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

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## Temple Beth El

Invites the Knoxville Jewish community to join our  
**CHANUKAH LATKE CELEBRATION**

**Friday, December 14, 2012**

**6:00 - 8:00 p.m.**

This year's celebration includes  
a traditional latke & brisket  
dinner with all the extras,  
lighting of the Chanukah  
candles and service.



Cost: \$6.00 per person.

Send payment to TBE office or pay the night of the  
event but you **must RSVP by December 10**

**RSVP by calling the TBE  
office or e-mailing  
Amy Rosenberg at  
Rockybergs@tds.net.**

Bring your own Menorah to  
decorate the table!  
We will supply the candles.



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# TEMPLE BETH EL TIMES



## Chanukah: A Time of Dedication

By Rabbi Mathew D. Michaels



This year Chanukah begins on Saturday evening, December 8. Each evening as we recite the blessings over the Chanukah lights, let us take time to reflect on the theme of dedication. Consider the following questions: As a Jew, as a member of this congregation, as a human being: to what am I dedicated? How can I strengthen my dedication to my family, my faith, my community, and God?

I want to share with you brief readings that you may want to include after lighting the *chanukiah*.

17 Kislev—18 Tevet, 5773

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#### THE SHAMESH OR SERVANT LIGHT (to be recited each night):

As one candle may kindle many others and yet lose none of its own light, so Judaism has kindled the light of truth for many religions in many lands and still shines brightly today. As we share our love with others, we do not lose anything, but we gain so very much, we feel closer to family and friends.

#### On the 1<sup>st</sup> night:

The first light reminds us that God is One. God's spirit guides us and strengthens us. Adonai leads us all, and as we love each other, we honor the Holy One.

#### On the 2<sup>nd</sup> night:

The second light is the light of the Torah. Torah has brought learning and truth to all the world. "The commandment is a lamp and the Law is a light."

#### On the 3<sup>rd</sup> night:

The third light is the light of *tzedakah* – of giving something of ourselves to help others. We know that so many people still are hungry, cold, ill, and homeless. We show our belief in justice and mercy by sharing with those who have less than we. (Each member of the family gives *tzedakah* at this time).

#### On the 4<sup>th</sup> night:

The fourth light is the light of family. Together, we celebrate Jewish living. We laugh together and we cry together. As we stand together, we feel God's spirit moving through us. We thank God for the love we share.

#### On the 5<sup>th</sup> night:

The fifth light is the light of Israel. We thank God for the Jewish State, for her music, dance, and poetry which we enjoy; for the pride of her people, for the Hebrew language which lives, and for *Eretz Yisrael* – where all Jews know freedom.

#### On the 6<sup>th</sup> night:

The sixth light is the light of the Jewish people, wherever they may be. We are tied to them by strong bonds – of faith and history, of language and tradition, of ideals and hope. We are *am echad*, one people. *Am Yisrael Chai* – the Jewish People Lives!

#### On the 7<sup>th</sup> night:

The seventh light is the calm light of patience. Little worthwhile can be achieved in haste. The spreading tree and the human soul grow slowly to perfection. King David said, "Trust in God, wait patiently for the Eternal."

#### On the 8<sup>th</sup> night:

The eighth light is the light of *Shalom* – of peace. Let there be peace among the members of our family and between us and our friends. Let us respect the stranger and work for peace in our community and in all the world.

May the messages of Chanukah continue to inspire each of us and our entire world.

## President's Message

By *Stu Elston*

We are nearing the six-month point (OK, it's really more like five months) of Temple Beth El's "rabbinic transition" - an oversimplified term that means a lot of complex relationships, both within and without the Beth El family, have been developing and evolving in the wake of Rabbi Michaels's arrival in Knoxville. In case you haven't been paying attention to this, I want to report that many members and friends of the family *have* been paying attention and every report I've gotten from them, regarding every aspect of Temple life, has been highly positive and encouraging. You can easily see this by attending services (or any other function) at Temple and just sensing the excitement in the air. If you haven't experienced this, you owe it to yourself to attend services and see for yourself.

It only makes sense to capitalize on this excitement and new-found energy. To that end, I've recently asked Past President Stephen Eisen to chair our long-inactive Long-Range Planning Committee to help us set new goals and to recommend best ways to channel that energy in a productive and rewarding fashion. Stephen will need help in doing this, so if he should ask you to contribute, please give his request serious consideration.

Please do share in the excitement. Attend services and get involved in other facets of Temple life. I look forward to seeing you there!

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

By *Karen Smith*

Sisterhood's annual *Chanukah Food and Craft Fair* is almost here. Stop by Temple Beth El on Sunday, December 2 from 9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. to purchase baked goods, breads, candy, cookies, cakes, homemade canned items, and homemade crafts. Please contact *Lucy Barkan* if you have items to donate or can help with set up on Saturday, December 1, or during the sale on Sunday, December 2.

On Thursday, December 13 at 6:00 p.m., Temple Sisterhood will host the Sisterhoods from Heska Amuna and Oak Ridge for *Rosh Chodesh Tevet*. Following a light dairy dinner and Rosh Chodesh service, *Rabbi Mathew Michaels* will lead a discussion of our heroine Judith and her connection to Chanukah. Thanks to *Meredith Jaffe* for working with the other two Sisterhoods and planning the programs hosted by our Sisterhood.

January will be a busy month for Sisterhood beginning with a program/meeting at 10:00 a.m. on Sunday, January 13, 2013. *Rabbi Michaels* will discuss organ donations from the Jewish perspective. A representative from Tennessee Donor Services will talk about what organs can be donated and how to sign up to donate. Organ donation brochures and cards will be available.

The *Medic Regional Bloodmobile* will be in the Temple parking lot from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on January 13 for congregants to give blood. If 35 percent of our Temple families give blood, our entire congregation will be covered by Medic for one year.

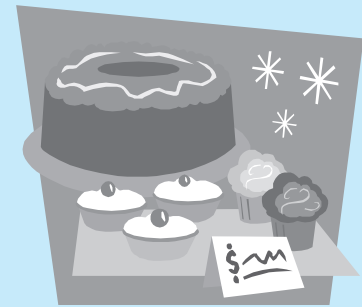
Good food, friends, and contributions to Second Harvest Food Bank and Mazon—what could be more appealing. Sisterhood's *Shabbat for Hunger, Healing, and Hope* in partnership with the religious school continues on Friday, January 25 at 6:30 p.m. Donations of chili and soups are needed for the dinner. Contact *Karen Smith* about what you will bring or sign up on the Sisterhood Board at Temple. Please bring the soup or chili in a crockpot or casserole dish and we'll heat it up to serve.

The cost for dinner is \$8.00 for adults, \$5.00 for students under 12. There will be a \$25.00 cap for families (parents and children.) Sisterhood will provide toppings for the chili and soups, bread, and drinks.

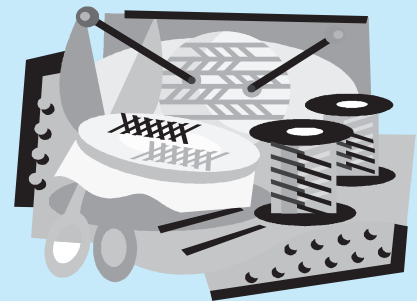
## Sisterhood Craft and Food Fair

Sunday, December 2

9:30 a.m.—2:00 p.m.



Homemade crafts,  
baked goods, jellies,  
honey and more!



Save the Date for a  
Sisterhood Meeting!

Sunday, January 13, 2013  
10:00 a.m.

*Organ Donations from  
a Jewish Perspective*  
By Rabbi Mathew Michaels

Also, a representative from  
Tennessee Donor Services  
will provide "How-To"  
information

To the Women of  
JCOR, Beth El, & Heska Amuna Sisterhoods

Announcing

Rosh Chodesh



Tevet

**Thursday, December 13**

Temple Beth El, 6:00 p.m.  
3037 Kingston Pike, Knoxville 37939

Please join Sisterhood<sup>3</sup> as we welcome the new moon.  
Light dinner served: RSVP to Meredith Jaffe at [ldlady@charter.net](mailto:ldlady@charter.net)

After dinner Rabbi Matt Michaels will lead us in a  
discussion about our biblical heroine Judith and her connection to Chanukah.

Temple Beth El Sisterhood invites you to participate in our on-going community service project to support  
"Marty's Mission" by bringing a non-perishable food item for Second Harvest Food Bank.

**TBE Sisterhood presents**

*Shabbat for Hunger, Healing,  
and Hope*

**Friday, January 25 ---- 6:30 p.m.**

**Cost: \$8.00 for adults  
\$6.00 for children  
(\$25.00 cap per family)**

**Sisterhood needs donations of vegetarian soups  
and chili. Contact: Karen Smith**

**Sisterhood will provide bread, beverages, and toppings  
for the soup and chili.**

**Proceeds go to Second Harvest & Mazon**

A hero  
is someone who  
can keep his  
mouth shut when  
he is right.

*— Yiddish proverb*

## Temple Beth El Religious School

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

### Pizza Dinner for Midweek classes 5:45 p.m., December 5

Don't forget to arrive early. You can have some free time to socialize with your friends before classes begin at 6:15 p.m.

### Chanukah Supper December 14

Our Chanukah celebration will be extra great this year. We will have a short service with guitar music and special Chanukah blessings. Of course there will be our wonderful latke supper as well. Don't miss out on this great event. Rabbi Matt has great plans for this special Chanukah Shabbat.

### 11th Annual TBE Macabbiad December 9

The Maccabiad will be bigger and better than ever! All students will be placed on Team Hay, Shin, Nun, or Gimmel. Families stay together. The teams will compete in wacky games with a Chanukah theme. The younger children work with the older students in a great family atmosphere. It is as much fun to watch as it is to play. We need lots of parents to help in the kitchen, at the party, and as judges. PLEASE contact Al and Gina Feldblum [gfeldblum@att.net](mailto:gfeldblum@att.net) if you can volunteer some of your time. We would love to have every student and parent attend this fun event. **Temple Tots who have not yet started school are invited to join us for this day of fun!!!**

### ISJL Fellow to visit 14-16

Elaine Barenblat will make her first weekend visit from ISJL in Jackson, Mississippi. She will join us for our Chanukah celebration and will have special activities for our teachers and students on Sunday. We look forward to her visit and hope you will all make a special effort to meet Elaine at the Chanukah celebration on the 14<sup>th</sup>.

### Winter Break

There will be no Religious School or Midweek classes from Wednesday, December 19 to Sunday, January 6. Classes will resume Wednesday, January 9, with our monthly pizza dinner at 5:45 p.m.

## COMING EVENTS

**December 7:** Midweek Classes: Pizza dinner 5:45 p.m.

**December 9:** Maccabiad at Religious School

**December 14:** Chanukah Celebration 6:00 p.m.

**December 14-16:** ISJL Visit

**December 19 to January 6:** Winter Break—No Midweek & Sunday classes

Grab your pencil...  
And **Save this Date!**

Temple Beth El's  
9<sup>th</sup> Annual Auction  
**LET THE GOOD TIMES ROLL!**

**Saturday, April 6, 2013**  
6:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Please contact Phyllis Hirsh 307-0015 or Amy Rosenberg 356-6830 if you are interested in volunteering.

First meeting December 2 at 9:30 in library.

# TEMPLE BETH EL TIMES

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Friday: 10:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.

**Visit our website:** [www.tbeknox.org](http://www.tbeknox.org)

## Treasure Tov

Help support Temple Beth El by purchasing your Chanukah supplies at the *Treasure Tov*. The gift shop has Chanukah menorahs and candles, dreidels plus a variety of Chanukah platters and dishes available.

You can also find a wide assortment of mezuzahs, kipot, Shabbat candle holders, jewelry and books on Judaism. A purchase made in the gift shop is just one more way to help support our Temple.

The gift shop is open Sundays 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. when Religious School is in session or you can call the Temple office for an appointment.



## Sukkot Service Celebrated with Food and Fellowship

By Jan Elston, Membership Chair, [jan.elston@gmail.com](mailto:jan.elston@gmail.com)

On October 5, the Temple's back patio was a sight to behold as more than 50 new and current members gathered under our beautifully-decorated Sukkah to enjoyed each other's company, the beautiful weather and sunset, and a wonderful assortment of food. This would not have come together so beautifully without Phyllis Hirsch's and Amy Rosenberg's great job at organizing the event, nor without the many people who provided such a delicious assortment of savory foods. But most importantly, it wouldn't have been successful without the support and participation by you, our Temple members. The event was followed by a special outdoor Sukkot service and then an oneg – all outside and all wonderful.

As you may know, I have recently taken over as chair of our Membership Committee. Amy Rosenberg has done a fabulous job in this position for the past three years and provided excellent how-to information for me. Her passion and dedication to Temple has and will continue to serve us all well.

The membership chair is a role I held for several years many years ago. At that time, our two children were youngsters attending Temple Beth El's Religious School, and Stu had not yet converted to Judaism. My, how times have changed! It's wonderful to now be approaching Temple membership from a different perspective, with adult children, and a different point of view about what it means to be a Temple member. Despite the passing of years, I'm no less passionate or enthusiastic about my role.

I hope that all of you share my passion and enthusiasm for Temple and will join me in making prospective, new, and long-time members of Temple feel welcome, at-home, and involved in Temple life. **Please let me know if you'd like to actively participate in this rewarding process with me, by serving on the membership committee!** I look forward to working with all of you as together, we continue to strengthen and grow our Temple family.



Consecration 5773

(Left) Happily checking out their Consecration certificates and miniature Torah scrolls

(Right) Proudly holding their Torahs after Consecration: Zoey, Rachael, and Lewis with Rabbi Michaels

## Chanukah Story Time

Please join our own **Laurie Fisher** as she presents *Chanukah Story Times* at the Knox County Public Library.

Books, games, songs, and crafts will be included in our celebration for children of all faiths and ages. These Story Times are sponsored by Friends of the Library.

### Tuesday, December 4

4:00 p.m., Howard Pinkston Branch  
6:00 p.m., Cedar Bluff Branch

### Wednesday, December 5

10:30 a.m., North Knoxville Branch  
4:00 p.m., South Knoxville Branch

### Thursday, December 6

4:00 p.m., Sequoyah Branch

### Tuesday, December 11

4:00 p.m., Karns Branch

### Wednesday, December 12

11:00 a.m., the Children's Room at  
Lawson McGhee Library

### Thursday, December 13

4:00 p.m., Bearden Branch  
6:00 p.m., Powell Branch

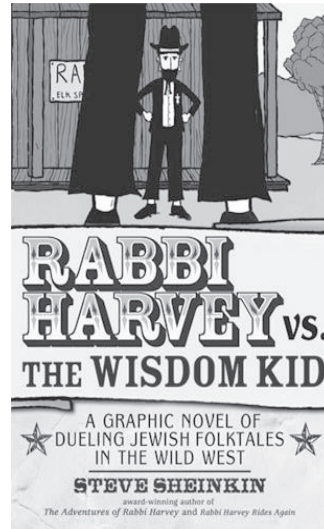
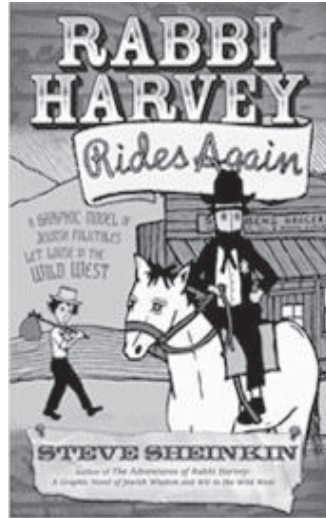
## What do Jewish folktales and the Wild West have in common? Rabbi Harvey, of course!

By Laurie Fisher

The Rabbi Harvey books are a series of three graphic novels for readers of all ages and religions; although I admit, if you are Jewish and went to Hebrew school, you will get more of the jokes. I am not really a fan of the graphic novel and can count on one hand the number that I have read, but when I learned about the Rabbi Harvey books I had to try them. They are delightful, quick to read, and just plain fun. For those who are familiar with traditional Jewish folktales, the stories will sound familiar but setting them in the Wild West gives them a hilariously absurd spin. Rabbi Harvey must do battle, that is, intellectual battle, with his foes including Big Milt Wasserman, self-proclaimed genius, and Bad Bubbe Bloom, mother of Rabbi "Wisdom Kid" Ruben. He guides his flock with kindness and gentle humor and when things look bleak still manages to outwit his foes, sometimes with the help of the town school teacher and love interest, Abigail.

Author Steve Sheinkin includes the sources for his tales and suggestions for further reading at the end of each book. He draws from many sources and ingeniously fits them into the Wild West town setting complete with a sheriff who also happens to be the rabbi, villains, the smart school teacher, and many other traditional characters. The humor is multi-layered, making them fun reads for both adults and children.

Check out the Rabbi Harvey website: <http://www.rabbiharvey.com/h/front.html>



## Contributions to the Funds of Temple Beth El

Donations listed were received as of October 23, 2012

### GENERAL FUND

*In honor of Hamet Heller*

By: Mr. and Mrs. Robert Heller

*In memory of Dorothy Licht*

By: Richard Licht & Shirley McGuire

### ENDOWMENT FUND

*In memory of Gertrude Frankel, Sylvia Lebovitz and Barnie Frankel*

By: Jay & Valerie Frankel

### RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

*In memory of: Dina Shklyarova*

By: Boris & Bella Budik

*In memory of: Max Derby*

By: Susan Derby

*In memory of Lester Hirsh and Sara Hirsh*

By: Ken & Phyllis Hirsh

*In memory of Gerald A. Dortch*

By: Chuck & Missy Noon

*In appreciation of Rabbi Michaels*

By: Tony & Melinda Gibbons

Deborah Roberts & Jennifer Bush

### PRESERVATION FUND

*In memory of David Feldman*

By: Boris & Bella Budik

### ERMA GERSON COMMUNITY FUND

*In memory of Mathis & Beatrice Bush*

By: Allan & Bunny Gerson

### CARE COMMITTEE FUND

*In memory of Beatrice Bush*

By: Bernard Bernstein

Richard Licht & Shirley McGuire

Hal & Amy Rosenberg

### STRASBURGER SACRED MUSIC FUND

*In memory of: Kenton Kidd's brother, Scottie R. Kidd & Becki Kidd's brother, Tom Hassell*

By: Wilbur & Joani Wilson

### MARX EDUCATIONAL FUND

*In memory of Harry Marx*

By: Ursula Marx

### PATIO AND GROUNDS

*In memory of Nicole Shenkman*

By: Michael & Laura Shenkman

# K N O X V I L L E

## Marty's Mission Continues

By Joyce Traugot

Thank you to everyone in our wonderful Jewish community for your continued support.

September, October and November are very busy months for our efforts. Once again, our High Holy Days food drive was a fantastic success. Our first effort at a Coat Drive was a wonderful success. Special thanks to my friend Susie Beider who e-mailed friends and neighbors and successfully collected more than 120 items. As I write this article, we are still collecting checks for Thanksgiving meals for families in need. Please

write your check out to Second Harvest Food Bank and leave at Temple Beth El, Heska Amuna, or the AJCC and I will pick them up and deliver for you.

I really appreciate your continued support.



*Susie Beider loads a car with coats she collected from friends and neighbors.*



*Temple Beth El high school students became a major force during the holy days. They collected more than 1,100 items for the Marty's Mission food drive. Congratulations to these special youngsters.*

## From Madoff to Sandy on Eve of GA, Federations Retool When Crisis Hits

Neil Rubin, the JTA Staff and Jeff Gubitz contributed to this article

BALTIMORE-The national headquarters of the Jewish Federations of North America could not have been in a worse location when Sandy struck. Except, maybe, if it were located on the Jersey Shore.

The Jewish Federations' building in lower Manhattan lost power amid Hurricane Sandy's winds and the surge of seawater that inundated the neighborhood. For nearly 48 hours last week, the organization's servers were down, its email, computers and phones offline and inaccessible.

The organization's annual General Assembly, scheduled for November 11-13 in Baltimore, was less than two weeks away. Worse, the head office of the country's largest aid and welfare network was out of commission at a time of crisis for New York, the nation's largest Jewish community. But then the Jewish Federations came back.

First using Facebook to communicate and later shifting to texts, emails and phones once server access was restored, the organization kicked into action, opening a hurricane relief fund that raised more than \$68,000 by week's end.

Jerry Silverman, president and CEO of the Jewish Federations, said, "I am in awe of the incredible response to Hurricane Sandy, and amazed at how quickly Jewish federations rallied, in collaboration with their agencies, to support so many people in distress."

Four years ago, Jewish federations were facing a much different sort of crisis. The U.S. economy was in a tailspin. The Bernie Madoff Ponzi scheme had dealt a crippling blow to a host of Jewish foundations, agencies, donors and universities. The need for aid was rising rapidly, fundraising dollars were in decline and federations were struggling with how to offer additional help while tightening their belts.

So federations began changing the way they did business. Some staffs in many communities were downsized. Programs in many communities were cut. Two federations in New Jersey recently merged. The KJA was ahead of the game in that direction with our merger/consolidation a number of years ago. Fundraising became even more tailored to donors. In some cities, like Knoxville, overseas funding was sacrificed in favor of local program needs.

"All of these are important changes and practical changes that the economic collapse didn't necessarily lead to, but created the momentum that led to them finally being made," said Louis Feldstein, former chief operating officer of the Jewish Federation of Greater Atlanta.

"The storm lasted longer than people thought it would," said Marc Blattner, Portland, Oregon president and CEO. "We kept with the mindset that we have to ride this out and stay focused and on message."

The Jewish Federations says it expects some 3,500 people in Baltimore for the GA -- assuming that the continuing fallout from Sandy doesn't keep too many from the East coast from getting the trains or gasoline they need to get there. Judge Mary Beth Leibowitz and Jeff Gubitz are attending, representing Knoxville as delegates and Judge Leibowitz as a Small City national Board of Trustee member. Gubitz represented the Small Federations Executives to the Board of Directors during the last two challenging years.

According to Susan Sherr-Seitz, director of the GA as associate vice president of special projects at the Jewish Federations, "The GA has a special message to convey in this time of challenge, Sherr-Seitz said: "Come together, celebrate together getting through the storm, feel together and feel the power of community."

# H A P P E N I N G S



**Maccabi USA**  
BUILDING JEWISH PRIDE THROUGH SPORTS



## SEEKING JEWISH RUNNERS

to represent the USA at the  
**19<sup>th</sup> World Maccabiah Games**  
Israel, July 17-30, 2013\*

The 19<sup>th</sup> Maccabiah Games will consist of 35+ sports, lasting 14 days, with over 7000 athletes from 60+ countries. They are the third largest international sporting competition in the world and the world's largest international Jewish event. Athletes will compete in multiple sports and divisions in what has become the "Crown Jewel" of the Maccabi Movement.

Track & Field and Half Marathon will be participating in the following categories:

**Track & Field Juniors Level: Born 1995-98, (M,F)**

**Track & Field Open Level: All Ages, generally 18-35 (M,F)**

**Half Marathon Open and Masters: Ages 18 and up (M,F)**

For more information please contact:

Rob Fellman, Overall Track & Field Chair at [rfellman7@aol.com](mailto:rfellman7@aol.com)

### 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 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Total Amount \_\_\_\_\_


#### *Temple Beth El*

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 Kroger \$50 \_\_\_\_\_ \$100 \_\_\_\_\_ \$200 \_\_\_\_\_ \$300 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Fresh Market \$50 \_\_\_\_\_ \$100 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Food City \$50 \_\_\_\_\_ \$100 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Total Amount \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

# DECEMBER 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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# Knoxville Jewish Alliance

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*Building Community  
Enriching Lives*

# Ha' Kol

## From the President

By Renee' Hyatt, [renee.j.hyatt@gmail.com](mailto:renee.j.hyatt@gmail.com)

Over the past many months, you have read several columns written by some of our volunteer leaders. I hope you have learned more about the numerous programs that KJA offers – programs inside the AJCC, on the grounds of the AJCC, in Jewish Knoxville, and also throughout east Tennessee.

On other pages of *Ha'Kol*, you have read and seen in photos, another, very important component of KJA – our youth programs: the Preschool, Camp K'Ton Ton, and Milton Collins Day Camp. These are all places where our children learn, grow, and have fun. They are nourished not only by their teachers and instructors, but also by our whole community. I think it is fair to say this is where our children's sense of Jewish community takes shape; the children form life-long friendships with their peers, and their families connect not only with each other, but also with our Jewish community.

KJA's success is a result of the success of **all** programs – well attended events, involvement with projects in Knoxville and beyond, **and** a fully enrolled preschool and camp. There are many openings in our 3 –STAR Department of Human Services rated preschool. More room can always be made at our American Camping Association fully accredited camp. So, your children/grandchildren are already here? Great! You've been thinking about enrolling? Call or e-mail now with your questions. You know a family who may be interested? Refer them, and if they enroll, you can earn a finder's fee.

Again, it is through the success of all programs that KJA succeeds. Please take part in what KJA has to offer. Be involved and encourage others to get involved. Know that your efforts will help ensure a brighter future for our entire community.

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### KJA 2012 Campaign

**Campaign Goal \$365,000**

*As of 11/6/2012*

2012 Annual Campaign: \$345,837

28 new donors

119 increased gifts from 2011

*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."*

## Better to Give Than to Receive

By Gene Rosenberg, KJA Campaign Chair

This will be the final plea from your campaign for you to fulfill your 2012 New Year's resolution - "I'm going to make a commitment (pledge) this year to my community and to those in need."

It's never too late for 2012 and it's never too early for us to think about 2013. No one ever said that caring was going to be easy.

**Remember:** No amount is too little or too late. The old adage that it is better to give than to receive has never been truer than it is today. If you don't believe that, just give it a try. I promise it won't hurt.

From your campaign, have a healthy, happy and fruitful New Year!



## Are You Headed South For the Winter?

Please let us know so we can update your address information. This



saves us time and

postage. Please e-mail us at

[mandrus@jewishknoxville.org](mailto:mandrus@jewishknoxville.org) or

call the office at (865) 690-6343 to let us know.

## AJCC Preschool

Dear AJCC Preschool,

I wanted to write a quick note to tell you how my family feels about your preschool program. My son started in Bet when he was 2. I was very worried about the transition and how he'd react as he was very attached to me. I quickly realized that I didn't need to worry because the teachers made it so easy for both of us; they obviously know how to make the children feel safe and loved while encouraging independence and reassured me daily of this.

Since he started in the school he has come so far developmentally and I know it has so much to do with both the curriculum and the staff. He more easily transitions with change and is more accepting of new people, which tells me that the teachers help with social skills whenever the chance presents itself. At drop off and pick up I see how the children are encouraged to use their words and how both speaking and listening is valued - I've

seen how his speech has improved and blossomed because of this. The Highscope curriculum and learn through play approach has been such a positive introduction to learning for him and I couldn't be more pleased with how much he truly enjoys going to school each day!

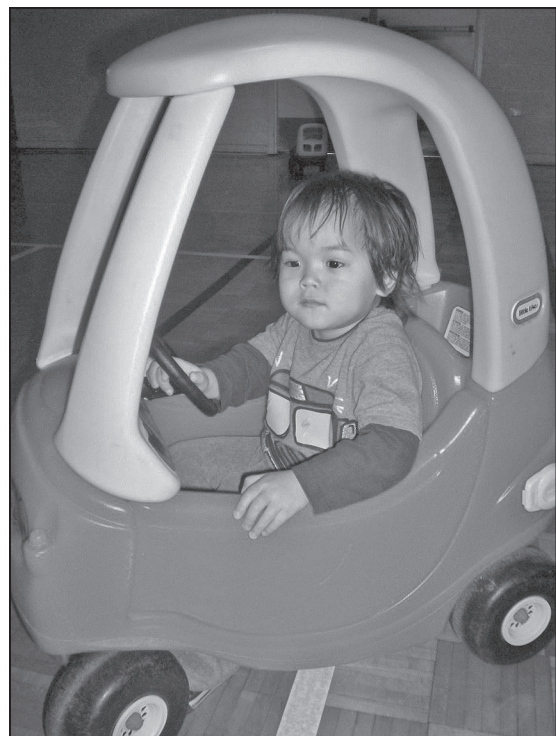
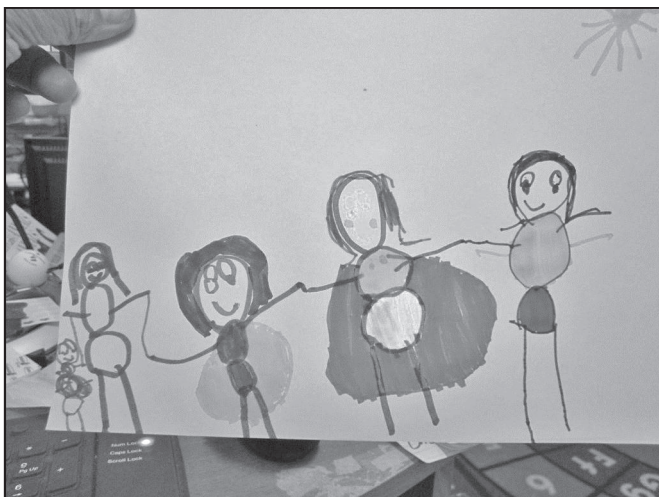
I've been pleased to watch as he learned his colors and shapes in Bet and now his letters and numbers in Gimel plus so much more! I hear his enthusiasm as he tells me what he learned at group time and all that his teachers have taught him throughout the day. He tells me in detail about an exciting hands-on science experiment shared by Ms. Ginny. He sings beautiful songs taught by Ms. Charlene as he plays with his toys at home. He gets so excited on Friday mornings because it's Shabbat and they get to celebrate in the gym.

Now I must also share that I had him in another school while waiting for an opening here. The atmosphere was very sterile, the curriculum was slightly different and the teachers were discouraged from too much physical contact (ex. hugging/ comforting) and felt the children learned better independently.

While this approach may be great for some, it was not a good match for us. Within a week of us coming to the AJCC, we felt like we were part of a family and I knew we had found our perfect match.

To be able to have my son in a school that celebrates him and his accomplishments, teaches him Judaic values and is preparing him for his future education is a wonderful thing.

So thank you to the AJCC staff!



**Preschool**

Dedicated to Development,  
Diversity, and Making a Difference  
for Children of all Faiths since 1956.

AJCC Preschool will be closed for winter break December 24 - January 1. Our staff looks forward to seeing our students return on January 2.

## Friendshippers

By Laura Faye Berry, BSSW, Esq., Director

Please join us for December's Friendship program. The Friendshippers group gets together once a month for lunch and entertainment. Friendshippers is open to all—we don't check IDs at the door!

**Wednesday, December 12, 2012: Chanukah ♪Sing-a-Long♪ with Joyce Traugot and Charlene Gubitz.** Anyone who has heard Charlene Gubitz and Joyce Traugot perform will know the fun and musical talent they bring to an audience. At our festive Chanukah party, you may sing along with them or just enjoy! We'll have a special Chanukah menu complete with latkes.  
*Program location: Rothchild's, 8807 Kingston Pike*

The luncheon begins at noon and the program begins at 12:30. 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).



*Joyce Traugot and Charlene Gubitz will perform at December's Friendshippers Luncheon.*



## The Knoxville Jewish Alliance presents

Interesting But Not Widely Known Facts  
About Energy, Cars, and Power  
That Are Nevertheless Important to Us  
**Joel Shor, Ph.D.**

Monday, December 3  
7:30 p.m., AJCC Adult Lounge

Joel Shor's working career began in the oil industry, followed by experience in nuclear fuel production, uranium enrichment, nuclear waste disposal, and other technologies. Shor has bachelor's, master's, and doctoral degrees in chemical engineering from the University of Tennessee and an associate's degree in History with a minor in math from the University of Chicago.

This program is a free community education program provided by the Knoxville Jewish Alliance. Please let us know you're coming by calling 690-6343 or e-mailing KJA Program Manager Rachel Hale at [rhale@jewishknoxville.org](mailto:rhale@jewishknoxville.org).

## Zumba at the AJCC

Zumba, the Latin-inspired, dance fitness-party™ exercise class, is now available at the AJCC. Classes meet on Wednesdays and Thursdays from 5:45 p.m. to 6:45 p.m. Everyone is welcome and your first class is free! The class cost is \$5.00 per class or 10 classes for \$40.00. Participants also can earn a free class for every friend they bring.

Join the Zumba fun at the Arnstein Jewish Community Center, 6800 Deane Hill Drive, Knoxville, TN 37919. For information, contact instructor Amy Sullivan at (865) 274-9140 or [zumbafreaktn@yahoo.com](mailto:zumbafreaktn@yahoo.com) or Rachel Hale at [rhale@jewishknoxville.org](mailto:rhale@jewishknoxville.org).

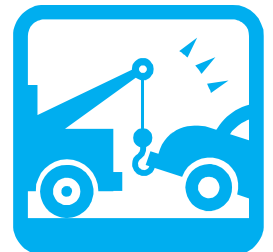


## Donate Your Car to the Knoxville Jewish Alliance

Earn an end-of-the-year write off by donating your car to CARSTM. CARSTM accepts car donations for the Knoxville Jewish Alliance and more than 500 other charitable and non-profit organizations throughout the United States.

To donate your car, truck, RV, boat, motorcycle, or other vehicle to Knoxville Jewish Alliance, please fill out the secure donation form located at <http://www.donatingiseasy.org/donate-car-knoxville-jewish-alliance.htm>. A representative will contact you to guide you through the next step in the car donation process.

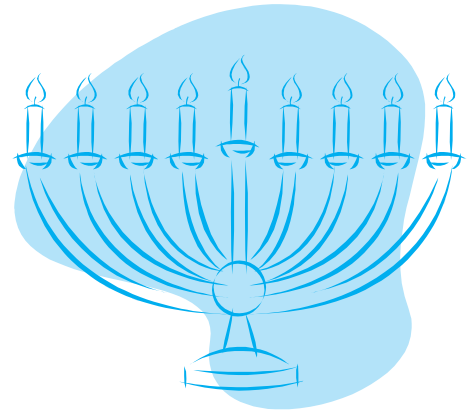
If you prefer to contact us by phone, please call 877-JFS-4-CAR or 877-537-4227 and one of the CARS representatives will help you with your donation.



## Wrapping Paper For Sale at KJA

The KJA is selling four heavy-duty rolls of Chanukah wrapping paper (the big ones) for \$5.00. Stop by the KJA office or e-mail [rhale@jewishknoxville.org](mailto:rhale@jewishknoxville.org) with any questions.

Funds raised benefit the AJCC Preschool.



## Jewish Family Services Volunteer Opportunities

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

Are you looking for ways to volunteer within our community? Whether you are looking for a Bar or Bat Mitzvah project, need service hours for school, or just like doing good things for others, we have many opportunities for you to help.

- ◆ JFS needs leaders for our monthly Echo Ridge Shabbat services. We hold these services on the first Friday of every month at 4:45 p.m.
- ◆ The KJA is a support congregation for Tennessee Valley Unitarian Universalist Church in the Family Promise program. Family Promise houses homeless families in area congregations for a week at a time. Approximately four times a year, we help out when the families are staying at TVUUC by providing dinner, hosting dinner, doing children's activities after dinner, etc. The next time the families are staying at TVUUC is the week of February 3, 2012. Volunteers who will be interacting with the families in the program need to go through a brief training.
- ◆ JFS sends visitors to residents in long-term care facilities. Our residents love feeling like they are a part of the Jewish community. We can always use more volunteer visitors.

If you are interested in any of the above opportunities, or if you want to volunteer, but need help finding your niche, please contact Laura Faye Berry, Jewish Family Services Director, at 690-6343 ext. 18 or [lberry@jewishknoxville.org](mailto:lberry@jewishknoxville.org).

**KJA, CHABAD, TEMPLE BETH EL, AND HESKA AMUNA PRESENT**

# Menorah Madness



It's a surprise you won't want to miss!!

December 9, 2012

3:30-5:00 pm

Arnstein Jewish Community Center, 6800 Deane Hill Drive

## JOIN US! B'nai Tzedek Fund Holders Meeting, December 9 at 2:30 p.m.

**Question:** What do 65 of our B'nai Tzedek teens have in common?

**Answer:** Over \$38,000!

The B'nai Tzedek Teen Philanthropy Program is calling its first meeting of the year for Fund Holders *and* their parents. Join us before Menorah Madness on Sunday, Dec. 9 from 2:30 – 3:30 p.m. in the AJCC Adult Lounge. At this meeting, we will start gathering your ideas for what grants fund holders want to make in 2013 and how to make that happen. (But don't wait until the meeting to start thinking about this – post anytime via Facebook at Knoxville-B'nai-Tzedek.)

What is B'nai Tzedek? B'nai Tzedek is a great opportunity for teens (12 and older) to learn how to change the world—one dollar at a time! It is a program in which teens can make a difference in the world on issues that they care most about—whether it is world hunger, disaster relief, or saving the environment.

B'nai Tzedek does not happen by itself! This program succeeds because of the support of everyone: teens and their parents, the Knoxville Jewish Alliance, **the Jeff & Nancy Becker Community Enrichment Fund, the Knoxville Jewish Community Family of Funds (KJCFF) and the East Tennessee Foundation.**

Teens and parents who are not enrolled in the program are encouraged to come to the meeting to learn more about what B'nai Tzedek has planned for the coming year. **If you have questions about 2013 plans or starting a fund, contact Mary Ann Merrell, B'nai Tzedek Director, [mamerrell@jewishknoxville.org](mailto:mamerrell@jewishknoxville.org) or via the KJA office.**

Join us and be a part of something BIG.



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*Jesse Feld, Andrew Messing and Emma Silver-Alford were among the 60-plus students attending the UTK Hillel Sukkot/Shabbat dinner on campus. All students had the opportunity to fulfill the mitzvah of shaking the lulav and etrog and learning about the history and customs related to Sukkot.*

## UTK Jewish Student/Jewish Faculty Event

The fourth annual Jewish Student/Jewish Faculty event was held in November at Copper Cellar restaurant. It was an opportunity to officially welcome Dr. Theresa Lee, Dean, UT School of Arts and Sciences, to campus. Many thanks to all the faculty members who attended.



*Sam Bendriem and Ellen Kern*



*(Above) Dr. Andy Kramer, Zack Kramer, Liza Reineri, Dr. Bob Kronick and Dr. Jeff Becker*



*(Left) Elyse Mecklenberg, Hannah Zeitlin, Greg Stein and Dr. Theresa Lee*

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## IRS Notice

IRS regulations require that your contribution must reach our office no later than December 31, 2012 to be considered tax deductible for 2012.

## Suzy Snoops

Share your good news with your community. E-mail [jyork@jewishknoxville.org](mailto:jyork@jewishknoxville.org) or send your information to Ha'Kol, Knoxville Jewish Alliance, 6800 Deane Hill Drive, Knoxville, TN 37919.

- ☆ **Katheryn Rosen**, daughter of Alexandra and the late Allen Rosen, has been appointed deputy assistant secretary of the Treasury for Financial Institutions Policy. Katheryn joined the U.S. Department of the Treasury in February 2011 to help start the Financial Stability Oversight Council. Prior to joining Treasury, she served as senior policy advisor to Chairman Barney Frank and the House Financial Services Committee, working primarily on the Dodd-Frank legislation and housing finance reform. Prior to her public service, she was a managing director at JP Morgan in New York. When Katheryn wasn't working in the capital markets and corporate finance, she was a longtime volunteer for the Jewish Federation of New York's Caring Commission.
- ☆ **Jan Hahn, M.D.**, Crisis Center for Women-Immediate Vital Assistance in Loudon County president, was recently honored for his 20 years of service to the program.
- ☆ **Elliot Baerman**, son of Drs. Jeff and Sally Baerman and a senior at Webb School of Knoxville, placed ninth in boy's cross country at the KIL Championship race last month, earning him All-KIL honors.

## KJA Donations

October 1 – 31, 2012

### Sharon Higdon

Donation to General Fund

### Karen Holst & Jon Shefner

Donation to General Fund

### Renee Hyatt or Paul Erwin

KJA Opportunity Fund donation in memory of Joyce York's uncle, John Willson

### Judith Rosenberg

Donation sponsorship this week

### Nicole Russler

Donation to Archives

### Ester & Fernando Schwartz

Donation to preschool for organic milk

### Gregory & Constance Seiden

Donation to UT Hillel

### Jim & Brooke Senter

Donation to preschool for organic milk

## PJ Library



KJA is pleased to remind you that KJA continues to partner with the Harold Grinspoon Foundation to sponsor the PJ Library. The PJ (PJ stands for pajama!) Library aims to enrich

your family's life with Jewish stories and song. Every month throughout the year, an age-appropriate Jewish themed book or music selection is mailed directly to your home. All families raising Jewish children from six months through eight years of age are eligible. Each child will receive their own gift each month.

Emily and Matthew Theriot helped establish the PJ Library here in Knoxville several years ago, and Emily will be glad to answer your questions and assist you in enrolling. You can contact her at [emilytheriot@yahoo.com](mailto:emilytheriot@yahoo.com) or 531-3843.

This program is a gift to the families in the greater Knoxville area thanks to the Knoxville Jewish Alliance Annual Campaign.

## KJA Annual Campaign Led By 10 Lions of Judah

The Lion of Judah was established in Miami in 1972 as a symbol to recognize a new level of commitment set forth by a cadre of doers. These women knew that to shape the future they envisioned, they would have contribute accordingly. At that time, only 16 women qualified for this level of giving (\$5,000 for a woman or \$10,000 for a couple). Today, over 13,000 women declare their commitment to the preservation and growth of the worldwide Jewish community by making such contributions to their annual campaigns. The 2011 KJA Annual Campaign was led by these Lions of Judah:

- ☆ **Nancy Becker**
- ☆ **Barbara Bernstein**

- ☆ **Kay Goodfriend**
- ☆ **Wendy Goodfriend**
- ☆ **Elise Jacobs**
- ☆ **Mary Beth Leibowitz**
- ☆ **Barb Levin**
- ☆ **Natalie Robinson**
- ☆ **Alexandra Rosen**
- ☆ **In memory of Esther Rosen  
(endowed LOJ gift)**
- ☆ **Kim Rosen**



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



# K J C F F

## Knoxville Jewish Community Family of Funds

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

### East Tennessee Foundation Audit Report

*By Dick Jacobstein, KJCFF Treasurer*

As you may or may not know the funds held by the Knoxville Jewish Community Family of Funds (“KJCFF”) are managed by the East Tennessee Foundation (“ETF”). ETF is required by law to have an annual audit by a CPA firm, and the results are reported to the Foundation, its Executive Committee and the Board of Directors.

The KJCFF is a Supporting Organization of the ETF as well as of the KJA. The relationship with the ETF provides many benefits to us including management of funds, financial reporting, technical advice, advocacy, external audits, filing of all state and federal forms, etc. All of this facilitates the KJCFF Board’s exercise of its fiduciary responsibility.

The ETF’s annual audit by Brown Jake & McDaniel, PC has been completed. The consolidated statement of financial position for the year ending December 31, 2011 was presented to the Audit Committee by the auditors on July 19, 2012. The Audit Committee then reviewed and approved the statements. The financial statements received an unqualified opinion meaning that the ETF fiscal operation is in order.

The statements were presented to the Executive Committee and approved on August 16, 2012, and approved by the Board of Directors on September 20, 2012.

I have chaired or been a member of the ETF Audit Committee the past three years. Each year I have been struck by the very favorable cost of the work performed by Brown Jake & McDaniel. Audits are very expensive because of the detailed work required. The preparatory work done prior to the arrival of the auditors by

Carolyn Schwenn and her staff cuts the billing hours required to perform the job, thus greatly reducing the final cost to the Foundation.

As of June 30, 2012 the total assets of East Tennessee Foundation and its nine supporting organizations (including KJCFF) totaled \$175.0 million. Through the first six months of 2012, the long term commingled fund investment performance showed a gain of 5.77%.



*Dick Jacobstein*

## Did You Know?



**Anyone can make donations to existing KJCFF Funds, including B’nai Tzedek funds.**

**It is a great way to honor or memorialize someone.**

# Happy Hanukkah from the KJCFF Board!

As we approach the festival of Hanukkah, what better time to consider a legacy gift to the Knoxville Jewish community? It is a gift that keeps on giving! There are many different options, such as:



- ☆ Designated or restricted funds,
- ☆ Donor-advised funds,
- ☆ Bequests,
- ☆ Charitable remainder trusts, and others.



To discuss your options, please contact KJCFF President Bernie Rosenblatt at [lesleybernie@att.net](mailto:lesleybernie@att.net) or call him at 769-4976.

## Donations

### Cohen-Presser Endowment Fund

*In observance of a family yahrzeit*  
Marilyn Presser

### Heska Amuna Educational Enrichment Fund

From the Estate of Norbert Slovis

Please visit us at

[www.jewishknoxville.org/kjcff](http://www.jewishknoxville.org/kjcff)

for grant request forms (newly updated),  
donation forms, and a list of KJCFF Funds  
annotated with their purposes.

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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)



## Heska Amuna Hanukkah Shabbat

Friday December 14, 2012

- ☆ Family Shabbat in the Robinson Chapel at 6:00 p.m.
- ☆ Kabbalat Shabbat in the Sanctuary of the Six Million at 6:00 p.m. with Jack Love
- ☆ Hanukkah Dinner and celebration to follow services featuring our Heska Amuna Religious School students. Hanukkah crafts, dreidel stations and fun for all ages!
- ☆ Wear your favorite PJs to compete for
  1. Silliest Jammie's!
  2. Most ready for bed Jammie's!
  3. Most Hanukkah themed Jammie's!



Dinner  
 \$15.00 for adults  
 \$10.00 for children 10 and under  
 free for children 3 and under



Discount for Heska Amuna Members  
 Dinner \$12.50 for adults  
 \$8.00 for 10 and under  
 free for children 3 and under  
 \$40.00 family cap

Wine or beer tickets are 2 for \$10.00 and must be ordered with your reservation. No tickets will be available the night of the dinner.

RSVP by sending your check by December 5 to Heska Amuna Synagogue, 3811 Kingston Pike, 37919. Your check is your reservation.

Kislev/Tevet, 5773

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### Prayer List

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.





## Investment

By Rabbi Alon Ferency

If a goal of Judaism is to bring us closer to God, what do we do with unattractive religious practices? Rabbi Jacob Agus called Jewish tradition (*mesorah*) a system of “legislated spiritual disciplines.” Assuming that Judaism can make us spiritually fit, what do we do with the disciplines that no longer seem to serve us well? Aside from rules that are actually repellent or appear immoral, should we even keep practices that don’t seem to bring us closer to holiness regularly?

I think we should. On balance, I believe that it’s important to hold on to traditions. We should be conservative about changing tradition. Religious life is there to teach us something; at the very least, tradition can give us a great counterpoint to the change all about us. We have to be humble enough to listen to it on its own terms, not to think of ourselves as so wise or mighty as to stack the court. Frankly, religion has its own logic, coherence and consistency, and we’re taking a great risk if we tamper with it.

It brings to mind my love of soccer. As an American child in the 1980s, I started playing too late in life to develop natural skill. Now, I play defender, and although I’m not particularly good, I’d like to think that I make up for some of my weaknesses with enthusiasm and hard work. In soccer, there’s an “off-sides” rule that prevents offensive players from cherry-picking passes to shoot on goal. Technically, this gives an advantage to the defense, I suppose. For me, it makes the game needlessly complicated. Sometimes, if we’re not playing with a full team, we’ll practice without the rule. But no one tries to get rid of the “off-sides” rule. You may not like it, but if you love soccer, and you want to become a better soccer player, you put up with it. You have an investment in the game, so you accept the short-comings, and by playing within the rules you can become a healthier, stronger person.

Religious life is that way, too. Rabbi Elliot Dorff talks about the metaphor of a book club. You’re in a book club, and the book of the month is really boring. (Once, I actually picked an awful book for my book club.) Usually, you read it anyway because you want to be a part of the book club community, and you hope that future books will be more enlightening. Also, you know that if you show up unprepared too often, pretty soon you won’t be asked back. And that’s why we put up with the less than desirable elements of religious life in community. We want to grow in the religion. We want to grow as people, we want to share in a communal life, and we hope that the future will be better.

## From the President

By Gilya Schmidt

In 1901, at the Fifth Zionist Congress in Basel, Switzerland, the Austrian Zionist artist Ephraim Moshe Lilien exhibited a recently drawn book border, entitled Hanukkah, in an art exhibition organized by Martin Buber. Lilien was in good company - Josef Israels, Hermann Struck, Mauricy Gottlieb, Lesser Ury, and some other Jewish artists, 11 altogether. Buber had collected 48 images to display, the first time that Zionist art was gathered by anyone.

Lilien was an incredibly imaginative and sophisticated artist despite his humble upbringing. As a child he used to play under the table in his father’s workshop where the lathe would form lovely wood shavings that fired his imagination. Too poor to enter the art academy in Krakow, he moved to Munich and earned a living illustrating several German magazines.

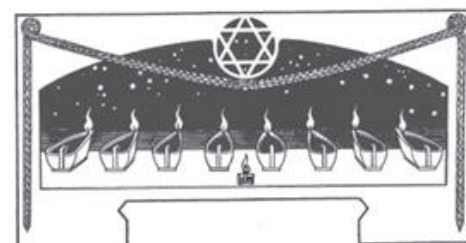
When he moved to Berlin, the fledgling Zionist movement was pointed out to him, and he met Martin Buber and other young firebrands who were in the process of creating a new Zionist journal, called *Ost und West*. Lilien became the artist of the Zionist movement, illustrating poems, articles, the magazine itself, and drawing *ex libris* (book plates) for a number of his Zionist friends, including Martin Buber, as well as a portrait of Theodor Herzl.

His Hanukkah ink drawing exquisitely connects the old with the new. Eight boats sit at the shore of the galut, pointing towards the water and the distant shore. Their flares are lighting the night, just as the ancient vessels held the oil for light in the Temple. Lilien himself is the *shamash* (helper), he is the instrument for action. On the distant horizon, framed by the innumerable stars in the sky, we envision the promised land, Erez Israel, the dream and the destination for the early Zionists. The importance of Zion is highlighted by the Magen David that balances above the Hanukkah like a tightrope-walker. The message states that the movement will achieve the dream for those Jews who sign up for Zionism.

For American Jews, Hanukkah is a happy, carefree holiday with latkes and eight candles and lots of fun for the children. We don’t often remember what a tough struggle it was for the early Zionists to turn world Jewry around and point them towards Zion, the land, and Hebrew, the language. Sixty-four years after the establishment of the state of Israel, and more than a century after Lilien’s drawing was created, Israel is part of our landscape. Martin Buber wanted Shabbat Hanukkah to become the Zionist holiday, but it never happened. When we celebrate Hanukkah this year and tell the story of the second century BCE Maccabees, let us also remember the struggle of the twentieth-century Maccabees, who had a vision of a future Jewish state and believed in its realization.

Happy Hanukkah!

The Art and Artists of the Fifth Zionist Congress, 1901



24. Ephraim Moshe Lilien, *Hanukkah* book border, pen drawing. In S. Zweig 1903.

## From the Chair of the Board

By Scott Hahn

Whenever possible, I like to write about some of the good things we are doing as a congregation. Therefore, I am pleased to report that to date, over \$42,000 has been pledged to this year's Yom Kippur Appeal. This is a 3.5% increase over last year and well exceeds the figure we used as part of the budget. For those of you who have already pledged, let me express my thanks for thinking about Heska Amuna. While the needs of non-profits continue to grow, the struggle for every dollar has only increased. That is why I am honored that you placed your trust and support in Heska Amuna and have chosen to invest in our congregation.

For those of you who have not given a pledge yet, there is still time. Don't let the term Yom Kippur Appeal fool you. The needs of the synagogue continue all year round. To quote Yalkut Ruveni, "a person is worthy of being called a person only if they are charitable". If you have never given to the Yom Kippur Appeal before, you will never have a better opportunity. Heska Amuna needs your support not only during the Fall.

Finally, I would like to express my thanks and gratitude to Herb Jacobs for chairing the Yom Kippur Appeal over the past few years and to his wife, Elyse, for all that she has done for Heska Amuna as well. There is no doubt that much of our success in raising funds during Yom Kippur comes from Herb's focus and determination to make the next year's appeal better than the last. Unfortunately, Herb is retiring from chairing next year's appeal. Herb, thanks for all your hard work and dedication to the synagogue over the years. Your successor will have their work cut out for them. Have a happy Hanukkah.

## From the Sisterhood President

By Peggy Littmann and Lynn Fuson

For those of you who haven't joined Sisterhood yet, we encourage you to consider joining. This year, Sisterhood has planned a series of activities to address the needs of our diversity – educational programs, social events, and tzedakah. Sisterhood's main focus is to support the women in the congregation, our Religious School and to help with certain synagogue functions. Heska Amuna Sisterhood supports our Torah Fund campaign.

Join us....if you are new, we need your energy. If you have always been a member, you are very special because of your loyalty. If not, we deserve a second look and we need you now. For \$36.00, you belong to Sisterhood and Women's League and receive the Region's *BaOlam* newsletter. Make your checks payable to Heska Amuna Sisterhood and send to: Judi Abrams, 212 Whithorn Lane, Knoxville. TN 37909.



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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  
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**Don't Forget!**  
**Sisterhood Shabbat is coming**  
**Saturday, January 12, 2013.**  
**Torah Fund Guest Speaker from**  
**Camp Ramah Darom**



**WOMEN'S LEAGUE**  
FOR CONSERVATIVE JUDAISM

**To participate in the Shabbat service,**  
**Please contact Anita Kay, 693-5757**

## Judaica Shop News

Find special Judaica items such as mezzuzot and kosher scrolls, tzedakah boxes, challah boards, candlesticks, havdallah sets and candles, Chanukiyot, seder and matzah plates and artwork. Beautiful jewelry, tallitot for men and women and kippot to express your Judaism. Judaica with an emphasis on handmade and made in Israel.

## HA Religious School News

By Anna Iroff and Anne Greenbaum, H.A. Religious School Co-Directors

Your Religious School co-directors frequently scan the bookshelves of Heska Amuna's Winick Library. In case you're not aware, there is a great selection of books, videos, and CDs for children and their doting parents and grandparents. New to Anne (although it was published in 1994) is *My Lucky Dreidel* by Cherie Karo Schwartz. It's filled with memories, traditions, history and fun. There are stories, poems, prayers, recipes, crafts and great pictures. The only thing the book doesn't talk about is gifts, and many of us believe that's a good thing *not* to stress. The author's three poems below demonstrate what she prefers to give voice to:

### Three Hanukkah Haikus

*Each Hanukkah night  
we rededicate our lives.  
A candle glows on.*

*Rededication:  
helping re-create the world  
in a better light.*

*Miraculous oil  
Flowing to flickering flames;  
Dedication shines.*

Ralph Waldo Emerson also wrote poems. However, around this time of year, it is his fine essay *Gifts* that is good to recall. A *gift of yourself* is what Emerson prizes above all others. Just what sort of Hanukkah gift would meet Emerson's standard? Considerate people can think of many.

We can also ask: what does the Tanakh have to teach us about gifts? Actually, we two have no idea so we'll have to make another trip to the library! *Todah Rabah* to Heska Amuna's library volunteers for the *Gift of Themselves* that they make to our synagogue community. They have been especially helpful in ordering many terrific new books that were recommended by Anna for our Religious School students. *Yasher Koach* and, again, *todah rabah*.

Please, *everyone*, give yourself and your friends here at HA a gift of yourself. You are all invited to join us Erev Shabbat, the seventh night of Hanukkah which is December 14. On that evening we will celebrate with a community Shabbat/Hanukkah Dinner. The celebration is for everyone whether affiliated with the Religious School or not. Details are given elsewhere in these pages. Chag Sameach!

## Join us for Family Minyan!

**Shabbat morning, December 1**  
**10:00 – 11:30 a.m.**

**Family Minyan** at Heska Amuna occurs the first Shabbat morning each month. It is a wonderful experience for our school families, especially students in third through sixth grade. This is a family service, not a children's service. Parents participate with their students. Grandparents are welcomed, too, as we love to have entire families join us. We use our colorful new *Siddur Mah Tov* and enhance it with our discussion. You are very welcome to join us!



Join us for  
**Gan K'tan!**  
**Sunday, December 9**  
**10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.**

The theme for this month's Gan K'tan class is Hanukkah!

Gan K'tan is a special program for young preschoolers (3 & under) and their parents. We come together for music, art, stories, games, snack, and friends – all in a fun Jewish environment!

*This program is free for all Heska Amuna members and only \$5 per session for non-members. Please sign up with Anna Iroff at 522-0701 or [education@heskaamuna.org](mailto:education@heskaamuna.org).*



## Things to Remember!

### Upcoming School Events

- ◆ Saturday, December 1 – **Family Minyan**
- ◆ Sunday, December 2 – **Religious School, PreK – Prozdor**
- ◆ Wednesday, December 5 – **Religious School, grades 3-6**
- ◆ Sunday, December 9 – **Religious School, PreK – Prozdor + Gan K'tan (Hanukkah, 2<sup>nd</sup> candle)**
- ◆ Wednesday, December 12 – **Religious School, grades 3-6 (Hanukah, 5<sup>th</sup> candle)**
- ◆ Friday, December 14 – **Family Shabbat/ Hanukkah Dinner (Hanukah, 7<sup>th</sup> candle)**
- ◆ Sunday, December 16 – **Religious School, PreK – Prozdor**
- ◆ Sunday, December 23-30 – **No Classes – Winter Break**

## Todah Rabah to Our Friends and Supporters

To all those who participated on Simchat Torah and to those who made donations honoring our Hatan Torah, Ted Besmann and our Kallat Beresheet, Rosalie Nagler, we extend our heartfelt gratitude. (If your name was inadvertently omitted, we sincerely apologize and ask that you please contact the H.A. office.)

**Arnold & Mary Linda Schwarzbart, Michael Burnett, Eli & Anne Greenbaum, Jenifer & Evan Ohriner, Mary Linda & Arnold Schwarzbart, Wendy & Ted Besmann, Rosalie & Stephen Nagler, Susan & Arnold Cohen, Lynn & Scott Dryzer, Scott Hahn, Martin & Martha Iroff; Harvey & Marilyn Liberman, Mark & Peggy Littmann, Robert & Carole Martin, Marilyn Presser, Miriam Weinstein, Gilya Schmidt, Gabriel & Samantha Spenser, Richard & Jill Adlin, Barry & Heidi Allen, Nancy & Jeff Becker, David & Joyce Beerman, Bernard & Anne Bendriem, Bernard & Barbara Bernstein, Rabbi Alon & Karen Ferency, Jeff & Charlene Gubitz, Chris & Rachel Hale, David & Deborah Oleshansky, Sandy Parker & Steve Beber, Susette & Raphael Panitz, David Perkins, Amy Cantor, Stephen & Kim Rosen, Gene & Pat Rosenberg, Seth & Melissa Schweitzer, Serena & Jeff Scott, Joe Sitver & Anita Kay, Revital Ganzi, Bridge and Wojciech Biernacki, Bernard & Muriel Alexander, Ken Levine, Shelley and Jeff Hecht, and Terese Nagler**

### Additional contributions from:

**Robert & Fran Geier** in memory of Bernard Iroff and in memory of Barbara Moody  
**Mitchell & Margy Goldman** in memory of Bernard Iroff  
**Jeffrey & Anita Miller** in memory of Barbara Moody  
**Roger & Nancy St. Lifer** in memory of Barbara Moody  
**Stephen & Rosalie Nagler** with Get Well wishes to Susan Brown & Stephen Brown  
**Bryan & Mary Ann Merrell** with Get Well wishes to Stephen Brown  
**Elisa & Anne Greenbaum** in appreciation of David Perkin's wonderful music on Simchat Torah

**Also: Todah Rabah to Kim Rosen for being so kind as to lead a youth activity on Yom Kippur afternoon. We appreciate you!**

**Todah Rabah to David Perkins for his lively, beautiful music at our Simchat Torah celebration.**

## Among Our Members

- ◆ Get well wishes go out to the following people who were ill or recuperating: **Joyce Beerman, Elaine Brown, Stephen Brown, Eliyahu ben Shulamit, Debra Gordon, Rich Kaplan, David Linwood, Mark Littmann, Judy Rattner, Rushal Faygel bat Michal, and Martin Shersky.**
- ◆ Mazal tov to the following members and their families: **Jan Hahn, M.D.**, who as president of the Crisis Center for Women-Immediate Vital Assistance in Loudon County, was honored in October for his 20 years of service to the program; **Jane and Sheldon Cohen** on the birth of their granddaughter, Juniper (June) Merle McKown, daughter of Jessica and Matthew McKown; to longtime former Knoxvillean **Lee Miller and Joe Blotner** on their engagement. The wedding will take place in late December in New Orleans.
- ◆ Todah rabah to **Sandy Parker** who continues to work in the Synagogue office every week. We appreciate your time and the effort on behalf of the Shul.



## Help Wanted

Heska Amuna Synagogue in Knoxville, Tennessee, is seeking a part-time Religious School Director starting Summer 2013.

Responsibilities include but are not limited to: coordinating religious education for preschool through high school, budget, staff supervision, and family holiday programming. Creativity, good organizational skills, and a strong Jewish education background are assets. Hours and salary to be determined. If interested, please submit a resume to Rosalie Nagler, Education Committee Chair, [rsnagler@comcast.net](mailto:rsnagler@comcast.net).



*A Peek into Moreh Nigel's Pre-K Classroom: Moreh Nigel's students model the Hebrew letters of their names using play dough*

## Adult Education - Fall 2012 Schedule



**Beginning Hebrew I** (with Peggy Littmann). This class teaches beginners to read the Hebrew alphabet and begin to follow the Hebrew in our prayer book. The textbook, *Shalom Aleichem: Learn to Read the Hebrew Prayer* by Noah Golinkin. When the course is complete, you will have mastered the skills necessary to read and understand the Shalom Aleichem prayer. Sundays 11:00 – 12:00 a.m., continuing through December. To enroll or for more information, contact Peggy at [plittmann@comcast.net](mailto:plittmann@comcast.net), or call 588-6661.

**Beginning Hebrew II** (with Peggy Littmann). This class is a continuation of last year's beginning Hebrew students nearing their mastery of reading Hebrew and transitioning to translation/comprehension. The first textbook, *Shalom Aleichem: Learn to Read the Hebrew Prayer* by Noah Golinkin, is available through Amazon.com. The second textbook, which will be used to learn Hebrew comprehension, will be *Prayer Book Hebrew, The Easy Way*, EKS Publishing Company. Sundays 10:00 – 11:00 a.m., continuing through December. To enroll or for more information, contact Peggy at [plittmann@comcast.net](mailto:plittmann@comcast.net), or call 588-6661.

**Intermediate Hebrew** (with David Hull). Do you have a good or decent command of Aleph-Bet and the pronunciation of Hebrew, but possess little in the way of comprehension of the Hebrew vocabulary you've been reciting in Synagogue or at home in the observance of Shabbat and traditional holidays? If you have ever wondered whether understanding the words of the prayers you recite would bring about a more meaningful experience, then this is the class for you. Our text will be *Prayer Book Hebrew, The Easy Way*, EKS Publishing Company. With the help of this text mixed in with a dash of effort on your part, you will find yourself translating significant passages from your Siddur within a very short time. You are welcome to start attending at any time. Sundays 10:00 – 11:00 a.m., continuing through December. To enroll or for more information call David Hull at [hull5@comcast.net](mailto:hull5@comcast.net), or call 660-1872.

**Bible Stories They Never Taught You in Hebrew School** (with Raphe Panitz). Did you know that the Hebrew Bible provides two stories about the slaying of Goliath, and that according to one of them, the slayer was NOT David? Are you aware that Hebrew scripture does not condemn the inhabitants of Sodom for gay behavior? Do you realize that in Genesis 6 the sons of the gods cohabit with mortal women? This fall we will discuss these and other lesser-known biblical stories. All that is needed is an English translation of our Holy Scriptures and the desire to learn about the Hebrew Bible. Wednesdays, 8:30 - 9:30 p.m., continuing through December. To enroll or for more information, contact Raphe Panitz at [gilgamesh3@verizon.net](mailto:gilgamesh3@verizon.net) or 301-752-6519.

**Living Jewishly: The Physical and Temporal Jewish Home** (with Heska Amuna congregation leaders and Rabbi Alon Ferency). Living Jewishly is a series that will focus on a different theme each semester. The debut of the series starts with classes that will introduce you how to bring Judaism into your home and your family. This class is perfect if you are new to Judaism, rediscovering your faith, or want to invigorate it. Topics will include the outfitting your Jewish home, kashrut, parenting, marriage, daily prayer and blessings, Shabbat at home, and Chanukah. The class will use two books, *How to Run a Traditional Jewish Household*, by Blu Greenberg and *The Jewish Way: Living the Holidays*, by her husband, Rabbi Irving Greenberg. To supplement the learning objectives, the class will also utilize "labs" for learning to cook traditional foods and other demonstrations. Wednesdays, 7:30 – 8:30 p.m. continuing through December. **December 5** - Chanukah; Wednesday, **December 12** – Relationships: Parenting, Marriage and the Social World. To enroll or for more information, contact Rich Adlin at [richadlin@gmail.com](mailto:richadlin@gmail.com) or 680-2774.

**Learning Jewish Liturgy** (with Miriam Weinstein and Jens Juhl). This class will be geared to folks who want to become more familiar with the melodies and prayers used at Heska Amuna services and the history behind them. *IT IS NOT NECESSARY TO READ OR UNDERSTAND HEBREW*. Sundays 11:00 – 12:00 p.m., continuing through December, but you can drop in any time. Contact Jens Juhl at [jensbjuhl@yahoo.com](mailto:jensbjuhl@yahoo.com) or Miriam Weinstein at 776-3311 if you plan to attend.

**Mentorship Program.** This is a new venture in our synagogue in which experienced members of the congregation provide individualized assistance on something of interest to you (e.g., reading Torah, making Shabbat dinner, holiday observance, prayer, etc.). All you need to do is contact the adult education coordinator (see contact info below) and a mentor will be matched to your area of interest. Also, if you wish to donate your expertise as a mentor please contact the adult education coordinator, Rich Adlin at [richadlin@gmail.com](mailto:richadlin@gmail.com) or 680-2774.

Contact adult education coordinator Rich Adlin for suggestions or questions at 680-2774 or [richadlin@gmail.com](mailto:richadlin@gmail.com).

### Sponsor A Kiddush! It's So Easy!

All Kiddushim are deliciously prepared by Marilyn Burnett. Call Gene Rosenberg at 693-3162 for more information and to reserve a date. *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 **Wendy and Ted Besmann** who sponsored a Kiddush in October in honor of family celebrations.



## Meet Our New Members

**Julia and Todd Galanti:** Julia and Todd recently moved to Knoxville from Atlanta with their two daughters, Stella, who is 5 and Ileana, who is 2. Both Todd and Julia were raised in the Atlanta Jewish community. They started dating in college at the University of Texas-Austin in 1999 and have been married for almost 9 years. Todd has worked for Costco Wholesale for more than 11 years and is very excited to be the general manager of the upcoming Farragut Costco location, which opened in November. Julia attended Weill Cornell Medical School in New York, NY and has been practicing as a physician assistant since 2003. They enjoy tennis, golf, cooking, traveling and spending time with family and friends. As a family, they are very thankful to the local Knoxville Jewish community for such a warm welcome and look forward to meeting and sharing with the community in the years to come. The Galanti's address is 9632 Stone Canyon Lane, 37922; home phone number is 690-5570, and e-mail addresses are [jbgalanti@gmail.com](mailto:jbgalanti@gmail.com) and [toddgalanti@gmail.com](mailto:toddgalanti@gmail.com).

## Contributions from Caring People

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

Donations received by October 22, 2012

### Building Fund

For the *yahrzeits* of Toba Davis and Bertha Krauss

By: Brenda Mosko

### Calendar Donations

Donations for the 2012-2013 Calendar Directory

By: Nancy and Jeff Becker, Anne and Bernard Bendriem, Judy and Lindsey Brown, Joyce and Harold Diftler, Wendy and Richard Good, Dina and Andy Kramer, Joani and Gary Leeds, Peggy and Mark Littmann, Anita and Jeff Miller, Evelyn and Steve Oberman, Deborah and Burt Routman, Mary Linda and Arnold Schwarzbart, Ethel Wittenberg

### Cohen-Presser Fund

For the *yahrzeits* of her friends and family

By: Marilyn Presser

### Gertrude Glazer Cohen and I.B. Cohen Fund

In honor of Wendy Besmann's YMCA Award recognition

By: Susan and Arnold Cohen

### Educational Enrichment Fund

A gift to the fund

By: The estate of Norbert Slovis

### Educational Supplement Fund

For Leo Vogel's *yahrzeit*

By: Nancy and Jeff Becker

### General Fund

Earmarked for a general fund donation, landscaping and the kitchen in memory of Peter Dreyer and in honor of Trudy Dreyer

By: Ellen Claire and Scott Dreyer

Earmarked for the Kiddush Fund, sending get well wishes to Stephen Brown

By: Lee Miller

For their High Holiday Honors

By: Marilyn Abrams, Bob Martin, Anita Miller, Mary Linda and Arnold Schwarzbart

For High Holiday Honors and in appreciation of Bernie Bernstein having done the Rosh Hashanah Haftorah all these years

By: Mary Ann and Bryan Merrell

In memory of Barbara Moody

By: Honora Wasserman

For Yizkor for Harry Tobe and family members

By: Selma Tobe

### Leibowitz Fund

For Anna Leibowitz's *yahrzeit*

By: Peggy and Gale Hedrick

### Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

For the *yahrzeits* of Esmeralda and Sasson Benhayon; in honor of Rabbi Ferency, Gilya Schmidt, Debbie Johnson and the Lay Chazzanim

By: Jack Benhayon

For C.B. Brown's *yahrzeit*

By: Robin Brown

In honor of Elaine's High Holiday honor

By: Elaine and David Dobbs

In memory of Peter Dreyer and in honor of Trudy Dreyer

By: Ellen Claire and Scott Dreyer

A general donation to the fund

By: Gatlin-Burlier Tobacconist, Michelle and Stuart Langer

For the *yahrzeits* of Herman Shamitz and Herman Forstein

By: Kay and Larry Leibowitz

In honor of his High Holiday honor

By: Charles Perelman

In honor of the cemetery service during the High Holidays

By: Marilyn Presser

For Abraham Silber's *yahrzeit*

By: Susan and Harold Silber

For Morris Skalet's *yahrzeit*

By: Priscilla and Victor Skalet

For Joseph Solomon's *yahrzeit*

By: Alan Solomon

### Religious School Educational Supplement Fund

In memory of Peter Dreyer and in honor of Trudy Dreyer

By: Ellen Claire and Scott Dreyer

### Religious School Financial Aid Fund

In memory of Peter Dreyer and in honor of Trudy Dreyer

By: Ellen Claire and Scott Dreyer

### Winick Library Fund

In memory of Peter Dreyer and in honor of Trudy Dreyer

By: Ellen Claire and Scott Dreyer

### Yahrzeit Fund

C.B. Brown

By: Edith Brown

Mark Fleishman

By: Nataly and Seth Fleishman

Rachel Perelman

By: Marie and Charles Perelman

Morris Skalet

By: Margaret and William Skalet

# Jewish Congregation of Oak Ridge



## From the President

By Sig Mosko, President

Now that we are beyond the High Holidays, we can turn our attention to winter events, observances, and more holidays. Rabbi Victor Rashkovsky has resumed his monthly Shabbat lectures which follow Shabbat morning services. Programs are scheduled for monthly Family Shabbat gatherings, and Sisterhood has scheduled our annual Chanukah Dinner for Saturday evening December 15. Some events are subject to schedule variation. Contact Rabbi Rashkovsky for schedule updates at [vicrash@comcast.net](mailto:vicrash@comcast.net).

JCOR is going through a period of major changes in communications media. During the next several months, we are phasing out our traditional print *Beth-El Newsletter* and moving most of that to *Ha'Kol*. We are also upgrading our website. We are making more use of email, but will continue using postcards for those members who prefer print. I wish to express appreciation to Sylvia Goldenberg for producing our JCOR Newsletter for many years. Also, I wish to express appreciation to Deborah Cole for her part in promoting our participation in *Ha'Kol*, and coordinating our submission of articles during the past year. We are presently looking for others who might like to help with *Ha'Kol*.

We have one major upcoming event - our Ah-Men Feast on February 3, 2013. This has been an important fun and fund raiser for many years. According to tradition, the dinner is prepared and served by the men of the congregation. That's the tradition, but we typically get lots of help from the gals. We are especially indebted to Hilary Shreter who served with our "singing waiters" last year, and is now taking charge of the entire program. Our event includes a silent auction of white elephants donated by members and friends of the congregation. Details to follow in the January issue of *Ha'Kol*.

## Jewish Film Series

Saturday, December 1, 7:00 p.m.

*A Secret* – 2007, Unrated, in French with English subtitles.

Claude Miller directs this highly-praised drama about a Jewish boy in post-World War II Paris who stumbles upon a mysterious toy in the attic, exposing his family's secret dark past and how it survived the Nazi occupation.

## Rabbi's Study Session

Saturday, December 8, after Shabbat morning services.

"The 'Chosen People' Concept"

## Mitzvah Day!

The Oak Ridge Hadassah Chapter will hold its annual Mitzvah Day goods collection for **December 2 and 9**. Goods will be accepted at the parking area of the Beth El Center (JCOR) on both days. Donated goods go to the Oak Ridge YWCA Domestic Violence Shelter December 10. Contact Catherine Braunstein at [catherine.braunstein@yahoo.com](mailto:catherine.braunstein@yahoo.com) for details.



(Left) Leah and Havah Anovitz roast marshmallows with Ben and Jacob Ebel at Bluegrass and BBQ in the Sukkah.

(Far Left) Rose Ebel and sons Ben and Jacob prepare to decorate the sukkah with Becky Charles.

(Top Left) Larry Anovitz ponders the banjo as he listens to The Early Birds band at Bluegrass and BBQ in the Sukkah.

(Above) Levi Laxton and Ben Ebel clean up for Sukkot.

# Mazel Tov!

## Heska Amuna Synagogue

### Happy Anniversary!

Terri Lee and Jacob Love

Lisa and Jeff Jacobson

Siri-Datar Khalsa-Zemel and Michael Zemel

Kappy and William Lapides

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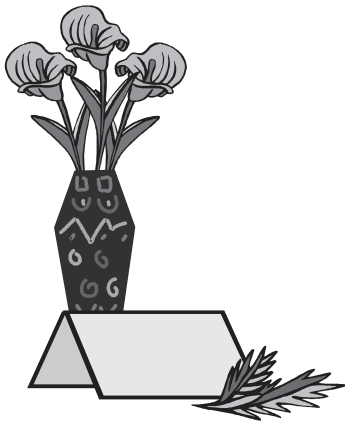
Alice and Walter Farkas

Carol and Mark Harris

Rosalie and Stephen Nagler

Susan and Harold Silber

Andi and Allen Schwartz



### Happy Birthday!



◆ Greta Besmann

◆ Michael Burnett ◆ Rich Kaplan

◆ Joshua Hedrick

◆ David Weinstein

◆ Michael Eisenstadt

◆ Irv Russotto ◆ Mark Littmann

◆ Donald Goldstein

◆ Marilyn Abrams ◆ Bess Feld ◆ Neil Foster

◆ Harold Diftler ◆ Elise Jacobs ◆ Nuria Cruz-Camara

◆ Sandi Licht ◆ Carol Abeles ◆ Martha Iroff

◆ Rodney Peron ◆ Gale Hedrick ◆ Karen Robinson

◆ David Hull ◆ Martin Shersky ◆ Harriet Glasman

◆ Barry Wolf ◆ Lesley Rosenblatt ◆ Laura Floyd

◆ Jeff Hecht ◆ Sarah Milford ◆ Jeff Miller ◆ Ellen Schnoll

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

## TEMPLE BETH EL

### Happy Birthday!

◆ Ebbie Sandberg ◆ Brett Kolnick

◆ Sylvia Silver ◆ Marla Brody

◆ Michael Goins

◆ Michael Eisenstadt ◆ Robert Ivins

◆ Kristy Newton ◆ Pam Schwartz

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◆ Zoey Applegate

◆ Shirley Levenson ◆ Heather Laing ◆ Heidi Sturm ◆ Benjamin Hirsh

◆ Joel Shor ◆ Crystal Wilson ◆ Susan Shor ◆ Yarom Polsky

◆ Daniel Billinson ◆ Jeffrey Brown ◆ Sondra Brody ◆ Laura Shenkman

◆ Marilyn Kallet ◆ Elizabeth Gassel ◆ Beth Brody



### Happy Anniversary!

Bert and Jeanie Gudis

Howard and Janice Pollock

Gary and Fern Aron

Mark and Rachel Kline

Wesley and Norma James

Vladimir Livshits and Luba Morkovnikova

Brian and Susan Billinson

Richard and Beverly Hancock

Matt Lauer and Laurie Fisher



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## TEMPLE BETH EL

### December 7

◆ Simon Kaufman ◆ Shirley Blumenthal ◆ Ella Heart ◆ Arlene Karklin ◆ Iris Anita Kenton ◆ Werner Mangold ◆ Gladys Caller  
◆ Miles Mark Fisher ◆ Elise Levy ◆ Esther Waldman ◆ Gloria Farowich ◆ Homer Roy Waugh

### December 14

◆ Mildred Berger ◆ Louis Cohen ◆ Matilda Goodfriend ◆ Lillian Herrmann ◆ Herta Sonder ◆ Pearl Salky ◆ Isadore Shey ◆ Joseph Rabin  
◆ Morris Rozolsky ◆ Pauline Weinbaum ◆ Ruth Brown ◆ Samuel Mash ◆ Norman Nadler ◆ Jacob Pais ◆ Mary Ellen Epstein ◆ Anna Gassel  
◆ Harry L. Jaffe ◆ Jacob Victor ◆ Norma Wolf ◆ Nachum Barkan ◆ Jennie Coons Levitt ◆ Irving Hyman Cohn ◆ Barbara Lubar ◆ Charles Manis  
◆ Lena Rosenberg ◆ Paula Samoje

### December 21

◆ Roxie Perley Arms ◆ Irma Hill ◆ Regina Miller ◆ Benjamin Slate ◆ Frances P Brody ◆ Jack Misner ◆ Lydia Adkinson ◆ Roxie Cox  
◆ Gersh Dolgonos ◆ Elise R. Guthman ◆ Lillie Haas ◆ Milton Katz ◆ Louis Pollock ◆ Harry Sturm ◆ James Friedman ◆ Abraham Garber  
◆ Dr. Harold Winston ◆ Madeline Berliner ◆ Minnie Goldberger ◆ Gregory Waugh ◆ Naftula Zauber ◆ Mrs. Esther Feldman ◆ Doris Plachter  
◆ Julius Sanders ◆ Barbara Dillon ◆ Lena Walowitz

### December 28

◆ Sigmund Green ◆ Abraham Markman ◆ Logan Ossinsky ◆ William Rockmaker ◆ Leah Freeman ◆ Florence Straus Gerson ◆ Jacob Nechamkin  
◆ Samuel H. Robinson ◆ Tess Weinbaum ◆ Risel Kronick ◆ Curt Lisser ◆ Hanni Haller Lisser ◆ Fletcher C. Little, Sr. ◆ Bennie Salky  
◆ Sam Salky ◆ Lena Loveman Bloom ◆ Ann Lieberman ◆ Melvin Joseph Freedman ◆ Samuel Lipshitz ◆ Ted Pais ◆ Marian V. Waxelbaum  
◆ Mark Balloff ◆ Mollie Bolshine ◆ Eileen Pucci ◆ Hyman Henry Smith ◆ Bessie Weinstein ◆ Luba Golburt ◆ Leonard Rader ◆ Ben R. Winick

### January 4

◆ Bernie Frankel ◆ Esther Reich ◆ Abe Schwartz ◆ Samuel Mofsky ◆ Lena Silverman Moskowitz ◆ Rabbi Jacob M. Rothschild ◆ Rosa Bart  
◆ Rika Licht Goodfriend ◆ William Haas ◆ Bernard Newton ◆ Pauline Orovan ◆ Morris Schwartz ◆ Lawrence R. Sloan ◆ David Solomon  
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◆ Arthur Slome

## *Heska Amuna Synagogue*

### December 1

◆ Sigmund Bank ◆ Toby Schwartz ◆ David Liberman ◆ Meyer Linke ◆ Eddie McCoy ◆ Norman Nadler ◆ Murray Schwartz ◆ Irvin Wolf  
◆ Isaac Chazen ◆ Rachel Chazen ◆ William Hershey ◆ Morris Panitz ◆ Arthur Brown ◆ Irene Hershey ◆ George Kramer ◆ Bertha Lamstein  
◆ Raye Panitz ◆ Eddy Allen ◆ Bella Leeds ◆ Isidor Lippner ◆ Meyer Miller ◆ Bessie Hite ◆ Gustave Deitch ◆ Jacob Scyefsky ◆ Fannie Werner

### December 8

◆ Betty Abrams ◆ Mordecai Golinkin ◆ Ida Ruchlin ◆ Sarah Green ◆ Nancy Lampert ◆ Vander Blue ◆ H. Waugh ◆ Yetta Wittenberg  
◆ Mary Freeman ◆ Sadye Goldstein ◆ Sigmund Green ◆ Eugene Gross ◆ Lillian Rotter ◆ Gertrude Weiner ◆ Harold Winston ◆ Ethel Deitch

### December 15

◆ Bernard Diamond ◆ Mitchell Robinson ◆ Max Wolf ◆ Esther Adams ◆ Matilda Goodfriend ◆ Belle Gottlieb ◆ Louis Levin ◆ Calvin Hahn  
◆ Joseph Shamitz ◆ Moe Slovis ◆ Mamie Berry ◆ Irene Binkley ◆ Liebel Goldstein ◆ Helaine Jacobs ◆ Bonny Barsky ◆ James Greenfield  
◆ Madelyn Millen ◆ Sophie Rosenthal ◆ Helen Billig ◆ Alvin Ellin ◆ David Mandell ◆ Benjamin Zwick ◆ Frances August ◆ Ida Glazer  
◆ Idell Harris

### December 22

◆ Louis Glazer ◆ Renee Perl ◆ Samuel Rosen ◆ Simon Deitch ◆ Ben Diftler ◆ Samuel Mintz ◆ Morris Schneider ◆ Jeanette Scyefsky  
◆ Bernard Simon ◆ Minnie Slovis ◆ Henry Sturm ◆ Minnie Kramer ◆ George Busch ◆ Rose Mintz ◆ Julius Siegel ◆ William Shaw  
◆ Gerson Corkland ◆ Dora Friedlob ◆ Lottie Mottzman ◆ Norma Wolf ◆ Julian Kalotkin

### December 29

◆ Lazarus Abrams ◆ Samuel Forman ◆ Arthur Meyer ◆ Isadore Rosenblatt ◆ Sam Saroff ◆ Selma Vogel ◆ Bertha Bernstein ◆ Hyman Gabler  
◆ Abraham Garber ◆ Benjamin Joffe ◆ Morris Kraut ◆ Taube Diftler ◆ Louis Herbin ◆ Aaron Gurwin ◆ Lillian Solomon ◆ Edna Cohen  
◆ Beatrice Routman ◆ Alice Abrams ◆ Adrian Harris ◆ Leon Saroff ◆ Lillian Simon ◆ Gregory Waugh ◆ Charles Brown ◆ Leib Gabler  
◆ Aaron Glazer ◆ Abraham Schwartz



# Hadassah Highlights



## Hanukkah Miracles Happen in the Strangest Places

By Cindy Pasi, Knoxville Hadassah President

In today's sophisticated society, most people are a little embarrassed to speak of miracles. Miracles seem so much like "hocus pocus." Therefore even in this Hanukkah season, we rarely speak of the miracle of the oil. We concentrate on other aspects of the holiday and use buzz words and phrases that are universally respected such as liberation, freedom of religious worship, and self determination.

We find it is far more acceptable to speak of coincidence or natural events of nature that appear as miracles. For example, scientists have stated that the splitting of the Red Sea in Genesis could have been the natural result of a wadi (riverbed) that went dry. However, does that make the splitting of the sea any less of a miracle? Our sages have always said that since God created nature it is only natural that God would work miracles through nature and not through any phony magician tricks. During this Hanukkah holiday, a holiday that is the result of a miracle, let me share with you a true story of a miracle.

In 1938, just after the Germans had invaded a Polish town, a young Jew was assigned to work for the Nazis. The Jew had a younger sister whom he hid and somehow managed to feed with his meager food allowance. One evening as he returned home, an eerie silence hung over the streets, the result of a Nazi *Aktion*. When he reached his door, he noticed it open, his apartment looted and his sister missing. A gentile neighbor reported that the Nazis had taken her.

Without thinking, he ran to Gestapo headquarters. He was stopped by a German soldier who, amazed by the young Jew's chutzpah, caustically asked, "What's your wish Jew? To be shot, now?" The young Jew defiantly replied, "You took my sister. Give her back to me!" The Nazi burst into laughter. "You Jews are strange creatures," he cackled. You know Jew, "I'm going to surprise you. I'll be good to you. I'll return your sister if you can grow hair on the palm of your hand."

The Jew opened up the palm of his hand and lo and behold it was covered with black hair. The Gestapo man looked confused and frightened. He began to shout wildly, "You Jewish Satan, you devil, here, take your sister and go." He went into the next room and pushed out the Jew's sister and the two Jews ran and ran and ran. These two young people somehow survived the Shoah.

You may ask, "Did a miracle truly occur in the Nazi headquarters? Of course it did! When the Jewish man was a very young boy, he was apprenticed to a factory where his hand had been caught in a machine. In order to save his hand, skin was grafted from another part of his body. When he reached his teens, hair began to grow on the palm of his hand. So, the miracle was a natural miracle, a miracle based in science and rationality. Yet, two Jews surviving the Shoah was a miracle indeed.

When you tell the story of Hanukkah to your children and grandchildren, don't forget to talk about the miracle. Children should learn about miracles, because they happen all of the time. We women who have walked through Hadassah hospital surely believe in miracles. Hag Sameah. Happy Hanukkah!

## Help Israel by Purchasing Tree or Water Certificates

Fires have ravaged the Carmel Forest, near Haifa, in northern Israel. Many of us met the Israeli firefighters who visited Knoxville and showed pictures of this tremendous fire and the destruction. Five million trees on 12,500 acres are gone. We must reforest, replant, regrow. Plant a tree – or 10, or more – today. Since 1926, through generous donors like you, we have partnered with JNF to drain swamplands, plant forests, develop water resources and preserve Israel's ecology.

Giving opportunities include:

**One Tree - \$15**

**Ten Trees - \$150 (Circle of Trees)**

**Fifty Trees - \$750 (Garden of Trees)**

Yes, you can help Israel by contacting Marian Jay and purchasing a tree certificate for \$15.00 or a water certificate for \$18.00. You may designate a name for either certificate in memory of someone, sending get well wishes to an individual, in honor of a birthday, anniversary, birth, marriage, engagement or someone's accomplishment. Please help the forests by planting a tree and helping the trees grow in Israel by giving them some water. You can call Marian at 524-8234, mail your request and a check to her at P.O. Box 10983, Knoxville, TN. 37939 or email Marian at [mayfayjay@aol.com](mailto:mayfayjay@aol.com) to arrange for a tree or water certificate to be sent out for you.



## Former Israeli Ambassador to Egypt Recalls End of Mubarak Regime

Ambassador Yitzhak Levanon, Israel's ambassador to Egypt from 2009 to 2011, recently recalled the downfall of the Mubarak regime and rued the illusion of a good relationship between the countries that, he said, was based on lies. Speaking to the Hadassah Centennial Convention at the 2012 International Conference Center in Jerusalem, Levanon, a 40-year veteran of the Israeli Foreign Service, who adopted the name of his native country Lebanon, remembered the days before the Tahrir uprising that would bring down president Hosni Mubarak.

"When I came to Egypt we had excellent relations at the top level with Mubarak and all of his assistants. I had lunch with Mubarak six times and all the other diplomats envied me.

"But the situation was not real," Levanon said. "Mubarak never visited Israel and he allowed his country to boycott Israel. When I wanted to organize a conference, it was impossible for me to rent a hall."

Levanon voiced understanding for the young people who started the uprising, demanding civil rights and freedom of expression. When protests broke out, recalled Levanon, the regime suppressed them with a heavy hand and Levanon and his staff went underground. On September 9, 2011 a mob attacked the Israeli embassy, breaking down its perimeter wall with hammers. Only after 13 hours and a personal call by U.S. President Barack Obama to Egyptian General Mohamed Tantawi, who was the *de facto* head of state at the time, were the Israelis evacuated by the skin of their teeth.

"Those were the worst hours of my life," Levanon lamented. "The Egyptian police and security did nothing. They could have stopped the attack but they permitted it. I am personally grateful to the U.S. ambassador who called Washington and thereby saved us."

On the following morning, the Israelis were airlifted home on the same plane that brought the late Egyptian president Anwar Sadat on his historic peacemaking mission to Israel in 1979.

"Today, one year later, we have no embassy in Cairo and an ambassador who does his work for two days a week and the rest of the time is in Israel. We have no bilateral relations. There is some talk in Egypt of canceling the peace agreement. I say 'go ahead.'"

Levanon called on the U.S. to take a more assertive and firmer position towards the new Egyptian regime, especially the Muslim Brotherhood.



*Ambassador Itzhak Levanon, Cindy Pasi and Barbara Goldstein*

### Layettes

By Judi Abrams,  
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- ◆ Jane and Sheldon Cohen on the birth of their granddaughter, **Lillian Ava Swinehart**
- ◆ Shirley and Harold Freedman on the birth of their grandson
- ◆ Patty and Phil Austin on the birth of their granddaughter, **Lilah Isabel Jones**



A special note of thanks to Barbara Bernstein for her generous donation....

*Please accept this donation to HADASSAH LAYETTES as a thank-you to all those who donated in celebration of our new granddaughter, **Rachel Clara Bernstein.***  
Barbara Bernstein

Let's continue to congratulate our families with YOUR name on their Layette Card.....e-mail or call to be sure you are listed on. I will let you know your account balance or just send me a check. Thanks for your support of the Hadassah Layette Cards.

Save the Date

# Chicken Soup

for the **SOLE!!**

**Sunday January 27, 2013**



*"Only the pure in heart can make a good soup,"*  
Ludwig van Beethoven

# HMO

Hadassah Medical Organization Luncheon



The Sarah Wetsman Davidson hospital in Jerusalem is open but there is much to do. We need to furnish empty rooms and complete the building. Your support is greatly needed.

We will also be honoring our  
Centennial Woman  
**Mary Linda Schwarzbart**  
and Associate of the Year  
**Jeff Gubitz**

Please join us for a  
very special afternoon.

Date: Sunday, December 2

Time: 1:00—3:00 pm

Location: Holiday Inn  
Cedar Bluff Rd

Fibromyalgia: Fact and Myths  
with  
Thomas Namey, MD, Rheumatologist

Ultimate Hostess: \$180

Hostess with a Heart: \$80

Associate Host: \$60

Young Hostess: \$60 (under 45)

Luncheon admission: \$40

Donations can be sent to:

Laura Floyd, Treasurer  
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*Hostesses and Hosts will be listed on the invitation if donation received before the printing of the invitations.*

Contact person: Marcia Shloush  
865-694-0136 or  
[marcias@comcast.net](mailto:marcias@comcast.net)

## Large Certificates

Recent large certificates include:

- ◆ In memory of **Lillian Harwell**, mother of Dick and Beverly Hancock

To add your name to this certificate, please email Mary Ann Merrell at: [hadassahcertificates@gmail.com](mailto:hadassahcertificates@gmail.com).

## Thank You Note

Dear Hadassah,  
Thank you so much for honoring my mother's memory with a certificate. Our Hadassah community is full of such caring and giving ladies. Thank you for all of the good work that you do.  
Honerlin Del Moro

## Hadassah Book Club News

By Peggy Littmann 588-6661, [plittmann@comcast.net](mailto:plittmann@comcast.net)

The Hadassah Book Club welcomes all Jewish women and friends from the greater Knoxville area. We meet at Barnes and Noble Book Store on Kingston Pike at 7:30 p.m. in the coffee shop area. We usually meet on the third Tuesday of the month, but occasionally change Tuesdays to avoid scheduling conflicts. Here is the slate for upcoming meetings:

**December 11:** *The Little Bride* by Anna Soloman

When 16-year-old Minna Losk journeys from Odessa to America as a mail-order bride, she dreams of a young, wealthy husband, a handsome townhouse, and freedom from physical labor and pogroms. But her husband Max turns out to be twice her age, rigidly Orthodox, and living in a one-room sod hut in South Dakota with his two teenage sons. The country is desolate, the work treacherous. Most troubling, Minna finds herself increasingly attracted to her older stepson. As a brutal winter closes in, the family's limits are tested, and Minna, drawing on strengths she barely knows she has, is forced to confront her despair, as well as her desire.

**January 15:** We will get together to watch a "literary" movie. Venue will be announced.



## Reporter Speaks to Convention Attendees

"People ask me, 'when did you become pro-Israel?'" said Khaled Abu Toameh, the West Bank and Gaza correspondent for *The Jerusalem Post* and the *U.S. News & World Report*, who was born to an Israeli Muslim-Arab father and a Palestinian Muslim-Arab father.

"Listen folks," he said, "yes, I am an Arab working for a Jewish paper. But I am not pro-Israel, pro-Palestinian, pro-American, pro-Russian, pro-American or pro-anything – as a reporter I tell the facts."

Speaking at the Tuesday morning session of Hadassah's Centennial Convention at the International Convention Center in Jerusalem, Abu Toameh explained: "I have no problem working for any media organization. What is sad and ironic as an Arab Muslim is that my Arab peers have to work for Jewish or international media to practice real journalism."

Abu Toameh lamented the lack of freedom of speech and a free and independent media in the Arab world and said that local Arabs learned about democracy from the Jewish community. He also explained that Palestinians, even if they disagreed with Israeli policies or the reporting in Israeli newspapers, did not boycott Israeli newspapers because "Palestinians know that the best way to relay a message to the Israeli public is through the Israeli media."

Abu Toameh says that the reason Palestinian society faces so many repressions, militias and mafias was because of failures dating back to the 1993 Oslo Accords.

"I am not against the ideas of Oslo – the two-state solution, separation between Israelis and Palestinians and ending occupation are nice ideas," he said. "I am against the way Oslo was implemented."

The international community "dumped" Arafat in the West Bank and Gaza with lots of money and weapons without holding him accountable for building a democratic government that cared about the people, he explained. "This is what led to the Hamas government in Gaza... an Islamic state funded by Iran, Syria, Islamic Jihad [and others]. This is not a place I would want to make *aliyah* to – no thank you."

Abu Toameh added that because of all the mistakes since Oslo, including all the financial corruption and infighting in West Bank and Gaza, the peace process was deadlocked. He suggested two ways for Israel to go forward.

He said that with Palestinians divided into two camps – Islamic radicals who do not accept a Jewish state and moderate Palestinians who do not have political clout – Israel should separate from Palestinians thoroughly for the time being, until a consensus develops accepting Israel in the region and rejecting violence.

His second suggestion was for Israel to refocus its energies on Arab Israelis for fear that Arab citizens will one day rise up in revolt if they do not feel they have equal rights. Israel should "wake up and improve relations with Arabs in Israel," he said.

## Talmud Study Mandatory in South Korea

By Larry Fine

Close to 50 million people live in South Korea and everyone learns Gemara (Talmud) in school. "We tried to understand why the Jews are geniuses and we came to the conclusion that it is because they study Talmud," said the Korean ambassador to Israel. And this is how "Rav Papa" became a more well-known scholar in Korea than in Israel. But unlike in Israel, Korean mothers teach the Talmud to their children.

"We were very curious about the high academic achievements of the Jews," explains Israel's ambassador to South Korea, Young Sam Mahthat, who was a host on the program "Culture Today."

Jews have a high percentage of Nobel laureates in all fields: literature, science and economics. This is a remarkable achievement. We tried to understand what is the secret of the Jewish people? How they - more than other people - are able to reach those impressive accomplishments? Why are Jews so intelligent? The conclusion we arrived at is that one of your secrets is that you study the Talmud. "Jews study the Talmud at a young age and it helps them in our opinion to develop mental capabilities. This understanding led us to teach our children as well. We believe that if we teach our children Talmud they will also become geniuses. This is what stands behind the rationale of introducing Talmud Study to our school curriculum".

# Hadassah Highlights

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# Stanford Eisenberg Knoxville Jewish Day School

## Election Year at KJDS

In Social Studies, the 2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> grade class studied the election process by recreating it in the classroom. First, the class split up into political parties and created their own names, symbols, and slogans. We discussed some of the issues that are important in the election. We learned how the current candidates feel about some of the issues such as taxes, education, healthcare, defense, jobs and the economy. We then decided how we felt about these issues within our own political parties and created a plan to enact if we were to be elected into the presidential office.

Next - time for debates! We used the current election as an example for our own and analyzed parts of the debates that were televised. We deciphered how a debate works and then prepared for our own in-class debate among our own political parties. The kids loved it and some are now ready to join a competitive debate team!

Once the debates were over, our campaigns got really fired up. We created fliers, posters and commercials to advertise to the KJDS community about our political parties. We analyzed the current election's publicity materials to help us create our own. Then we wrote persuasive speeches asking for their votes and presented them to the whole school. We held a school-wide election and then celebrated everyone's hard work by taking a short field trip to a local early voting center.



*2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> grade voters*

This fulfilling project allowed the students to truly personalize and connect to the election by following the same steps the current candidates take through their election process.



## KJDS Alumni Give on Their Day Off

Alumni Taylor Kolnick, Ilana Goldberg, and Havah Anovitz came back to KJDS over their fall break to help students and teachers. They painted backdrops for the upcoming drama performance, *Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory*, and helped out in the classrooms. Thank you so much for coming back to help! We loved having you!

*Alumna Taylor Kolnick helps Elizabeth in Hebrew on her day off.*

## Learning the Ups and Downs of the Experimental Process

As part of our study of matter and the world around us, students in the 4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> grade classroom designed their own mixture experiments. Given a short list of solutes (sugar, salt and pepper) and one solvent (water), pairs of students designed an experiment to separate the mixture.

Like many initial experiments, students met with limited success. So students then discussed how we can change the experiment to prevent some of the variables, like dropping the filter and spilling the contents. Many famous scientists had to revise and retry experiments hundreds of times. We will be trying to accomplish ours in less than a dozen.



(Top) Frank and Kirk and

(Bottom) Amber and Matias working on their experiment

## KJDS Sukkah Hop Showcases Local Sukkahs

How better to celebrate Sukkot than by getting to see a sampling of all the beautiful Sukkahs that Knoxville has to offer? That's just what the students at KJDS did for Sukkot on the first-ever KJDS Sukkah Hop. KJDS chartered a bus and the students happily boarded to begin their journey and visit six different sukkahs within the Knoxville area. Besides visiting the Temple, Synagogue and Jewish Community Center, the kids were also treated to the wonderful hospitality of members of the Jewish Community who opened their homes and welcomed our kids. Thank you to all who helped show our kids the originality and beauty involved in the celebration of Sukkot!



(Top) Becker Sukkah

(Bottom) Temple Beth El Sukkah

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## KJDS Represented in the Big Apple



### Knoxville Jewish Day School KJDS

KJDS was chosen to participate in the year-long Darim Social Media Academy. Our team leaders joined 20 schools from around the country in New York City for the kickoff event with Jennifer Kanarek and Miriam Esther Wilhelm.



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**Jennifer Kanarek** I am so excited that KJDS was chosen to be part of this innovative and dynamic program! I look forward to working with the Darim team as we take the use of technology at KJDS to the next level.  
Yesterday at 11:00pm Like



**Miriam Esther Wilhelm** Wow! It's been years since I have taken in so much information in one day. Impressed by the caliber of the coaches, organizers and participants, looking forward to making new connections.  
Yesterday at 11:00pm Like



Being a kid is tough, lots of responsibility with limited decision making power, numerous bosses (parents, teachers, babysitters...), constant deadlines, bedtimes and many rules to follow.

Save the date:

**Saturday Night, December 15**

7:00 – 9:00pm

**Kids Night Out Chanukah Bash**

All community children in grades k-5 welcome.

To register or for more information go to [www.kjds.org/KNO](http://www.kjds.org/KNO)

Kids Night Out is a joint project of the Knoxville BBYO chapter and the Stanford Eisenberg Knoxville Jewish Day School

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### The Way We Were in 2004



“Riders of the Lost Ark” in Athens, Tennessee, in August, 2004, at the beginning of the MS 150 – Athens to Townsend, returning the following day. Left to right: Temple Beth El members **Jacob Pais**, **Charles Dickey**, **Ray Pais**, **Marilyn Wohl**, **Dennis Brock**, **Liz Diamond**, **Bob Kronick**, **Will Kronick**. All continue to live in Knoxville, except Will, a student at Yale University.

Send us your pictures of *The Way We Were* to [archives@jewishknoxville.org](mailto:archives@jewishknoxville.org)