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

Welcome Rabbi Michaels

The congregation of Temple Beth El invites the entire Knoxville Jewish community to join them in welcoming Rabbi Mathew D. Michaels as he begins his tenure as our spiritual leader.

Rabbi Michaels comes to Knoxville with a rich and deep tradition in Jewish leadership and learning, educational programming, Jewish camp experiences, congregational innovations, and community involvement. He received his bachelor of arts in political science from the University of California, Los Angeles in 1974; followed by his master of arts in Hebrew Letters from Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, Los Angeles, California in 1978. Rabbi Michael's rabbinic ordination took place in Cincinnati, Ohio at HUC-JIR in 1980, and in 2005 he was awarded his doctor of divinity, *honors causa*, from HUC-JIR in Los Angeles, California.



Rabbi Michaels served congregations in Texas and Indiana and served as an interim director of Hillel Foundation of Greater Houston. He is the past president of Southwest Association of Reform Rabbis (SWARR) and the Houston Rabbinic Association. He has served on the boards of several major Jewish organizations including American Jewish Committee, Jewish Family Service, Jewish Community Center, and the Jewish Federation of Greater Houston.

When asked to provide some personal perspective, Rabbi Michaels said "Judaism nourishes my soul. I live a Jewish lifestyle not because I am a Rabbi, but because I am a Jew, committed to the perpetuation of Judaism. For me, the synagogue is a true partnership between the laity and professional leadership. The rabbi, staff, board, and committees work in concert to enable people to encounter Judaism in their daily lives. Working together, drawing on each other's skills and expertise, a congregation transforms visions into realities. Within the formal structure of Jewish communal institutions, it is the synagogue that empowers its members to seek a more spiritual dimension to their existence. As a congregational rabbi, I am privileged to be an integral part of the sacred process that creates and sustains Jews. A major goal in my rabbinate is to engage people where they are in their lives and motivate them to enhance their own Jewish experience. In so doing, their lives, as well as my life, are enriched and blessed."

Rabbi Schwartz receiving gift of stained glass artwork from the Temple Beth El congregation at her Farewell Dinner. See more on pages 5 and 6.



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TEMPLE BETH EL TIMES



President's Message

By *Stu Elston*

First of all, I want to sincerely thank the many people who have extended their congratulations and well wishes to me as I begin my term as president of Temple Beth El. I am very grateful for your support and am hoping that support will continue in the future, in a tangible form, as we get down to the work that will need to be done. As I write this (at the end of May), my actual term still seems distant and everything I plan to say seems like just a vision of the future. But I know there are truly exciting times to come for Temple Beth El, and I am very excited to share a part of a new chapter in our story.

Most of all, I want to extend a very warm welcome to Rabbi Mathew Michaels as he arrives later in July to serve as our spiritual leader at Beth El. It goes without saying that I'm looking forward to developing a strong partnership with him, and I know that our entire congregation joins me in anticipating many events, both large and small, which will make his welcome a memorable one. I hope every member will find an opportunity to meet with Rabbi Matt at least one of these occasions.

Finally, I want to thank all of the many people who have made this very important change in the life of our Temple possible, and who will make the transition possible into the future. Those people are too many to name here, but I do want to single out two who have been instrumental so far: Stephen Eisen, who led our Rabbinic Search Committee, and Phyllis Hirsh, who has agreed to lead our Rabbinic Transition Committee. Please help me thank them by giving them yours.

It's Time for Sisterhood

By *Karen Smith, Sisterhood President*

Sisterhood had a very busy May! *Todah* to Phyllis Hirsh for hosting the Chai Tea on Sunday, May 6 in honor of Rabbi Schwartz, to Mimi Brody and Kathy Young for organizing the "Sisterhood Goes Out" evening on Thursday, May 17, and to Meredith Jaffe for planning the Rosh Chodesh Sivan program for Monday, May 21.

Watch the mail during the summer months for a mailing from Oneg Chairs Karen Smuckler and Ava Radoff to request your Oneg date and one from Membership Co-Vice Presidents Honerlin Del Moro, Marcy Frankel, and Barbara Holz about joining Sisterhood. It's time for a new year of Sisterhood!

The Sisterhood Board met the end of May and began plans for the coming year.

Sisterhood Beiler Floral Fund Co-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 a life cycle event or special occasion.

Temple Sisterhood continues to support the Family Justice Center. Donations are always needed especially individual juice boxes and individually wrapped healthy snacks. Please place your items in the marked box by the side door at Temple. And, don't forget non-perishable food items for Marty's Mission.

It's time for Sisterhood!

11 Tamuz—12 Av, 5772

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July Services

July 6 - 6:00 p.m. – Led by Dan Smith - no oneg

July 13 –6:00 p.m. – Led by Susan Baker and Liz Gassel - no oneg

July 20 -7:30 p.m. - Rabbi Michael's first service

July 27 – 7:30 p.m. - Josh Oleinik Bar Mitzvah

Common sense is
the collection of
prejudices
acquired by age
eighteen.

— Albert Einstein

Temple Sisterhood Members Attend District Meeting

By Charle Rizzo and Karen Smith

Temple Beth El Sisterhood was represented at the WRJ Central District interim meeting in Cincinnati, Ohio April 27-29, 2012 by Sisterhood President Karen Smith and Secretary/President-Elect Charle Rizzo.

The weekend began with a rousing Rock Shabbat at Rockdale Temple followed by Shabbat dinner.

Saturday was the highlight of the weekend as we spent the day on the campus of HUC (Hebrew Union College.) Not even the rainy, chilly weather could dampen the spirits of the 63 delegates as we shared Torah study and Shabbat morning services in the HUC chapel led by faculty and students.

Following a Mediterranean lunch prepared on site at HUC, we visited the Skirball Museum, Klau Library, and American Jewish Archives. Even if you have been to these exhibits previously, there is always something new and different to see because of the temporary exhibits.

Saturday dinner at a local Cincinnati restaurant included havdallah and a "white elephant auction" to raise money for WRJ's YES Fund.

Sunday morning included a plenary as delegates pondered the policies and business of WRJ Central District.

As Central District Vice President for Programming and Advocacy and a District Past President, Karen Smith attended Executive Committee meetings.

We would like to thank Temple Beth El Sisterhood for including a line item in the budget for members to attend leadership development events such as this.

It's time for Sisterhood! Come on join in.

Sisterhood's Chai Tea Honors Rabbi Schwartz

On Sunday, May 6 Temple Sisterhood honored Rabbi Schwartz at a Chai Tea at the home of Phyllis Hirsh. About 35 Sisterhood women enjoyed tea, appetizers, desserts, and "sisterhood." Following remarks by Sisterhood President Karen Smith, Rabbi was given a sculpture of Miriam dancing with the women. Karen thanked Rabbi for helping Temple Sisterhood women learn to express their Judaism just as Miriam led the women in song and dance.

Everyone at the Chai Tea signed a Goldengram for Rabbi.



(Top Right) Emma Fleischmann and Charle Rizzo

(Below Right) Susan Baker, Marcy Frankel, Charle Rizzo, Wilma Weinstein, and Honerlin Del Moro

(Left) Karen Smith and Rabbi Schwartz



Condolences

We are deeply saddened to learn of the death of our member **Dr. Joseph Zimmerman** on May 16. We send our condolences to **Fred Zimmerman** on the death of his father. May his memory be for a blessing.

All That Jazz

By Phyllis Hirsh and Amy Rosenberg

On behalf of the 2012 Auction Committee, we would like to take this opportunity to thank all members, non-members, friends and the Knoxville community for supporting, attending and/or donating to Temple Beth El's "All That Jazz" annual fundraiser. It gives the committee great pleasure to let you know that through your generosity and high bidding the evening of the Auction, we exceeded our goals and raised over \$18,400. This was a record-breaking year in the following areas: (1) the number of items donated, (2) retail value of items donated, (3) net profit and (4) 71% of the people attended purchased at least one item.

This year the committee was spectacular! Your generosity of your time and commitment to the Auction goes beyond the goals of the Temple, in addition to showing how much you care! It is important for you, the congregation to know who helped on the committee. Special thanks to Ellen, Sandy, Sylvia, Hayley, Missy, Joyce, Lorie, Meredith, Shelley, Marla and Ceil. In addition to the committee, many other people volunteered with check-in, set-up, collection of bid sheets, check out, making desserts and clean up. Many thanks to Ken, Stephen, Ann, Susan B., Charlotte, Hal, Jake, Danielle, Lizzy, Jessie T. Martin, Scott, Jana, Joann and T.J. (We sincerely apologize if your name has mistakenly been left off the list). Thank you to Lesley, Sylvia and Phyllis for preparing all of those scrumptious, homemade Italian dessert platters. They were absolutely mouth-watering delicious.

The jazz quartet featuring Pamela Klicka and the Boling, Brown & Holloway Trio was a great addition to this year's auction. The caterer, Bravo Italiano Cucina had everyone licking their fingers because the food was so scrumptious. Swing dancing with Monty Lewis was also a nice addition this year. The finance team, "C.A.V. Group" logged in all the bids and kept check-out moving quickly. The auctioneer, Randy Loew, had people bidding higher and higher and higher! All the above played a huge role in the success of the auction and we could not have done it without you.

Once again, thank you to all of our bidders for their over whelming generosity. There was something for everyone to bid on, and they did. For those who donated, attended and won bids, you made this event a huge success!



Monty Lewis dancing with Susan Arbutal and Jake Rosenberg dancing with Hayley Goldfeld.



Danielle Goldfeld and Lizzy Noon assist with the live auction while the Auctioneer generated bids on a Chaim Gross-numbered print donated by Phyllis and Ken Hirsh.

B'NEI MITZVAH



Josh Oleinik Celebrates Bar Mitzvah

Joshua Adam Oleinik, son of Joe and Charlene Oleinik, will celebrate his becoming a bar mitzvah on Friday, July 28, 2012 at 7:30 p.m. at Temple Beth El.

Josh and his family move to Knoxville about two years ago from Gillette, Wyoming. While growing up in Wyoming, Josh attended religious school at Synagogue of the Hills in Rapid City, South Dakota.

For his mitzvah project, Josh has been working weekends at Second Harvest Food Bank since April.

Josh is a rising 8th grader at Webb Middle School where he was on the cross country and track teams. When not involved with school work, Josh enjoys fishing, hiking and playing computer games.

Josh and his family invite the Knoxville Jewish community to join friends and family from California, Louisiana, Oregon, Wyoming and Toronto to his Bar Mitzvah service, and one at Temple Beth El; the first bar mitzvah officiated by Rabbi Mathew Michaels at TBE.

Rabbi Schwartz Farewell Dinner

Rabbi Beth Schwartz was feted by the Knoxville Community on June 7 at the Crowne Plaza. Marilyn Kallet and Mimi Pais co-chaired the event which included remarks by Dr. David Kitts, representing the Knoxville Ministerial Association, and Dr. Bernard Rosenblatt, representing the Knoxville Jewish community. Dr. Kallet, noted poet, presented two original poems in Rabbi's honor, and Mimi Pais delivered her comments in the form of a "rap."

Rabbi Alon Ferency of Heska Amuna blessed the meal; Dr. Lou Gross emceed the party which included Klezmer-style entertainment by Rob Heller and Tennessee Schmaltz. Temple Beth El President Deborah Roberts presented the congregation's gift, an original stained glass work by congregation member Susan Arbital.

Rabbi Schwartz was honored by more than 160 attendees, including her family, Mayor Madeline Rogero, local clergy from many denominations, journalists, congregants and friends. Her achievements and contributions in our community have been many; we wish her well in her position as rabbi of Temple Israel in Columbus, GA.



(Left) Larry Washington and Rabbi Schwartz talk with Marcie Silverstein



(Above) Alan and Bunny Gerson

(Right) Bev and Dick Hancock



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(Clockwise from top): Rabbi Alon Ferency and Mayor Madeline Rogero; Honerlin Del Moro and Marcie Silverstein; family supports Rabbi Schwartz; Becky Kidd, Sylvia Miller and Becky Winston



Donations to Temple Funds March 22 – May 20, 2012

General Fund

In memory of:

Rabbi Matthew Derby by Mrs. Susan Derby
Morris Goodfriend by Mr. and Mrs. Robert Goodfriend
Stephen Lieberman by Mr. and Mrs. Daryle Gross
Edythe Ivins by Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ivins
Beatrice Jaffe by Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Jaffe
David Burnett Johnson
Erwin Eliot Coleman by Ms. Laura Johnson
Harold Raymon by Mrs. Faye Raymon
Bertram Raskin by Donna Davis

In honor of:

Harold Markman (Get Well) by Mrs. Esther Webster

Endowment Fund

In memory of:

Frances Dickey Patton by Charles Dickey
Hal Pomerantz by Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Hirsh

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

In memory of:

Joice Brown by Dr. & Mrs. Jeffrey Brown
Shirlie Goodfriend by Mr. & Mrs. Robert Goodfriend
Carolyn Bernard Greif by Mr. Maurice Greif
Maurice Phineas by Mr. Maurice Greif
Theresa K. Greif by Mr. Maurice Greif
Joseph Bernard by Mr. Maurice Greif
Shirlie Goodfriend by Mr. & Mrs. Gary Johnson
Margaret Moss by Neil Moss

Strasburger Sacred Music Fund

In memory of:

Clarence Strasburger by Linda Bolt
Bertha B. Ehrlich by Linda Bolt
Lillian Silverman Richer by Nancy Richer
Charlotte Kayser by Gilya Schmidt

Care Committee Fund

In memory of:

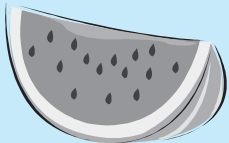
Joan Porter by Mr. & Mrs. Aaron Goldfeld
Joan Porter by Ann Wayburn
Joan Porter by Mr. & Mrs. Wilbur Wilson
Lola Washington by Esther Webster
Lola Washington by Wilma Weinstein

In honor of:

TBE Congregation by Honerlin Del Moro


July 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 9:30a HA-Minyan 10-11a Hadassah Study Group, AJCC AL 4p Mermaids & Pirates Family Pool Party, AJCC	2 CAMP Session 6 7a HA-minyan 4:30-9p KJA Archives work session, BR	3 6p TBE-Exec Comm 6-9p Volleyball, AJCC fields 6-9:30p fencing, AJCC gym	4 Independence Day AJCC/KJA/CAMP-closed 1-7p AJCC Pool open 2-4p-July 4th Pool Party	5 MCDC Overnight/Parents Night 7a HA-minyan 7:30p HA-Exec Comm 7:30p HA-Shofar Class	6 4:45--5:30p JFS Shabbat Service @ Echo Ridge 6p TBE-Shabbat Service	7 AJCC Swim Meet: Smoky Mountain Invitational 9:30a HA-Shabbat Service 9:30a JCOR-Anovitz twins Bar Mitzvah
8 9:30a HA-Minyan 10-11a Hadassah Study Group, AJCC AL 2p Private party, AJCC gym/soccer fields	9 CAMP Session 7 7a HA-minyan 4:30-9p KJA Archives work session, BR	10 6-9p Volleyball, AJCC fields 6-9:30p fencing, AJCC gym 6:30p TBE-Board mtg	11 MCDC Field Trip 5:30-9:30p fencing, AJCC gym	12 7a HA-minyan 5p AJCC Swim Meet at Tellico 7:30p Israeli Dancing, AJCC gym 7:30p HA-Board mtg 7:30p HA-Klezmer class	13 6p TBE-Shabbat Service	14 9:30a HA-Shabbat Service
15 AJCC Swim Meet: Smoky Mountain Invitational 9:30a HA-Minyan 10-11a Hadassah Study Group, AJCC AL 10:30a HA-Sisterhood Board Orientation @ Peggy Littman's	16 CAMP Session 8 7a HA-minyan 4:30-9p KJA Archives work session, BR	17 6p AJCC Swim Meet at NCC 6-9p Volleyball, AJCC fields 6-9:30p fencing, AJCC gym	18 5:30-9:30p fencing, AJCC gym	19 MCDC Overnight 7a HA-minyan 7:30p HA-Rabbi & Religious Serv Comm 7:30p HA-Klezmer class	20 7:30p TBE-Shabbat Service	21 9:30a HA-Shabbat Service 10a-noon Private pool party, AJCC Pool
22 8:30-12:30p AJCC Golf Tournament, Egwani Farms 9:30a HA-Minyan 10-11a Hadassah Study Group, AJCC AL	23 CAMP Session 9 7a HA-minyan 4:30-9p KJA Archives work session, BR	24 6-9p Volleyball, AJCC fields 6-9:30p fencing, AJCC gym	25	26 7a HA-minyan 7:30p Israeli Dancing, AJCC gym	27 GKAIISA City Swim Meet, UTK Campus 6p TBE-Shabbat Service	28 GKAIISA City Swim Meet, UTK Campus 9:30a HA-Shabbat Service 10a TBE-Josh Oleinik bar mitzvah
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Celebrate July 4 with us at the AJCC Pool!

Cool off with free ice pops and watermelon and enjoy special pricing at the AJCC Snack Bar from 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.



K N O X V I L L E

Israeli Folk Dance in the Jewish Community

Shalom from the Knoxville Israeli Dancers (KIDS). We will continue to dance all summer in the AJCC Gym every Thursday night from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. with the exception of these dates: July 5, 19; August 2 and any other announced dates. If you are not on our current roster, please call 694-2628 or e-mail "faheetagal@gmail.com" to double check that we are meeting. Classes are taught by Fay Campbell who has been leading the group since the mid-1990s. They are designed for the novice as well as those who have danced for a while, are easy to follow, and joyful to do!

Our annual Israeli Dance Workshop will be held here in the AJCC Gym on Thursday, August 30 with guest teachers, Dany Benshalom and Ruthy Slann, direct from Hadera, Israel (our "sister" city). This will be our 16th year sponsored by the AJCC! Flyers will be available soon.

Over the years there have been many influences that have characterized Israeli folkdance. In the 1800's, this type of folk dance was mostly done by men and then only at family celebrations. Later, as people immigrated from Europe and throughout the world, Israeli dancing became as varied as the people who lived there. They brought unique customs, rituals and dances from various countries which enriched the culture of the land. Interest in folk dancing intensified in the early 1900's, and original Israeli dances were created which expressed the passion, spirit and joy of the people. A folk dance is created by a choreographer, but it's the PEOPLE who continue to dance it over and over again who finally make it a traditional standard in folkdance circles. So come along and let's be happy and dance! Thursdays at 7:30 p.m.



Mommy and Me Group: Back by Popular Demand!

We are reforming our Mommy and Me Group! Mommy & Me is a series of innovative classes that allow moms and tots to experience Jewish tradition in a stimulating, fun and creative environment. It is designed to be a place where your child's imagination can soar, providing the foundation for a lifelong love of learning.

At Mommy & Me activities are interactive, allowing parents to be active participants in their child's development. We believe learning occurs in babies and toddlers when they are presented with appropriate challenges and are free to explore their world.

If you have a child between the age of 0-3, would like to meet other moms and have the opportunity to explore with your child in a fun and engaging Jewish environment email Miriam Esther at me@kjds.org.



Chattanooga JCC Salutes its Jewish Athletes

The Chattanooga JCC is hosting an exhibit called *Chai Scorers: The Legacy of Chattanooga's Jewish Athletes* May 21-July 20.

This year's inductees included **Zelig** (better known to Knoxville as **Zeke**) **Frumin**. The exhibit features memorabilia, articles, scrapbooks, awards, and trophies from area teams and athletes. The Chattanooga JCC is located at 5461 North Terrace Road, Chattanooga, TN 37411. Building hours are Monday-Thursday from 9:00-5:00 p.m. and Friday, 9:00-4:00 p.m. The exhibit can be seen during these hours, or one may contact Program Director Ann Treadwell at atreadwell@jewishchattanooga.com to arrange another time.



Zeke Frumin in the 1940's

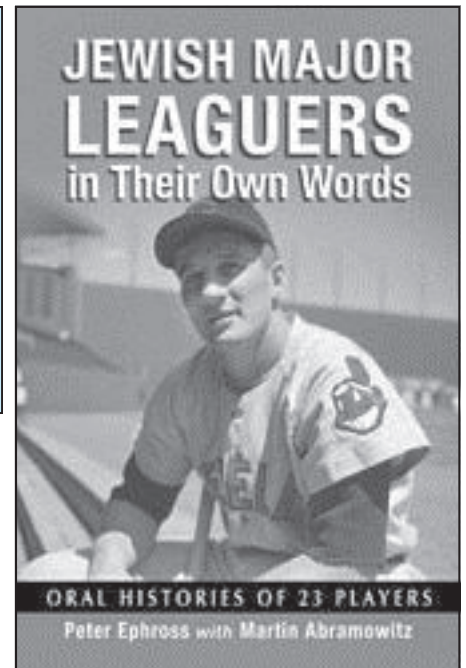
H A P P E N I N G S

New Baseball Book Published

Baseball fans may be interested in a book that compiles a series of oral history interviews of retired Jewish Major Leaguers and also includes those of previously unpublished interviews done in the 1980s of players from the 1920s, 30s, and 40s, including Hank Greenberg, Andy Cohen, and Cal Abrams.

These interviews have just been published by McFarland Press. The material is very rich on both the baseball and the Jewish side. To order or obtain more information, visit www.jewishmajorleaguers.org.

Jews & Baseball Blog – Follow a baseball enthusiast's periodic essays on Jews in major league baseball on the blog <http://jewsinbaseball.blogspot.com/>.



Israelis May Field a Formidable Baseball Team

The Israel team coach of the World Baseball Classic team says Shawn Green and Gabe Kapler have committed to play for him, and he's hopeful that other Jewish big leaguers, including All-Stars such as Ryan Braun, Kevin Youkilis and Ian Kinsler, will join the club. The scenario of having a star-studded lineup could make Israel, a country where few people know the difference between a home run and a strikeout, an unlikely powerhouse.

"I feel pretty good about the potential of this team," Brad Ausmus told *The Associated Press* during his first visit to the Jewish state. "I never guarantee anything in the sport of baseball, because you just don't know, but I'm more than comfortable with the potential of this roster."

Thanks to WBC tournament rules that allow countries to field players who are eligible for citizenship - even if they are not actual citizens - Israel can tap into the formidable pool of Jewish-American baseball talent that includes about 15 major leaguers. Israel grants automatic citizenship to anyone with at least one Jewish grandparent.

Read more: <http://sportsillustrated.cnn.com/2012/baseball/mlb/wires/05/21/2010.ap.bbo.israel.world.classic.1240/index.html#ixzz1vtJ8iLrO>.

Madonna Kicked Off World Tour in Israel

In recent years, a number of pop artists have canceled scheduled performances in Israel, bowing to the calls of pro-Palestinian boycotters. Not Madonna. The Material Girl chose the Jewish state as the launching pad for her first tour since 2008, kicking off her MDNA world tour before a sold-out crowd of some 30,000 fans at Ramat Gan Stadium this May. (She also gave away

600 tickets to members of the Palestinian Israeli Peace NGO Forum.) Madonna divided her time between rehearsals and attending Kabbalah events, while her children visited the Tel Aviv beach and Mini Israel park.



Passover 2013/5773

While Passover may be in our review mirrors, it might be a good time to think about which food products you were unable to purchase in Knoxville this year. We are assembling a list of "maybes to order" to share with the Knox Plaza Kroger store. Ted Mills, the store manager, is seeking input for his order.

It is a balancing act when purchasing ethnic foods, as the purveyors often load up the stores with slow moving or less than popular goods. While some enjoy borscht at Passover, the Kroger store had enough borscht to feed the city and ended up

selling it at a huge markdown. Markdowns eat into store margins and cause the store management to not reorder in the future. Remember, too, that stores must order a case lot of goods and in many instances it is not practical for them to buy something just because "you" wanted to buy it.

Drop Rachel Hale an e-mail and let us know what might have been missing. rhale@jewishknoxville.org.

Mazel Tov to Our Jewish Community Graduates

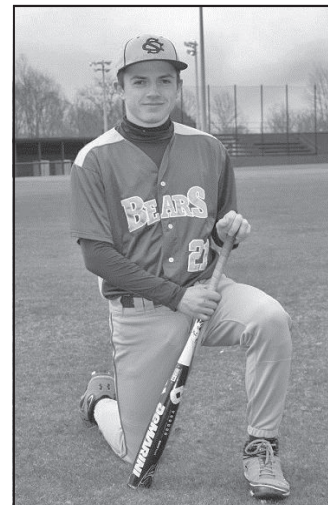


Rachel Brown

High School Graduates

- ◆ **Jensine Baerman**, daughter of Sally and Jeff Baerman, graduated from Webb School and will attend Parsons The New School of Design in New York, majoring in design and management.
- ◆ **Alex Bocknek**, son of Judy and Gene Bocknek, graduated in San Francisco, California.
- ◆ **Steven Alexander Bolt**, Linda Bolt's grandson, graduated from Great Valley High School in Malvern, Penn. and will attend the Virginia Military Institute.
- ◆ **Rachel Brown**, daughter of Ken and Susan Brown and granddaughter of Elaine Brown, graduated from Bearden High School. She will attend the University of Tennessee as a voice major this fall. Rachel has been active in the theater and choral departments at Bearden, as well as being a five-year member of Oak Ridge's Sound Company Show Choir and its award-winning young women's barbershop quartet, "Neon." She will appear in the upcoming Clarence Brown Theatre production of *Sweeney Todd*.

- ◆ **Noah Erwin**, son of Paul Erwin and Renee' Hyatt, graduated from Maryville High School and will attend Johns Hopkins University. His designated area of interest is global environmental policy and sustainability.
- ◆ **Jacob Forman**, son of Marc and Susan Forman, graduated from Sevier County High School and plans to attend Walters State Community College and then transfer to UT Knoxville to major in accounting/finance. Jacob was a four-year member of his high school's baseball team.
- ◆ **Jennie Frost**, the daughter of Susie Frost and Richard Frost, graduated from Maryville High School and will attend Tusculum College. She is interested in majoring in political science.
- ◆ **Rebecca Carlson** graduated from Oak Ridge High School and will attend Northwestern University with plans to major in pre-med. She is the daughter of Don and Rachel Carlson of Oak Ridge.
- ◆ **Addison Leinhart**, daughter of Allison Fay and Ric Leinhart, graduated from West High School, and will attend the University of Tennessee.
- ◆ **Andrew Messing**, son of Michael Messing and Joyce York, brother of Jacob, grandson of Helene and George Messing and nephew of Nora and Patrick Messing and Karen and Daniel Messing, graduated with high honors from Hardin Valley Academy. Andrew will attend the University of Tennessee as a UT Chancellor's Honor Scholar, majoring in computer engineering. He's also proud of earning BBYO's Bronze Star of David and teaching Heska Amuna students.
- ◆ **Leah Pearl** graduated from Bearden High School and will attend the University of Cincinnati where she will be a member of the varsity dance team. Leah is the daughter of Bruce Pearl and Kim Shrigley.
- ◆ **Ben Pollack**, son of Cheri and Rob Pollack and brother of Ethan, graduated from Bearden High School. He will attend Virginia Tech in the fall.
- ◆ **Liza Reineri** was one of 25 students accepted to UT's Global Leadership Scholars class of 2015. Liza will be immersed in honors classes, seminars in leadership training, and will study and intern during an international experience in London next January. She is the daughter of Michael Reineri and Nina Reineri.
- ◆ **Stephanie Rodriguez**, daughter of Jenny Pfeffer and Carlos Rodriguez, graduated from Farragut High School and will attend Nova Southeastern University in Fort Lauderdale, Florida where she will study early childhood education.
- ◆ **Jake Rosenberg**, son of Hal and Amy Rosenberg, graduated from Webb School of Knoxville and will attend the University of Central Florida, with plans to study speech and audiology/pediatrics.
- ◆ **Jolie Spiegelman**, daughter of Gary and Marnie Spiegelman and sister of Brittany, Justin and Arielle, graduated from Webb School of Knoxville. Jolie will attend the University of Miami with plans to major in international relations. At Webb, Jolie was a Webb community service representative and a Webb student ambassador. She also served two terms as BBG president.
- ◆ **Max Silver-Alford**, son of Chaya Silver and Terry Alford, brother of Lilly and Emma Silver-Alford, and the grandson of Fran and Ernest Silver (z"l), graduated from Hardin Valley Academy. Max graduated with honors, played varsity soccer, was active in his AZA chapter and enjoyed teaching at Heska Amuna's religious school. Max will attend the University of Maryland-College Park and plans to major in biology with a minor in Jewish Studies.
- ◆ **Zack Snow**, son of Craig and Leslie Snow, graduated with honors from Farragut High School. He will attend Virginia Tech, with plans to major in engineering.



Jacob Forman



BBYO seniors Leah Pearl, Max Silver-Alford, Jolie Spiegelman, Noah Erwin, Addison Leinhart, and Andrew Messing celebrate during their February formal dance.

Mazel Tov to Our Jewish Community Graduates

College Graduates

- ◆ **Woody Austin**, son of Patti and Phil Austin, graduated from Vanderbilt University with a bachelor’s degree in physics and math, and an honors thesis in astrophysics research.
- ◆ **Kira Bell**, daughter of Linda and Zane Bell in Oak Ridge, received her Master’s Degree in Deaf Education from Boston University on May 19. She is currently working as a teacher with deaf and hard of hearing children at the American School for the Deaf in Hartford, Connecticut.
- ◆ **Eric Eisen**, son of Stephen Eisen, received his masters of accounting degree from UT in June.
- ◆ **Rachel Zucker Gould**, daughter of Jeanne and Tony Zucker, received her doctorate in education from Boston University in May. Rachel teaches and is the swim coach at Burlington High School and lives in Winchester MA with Josh, her husband, and Elijah, their son.
- ◆ **Jennifer Anne Gubitz**, a Knoxville native and the daughter of Charlene and Jeff Gubitz, was ordained by the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion on May 6. She holds a bachelor of arts degree in Jewish Studies and English from Indiana University and a Master’s of Hebrew Literature from HUC-JIRR. Prior to entering seminary, she worked for the Religious Action Center and Hillel in Washington, D.C. Jennifer will assume the post of assistant rabbi at Temple Shir Tivka in Wayland, MA.
- ◆ **Leslie Michelle Gubitz**, daughter of Jeff and Charlene Gubitz, graduated from Indiana University with a bachelor of arts degree in Jewish studies and biological studies. Upon graduation, Leslie will join Teach for America as a corps member, teaching in St. Louis. She will spend the summer in St. Louis and Chicago attending TFA training before assuming her role as a science teacher in the St. Louis school system.
- ◆ **David Hecht**, son of Jeff and Shelley Hecht, graduated from Carleton College in early June.
- ◆ **Meredith James**, daughter of Wes and Norma James, received a master’s degree in special education early childhood from Vanderbilt University. She will also receive additional accreditation as a behavioral specialist. Meredith will teach in Williamson County in an inclusion early childhood program. She continues a family tradition as her mother taught special education for more than 30 years. Meredith attended and taught religious school at Temple Beth El.
- ◆ **Anna Kern**, daughter of Ellen and George Kern, graduated in May from the College of Charleston with a bachelor's degree in communication. She interned with a marketing/PR/advertising agency and seeks employment in the field of marketing communications.



Leslie and Jennifer Gubitz



Anna Kern



Jordan Snow

- ◆ **Joshua and Megan Koller** both graduated this May from Vanderbilt University's Peabody College. **Josh**, son of Conrad Koller and Susan Koller, will graduate with an M.Ed. degree in higher education administration. Prior to enrolling at Vanderbilt, he worked as an admissions counselor at Millsaps College in Jackson, Mississippi. Josh has a bachelor of science degree in advertising from The University of Tennessee. **Megan**, daughter of Deborah Roberts and John Roberts, will graduate with an M.Ed. in human resource development. Prior to enrolling at Vanderbilt, Megan worked as an Education Fellow at the Institute of Southern Jewish Life in Jackson, MS. Megan has a bachelor of arts degree in Jewish Studies from Indiana University. They enjoyed their time in Nashville and are looking forward to their next steps.
- ◆ **Asher Robinson**, son of Karen and Pace Robinson and grandson of Natalie Robinson, graduated from the University of Florida in Gainesville. He earned a degree in finance and information systems. Asher traveled in Europe prior to starting his next phase of life in New York City where he will be working for the Leitner Group, a commercial real estate and consulting firm.
- ◆ **Jordan Snow**, daughter of Craig and Leslie Snow, graduated with honors from the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill with a degree in nursing.
- ◆ **Taliah Weber** earned her master’s degree in architecture from Washington University in St. Louis. She plans to join her husband, **Mitchell Ohriner**, in Winchester, VA, where she hopes to find employment. Taliah is the daughter-in-law of Jenifer and Evan Ohriner.



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(Left) Elaina Franklin, Lucy Gordon and Simone Friedman have fun during camp instructional swim.

Week 2 featured Lego camp for our K-2nd grade campers.

(Bottom Left) Lifeguard Isaac Shefner plays with Gimel campers during Camp K'Tonton.



(Bottom Right) Alex Hendrickson shows off his Lego creation during the Week 2 Lego camp.



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KJA 2012 Campaign

Campaign Goal \$365,000

As of 6/12/2012

2012 Annual Campaign: \$332,502

23 new donors

108 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."



Yes...It's Still Out there, Alive and Well

By Gene Rosenberg, Campaign Chair

This three-paragraph news item was printed in the Knoxville News-Sentinel on Tuesday, May 1, 2012, page 9A. It is reproduced here word for word exactly as it was printed in the paper.

SOUTH CAROLINA

Police say teacher referred to Nazis

COLUMBIA-A middle school teacher in South Carolina has been accused of dragging a student under a table during class, telling the boy "this is what the Nazis do to Jews," police said Monday.

The 12-year-old student said he got up to sharpen a pencil at Bluffton Middle School on Wednesday when Patricia Mulholland grabbed him by his collar and said, "come here, Jew," police said.

The teacher then dragged him 10 feet under a table and made the comment about Nazis, according to police.



You may ask yourself what this has to do with the campaign and why we beg for your support. The annual Knoxville Jewish Alliance campaign is about more than just dollars. When incidents like this crop up in the general community, and they will, the Alliance responds. There is no way that a dollar figure can be put on the situation like this; there is no way to ascertain what effect the classroom incident in South Carolina will have on the 12-year-old student or the other students in the room.

We use our presence, our monies, and our voices when need be. This must be a community effort... WE ARE THE CHOSEN FEW! If you are not part of this solution, you become part of the problem.

SUPPORT YOUR ALLIANCE CAMPAIGN WITH YOUR PRESENCE AND YOUR PRESENTS!

Jewish Family Services Volunteer Opportunities

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

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

Jewish Family Services holds Shabbat services at Echo Ridge Retirement Community on the first Friday of every month at 4:45 p.m. We are always thrilled to have volunteers from our community to lead the service. It is a brief service—you should be done by 5:30 p.m.

The KJA is a support for Tennessee Valley Unitarian Universalist Church in the Family Promise program. Family Promise houses homeless families in area congregations for a week at a time. Approximately four times a year, we help when the families are staying at TVUUC by providing dinner, hosting dinner, doing children's activities after dinner, etc. The next time the families are staying at TVUUC is the week of October 21. Volunteers who will be interacting with the families in the program need to go through a brief training. If you are interested in cooking, but will not have direct contact with the Family Promise families, you can volunteer any time without going through the training.

JFS sends visitors to residents in long-term care facilities. Our residents love feeling like they are a part of the Jewish community. We can always use more volunteer visitors. Whether you want to visit everyone on our list, be matched up with an individual, or want to chat with a senior over the phone, we would love to have you volunteer.

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

KJA Friendshippers to Take Summer Break

By Laura Faye Berry, BSSW, Esq., Director

The KJA Friendshippers program will take a break in July and August. We hope that everyone enjoys their summer and we look forward to the next Friendship luncheon in September.

For more information about Friendshippers, please contact Laura Berry at 690-6343 ext. 18 or lberry@jewishknoxville.org.



(Top) Evelyn Stark, Faye Raymon, and Muriel Scharf
(Bottom) Claudia Fribourg and Sam Balloff from the May Friendship luncheon

Jewish Community Services Covers Local, International Community

By Marilyn Wohl

In case you don't know Marilyn Wohl, she has been tirelessly serving the Knoxville Jewish community in many roles for at least 20 years. As VP Jewish Community Services, Marilyn has the largest portfolio. I hope as you read the article Marilyn composed, you will find a program with which you would like to be involved. Do contact her or contact me, and we will set you up!

B'shalom,

Renee' Hyatt, renee.j.hyatt@gmail.com

What does it mean to be Vice President of Jewish Community Services? The programs which comprise this position includes Jewish Family Services, Friendship, the Barbara Winick Bernstein Archives, B'nai Tzedek, Hillel, the Israel Partnership Committee and the Adult Recreation/Wellness Committee.

It is a privilege to be associated with each of these programs. Laura Berry is a most thoughtful and professional leader for Jewish Family Services; she works with the committee to keep us on track for providing visitation and holiday events for community members who are living in retirement or nursing home facilities. Behind the scenes, she quietly assists those who need help paying bills or finding health and mental health resources when life is harsh. Recently Honerlin Del Moro has taken over as committee chairperson and she brings great energy, warmth and humor as she conducts meetings and helps the group get organized. This committee is one we look to for sending birthday, get well or sympathy cards to many who might otherwise be forgotten.

Another program which Laura staffs is the Friendship committee. To my friends who think this program is just for the **old**, take a second look. When it was established, the guidelines for attending the Friendship included a starting age which is a good bit younger than I am today. The median age of those attending the programs has risen with the years, but the programs are ones which can be enjoyed by anyone, and you can be assured that everyone is welcome – no driver's license check at the door. The committee which advises Laura on these programs is chaired by the ever talented, smart and thoughtful, Mimi Pais. With a great base in having a variety of entertainment and provocative lectures, what this group needs is more consumers. The committee is open to suggestions, perhaps trips to Abingdon or Crossville for a day of theater or evening cruises on the Knoxville Star, the Two River Rambler or an evening event at AJCC or most anywhere. Bring your ideas and your friends so we can widen our circle of Jewish acquaintances, intermingling our ages and ideas.

Did you check the last page of this publication to see who is in this edition's photo? For anyone with even a bit of history in the Knoxville Jewish community, the Barbara Winick Bernstein Archives is a great place to visit. Nothing is more fun than nostalgia, and nothing is more important than documenting the history of our community. Barbara Bernstein knew that and began working on it many years ago. She has preached and pleaded and financed the archives program because she believes in it so much. The work of cataloguing and preserving minutia is not always fun,

but most often there comes an ah-ha moment when those in the room see a picture or document that adds to their understanding of who we are. Having Nicki Russler as the staff member for the Archives is a bonus. Her education and abilities would make her a candidate for supervising at the Smithsonian, yet she dedicates many more hours than her salary will cover to our small collection, organizing and preserving the bits and pieces that collectively tell a story of how we have arrived at this moment. If you haven't researched the AJCC, your congregation, BBYO or your family, I would suggest a visit with Nicki to learn what history can tell.

Teen philanthropy: those are words most of the world does not

see juxtaposed, but they are ones which describe an idea this community chose to foster when given the opportunity a few years ago. The B'nai Tzedek program began with a grant from the Grinspoon Foundation and additional funding from the Becker Fund of the KJCFF. As teens reach their B'nai Mitzvah year, this program offers them the opportunity to establish a fund of their own and to participate in group sessions learning about tzedakah and its place in Jewish hallachah. Each year until they graduate from high school, they may join with peers to present ideas and decide



The Tellico Tappers entertain at a KJA Friendship program.

where they believe the interest from their funds will make a real difference in the world. The program's goal is to establish a lifelong love for sharing one's bounties. The amount available from each student's fund is minimal, but the potential impact this program has on the future of individuals and society is major. We currently seek a qualified adult to lead this program. If you love teens and believe in its philosophy, please let Jeff Gubitz know of your interest.

While on the subject of youth, you should be aware of UT's Hillel program. Under the creative force of staff member Deborah Oleshansky, this program has grown exponentially over the past few years. For many years, we called this JSC, Jewish Student Center, not Hillel, though I don't remember why. We paid rent for a house on Lake Avenue and had a director. About a decade ago, as funds got tight and the KJA had to make some difficult fiscal decisions, we let the house go and the program was forced to make some huge adjustments. Enter Deborah, the woman with optimism, ideas and energy. Our Hillel program is run without walls. The Starbucks at the library serves as a weekly meeting place, and the International House is the venue for monthly Shabbat dinners. Attendance has increased from maybe 10 or 12 to well over 60 for the dinners. Deborah involves community members in hosting Shabbat dinners the rest of the year.

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For the past few years, Greg Kaplan has been the faculty advisor and a great partner for Deborah and the student leadership. Each year, UT Hillel plans a gathering to introduce Jewish students and faculty to one another, they have enjoyed Chanukah parties at Bruce Pearl's home, and sponsored speakers and entertainers on campus. With the growth of the program has come the growth of inquiries about it and the interest of the UT administration. Hillel is a program which brings *naches* to the KJA.

What is a Jewish community without a connection to Israel? The KJA connects through its Israel Partnership Committee. Much of our contact with Israel takes place through the People to People program, a partnership between the Hadera Eiron area of Israel and the Southeast consortium of communities. You read articles written by community members who attended the ten year anniversary celebration last February. You have read stories of our teens who participate in Camp Tikun Olam and our teachers who exchange homes and classrooms with teachers from Hadera. Last year this committee was instrumental in sponsoring an exchange of firefighters from Knoxville with Israeli firefighters; the perspective our neighbors gained from their time in Israel was priceless. The Israel Partnership Committee is chaired by Jenifer Ohriner, whose position is augmented by having Bernie Rosenblatt and Deborah Oleshansky serving respectively on the board and as an employee of the Southeast Region Consortium. Once again, Knoxville's small community leads like a much larger one.

A program that had been silent for many years came to life once more under the leadership of Susan Cohen, who as chairperson of the Adult Wellness committee, established a series of lectures by local healthcare providers. If you enjoyed these and would like more, please let Susan know, especially if you have ideas of other topics you would like to learn about.

What does it mean to be Vice President of Jewish Community Services? It means having the opportunity to be engaged in many aspects of our community, exchanging ideas with people of many ages and backgrounds. It is the privilege of sharing time with many of our community's most dedicated members and being part of the work that our talented staff arrange so we, the volunteers, gain the most with the least amount of effort. It is an honor.

If you would like to learn more or to participate as a volunteer with any of these KJA community activities, please contact Marilyn Wohl at the KJA office at 690-6343, kja@jewishknoxville.org.

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Preschool Art Gala a Success

The Preschool held its 3rd Annual Art Gala on March 12, 2012. This event was created to showcase the students' art work and raise money for our art program. We also had several businesses that donated items for our silent auction to make this a successful event. We

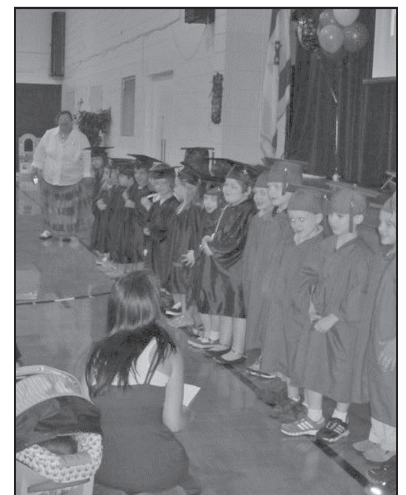


would like to thank all of the preschool parents for their continued support of our Art Gala and year-round. Jenny Woods, Julie Braude, Sandy Parker, and Sarah Blair donated their time and talents to make this evening more fun and successful. We would also like to thank the following businesses: **Brown's Hounds, RouXbarb, Harry's Deli, Plaid Apron, Nama, Crib & Carriage, Knoxville Symphony Orchestra, Fresh Market, Barre 3, From Me to You, Westland Market and Beer Gallery, Earthfare, Comstock Photography, and Sandy Parker** for her wonderful quilt.

Preschool Promotion

On May 18th, the Daled and Hey classes participated in the annual Preschool promotion ceremony. Some of our students will go to various kindergarten classrooms and some will join Ms. Maria in Hey next year. Friends and family were treated to a sweet slide show put together by Ms. Jamie with the help of Ms. Casey and Ms. Maria. We marveled at how much our graduates have grown! After marching in to Pomp and Circumstance, the

classes performed songs for the parents and family attending.



Celebrate Friday Night Live Friday, August 17 AJCC Pool 5:30 p.m.

Friday Night Live returns to the AJCC on August 17. This event is hosted by the Knoxville Jewish Alliance, Heska Amuna Synagogue and Temple Beth El.

The entire community is invited to join us for dinner at the AJCC Pool, followed by a very festive Shabbat service on the lawn. Come enjoy live instruments, music, songs, and prayers under the direction of Rabbi Alon Ferency. The music is sure to awaken your soul and enliven your spirit! Be a part of the traditional and nontraditional Jewish prayers that connects us all together. Bring a blanket and find the perfect spot on the lawn to join us in welcoming Shabbat together.

More details will be available soon with meal choices and reservation information. We can't wait to see you for this annual evening of food, fun, and faith with our Jewish community.

Register Now for the 2012 AJCC Golf Tournament



Register now for the 2012 AJCC Golf Tournament, which will be held on Sunday, July 22, at Egwani Farms. The tournament features a shotgun start, beginning at 8:00 a.m. There will be prizes for winners, as well for skill contests, and as always, a fabulous lunch. Only 72 slots are available, so please get your applications in so you can insure your place. Non-players are welcome to join in the fun and cheer for your favorite teams. We look forward to seeing everybody again this year.

Hole sponsorships and cart sponsorships are available for individuals and businesses. Applications are available online at www.jewishknoxville.org or by contacting Irv Russotto at 693-3307 or ajccgolf@aol.com.

Suzy Snoops

Got good news? Please share it with your Jewish community in Ha'Kol's Suzy Snoops column. E-mail information and/or photos to jvork@jewishknoxville.org or send to Ha'Kol, 6800 Deane Hill Drive, Knoxville, TN 37919.

- ◆ Mazel tov to **Margy and Mitch Goldman** on the engagement of daughter **Meredith to Bradley Holtz**.
- ◆ Congratulations to **Judi and Martin Abrams** on the birth of granddaughter, **Ella Leigh Needle**, daughter of **Stephanie** and **Mark Needle**.
- ◆ Mazel tov to **Nancy and Jeff Becker** and **Debbie and Jeff Abrams-Cohen** on the birth of granddaughter and niece, **Aminata Yael Dembele**, daughter of **Sarah Becker** and **Adam Dembele**.
- ◆ **David Floyd**, a rising senior at Bearden High School, attended the Tennessee Governor's School for the Arts in June, where he was named first chair clarinet in Wind Ensemble. This is a month-long summer program offering programs in art, dance, filmmaking, theatre, and music to students selected in competitive auditions. David also participated in an honors high school clarinet choir this spring. David is the son of **Frank and Laura Floyd** and the nephew of **Bob and Sarah Milford**.
- ◆ **Logan Brown**, son of **Adam Brown** and **Jill Brown**, and a junior at West High School, played on West's tennis team that placed second at the 2012 Class AAA championships.
- ◆ **Rachel Brown**, daughter of **Ken and Susan Brown** and granddaughter of **Elaine Brown**, was selected to participate in the Washington National Opera's Institute for Young Singers in Washington D.C. this summer.
- ◆ **Zack Messing**, a junior at Bearden High School and son of **Daniel and Karen Messing**, played on the Bearden High School baseball team that came in second at the Class AAA championships.
- ◆ **Tanya Kaminsky Bernstein**, wife of **Mark Bernstein** and daughter-in-law of **Barbara and Bernie Bernstein**, is the president of the San Francisco Federation's Young Adult Division (YAD). In her role, Tanya works closely with YAD Board and JCF staff to develop an engaged community of Jewish young adults in the Bay Area by providing a broad range of social, educational, volunteer and leadership development opportunities.
- ◆ **David, Adam and Jennifer Cohn**, grandchildren of **Marilyn Cohen Presser** and children of **Lisa and Michael Cohn** of Stockholm, Sweden have been busy. David has one more year to receive his masters in finance and accounting from Stockholm University and just completed a five-month special course at Victoria University, Victoria, BC. Adam is finishing a three-year undergraduate course in government and security at Raphael Recanati International School at the IDC in Herzliya, Israel and will be studying for a master's degree in War Studies at King's College in London next year. Jennifer is a science major with one more year at Victor Rydberg High School in Stockholm.
- ◆ **Bryna Oleshansky** rowed in the first varsity boat as the University of Michigan Women's Row Team won the Big Ten Championship held in Indianapolis. She and her Wolverine teammates went on to place second at the NCAA Women's Rowing Championships in late May. Bryna is the daughter of **David and Deborah Oleshansky** and the sister of **Ben and Rae**.
- ◆ **Andrew Messing**, son of **Michael Messing** and **Joyce York**, was on a Hardin Valley Academy team that placed fourth in the electrical and mechanical engineering category at the 2012 Intel International Science and Engineering Fair held in May in Pittsburgh. The team also won the US Army Team Award. The event hosted 1,500 teens from 68 countries



Ella Leigh Needle

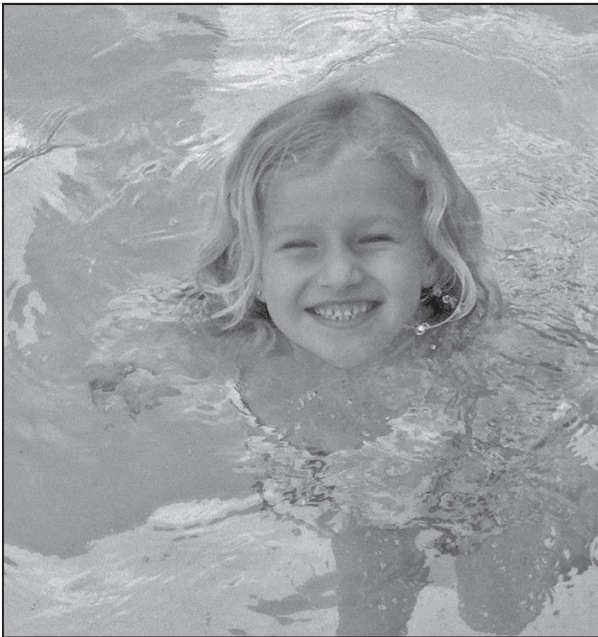


Aminata Yael Dembele

Jews & Baseball

Baseball enthusiast **Andy Kramer** (far left) introduces Chicago broadcaster **Michael Leiderman** (left) who spoke on the history of Jews In Baseball and sports in April.

Guests were treated to (what else?) hot dogs and all the fixings (below) prior to Leiderman's talk and the movie *Jews and Baseball: An American Love Story*, which explores the connection between Jewish Americans and Baseball, our nation's most iconic institution. More than a film about sports, it is a story of immigration, assimilation, bigotry, heroism, the passing on of traditions, and the shattering of stereotypes.



(Left) Alex Christodoulou smiles for the camera as she swims during a recent swim practice.

(Bottom Left) Ben Hale swims laps during a swim team practice

(Right) Emily Whitfield dries off after a Smokin' Salmon practice





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Knoxville Jewish Community Family of Funds

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KJCFF Fundholder's Brunch

On Sunday, April 29, 2012, KJCFF held its first ever Fundholders' Brunch in honor of all of those who serve on fund committees of KJCFF funds. The event was held at Latitude 35 in Market Square. Many thanks goes to Carole Martin who did an outstanding job organizing the event.



(Clockwise starting above) Barbara Bernstein, Carole Martin, Ellen Kern and Stephen Rosen, and Bernie Bernstein and Arnold Cohen



Grants

- ◆ The Knoxville Jewish Alliance received a grant from the **Sam and Esther Rosen Enrichment Fund for the Knoxville Jewish Federation** for the 2012 Annual Campaign
- ◆ **Rosenthal Environment Fund** made a grant to Heska Amuna Synagogue to defray the cost of exterior energy-efficient lighting
- ◆ The **Bernard E. & Barbara Winick Bernstein Charitable Fund** made a grant to Knox Heritage, Inc. as well as to the Knoxville Jewish Alliance to support the archives.

Donations

Harry and Mollie Brietstein Memorial Fund

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In memory of Rabbi and Mrs. Feinsilver

By Arla Lewis

B'nai Tzedek Teen Philanthropy Program

The B'nai Tzedek Teen Philanthropy Program of the Knoxville Jewish Community Family of Funds and the Knoxville Jewish Alliance B'nai Tzedek Advisory Committee was established in 2006. B'nai Tzedek funds are started at Bar/Bat Mitzvah age with a minimum donation of \$125 from the teen. Their congregation then matches this and that \$250 is matched again by the KJCFF, bringing the starting fund balance to \$500. During the year, teens learn about what it means to be a philanthropist and that one does not need to be rich to make a difference. Joining with other teens, they start to identify areas of particular concern and start to develop their own unique way of getting involved in the work of tikkun olam (repairing the world). Yearly, they are able to pool the revenues from their funds and make grants to not-for-profit organizations and have the chance to play a part in improving the world.

The B'nai Tzedek Teen Philanthropy Program encompasses four main objectives: to help every Jewish teen in our community establish an endowment fund in his/her name; to provide Jewish teens with skills and knowledge in the area of Jewish sources on giving, financial literacy and modern philanthropy; to help Jewish teens establish relationships with Jewish organizations in their community and abroad; and to offer the opportunity to network with other Jewish teens locally and nationally. In addition to programs specifically designed for teens with named funds, a series of tikkun olam programs run by the KJA are held throughout the school year and all students in grades 7 –12 interested in participating are welcome. The following is a list of current B'nai Tzedek fundholders.



Elizabeth Noon signing her B'nai Tzedek fund document with KJCFF President Bernie Rosenblatt on February 21, 2012.

Elliot Baerman
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David Floyd
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Keaton Noon
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Eli Derrington
Jennifer Frost
Iain Konigsberg
Andrew Messing
Michael Newman
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Leah Pearl
Conner Reis
Nathan Rosen
Sam Seifert
Ethan Snow
Brittany Spiegelman
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Elizabeth Noon
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Zach Snow
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To learn more about KJCFF philanthropic opportunities, call 690-6343 or visit our website at www.jewishknoxville.org/kjcff



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Perceptions

By Rabbi Alon Ferency

Underlying our conception of Judaism and Torah are a surprising number of unstated assumptions. We may not even realize all of the personal and emotional “baggage” we bring into the Synagogue, into our prayers, and even into the reading of sacred Scripture. Some of our perceptions are colored by good and bad experiences from childhood, parents, teachers who loved us as children, or rabbis who forgot to call us back as adults. Further underlying all of that are strange confusions of our own Scripture that come from living in a predominantly Christian milieu, from living amid theological presumptions that are at variance with our own, or even from reading Hebrew verses in English translation – often translation by non-Jews.

One misconception I hear frequently, especially among young students, is essentially: *but, it says so right there, in my Bible!* Such an assumption is that the surface meaning of Scripture is the only meaning. This idea came out of one of the great innovations of Martin Luther and the Protestant Reformation: a person could read Christian Scripture directly, in vernacular translation, without intermediary or the interpretations of the Catholic Church fathers (*magisterium*). Judaism never shared this assumption. The surface meaning of the text is insufficient. Our Bible is read within a matrix of subsequent translations, commentaries, interpretations, and understandings: *midrash*, Rashi, Nachmanides, The Ba’al Shem Tov, the Vilna Gaon, Nechama Leibowitz, Robert Alter, and scores of others.

Furthermore, we often conflate our theological beliefs with the prevailing beliefs of our neighbors. Christianity, especially as it was influenced by Greek philosophy, developed ideas of a perfect, remote God; dualism of human mind and body; heaven and hell; and the possibility of sin tainting our spirits. All of these concepts are peripheral, at best, to Judaism. Foremost, the idea of transcendent Divine perfection grew largely from Maimonides’ scholarship of Arabic philosophers who had read Ancient Greeks. The Jewish God is foremost immanent, “near to all who call,” feeling, growing, and changing with creation. Likewise, in the central Jewish traditions, body and spirit are indivisible, in life as in death. Heaven and hell, if they exist, are only gradations in the same world-to-come, and most “sins” are decidedly impermanent – they are more akin to transgressions that can be repaired.

Above all, most of us share misperceptions based on continual mistranslation or misreading of Hebrew Bible. Consider our understanding of Biblical terms like “abomination” and “impure.” Did you know that Egyptians and Hebrews eating together were considered an “abomination” (*to’evah*, Gen. 43:32)? Likewise, shepherds were an “abomination” to Egyptians, as were Israelite sacrifices in the eyes of their Egyptian neighbors (Gen. 46:34, Ex. 8:22). Later, in Deuteronomy, cross-dressing, sorcery, and re-marrying one’s first wife are all described as “abominations before God” (*to’evat YHWH*). At least in some cases, Torah must be referring to things that are social and religious taboos, not repugnant nor detestable of themselves. A violation of social mores is not the same thing as an inherent abhorrence, and we have been quick to conflate the two. Moreover, sometimes the English word “abomination” is freely used for an entirely different Hebrew word: *sheketz*. When Leviticus, in chapter 11, uses *sheketz* to describes creepy-crawly things that are inedible to Israelites, isn’t it more likely that *sheketz* means “gross” or “of bad appearance” (*JPS Leviticus*, p. 67)? Likewise, we often translate the Hebrew words *tamei* and *tahor* as “impure” and “pure,” respectively. In fact, they don’t seem to represent a judgment on one’s personal status, inasmuch as they are an assessment of one’s ability to perform ritual duties, and thereby participate in the Temple sacrificial system. Wouldn’t these be more accurately “ready” and “unprepared”?

Far too often, all of us use Scripture and our religious tradition as a cudgel to coerce others toward our worldview. From experience, I notice that much of the tradition that we cite is misunderstood, misquoted, or misattributed, at best. I invite us all to see our tradition with new eyes in 5773, and to challenge our own assumptions about ourselves, our lives, and our Judaism.

From the President

By Gilya Schmidt

As I complete my first year as President of Heska Amuna Synagogue, it is a good time to mention what a pleasure it has been to serve as your president. I very much look forward to year two. When I came back from Europe in June, I began my twentieth year in Knoxville. One more year, and I will have lived in Knoxville longer than anywhere else in the world. They have been good years, with a few bumps in the road. I have certainly enjoyed my affiliation with Heska Amuna Synagogue. My passion is the daily minyan, even though I manage to oversleep every so often; immediately followed by Shabbat services and festivals. When I lived in Pittsburgh, my congregation there, B'nai Israel, had such a passion for worship services that it became part of me forever. In Pittsburgh I used to read Torah and chant Haftarah, but women were not encouraged to daven. My first chance to daven came when I moved to Tuscaloosa, Alabama, and became the director of the local Hillel organization. As the Reform Temple only had a student Rabbi twice a month, there was a need for us to run our own services, attended also by many members of the local community. This gave me the courage to occasionally organize Shabbat morning services at the local Temple and then to daven at Temple Beth El in Birmingham on Shabbat. From there to Heska Amuna in Knoxville was barely an adjustment, it was so easy.

During the two decades in Knoxville I have again and again been grateful for all the wonderful talent that has come and gone – Isaac Benhayon, who used to read Torah without any preparation, and Avremi Manzur, who similarly would step up when needed. One year Avremi and his father chanted the Song of Songs in Yemeni trop without any text whatsoever, a sound that still rings in my ears.

Similarly, today we have a superb cadre of knowledgeable and skilled members who are deeply committed to minyan and to Shabbat services and take responsibility for participating regularly. Wonderful and varied sounds can be heard during our services, whether during the week, on Friday nights or Saturday mornings before and during the Contemporary service and during the regular service, as well as during festivals. We have something for everyone! Although our number of capable members ebbs and flows, God always seems to provide. In the name of Heska Amuna, I am deeply grateful to all who participate in services of any kind.

Tisha B'Av on July 19 will conclude the 5772 cycle of observances. And then we will stand ready to begin all over again. *Hazak, hazak, v'nithazek*. May we go from strength to strength. I hope you have a wonderful summer, and please remember that God does not go on vacation, even if we do!

From the Chair of the Board

By Scott Hahn

As a general rule of thumb, I follow the maxim, "the best surprise is no surprise." However, I recently received a bit of news I found unexpected and inspirational at the same time.

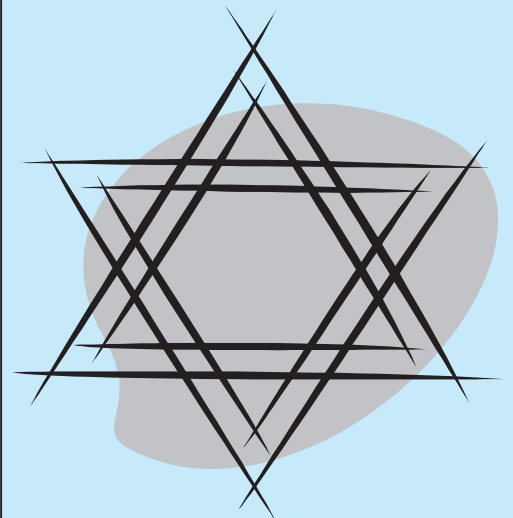
Recently, Heska Amuna received a \$10,000 bequest from the estate of Dewey Reich. This gift was unexpected for several reasons. First, Mr. Reich passed away in 1990, some 22 years ago. Second, to the best of my knowledge, Mr. Reich and the Reich family never belonged to the synagogue. Needless to say, as chair of Heska Amuna, I was extremely grateful, but not totally surprised knowing a little bit about Dewey Reich as a person.

Although I never personally knew Mr. Reich, I was familiar with his family's involvement with the Knoxville Jewish community and Mr. Reich's great love of its organizations and institutions. Mr. Reich had served as long-time treasurer of the AJCC and later on as its treasurer emeritus. I had heard that he personally made up for several shortfalls out of his own pocket when the AJCC was running short on cash. I also recently learned that Mr. Reich had served as long time chair of the Temple Beth El cemetery committee.

In light of these facts and to help honor Mr. Reich for his generosity, Heska Amuna will be donating \$2,000 toward an indigent burial fund to be jointly administrated with our partners at Temple Beth El and the KJA. Indigent burial has been a long-standing issue in the Knoxville Jewish community, with varying viewpoints on a just and fair solution. It is my belief that this fund will go a long way toward providing a solution to this problem. It is a rare thing when an individual shows as much care and concern for the Knoxville Jewish community as Mr. Reich did. That is why it is only fitting that Mr. Reich be honored with a community-wide project that helps to deal with some of our Jewish community's neediest individuals in a dignified way. I can only hope that Mr. Reich's bequest can spur other hidden angels in our community to fund other worthwhile projects. To quote the Talmud, "no tombstone need be erected on the graves of the righteous; their deeds are their monuments." Thank you Mr. Reich, through your deeds in helping our community to establish this important project.

Judaica Shop News

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



Among Our Members

- ◆ Condolences to the following members and their families: **Hal and Ann Manas** on the death of Hal's sister, **Carolyn Manas Bertram**; **Marilyn Abrams, Terry and Alan Abrams** and **Sam Abrams** on the death of husband, father and brother, **Isadore Abrams**; **Stella Iroff, Martha and Marty Iroff, Anna Iroff** and **Rachel Iroff** on the death of husband, father and grandfather, **Bernie Iroff**; **Barbara and Bernie Bernstein** on the death of Bernie's twin sister, **Claire Shulman**; **Barry Wolf** on the death of his son, **Scott**. *May their memories be a blessing.*
- ◆ Get well wishes to the following people who are ill or recuperating: **Sam Abrams, Elaine Brown, Eliyahu ben Shulamit, Josh Gettinger, Irwin Gordon, David Linwood, Judy Rattner, and Rushal Faygel bat Michal.**
- ◆ Mazal tov to the following members and their families: **Adam Brown** on his engagement to **Angie Honeycutt**; **Charlene and Jeff Gubitz** on daughter **Jennifer's** ordination; **Margy and Mitch Goldman** on the engagement of daughter **Meredith** to **Bradley Holtz**; **Judi and Martin Abrams** on the birth of granddaughter, **Ella Leigh Needle**, daughter of **Stephanie and Mark Needle**; **Nancy and Jeff Becker** and **Debbie and Jeff Abrams-Cohen** on the birth of granddaughter and niece, **Aminata Yael Dembele**, daughter of **Sarah Becker** and **Adamah Dembele**.
- ◆ Todah Rabah to **Gene Rosenberg, Ellen Kern, Marilyn Liberman** and **Jenifer Ohriner** who helped in the Synagogue office over the past couple of months. We appreciate your time and the effort on behalf of the Shul.

Please Let Us Know of Hospitalizations

Federal law keeps us from knowing who is in the hospital. Therefore, if you or a loved one is hospitalized, please let us know so that we can attend to them as a community, and place their name on our Mi Sheberach prayer list.



Sisterhood

By Marilyn Liberman

As my two-year term ends as Heska Amuna Synagogue Sisterhood president, I can't help but reflect on the similarities and differences of having served as president in 1979-1981 and in 2010-2012. The technology that has emerged is perhaps the most glaring example of how things changed. We now use e-mail for almost all our communication and have become almost a paperless organization. Telephone chains and phone calls are a thing of the past. The need to connect to one another is as important as ever, but because of our busy schedules we tend to communicate through e-mails or texts. Consequently, the need to meet and attend Sisterhood functions are as important as ever. Nothing replaces face-to-face socializing with one another.

Fortunately, most of our membership and especially our board have been diligent in attending Sisterhood functions and Board meetings. The support you have given me these last two years have enabled me to enjoy my role as president. We have an outstanding group of women who have helped to make these past two years successful. It would be hard to single out any one person because the list of volunteers is enormous.

Our programming consisted of speakers, education, Vashti's Banquet, Torah Fund Shabbat to name just a few. We celebrated Rosh Hodesh each month with the Sisterhoods from Oak Ridge and Temple Beth El. We produced both a Sisterhood Information Guide and a Yizkor book. Our Judaica shop, catering and food coupons continue to supply the Synagogue with additional revenue. Sisterhood members are always available to help as needed.

We have had a large delegation attend both Southern Region Conference and spring board meetings. At the recent meetings we honored Dr. Barb Levin with the Light of Torah Award.

Our list of former presidents goes back to 1929. This year we are celebrating our 55th anniversary as an affiliate of Women's League for Conservative Judaism. My term comes to an end but I am confident that our Sisterhood is in excellent hands with the new Board. We are a strong, vibrant and healthy Sisterhood that will continue to grow for years to come.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as your Sisterhood president.

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694-6213, one week before.

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

For a list of Heska Amuna's funds and
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Heska Amuna Yizkor Book, 2012 – 2013

Dear Members,

With the approach of the High Holidays, Heska Amuna Sisterhood is continuing our tradition of printing a YIZKOR BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE to perpetuate and honor our departed relatives and friends. As before, the book will be published for the Yom Kippur service and will then be used for each of the other three Yizkor services throughout the year. By remembering our loved ones in this sacred service, we fulfill the prayer that the memory of the righteous be a blessing. We invite your participation in the 2012 - 2013 Book to honor and memorialize your loved ones.

The contribution is \$18 for one name, \$30 for two names, \$40 for three names, and \$5 each for any additional names. (A married couple listed on the same line is considered as one name, such as: Sigmund & Sarah Lieberman). The deadline is August 15, 2012.

You may also select a personalized full page with all of your listings plus your very own special wording for \$125. Please refer to last year's book to see how beautiful these personalized pages are. You may call me for more information or for any help with wording.

This year, Harriet Glasman has graciously offered to be a part of this project. All members A - M last names send the info to Harriet. M - Z members are to be sent to me, Lynn Dryzer.

Names to be listed -- Donation

1.) _____	\$18
2.) _____	\$30
3.) _____	\$40
4.) _____	\$45
5.) _____	\$50
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Heska Amuna procedures to offers two ways for members to pay your dues and other fees or: (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 method 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. Credit card charges costs Heska Amuna a fee of 2.3% of the amount charged, PLUS an additional small processing fee. 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 to 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 e-mail at barry.allen@sageontheweb.com, or you can leave a message for him by calling the synagogue at 522-0701.

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Sponsor A Kiddush! It's So Easy!

All Kiddushim are deliciously prepared by Marilyn Burnett. Call Gene Rosenberg at 693-3162 for more information and to reserve a date. *It's now possible to contribute any amount toward the weekly Kiddushim to help defray the Synagogue expenses by mailing your check to the Synagogue Office, marking Kiddushim.*

We thank the following members who sponsored Kiddush in April and May: Marilyn Burnett; Laura Floyd, Jenny Pfeffer-Rodriguez, Myrna Russotto and Susan Silber in honor of their B'not Mitzvah; Heska Amuna Religious School in honor of Shabbat Hinuch.

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Get well wishes to Ted Besmann, in honor of Jennifer Gubitz's ordination,

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In memory of Isadore Abrams

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By: Gilya Schmidt

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In honor of the birth of Ilana and Moshe Ladetzky's grandson, Evan

By: Nancy and Jeff Becker

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graduation, Jennifer Gubitz's ordination, Leslie Gubitz's graduation,

Marilyn Liberman's term as Sisterhood President, Shuli Mesa on being

named Knoxville Hadassah's Woman of the Year, and Barb Levin

receiving Sisterhood's Light of Torah Award; get well wishes to Ted Besmann

By: Rosalie and Stephen Nagler

In honor of Pesach

By: Trevor Bryant

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By: Leslie and Peter Rosen

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For Leon Leibowitz's yahrzeit

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

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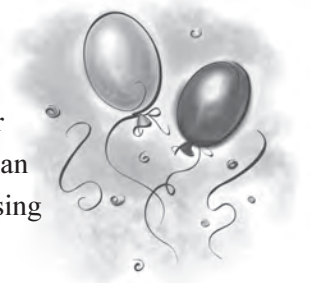
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 Susan and Arnold Cohen
 Helene and George Messing
 Anita and Jeff Miller
 Anne and Bernard Bendriem
 Phyllis and Martin Brownstein
 Nuria Cruz-Camara and Gregory Kaplan
 Linda and Neil Feld
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 Margy and Mitch Goldman
 Cheryl and Rich Kaplan
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Happy Birthday!

◆ Susan Roseman ◆ Eric Bank ◆ Ed Feldman
 ◆ Carole Martin ◆ Patrick Messing ◆ Howard Pollio
 ◆ Alfred Robinson ◆ Lynn Dryzer ◆ Ernie Gross
 ◆ Bob Martin ◆ Joyce York ◆ Jeff Becker ◆ Sybil Joffe
 ◆ Moshe Shloush ◆ Melissa Schweitzer ◆ Jacki Imbrey
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 ◆ Michael Messing
 ◆ Karen Ferency ◆ Ric Pasi
 ◆ Heather O'Brien
 ◆ Jeff Jacobson ◆ Alan Danziger
 ◆ Joyce Berman ◆ Carol Feldman
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 ◆ Mary Linda Schwarzbart



All members whose birthday or anniversary occurs in July were invited to receive a blessing at kiddush on Shabbat morning, June 9.

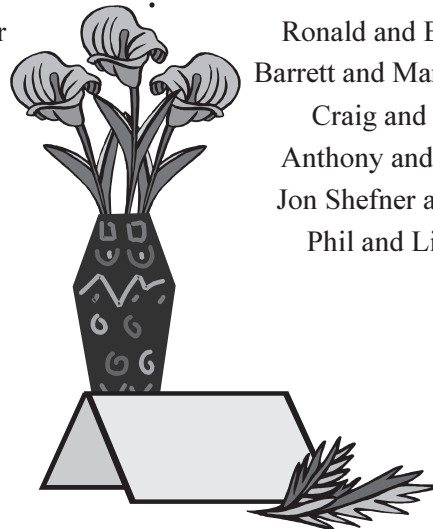
TEMPLE BETH EL

Happy Birthday!

◆ Dov Polsky ◆ Douglas Sofer ◆ John Kline ◆ Fern Aron
 ◆ Gina Feldblum ◆ David Lee ◆ Evan Noon ◆ Stuart Moss
 ◆ Avery Wilhite ◆ Beth Heller ◆ Zoe Comstock ◆ Alex Shor
 ◆ Nathanael Laing ◆ Heather Gross ◆ Stephanie Goldfeld
 ◆ Mark Abrams ◆ Brian Smith ◆ Sheila Jacobstein
 ◆ Lilly Stanley ◆ Jessica Traugot ◆ Roy Loring
 ◆ Wendy Graziani ◆ Mary Ellen Schaefer ◆ Harriet Gassel
 ◆ David Fleischmann ◆ Daryle Gross ◆ Laura Johnson
 ◆ Ryan Markman ◆ Philip Zaretski ◆ Liza Reineri
 ◆ Kenneth Shey ◆ Jeffrey Markman ◆ Brian Billinson
 ◆ Ilya Budik ◆ Stephen Markman ◆ Margot Brown
 ◆ Karen Holst ◆ Ben Pollack

Happy Anniversary!

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



JAHRZEIT

TEMPLE BETH EL

July 7

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 ◆ Morton Banov ◆ Aaron Harris ◆ Jacquelyn Ruth Acord Lauer ◆ Anita Mersack ◆ Dora P. Schramm ◆ Elisabeth Zimmerman
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July 14

◆ Stuart Bridle ◆ Rose Mark ◆ Sol Moiger ◆ Harry Gluck ◆ Alex Jacobson ◆ Issac Diamond ◆ Samuel M. Feinberg ◆ Phillip Taylor
 ◆ Morris Deitch ◆ Irving Kovitch ◆ Arden Sampson ◆ Joel A. Caller ◆ Matilda Davis Corkland ◆ KC Derrington
 ◆ Ethel Danneman Krinsky ◆ Max Sonn ◆ Lillian Finklestein Brody ◆ Leo Silver

July 21

◆ Irene F. Chotiner ◆ David E. Brown ◆ Mayme Dortch ◆ Minnie Feld Katz ◆ Raymond Brody ◆ Pavel Budik ◆ Sylvia Frankel
 ◆ Israel Garber ◆ Jessie Dreyfuss Black ◆ Arthur Freitag ◆ John Kelleher ◆ Josephine Pike ◆ Lawrence Levenson ◆ Malcolm Bloom
 ◆ Goldie Ann Garber ◆ David Licht ◆ Sam Rosenbloom ◆ Julius Shapiro ◆ William Shapiro ◆ Jennie Traugot

July 28

◆ Julia D. Hohenemser ◆ Lillian Gorfinkle ◆ Harvey Kronick ◆ Jacob Blaufeld ◆ Anne Cohen ◆ Ben Jaffee ◆ Nathan Lieberman
 ◆ Jacob Makoff ◆ Tinnie Diamond ◆ David Hyman ◆ Shlema Livshits ◆ Lena I Cohn ◆ Yankel Haim ◆ Lillian Okin Kern ◆ Max Solod
 ◆ Herbert Terry ◆ Ethan Michael Goodfriend

August 4

◆ Judy Schwartz ◆ Regina Sunshine ◆ Sue Decker ◆ Hilda Freedman ◆ Louis H. Gassel ◆ Albert Hess ◆ Paul Kantowitz
 ◆ Joseph Silverstein ◆ Sylvia Kaplan Cooper ◆ Jeannie Samuel Levy ◆ Minnie Skigen ◆ Victor A. Strasburger ◆ Aysa Targonskaya
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July 7

◆ Belle Linke ◆ Celia Mackta ◆ Robert Milford ◆ Gussie Potter ◆ Martin Stollin ◆ Joel Caller ◆ Minnie Katz
 ◆ Ben Goodstein ◆ Clara Goodstein ◆ David Sayah ◆ Isaac Benhayon ◆ Louis Freeman ◆ Shirley Leeds ◆ Rebecca Millen
 ◆ Lillian Brody ◆ Karl Finestone ◆ Harry Kaplan ◆ Joseph Russler ◆ Harold Shersky ◆ Sylvia Balloff ◆ Harry Cooper
 ◆ Nathan Quadow

July 14

◆ Siegfried Besmann ◆ Sarah Coplan ◆ Isaac Winick ◆ Jessie Presser ◆ Mildred Shamitz ◆ Irving Danziger ◆ Norman Evans
 ◆ Josephine Gluck ◆ Douglas Morrison ◆ Charlotte Cohen ◆ Fannie Goldberg ◆ Alvin Kingsley ◆ Bessie Perelman
 ◆ Janet Balloff ◆ Lisa Kahn ◆ Benjamin Leibowitz ◆ Norman Millen ◆ Eva Slovis

July 21

◆ Leon Dobbs ◆ Maria Gruenberg ◆ Leonard Miller ◆ Leo Adams ◆ Madge Glidewell ◆ Frances Levin ◆ Evelyn Lowe
 ◆ Matilda Corkland ◆ Barbara Fay ◆ Bertha Licht ◆ Edward Lippner ◆ Mel Nagler ◆ Edward Mottzman

July 28

◆ Mary Corkland ◆ Ethan Goodfriend ◆ Dorrie Barnett ◆ Esther Bebergal ◆ Harold Licht ◆ William Gurwitch
 ◆ Yetta Lipshin ◆ Rose Martin ◆ Samuel Millen ◆ Benjamin Jaffe ◆ Morris Goldman ◆ Sylvia Goldstein ◆ Samuel Merlin
 ◆ Max Millner

Jewish Congregation of Oak Ridge



Tribute to Selma Shapiro

The Children's Museum of Oak Ridge (CMOR) dedicated its West Wing and Imagination Gallery on May 5 in memory of Selma Shapiro, who served as the Museum's first director for 32 years. Four generations of Selma's family attended the dedication and, in a private ceremony, planted a white Dogwood tree in the CMOR Garden.

The Museum began as a Girl Scout project in 1973 in a public school library. It acquired an abandoned school building from the City of Oak Ridge, which was extensively remodeled over the years as the result of Selma's vision and tireless fundraising efforts. CMOR brings teachers, parents, caregivers, and children together and features hands-on exhibits that allow children to learn while playing in non-traditional, interactive exhibit galleries.

Shapiro continued as a volunteer at CMOR even after her retirement in 2004. She was nationally recognized and was named to the American Association of Museums Centennial Honor Roll in 2006, which paid tribute to "100 of America's museum champions who have worked during the last 100 years to innovate, improve, and expand how museums in the U.S. serve the public."

The dedication was attended by Selma's four children, four grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. Selma Shapiro died May 3, 2011.



The family of Selma Shapiro gather at the Children's Museum of Oak Ridge in her honor.

JCOR Celebrates B'Not Mitzvah

The Jewish Congregation of Oak Ridge is proud to announce that Havah and Leah Anovitz, daughters of Larry Anovitz and Deborah Cole, will be called to the Torah as B'not Mitzvah on Saturday, July 7 for Parshat Balak.

Havah and Leah are lifelong members of the Oak Ridge/Knoxville Jewish community, and founding students and graduates of Knoxville Jewish Day School. Havah and Leah thank their teacher, Mira Kimmelman, for her dedication, guidance, and patience. Services begin at 9:30 a.m. All are invited to attend.



Four generations attended the tribute to Selma Shapiro's memory at the Children's Museum of Oak Ridge on May 5, 2012. Pictured are (from left) Sandy Shapiro Guryan (daughter), Theodore Shapiro (husband), Max Guryan (great-grandson), and Jonathan Guryan (grandson).

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Our Saturday morning service is at 9:30 a.m.
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Hadassah Highlights

A Note from Cindy Pasi

By Cindy Pasi, President of Knoxville Chapter Hadassah

During the past 100 years, Hadassah has well understood the value of shared leadership. Women wear many hats. They have full time careers, family responsibilities, livelihood commitments, and communal obligations. Hadassah's legacy of leadership shared by professional volunteers has not only benefited Hadassah but has been a boon and a blessing to women who have accepted positions of leadership. Hadassah leadership has honed the natural talents and skills of tens of thousands. It has imbued women with a sense of sisterhood and camaraderie. It has promoted education in many fields, taught the art of creative brainstorming, and advanced the lessons of democratic practices. Shared leadership has meant that every woman in Hadassah has a chance, and perhaps an obligation, to take on some leadership position during her lifetime in Hadassah.

We recognize the contributions that shared leadership has made to the lives of Hadassah women. May Hadassah leaders continue to be a godsend to Hadassah and may Hadassah continue to be a bonus and a benefit to their lives.



Knoxville Chapter Wins Awards at Southern Region of Hadassah Spring Conference

By Cindy Pasi

Fourteen members and associates of the Knoxville Chapter of Hadassah traveled to Chattanooga for our annual spring conference. There were several highlights of the conference. Our chapter was honored to receive an award for first place in the medium size chapter category. We also received an award for exceeding our goal for new members in 2011. Thank you to all who helped us achieve both of these awards. Shuli Mesa was named as the Knoxville Chapter's Woman of the Year. Our very own Bonnie Boring, our Knoxville chapter's immediate past president, was installed as the Organizational Vice President for the Region.

The guest speaker for the banquet was Consul General Opher Aviran. He was appointed in August 2010 to serve as the Consul General of Israel to the Southeastern United States. He has served as Director of the Jordanian, Syrian and Lebanese Affairs Department in Jerusalem in 1999. In 2004, he proceeded to become the Senior Foreign Policy Advisor to the Israel Defense Forces Planning Branch in Tel Aviv. Consul General Aviran looks forward to promoting political and strategic cooperation between the State of Israel and the Southeast United States. He intends to further economic and commercial partnerships between the two regions.

These conferences are a great way to share in the successes of Hadassah, but to also be reinvigorated to continue on with the great works that we do. Hadassah must raise \$60 million each year in order to operate the hospitals that we currently have and to conduct day to day business. This does not include the cost of the hospital which will be given to Israel in October. We must continue our grass roots campaigns to continue to give the gift of life for those who walk through Hadassah hospital doors or who are beneficiaries of the life saving measures which come through the cutting edge research by Hadassah. Thank you to all who support Hadassah and our chapter. We can't do it without you.



Don Goldstein, Ric Pasi, Kathy Goldstein, Cindy Pasi, Shuli Mesa, Consul General Opher Aviran, Jill Weinstein, Elizabeth Spenser, Marcia Shloush, Moshe Shloush.

Hadassah Knoxville's 2012 Woman of the Year - Shuli Mesa

This Hadassah lifetime member has been a woman of the year for many years in so many ways, but this year it becomes official. The Knoxville Chapter of Hadassah is honored to have Shuli Mesa as our 2012 Woman of the Year.

Shuli studied political science and pre-law at Central Florida. Then she met and married Gabe Mesa and her life turned in another direction. Now the mother of four, she is a very busy household engineer. Shuli has been a Hadassah member since 2003. She has always been active taking on leadership positions since 2004 such as Young Leaders Chair, Recording Secretary, and Treasurer in Florida; then moving to Knoxville and serving as Membership VP and currently Programming VP.

Shuli's passion for Hadassah and her love of life and energy is contagious. She has made it her personal goal to celebrate Hadassah's Centennial in as many ways possible. She has embraced the Centennial Manual for her programming ideas and our chapter has held numerous creative and informative events since she became Programming VP. These included honoring our past presidents while utilizing the centennial timeline, holding a Centennial Scavenger Hunt, leading a Hadassah Who Dun It murder mystery, holding a hamentaschen cookie swap in which cookies were given to our infirmed within our community, ensuring our Home Sweet Hadassah went well, and holding a fashion show called *Hats, Hemlines, and Hadassah*. She did all this while at the same time preparing for her son's bar mitzvah which was being held out of town. Her programming has created a new "buzz" for our chapter which is encouraging all our new members to check us out and having those that have not been involved before to come and join in.

Through her hard work, Shuli has honored Hadassah in various chapters steadily since 2004. She is a strong leader within our chapter. She believes in all that Hadassah embodies which is why her husband and all of her children are all members or associates of Hadassah as is her mother and her grandmother. Knoxville Hadassah is grateful for such a dedicated leader. We can't wait to see what she has in store for our chapter for 2013.



As part of her last duties as Southern Region of Hadassah president, Dana Waxler pins Shuli Mesa as the Knoxville Chapter of Hadassah's Woman of the Year. National Board member, Bettye Berlin, recognized Shuli with the honor at the Southern Region Spring Conference held in Chattanooga in late April.

Layettes

MAZEL TOV to **Toby Tumpson** and **Linnette Montalvo** who recently welcomed a baby girl to their family! **Sally Rachelle Tumpson** was born on April 4, 2012. She has two older sisters, Sydney and Sophia.

Best wishes to the entire family. Let us all welcome her to the Hadassah family by adding your name to her Layette card.

Send your check or call Judi Abrams (jmksa1@aol.com - 693-5451) to be included in this new Hadassah layette!



Help Israel By Purchasing Tree Or Water Certificates

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



You can call Marian at 524-8234, mail your request and a check to her at P.O. Box 10983, Knoxville, TN. 37939 or e-mail her at mayfajjay@aol.com to arrange for a tree or water certificate to be sent out for you.

High Tea Offers Participants Many Highlights

It was a high tea that would make the Queen proud, well if that queen was Henrietta Szold. Ladies of all ages joined along the catwalk to continue in the Centennial celebration. With adorned gloves and hats, we drank our delicious tea (pinkies up) and ate our beautiful finger sandwiches and desserts. It was a tasty treat that could only

be matched with fabulous fashion. Judy Gardner and her fashion skilled team from the Silk Purse dazzled the guests with the hottest spring designs. The fashion was hot, but not as hot as our models; Judi Abrams, Wendy Besmann, Judy Brietstein, Shelley Mangold, and Missy Noon. They sashayed, strutted, and bedazzled the guests. Thank you to these wonderful ladies for their time and twirls.



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A perfect Spring day at The Tea at the Gallery led by the perfect team of Susan Cohen and Shuli Mesa. Thank you for the beautiful afternoon filled with style and taste.

Hadassah Directory Updates

We will begin working on the 2013 directory soon. Please look at the current directory and notify Jill Weinstein of any changes or corrections you would like made. This would include any needed name changes. If you prefer not to be in the 2013 directory, please let her know at jkweinstein5@gmail.com.

Plant a Tree to Help Fire-Destroyed Areas

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

One Tree - \$12

Ten Trees - \$120 (Circle of Trees)

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Hadassah Highlights

Knoxville Chapter of Hadassah

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Thank You Notes

Dear Members of Hadassah,

I want to express my gratitude to all of the Hadassah members who made a donation in John's memory. During the past 30 years, most of you have touched our lives in one way or another and I appreciate your kindness.

Again, thank you for honoring John with your donations to Hadassah.

May his memory be a blessing.

Barbara R. Phelps

Dear Members of Hadassah,

We would like to thank all of the families in Knoxville who made a donation to Hadassah in memory of our mother, Dolly Golinkin.

It is *much* appreciated.

David and Abe Golinkin



If anyone would like to contact Rabbi Golinkin, the letter was sent from the following address:

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Stanford Eisenberg Knoxville Jewish Day School

Students Learn about Disabilities Via Extreme Heat Challenge

The Disability Resource Center has been a fountain of information for us here at KJDS and has been instrumental in helping Sarah Perez adjust to life in a wheelchair. They have offered advice and resources to us, including coming out to the school for the Extreme Heat Challenge. The Extreme Heat Challenge is a program which educates children about what it is like to live with a disability. KJDS students got the chance to test their skills using wheelchairs and sign language. They even played baseball blindfolded! It was an educational and inspiring day.



Jonah trying to hit the beeping ball!



Ellie, getting around the wheelchair obstacle course



Student art work on display for Fine Arts Evening

Fine Arts Evening

KJDS has a wonderful Arts program headed by Dana Barnes and the students had been dying to show off all they had done. They finally had their chance on May 16 at our annual Fine Arts Evening. The artwork was grouped into collections based on themes and showcased in gallery fashion. The students eagerly led parents and other members of the community around the “gallery” describing their works and explaining their inspirations. It was a festive event full of colorful art and proud smiling faces.

Photographs were also on display by those students that participated in Lev Gross-Comstock's photography class, that took place during aftercare throughout the school year.

Field Day 2012 Features Lots of Fun

KJDS students ended the school year on the last day of school with a field day full of fun activities. Students got to compete against one another on the Bearden High school track, as well as participate in tons of field events to round out the morning. After spoon races, water balloon tossing, and tug of war, the kids were exhausted. Awards were handed out later and the kids felt very proud to have competed on an actual high school track!



Getting wet in the over and under sponge relay race



Linoy and Abigail participating in the water balloon race



Ben, Joey, Jackson, Frank and Leead, running on field day



KJDS Students pull it out in Tug 'O War

“I Am” Poem written by: Frank Sturm

I am energetic and grateful.
 I wonder if I will get a brother
 I hear birds in the sky.
 I see people on the streets that want a home.
 I want to end world hunger.
 I am energetic and grateful.
 I pretend to be a bird in the sky.
 I feel free.
 I touch people's hearts.
 I worry that my friends are sad.
 I cry when I am hurt.
 I am energetic and grateful.
 I understand that people are sad.
 I say that the world be at peace someday.
 I dream I will do something amazing one day.
 I try my best at everything.
 I hope for a brother.
 I am energetic and grateful.

Mother's Day Tea

Mother's Day Tea is an annual tradition for our Kindergarten/1st grade class. Organized by Teacher Corinne Cruz, the students prepared poems and did dramatic readings for their moms. They sang songs and read books they had authored themselves. The delighted moms were then treated to some yummy treats and, of course, tea. It is easy to see why this has become one of the school's favorite traditions.

K-1 students perform for their Moms

*Miriam Esther and Mendel
at the Mother's Day Tea*



Ellie reads to her Mom at the Mother's Day Tea

Poem Written by Yuval Koenig

You walk, and all you see is **hurt**
and you wonder **why?**

Why war, why bad decisions,
and it is hard to feel the **terrors** that you are not a
part of.
The way humanity is treated will be nothing like it
before.

Never make the same mistakes there were.
Your eyes are hurting when you see it,
and everything is just **wrong.**



*Yuval playing
her guitar at
the Awards
Ceremony on
the last day of
school.
Photo by Lev
Gross-
Comstock*

Auction Supports School, Provides Terrific Social Event

A fabulous evening in support of the Stanford Eisenberg Knoxville Jewish Day School was a resounding success. Amy Hull, Tamara Sturm and Shelly Abrams led a dedicated group of volunteers to pull off this wonderful event. The cocktail party style gave the event a new twist and participants enjoyed the socializing, passed appetizers and delicious desserts made by Marilyn Burnett. Not only was the event a memorable and enjoyable evening, but much needed funds were raised to ensure our community students can continue to receive a top notch secular and Hebrew education in a Jewish environment. Studies show that Jewish Day School Education is a key to Jewish Continuity – Thank you for giving this gift to our children.



The winning ticket! Photo courtesy of Lev Gross-Comstock



Enjoying cocktails and conversation! Photo courtesy of Lev Gross-Comstock

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The Way We Were in 1935



This photo of the 1935 birthday party of Barbara **Goodstein** first appeared in *The Center Menorah* in August of 1947.

Bottom row, left to right: Esther **Slovis**, Pauline **Chazen**.

Middle row: Barry **Wolf**, who still lives in Knoxville, Barbara **Goodstein**, Shirley **Robinson**, Myra **Corkland**, Eric **Chazen**, unknown, second unknown.

Back row: Sylvia **Axelrod**, Marilyn **Slovis**, who still lives in Knoxville, David **Robinson**, Marlyn **Slovis** of Charleston, unknown, Harold **Diftler**, who still lives in Knoxville.

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

To learn more about these people, go to the Archives webpage at www.jewishknoxville.org/archives [click on Ha'Kol: "The Way We Were"], to explore all our links to discover more historical gems.