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My Business Card

By Rabbi Alon Ferency

My rabbi suggests that we each find a verse of scripture to put on our business card. This is the story of mine, from *Genesis 25:22*: When Rebecca is pregnant with Jacob and Esau, the twins struggle inside her. Having waited so long to begin her family, you can imagine her frustration at this difficult pregnancy. In pain, she cries out, “If so, why do I exist?” She went to ask God.”

For me, this verse is the genesis of all theology. Theology begins from experience. Like Rebecca, we are aware of discomfort, pain or suffering. It may be our own, a friend’s, or something we read in the paper. We notice the “if so” of life – the way things are. Things feel just a little out of whack, a bit off from what we

want or expect. And we are left with a difficult question, why? “Why do I exist?” Why can’t I have what I want and be the person I want to be? Why do good people suffer? Why is the world made this way and not some other way? You might think, couldn’t things be different? Shouldn’t they? Like Rebecca, you begin to doubt your own worth. You begin to question why you are here in the first place.

Then comes the awesome moment, “She went to ask God.” *That’s theology.* We try to make sense of the “If so, why do I exist?” by coming closer to God. We take all that we’ve learned, all that we’ve struggled with, and form it into our relationship with God. Why did God make me this way? What sort of god would make a world like this? Why did God create a universe this way and not another way? You start to draw your picture of God, the way that you know God.

“If so, why do I exist?” She went to ask God. ”

Learn from the *if so*. Wonder about the *why do I exist?* Try to understand and draw close in the moment *She went to ask God*. But you are not done. You see the world more clearly now – you’ve begun to think about its problems. You’ve even tried to figure out how God relates to it all. You may never have a clear handle on God, however. In fact, you won’t. But, you have started to see the world more clearly now, and you can’t turn away. Later in the story, as Rebecca prepares Jacob to trick his father for a blessing, Jacob worries about the consequences. His mother says, “I’ll take your curse on me.” Now, I’m not saying to go out and trick a spouse or loved one, but you will have to take on the curses of the world. In trying to understand God, you will see the world’s pain; it is now yours.

Adult Education

Beginning Hebrew with Peggy Littmann: Sunday mornings 10:00 – 11:00 a.m. Contact Peggy, plittmann@comcast.net or 588-6661.

Liturgy Class with Miriam Weinstein: Sunday mornings 10:00 – 11:00 a.m. Contact Peggy Littmann, plittmann@comcast.net or 588-6661.

Intermediate Hebrew with David Hull: Sunday mornings at 10:00 a.m. Contact David, hull5@comcast.net or 691-2037.

Torah, Society, and Politics with Michael Zemel: Sunday mornings through May 13, 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon. Contact Michael, mzemel@utk.edu or 922-0149.

Shofar Blowing class with David Perkins: first Thursday of each month from 7:30 - 8:30 p.m. Contact David at PerkinsMusic@BellSouth.net or 525-5846.

Klezmer Music class with David Perkins: second and third Thursday of each month - 7:30 - 8:30 p.m. Contact David at PerkinsMusic@BellSouth.net or 525-5846.

Introduction to Judaism Class, taught by Rabbi Alon Ferency, Rabbi Beth Schwartz, and others on Thursdays, through May 3. Classes will be held alternately at Heska Amuna Synagogue and Temple Beth El starting at 7:00 p.m. Contact Heska Amuna at admin@heskaamuna.org.

From the President

By Gilya Schmidt

With the fun of Purim and the intensity of Pesach behind us, what is there to look forward to in the shul? Well, there is summer, and the end of school, and of course the third of the pilgrimage festivals, the summer harvest festival of Shavuot.

Shavuot is also known as *z'man matan Toratenu*, the time of the Law-giving, because this is when all of Israel came together at the foot of Mt. Sinai to await the beginning of our future as a people. I have often tried to put myself in the shoes of our ancestors. What would it have been like, more than 3,000 years ago, to wait with 5,999,999 other Jews for 40 days and nights for the return of Moses? If we believe the depiction in the movie, *Ten Commandments*, it was tumultuous. And the newly organized community wasn't entirely on track. The episode of the golden calf was a big snafu. But it was also a purposeful time, perhaps only apparent when Moses returned. After repenting for their lapse in faith, in Moses and in God, the Israelites made a collective effort to move forward with their community building, one day at a time.

I don't want to speculate where Heska Amuna is heading for the next 40 years, but we do have a plan for the 50 days between Passover and Shavuot. The Omer period between Pesach and Shavuot is traditionally a somber period, a time of semi-mourning, with the exception of Lag B'Omer. This year, the Rabbi and Religious Services Committee is planning a very special event for the Omer period under the chairship of President-Elect Jenifer Ohriner. Beginning with Pesach, congregants will have the opportunity to participate in community building by counting the omer - as we do every year. Traditionally, in the agricultural society of our ancestors, the wheat would grow an omer a day, until maturation 50 days later. We have continued this tradition throughout history by saying a prayer every day for 50 days that recognizes the importance of our produce to our survival.

This year, we wish to build community not only through the customary prayer every day, but by recognizing the importance of our loved ones and our friends every day between Passover and Shavuot. How? It's easy! This year, while we stand at the foot of the mountain waiting for Moses to return, we are called to count the Omer with a contribution to the Rabbi and Religious Services Committee's 2012 fundraiser in honor of our family and friends. We look forward to a successful campaign and to an exciting conclusion and celebration on Shavuot.

From the Chair of the Board

By Scott Hahn

Since I have been involved with local Jewish communal life, two concerns that have always been at the epicenter of most serious discussions involve Jewish continuity and finances. Jews being a minority group with a tumultuous history are especially sensitive that our ideals and institutions survive after us regardless of circumstances. As with other non-profits, our fortunes rise and fall due to many factors, many beyond our control. It is a constant struggle to make budgets, find donors while at the same time provide programming and services that meets needs of our membership.

One solution to both these is for Heska Amuna to increase our endowments and donor-advised funds. Before I proceed, I need to provide the following disclaimer. I am on the board of the Knoxville Jewish Family of Funds (KJCFF) where I currently serve as vice president. I am obviously a biased party, with an apparent conflict of interest. At Heska Amuna, we have just scratched the surface with endowed funds and the impact that they can have on our congregation. As a quick primer to those of you unfamiliar with endowments, they are monies set aside for a particular charitable purpose. The fund is "advised" by a board which can consist of the donor and their appointees, or members of a separate organization. Grants are then made independently through requests and approved by the fund's board.

If you don't believe endowments can have a major impact, think of some of this country's most famous endowments: Carnegie, Ford, Rockefeller, McArthur, Harvard, Yale and Duke. In East Tennessee, our own local East Tennessee Foundation helps to manage funds that make grants to more than 20 local counties. To set up a fund does not require that you be a millionaire, only that you have desire and a vision. In our community, Bernie Rosenblatt and Pat and Gene Rosenberg have had funds established with the help of their friends. At Heska Amuna, we routinely receive support from the Becker, Robinson, Rosen, Rosenthal and Cohen -Presser Funds, to name only a few.

The importance of endowments cannot be underestimated. There are many Jewish communal organizations that receive a significant portion of their budgets from these funds. It can be an important tool for shaping budgets and priorities in a community. Over the next few years, it is my wish that we create more and more endowments for more and more purposes. If this is something that is of interest to you or would like some more information, do not hesitate to contact Bernie Rosenblatt, President of KJCFF, Rabbi Ferency or myself. It's time to stop worrying about the future and start doing something about it. Endowments are one of the best ways to change the game.

Judaica Shop News

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



Heska Amuna Religious School News

Tot Shabbat

Friday, May 11, 6:00 p.m.
Shabbat Dinner and Services for Young Families

Shabbat dinner starts at 6:00 p.m. and is only \$10.00 per family! Tot Shabbat services are designed for children ages 2-6, though all are welcome. Join us as we welcome Shabbat with food, friends, music, and fun!

Tot Shabbat is open to HA members and non-members so **bring your friends for a wonderful family Shabbat experience!**

**Please RSVP to Anna Iroff, education@heskaamuna.org
or 522-0701 by **Monday, May 7.****

In honor of Shabbat, please send your check to the synagogue office either before or soon after Tot Shabbat.



שבת חינוך

May 12, 2012

Education Shabbat



Mark your calendar for this special Shabbat morning service! We will thank and honor all who help make our Religious School a success: students, teachers, madrichim, parents, Education Committee members, and synagogue leadership. We will also celebrate significant educational milestones with our Confirmants and High School Graduates!

Religious School Mother's Day Brunch

Join us for a delicious brunch in honor of our very special *imahot!* We will honor our mothers and celebrate their children's learning with performances by our students, art projects, a slideshow, food, fun, and more!

Sunday, May 13

Please let us know that you will be joining us with your RSVP by Monday, May 7 to education@heskaamuna.org.

Things to Remember!

Upcoming School Events

- Wednesday, May 2 – Religious School, grades 3-6
- Sunday, May 6 – Religious School, PreK – Prozdor
- Wednesday, May 9 – Religious School, grades 3-6
- Friday, May 11 – Tot Shabbat, dinner and services, 6:00 p.m.
- Saturday, May 12 – Shabbat Hinuch
- Sunday, May 13 – Mothers Day Brunch



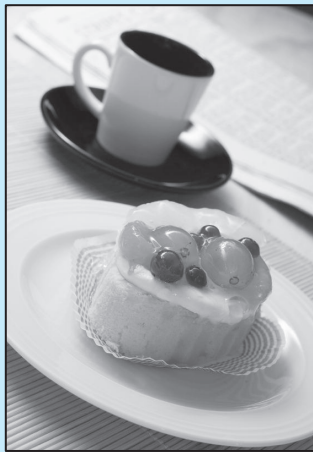
Clubs Contact Information

- ◆ **Bicycling Club**, Susan Silber at ssilber09@gmail.com, or 805-3047
- ◆ **Dining Club**, Vicki Myers at vickigmyers@yahoo.com, or 573-7230
- ◆ **Chanting Meditation**, Ellen Kern at egkern@gmail.com, or 254-8593
- ◆ **Film Buffs**, Harriet Glasman at hmglas@tds.net, or 671-2698
- ◆ **Tzedek (Social Justice)**, Harriet Cooper at spock52@prodigy.net, or 671-4376
- ◆ **Cue Club (Billiards)**, Larry Leibowitz at lpl@leibowitzfirm.com, or 637-1809
- ◆ **Teva (Nature)**, Marc Forman at marcforman@hotmail.com, or 705-7075
- ◆ **Yoga**, Marion Bayer at siesta2r@bellsouth.net, or 769-4236
- ◆ **Stitchin' Time**, Marion Bayer at siesta2r@bellsouth.net or 769-4236

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.



Among Our Members

- ◆ Get well wishes go out to those who were ill or recuperating: **Isadore Abrams, Elaine Brown, Eliyahu ben Shulamit, Bernie Iroff, Cheryl Kaplan, David Linwood, Judy Rattner, Trudy Dreyer, Josh Gettinger, Irwin Gordon, Bert Gurwitch, and Rebecca Hale.**
- ◆ Condolences to **Lynn Fuson** and family on the death of her cousin, **Phillip Slusher**. May his memory be a blessing.
- ◆ Mazal tov to **Mary Beth** and **Michael Eisenstadt** and family in honor of son **Matthew's** marriage to **Rachael Weldon-Smith** in Arizona; to **Barbara** and **Bernie Bernstein** on son **Mark's** marriage to **Tanya Kaminsky** in San Francisco, California where the couple reside.
- ◆ Todah Rabah to **Ellen Kern** who continues to work in the Synagogue office every month. We appreciate your time and the effort on behalf of the Shul.
- ◆ Heska Amuna procedures to pay your dues and other fees or charges - You have two preferred ways to pay: (1) set up direct withdrawal from your bank checking or savings account (ACH); or (2) charge to your credit card. (You can, of course, mail in a check to the synagogue office, but that costs you postage and takes extra time and effort on our end to process this payment.) Before you decide which of the two preferred methods you wish to use, please note that the first method is the least expensive for the synagogue. We pay only a small processing fee for direct withdrawal payments. On the other hand, Heska Amuna pays a fee equal to 2.3% of the amount charged, PLUS an additional small processing fee, for all credit card payments. We strongly encourage you to pay by direct withdrawal from your checking or savings account. When you choose direct payment, more of the financial support you generously contribute is available to provide synagogue services to you and your family and less of that support has to be diverted to pay third party fees. This can only strengthen the synagogue's finances in both the short and long term. If you pay by ACH transfer or credit card, please make sure you indicate the amount of your payment. If you are making a payment by check, please indicate the amount you are paying next to the account, tear off the bottom portion and return in the enclosed envelope. Should you have any questions, you can reach our Finance Vice Chair, Barry Allen, by email at barry.allen@sageontheweb.com, or you can leave a message for him by calling the synagogue at 522-0701.

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Permanent Schedule

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

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

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

For a list of Heska Amuna's funds and other information, please visit www.heskaamuna.org

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www.heskaamuna.org.

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GENERAL FUND

For Gordy Brown's yahrzeit

By: Adam, Logan and Stephen Brown

For Mary and Harold Brown's yahrzeit

By: Stephanie Brown

For Molly Chazen's yahrzeit

By: Eric Chazen

For Herman Linke's yahrzeit

By: Simpson Linke

Earmarked for Adult Education, in honor of Marilyn Presser on her birthday

By: Carol and Mark Harris

In honor of Purim

By: Trevor Bryant

In memory of Harold Winston

By: Donna and Harlan Helming

Israel Farkas yahrzeit

By: Alice and Walter Farkas

LEIBOWITZ FUND

For Harold Leibowitz's yahrzeit

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

RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

For Mazeltov Benhayon's yahrzeit

By: Jack Benhayon

For Gordy Brown's yahrzeit

By: Robin Brown

For Sophie Dobbs' yahrzeit

By: Elaine and David Dobbs

Thanking Rabbi Ferency for Shiva Minyan

By: Rabbi Beth Schwartz and Larry Washington

General donation

By: Debra and Irwin Gordon

WINICK LIBRARY FUND

In honor of Scott Hahn

By: Karen and Rabbi Alon Ferency

YAHRZEIT FUND

John Abrams and Julius Binder

By: Marilyn and Isadore Abrams

Gordy Brown

By: Edith Brown

Dale Hasden, Bonnie Hasden and Bradley Sturm

By: Leon Hasden

Sam Jacobs

By: Elise and Herb Jacobs

Lucille Bruskin and Arthur Joel Jay

By: Rhoda, Marian and David Jay

Annie Green, Lillian Weinbren, other Green family members

By: Anita and Jeff Miller

Casper Perelman

By: Marie and Charles Perelman

Sam Rosenblatt

By: Alice and Walter Farkas

Luna Anidjar

By: Jack Benhayon

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 _____

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

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

Total Amount _____

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.

KJA Community Calendar — May 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 6-9:30p fencing, AJCC gym 6p TBE-Exec Comm mtg	2 3:15-4p Music N Motion, AJCC gym 4:15p HA-religious school 5:30-9:30p fencing, AJCC gym 6:15p TBE-adult ed	3 7a HA-minyan 8:45a Zumba, AJCC gym 9-12p KJDS-Open House 7:30-9:30p Israeli dancing, AJCC gym 7:30p HA-Exec Comm Mtg 7:30p HA-Shofar blowing class	4 4:45-5:30p JFS Shabbat Services at Echo Ridge 7:30p TBE-Shabbat Service	5 9:30a HA-Shabbat Services, Adult B'nai Mitzvah
6 HA-Sisterhood Regional Brd meeting 9:30a HA-minyan 9:30a HA-religious school 9:30a TBE-religious school (Last day) 10a HA-Adult Ed 11a HA-Ed Comm 1:30p AZA Radical Sports Day, AJCC Gym 5-8p BBG Fundraiser, AJCC Gym	7 7a HA-minyan 1-3:30p Art Class, BBYO Room 3-6p TOT Basketball, AJCC Gym	8 6-9:30p fencing, AJCC gym 6:30p TBE-Board mtg	9 3:15-4p Music N Motion, AJCC gym 4:15p HA-religious school 5:30-9:30p fencing, AJCC gym 6:15p TBE-adult ed	10 7a HA-minyan 8:45a Zumba, AJCC gym 6:30p KJDS Cocktails & Conversation 7:30-9:30p Israeli dancing, AJCC gym 7:30p HA-Board of Trustees meeting 7:30p HA-Klezmer music class	11 6p HA-Tot Shabbat 7:30p TBE-Shabbat Service	12 9:30a HA-Shabbat Services 9:30a HA-Religious School Shabbat Hinuch
13 9:30a HA-minyan 9:30a HA-religious school -last day; Mother's Day Brunch 10a HA-Adult Ed 10:30a HA-Sisterhood Brd meeting	14 7a HA-minyan 1-3:30p Art Class, BBYO Room 3-6p TOT Basketball, AJCC Gym	15 Noon-1p KJCF Board meeting, AJCC AL 6-9:30p fencing, AJCC gym 7p TBE-Annual meeting	16 Noon-Lunch & Then Some, Rothchild's 3:15-4p Music N Motion, AJCC gym 5:30-9:30p fencing, AJCC gym 6p KJDS-Fine Arts Eve./ Graduation 6:15p TBE-adult ed	17 7a HA-minyan 8:45a Zumba, AJCC gym 10a TBE-Sisterhood Goes Out 2:30p HA-Stitchin' Time 6-10p Republican Jewish Coalition, AJCC AL 6:45p Hadassah Brd mtg, AJCC Board Room 7:30-9:30p Israeli dancing, AJCC gym 7:30p HA-Rabbi & Rel Ser 7:30p HA-Klezmer music class	18 7:30p TBE-Shabbat Service and Confirmation	19 9:30a HA-Shabbat Services 9:30a HA-Jewish Meditation 10:30a HA-Contemporary Services
20 Yom Yerushalayim 9:30a HA-minyan 10:30a HA-Sisterhood installation 12:30-5p TOT Shine Time, AJCC Gym	21 7a HA-minyan 1-3:30p Art Class, BBYO Room 4:30-5:30p AJCC Swim Team practice, all ages 7p KJA Exec and Board	22 4:30-5:30p AJCC Swim Team practice, all ages 6-9:30p fencing, AJCC gym	23 4:30-5:30p AJCC Swim Team practice, all ages 5:30-9:30p fencing, AJCC gym	24 7a HA-minyan 8:45a Zumba, AJCC gym 4:30-5:30p AJCC Swim Team practice, all ages 7:30-9:30p Israeli dancing, AJCC gym	25 6p TBE-Shabbat Service	26 9:30a HA-Shabbat Services 8p HA-Lyl Shavuot
27 Shavuot 9:30a HA-Shavuot services	28 Memorial Day 9:30a HA-Shavuot Services 1-4p Memorial Day Family Pool Party, AJCC 1-3:30p Art Class, BBYO Room 3-6p TOT Basketball, AJCC Gym	29 Camp-Session 1 begins 3:15-4p AJCC Swim Team, ages 5-10 4:30-6p AJCC Swim Team, ages 11-18 6-9:30p fencing, AJCC gym	30 3:15-4p AJCC Swim Team, ages 5-10 4:30-6p AJCC Swim Team, ages 11-18 5:30-9:30p fencing, AJCC gym	31 7a HA-minyan 3:15-4p AJCC Swim Team, ages 5-10 4:30-6p AJCC Swim Team, ages 11-18	Have you registered for MDCD, Camp K'Ton ton and Swim Team?	

KJA Community Calendar — June 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p align="center">AJCC SMOKIN' SALMON PRACTICE TIMES</p> <p align="center">Morning practice: starts June 4 M,W,F — 7:30 a.m.—9 a.m. -all ages</p> <p align="center">Afternoon practice: Monday through Thursday 3:15 p.m.—4 p.m. Swim team practice, ages 5-10 4:40 p.m.—6 p.m. Swim team practice, ages 11-18</p>					1	2
					4:45-5:30p Shabbat Service at Echo Ridge 7:30p TBE-Shabbat Service	9:30a HA-Shabbat Services
3 9:30a HA-minyan	4 7a HA-minyan	5 6-9:30p fencing, AJCC gym 6p TBE-Exec Comm	6 5:30-9:30p fencing, AJCC gym	7 7a HA-minyan 6:30p TBE-Rabbi Schwartz dinner 7:30p HA-Exec Comm mtg	8 7:30p TBE-Shabbat Service	9 9:30a HA-Shabbat Services
10 9:30a HA-minyan	11 7a HA-minyan 7p KJA-Exec Comm	12 6-9:30p fencing, AJCC gym 6:30p TBE-Board mtg	13 5:30-9:30p fencing, AJCC gym	14 7a HA-minyan 7:30p HA-Board of Trustees	15 7:30p TBE-Shabbat Service	16 9:30a HA-Shabbat Services 10:30a HA-Contemporary Services
17 9:30a HA-minyan 6p Hawaiian Getaway Adult Pool Party—AJCC	18 7a HA-minyan	19 4p AJCC Pool closes for Tri-meet with ORCA and MBGC 6-9:30p fencing, AJCC gym	20 Noon-Lunch & Then Some 5:30-9:30p fencing, AJCC gym	21 7a HA-minyan 7:30p HA-Rabbi & Rel Services	22 7:30p TBE-Shabbat Service, Rabbi's Farewell	23 9:30a HA-Shabbat Services
24 9:30a HA-minyan 4p Family Pool Party—AJCC	25 7a HA-minyan	26 6-9:30p fencing, AJCC gym	27 5:30-9:30p fencing, AJCC gym	28 7a HA-minyan	29 7:30p TBE-Shabbat Service	30 9:30a HA-Shabbat Services



Start Your Summer of Fun at the AJCC!

MEMORIAL DAY FAMILY POOL PARTY
AJCC Pool — 6800 Deane Hill Drive
1:00—4:00 p.m.

Enjoy fresh watermelon, children's water activities, and lots of fun!



KNOXVILLE HAPPENINGS

BBYO Hosts Formal, Parent Program

By Isaac Shefner

At the recent BBYO International Convention in Atlanta, AZA Weinstein was one of three regional chapters to receive the Henry Monsky Chapter Excellence Award. They quoted our application for Henry Monsky for all 1000 members to see.

AZA Winick and BBG Weinstein chapters recently held formals at the AJCC. Awards were presented for most outstanding freshman and most improved member. AZA Winick's Heart and Soul Dinner had raised money for BBYO scholarships and the American Heart Association and their representative was at the event to accept the check for \$720. The dance was a great time and we were very glad that it could be held at the AJCC.

This past month, Winick hosted a parent program where we informed parents of potential members or kids who are interested about Winick and what we do. This was a tremendous success and we would like to thank all of the parents for the wonderful attendance.

AZA Winick held a fun fundraiser "Wash and Shmeat," a car wash and bagel sale on Sunday, April 15. It was held at the AJCC. It was a very fun and great event. We are looking forward to more great things ahead of us in this term.

Deli Day, May 13

The Jewish people are a people of tradition and memory. We love to eat the comfort foods of our memories. You too can do it and so can your friends. To turn the old adage: You don't have to be Jewish to eat deli!

KJA Deli Day is Sunday, May 13 from 10 a.m.—2 p.m. Dine in or take out a real deli lunch. Bring your Mom something for Mother's Day!

Chef Bruce Bogartz and the KJA are proud to once again sponsor our Deli Day Fundraiser on Sunday, May 13. The Deli (eat in or take out) is at RouXbarb, 130 S. Northshore Drive.

For additional information, please call the KJA at 690-6343 or kja@jewishknoxville.org.

All of the usual deli favorites from corned beef to matzah ball soup will be yours to enjoy.

When else could you have a corned beef sandwich from an award winning chef? Bruce Bogartz, voted Best Chef in Knoxville in the MetroPulse, <http://www.metropulse.com/news/2010/may/12/best-chef-bruce-bogartz/>.

We can use some wait staff and other volunteers. If you would like to help, please contact Rachel Hale at 690-6343 or rhale@jewishknoxville.org.



Haslam Aide Alexia Poe to Receive UT Alumni Award

Posted By Charles Primm On April 9, 2012 (10:38 am) In Headlines, Press Releases

Alexia Poe, formerly known as Shulie Levison, daughter of Gilbert Levison, cousin of Pace Robinson, niece of Natalie Robinson, and director of communications for Governor of Bill Haslam, will receive the 2012 Donald G. Hileman Distinguished Alumni Award at the spring commencement ceremony for the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, College of Communication and Information.

The ceremony is set for 8:30 a.m. Thursday, May 10, in Thompson-Boling Arena.

"Alexia Poe has had a remarkable career in the area of public communications," said CCI Dean Mike Wirth. "Her distinguished public service, coupled with her communication work in the private sector, inspires our students to think big and pursue their dreams. We are proud of everything Alexia has accomplished and very pleased to present her with the college's 2012 Hileman Award."

Poe earned a bachelor's degree in communications from UT in 1995, and began her career as a reporter and morning news anchor in Northeast Tennessee. She moved to Nashville in 1997 to join Governor Don Sundquist's staff, where she became the second female and youngest person in the state's history to serve as press secretary to a governor.

In 2002, Poe moved to Washington, DC, to work for First Lady Laura Bush at the White House. She then moved from the East Wing to Capitol Hill, where she established US Senator Lamar Alexander's communications office.

Poe returned to Nashville in 2007 and worked for nearly four years as director of public affairs for Gaylord Entertainment. She joined Haslam's office after most recently serving as the director of economic and community development for Nashville Mayor Karl Dean.

The Donald G. Hileman Award is named for the first permanent dean of the College of Communications, the forerunner to the College of Communication and Information. The award was established in 1994 in celebration of the college's twenty-fifth anniversary. It is awarded to college alumni who have made notable contributions to the field of communication and information.

Past recipients include McCormick & Company Inc. chairman, president and CEO Alan Wilson; former Esquire magazine publisher Alan N. Greenberg; former UT quarterback and four-time NFL MVP Peyton Manning; and two-time Pulitzer Prize winner and noted science writer for the New York Times, John Noble Wilford.

For a complete list of past Hileman Award winners, visit <http://cci.utk.edu/AlumDevel/hileman>.



TEMPLE BETH EL TIMES



From the Rabbi's Study

By Rabbi Beth Schwartz

Right after Purim, the clock seemed to start ticking faster, counting down to the end of June, and the end of my tenure at Temple Beth El and Larry's and my lives in Knoxville. Because of the production schedule for *Ha'Kol*, I am writing my last column at the end of March. The activities of sorting and packing, of bringing things to a close and preparing for a new beginning still feel a little surreal, but are steadily taking shape. Saying good-bye is hard, and bittersweet. We have been through a lot of struggle and a lot of good work and accomplishments. We have learned a lot, together, and we are not the same as we were in 1999 – not me and not any of you who were here then. While “might-have-beens” make me sad, there is much that I am proud of, for myself and for you.

When prospective congregations asked me about what is important to me as a rabbi, I have talked about the Torah. I never want any member of a congregation that I serve to be afraid of, or intimidated by, the nearness of a Torah scroll. Yes, it is the most precious thing we have, but it is ours, and Jewish tradition across time and space teaches us to revere it, but also to embrace it, both figuratively and literally. The children who have become B'nei Mitzvah on my watch are competent and confident when they hold a Torah – and no one, adult or adolescent, has ever dropped a Torah in all these years. On Yom Kippur, four members read from the Torah in the morning, and four more in the afternoon.

The position and reputation of Temple Beth El is strong in Knoxville. TBE is known, respected, and admired. Our Religious School is a happening place, where Judaism is learned and enjoyed. Those who have engaged in study with me have learned, but they have also taught me and inspired me, something every Rabbi needs. There are strong relationships between the Temple and Heska Amuna Synagogue and the Knoxville Jewish Alliance. There could have been so much more, but I pray that for you, with your new Rabbi, there will be. I pray that you will reflect on our time together and see the accomplishments that I see, as well as the possibilities and opportunities that are right in front of you. As our Sages taught, no single person is required to complete the tasks of the community and the Jewish people, but each of us is forbidden from abstaining from the work. May each of you take up your share with pride and with love, as students and teachers of Judaism, and be a light to your neighbors. May the Holy One bless you and keep you, in peace.



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May 18, 7:30 p.m. – Shabbat service and Confirmation

May 25, 6:00 p.m. – Kabbalat Shabbat service and reading of the Book of Ruth, with special oneg Shabbat to follow, in honor of Rabbi Schwartz.

June 1, 7:30 p.m. – Shabbat Evening services

June 8, 7:30 p.m. – Shabbat Evening service

June 9, 4:30 p.m. – Bat Mitzvah of Stephanie Goldfeld

June 15, 7:30 p.m. – last Shabbat service with Rabbi Schwartz

June 22, 7:30 p.m. – Shabbat Evening service

June 29, 6:00 p.m. – Shabbat Evening service

June 30, 10:00 a.m. – Bat Mitzvah of Zahava Clayman

Annual Temple Beth El Congregational Meeting

Tuesday, May 15, 7:00 p.m.
Temple Beth El
Arnstein Auditorium

- ◆ **Election of Officers and Board of Directors**
 - ◆ **Annual Reports**
- Light Refreshments to Follow***

From The President

By Deborah Roberts

As our congregation faces this time of transition, I find myself thinking how perfect is our Hebrew word - *Shalom*. Good-bye and Hello. Both at the same time. As a child, I used to wonder how people knew which of these two opposites was meant. Perhaps the beauty of the word is that it embraces both and allows us to do the same.

Right now we are saying good-bye to Rabbi Beth Schwartz as she leaves for her new position in Columbus, Georgia. When Rabbi Beth arrived over a decade ago, the main focus seemed to be on her unique position as the first female rabbi in town. Today Rabbi Schwartz clearly leaves us with highly visible accomplishments.

Our congregation and our entire Jewish community owe so much to Rabbi Schwartz for her zeal in creating bonds within the Knoxville Jewish community and with the Knoxville community at large. I experienced this first hand as she worked closely with Heska Amuna to establish a joint women's *Chevra Kadisha*. From services to seders, from combined bulletins to combined religious school events, Rabbi Schwartz continually promoted the idea that our community could be Jewish together.

As President it has been my privilege to hear others express

how well-respected and well-loved Rabbi Schwartz is in the interfaith community of Knoxville: as a speaker, a teacher, and a co-participant in many functions designed to enhance the two-way flow of information between all our faith organizations. She has truly been an outstanding ambassador for our entire Jewish community.

When I reflect on the influence Rabbi had on me personally, I know I join many of you in appreciation for her guidance. As she did to so many others, Rabbi Schwartz encouraged me to grow, to stretch my limits, to challenge myself as I explored Judaism and my own role within our Temple family. If not for her enthusiastic support, I would probably never have even considered attending para-rabbinic training at Hebrew Union College - a truly life-changing experience.

Surely, more good-byes will be said as we move through May and into June, especially at the farewell dinner we are holding in honor of Rabbi Beth on Thursday, June 7. More than good-bye, however, we are also saying *shalom*. Not just hello or goodbye, *shalom* truly means peace - a feeling of contentment, completeness, wholeness, well being and harmony. That is exactly what we wish for Rabbi and Larry as they embrace their new lives. *Shalom Rav* - today, tomorrow, and always - abundant peace.

It's Time for Sisterhood at Temple Beth El

By Karen Smith, Sisterhood Liaison

Todah rabah to everyone who helped with Sisterhood's hamantaschen sale this year. Whether you helped bake, stored the hamantaschen, helped sell the hamantaschen, made dough, made fillings, or bought hamantaschen, Sisterhood thanks you. Sisterhood couldn't have done this without our "hamantaschen instructors" Phyllis Hirsh and Lesley Krakauer.

Todah to Honerlin Del Moro for assembling and delivering Sisterhood's *shalach manot* bags.

Sisterhood will have a busy May beginning with Sunday, May 6 when we honor Rabbi Beth Schwartz at a Chai Tea from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. at the home of Phyllis Hirsh. Please RSVP to Phyllis by Wednesday, May 2.

Then on Thursday, May 16, Sisterhood will have its annual "Sisterhood Goes Out." This year we will meet in a private room at Puleo's Grille, 260 N. Peters Road (corner of Peters Road and Cedar Bluff) 691-1960. The \$18.00 charge for dinner will include your choice of one of six entrees, coffee or tea, and gratuity. Our guest speaker for the evening will be WBIR/Channel 10's Robin Wilhoit who will talk about her life as a TV news anchor. Please RSVP to Mimi Brody or Kathy Young by Monday, May 14.

During the evening we will vote on the slate for the coming year as presented by the Nominating Committee in a separate article in this issue of *Ha'Kol*. *Todah to Nominating Chairs Phyllis Hirsh and Joyce Traugot*.

Sisterhood ends the month of May hosting the Rosh Chodesh Sivan on Monday, May 21 at 6:00 p.m. at Temple. We will attempt a study of the book of Ruth from a woman's perspective. A light dinner and the Rosh Chodesh service will begin the evening.

Sisterhood Beiler Floral Fund Chairs Emma Fleischmann and Lisa Sayles welcome all flower donations of \$36.00 for Shabbat and holidays. (Please write your check to Temple Beth El Sisterhood.) What a thoughtful way to remember someone for a life cycle event or special occasion.

Todah to Sisterhood's Publicity Chairs Meredith Jaffe and Linda Zaretski for continuing to keep us informed.

Todah to Sisterhood's Treasurer Rebecca Lane.

Sisterhood continues to support the Family Justice Center. Donations are always needed especially individual juice boxes and individually wrapped healthy snacks. Please place your donation in the box by the side door at Temple.

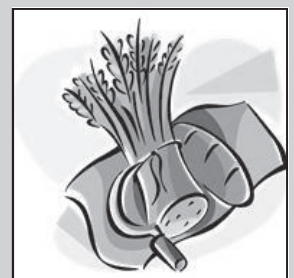
See you at Sisterhood!



Shavuot 5772

Join us on **Friday evening, May 25, at 6:00 p.m.** to welcome Shabbat with a special reading of the Book of Ruth in honor of Shavuot. Following services, Jeff and Susan Arbutal will host an Oneg Shabbat in honor of Rabbi Schwartz's service to Temple Beth El.

This year, Shavuot begins on Saturday evening, May 26. Shavuot celebrates both the first fruits of the season and the giving of Torah on Mount Sinai. In addition to reading the Ten Commandments of Shavuot, we also read the Book of Ruth. Ruth is the paradigmatic story of a Jew by Choice. Because she freely chose Judaism, out of love for her mother-in-law, Naomi, Ruth became the great-grandmother of King David and an example of service and loyalty.



Temple Beth El Religious School May/June Update

By Norma James, Education Director nfjames77@gmail.com

The Religious School says goodbye to Rabbi Beth

Since beginning my tenure as the director of our school, I have always had Rabbi Schwartz as my mentor. I remember her first words to me. "You have many years of experience as an educator. Now you must learn how to be a Jewish educator." I spent that summer studying with other educators in New Hampshire and reading a long list of books Rabbi suggested. I realized very quickly just how true her words were. In so many ways I feel we have traveled this road together as we have worked to make our school the best it can be. Rabbi Beth has been supportive of me in every way. Our children know that she cares about them and has high expectations for their learning. For most of our students, Rabbi Beth is the only Rabbi they have ever known. They will miss her very much. She has been a wonderful guide for our teachers as well. Whether explaining a Torah portion to a class, answering a Hebrew question, or providing personal support, our staff knows that she is always there for us. We will all miss her. As her friend, I am excited for the new direction her life is taking. I believe she will be a wonderful match for her new congregation. I know that I will always remember the many, many things she has taught me, and I will be forever grateful to my mentor, Beth Schwartz.

Friday, May 4 - Fourth and Fifth grades conduct services at 7:30 p.m.

Tara Bain's class was scheduled to lead service in March on the night of the constant tornado warnings. This class did not want to miss out on this important mitzvah. You will be amazed at the skills these young people have. Please worship with us as this very bright and energetic group of young people conducts this service. Parents of the 4th and 5th grade class will host the oneg.

Lock-In Overnight for 4th-8th Grades Saturday, May 5

This has become a tradition at Religious School. What is in store for this year? The students will spend the night in the Temple and join the rest of the Religious School for our Last Day Celebration on Sunday. The evening begins at 5:00 p.m. and the cost is \$9.00 per child. Please contact Norma James to register your child.

Religious School ends Sunday, May 6

Our last day of Religious School is a day for celebration as usual. We will begin with a family breakfast followed by our award ceremony. Norma has some very special plans for this final day of school. Look for more information to come!

Confirmation May 18

Our congregation has been blessed again with another fine Confirmation Class. We join the parents of **Hunter Bosnick, Julie Berman, Jason Fleischmann, and Emily Shor** in inviting all of you to this sacred event. This is a wonderful class of young people who are a real credit to our Religious School and our congregation. Norma James has the honor of being the cantorial soloist for the service. We hope our congregation will make plans to attend this important Life Cycle event.



Stephanie Goldfeld becomes a Bat Mitzvah Saturday afternoon, June 9

What a summer treat this will be as the Stephanie Goldfeld is called to the Torah at an afternoon service. Stephanie will assist with the Friday night service and read Torah during a service that begins at 4:30 p.m. Saturday afternoon. Stephanie's proud tutor is Laurie Fisher. We hope that you will join us as we celebrate with Stephanie and her family Danielle, Haley and Aron Goldfeld for this very special simcha.

Have a Great Summer!



Condolences

- ◆ We send condolences to **Zoya and Andy Loebel** on the death of Andy's mother, **Charlotte Alter Loebel**, in Florida on January 29, 2012. Born in Austria, Mrs. Loebel was a Holocaust survivor. Memorial donations may be made in her name to the U.S. Holocaust Museum in Washington, D.C. May her memory be for blessing
- ◆ We note with sadness the death of **Herman Sebold**, father of **Ron (Vicki Myers) Sebold**. May his memory be for blessing.

YOU ARE INVITED TO SHARE IN OUR
CONFIRMATION SERVICE
MAY 18, 2012 7:30 P.M.

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 DAUGHTER OF MARC & MONICA BERMAN

HUNTER BOSNICK,
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 Friday: 10:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.

Visit our website: www.tbeknox.org

Our Thanks

A special “Thank You” to the many congregants, businesses and restaurants for graciously donating to this year’s Auction. Please take time to look over our list of donors. Please show your appreciation by utilizing their services or visiting their establishments, and don’t hesitate to let them know that your patronage is due to their generosity

A Bloom	Famous Dave’s	Markman’s Diamonds & Fine Jewelry	Sequoyah Grill
Aaron & Imelda Margulies	Flemings	Marla Brody	Sergeant Pepperoni’s
Abram Hanford	Fresh Market	Massage by Jennifer Marks	Shirley McQuire & Richard Licht
Agri Feed Pet Supply	Fuddruckers	Massage Envy	Shoe Carnival
Alan & Karen Smuckler	Fundraising Rides	McAllister’s Deli	Simonize Professional Car Wash
Alumni Hall	G. Carlton Salon	McScrooge’s	Snappy Tomato
American Museum of Science & Energy	Gettysvue Polo, Golf & Country Club	Melissa Feinbaum	Sonny’s BBQ
Amy & Hal Rosenberg	Greg Gill/ Rockytop Tennis	Missy & Chuck Noon	Steve Linzer
Ann Wayburn	Harvey & Judy Kaufman	Moes Southwest Grill	Subway
Arnstein Jewish Community Center	Hick’s Orthodontics	Mommy & Me/ Janice & Howard Pollock	Susan Baker
Aubreys	Hobby Town	Museum of Appalachia	Susan Berman
Barnes & Noble	Home Depot	Nails by Tracey	Susan Shore
Bonefish	Honerlin Del Moro	Nama Sushi Bar	Susan Watson Arbatl
Bristol Motor Speedway	Huntington Learning Center	Nashville Predators	Sylvia & Irv Witcoff
Carrabba’s Italian Grill	Joe & Charlene Oleinik	National Auto Parts/ Bart Brody	Tataru’s Gymnastics & Tumbling
Cheri Pollack	Joyce Traugot	Olive Garden	Tennessee Aquarium
Children’s Museum of Oak Ridge	Karen & Brian Smith	Orange Curl	Tennessee Smokies
Chili’s	Knoxville Comprehensive Breast Center	Outback Steakhouse	Tennessee Titans
China Pearl	Knoxville Jewish Alliance	Pei Wei	Texas Road House
Concord Veterinary Hospital	Knoxville Opera	Penn Station Subs	The Chop House
Continental Envelope Corp. of Chicago	Knoxville Symphony Orchestra	Phyllis & Ken Hirsh	The Colonel’s Café
Creative Discovery Museum	La Parilla Mexican Grill	Prestige Cleaners	The Cook’s Corner
David & Patricia Lee	Lane Motor Museum	P.F. Changs	The Eye Group
Diana & Bill Steinfeld-Hicks	La Quinta Inns & Suites	Pilot	The Grill at Highland Row
Dick & Sheila Jacobstein	Lesley Krakauer	Ripley’s Aquarium	Three Rivers Market
Dollywood	Lev Comstock Photography	Romans Pizzeria	VG’s Bakery
Einstein’s Bagels	Little Bangkok	Red Robin	Vietnamese Bistro
El Charro Restaurant	Liz Gassel & Mike Pardee	Sassy Glass Studio	West Bikes
Elaine & Bob Freeman	Lorie & Jeff Hirsh	Shelley Mangold	Wok Chow Fire Seared Asian
Elite Island Resorts	Macaroni Grill	Shelley Mangold	Women’s Basketball Hall of Fame
Ellen & Stephen Markman	MagPies Cakes	Sam’s	Wonderworks
			YMCA /Northshore location

You are cordially invited to an evening honoring

Rabbi Beth Schwartz

Thursday, June 7, 2012

Time: 6:30 p.m.

The Crowne Plaza Hotel Ballroom
401 Summit Hill Drive
Knoxville, Tennessee 37902

\$50.00 person

(Payable to Temple Beth El)



Includes wine and choice of:

Tuscan Chicken Roulade Tennessee Grilled Salmon Or Seasonal Vegetable

Please include the following information:

will attend Chicken Salmon Vegetarian

My check for _____ (\$50 per reservation) is enclosed.

With your RSVP by **May 24, 2012** to:

Temple Beth El

P.O. Box 10325

Knoxville, Tennessee 37939-0325

Library Tzimmes

Shelley Mangold, Charlene Rizzo for the library committee

Our Library is slowly showing signs of improvement. We have installed better shelving to showcase new additions, the holidays, recommended reading, and local Jewish authors. Yasher Koach to Toby Tumpson, Larry Winston, and Scott Clabo for the great job on the shelves.

We are making plans to buy the hardware for a picture hanging track system for the back wall, centralizing collections within the proper reading levels, and constantly processing the book donations and purchases, etc. Thank you to all who have donated, many anonymously.

Special "Thank You" to Rabbi Beth for her varied and continued support to the library throughout her tenure. May God bless her as she moves to her new position in Georgia. Very recently, Rabbi shared many books from her personal collection to both the Library and the members. They are in boxes along the side wall. Now we need helpers to process them all so they can be checked out!

We are looking forward to offering storytelling time for the K, 1st, and 2nd grade classes during Religious School Sundays. Can't wait to share some wonderful Jewish stories old and new! Don't forget our Adopt-a-Book Program with either memorial or "in honor of" personalized labels inserted into the book cover for a \$25 donation.

Be sure to visit the library often, check out the new books and help with our progress.

Weekend with Rabbi Samuel Joseph a Huge Success

Rabbi Sam Joseph presented a series of talks and seminars over the course of the March 30th through April 1st weekend. He spoke at the Friday night oneq about the connections between Jews and chocolate. From the old world to the new, Jews played a role in both the shipping and the processing of this 'aphrodisiac and revitalizing food'.

Rabbi Joseph brought an interesting perspective to the story of 'The Golem', familiarizing those who did not know the story and analyzing several images of The Golem in art. He made us all think hard about the references, meanings and risks of a human creation of a man of clay who could be a protector in times of despair and threat.

Saturday afternoon was devoted to a leadership seminar for former, current and new Board members and other potential TBE leaders.

In the evening, a nice crowd enjoyed Chinese dinner, family style, at the Little Szechuan Restaurant where Rabbi Joseph spoke about the Jews of China going back to around 900 AD when Baghdad Jews travelled and settled there. He also included many of his own stories and experiences as Chief Rabbi in Hong Kong.

On Sunday the Rabbi spoke with the Religious School teachers and older students on cyberbullying, and he participated in the Religious School Seder.

One participant summed things up by saying that it would be great to have a bottle to rub and have Rabbi Joseph emerge, our own 'magic genie' available as necessary for help, humor, education and thought provoking stimulation.

Donations to the Funds of Temple - March 7–21, 2012

General Fund

In memory of:

Mitchel Plachter

By:

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In memory of:

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Linda Bolt

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In memory of:

Dr. Harold Winston

By:

Robert & Deborah Worley

B'NEI MITZVAH

Stephanie Goldfeld

Stephanie Goldfeld, daughter of Aron and Hayley and sister to Danielle, will chant her Torah portion and Haftorah on June 9. Her family and friends will travel from all over to celebrate with her.

Stephanie is a seventh grader at Farragut Middle School. She is a straight A student who also has a love of sports. Stephanie plays soccer for the Farragut Middle School team and for AYSO. She also plays basketball for CBFO. This summer will be Stephanie's fifth summer attending URJ Camp Coleman. In addition to the strong friendships she has made there, she continues to enrich her Jewish experience.

Stephanie has helped with the American Cancer Society and will continue to do so for her mitzvah project. Thank you to Rabbi Beth Schwartz and Norma James for all of their support the last 5 years Stephanie has attended TBE. In addition, Stephanie would like to thank Laurie Fisher with helping prepare her for the bat mitzvah.



Zahavah Clayman

The Clayman family is proud to announce that Zahavah Clayman has decided to accept the call to the bima and lead services during her bat mitzvah on Saturday, June 30, 2012. Zahavah attends Norris Middle School near her home in Heiskell, TN. Her favorite thing about school is spending time with her friends but she also endures schoolwork in between periods of socialization. It is easiest for her to put up with Math and Science classes. In addition to her curriculum in the seventh grade and her Torah studies, Zahavah is learning Tae Kwon Do in Knoxville and particularly enjoys practicing techniques on her brothers. Zahavah has always had an affinity for animals and at home she is kept busy helping care for the family's bevy of animals; 20 chickens, 5 guinea hens, 3 dogs, 2 horses, 2 cats, 2 turtles, and 1 snake. Zahavah has a special bond with her horse, Millie. She is the only human that Millie lets lounge with her when she's rolling or relaxing. Although Zahavah is an accomplished equestrian competitor, she most prefers trail-riding or galloping around the yard because she's not being judged and can just enjoy the ride. When her time at home is her own, Zahavah most enjoys listening and singing along to music, watching Anime, discovering new applications on her iPad, and reading.

Zahavah has been blessed with the gift of empathy. Her mitzvah project focuses on spending time with residents of a local nursing home; exchanging her exuberance for wisdom with residents who are not often visited by their own family. The entire congregation is invited to witness her bat mitzvah and share in the family's celebration at the oneg following the service.

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Ha'Kol

President's Report

By Renee' Hyatt, KJA President

This month, I'd like to introduce you to Honerlin Del Moro, chair of Jewish Family Services. JFS is an active, energetic, and integral committee working to improve the quality of life in Knoxville.

As Chairperson of the Jewish Family Services Committee, I am often asked what our group does and what kinds of things volunteers can do to help support our mission.

Under the skillful guidance of Director Laura Berry, our main focus is to enrich the lives of Jewish seniors in assisted living and nursing facilities. We do this by making monthly visits, sending birthday, get well, thinking of you cards, having holiday parties, and delivering Chai bags. We also provide opportunities to participate in Jewish rituals by having the shofar blown for them at Rosh Hashanah providing a lovely Passover Seder. The first Friday of every month, we have a Shabbat service at Echo Ridge retirement residence which is led, in turn, by volunteers and the area rabbis. All of these efforts bring the community to our elders, making them feel connected and part of the vibrant Jewish life we enjoy here in Knoxville.

Participation for our committee members is very flexible. We visit at our own pace and attend parties and activities that fit into our schedules. Most importantly, we find that the time we spend with the residents to be as enriching and life affirming as it is to them!

We encourage all members of Jewish Knoxville to find out ways to lend their own special talents to help our seniors enjoy an active and vital relationship with our community. Feel free to contact Laura Berry, lberry@jewishknoxville.org, KJA, or me, lukkurt@comcast.net to support this wonderful program.

JFS also offers Mitzvah Meals, a version of meals-on-wheels with a kosher option for those in need and helps sponsor temporarily homeless families at Tennessee Valley Unitarian Universalist Church as coordinated by Family Promise of Knoxville. In fact, so many of the JFS committee members volunteered to help the first week in April, they were able to host at TVUUC two nights instead of the usual one night. So, do contact Honerlin or Laura and let them know how you can help.

B'shalom, Renee' Hyatt, renee.j.hyatt@jewishknoxville.org

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KJA 2012 Campaign

Campaign Goal \$365,000

As of April 10, 2012

2012 Annual Campaign: \$318,844

22 new donors

104 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 and click "donate."

Get Ready for the Summer of Fun 2012

The pool opens Sunday May 27, 2012 at 12:00pm. We will be open on Memorial Day from noon till 7pm. Jackson Wallace will be returning as our pool manager this summer. He brings several years of lifeguard and coaching experience to the position. Many of our guards from prior years are returning and we are still taking applications for the summer. Contact Jeff Gubitz or the office for your lifeguard application.

Contact the AJCC for information regarding pool parties and swim lessons. We will be having a whole host of lesson programs for youth and adults. Adult swim lanes will be available some mornings and every afternoon as well.

Megan Yates returns as swim team coach and is ready to sign up our Smokin' Salmons. Heather Kirby is swim team chair. Our coaches and their support staff of parent volunteers are ready for a winning season. A member of Greater Knoxville Area Interclub Swim Association (GKAISA), Smokin' Salmons is open for girls and boys ages 5-18. Swimmers are divided into age group competition levels. The swim team builds friendships, self esteem, strength and leadership. Coaches work with swimmers during practices to ensure the swimmer is working at a level that both challenges and encourages. Join now.

Tennis lessons will be available from our tennis pro. Practice your game on one of our four tennis courts.

Membership is open to all – so come and join us and get ready for the Summer of Fun 2012 summer at that AJCC!



Commitment or Committed?

By Gene Rosenberg, KJA Campaign Chair

A favorite story:

A farmer was driving his horse and wagon on a road alongside a mental institution; a patient was standing close to the fence on the institution side.

PATIENT: What have you got there?

FARMER: A load of cow manure.

PATIENT: What are you going to do with it?

FARMER: Put it on my strawberries.

PATIENT: That's too bad – we get cream and sugar on ours.

Fortunately, we aren't (not often, anyway) committed in the same sense as the patient, but we should have a commitment to our KJA annual campaigns. These annual campaigns are the heart, blood, and soul of all the many programs that are attributed to the KJA or the AJCC, whichever you prefer. These programs don't just happen – they take planning, people, participation, and money.

Nobody can do it all, everybody can do something; nobody can give it all, everybody can give something.

Don't be one of those who leave it up to all the others. Remember my coffee and bagel story? Pledge the price of a cup of coffee and a bagel one morning each week, every week, and you will have pledged (committed) **\$180.00** in that year. If 100 local individuals or families who don't participate would give a cup of coffee and a bagel once a week, just think what we could do at home and abroad (Jewish causes) with that **\$18,000**.

Need help? Ask the patient.

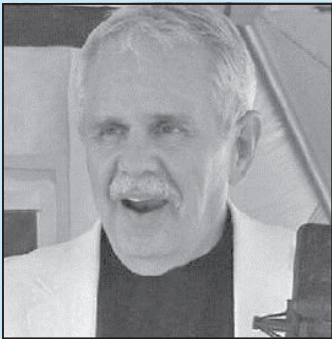
Which side of the fence are you on?



Lunch and Then Some

By Laura Faye Berry, BSSW, Esq., Director

Please join us for May and June's Lunch and Then Some programs.



Wednesday, May 16, 2012: Thrill once again to the music of Glenn Miller, Nat King Cole, Ethel Merman, Frank Sinatra, and more. Presented on a **Lowrey Digital Organ**, an "orchestra in a box", by **Hugh S.**

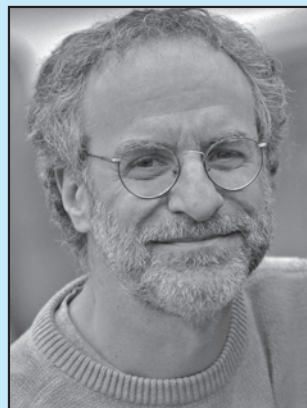
Livingston, Jr., former house organist for Knoxville's Tennessee Theatre, house pianist at Blackberry Farm Inn, and Ship's Pianist for Holland America Cruise Lines. Please join us for a toe-tapping good time.

Program location: Rothchild's, 8807 Kingston Pike

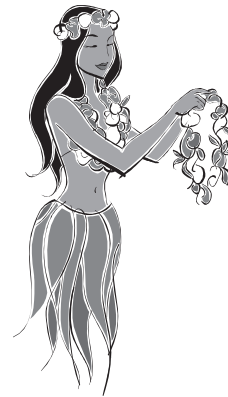
Wednesday, June 20, 2012: Rob Heller: "A Brief Yet Incomplete History of Photojournalism." A quirky look at the highlights of the history of photojournalism--from the early plate cameras to the current digital models. We'll also look at iconic photographs from the past century. Rob Heller is a professor of Journalism and Electronic Media at UT, with a specialty in photojournalism and graphic design. He's in his 26th year at UT.

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.



Upcoming Summer Pool Parties



Hawaiian Getaway Adult Pool Party
Sunday, June 17
6:00 p.m.

Take the night off and step into the AJCC's Hawaiian Getaway Adult Pool Party

Family Pool Party
Sunday, June 24 4:00 p.m.

Calling all Mermaids and Pirates for our family pool party Sunday, June 24 at 4:00 p.m., don't forget to bring your parents too!



RSVP to Rachel Hale, Program Manager at rhale@jewishknoxville.org or 690-6343
Want to help? Call Rachel to volunteer!

UT Lecture Series

UT Lecture Series presents *Astronomy for the Theater*, on May 14 at 7:00 p.m. in the AJCC Adult Lounge.

Mark Littmann will be speaking on *Astronomy for the Theater*, presenting scenes from his plays about great scientists.

Mark Littmann, professor of journalism and electronic media, holds the Julia G. and Alfred G. Hill Chair of Excellence in Science, Technology, and Medical Writing. He received a B.S. in chemistry and literature at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, an

M.A. in creative writing at Hollins College, and a Ph.D. in English at Northwestern University.



Jewish Family Services

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

On April 10, 2012, the Jewish Family Services held our annual Passover luncheon at for residents of area retirement, assisted living, and nursing homes. We celebrated in Harold's Deli, a room that Elmcroft has decorated in memory of Harold Shersky, complete with memorabilia from Harold's. If you have never seen it, I encourage you to visit Harold's Deli at Elmcroft and take a trip down memory lane. Thank you to Rabbi Beth Schwartz for leading the seder and to all the JFS volunteers who helped make the luncheon possible.

Are you looking for a summer volunteer opportunity? We are looking for volunteers to assist with Family Promise, a program for situationally homeless families, for the week of June 17, 2012. Some of the volunteer opportunities include preparing meals (whether you want to make a whole meal or just one dish), eating dinner with the families currently in the program, and leading children's activities after dinner. If you are interested in volunteering or donating much needed supplies, please contact JFS at 690-6343. You can read more about the local Family Promise program at <http://www.familypromiseknoxville.org/>.

AJCC Golf Tournament Slated for July 22

By Irv Russotto

The site for the 2012 AJCC Golf Tournament has been chosen. The event will once again be held at Egwani Farms, which last year proved to be a player favorite. The tournament will be held on Sunday, July 22. There will be prizes for winners, as well for skill contests, and as always, a fabulous lunch will be served. The event will be a shotgun start at 8:00 a.m. We only have 72 slots available, so please get your applications in early to insure your place.

Hole sponsorships and cart sponsorships are available. Please contact Irv Russotto at 693-3307, or e-mail ajccgolf@aol.com if you want more information.

Non-players will be welcome to join in the fun and cheer for your favorite teams. We are looking forward to seeing everyone again this year.



AJCC GOLF



TOURNAMENT

Egwani Farms Golf Course

July 22, 2012

Shotgun Start at 8:00 AM

Four Man Scramble

Your Donation Includes:

- Green Fees Cart
- Unlimited use of Driving Range
- Our famous Lunch
- Goody Bag - Snacks
- Door Prizes

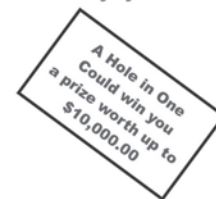
\$99.00 Per Player

Teams will be selected according to the information on your application. You may bring your four man team or we will be happy to place individuals in a group

AJCC

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- 1st Place Trophy
- 2nd Place Trophy
- 3rd Place Trophy
- 4th Place Trophy
- Long Drive
- Closest to the Pin
- Hole-in One

DON'T MISS OUT ON THE FUN. GET YOUR APPLICATION IN EARLY.

3 Ways to Apply:

email your information to ajccgolf@aol.com

fax your application to 1-866-503-8196

mail your application to the AJCC - please include your check

Visa & Mastercard accepted

Hole Sponsorships and Cart Sponsorships Available. Call Irv Russotto at 693-3307, or email ajccgolf@aol.com for information.

2012 Smokin' Salmon Meet Schedule Set

By Coach Megan Edman

I hope that you all are having a wonderful school year!

I don't know about you all but I am ready for summer and more ready for Smokin' Salmon Swimming.

The schedule is set! Please add these dates to your calendar as each little salmon is important to make it up the stream.

- June 19** - Tri-meet at home with ORCA and MBGC
- July 7-8** - Smoky Mountain Invitational at Maryville
- July 12** - AJCC vs. Tellico at Tellico
- July 17** - AJCC vs. NCC at NCC
- July 23** - Junk Meet at KCS
- July 27, 28, and 29** - GKAIISA City Meet, UTK

These are the only set in stone dates that we have at this time, yet have no fear, I know for a fact that so many more things are in the works. Please continue talking to your friends and neighbors, anyone and everyone about the team! We would love to add lots of new salmon this year. AJCC Swim Team forms can be found on the KJA website at www.jewishknoxville.org. You can complete a printable form and mail or drop it by, or complete and electronic form and upload it securely to the KJA.

Hug your swimmers, can't wait to see everyone soon.



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Passover in the Matzah Aisle a Success!

"Passover in the Matzah Aisle" at the Knox Plaza Kroger this past April was a great deal of fun. Thanks to event chair **Jennifer Kanarek**, and volunteers **Scott Hahn**, **Rabbi Alon Ferency**, **Renee' Hyatt**, **Charlene Gubitz**, and **Laura Berry**, who helped with the meet and greet.

Visitors to the booth enjoyed world famous homemade charoses by our own **Jeff Gubitz** and a chance to win a huge Passover basket, courtesy of Kroger and its manager, Ted Mills. The basket was won by the Mundorff family. The program was conducted in conjunction with the Jewish Outreach Institute.



The Mundorff family holds their newly won Passover basket.

The Brits are Coming!

Join us for soccer!

Challenger British Soccer is hosting a soccer camp from **June 11 through June 15**. Register online at www.challengersports.com. Participants will receive a hand stitched soccer ball and t-shirt and a replica British Soccer jersey to campers who register online 45 days before camp.

Coaches will hold the minimum of a Football Association Coaching License/Challenger/British Soccer Coaching certification.

See website for pricing.

Suzy Snoops

Got good news? Share it with your Jewish community by sending information and/or photographs to hakol@jewishknoxville.org.

- ◆ **James Parker**, a senior majoring in political science with a concentration in public administration, was chosen to participate in this year's Tennessee Legislative Intern Program and will assist Senator Mae Beavers. James is a long-time Smokin' Salmon team member and an AJCC lifeguard.
- ◆ **Rachel Brown**, daughter of Ken and Susan Brown, and her barbershop quartet, "Neon," recently won the Young Women in Harmony Competition for the Southeastern Region, sponsored by the Sweet Adelines. They will travel to Denver to compete in the International competition in this fall. Neon is a select quartet made up of members of the Sound Company Show Choir, based in Oak Ridge.
- ◆ **Noah Erwin**, son of Renee' Hyatt and Paul Erwin and a Maryville High School senior, received his Eagle Scout Award in March at a ceremony in Townsend.
- ◆ **Jason Messing**, son of Patrick and Nora Messing, is playing wide receiver for the newly-formed Knoxville Nighthawks arena football team. For information, visit www.knoxvillennighthawks.com.
- ◆ **Andrew Messing**, son of Michael Messing and Joyce York, received two honors at recent science fair competitions. He and a fellow Hardin Valley Academy student placed third at the Southern Appalachian Science Fair and will compete at the Intel International Science Fair in Pittsburgh in mid-May. Andrew also received an honorable mention for an oral presentation at the Tennessee Junior Science and Humanities Symposium. He and four other students will represent Tennessee at the national conference in Bethesda May 2-6.



Rachel Brown (second from left) and her quartet, Neon.

MCDC Welcomes Kids of All Faiths to "The Most Fun Under the Sun"

Day Camp Highlights

- ◆ Fun weekly themes
- ◆ Daily swim lessons
- ◆ Weekly tennis lessons
- ◆ Free swim time in our large pool during camp
- ◆ Field trips or late night/overnight activities EVERY WEEK (whitewater rafting, tubing, Pump it Up!, camping are just a few fun trips)
- ◆ Legendary COLOR WARS week
- ◆ Indoor facilities include a gym featuring a full-size basketball court, classrooms
- ◆ Outdoor facilities include two playgrounds, 13 acres of fields, nature walk, Ga-Ga game pit, pool, four tennis courts, gazebos, picnic tables, wading pool, snack bar
- ◆ Lunch, snacks, and beverages included!
- ◆ Pizza Fridays! Yum!
- ◆ 9:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.
- ◆ **Before Care:** 7:30 a.m.–9:00 a.m. and **After Care:** 3:00 p.m.–6:00 p.m. Monday- Thursday and 5:00 p.m. Friday are available at an extra charge.

Our program is based on a cultural Jewish experience and we promote and provide a multi-cultural experience.

MILTON COLLINS DAY CAMP SESSION RATE*

Registration Fee	\$60
Kindergarten (3 day program)	\$180
Yeladim (K-6th Grade)	\$250
Chaverim (7-9th grade) - TAP	\$255
Madrichim (10th grade) - CIT	\$145

**Additional discounts are available with your annual or summer AJCC membership. For more information and registration forms for memberships, camp, and swim team, please visit www.jewishknoxville.org/camp or call 690-6343.*

MCDC Offers Specialty Camps

British Challenger Soccer Camp

June 11-15, ages 4-15

Soccer camp available for children ages 4-15, taught by British soccer players. Prices range from \$95 - \$180 and include shirt and ball. Both half day and full day soccer camps are available. For more information or to register online, please visit www.challengersports.com.

Bricks 4 Kidz LEGO® Camp

June 4-8: K-2nd grade – 9:00-11:30 a.m.

June 18-22, 3rd-5th grade – 9:00-11:30 a.m.

Aug. 6-10, the featured theme camp for all MCDC campers
Build unique creations, play games, and have loads of fun using LEGO® bricks.

What Partnership Means to Me

By Jenifer Ohriner

I am observing a high school math class in the agricultural Branka Weiss high school in Pardes Hanna, watching my good friend, Marion Moses, teach the class. How did a former elementary school teacher get here?

I've been asked to talk about what the partnership means to me, because several Israelis think I am the quintessential example of the partnership. Is it about the exchange of ideas and practices in the schools? Is it about the friendships that have been created in the process



Bernie Rosenblatt and Jeff Becker at the aqueducts at the shore of Caesaria on the Taste of Partnership trip.

of our sharing? Is it about a greater understanding of Israel and the idea/need for a Jewish state? I think yes, yes, and yes, to all of these and more.

During the summer of 2008, at a Knoxville coffeehouse, I was invited to explore

the possibilities of finding teachers to go to Israel as the first step of an education partnership with Israel. Six months later, three public school teachers found ourselves on a plane to Hadera. My life has not been the same since. I went to schools, I met teachers and students, and I was fed soufganyiot for 10 days. The following year, three teachers found their way to us. We shared educational practices and students,

shopped until we dropped, and we introduced our friends to American Judaism. We knew after that visit that our lives had been changed forever as people and as Jews. Since then I have hosted so many people in my home, including Maya, Judy,

Elisha, Hila, firefighters, Iris, Marion, Nomi, Michael. The beds in my house have been used by many Israelis; we've had PJ parties, and celebrated together. I've been hosted on three trips as well.

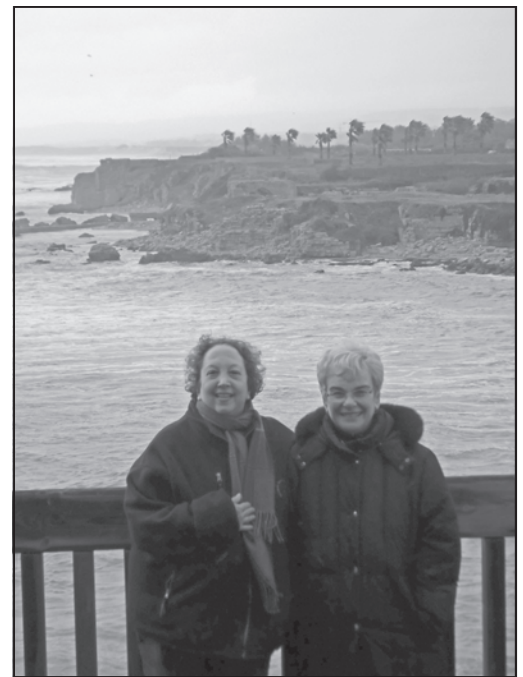
The people of the partnership have helped to expand my life in so many ways! I could talk for hours about how special it is to help Tamar write an opinion paper in English or listen to Iris and Omri try to explain the Kibbutz system to me. Or about the hours I have debated the politics of Israel, which candidate for American president is best for Israel, to the differences between Israelis on the question of the settlements. I've learned how deeply the history affects daily life in Israel, and I've come to realize that when I am in Israel, in a sense I am home the second I get off the plane at Ben Gurion airport. And how I feel like family when I am included on the guest list for weddings and bar mitzvahs. I even have my own room waiting for me in Pardes Hanna.

Of course none of these things could take place without the volunteers on both sides of the ocean. If I list all of you, I'll forget someone. So thank you to all the committee members, all the teachers, all the students, and all the families who have made my experience what it is.

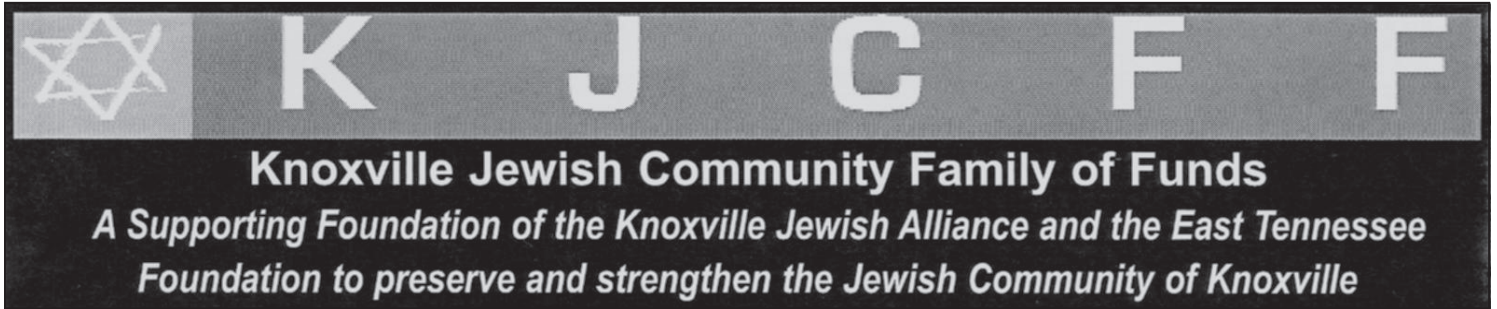
Now, however, I am moving into a new part of the Partnership. I've retired, but I wasn't about to stop my connections with my Israeli families. Now, as chair of the Knoxville Partnership Committee and as a member of the partnership steering committee, I'm still involved. I'm going to work hard to get the women's study group together for Shavuot, 2013. I fully expect to continue the Ohriner hotel and my participation in the partnership for a very long time.



(L to R) Harriet Shifftan, Patricia Lutkowitz, Renee' Hyatt, KJA President, Rochelle Wasserman, Richard Powell overlooking the Jaffa gate on the Taste of Partnership trip.



Charlene Gubitiz and Nancy Becker at the shores of a very storm-tossed Mediterranean Sea.



KJCFF Funds

To assist in donation and grant planning, the following is a list of KJCFF funds and their purposes, current as of April 6, 2012. Donation and grant request forms can be found at www.jewishknoxville.org/kjcff.

Heska Amuna Synagogue Funds

- Bradley Sturm Memorial Fund
For the general benefit of Heska Amuna Synagogue.
- Cohen-Presser Designated Fund
For improvements to the physical plant of Heska Amuna Synagogue and may also be made available for procuring and engraving plaques for the donor wall established by Mr. and Mrs. Joslyn Presser
- Heska Amuna Cemetery Fund
To maintain and improve the New Jewish Cemetery
- Heska Amuna Educators Supplement Fund
To supplement the salary/benefits compensation package of the Heska Amuna educational director and teachers in the religious school
- Heska Amuna Educational Enrichment Fund
To enhance and enrich educational programs of Heska Amuna Synagogue
- Rosenthal Environment Fund
To provide financial support to activities of Heska Amuna Synagogue relating to environmental preservation and conservation
- Sylvia Robinson Memorial Fund
For educational and programmatic musical experiences for Heska Amuna Synagogue

Jewish Congregation of Oak Ridge Funds

- Frances Sturm Cultural Fund of the Jewish Congregation of Oak Ridge
For enhancing and furthering Jewish educational and cultural activities

Knoxville Jewish Alliance Funds

- Abe Collins Cultural Fund
To provide support to the KJA for cultural programs, which may include musical, singing, or other productions
- Allen Rosen Education Fund
For the general benefit of the KJA
- Alliance Opportunity Fund
For the general benefit of the KJA
- Alice Greenberg Fund
To supplement and/or offset the future expenses of the AJCC preschool program
- Arnstein Jewish Community Center Endowment Fund
For capital improvements to the AJCC

Ben & Pearl Zwick Fund

To provide support for quality KJA programs of an entertaining or cultural nature

B'nai Tzedek Legacy Fund

Overall fund for the individual B'nai Tzedek teen philanthropy funds

David Blumberg Youth Leadership Award Fund

To provide support to KJA for its leadership training and award program for KJA members under the age of 35

Dr. Bernard S. Rosenblatt Fund

For the general benefit of the KJA

Gordon Brown Youth Recreation Fund

To support recreational and sports-related activities for children ages 18 months to 18 years

Hannah and Raymond Landsberger Preschool Fund

To provide scholarship support for AJCC preschool families

Jewish Family Service Fund

For the benefit of the Jewish Family Services program of the KJA

KJA Director's Fund

To support the expenses associated with the Executive Director's salary and benefit package

Miles & Zelda Siegel Fund for Knoxville's Jewish Elderly

To provide support to the KJA for its program of services for Jewish elderly members of Knoxville

Milton Collins Cultural Fund

To provide support to KJA for programming, which may include musical, singing, or other productions

Sam & Esther Rosen Friendship Fund

To provide support to the KJA for subsidizing the needs, as in the areas of recreation, education, and other generalized services, of the Jewish elderly and infirm in Knoxville

Sam & Millie Gelber Fund for Jewish Immigrants

To enhance the quality of life for Jewish immigrants to the Knoxville Jewish community

William "Bill" Brody Fund

For the general benefit of the KJA

Zelda & Max Morrison Cultural Enrichment Fund

To help the AJCC provide quality cultural programming of Jewish content, such as musical programs, lectures, or similar entertainment

Knoxville Jewish Alliance Funds, cont.

Zionist Organization Fund

To provide support to KJA for its program of planting trees in Israel in honor of newborn births and Bar/Bat Mitzvahs

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For general charitable purposes

David & Deborah Oleshansky Family Fund

To further causes of peace and justice in the world

EAR Fund

For general charitable purposes

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For the improvement of the quality of life of the aged of the East Tennessee community

Harry & Mollie Brietstein Memorial Fund

To benefit Jewish causes

Jeff & Nancy Becker Community Enrichment Fund

For general charitable purposes

Miriam's Well

For general charitable purposes

Natalie & Mitchell Robinson Community Enrichment Fund

To enhance the development of leadership and education for the Knoxville Jewish Community

Pace & Karen Robinson Philanthropic Fund

For general charitable purposes

Pat and Gene Rosenberg Fund

To benefit various organizations and causes, including, but not limited to, Jewish, educational, and environmental organizations

Sam & Esther Rosen Community Enrichment AJCC Fund

To benefit the AJCC

Sam & Esther Rosen Community Enrichment Federation Fund

To benefit the KJA

Sam & Esther Rosen Community Enrichment Synagogue Fund

To benefit Heska Amuna Synagogue

Sharon Brietstein Memorial Fund

To benefit mental health causes

Stephen & Kim Rosen Donor Advised Fund

To benefit various organizations and causes including, but not limited to, Jewish and educational organizations

Sylvia Greenberg Family Fund

To build and maintain the Knoxville Jewish community

Ted & Dolly Reback Knoxville Youth Fund

To benefit Knoxville Jewish youth, primarily through the Knoxville BBYO program and activities

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Rosalie and Stephen Nagler

Gordon Brown Youth Recreation Fund

In Memory of Harold Winston

Adam Brown

Allen Rosen Education Fund

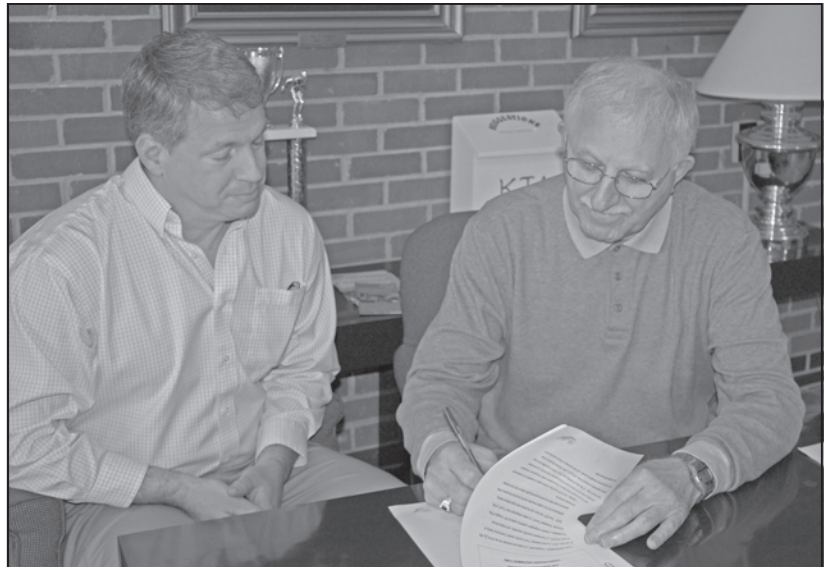
In Honor of Stephen Rosen

Scott Hahn

B'nai Tzedek Fund of Noah Erwin

In Honor of Noah Erwin becoming an Eagle Scout

Jeff and Charlene Gubitz



Scott Hahn, Chairman of the Board of Heska Amuna Synagogue, and Bernie Rosenblatt, KJCFF President, signing the Heska Amuna Synagogue Cohen-Presser Endowment Fund document on January 22, 2012.

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To learn more about KJCFF philanthropic opportunities, call 690-6343 or visit our website at www.jewishknoxville.org/kjcff

Mazel Tov!

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Happy Birthday!

May

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June

- ◆ Alan Feldblum ◆ Lauren Shagan ◆ Joe Oleinik
- ◆ Ronald Sandberg ◆ Barbara Winston ◆ Vladimir Livshits
- ◆ Richard Jacobstein ◆ Harvey Kaufman ◆ Craig Snow
- ◆ Nelly Ostrovskaya ◆ Caiden Bach-O'Donnell
- ◆ Grace Margulies ◆ Frank Sturm
- ◆ Cantor Karen Webber Gilat ◆ Linda Johnson
- ◆ Imelda Margulies ◆ Rachel Margulies ◆ Norma James
- ◆ Julie Berman ◆ Lawrence Harris ◆ Michael Shenkman
- ◆ Ethan Snow ◆ Barbara Holz ◆ Meredith Lee
- ◆ Barbara Meyers ◆ Ruth Feinberg ◆ Jill Ivins
- ◆ Nancy Richer ◆ Anna Badalov ◆ Zoya Loebel
- ◆ Alexander Abrams ◆ Gabriel Abrams ◆ Mimi Brody
- ◆ Robert Freeman ◆ Alex Feldblum ◆ Woody Austin
- ◆ Lucy Barkan ◆ Jeannine Stanley

Happy Anniversary!

May

- Douglas Sofer and Nancy Locklin
- Richard Licht and Shirley McGuire
- Greg Stein and Jeanette Kelleher
- Barry and Marilyn Wohl
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- Bob and Sandra Kronick
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Happy Anniversary!

June

- Robert and Sherry Schoenfeld
- Roy and Carol Loring
- Bill Hicks and Diana Steinfeld-Hicks
- Jeff and Charlene Gubitz
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- Robert and Cheri Pollack
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- Robert and Elaine Freeman
- Allen and Lisa Sayles

JAHRZEIT

TEMPLE BETH EL

May 5

◆ Adell Robinson Bernard ◆ Mark Ian Simon ◆ Edith Berkowitz ◆ Rabbi Jerome Marx ◆ Fred Sonder ◆ Erwin Coleman
 ◆ Jane Nettie Richman ◆ Aaron David Silverman ◆ Phillip Blumenthal ◆ Pauline Gershberg ◆ Dorothy B. Goldberger
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 ◆ Matthew Fandetti ◆ Arthur Friedman ◆ Lois Zellner ◆ Flora Brody ◆ Mary Ella Hicks ◆ Hannah Licht ◆ Fannie Mofsky

May 12

◆ Shirlie B. Goodfriend ◆ Lawrence Levy ◆ Alma Moss ◆ M. Shmukler ◆ A. Stadnishank ◆ Isadore Wolner ◆ Shephard Zafran
 ◆ Bess Zipser ◆ Milton Lebovitz ◆ Essie Lowe ◆ Dorothy Sachs ◆ Cindy Morrison Sot ◆ Carrie P. Becker ◆ Maurice Phineas Greif
 ◆ Harry Walowitz ◆ Morris Berkowitz ◆ Oscar Burstein ◆ Morris Goldfarb ◆ Joseph J. Harris ◆ Gilbert H. Parish
 ◆ Ruth Kronenberger Sherrill ◆ David Nathan Koffman

May 19

◆ Sadie Harris ◆ Simon Schwartzman ◆ K. Shmukler ◆ Murray Rosenblatt ◆ Abe Scott ◆ Cecilia Zimmerman ◆ Verne Canner
 ◆ Saralee Cohn ◆ Lucie A. Fribourg ◆ Anna Garlinder ◆ Les Harris ◆ Hyman T. Kern ◆ BreAnna McQueen ◆ Rosa Ostrovskiy
 ◆ Joice Brown ◆ Sheldon Rosenberg ◆ Bessie Teitelbaum ◆ David Kahn ◆ Elaine Hollander ◆ Clariene Mash ◆ Althea Almeda Brakebill
 ◆ Dr. Louis Brenner ◆ Jack Frant ◆ Sam Kadison ◆ David Prial

June 2

◆ Lawrence Arnold Allen ◆ Minnie Victor ◆ Louis Werner ◆ Bertha Baum Ehrlich ◆ Frances Dickey Patton ◆ Doris Winnick
 ◆ David Garber ◆ Bea Jaffe ◆ Lottie Lehrich ◆ Anny I Marx ◆ Jerold Bensky ◆ Baetrice Cohn ◆ Jakob Marx ◆ Harold Raymon
 ◆ Philip Davis ◆ Maurice Konigsberg ◆ Nathan Harry Smith ◆ Uriel Alayev ◆ Adolf Goodfriend ◆ Euginia Goodfriend
 ◆ Lenke Goodfriend ◆ Margit Goodfriend ◆ Carolyn Greif ◆ Frances Hirschberg ◆ Mildred Rosenblatt ◆ Harvey Smuckler
 ◆ Deborah Steinberg ◆ Herman Steinberg ◆ Jacob Issac Steinberg ◆ Shalom Steinberg ◆ Charles Clarence Strasburger ◆ Wilson Wells
 ◆ Kathriene Caller ◆ Cecile Feinberg ◆ Saul Garber ◆ Rose Bank Gudis ◆ Jeanette Hyatt ◆ Harold Pomerantz ◆ Joseph Sandberg
 ◆ Kathrine B. Soss ◆ Annie S. Taylor ◆ Esther Yadgaroff ◆ Harry Goldberger ◆ Alexander Gompertz ◆ E. Max Kesselman
 ◆ Stephen Lieberman ◆ Jack Parish ◆ Malena Prieto ◆ Florence R Gluck ◆ Chayah Bas Golde Ester ◆ Chayah Bas Elimelech Handler
 ◆ Isaac Ben Jechiel Handler ◆ Abraham D. H. Kaplan ◆ Yitzhak Ben Jechiel Mechel ◆ Donald Pardee ◆ Elizabeth Pardee
 ◆ Theodore Cohn ◆ Grace Goldberger

June 9

◆ Harry Bramowitz ◆ Marie Nordmann Brunschwig ◆ Rose Dubinsky ◆ Morris Levenson ◆ Betty Keller ◆ Dewey Reich
 ◆ Anna Wender ◆ Mose Zavels ◆ Nathan Marks ◆ Amelia Strauss ◆ William W. Waxelbaum ◆ Adolf Miller ◆ Dorothee Heller
 ◆ Richard Wayburn ◆ Maxwell Weinberger ◆ Ron Young ◆ Fred Aron ◆ Joe Lissen ◆ Ruth Rockower

June 16

◆ Esther Margolina ◆ Julius Orovan ◆ Edith C. Smith ◆ Herman Teitelbaum ◆ Ann S. Klein ◆ Leopold Schiffer ◆ Eric J. Sommer
 ◆ Virginia Gluck ◆ Ian Kinney ◆ Joe Lissan ◆ George Gluck ◆ Ethel Kaplan ◆ Joseph Konigsberg ◆ Albert Eisenstadt ◆ David Feinberg
 ◆ William Freedman ◆ Max Rosenstein ◆ Sam Good ◆ Leah Green ◆ Jack Kershner ◆ Helen Nisenshal ◆ Richard Sherrill

June 23

◆ William Goldberger ◆ Henry Bloom ◆ Marjorie Holst ◆ Edwin Schnitman ◆ Celia Brown Sebring ◆ Jennie Grala Zuckerman
 ◆ Adele Stone Bernard ◆ Max B. Arnstein ◆ Morris Bart ◆ Max Cohn ◆ Milton Dubinsky ◆ Edith Holbert ◆ Capt. Orland Porter, Jr.
 ◆ Agnes Young ◆ George Fayerman ◆ Ruth Harmatz ◆ Yetta Shapiro ◆ Samuel Spiro ◆ Bradley Sturm ◆ Paula Zatlin ◆ Morris Gluck
 ◆ Max Licht ◆ Bertram H. Joseph, Sr. ◆ Sol Levenson ◆ F. Joseph Miller ◆ Maimie Voorsanger ◆ Lillian Waitsman ◆ Harold Weinbaum
 ◆ Doris J. Weinstein

June 30

◆ Sylvia Hahn ◆ Sophie Korman ◆ Lillian Pomerantz ◆ Korman Weinstein ◆ Howard Bessemer ◆ Ben Brown ◆ Elizabeth Handler
 ◆ Harry Gunter Marx ◆ Abraham Plachter ◆ Rose Sanders ◆ Larry Weininger ◆ Charlotte Bain ◆ Sally Deitch ◆ Lowell Nisely
 ◆ Mary Ann Garber ◆ Margaret Moss ◆ Dora Silverstein ◆ Miriam Blumberg ◆ Richard M. Hecht ◆ Bella Linke ◆ Jerome Smith
 ◆ Patricia Zivi

Mazel Tov!

Heska Amuna Synagogue

Happy Birthday!

May

- ◆ Trudy Dreyer ◆ Siri-Datar Khalsa-Zemel
- ◆ Jill Chasan ◆ Stuart Chasan ◆ Ellen Kern
- ◆ Harold Silber ◆ Mark Saroff ◆ Shelley Hecht
- ◆ Muriel Marvet ◆ Serina Scott ◆ Doug Weinstein
- ◆ Jill Adlin ◆ Eli Greenbaum ◆ Bert Gurwitch
- ◆ Jack Love ◆ David Icové ◆ Shuli Mesa
- ◆ Jan Hahn ◆ Alan Solomon ◆ Stephen Nagler
- ◆ Michael Glasman ◆ Ernest Wright ◆ Allen Schwartz
- ◆ Marnie Spiegelman ◆ Ethel Wittenberg
- ◆ Jack Benhayon ◆ Barbara Bernstein ◆ Mark Siegel
- ◆ Linda Feld

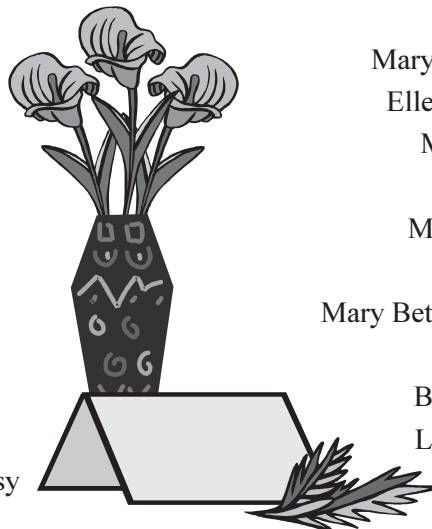
June

- ◆ Daren Eddy ◆ Shush Carson ◆ Lindsey Brown
- ◆ Rachel Hale ◆ Michelle Cohen ◆ Donald Berry
- ◆ Marilyn Pollio ◆ Larry Bayer ◆ Chad Parizman
- ◆ Jeff Baerman ◆ David Perkins ◆ Pam Gross
- ◆ Adam Rowe ◆ Seth Schweitzer ◆ Robin Brown
- ◆ Joyce Diftler ◆ Charles Perelman ◆ Carolyn Fay
- ◆ Allison Fay ◆ Mitch Goldman ◆ Andrea Cartwright
- ◆ Francie Foster ◆ Nancy Richer ◆ Sylvia Saroff
- ◆ Jane Cohen ◆ Gerri Diftler ◆ Ken Brown
- ◆ Mark Harris ◆ Sam Balloff ◆ Richard Imbrey
- ◆ Susan Forman ◆ Joe Sitver ◆ Walter Farkas
- ◆ Suzanne Mittleman

Happy Anniversary!

May

- Nancy Young and Jeff Talman
- Marion and Larry Bayer
- Judy and Lindsey Brown
- Karen and Daniel Messing
- Judy and Gene Bocknek
- Joan and David Linwood
- Sharon and Michael Poore
- Carole and Ivan Cooper
- Laura and Frank Floyd
- Jill and Richard Adlin
- Sharon and Rich Berube
- Joani and Gary Leeds
- Dina and Andy Kramer
- Sandi and Alfred Robinson
- Elizabeth and Howard Zoldessy



June

- Charlene and Jeff Gubitz
- Heather O'Brien and Jan Hahn
- Andrea Cartwright and Alan Solomon
- Judi and Martin Abrams
- Mary Linda and Arnold Schwarzbart
- Ellen Schnoll and Terry Haywood
- Marie and Charles Perelman
- Elise and Herb Jacobs
- Marilyn and Harvey Liberman
- Lynn and Scott Dryzer
- Mary Beth Leibowitz and Michael Eisenstadt
- Carol and Ed Feldman
- Barbara and Bernie Bernstein
- Lesley and Bernie Rosenblatt
- Sheila and Arnold Tew
- Debra and Irwin Gordon
- Stella and Bernie Iroff
- Barbara and Leonard Handler

All members whose birthday or anniversary occurs in May and June are invited to receive a blessing at kiddush on Shabbat morning, May 12 and June 9.

JAHRZEIT

Heska Amuna Synagogue

May 5

◆ Anna Gitman ◆ Lionel Kay ◆ Joseph Bernard ◆ Frieda Schwarzbart ◆ Dorothy Freeman ◆ Abraham Radlaski
◆ Joseph Goldman ◆ Murry Rosenblatt ◆ Tybee Millner ◆ Jacob Schwartz ◆ Benjamin Tew ◆ Harriett Herbin
◆ Joseph Sherman ◆ Pauline Viener ◆ Charles Siegel

May 12

◆ Paul Cawn ◆ Max Friedman ◆ Stanley Duhan ◆ Esther Millen ◆ Lottie Siegel ◆ Beatrice Goldstein ◆ Flora Hasden
◆ Pearl Austin ◆ Isaac Cooper ◆ Howard Greenbaum ◆ Sidney Licht ◆ William Russler ◆ Sandra Levinstone
◆ Benjamin Weinstein ◆ Sanford Weinstein ◆ Hymie Billig ◆ Sharon Brietstein ◆ Gary Miller ◆ Sarah Miller
◆ Hannah Moskowitz ◆ Lillian Drutz ◆ Nat Nisenson

May 19

◆ Kate Caller ◆ Mary Milford ◆ Rachel Davis ◆ Frank Robinson ◆ Linda Cohen ◆ Philip Levine ◆ Yachel Wender
◆ Sidney Burnett ◆ Jacob Ellin ◆ David Garber ◆ Samuel Grusin ◆ Samuel Lavine ◆ Jack Poloway ◆ Everett Young
◆ Bernard Schanowitz ◆ Ruth Kahan ◆ Isaac Resnick ◆ Katherine Soss

May 26

◆ Anne Fuson ◆ Philip Chazen ◆ Sam Nius ◆ Celia Cohen ◆ Sarah Weinstein ◆ Melba Werfel ◆ Saul Garber ◆ Sarah Sachs
◆ Benjamin Togonal ◆ Lester Berry ◆ Ellen Chayet ◆ Sam Danenberg ◆ Pessa Gurwin ◆ Ethel Rosenberg

June 2

◆ Abraham Jacobs ◆ Leon Leibowitz ◆ Arlene Rubin ◆ Hyman Strauss ◆ Sylvia Allen ◆ Ida Brown ◆ Amelia Strauss
◆ Sol Leeds ◆ Nathan Robinson ◆ Bek Hurvich ◆ Lillian Millner ◆ Nettie Secaul ◆ Louis Tobe ◆ Morris Werner
◆ Rachel Resnick ◆ Alice Landis ◆ Morris Rosenblatt

June 9

◆ Rebecca Forstein ◆ Ellen Goldberg ◆ George Gourse ◆ Sarah Gershek ◆ Thelka Naumann ◆ Sarah Poloway
◆ George Adlin ◆ Herbert Smullian ◆ Adele Bernard ◆ Frances Sabler ◆ Claude Schulhof

June 16

◆ Esther Kay ◆ Max Rosen ◆ Irene Baskin ◆ Naomi Miller ◆ Harry Lipshin ◆ Jennie Rosenblatt ◆ Seena Allen
◆ Albert Eisenstadt ◆ Isaac Green ◆ Harry Gurwin ◆ Victor Hanan ◆ Ben Mazur ◆ Selma Corkland ◆ Louis Edelman
◆ Esther Spiegelman ◆ Doris Weinstein ◆ Sylvia Kelman ◆ Edith Rosenthal ◆ Robert Sabler ◆ Zelda Siegel ◆ Sylvan Zemel

June 23

◆ Sol Berry ◆ Jacob Klein ◆ Murray Baskin ◆ Abraham Collins ◆ George Fayerman ◆ Fannie Russler ◆ Bernard Marvet
◆ Lily Pincus ◆ Israel Dyller ◆ Homer Kramer ◆ Eli Wurm ◆ Susan Drayer ◆ Carol Glasman ◆ Marvin Ohriner
◆ Morton Simpson

June 30

◆ Ida Hurvich ◆ Rose Robinson ◆ Joseph Weinbren ◆ Dorothy Blue ◆ Jennie Friedman ◆ Annie Cohen
◆ Rebecca Fayonsky ◆ Emma Levin ◆ Gerald Millen ◆ Bradley Sturm ◆ Emma Burnett ◆ Moses Greenberg ◆ Zelda Baskin
◆ Harold Brownstein ◆ Lewis Littmann ◆ Anna Richer ◆ Marshall Stern

Jewish Congregation of Oak Ridge



Mitzvah for Sarah

Project Walk for Sarah organizers would like to thank those who have helped toward our goal of sending Sarah Perez to Project Walk in Atlanta. To date, we have raised nearly \$12,000 toward the \$32,000 goal through the help and chesed of Sarah's family and friends, Knoxville Jewish Day School, Chabad of Knoxville, Jewish Congregation of Oak Ridge members, the Ice Chalet, Aspen Health & Healing Center, Lisa Deal with Premier Designs Jewelry, Center Stage Dance and Cheer, and Salsarita's restaurants.

For those of you who don't already know her, Sarah is a local Jewish child paralyzed in a car accident in May 2011. Her family wants to send her to Project Walk for intensive physical therapy not covered by insurance that may help her walk again. You can read about Sarah and the efforts of our wonderful community in the Knoxville News Sentinel: www.knoxnews.com/news/2012/mar/27/community-rallies-to-help-10-year-old-working/ We are continuing in this effort, and if you are able to help us, please donate here: www.crowdrise.com/projectwalkforsarah

The delightful and successful Community Women's Passover Seder was hosted by JCOR Sisterhood on March 22 and benefited the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI).



(From Top, Clockwise) Charlene Gubitz,; Fran Silver & Rachel Carlson; Avigail Rashkovsky; Becky Charles; Linna and Havah; Sonya Eichler; Anne Greenbaum, Leslie El-Sayed, Teresa Gregory and Linda Bell



Hadassah Highlights

A Note from Cindy

By Cindy Pasi, President

One day God was sitting in heaven when God was approached by a scientist who said to the Almighty, "God, we don't need you anymore. Science has finally figured out a way to create life out of nothing. In other words, man can now do what you did in Genesis." "Oh is that so? Tell me about it," replied God. "Well," stated the scientist, "we take dirt and form it into the likeness of man and then breathe life into it, thus creating man." "Interesting, show me," insisted God. So the scientist bent down to the earth and started to mold the soil into the shape of a man. "No, no, no. Not so quick," interrupts God, "**First create your own dirt!**"

This past year Hadassah women were very much aware of the importance of dirt as we dug deep into the land in order to build the Wetsman Davidson Tower on Hadassah's Ein Kerem Campus. We understood the beauty and wonderful healing powers of nature when we integrated plants and flowers into an atrium in our Tower. Above all, we accepted the responsibility given to the Jewish people when we were allotted the land of Israel -to do good with the land, to bring blessings to the land, and to always be "the healing of the daughter of my people."

Chag Shavuot Sameah. Happy Shavuot

Zionism

Land, People, and Covenant

Study with Hadassah women this summer on the stories, behaviors, promises, and values that identify us as a unique people. Zionist education is our birthright and our entryway to Jewish community. The lessons paint portraits in miniature, focusing on the fundamental concepts of the Jews as a people, the land of Israel, and the values of Judaism.



**Join us on Sundays from 10 - 11
June 3 through July 29**

Class size is extremely limited
so RSVP early.

There is no charge for this class,
for women only.

RSVP to Cindy Pasi at
pasitenntrio@aol.com

Book Club

We are looking at several book and movie combinations for our May 22 meeting. Our final choice will be posted on the Community Calendar, please check out <http://www.jewishknoxville.org/index.aspx>.

In our March meeting we discussed Wendy Besmann's book, *Through the Gate of Dreams*, and we were privileged to have the author come to our discussion. Wendy gave us a taste of what it takes to research and write a work of fiction,

from Wendy's perspective, a more challenging job than the non-fiction books she has written. A sequel is in the works, so fans of Wendy's heroine Susanna can look forward to more of her exciting adventures.

If anyone would like more information about the Hadassah book club, please contact Peggy Littmann at 588-6661, or plittmann@comcast.net.

All Jewish women and friends from the greater Knoxville area are always welcome.



Knoxville Chapter of Hadassah Now Has 353 Members!

We welcome all these new members and also include current members who upgraded to life memberships as part of our centennial celebration this year.

New Life Members residing in the Knoxville Area:

Debbie Abrams-Cohen
Jessica Balin
Gail Borio
Bella Budik
Amber Case
Karen Ferency
Meredith Goldman
Lynn Goldstein
Jennifer Gubitz
Leslie Gubitz
Kim Hedrick
Rene Hyatt
Kim Isenberg
Lisa Jacobson
Anita Kay
Rachel Leeds-Harris
Jennifer Martino

Mara Nagler
Linda Palcu
Susan Ring
Allison Shagan
Elizabeth Spenser
Gennifer Spenser
Samantha Spenser
Amy Willis-Becker
Marilyn Wohl

Transfer:

Rosalie Nagler

Out of State New Life Members:

Lauren Borio
Corinne Blecher
Jordan Goldberg
Raina Joiner
Autumn Katz
Emily Lebowitz

Hallel Raphael
Talia Webster
Jennifer Wolf
Michelle Wolf

Upgrades to Life Memberships:

Phyllis Hirsh
Jeanne Kidd
Carol Loring
Carole Martin
Jenny Pfeffer-Rodriquez
Cheri Pollack
Patricia Rosenberg
Karen Rubin
Dr. Gilya Schmidt
Andrea Schwartz
Karen Smuckler
Joyce Traugot
Joyce York
Deborah Zive Richman

In addition, we have 13 new child life memberships

Hadassah Knoxville Welcomes Our Newest Associates:

Alan Abrams
Terry Abrams
J Joseph Blotner
Camden Boring
Van Boring
David Cohen
Jan Fay
Rabbi Alon Ferency
David Floyd
Frank Floyd

Jeffrey Jacobsen
John Kuykendall
Dr. Mark Littmann
Liam McGinnis
Alan Merlin
Gabriel Mesa
Elijah Mesa
Jonah Mesa
Noah Mesa
Patrick Messing

Benjamin Natelson
Yigdal Raphael
Asher Robinson
Eli Robinson
Ethan Robinson
Nathaniel Robinson
Bernard Rosenblatt
Britt Sturm
Ethan Sturm

Delegation of Top Hospital Administrators is Wowed by Hadassah Medical Center's new Inpatient Facility

"It's leading edge. Just the thinking behind it! Healing gardens, patient rooms, square feet, two beds per room, one bed per room, one window per patient...I mean these are huge developments," Joseph Mapa, Chief Executive Officer of Toronto's Mt. Sinai Hospital, said of the Hadassah University Medical Center's new Sarah Wetsman Davidson Hospital Tower, during a visit to Hadassah as part of the first-ever delegation to Israel of close to 50 CEOs from top hospitals in North America.

"The American system has many great things, but also many things to learn from this country and I think that the level of medicine here and the level of training is every bit as good as medicine that I see now in the States," Kevin Tabb, the CEO of Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center in Boston, told The Media Line, an online source for Mideast information. "It's amazing to see the relatively small budgets for an Israeli hospital, doing a tremendous amount of things on what would be considered a pittance in the U.S. and that's fascinating," said Dr. Tabb.

"This has been a tremendous exchange of North American healthcare leaders with Israeli healthcare leaders," Amir Dan Rubin, president and CEO of Stanford University Medical Center, commented.

Layettes

Our children are so very important....Celebrate with these families by helping Hadassah! We currently have two open Layettes: **Ellen and Steve Markman and Harold Markman** on the birth of the grandson and great-grandson **Owen Levi Markman**; **Barbara and Larry Winston and Becky Winston** on the birth of their granddaughter and great-granddaughter **Maya Tomioka**



Your donation in honor of these children should be made payable to Hadassah Knoxville and mailed to: Judi Abrams, 212 Whithorn Lane, Knoxville, TN 37909 or contact me at 865-693-5451 or jmksa1@aol.com.

Thanks for your continued support of Hadassah Knoxville.

Hadassah Swearing-In at the Supreme Court 2011

Twenty-two Life and Associate Members of Hadassah's National Center for Attorneys' Councils were sworn in to the U.S. Supreme Court Bar on February 22 and 23, 2011.

This whirlwind 24-hour event commenced the night prior to the Swearing-In with dinner at the Washington, D.C. JCC. There was a presentation by Amy Howe, a Supreme Court advocate and editor of the Supreme Court of the United States (SCOTUS) blog, on the first night and Deputy Solicitor General Michael Dreeben on the second night.

The next day, nominees participated in the official swearing in ceremony before the entire court and heard the reading of court decisions and oral arguments in two cases. Both groups had the opportunity to see Mr. Dreeben, who argued for the Justice Department in *United States v. Tinklenberg* on day one and assisted in *Freeman v. United States* on day two.

The attorneys and guests had the distinct privilege to meet the three Jewish jurists: Justices Stephen Breyer, Ruth Bader Ginsberg, and Elena Kagan. In appreciation for meeting with the group, Attorneys' Councils Chair Beth Aaronson presented Justice Breyer, who enjoys cooking in his free time, with the Hadassah Jewish Holiday Cookbook and Justices Ginsberg and Kagan with Centennial Key necklaces.

The Marshal of the Supreme Court, and Hadassah Life Member, Pamela Talkin and Chief Librarian Judith Gaskell gave lunch presentations, and both groups took a tour of the Court library. Hadassah Archivist Susan Woodland also made a historical presentation at the Justice Louis Brandeis portrait, which was purchased and donated by Hadassah in 1946.



Hadassah Highlights

Knoxville Chapter of Hadassah

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Home Sweet Hadassah

On March 22 Hadassah celebrated its 100th birthday coast to coast in small gatherings throughout the country. The Knoxville and Oak Ridge Chapters met at the home of Marcia and Moshe Shloush. We celebrated with food and stories of Hadassah from past presidents, associates, and members. Moshe Shloush shared that as an IDF soldier he patrolled Beit Hadassah to keep it safe. Jeff Gubitz shared that his first memories of Hadassah were as a young child travelling with his mother collecting for JNF. Mary Evars Goan reminisced about her term as president when Hadassah was nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize. Bonnie Boring spoke of her passion for Hadassah and the work we have done, and continue to do. Cindy Pasi shared the excitement of going to Israel this October as we gift the new Sarah Wetsman Davidson Tower to Israel. There is still time to make your plans to go on that once in a lifetime trip. The Knoxville Chapter of Hadassah received Proclamations in honor of our Hadassah anniversary from the City of Knoxville Mayor Madeline Rogero and Knox County Mayor Tim Burchett. These were read to our gathering by past presidents Mary Linda Schwarzbart and Barbara Leeds. The evening ended with all sharing a toast to Hadassah for the past and looking forward to our next 100 years.



Mary Linda Schwarzbart (left) and Barbara Leeds (right) share their experiences as Past Presidents before reading the proclamations for Hadassah from both the city and county mayors.

Together in Jerusalem we will shout

Shehechyanu
 שֶׁחַיָּנוּ

Blessed are You,
 our God, Creator of time and space,
 who has supported us, protected us,
 and brought us to this moment.

HADASSAH'S CENTENNIAL CONVENTION OCTOBER 15-18, 2012.



Bring your friends and family. Register and read all the details, including pre-and post-tour options, at www.hadassah.org/centennial. Please contact our tour operator Ayelet Tours (800.237.1517) or the Hadassah Meeting and Travel Department (212.303.8239) with any questions or for further informaton.



Help Israel By Purchasing Tree or Water Certificates

Yes, you can help Israel simply by contacting Marian Jay and purchasing a tree certificate for \$12.00 or a much needed water certificate for \$18.00. You may designate a name for either certificate in memory of someone, sending get well wishes to an individual, in honor of a birthday, anniversary, birth, marriage, engagement or someone's accomplishment. Israel is always in need of trees and water. Please help the forests by planting a tree and helping the trees grow in Israel by giving them some water. You can call Marian at 524-8234, mail your request and a check to her at P.O. Box 10983, Knoxville, TN, 37939 or e-mail her at mayfayjay@aol.com to arrange for a tree or water certificate to be sent out for you.





Stanford Eisenberg Knoxville Jewish Day School

Community Volunteer Brings His Many Talents to KJDS

Owen Littmann, a Knoxville native who graduated from West High School, is graciously volunteering his time at KJDS this spring. He is teaching PE to grades K-5 during the school day, and teaching two 4 week classes during after care. In the first 4 week class, Owen taught the kids about Asian culture and he is currently teaching the second class, which is soccer.

After high school graduation, Owen went on to Tulane University where he studied Anthropology and Asian Studies, and also received a minor in Ecology and Evolutionary Biology. After he graduated from Tulane, he went to Japan and studied at Doshisha University. He completed the Bekka program there, which is a yearlong program that focuses on Japanese language and culture. While he was there, he taught English at a private school. He also joined a basketball club and traveled in his off time. A highlight from his time in Japan was climbing Mt. Fuji! He is currently applying to the JET program, where he would work as a grade school teacher of English Language in public schools in Japan. We are so glad to have Owen at KJDS to share with us his many creative talents and expertise, and hope that his experience at KJDS is helpful to what he hopes to do in the future!



Owen Littmann, teaching basketball skills on the new basketball court

Playground

The students at the Knoxville Jewish Day School have a lot to be happy about when they go outside for recess! John Cass, of CJP Construction, is a roofer who put a new roof on Principal Jennifer Dancu's roof. John has a daughter that teaches in the Bronx and as he and Jennifer got to talking about Sarah Perez, a fifth grader at KJDS, and the accident that she was in last May that has left her in a wheelchair, he realized that there might be a way he could help Sarah and the other children at KJDS. Back in November he put in a concrete sidewalk from the parking lot, down to the KJDS playground, so that Sarah could get down to the playground with ease. Once that was done, he realized that it was great that she could get down there, but that there wasn't much she could do once she was there. A large construction job took John out of state for a couple of months, but upon his return, he started working again. He has since put in a large concrete pad next to the jungle gym and an adjustable basketball hoop to create a basketball court where Sarah and the other kids can



practice their shots. He also leveled out an area next to the concrete pad and is in the process of moving the soccer field closer to the rest of the playground. He has ordered sod for the field, new soccer goals and already purchased new basketballs and soccer balls for the kids. We would like to take this opportunity to thank John, and his crew for all their hard work on our playground. It's good people like John that make this world a better place!

KJDS students having a ball on the new basketball court!

KJDS Graduate Articles

(from our four 5th grade students graduating this year)

By Jacob Hale

Leaving the Knoxville Jewish Day School (KJDS) will be a big change. I have been here since the school's opening. The five years I have been here, I have had great teachers, great friends and activities that I have loved. Plays, experiments and special activities have been some of the great experiences while at KJDS. These have been the best because these have made my learning fun and more creative. This school has also taught me more about the Jewish religion and the history of my Jewish past. My favorite part is that I have done all of these with my friends. I love playing basketball with my friends at recess. We joke around and have fun. We have become like family and I will really miss them next year.

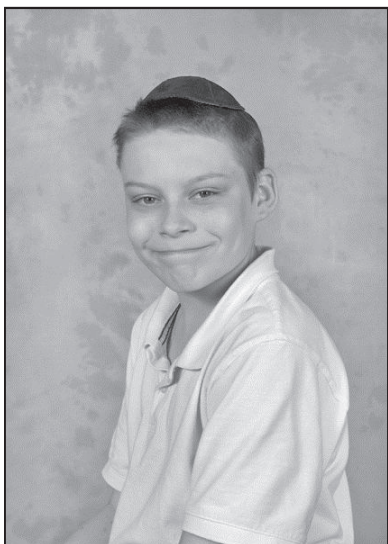
I have had great teachers over the years. Ms. Corinne Cruz, Ms.

Jessica Vose, Ms. Jennifer Ohriner, Ms. Rishi Bendet, Ms. Miriam Esther, Ms. Jennifer Dancu and Ms. Leslie Ruben have all been there for me when I needed help. They have made my learning more exciting, by allowing me to express my creativity and have inspired me to have a passion for learning. I'll always remember KJDS, and all my memories of this wonderful school.



By Joey Carson

I have had a wonderful experience at KJDS. I was one of the original eight students and it has been an honor to be at this school. I have met lots of friends while at KJDS and I will truly miss them. They always make me laugh and keep me entertained. I will also miss my teachers and classes. The class that I will miss the most is history, because I love studying about American wars such as WWII. I have learned more about my religious faith at KJDS and look forward to continuing my Jewish studies.



By Sarah Perez

KJDS is like a second home. I have gone to this school since it opened, 6 years ago. It is a blessing to go to KJDS and I have created a lot of wonderful memories here that I will always cherish.

It's nice to be in a small school. It allows me to grow more as a person, as a student, and to become a well-rounded person. Teachers are able to provide you with more attention and tailor learning to fit individual's needs. As life has changed for me, I gained a new appreciation and understanding of the school and the people here. They have made this transition in my life easier and it is greatly appreciated.

I feel prepared for middle school. We have learned study skills, how to take notes, and how to stay organized. I'm confident to be going into middle school and taking on new responsibilities. Even though I look forward to middle school, I will miss all the people I have met over the years at KJDS.



By Jackson Davis

For three years KJDS has prepared me for middle school. During my time here, they have given me all kinds of skills, for example: how to study, ways to study, note taking, and outlining. Every day I have been here, I learn something new, like the layers of the sea, parts of waves, and much more. When I leave KJDS I will miss my teachers and friends.

My teachers have made learning fun and enjoyable. I enjoy how they incorporate projects into the learning. They are patient and are always willing to help me and my classmates. The friendships I have made at KJDS are long lasting. My friends are always willing to help and are constantly making me laugh.

Thanks to the skills I learned at KJDS, I am looking forward to middle school. I am excited for the new responsibilities and there are lots of sports teams in middle school to look forward to. Thank you for everything KJDS, I will miss you!!!



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KJDS Holiday Blitz!

Between Purim and Pesach, we've been running on fast track as we continue our studies of Hebrew literacy and make time to delve into the meaning of all our holiday traditions. The songs of Chag Purim quickly turned into Mah nishtanah Halailah Hazeh.... There is nothing greater than the joy of discovering how strong the students' knowledge of our Jewish Holidays is. An informal assessment is conducted at the beginning of each unit to find out students' prior knowledge and what a testament



Seder relay races prepare us for Pesach

to our community, families and schools these assessments have been! To further enhance their studies, students have done creative projects; they used a teaching tool called fakebook and "posted" the story of Purim through the eyes of one of the Megilah's characters, the full color Talam Hagadot gives them an opportunity to explore and analyze text, they've built pyramids depicting the story of Pesach, studied traditional and modern Israeli songs in Hebrew that are relevant to Pesach, and of course played a variety of games to master all the 15 steps of the Seder.

What's the Weather Like?

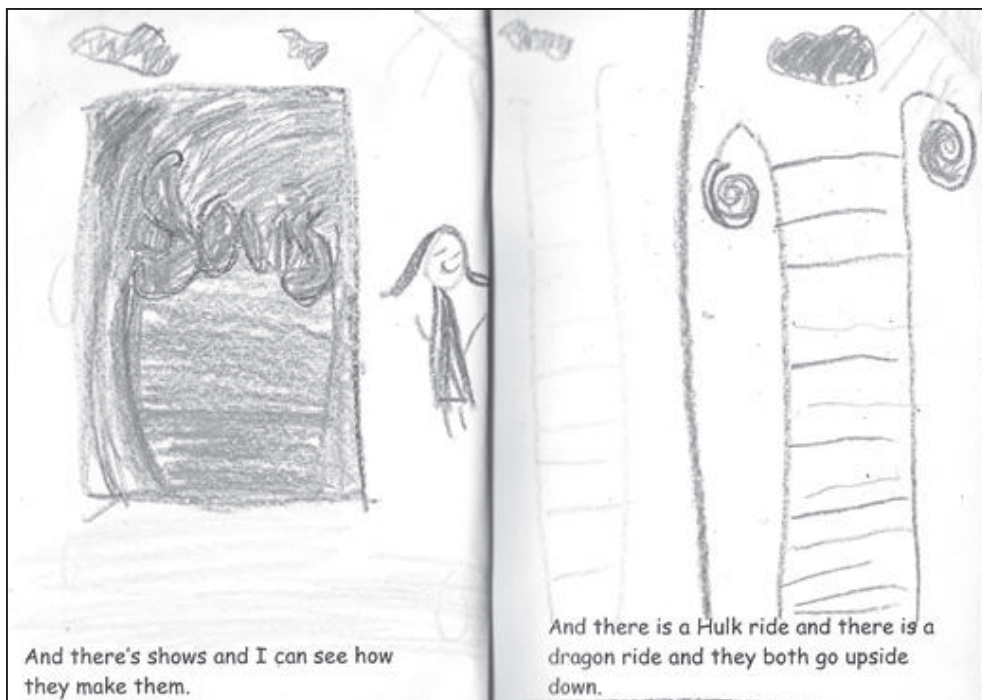
Just ask one of our K/1 students. In science they are learning all about the weather. The students answered the question "What is a Meteorologist?" in a writing activity. They have learned that meteorologists use tools to help accurately predict and track the weather. We have created some of these tools and are tracking the weather ourselves. The students are eager to learn more about the weather.



Mendel, Leead and Abigail with their wind vane

KJDS' Youngest Authors

The K-1 group is becoming quite adept at writing stories. We refer to ourselves as "authors" because we practice several times a week to do the things that good authors do. This includes telling stories in order, using lots of detail, taking a small moment and stretching it into a readable story, and drawing detailed pictures that match our words when we take the book to the publishing stage. All this hard work pays off when we get to sit in the author's chair and read our masterpieces to the entire class! We enjoy being a part of that special culture called authors, and we look at books with new eyes now.



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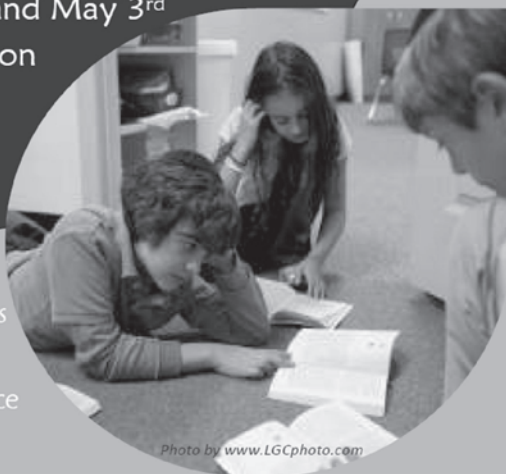


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The Way We Were in 1983



Gert Weinstein BBG Beau Dance '83

Left to right: Robin **Reizenstein**, Katheryn **Rosen** (above) (sister of Stephen of Knoxville), Jeff **Jacobs** (son of Lynn **Bean** of Crossville), Lauren **Garfinkel**, Shelly **Miller** (daughter of Lee who recently moved from Knoxville), Brenda **Weinstein** [now **Fox**] (cousin of Douglas and Jeff of Knoxville), Elizabeth **Leibowitz** [now **Asher**] (daughter of Larry and Kay of Knoxville), Simmie **Saroff** (above) [now **Barrocas**] (daughter of Sylvia, sister of Mark and Melanie **Colley** of Knoxville).

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