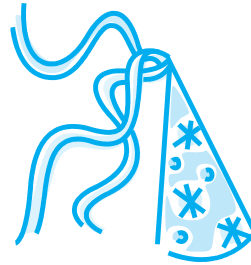
### Happy Anniversary!

Joyce and David Beerman  
 Ellen and George Kern  
 Betty and Mark Siegel  
 Serina and Jeff Scott  
 Evelyn and Harold Silvey  
 Mary Ann and Bryan Merrell  
 Susan and Barry Roseman  
 Sandi and Norman Licht  
 Marcie and Moshe Shloush  
 Pam and Ernie Gross  
 Wendy and Ted Besmann  
 Joyce York and Michael Messing  
 Harriet and Michael Glasman



### Happy Birthday!

◆ Barry Allen ◆ Neil Feld ◆ Scott Dryzer  
 ◆ Steve Abeles ◆ Marcie Shloush ◆ Lisa Jacobson  
 ◆ Joan Linwood ◆ Sally Baerman ◆ Kay Leibowitz  
 ◆ David Carson ◆ Jenny Pfeffer-Rodriguez  
 ◆ Steve Hirschhaut ◆ Kim Rosen ◆ Sam Abrams  
 ◆ Bernard Bendriem ◆ Jill Brown ◆ Howard Zoldessy  
 ◆ Stephen Rosen ◆ Isadore Abrams ◆ Andy Kramer  
 ◆ Nancy Young ◆ George Kern  
 ◆ Ken Levine ◆ Stephanie Bank  
 ◆ Carole Cooper  
 ◆ Harvey Liberman  
 ◆ Rosalie Nagler ◆ Bernie Iroff  
 ◆ Lois Presser ◆ Jami Quartararo



*All members whose birthday or anniversary occurs in October are invited to receive a blessing at kiddush on Shabbat morning, October 15.*

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### Happy Birthday!

◆ Jamie Brody ◆ Bart Brody ◆ Zoe Feldblum ◆ Connor Reis  
 ◆ Allisen Shagan ◆ Blake Parsons ◆ Hal Rosenberg ◆ Daniel Fribourg  
 ◆ Jordan Sandberg ◆ Yelena Sapozhnikova ◆ Samuel Seifert  
 ◆ Leslie Snow ◆ Irving Witcoff ◆ Patricia Austin ◆ Aaron Margulies  
 ◆ Abby Polsky ◆ Cindy Raines ◆ Sue Hume ◆ Kelley Kidd  
 ◆ Abigail Sayles ◆ Pamela Brody ◆ Anthony Zucker  
 ◆ Benjamin Gibbons ◆ Morris Goodfriend ◆ Bella Lester  
 ◆ Sam Shagan ◆ Ilya Safro ◆ Andrew Traugot ◆ Barry Wohl  
 ◆ Michael Anderson ◆ Shelley Mangold ◆ Gregory Billinson  
 ◆ Will Kidd ◆ Elena Reineri ◆ Mimi Pais ◆ Jake Rosenberg  
 ◆ Jeffrey Wilons ◆ Joseph Zimmerman ◆ Rebecca Lane  
 ◆ Lauren Anderson ◆ Tamra Brown ◆ Judith Schiffer ◆ Gregory Lane  
 ◆ Honerlin Del Moro ◆ Toby Tumpson ◆ Jacob Arbital  
 ◆ Judith Kaufman ◆ Allan Rosenbaum ◆ Liliya Safro  
 ◆ Teresa Goodman

### Happy Anniversary!

Raymond and Beth Brody  
 Ray and Babyling Pais  
 Jeffrey and Susan Arbital  
 Elizabeth Gassel and Michael Pardee  
 Larry and Cathy Concors  
 Leonard and Margot Brown  
 David and Patricia Lee  
 Larry and Judy Schiffer



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## TEMPLE BETH EL

### October 7

- ◆ Sophie Berkowitz ◆ Rudolph Bertram ◆ Steven Feldman ◆ Ann Marcovitch ◆ Amanda Morris ◆ Riva Dvorkiha ◆ Jack Garliner
- ◆ Albert A. Levy ◆ Emanuel Radoff ◆ Evelyn Green ◆ Abraham Alper ◆ Dr. Gerald Goss ◆ Lester Hirsh ◆ Gus Robinson
- ◆ Harold Freedman ◆ Betty Parish

### October 14

- ◆ Bessie Factor ◆ Martin Guthman ◆ Abraham Stein ◆ Graham Stein ◆ Marcus Mendelowitz ◆ Gertrude Frankel ◆ Ada Averbuch
- ◆ Tom Case ◆ Samuel Samuel ◆ Catherine Cox Fisher ◆ Ruth Polk ◆ Daniel Taubman ◆ Jack Zagoren ◆ Pearl Zauber

### October 21

- ◆ Sam Freeman ◆ Charlotte Pais ◆ Dora Brody ◆ Samuel Lande ◆ Bessie Margolies ◆ Dina Shklyarova ◆ David Feldman ◆ Israel Potter
- ◆ Joseph Steinberg ◆ Abraham Strasburger ◆ Anna Zafran ◆ Pam Feldman ◆ Harry Rozalsky ◆ Ben Simon ◆ Mildred Jacobson
- ◆ Nicole Shenkman

### October 28

- ◆ Max Brunschwig ◆ C. B. Brown ◆ Sara Hirsh ◆ Morris Levitt ◆ Jacob Licht ◆ Isaac Routenberg ◆ Roberta Shor ◆ Johanna Sonn
- ◆ Albert Witcoff ◆ Janet Baker ◆ Ann Bergman ◆ Leonard Supman ◆ Frieda Burson ◆ Arthur Cole(Cohen) ◆ Selma Kohn
- ◆ Alexander Zatlin ◆ Khava Barkan ◆ Mrs. Goldie Marshall ◆ Mary Sisman ◆ Evelyn Shey ◆ Toni Buescher ◆ Gerson Cohen
- ◆ Charles Gubitz ◆ Peter Marchand

### November 4

- ◆ Karen Brown ◆ Joel Samuel Cohn ◆ Elva Cole ◆ Jacob Reich ◆ Maurice Sandler ◆ David Blumberg ◆ Tillie Brown ◆ Helen Epstein
- ◆ Rose Kate Lippner ◆ Sylvia Rozalsky ◆ Lee Meyers ◆ Leon Banov ◆ Gustav Brunschwig ◆ Simone Levi Brunschwig
- ◆ Bessie Stone Drake ◆ Sam Margolies ◆ Marvin Miller ◆ Yitzhak Rabin ◆ Agnes Canner

## *Heska Amuna Synagogue*

### October 1

- ◆ Louis Billig ◆ Oscar Glazer ◆ B.J. Thorp ◆ Esther Goldman ◆ Sylvia Robinson ◆ Joseph Himmelstein ◆ Fred Millen ◆ Mazal Shloush
- ◆ Jean Tew ◆ Gertrude Weinstein ◆ Esther Abrams ◆ Jeanette Jacobowitz ◆ Rebecca Mazur ◆ Evelyn Schwab

### October 8

- ◆ Phyllis Levine ◆ Sarah Millen ◆ Max Diamond ◆ Ida Dwork ◆ Sylvia Greenberg ◆ Adeline Shersky ◆ Harry Glasman ◆ Louis Winick
- ◆ Marie Klinkowstein ◆ Isaac Joffe ◆ Beatrice Sturm ◆ Anne Wolf ◆ Isaac Andijar ◆ Etta Farb ◆ Sadie Gabler ◆ Anna Gruenberg
- ◆ Blima Schwarzbart ◆ Samuel Schwarzbart ◆ Sylvia Slovis

### October 15

- ◆ Tobe Davis ◆ Abe Katz ◆ Bernard Shorr ◆ Louis Bender ◆ Joseph Green ◆ Jennye Grusin ◆ Dennis Licht ◆ Lena Loef
- ◆ Sydney Manas ◆ William Rubin ◆ Lena Busch ◆ Morris Dixon ◆ Paul Dreyer ◆ Hilda Kalotkin ◆ Samuel Wise ◆ Bertha Krauss
- ◆ Sarah Millner ◆ Frederic Horowitz

### October 22

- ◆ Joyce Hirschhaut ◆ Amy Cohen ◆ David Cohen ◆ Herman Forstein ◆ Morris Skalet ◆ Aaron Berry ◆ Benjamin Wise
- ◆ David Beerman ◆ Sarah Tobe ◆ Ronald Licht ◆ Richard Mittleman ◆ Leonard Shersky ◆ Mark Fleishman ◆ Ralph August
- ◆ David Jacobowitz

### October 29

- ◆ Peter Dreyer ◆ Mordechai Heiser ◆ Ben Polasky ◆ Herman Shamitz ◆ Joseph Solomon ◆ Theresa Fadem ◆ Leonard Brown
- ◆ Jennie Cooper ◆ Isaac Coplan ◆ Marcus Mendelowitz ◆ Isadore Collins ◆ Matilda Kraut ◆ Morris Rosen ◆ Phillip Seif
- ◆ Alexander Shapiro ◆ Leo Vogel ◆ Esther Winick ◆ Jean Brown ◆ Morris Shersky ◆ Morris Bresoff ◆ Vaughn Cooper ◆ Ignatz Frank
- ◆ Carol Krosin ◆ Malvina Schwartz ◆ Abraham Alper ◆ Rhea Silber



# Hadassah Highlights

## The Power of a Woman, the Power of a Group of Women, and the Power of a Mother

By Cindy Pasi, Knoxville Chapter of Hadassah President

These were my thoughts as I sat that the Annual Business Meeting in July. Over 400 women were gathered together to pass the torch of leadership from one woman to another. Over 400 women gathered together to discuss the needs for continuing the legacy begun 99 years ago, and how to meet those needs. Over 400 women worked together at that meeting to represent the over 330,000 other women who are members of Hadassah who were not at the meeting. It was powerful.

But my thoughts kept wandering back to 1912, the year it began. Henrietta Szold was in her 50s. The daughter of a rabbi, she had seven sisters and no brothers. She studied at the Jewish Theological Seminary--and they let her as long as she did not request to become a rabbi. She loved to study Torah and Talmud and was involved with a study group of women when she went to Israel with her mother for six months. She was so distraught over the deplorable conditions she found there for all people that she expressed this to her mother. Her mother gave her the challenge of a lifetime, simply telling her to do something about it, and she did. She went to those she studied with, and together Hadassah was born. Think about it, 1912. This organization began with this small group of women raising the money to send two nurses to Israel, and then continuing those grass roots efforts through the roaring '20s, the great depression, the ensuing wars, the loss of many nurses and physicians after an attack at the Hadassah hospital, continuing through today. Through it all, Hadassah has stood strong.

Many of our mothers and grandmothers left us a legacy of being involved in the building of the first hospital in Jerusalem and in saving thousands of lives through the Youth Aliyah program. Henrietta Szold was 75 years old when asked to bring young people out of Europe and into Israel during the Holocaust. She was ready to retire, but she led Hadassah to bringing these children to safety when so many did not have a safe haven. Hadassah made it happen. Think of the value and contributions our world has had from those young people that did not die in the Holocaust because of the work of Hadassah.

We will celebrate 100 years of Hadassah in 2012. Make Hadassah part of the legacy you leave to your children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. Join in with this powerful group of women as we work toward building the future. Hadassah is literally changing the skyline of Jerusalem and we are doing that in **actions**, not just in words. We can't afford to wait for the future, we are building it now, Israel needs us now.

### Hadassah Book Club News

The Hadassah Book Club's October Meeting will be held on **Tuesday, October 18**, 7:30 p.m., at Barnes and Noble Booksellers on Kingston Pike. We will be reading *Thera* by Zeruya Shalev.



#### Book Summary

Zeruya Shalev is one of Israel's bestselling and most highly acclaimed authors. Her novels, which have been translated into many languages, have sold more than a million copies in Germany, and have garnered major European literary prizes. Now, for the first time, readers can enjoy her captivating novel, *Thera*, in English.

*Thera* is the story of Ella Miller, a 36-year-old archaeologist studying one of the largest volcanic blasts in history--the famous Thera eruption. She develops a novel theory that the devastating blast sparked the biblical 10 plagues, which led to the liberation of the Israelites from Egypt.

Like her research subject, Ella's life is undergoing tectonic shifts. Her marriage to her former mentor, the needy and brutish Amnon, has come to an end. Her relationships with her intellectually towering father and his servile wife are unbearable. Her young son, Gili, swings wildly from adaptability to despair. Her new lover must face up to his own recently destroyed marriage. Ella seeks to build a new kingdom atop the ruins of the old, but murmurings beneath the family edifice create fault lines that threaten to destabilize her future. *Thera* presents a dazzling depiction of family life. In sharp, unerring prose, it excavates the archaeology of the human soul.

If you have questions or need a ride, contact Peggy Littmann at 588-6661 or [plittmann@comcast.net](mailto:plittmann@comcast.net). All Jewish women and friends welcome.

## Meet Your Board

### Kathy Goldstein

Kathy Goldstein has been involved with Hadassah for about one year after Cindy Pasi abandoned her position as recording secretary for a better job. She is looking forward to an exciting centennial year with many great programs. Kathy dotes on her elderly cat Charlie and on her husband Donald. When she is not working, (which her husband says is never) she likes to read and run, but not at the same time.



Barbara Mintz

### Barbara Mintz

Barbara Mintz's childhood began in New Jersey, but she spent her adult life in beautiful northern Maine except for the last eight years, which have been spent in Tennessee. She is a speech/language pathologist, currently with Knox County Schools. She enjoys cooking, gardening, Mah Jongg, traveling and time with her husband, Seth and loving white Labrador, Nikki. Barbara has been a Hadassah life member for many years, but is just starting to get directly involved.



Kathy Goldstein

## Thank You Notes Received

### Large Certificates:

Dear Members,

I was so touched to receive the beautiful certificate that so many of you participated in and to know you were thinking of me. Thank you for your kindness and sympathy at a time when it was deeply appreciated.

Sylvia Miller

### Thank You's:

Dear Lee,

Many thanks to all who generously contributed to the Knoxville Chapter of Hadassah in memory of Marc. It was greatly appreciated. I hope to see you all soon.

Regards to all, Sandy Bressler

### Layettes:

Dear Cindy,

Thank you and thanks to all the wonderful Hadassah women who contributed to the layette fund in honor of my granddaughter, Aviva. Raina and Nathan as well as Abraham and I are so appreciative of the donation.

Todah Rabah, Judy Breitstein

### Condolences:

Dear Cindy,

Please share my appreciation to our Hadassah Chapter for the condolence card sent in memory of my cousin, Douglas Morrison. I will share the card with his family also – each note of caring is helpful and appreciated.

Mary Linda Schwarzbart

## Hadassah is Indeed International – In Saudi-Arabia Also

Arab media, in general, does not like to write positively about Israel. Saudi-Arabian media is not considered to be the most open and liberal, even within the Arab world. This is why it was quite a surprise to learn that a Saudi newspaper, *Al-Watan* (The homeland), recently published an article by one of its columnists, explaining the reasons for Israel's superiority in science and technology. The article provided some general figures about the number of scientific articles per person in Israel. But the one case that was cited as an example was the Hadassah Tissue Typing Registry, and in particular our unique project of encouraging Israeli Arabs to register.

The following is a free translation from Arabic of an excerpt from the article:

"...The only registry of bone marrow in the world for Arab donors exists at the Hadassah Medical Center in Jerusalem. It is remarkable because there are only 1.2 million Arabs in Israel, compared to more than 400 million in the entire world.... Dr. Amal Bishara, an Arab PhD at Hadassah, has visited more than 60 Arab villages in Israel since the registry was established in 2008..."

Such an acknowledgement from the Saudi newspaper. Hadassah's Tissue Typing Registry, which is assisted by Hadassah Austria (among other supporters), is indeed the only program of its kind in the world. So far it has collected almost 10,000 samples. We have already received more than 100 requests for matching tests from all over the world and were able to match 40 of them. Hadassah recently completed the tenth transplantation from this special registry!

The following is a link to the original article in Arabic from the Saudi paper: <http://www.alwatan.com.sa/Articles/Detail.aspx?ArticleId=5978>

## Large Certificates

By Lee Miller, Chair

The following Large Certificates have been mailed:

- ◆ **In Memory of Joe Miller**, husband of Sylvia Miller
- ◆ **In Memory of Bill McKinney**, father/father-in-law of Carolyn & Jan Fay
- ◆ **In Memory of Douglas Morrison**, father of Bruce and Julie Morrison, cousin of Mary Linda & Arnold Schwarzbart

The following Large Certificate is still in progress:

- ◆ **In Memory of Adela Gross**, mother/mother-in-law of Ernie & Pam Gross

The Knoxville Chapter of Hadassah  
Welcomes its newest member

**Ms. Jessica Bailin**

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Pricing for  
Lifetime Memberships  
and  
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Ends December 2011**



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\*No deductions taken for previous payments. Payment plans excluded from offer. \$12.50 of the Annual Membership dues payment/a portion of the Life Membership Associate enrollment fee is allocated for a subscription to Hadassah Magazine. In keeping with IRS regulations, membership dues/enrollment fees are not considered to be tax-deductible contributions.

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Joyce York	Webmaster

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

## Board Installation 2012

A great time was had by all at the installation of new officers held at Harry's Delicatessen. Mary Evars-Goan installed the incoming Board with a beautiful passing of the torch ceremony.



*Bonnie and Hallie Boring and Cindy Pasi share their moment with Traveling Henrietta.*



*The 2011-2012 Knoxville Chapter of Hadassah Board members are Cindy Pasi, Marcia Shloush, Barbara Mintz, Shuli Mesa, Laura Floyd, Kathy Goldstein, Bonnie Boring, Gennifer Spenser (not pictured), and E L Gordon (not pictured).*



*Our Chapter was honored to have so many associates and friends in attendance including Ben Willis, Stephen Rosen, Camden Boring, Donald Goldstein, Ric Pasi, Moshe Shloush, and John Goan. Henrietta was glad they were there too!*



*Barbara Mintz and Mary Evars-Goan have a moment before Mary leads the installation ceremony.*



**Save the Date!**

## Centennial Scavenger Search

**Saturday November 19**

**at 7p.m.**

The Search is on!

Contact [shulime@gmail.com](mailto:shulime@gmail.com) for more info



# Stanford Eisenberg Knoxville Jewish Day School

## First Day of School for KJDS Students

August 11 was the first day of school for the students at KJDS this year. At 8:15 sharp, in marched adorable children with new backpacks, new uniforms, and smiling faces ready to begin the 2011-2012 school year. Some exciting things that greeted them as they began the year were a fancy lunch room, now located in the KJDS Ballroom, new teachers, beautifully painted classrooms, and some previews of the fun in store for the

school year. Here are some pictures from our fabulous first day of school.



*Leead, Segev, Samantha and Elizabeth eating lunch on the first day of school.*



*Samantha hoola hooping at the back to school picnic.*



*Rylee and Dylan on the first day of school.*

*Our new lunch room.*



*Fun at the Ashley Nicole Dream Playground for the back to school picnic.*



## Rosh Hashana

Shortly after our move to Knoxville I was informed that the reason school started in August was so that children would be available to help in the farms during the harvest. I have since learned that there isn't much substance to that explanation and I have another to offer. The Knox County board is aware of the fact that the Jewish High Holidays come towards the beginning of the school year and therefore set school to begin in August to allow ample time for students to learn about the rich and meaningful traditions of the high holidays.

At KJDS our students have been hard at work preparing for the Jewish New Year. Kindergarteners mailed Shana Tovah cards to their families, 1<sup>st</sup> graders have been excited to exercise their new Hebrew reading skills as they read books about Rosh Hashana, 2<sup>nd</sup> graders enjoy opening each class with a challenge that demands recall of what they learned in K and 1, 3<sup>rd</sup> graders are so fluent with the Jewish months that they can play Jewish Month Rummikub and the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders are putting all they've learned into writing with their Rosh Hashana Acrostic Poems and other writing projects all in Hebrew. As a special bonus our students made Rosh Hashana Cards for Jewish Family Service to distribute.



*Kindergarteners took a walk to the mail box to mail their shana tova cards. For many students this was the first piece of mail they had ever put into a mailbox.*



*Some of our kindergarteners stand around Mr. Markman after he blew the shofar for them.*

**questions.  
opinions. beliefs.  
answers.**

A KJDS education reaches beyond ordinary academics.

Our students emerge as independent thinkers, thoughtful doers and lifelong leaders. It's a refreshing approach to Jewish education.

Join us at our Open House.

Ask questions, receive answers, and become inspired.

**Wednesday, November 2 at 6:30 p.m.**

1529 Downtown West Blvd.  
RSVP to 560-9922 or [info@kjds.org](mailto:info@kjds.org)



*Amber, looking to see what part she will be playing in the upcoming play, Peter Pan. See article on page 32.*

## The Audition Results Are In...

Expect another amazing performance with this year's production of Peter Pan! Hear what some of our actors and actresses have to say regarding this year's play:

**Samantha ABRAMS-COHEN**, Mermaid, age 6

Samantha, can you describe what you felt when you saw your name posted on the audition results board? *I felt excited and very happy.*

*The rest of the day was great! It was like a good luck charm.*

What encouragement or advice would you give someone who was thinking about being in a play? *You need to be brave and say your lines while lots of people are staring at you. You also need to do lots of practice; this will help you remember your lines.*

**Lila SINGER**, Michael, age 6

Where do you see yourself in 5 years? *In five years, I would see myself acting on Broadway. I would love to be in the play, Wicked. I would really like to play the Wicked Witch. She's not really that bad, you know.*

Do you have any advice for other actors? *Try to really act and bring your character to life... Just be your part.*

**Kirk PARSONS**, Tootles, age 8

What role will you be playing in Peter Pan this year? *I am playing the part of Tootles, the 2<sup>nd</sup> leader of the Lost Boys. The Lost Boys fell out of their strollers when they were babies and were taken to Neverland.*

Why do you think you were chosen for this role? *Morah Debbie must see that I can act. I think she believes in me.*

Can you describe the relationship between the Lost Boys and Peter Pan. *They are all friends on the stage and off. I think the same is for me, too.*

What advice can you give someone who is thinking about being in a play? *It is good to do but don't be scared if you get a big role. You should practice at home for your friends and family because they feel happy that you are doing it.*

**Frank STURM**, Smee, age 9

Frank, I understand that you were given a pretty big role. What can you tell us about the character you will be playing? *His name is Smee and he is very funny. He was the role that I really wanted to get.*

How difficult do you think this role will be? *It will be kind of hard because I have lines in a bunch of scenes. I do think that I am naturally funny and that should help.*

What advice can you give someone who is thinking about being in a play? *Being in Drama is just really fun. You just need to forget about everything and just act. Just do it.*

**Hallie BORING**, Wendy, age 8

Can you describe your reaction when you found out you were playing Wendy? *I felt so happy – I jumped all around the room!*

What do you think is required of an actress playing such an important part? *I have to be very prepared. I want to be ready and I will need a lot of practice. I have high hopes.*

Do you have any advice for other actors? *Sometimes there are disappointments but we have to move on and be happy with what we got.*

Where do you see yourself in five years? *I would like to be a ballet teacher. Ballet is very relaxing. Moving your body in ballet is really a work of art.*

**Jacob HALE**, John, age 10

Jacob can you describe what you felt when you saw your name on the audition results board? *When I saw that I got the role that I wanted, I felt very happy and excited. Playing John is a very important part because he is in almost every scene.*

Can you describe John's relationship to Peter Pan. *John and Peter are friends in the play. This is similar to my relationship with Jackson who is playing Peter Pan because he is one of my closest friends here at KJDS.*

How has the theater affected your life? *Being in plays has taught me how to express my imagination. If you are in a play, don't be scared - it is a lot of fun! You have to be able to project your voice and have a very wide imagination.*

**Jackson DAVIS**, Peter Pan, age 11

Can you describe how you feel about being chosen to play the lead in Peter Pan? *I am very happy to have the role of Peter Pan but at the same time I am a bit nervous because I don't want to let Morah Debbie down. It is a very big part. I have never had this kind of opportunity before, so I am a little nervous. I am however, really good at memorizing so I should be able to do this.*

What advice can you give someone who might be considering the chance to be in a play? *To be in a play takes a lot of courage because you are in front of an audience. Drama teaches you how to work and get along with other people. They are acting and you have to act, too. In drama you have to be able to forget about yourself and be another person. This takes a lot of practice.*

Everyone is invited to the Knoxville Jewish Day School's all-school production of Peter Pan. See next month's issue of *Ha'Kol* for time, date and location for what is sure to be a memorable experience!



*Hallie, finding out that she's Wendy!*

## Sarah Perez

By Sarah Perez

My name is Sarah Perez and on May 28, 2011, I was in a car accident. I was in the PICU at UT Hospital for 16 days. I had to lay flat on my back for 2 weeks and had to wear a neck brace. I had lots of visitors and my room was filled with lots of decorations and stuffed animals! After that I took a plane to Chicago and there I went to Shriners' Hospital for rehab. I spent 6 weeks there. I was up for many hours during the days doing activities, sports, and 4 hours of therapy. I had my own room and I'm really glad. The week before I left, I was in a transition apartment to get ready to go home. I have family that lives in Chicago and got to see them while I was there. I love Chicago! On July 29, I took a plane back to Knoxville because I had finished my therapy and was ready to start 5<sup>th</sup> grade. I've been in school now for about a month. It's all been scary because it's so new to me and I'm still getting used to it. I want to say thank you to all of my family, friends, and even strangers that have done so much for me to help me adjust to my new life. I love you all!



# Stanford Eisenberg Knoxville Jewish Day School

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## KJDS Students Take a Trip to Study Island



Well it may be only a virtual trip, but it is still a lot of fun! KJDS students are now doing their homework on a website called Study Island, a web-based instruction, practice, assessment and reporting program built around Tennessee's state standards. It has rigorous academic content that is both fun and engaging with lots of practice in the form of games. The students were introduced to the program at school on the new school laptops and are now experienced enough to use it at home on their own. In the words of 2<sup>nd</sup> grader Aidan Mannella, "It is awesome because you get to do lots of games!" How wonderful to make learning as fun as a game!

## Technology Abounds at KJDS!

KJDS has acquired 11 new laptops for our students this year. The laptops will be on a laptop cart for student use in the classrooms. Both the teachers and students are really excited about this new addition to KJDS. They all have expressed interest in projects requiring research, PowerPoint slide shows, and learning keyboarding skills. In Miriam Esther's Hebrew class, the children have used the laptops to go onto Google and translate in order to write acrostics. In Ms. Jessica's class, the students used the laptops to do research on their names and on Egypt, which they are currently studying. And Ms. Huffaker has been conducting a technology class for the kindergartners, as well as for aftercare enrichment. Look out tech world, here we come!!



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## The Jewish Community Archives of Knoxville and East Tennessee

### The Way We Were in 1991



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

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

**Taken at Marian Davis's 70<sup>th</sup> birthday party in Houston, Texas, on July 13, 1991**

Former or current Knoxvilleans (left to right) : Sybil Joffe, Elise Levy, Marian Davis,  
Marge Marx, Bernice Finer, Fran Scott, Betty Jean Goldberger