



Ha' Kol

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

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Shabbat at the Pool

Friday, August 17

5:30-8:30 p.m.

**Arnstein Jewish Community Center
6800 Deane Hill Drive**

**Dinner, Shabbat, Songs, Swimming
Everyone Welcome**

5:30 p.m. Wine, Challah and Meal

6:45 p.m. Musical Shabbat celebration under the trees.
Bring a blanket or camp chair and enjoy!

***DINNER COST: \$12.00 Adults, \$6.00 Children 10 & Under
\$36.00 Family Cap. Kosher meat and vegetarian options.
Reservations (see page 25) due by Monday, August 12.
Your payment is your reservation.***

A joint program of the KJA, Heska Amuna Synagogue and Temple Beth El

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Community Pulls Together to Establish Burial Fund

By Renee Hyatt, KJA President, renee.j.hyatt@gmail.com

All of us, as members of the Knoxville Jewish community, have reason to feel proud: the Knoxville Jewish Alliance, Heska Amuna, and Temple Beth El have agreed to establish the Dewey Reich Hesed shel Emet Burial Fund. The fund will allow our community to provide Jewish burial resources and support for those among us who have none. *Hesed shel Emet* is a kindness offered without expectation of reward or repayment. The details are still being worked out, but I hope that the fund's guidelines will be approved by the KJA, HA, and TBE boards by the end of the High Holy days.

Why is the fund named for Dewey Reich? Dewey and Esther Reich were long-time Knoxville residents who were very active in the Jewish community, contributing not only time but also financial support. After Esther passed away last December, the Dewey Reich estate gave generous bequests to the Arnstein Jewish Community Center, Heska Amuna Synagogue, Knoxville Jewish Alliance, and Temple Beth El. In the spirit of taking care of the community as the Reichs had done, KJA, HA, and TBE took a portion of these bequests to establish the burial fund.

On August 3, Esther and Dewey will be remembered during Temple Beth El's Friday evening service. All are invited to attend and honor their memory. We, as a community, have been blessed by their legacy of generosity and devotion.

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Swim Team Takes 3rd at Smoky Mountain Meet

The AJCC Smokin' Salmon placed third in their division at the 38th Annual Smoky Mountain Invitational, held at Alcoa's Springbrook Pool on July 7-8. This meet for summer-only swimmers is the largest outdoor swim meet in the United States. On Saturday, swimmers ages 11 years old and up competed and on Sunday, the younger swimmers raced.

Congratulations to all competitors, including Emily Whitfield who won first place in the 25 butterfly and 25 breaststroke. Other Smokin' Salmon swimmers who placed include **Emily Whitfield**: Girls 8 and under, 3rd in the IM, 2nd in the 50 freestyle, 1st in the 25 breaststroke, 1st in the 25 butterfly

Reilly Swanson: Girls 9-10, 4th 25 backstroke, 8th 50 freestyle

Gracie Bemiller: Girls 11 and older, 9th in the 100 freestyle

Dean Foster: Boys 13-14, 12th 50 freestyle 12th 100 freestyle, 6th 50 breaststroke

Hayden Smith: Boys 13-14, 7th 50 backstroke, 11th 50 breaststroke

Kate Caldwell: Girls 15-18, 12th 100 freestyle, 3rd 50 breaststroke, 9th 50 butterfly

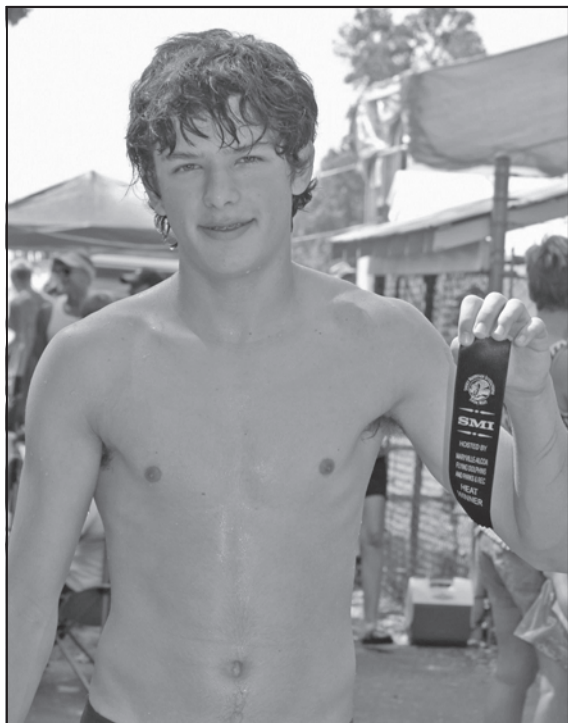
Jessica Crisp: Girls 15-18, 5th 200 IM, 10th 50 butterfly

2012 SMI individual and team results can be found at www.flyingdolphins.org/I_Results/2012/2012_smi_complete_results.pdf.

Dean Foster wins a heat on Saturday.



Coach Megan Edman finds lots to smile about at the 2012 SMI.



John Burnette, Julian Kendrick, Jacob Hale, and Jose Vowell win their heats.

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KJA 2012 Campaign

Campaign Goal \$365,000

As of 7/11/2012

2012 Annual Campaign: \$334,002

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."

Things Are All Right...or Are They?

By Gene Rosenberg, KJA Campaign Chair

A very recent movie, *The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel*, has a wonderful line "Everything will be all right in the end; if it is not all right, it is not the end."

This has to be the philosophy of the greatest optimist or perhaps maybe the greatest fool in the world.

The KJA Campaign works very diligently to assure that everything will be all right in the end. To achieve this goal requires the participation of the approximate 50 percent of the Jewish population in Knoxville who do not commit (pledge) to our fund raising efforts. You do NOT have to pledge a huge amount. You do NOT have to pay all at one time. You do NOT have to wait for the phone call or to be asked.

When you make your commitment, it demonstrates you care and you want "everything to be all right in the end"...and that this is NOT the end.

Be there to care and to share...This is YOUR Alliance!

P.S. If you haven't seen the movie, try to do so...you'll enjoy it.



Jewish Family Services Assistive Devices Loan Closet

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

Earlier this year, I wrote an article about the Jewish Family Services assistive devices loan closet. Over the past few months, we have been fortunate to receive some new



donations, such as wheelchairs, three-in-one commodes, an elevated toilet seat, and shower seats. Along with wheelchairs, *one of our most commonly requested items are canes, both the single-point and the four-prong types.* We do not currently have any canes to loan. If you have a cane that you no longer need, please consider donating it to

Jewish Family Services. Please contact Laura Berry at 690-6343 extension 18 or lberry@jewishknoxville.org.

Suzy Snoops

Send your good news to jvork@jewishknoxville.org, fax to 694-4861 or mail to Ha' Kol, 6800 Deane Hill Drive, Knoxville, TN 37919.

- ◆ **Evan Ohriner** was on one of nine Oak Ridge National Laboratory research teams recognized with a R&D 100 award. These awards, presented by *R&D Magazine*, recognize the top 100 innovations of 2012 and are sometimes referred to as the "Academy Awards of Science." Ohriner's project, the *Asymmetric Rolling Mill: A Novel Route for Processing Sheet and Plate*, provides a way to efficiently process sheet and plate materials, accelerating the production and availability of low-cost magnesium.
- ◆ Three former Smokin' Salmon went to the 2012 Olympic Trials swimming: **Katie Keel**, **Evan Pinion**, and **John Paul Gaylor**.
- ◆ **Logan Brown** was named to the *News-Sentinel's* PrepXtra All-KIL tennis second team. Brown is a senior at West High School and the son of Adam Brown and Jill Brown.
- ◆ **Bruce Bogartz**, owner and executive chef of RouXbarb, was the featured chef in a recent *News-Sentinel* news/video feature.
- ◆ **Jessie Rosenberg** attended a summer Chapter Leadership Training Conferences (CLTC), BBYO's training experience for AZA and BBG leaders. **Rosenberg** attended a conference at Bethany College in West Virginia.

KJA Friendshippers Takes Summer Break

By Laura Faye Berry,
BSSW, Esq., Director

The KJA Friendshippers program will take a break in 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.

Rob Heller discusses the history of photojournalism on June 20.



June Friendshippers presenter Rob Heller laughs with Jerry Solomon after the program.

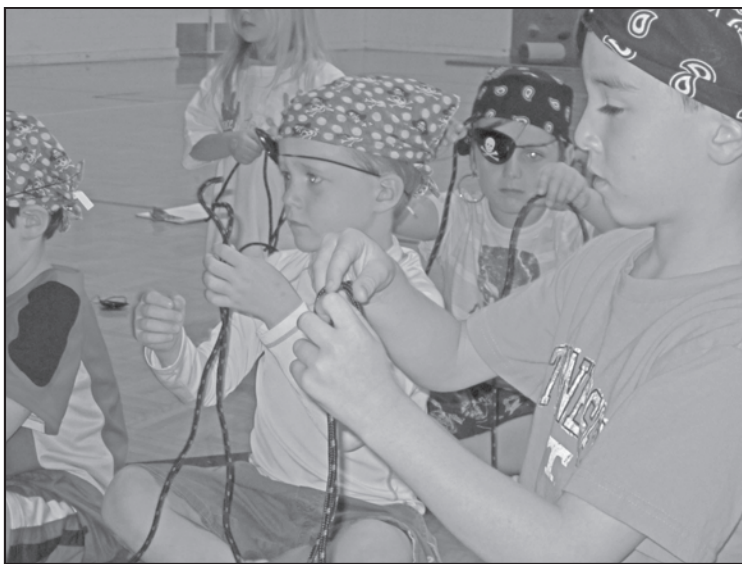
AJCC Preschool

By Melissa Schweitzer, Early Childhood Education Director

Do you have a child that is ready for kindergarten but just misses the age requirement? Maybe your child is already five but needs an extra year of practice? Then we have the class for you! With Knox County changing its age requirement in 2013, more students who normally would have started kindergarten will be staying at home. Beginning fall 2013, a child will have to be 5 before August 30 to start kindergarten. This is a change from the current cut-off date of September 30. Then in fall 2014 the cut-off date moves back to August 15. So where does that leave our little scholars?

In the AJCC Preschool's Hey class, of course. Maria Landry is the driving force behind our Hey class that was created for students who turn five years old after the county requirement or those students who need one more year of practice before joining kindergarten. Maria has a masters' degree from the University of Tennessee in Early Childhood Development and is a certified teacher. Maria has experience in kindergarten classrooms, third grade, and our very own Daled classroom. She joined the AJCC Preschool in 2007 and worked until her second son was born in 2010. After her maternity leave, Maria returned to the preschool to take the reins of the Hey class.

Our maximum class size of 10 students makes the teacher/student ratio ideal for either refining skills or developing the skills needed for kindergarten. While the classroom is structured like a kindergarten, there is still plenty of time for play. The AJCC Preschool believes that play is essential for students. It provides time for the students to process new information and gives them a forum for creative thinking and problem solving. An advantage of the Hey class is that children have the ability to build independence, responsibility, and social maturity – skills that research shows are essential to successful educational experiences. Another advantage for our Hey class is that Ms. Maria can tailor learning to the specific students. For example, if one child is still working on letter recognition while another child is ready for independent reading, she can differentiate the instruction so that both children's needs are met. We offer a full day program that is available five days per week but is also flexible for families who desire part-time. Space is still available. Ask about our "refer a student" program. If you have more questions or are interested in touring the AJCC Preschool, please contact Melissa at (865) 963-8001.



Learning to follow instruction through dramatic play



Hey class promotion

Children participate in a butterfly release after a science unit on the lifecycle of a butterfly



Zumba Classes Now Available at the AJCC

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

Join the Zumba fun at the Arnstein Jewish Community Center, 6800 Deane Hill Drive, Knoxville, TN 37919. Contact instructor Amy Sullivan, (865) 274-9140 or zumbafreaktn@yahoo.com for information or Rachel Hale, KJA program manager, at rhale@jewishknoxville.org.

Shabbat Hosts Needed for Hungry UTK Hillel Students

Just look at these precious faces – wouldn't you like to host sweet UTK students like this for a Shabbat Dinner? They are very friendly, well mannered, polite and extremely appreciative of a home served meal. Nothing fancy needed - just a chance to relax and unwind with friends at the end of a busy school week. They usually travel in groups of 6-10 and are happy to help with clean up at the end of the meal.



Becca Giller, Sam Bendriem, Lane Carasik, Danny Gellis and Lily Dropkin

Even if you have never hosted a Shabbat Dinner before – this is a great opportunity to share food and provide a home away from home experience for students. If you would like to learn more – please contact Deborah Oleshansky, doleshansky@jewishknoxville.org or (856) 690-6343.

Changes in Israeli Immigrant Programs

The JFNA Israel office reports that yesterday, Sunday July 8, the Israeli Cabinet approved two important decisions on immigrant absorption, the Government of Israel (GOI) funding of educational immigrant programs and bringing the remaining Falash Mura from Ethiopia to Israel. Here's an update:

GOI takes financial responsibility for immigrant absorption in the area of education

- ◆ The GOI will increase – and provide budgets for – projects to assist immigrant absorption in the field of education, at an overall cost of NIS 40 million, ensuring the continuation of its joint projects with the Jewish Agency. The Jewish Agency will gradually decrease its commitments in these areas, in the coming two years.
- ◆ In this framework, the GOI will support the Immigrant Absorption Ministry Student Authority. Beginning September 2013 there will no longer be Jewish Agency funding for the Student Authority and it will be funded solely by the GOI, as part of the regular budget of the Ministry of Absorption.
- ◆ Our UIA Israel office reports that the Jewish Agency had been an equal partner with the GOI in funding this study assistance. 2009-2011 Jewish Agency funding was reduced to less than half of what it had been, and during this academic year the Jewish Agency funding will be further reduced. The Jewish Agency will be focusing its efforts on strengthening Jewish Identity in the Diaspora, using previously allocated funds to the Student Authority on instilling Jewish and Zionist values in the Diaspora, in accordance with its new strategic plan.
- ◆ In recent years, the Student Authority has assisted approximately 6,500 students per year, one third of whom are from Ethiopia, and its assistance is a significant factor in the decision of young people eligible to immigrate to Israel under the Law of Return. Budgeting for the project will be carried out immediately so as not to harm registration and the start of the academic year for immigrant students.

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- ◆ The GOI will increase support for 90 Hebrew language *ulpanim* and for students at four Jewish Agency youth villages which mainly house youth-at-risk. The Jewish Agency had funded the infrastructure for the Hebrew language *ulpanim*, with the GOI funding the rest of the expenditure. The Jewish Agency will be gradually reducing its support of this program 2013-2014, and will **not** be funding it at all in 2015.
- ◆ As of 2013, the *ulpanim* will be operated by the Ministry of Absorption and not by the Ministry of Education.
- ◆ The GOI had not been offering support to Jewish Agency Youth Aliyah villages equal to that received in other villages for youth at risk and olim. As of 2012, this has been rectified.

GOI approves plans to bring Falash Mura immigrants to Israel

- ◆ The GOI will expedite the immigration to Israel of the Falash Mura, in wake of last year's historic decision to bring all Falash Mura to Israel. Immigrant quotas will be increased to bring all 2,200 Falash Mura by the end of March 2014. Efforts will be made to bring most of the immigrants close to the start of the academic year so that the children may begin classes together with Israeli pupils.
- ◆ An absorption center will be opened at Ibim this September, at a cost of around NIS 17 million (\$4.3 million), to accommodate the immigrants. Prime Minister's Office Director-General Harel Locker, who will oversee the immigration, noted that in order to implement the decision, all available places in absorption centers in Israel will be filled with immigrants. "We must act to bring all of the Falash Mura to Israel and close the immigration camp in Gondar as soon as possible," he said.
- ◆ Many of those slated to come, have been waiting for over ten years. The decision to expedite the process is a result of intense pressure from organizations, including JFNA. We have been campaigning for years for these decisions to be passed and are hopeful that these immigrants will finally reach their new home.
- ◆ Nevertheless, the delay caused by keeping to the monthly quota of 250 Falash Mura immigrants per month is disappointing to many, who note the GOI's speed at deporting illegal immigrants and slowness at bringing in those who have been approved for immigration years ago.
- ◆ Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said, "Immigration to Israel from anywhere in the world is a central goal of the Government."

Milton Collins Day Camp - The Most Fun Under the Sun!



(Above Left) Deborah Oleshansky teaches a Hebrew song to campers during Shabbat so they will be able to welcome some Israeli teens who visit the camp in July. (Left) Campers enjoy learning new games during their experience.

(Above) Elizabeth Floyd advises fellow camper Samantha Abram-Cohen during art class.

Milton Collins Day Camp - The Most Fun Under the Sun!



(Above & Below) Campers build LEGOs during Week 4's Bricks4Kidz camp

(Above) Campers paint with ketchup and mustard during an overnight adventure.
(Below) TAP's (Teen Adventure Program) traveled to the courthouse to watch a trial



(Above left and right) Every day is mitzvah day at the AJCC! Teens in Milton Collins Day Camp's Teen Adventures Program (TAP) traveled to the local Girl Scout headquarters and loaded leftover cases of Girl Scout cookies into a van, then delivered them to the U.S. Naval Reserve for shipment to Tennessee troops stationed overseas. The cookies are a popular treat for U.S. soldiers.

Smokin Salmon Place 2nd at June 20 Tri Swim Meet at the AJCC Pool



(Above Left) Tifannie Rosen and Emily Whitfield during a swim meet



(Above Right) Coach Megan Edman enjoys watching her team



(Left) Assistant Coach Fallon Parker talks with Robert Mann and Gavin Madgett



(Right) Parents and on-lookers get caught up in the excitement during a relay



Lily Schweitzer prepares for her heat.



Coach Jackson Wallace urges his swimmers on.



Julian Kendrick relaxes before his race at the Tri-Meet.



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Knoxville Jewish Community Family of Funds

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

Benefits of a Charitable Remainder Trust

- ◆ You may retain the right to receive payments yourself or you may provide payments to another person. There may be gift tax consequences if the payments are made to someone other than your spouse.
- ◆ You receive an immediate income tax deduction for the present value of the remainder gift to the KJCF if you create the trust during your lifetime.
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KJCF Achievements

Since the inception of the Knoxville Jewish Community Family of Funds in 1999, KJCF funds have made **204** grants totaling **\$760,014.05**. The number of grants made each year continues to grow. Last year alone, KJCF funds made **41** grants totaling **\$145,663.17**. Currently, there are **65** B'nai Tzedek teen philanthropy funds and **45** KJCF funds. Seven of those funds are designated for Heska Amuna Synagogue, one for the Jewish Congregation of Oak Ridge, twenty for the Knoxville Jewish Alliance, and the remaining seventeen are donor-advised funds. Donor-advised funds make grants to a variety of non-profit organizations, including Jewish, cultural, educational, environmental, and humanitarian.

Statement of Intent

If you wish to make or have already made a provision for a future gift to the Knoxville Jewish Community Family of Funds (KJCFF), we would like to know so that we may recognize your generosity. In addition, we would welcome the opportunity to discuss with you how to implement your legacy. Thank you.

The information contained in this form will remain confidential.

Name(s) _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ E - Mail _____

I/We have made the following provision(s) for a planned gift: (Please check all that apply)

- Bequest through a Will
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 Named KJCFF as charitable remainder beneficiary in present trust
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It is my/our intention that this gift be used to establish the _____
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OR

It is my/our intention that this gift be added to the _____ Fund existing at the KJCFF. (Other instructions)

I/We have attached estate planning documents clearly stating my/our intentions.

THIS STATEMENT OF INTENT IS NON-BINDING AND MAY BE AMENDED

 Signature

 Date

 Signature

 Date

Did You Know?

Anyone can make donations to existing KJCFF Funds, including B'nai Tzedek funds. It is a great way to honor or memorialize someone. Such donations keep on giving because they increase the amount of money in a fund available to be granted.

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

K N O X V I L L E

Jewish Community Volunteers at Knox Agencies/Organizations

By *Bernie Rosenblatt*

Hineni: We, each in our own way, need to be “counted” by what we *do* individually and collectively for one another and for the community. This means that for however long we live in a community we have an obligation to leave it better than we found it; that we do not just pass through; that *tikkun olam* (repairing/improving) the world is an obligation; that when we see a need, each of us can say, *Hineni*....I am here and I can be counted on.

For some time I have been thinking about our Jewish community’s participation in the community at large and how we have made a difference; how we have met our covenant to *tikkun olam*. I decided to do a very informal, non-scientific survey to identify the non-Jewish community organizations and agencies that we have served in leadership roles during the last 15 years and solicited a few people who would know about such things. This is definitely not an exhaustive list but so far this is what I have found:

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| 1. Alzheimer’s Tennessee | Trunk | Illness) |
| 2. Arts Council Advisory Committee | 25. FEMA Boards of Knox County and Blount County | 52. Nine Counties, One Vision |
| 3. Association of Fundraising Professionals | 26. Friends of the Knox County Library | 53. Parkwest Hospital |
| 4. Bearden High School | 27. Ft. Sanders Hospital | 54. Pond Gap Full Service Advisory Board |
| 5. Beardsley Farm | 28. Girl Scouts | 55. Project Change Board |
| 6. Beck Cultural Center Board | 29. Habitat For Humanity | 56. Race Relations Center Board |
| 7. Big Brothers, Big Sisters | 30. Harden Valley Academy PTSA Board | 57. Random Acts of Flowers |
| 8. CAC Community Leadership | 31. Heart Association | 58. Salvation Army |
| 9. Cancer Association | 32. Helen Ross McNabb Foundation Board | 59. Scottish Rite Temple |
| 10. Children’s Hospital Board | 33. Interfaith Health Clinic Foundation Board | 60. Second Harvest |
| 11. Citizens for the 10 Year Plan | 34. Kids On The Block | 61. St. Mary’s Hospital Volunteers |
| 12. Clarence Brown Theatre Advisory Board | 35. KMA Board of Trustees | 62. STAR Academy (Shangri-La Therapeutic Riding Academy) |
| 13. Coalition for the Homeless | 36. Knox Area Rescue Mission | 63. Together! Healthy Knox |
| 14. Community School for the Arts | 37. Knox County Education Summit | 64. United Way |
| 15. Contact | 38. Knox County PTA Council | 65. UT Alumni Association |
| 16. Council on Aging Executive Committee | 39. Knoxville Area Urban League | 66. UT Chancellor’s Associates |
| 17. DHS Advisory Board | 40. Knoxville Heritage Board | 67. UT College of Education, Health, and Human Sciences Dean’s Board of Advisors; Grief Outreach Initiative |
| 18. East Tennessee Civil Rights Working Group | 41. Knoxville Symphony Orchestra Board | 68. UT Medical Center Board |
| 19. East Tennessee Community Design Center | 42. Knoxville World Festival Board | 69. UT Medical Center Ethics Committee |
| 20. East Tennessee Foundation Board, Scholarship Committee, Arts Panels | 43. K-Town Youth Empowerment Network | 70. UT Medical Pastoral Care Advisory Board |
| 21. East Tennessee Regional Leadership Organization | 44. KUB Board | 71. UTK Campus Ministerial Council |
| 22. Family Justice Center | 45. Leadership Knoxville Board | 72. Volunteers of America Homeless Shelter |
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| 24. FBI Citizen’s Academy and Traveling | 47. Love Kitchen | 74. Wellness Community |
| | 48. Masons | 75. YWCA Board |
| | 49. MLK, Jr Commission | |
| | 50. Muscular Dystrophy Society | |
| | 51. NAMI (National Alliance on Mental | |

Israeli Folkdance Workshop Aug. 30

The AJCC and the Knoxville Israeli Dancers will host the 16th Annual Israeli Folkdance Workshop on Thursday, August 30 from 6:00-10:00 p.m. at the AJCC.

Everyone is invited, with dances taught in great detail, making them perfect for the beginner or the experienced dancer. Sessions are taught by Dany Benshalom and Ruthy Slann, who teach folkdance seminars throughout the Western hemisphere.

The workshop fee is AJCC members, \$11.00; Non-members, \$14.00; students, \$6.00.

Questions? Call Fay Campbell at 694-2628 or e-mail her at faheetagal@gmail.com. Please RSVP so that organizers can plan.

AZA Winick Attends Leadership Training Conferences

Three Winick AZA members recently attended summer Chapter Leadership Training Conferences (CLTC), BBYO’s dynamic training experience for AZA and BBG leaders. At CLTC, teens grow personally, explore their Jewish identity and learn specific skills to help them strengthen their Chapter at home. Through a hands-on, interactive and experiential approach, teens leave CLTC primed to be AZA and BBG leaders. **Nathan Rosen** attended a conference in Wisconsin while **Michael Dryzer** and **Brian Weinstein** just returned from Bethany College in Bethany, West Virginia.

H A P P E N I N G S

Marty's Mission Expands Its Support

By Joyce Traugot

The need to assist the hungry in our community is overwhelming. Until you delve into the community, and their needs to support our fellow Knoxvilleans, you have no idea how vast and expansive the need is. I recently had the opportunity to visit the FISH Hospitality Pantry here in Knoxville. As I approached the building, I was really taken back by the number of people lining up along the building waiting to receive food that at this very special facility. I was amazed by the volunteers and how much respect and concern they showed to each and every person who was being assisted. Truly amazing! Respect, concern, compassion is the mantra for this wonderful organization. I was invited to see their facility and to see how we, in this caring Jewish community, can assist them with their program.

I have decided to expand Marty's Mission to include the FISH Pantry. We can support both the Second Harvest Food Bank and the FISH Pantry. If you have time to volunteer some of your precious time, there is a major need for your assistance. I plan on meeting with the BBYO advisers to see if our youngsters could spend time sorting and preparing bags for the children who come to the FISH Pantry. I hope to share the food that is collected between the two organizations. Both are worthy and in need of our support.

Let's think in advance, if you have winter coats that still have goods years ahead, please put them aside and look for a winter coat drive that will be announced in a future article in the *Ha' Kol*. I know that you will join me in my efforts to assist with this important program. If you would like to become more involved with Marty's Mission or if you have any questions regarding its food drive and its winter coat drive, please feel free to give me a call.

Hope you are enjoying a wonderful summer and I look forward to working closely with everyone in the upcoming year.



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Shepherd

By Rabbi Alon Ferency

Psalm 23 says, “God is my shepherd, I shall not want.” Centuries later, Ben Sira said, “The compassion of man is for his neighbor, but the compassion of God is for all living beings. God rebukes and trains and teaches them, and turns them back, as a shepherd his flock.” Few of us in the modern world have any experience of shepherding or cow herding. It’s almost impossible to understand what the psalmist meant when he called God a Shepherd. A metaphor like this is called a dead metaphor – it lost meaning for us because we don’t understand the main image. Since we probably have never seen a live shepherd or even a cowboy, we can’t understand what the Bible means by this comparison. How is God like a shepherd?

First, it’s useful to consider what livestock did in pre-modern times. In the Bible, animals were a way of communicating with God through sacrifices. Numbers 28-29 gives long lists of animals to be brought for sacrifices on various holidays: cows, sheep and goats. Livestock were the people’s store of value then, through which they invested their wealth. Unlike stocks, bonds or savings certificates, however, livestock are born, reproduce, and die. When a goat has kids, the goat’s owner’s wealth increases. His investment literally bears fruit. Unfortunately, animals can also get sick or be attacked by predators.

So, if livestock were the mobile wealth, a shepherd was effectively the portfolio manager. In fact, the shepherd was held legally responsible for the animals. In Hammurabi’s code (18th century B.C.E.), and later in Jewish legal precedent (*halakha*), “The shepherd was held accountable for the flock and was responsible for their care.” What feelings might a sheep have for this shepherd? What feelings might the shepherd have for the sheep, especially given their value? These are the qualities that define our relationship with God.

I read a great book, *The Lord Is My Shepherd: The Theology of a Caring God*, by Rabbi Michael Samuel, that talks about how a shepherd works: “The good shepherd must work with the instincts of the sheep and cannot force the flock to go where it does not want to go... The good shepherd could not look after the health of the sheep while standing afar. He had to be close at hand.” Like the good shepherd, God knows our inclinations, talents, and flaws, and works with us. During this work, God is always close by. Rabbi Samuel explains that lost sheep, who have poor sense of direction, are a problem: “[The shepherd] can never sleep nor be comforted until his lost sheep is brought back safely to the flock.” Even the young and injured are at risk. Often, the shepherd would lay down his coat and eat with the lambs. “He places these young lambs, or those of them that have broken legs, right inside his coat.” God certainly cares for us when we stumble, and attends to us.

Although we may think of ourselves as leaders and reject being led, it is the Presence of God that always guides and shepherds us. What I find most comforting about this metaphor is that it doesn’t require God to get it all right, to be perfect and to protect us from all harm. Even the best shepherd loses a sheep occasionally; but he (or she) always cares about them. That is because the shepherd’s destiny is with the flock.

May God too be our *raya nehemia* (faithful Shepherd), and in the words of Isaiah (40:11), “He shall feed his flock like a shepherd. He shall gather the lambs with his arm, and carry them in his bosom, and shall gently lead those that are with the young.”

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From The President

By *Gilya Schmidt*

Reflecting on one's past year is a big part of the preparations for Rosh Hashanah. In thinking about what I wanted to write for this penultimate column before the Jewish New Year, I came across a great idea by Rabbi Debra Orenstein, called Chai Elul meditations. This idea suggests that, beginning with the 18th of Elul, which this year falls on September 5, we reflect each day on one of the months from the previous year, leading up to Erev Rosh Hashanah on September 16. Some of you might want to try this in September, but I thought I might reflect here and now as far as my Heska Amuna presidency for 5771/5772 is concerned.

From beginning to end, I have enjoyed being Heska Amuna president this past year. I was so grateful to our past president, Dr. Bernard Bendriem, for turning over the religious end of our shul in such good shape. Soon after, Jenifer Ohriner agreed to serve as president-elect, and it has been a joy working with Jenifer. Rabbi Alon Ferency's youthful and sophisticated as well as spiritual personality makes it a lot of fun to plan our religious events. Chairman Scott Hahn has a keen eye for business, reminding me of the practical end of worship.

Our Rabbi and Religious Services Committee has been phenomenal in its interest, participation, and enthusiasm for interesting and worthwhile offerings for our membership for weekly services, Shabbat services, both regular and contemporary, and our beloved holy days. Education Director Anna Iroff has enriched the religious experience of our families with children, and we have all enjoyed Margy Goldman's creative bent.

Of course, volunteer is our middle name, and I have pleaded more than once in this column for members to sign up. And you have. This past year we have enjoyed both long-term daveners and Torah and Haftarah readers as well as both new participants and new members. Thank you all for keeping our services vibrant. And remember that we are always happy to teach anyone whatever it is

you would like to learn. The High Holy Days are not that far away, and every year we are grateful to and proud of those who carry us through so beautifully. Perhaps you might wish to learn a part for next year, if not for this year? We are always in need.

I have many favorite services or moments, but in recent years our new custom of facing God before the Ark during Neilah has become the most meaningful religious moment for me.

We vowed to become even more inclusive and set about planning new programs. And your response was tremendous – to Rabbi Ferency's monthly Hoot'nanny Kabbalat Shabbat service, to the monthly family service organized by Anna, Ellen Kern's meditation before the monthly contemporary service – thank you, Nancy Becker! And we have enjoyed an unprecedented number of delicious sponsored Kiddushim, expertly prepared by our very own Marilyn Burnett. Our thanks to all of you for your generosity.

Hanukkah, Tu B'Shvat, Purim, Yom HaShoah, Israeli Independence Day, and Tisha B'Av lend themselves as occasions to either celebrate or mourn together – a great way for us to show our solidarity with our Jewish community and world Jewry. The energy required for Passover is tapped early in the secular year, when Rabbi Ferency calls together his Passover team for another congregational Seder. This event has become beloved by those involved in the creation as well as those enjoying the results. What a fete! A very popular program this year was our fundraiser conceived by President-elect Jenifer Ohriner, which lasted from Passover to Shavuot, and culminated in a lovely and well-attended Tikkun Leil Shavuot organized by our Sisterhood. With a somber service for Tisha B'Av on July 28, we will conclude this year of 5772, and prepare the countdown for yet another new year. Of course, none of this could happen without not only Marilyn, but Marian Jay and Debbie Johnson. Many thanks for your dedication.

So what have I learned? That we at Heska Amuna are, for the most part, on the right path. We will keep doing what we have been doing – listening to our membership, planning well, enjoying each others' company, and praising God for all of God's bounty—albeit in a new key.

From the Chairman

By *Scott B. Hahn*

If you have not had an opportunity to read the June/July issue of *Hadassah Magazine*, I would strongly urge you to do so. There was a very thought-provoking piece by Geshon Gorenberg, concerning how it might be time for Israel to rethink some of its founding principles, based on the realities of living in 2012. Without going into depth, the major areas of focus were on universal military service, Israel as an agrarian society, and aliyah. This led me to start thinking, what are some of the founding principles of Heska Amuna that may need some revision based on current realities?

At one time when an individual or family moved into our community, they did some checking and joined one of the congregations. It wasn't a hard sell and the success rate was pretty high. Those days are long gone. Just as our society has changed, becoming more diverse and individualistic, so has American Judaism. One size just doesn't fit all anymore. Heska Amuna must continue to offer a high level of programming and go after each and every Jewish person that comes to town. We must be proactive in developing and retaining our membership.

Another area that has seen dramatic change concerns our religious school. Once again, there has been a seismic shift in society. Young people today have a much more scheduled variety of activities than they did several years ago. Religious school does not hold the primary position that it did in the past. It is no easy task to develop a formula that satisfies educators, parents, and students under the best of circumstances. Heska Amuna strives to develop a religious school curriculum that takes into account these different factions.

I know the synagogue has met these challenges in the past. Women having an equal role in religious services is the best example of that. Heska Amuna saw a shift in society and acted upon it accordingly. I know there are other areas that you as member that need change. It is our duty as a synagogue to accept the fact change is inevitable and to modify our practices and behaviors when necessary. It's something to think about anyway. Have a great summer.

Editor's Note: The Hadassah Magazine article can be found at <http://www.hadassahmagazine.org/site/apps/nlnet/content.aspx?c=tw16LmN7IzF&b=6725377&ct=11798133¬oc=1>.

From the Sisterhood Presidents

By Lynn Fuson and Peggy Littmann

Dear Wonderful Women of Heska Amuna Sisterhood and Potential New Members,
We, Lynn Fuson and Peggy Littmann, are the new Sisterhood co-presidents this year. We want to inform you about some of the events, plans, good times, and camaraderie coming up.

Late summer will feature our membership team bringing us an opportunity to meet and greet new members.

An evening of games and team competition is planned. October will showcase our Paid-Up Membership Luncheon. We're hoping that Rabbi Alon Ferency will be able to share with us some of the fascinating experiences he had while serving in the Peace Corps in Africa.

December will usher in FUN NIGHT, more details to follow. January brings us to our Torah Fund Shabbat Program and in February, Vashti's Banquet makes another appearance! April will feature a Sisterhood-sponsored education program.

And, as the year progresses, we're planning on a trip to Whitwell, Tennessee to view the Paperclip exhibit, community and synagogue service projects, and movie and book review sessions. We look forward with great enthusiasm to joining together for a wonderful Sisterhood year.



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Permanent Schedule

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

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

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

For a list of Heska Amuna's funds and
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Choot'nanny Service Features Music, Service and Camaraderie

Mark your calendars! Shabbat at the Pool is returning to the AJCC on August 17, starting at 5:30 p.m. Heska Amuna Synagogue, Temple Beth El and the Knoxville Jewish Alliance invite all to share in this joint annual Shabbat, with dinner at the AJCC Pool and a joyful Kabbalat Shabbat service on the lawn. This musical, welcoming, energetic service utilizes new and familiar melodies. Prayers are in English, Hebrew and transliterated into English. Come, bring a blanket or camp chair and sit on the lawn, while you clap, dance, and swim your way into Shabbat!

Prices as follows: adults \$12.00, Children 10 & under \$6.00, family cap \$36.00. We hope that everyone will join us for a wonderful evening of celebration on Shabbat. See page 25 for meal selections and reservation information.



Heska Amuna Religious School News

By Anna Iroff and Anne Greenbaum, Education Co-Directors

As Moshe was leading our ancestors from Egypt to Canaan, he received a valuable piece of advice from his father-in-law, Yitro. In one of my favorite Torah passages, Yitro tells Moshe, “*Chavayd mimcha hadavar lo-tuchal asohu l’vadecha*. The task is too great for you; you cannot do it alone.” Moshe cannot lead, judge, manage, and juggle every person, argument, and project amongst the Israelites. Yitro knows that in order to effectively carry out the important task that God has given him, Moshe needs the help of leaders, judges, assistants, and volunteers – a whole network of people to step forward and share the work. Perhaps he recalled what God noticed when Adam was alone in the Garden of Eden. God sees Adam and decides “It is not good for man to be alone; I will make a helper to be with him.” This same wisdom is reflected in the (slightly) more modern adage “Two heads are better than one.”

Two years ago, I was charged with the monumental task of educating our youth and leading, expanding, and redefining our Religious School program. Like Moshe and Adam, I know this is a task I cannot complete alone. These past two years have seen huge strides in our educational programming, and much of the credit goes to the incredible teachers, high school madrichim, talented meyuhad specialists, dedicated lay leadership, devoted synagogue staff, and supportive parents who have stepped up to help out in a myriad of ways. We are all working toward a common goal of high quality Jewish education for the next generation: whether planning Hebrew lessons or reading Jewish stories, giving a child tzedakah to take to class or guarding the front door, making phone calls or photocopies, sending donations or planning school programs, voting on policy issues or recommending our school to a friend – the list of ways people have helped could fill the entire *Ha’ Kol!* Yet there is so much more work to be done, and more heads and hands are needed.

I am thrilled to tell you that the Board of Trustees and Anne Greenbaum are heeding Yitro’s advice. Morah Anne will be joining me as Co-Religious School Director, and we are so lucky to have her! She and I have spent the summer reviewing, planning, editing, and getting everything ready for the 5773 school year. We are looking forward to a year of growth and change while preserving our “fan favorites.” Morah Anne brings a wealth of Jewish knowledge, innovative programming ideas, and new perspectives gained from her work with other Jewish communities through Sisterhood.

How can YOU help support our Religious School this year? I know our Heska Amuna community is vastly talented, so please don’t wait for us to come begging for help. Do you have a few extra hours, dollars, or art supplies that you can donate to the school? Have you been toying with an idea for a Prozdor class or preschool project? Are you secretly fantastic at designing bulletin boards, tutoring Hebrew, or advertising programs? Do you know a nice Jewish family who needs a phone call about our school? The task of educating our children is great; Morah Anne and I cannot do it alone. What part will you play in fulfilling this mitzvah?

Introducing Co-Director Anne Greenbaum

I’m truly excited about working with the Heska Amuna Religious School this year, and I want to introduce myself to the current Religious School community and to those new parents and students who will soon be joining us. I’ll be sharing responsibilities with Anna Iroff, whom I greatly respect and enjoy working with. The following are a few things you might want to know about me: I’m the mother of three excellent adult children: Michael, Bess, and Susan. I’m also the grandmother of two excellent grandchildren: Liliana Sarah and Manuel Shimon. My daughter-in-law, Monica, is a Jew-by-choice and a pediatrician (also by choice); my son-in-law, Scott, is a joyful young man and an accountant.



My husband, Eli, is a scientist and my partner. I’ve taught in Religious schools before, most recently here at Heska Amuna and long ago at Rodeph Shalom in New York City. I’ve also taught at the Jewish Congregation of Oak Ridge and led the Young Judaeans there. I’ve been a public school teacher, too, and have a master’s degree in elementary education from Bank School College of Education.

My own Jewish education has been both in afternoon Hebrew School and in Yeshiva. I’m a graduate of Yeshiva University High School for Girls. I read Hebrew very well, understand it pretty well, and speak it less well. But my love for Judaism comes mainly from my parents, as does my love for family and community.

I’ll be handling a lot of administrative duties for the Religious School but I plan to be active with the students, also. Anna and I have been discussing some exciting ideas for drama and other creative arts integrated into the curriculum and into our religious practice, which is to say into all our lives and especially our children’s. My overall goal is to enjoy myself and to enjoy all our children in a Jewish learning community!

Todah Rabbah to Our Friends and Supporters!

Thank you to the following people who made generous donations to Heska Amuna Religious School:

- ◆ **Nancy and Jeff Becker** in memory of Bernie Iroff and Claire Shulman
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- ◆ **Mark and Betty Siegel** as a general donation
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Religious School Family Fair Sunday, August 19 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.



*Rosh Chodesh:
Celebrating the New Jewish Month*

Join us for a day of family education and fun!
We're starting off the new school year by learning about the Jewish calendar and the celebration of Rosh Chodesh! Why is the Jewish calendar so different from our secular calendar? Can you name the lunar months? What does the moon have to do with anything anyway?? Bring your entire family and let's learn together!



RSVP to Morah Anna, education@heskaamuna.org, by Monday, August 13.

Things to Remember!

Upcoming School Events

- ◆ Saturday, August 19 – Family Fair: Rosh Chodesh
- ◆ Sunday, August 26 - Religious School, PreK – Prozdor
- ◆ Wednesday, August 29 – Religious School, grades 3-6



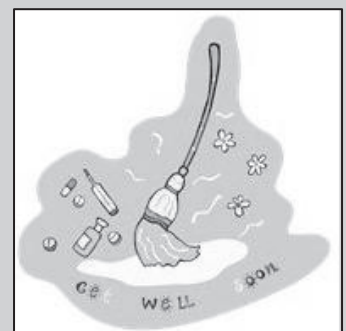
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Among Our Members

- ◆ Get well wishes go out to the following people who were ill or recuperating: **Elaine Brown, Eliyahu ben Shulamit, Irwin Gordon, David Linwood, Judy Rattner, Rushal Faygel bat Michal and Debra Gordon.**
- ◆ Mazal tov to the following members and their families: **Marcie and Moshe Shloush** and family on son **Ben Natelson's** marriage to **Janey Promdao** in Myrtle Beach, SC. The newlyweds reside in Lawrenceville, Georgia; **Barbara and Jeff Weinstein** on the birth of grandson, **Alex Treya Coe**, son of **Maya Weinstein**; **Nancy and Jeff Becker** and **Debbie and Jeff Abrams-Cohen** on the birth of grandson and nephew, **Leo Ethan Willis-Becker**, son of **Amy and Ben Willis-Becker.**
- ◆ Todah rabah to **Ellen Kern** who helped in the office this past month. We appreciate your time and the effort on behalf of the shul.
- ◆ **Heska Amuna procedures to pay your dues and other fees or charges** - You have two preferred ways to pay: (1) **direct withdrawal** from your **bank checking or savings account** (ACH); or (2) **credit card**. (You can, of course, mail a check to the synagogue office, but that costs you postage and takes extra time and effort on our end to process this payment.) Before you decide which of the two preferred methods you wish to use, please note that the first method is the least expensive for the synagogue. We pay only a small processing fee for direct withdrawal payments. Heska Amuna pays a fee equal to 2.3% of the amount charged, PLUS an additional small processing fee, for all credit card payments. We strongly encourage you to pay by direct withdrawal from your checking or savings account. When you choose direct payment, more of the financial support you generously contribute is available to provide synagogue services to you and your family and less of that support has to be diverted to pay third party fees. This can only strengthen the synagogue's finances in both the short and long term. If you pay by ACH transfer or credit card, please make sure you indicate the amount of your payment. If you are making a payment by check, please indicate the amount you are paying next to the account, tear off the bottom portion and return in the enclosed envelope. Should you have any questions, you can reach our Finance Vice Chair, Barry Allen, by email at barry.allen@sageontheweb.com, or you can leave a message for him by calling the synagogue at 522-0701.

Get Well Soon

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



Now Enrolling Jewish Students for Fall 2012

Children **pre-Kindergarten through 10th grade** are welcome as students of Heska Amuna Religious School. Our religious school is proud to offer high quality Hebrew and Judaic education for students of all ages. In addition to our regular academic program for school age students, we also offer a monthly preschool program called Gan K'tan.

Students in grades preK-2 and 7-10 meet Sunday mornings, 9:30-12:30, and grades 3-6 meet Sundays 9:30-12:30 and Wednesdays 4:15-6:30. Our Gan K'tan classes meet one Sunday per month from 10:00 – 12:00. Our curriculum includes Hebrew language, Jewish holidays and ethics, Torah stories, art, music, library, drama and lots of Jewish fun! Not only is our school a wonderful educational experience for your child, but it is a gateway for your family into an exceptional community of people committed to a life of Jewish education, family learning, holiday celebrations, and more.

If you have or know a child who is eligible for this program and would like more information, please contact the synagogue office or our Religious School Directors, Anna Iroff and Anne Greenbaum at education@heskaamuna.org or call 522-0701. We are happy answer any questions and even schedule a tour of our school. If you have not yet made a commitment to membership at a religious institution, please contact us to learn about our special introductory rates and packages for new members.

There has never been a better time to join this dynamic, innovative, creative Jewish Education program. **Enroll today!** Registration packets are available from the synagogue office or online at www.heskaamuna.org/school.html.

Heska Amuna Religious School is the educational branch of Heska Amuna Synagogue which is affiliated with the Conservative Movement. We offer a comprehensive supplemental Jewish education program for learners of all ages in an environment that offers the very best in traditional learning, spiritual renewal, and a commitment to excellence in Jewish learning and living.



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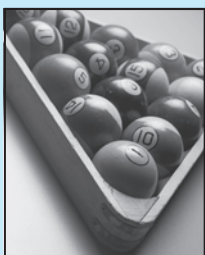
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Film Buffs, contact Harriet Glasman: hmglas@tds.net, or 671-2698.

Chanting Meditation, contact Debbie Abrams-Cohen: abramscohen@yahoo.com, or 696.2427. On hiatus until the fall.

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TEMPLE BETH EL TIMES



13 Av—13 Elul, 5772

From the President

By Stuart Elston

I write this at the end of June, and also at the end of the very day – a bittersweet day – on which Rabbi Beth Schwartz shared with me words of advice and wisdom to help me begin my term in office, on which we shared the rather mundane experience of loading a few final boxes of personal items into her car, the transfer of the keys to her office, and – the bittersweet part – a final hug as she officially completed her rabbinate at Temple Beth El. As you read this, Rabbi Beth will either have completed or be close to completing her first month as Rabbi at someone else’s Temple – but that Temple will be her Temple now. As I write this, we are beginning a period of waiting for Rabbi Matt Michaels to arrive, we are continuing a period of planning events to welcome his arrival to Knoxville and Beth El, and we are anticipating with great hope and excitement that he will rapidly become part of the Beth El family. As you read this, Temple Beth El will be Rabbi Matt’s Temple as well as ours. This is clearly a time of great change.

Change is exciting, change is sometimes scary, but above all, change provides an opportunity to make great progress. In this case, I like to think that this change provides us at Temple Beth El with an opportunity to build momentum upon progress that we have already made – in part thanks to Rabbi Beth’s accomplishments during her tenure as our Rabbi, and in part due to the core values and goals that were identified by our very diverse group of 19 Rabbinic Search Committee members. Change is progress only when it is change in the direction of valued goals. And because change can be scary, it should be slow, considered and considerate, and deliberate. I hope our new board of directors, together with Rabbi Matt, will agree to spend a significant fraction of our meetings studying the search committee’s identified goals and asking the hard questions revolving around whether our current policies and practices (and even our constitution and by-laws) support those goals and values.

As we go through these changes, please also enjoy them through the “Welcome, Rabbi Matt” transition events that are being planned, such as the barbeque and pool party to be held on the opening day of religious school, August 19 – look for more specific details as the time arrives. Share your ideas for progress with board members. Offer to serve on a committee or task force; join our chapter of the Women of Reform Judaism. Help your Temple by changing it into Your Temple.

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August Services

August 3 – 7:30 p.m. – Shabbat Evening Service with special oneg presented by the family of Esther and Dewey Reich

August 10 – 7:30 p.m. – Shabbat Evening Service

August 17 – 6:45 p.m. – Shabbat Evening Service at the AJCC Pool, preceded by wine, challah, and meal at 5:30 p.m.

August 18 – 10:30 p.m. – Bat Mitzvah of Kalisa Parsons

August 24 – 7:30 p.m. – Shabbat Evening Service

August 31 – 6:00 p.m. – Kabbalat Shabbat Service

It’s Time for Sisterhood

By Karen Smith, Sisterhood President

The Sisterhood Board met the end of May and began plans for the new year of Sisterhood. Thanks to all congregants for returning the forms to request a date for hosting Oneg Shabbat.

Membership co-Vice Presidents Honerlin Del Moro, Marcy Frankel, and Barbara Holz are mailing membership information to get you ready for a new year of Sisterhood.

Program co-Vice Presidents Mimi Brody and Kathy Young have been busy planning programs 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!*

Temple Beth El Religious School August Update

By Norma James, Education Director, nfjames77@gmail.com

Wow! How can I be so lucky?

As the school year rolls around each year, I realize once again just how fortunate I am to have the support of so many people. To begin with, Gina and Al Feldblum are magnificent School and Youth Committee chairs. As teachers themselves, they know what it takes to run a school and often anticipate my needs before I even mention anything. If you have not met Al and Gina, please make it your goal to get to know these two people. I could never thank them enough for what they did to make our last day of school a big success last May. I am very excited about working in partnership with Rabbi Michaels. According to his previous religious school director in Plano, Texas, Matt is a "director's dream." Speaking of dreams, we have a true Dream Team of a school staff. We are thrilled to welcome back Emily Hoffman, Alicia Carter, Rachel Bleuze, E.L. Gordon, Mark Abrams, Tara Bain, Aaron Margulies, Clark Derrington, Laurie Fisher, Amber Khaddouma, and Hazak Parsons. (We might even be lucky enough to have Daniel Roberts back with us.) I am hoping to add some madrichim from last year's Confirmation class. The teachers make the real difference in the Jewish education of our children. Last and definitely not least, I am blessed with children who are beautiful inside and out. They are the reason our Temple continues to be a vibrant part of our Jewish community year after year. Our congregation is filled with graduates of our school and many other great religious schools. Our parents are dedicated to helping our children make the most of their time with us. I know that I can always count on our parents for support.

A Belated Mazel Tov to Josh Oleinik Who Became a Bar Mitzvah July 27.

For any of you who missed this, Josh was fabulous. Josh had the special challenge of preparing with two rabbis! Laurie Fisher was Josh's tutor and made the transition a smooth one for Josh. This was our first bar mitzvah with Rabbi Michaels. We congratulate Josh and his family for a beautiful Shabbat.

Kalisa Parsons Becomes a Bat Mitzvah Saturday, August 18.

It is time for Parsons number three to read Torah. Kalisa will become Bat Mitzvah as she conducts the Saturday morning service. She has worked very hard all summer on her parshah with tutor and mom, Sandra Parsons. Please join Kalisa and her family for this wonderful celebration.

Laurie Fisher Represents Temple Beth El at the ISJL Conference in Jackson, Mississippi.

As you know, our religious school uses the ISJL (Institute of Southern Jewish Life) curriculum. Laurie, our fabulous Hebrew teacher, attended her fourth conference. As our only representative this year, she had her hands full gathering materials and ideas for our entire school. Laurie will share what she has learned at our Staff In-service on August 12 and at our Parent Coffee on the first day of school.

Religious School Starts August 19.

We welcome a new member to our school staff, Rabbi Mathew Michaels. Rabbi Matt will be an integral part of Religious School on Wednesdays and Sundays. I know that our students will love getting to know our new rabbi. We will have a parent coffee/meeting that morning hosted by our wonderful School and Youth Committee. Parents of new and returning students are asked to attend this very important meeting, which begins at 10:15 a.m. Come listen to our plans for the school year, talk with our new rabbi, and connect with other parents. School hours are 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Do You Have a Child Ready to Start Religious School for the First Time?

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

Midweek Classes Start for 4th-7th Grades Wednesday, August 29.

Midweek classes are extremely important in the preparation for a child's bar or bat mitzvah. It is also a valuable time to engage both academically and socially with Jewish peers. We will begin our classes this year with a pizza dinner at 5:45 p.m. For those of you with food allergies, Norma will happily accommodate your needs, or you might just want to bring your own sack supper. The important part is spending time hanging out with the students before classes begin at 6:15 p.m. Classes end at 7:30 p.m.

Important August Events:

August 12: Religious School Staff In-service 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. at Temple (Lunch provided)

August 17: Shabbat at the Pool 5:00 p.m.

August 18: Kalisa Parsons Bat Mitzvah

August 19: First day of Religious School. 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.; Parent meeting 10:15 a.m.

August 29: First Midweek Hebrew session 4th-7th grades. Pizza at 5:45 p.m. and Class 6:15-7:30 p.m.

September 5: Labor Day Holiday. No Religious School.

September 9: Religious School as usual

September 16: Erev Rosh Hashanah *NO Religious School*

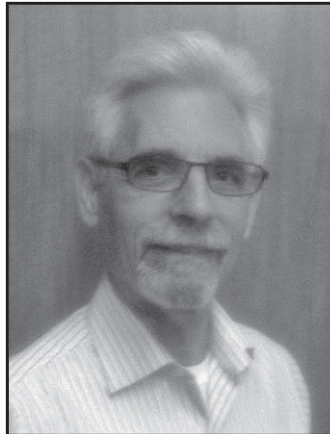
From the Rabbi's Desk: Some Emotions of Moving

By Rabbi Mathew Michaels

As I write my initial article for *Ha' Kol*, I sit surrounded by dozens of moving boxes, reams of wrapping paper and yards of packing tape. The movers arrive early Monday morning and then it's a 13-hour drive to Knoxville. Anyone who has moved knows that the process of relocating is physically exhausting. But what awaits...well, that can be anxiety-producing or exhilarating. The process of acclimation will undoubtedly take some time. Fortunately for me, there is an entire congregational community poised to welcome their new rabbi. A transition committee has been hard at work planning to make the transition smooth and easy.

Like anyone moving into a new area, I look forward to integrating into my environs. I am excited to serve as the spiritual leader of Temple Beth El and to take on a leadership role in the Knoxville-Oak Ridge Jewish community. Working with the many creative and dedicated leaders here, I hope to share my talents and enthusiasm to add to the Jewish experiences of all of you. As we get to know one another, we will hopefully enrich our lives by creating a mutually fulfilling relationship. I approach this new stage in my life with optimism and I am excited for the opportunity to have a positive impact both inside and outside my new congregation.

I hope you will stop by Temple Beth El and introduce yourself. I look forward to meeting each of you and becoming an integral part of my new community.



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Visit our website: www.tbeknox.org



Remember Sisterhood's Beiler Flower Fund

Help Sisterhood provide bimah flowers for services in honor of your simcha, yahrzeit, or whatever!
Contact Emma Fleischmann (emmaf.@comcast.net)
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Rabbi Mathew Michaels

beginning July 15, 2012

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

B'NEI MITZVAH

Celebrate With Kalisa Parsons as She Becomes a Bat Mitzvah

Kalisa Parsons celebrates her becoming a bat mitzvah on Saturday, August 18 at 10:30 a.m. A dairy luncheon will follow the service. Kalisa attends Tennessee Virtual Academy online. She completed 6th grade and part of 7th grade during the last school year. She is an avid reader and enjoys craft work. She is interested in guitar, singing, dancing and anything having to do with music. Her favorite reading is mysteries and historical fiction. Kalisa has been working toward supplying underprivileged children with school supplies. Her goal is to supply 10 fully stocked backpacks to Inskip Elementary School for distribution. Inskip is the school Kalisa would have attended if she had not been adopted. Anyone wishing to help Kalisa in this project can bring school supplies to Temple Beth El.

Please celebrate with Kalisa and her family on

Saturday August 18 as Kalisa is called to Torah. She will read from *Re'eh*. She has elected to have a dairy luncheon after the service in lieu of a large party to save money toward her project. We would love to have every Temple member join us for this joyous event. RSVP for the luncheon only: sandraparsons1944@gmail.com.



Everyone's invited to celebrate **Shabbat at the Pool**

Friday, August 17

**Arnstein Jewish Community Center
6800 Deane Hill Drive, Knoxville**

*A joint program of the Knoxville Jewish Alliance,
Heska Amuna Synagogue, and Temple Beth El.*

*Shabbat at the Pool features dinner, swimming, Shabbat, singing,
prayers in English and Hebrew with transliterations
This event is open to the entire Jewish community*

Services led by

Rabbi Rabbi Alon Ferency and Rabbi Mathew Michaels
with music by the Choot'nanny music group

5:30 p.m. Wine, Challah and Meal

6:45 p.m. Musical Shabbat celebration under the trees!
(Rain venue—AJCC Gym) - Everyone welcome

Meal reservations due by Monday, August 13

Your check is your reservation—send yours today!

Mail your payment (*payable to KJA*) to KJA, 6800 Deane Hill Drive, Knoxville 37919
Questions? Call 690-6343 or e-mail rhale@jewishknoxville.org

REGISTRATION: Shabbat at the Pool 2012

___ # of adults @ \$12.00

___ # of children (10 and under) @ \$6.00

___ Family cap @ \$36.00

Total Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

Name: _____ **Phone :** _____ **E-mail:** _____

Main Entrée: (*Please select one entrée for each member of your family*)

___ chicken ___ hot dog ___ veggie burger ___ veggie dog

Menu also includes coleslaw, potato salad, chips, watermelon, desserts, drinks.



Shanah Tovah U'Metukah

**2012 High Holiday Issue
Greetings Ad Form**
Ha' Kol Community Newsletter
Deadline: August 6, 2012

Dear Friends:

We hope you're enjoying your summer...hopefully at the AJCC Pool! Although it's still summertime, the High Holidays are just around the corner! Please take a moment to complete the attached greetings form, mail it back to us, and go back to enjoying your summer!

Ha' Kol contains the local news and events for five area Jewish organizations and is mailed to the entire Jewish community. We are already working on the High Holiday *Ha' Kol*, which will be mailed the first week of September. Please consider placing a greeting in this year's High Holiday issue. It is a great way to send greetings to your friends and family while supporting this community publication. We appreciate your support!

High Holiday greetings support the publication of the Ha' Kol and benefits the organizations that participate.

To publish your 2012 High Holiday greetings, please complete this form and mail it with your payment (KJA, 6800 Deane Hill Drive, Knoxville, TN 37919) before August 6. Thank you.

GREETINGS SIZE/COST: *Please circle your choice.*

Small/\$35 Medium/\$45 Large/\$55 Jumbo/\$70

GREETINGS MESSAGE: *Please print clearly. Thanks!*

GREETINGS PAYMENT:

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Please charge to my card on file.

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Credit Card Number: _____ Expiration Date: _____

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Mazel Tov!

Heska Amuna Synagogue

Happy Anniversary!

Carole and Bob Martin
 Karen and Pace Robinson
 Sandy Parker and Steve Beber
 Sandy and Jay Witherspoon
 Francie and Neil Foster
 Wendy and Richard Good
 Marilyn and Jerry Solomon
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Charlotte Slovis-Cooper
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 Evelyn and Steve Oberman
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Happy Birthday!

◆ Arnold Cohen
 ◆ Harriet Cooper
 ◆ Laura Berry
 ◆ Hal Manas
 ◆ Judi Abrams
 ◆ Peggy Hedrick
 ◆ Bernie Rosenblatt
 ◆ Naomi Rowe
 ◆ Geri Spindel
 ◆ Bill Berez ◆ Anne Ehrenshaft ◆ Barry Winston
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 ◆ Regis Loffman ◆ Herb Jacobs ◆ Joe Goodstein
 ◆ Abraham Brietstein ◆ Sandi Robinson
 ◆ Deborah Routman



All members whose birthday or anniversary occurs in August are invited to receive a blessing at kiddush on Shabbat morning, August 11.

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Happy Birthday!

◆ Howard Teitelbaum ◆ Isidor Sauers ◆ Ela Polsky ◆ Mary Weiss
 ◆ Claudia Fribourg ◆ Brian Gross ◆ Diana Harris ◆ Ethan Brody
 ◆ Stuart Elston ◆ Phillip Seifert ◆ Kim Hookman
 ◆ Alex Khaddouma ◆ Sean Popkin ◆ Robert Schoenfeld
 ◆ Leonard Brown ◆ Joel Heller ◆ Emily Shor ◆ Michael Goodman
 ◆ Julia Gunn ◆ Sylvia Miller ◆ Miriam Hicks ◆ Barrett Schaefer
 ◆ Sandra Kronick ◆ Andrew Pais ◆ Ava Radoff ◆ Jerry Winston
 ◆ Dennis Brock ◆ Clark Derrington
 ◆ Alan Gassel ◆ Landon Wilhite
 ◆ Robert Heller ◆ Will Brody
 ◆ Laura Schlittler ◆ Victoria Traugot
 ◆ Samuel Wisnoff ◆ Wesley James
 ◆ Valerie Rosenbaum ◆ Michelle Fisher
 ◆ Zeev Gilat ◆ Sophie Pollock



Happy Anniversary!

Robyn and John Pavan
 Lawrence and Kim Hookman
 Dick and Sheila Jacobstein
 Marc and Shelley Mangold
 Simon Badalov and Yelena Golburt
 Zakhar Sapozhnikov and Yelena Sapozhnikova
 Mark and Lucy Barkan
 Mark and Marcy Frankel
 Dennis Brock and Elizabeth Diamond
 Henry and Claudia Fribourg
 Michael and Laura Shenkman
 Allan and Bunny Gerson
 Aaron and Imelda Margulies
 Chuck and Missy Noon
 Jeffrey and Tamra Brown

JAHRZEIT

TEMPLE BETH EL

August 3

◆ 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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 ◆ Robert G. Russell III ◆ Helen Kelleher ◆ Harold J. Licht

August 10

◆ Harold Karklin ◆ Herbert Nash ◆ Garrett Bickman ◆ Jackie Bickman ◆ Marie Elston ◆ Emilie Ehrlich Strasburger ◆ Esther S. Bernstein
 ◆ Milton Bessemer ◆ Ethel Taylor ◆ Abram Golburt ◆ Albert Greenberg ◆ Emanuel Taylor ◆ Benjamin Herrmann ◆ Ryan Kolnick

August 17

◆ Ernest Engel ◆ Irene Sudakoff Gregory ◆ Marcus Herrmann ◆ Max Morrison ◆ Janet Perris ◆ Anne Prial ◆ Lillian Schaefer
 ◆ Anne Kadison Weinstein ◆ Matvei Ioselev ◆ Sara Pais ◆ Herman Forest ◆ Katie Lippner ◆ Charles Kantrowitz ◆ Orsella Davis
 ◆ Ruth Schwartzman ◆ Jerome Bernstein ◆ Rose Shenkman ◆ Sidney M. Spero ◆ Daniel Goodman

August 24

◆ Zan Tamar Bailey ◆ Gilbert Klein ◆ Abraham Rosenblatt ◆ Adele Strasburger Zacharias ◆ Charles M. Evans ◆ Max Slome
 ◆ Ida Altshuler ◆ Anna H. Blatt ◆ Wolfe Brody ◆ Morris Hochenberg ◆ Jeanette Galloway ◆ Paul P. Grower ◆ Dora Stein ◆ Helen Webber

August 30

◆ Henry Weinstein ◆ Armand H. Abel ◆ Nathan Bergman ◆ Manny Sparks ◆ Harold Garber ◆ Bella Goldfeld ◆ Milton Samuel Levy
 ◆ John Oberteuffer ◆ Louis Bronstein ◆ Millie Gelber ◆ Sarah Richman ◆ Berkeley Slutzker ◆ Anna Wechter ◆ Cassel Wechter
 ◆ Hermina Beiler ◆ Rudy Crohn ◆ Lee K Gronich ◆ Henry D. Igar ◆ Tillie Solomon

Heska Amuna Synagogue

August 4

◆ Karl Liberman ◆ Hyman Levison ◆ Muriel Boothman ◆ Katie Ross ◆ Marian Schneider ◆ Mollie Brietstein ◆ Mildred Dreyer
 ◆ Harry Fayonsky ◆ Abraham Chaskin ◆ Jacob Green ◆ Janet Krauss ◆ Lester Robinson ◆ Abraham Rosenblatt ◆ Abe Zwick

August 11

◆ David Wender ◆ Hugo Klein ◆ Zeleg Berez ◆ Jacob Menachem ◆ Barbara Oleshansky ◆ Kenneth Cohen ◆ Sally Moskowitz
 ◆ Samuel Routman ◆ Judy Schwartz ◆ Esther Balloff ◆ Mervin Horn ◆ Gussie Richer ◆ Jane Rosenblatt

August 18

◆ Max Cohen ◆ Joseph Leeds ◆ Thomas Miner ◆ Steven Shersky ◆ Betty Billig ◆ Edwin Rapport ◆ Morris Shorr ◆ Robert Messing
 ◆ Oscar Isaacs ◆ A.J. Robinson ◆ Estelle Binder ◆ Seymour Landis

August 25

◆ Hyman Liberman ◆ Molly Thorp ◆ Ida Chandler ◆ Julius Gruenberg ◆ Albert Ring ◆ Bella Allen ◆ Ethel Foster ◆ Lawrence Hahn
 ◆ Sylvia Leibowitz ◆ Rebecca Millen ◆ Dustee Bendes ◆ Rosa Deitch ◆ Barney Levine ◆ Louis Roth ◆ Shlomo Shloush ◆ Tessie Siegel
 ◆ Helen Tobe ◆ Samuel Poster ◆ Irene Deutsch ◆ Rebecca Krauss ◆ Martin Schwab

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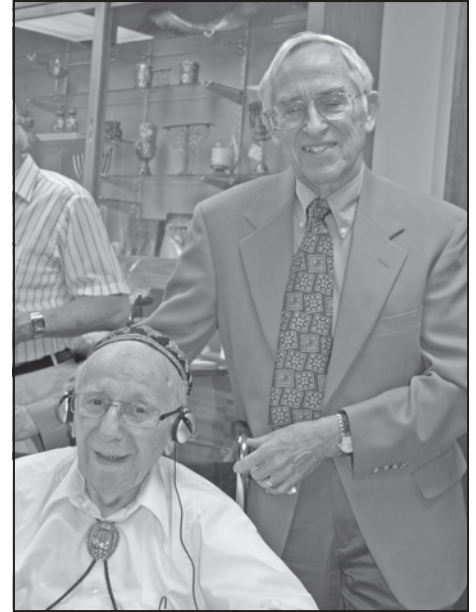
From the President

By Sig Mosko

As we approach the end of our program year, we have held our annual meeting; approved next year's budget; and held elections for the Board of Directors. Four incumbent members (Jim Bogard, Eileen Handler, Sig Mosko, and Bruce Tomkins) were re-elected to new terms. In addition, Hilary Shreter and Mel Tobias (Interim appointments to the board) were also elected.

On June 9, we paid a special tribute to Paul Agron for his long-time support and participation in the affairs of our congregation. Paul is 98 years old and the last remaining charter member of JCOR, which was founded 69 years ago.

We have already started planning for an event to be held in July 2013 to celebrate the 70th anniversary of our congregation.

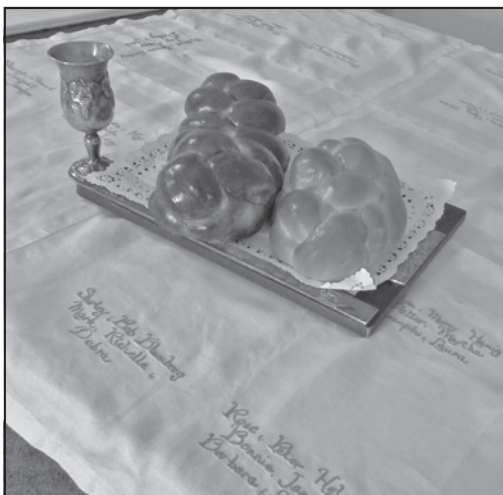


(Top Right) Sig Mosko honors Paul Agron as a charter member of JCOR.



(Left) Our annual Hadassah Youth Aliyah Concert on April 29 featured good music played by talented area youths. Here Jeannette Gilbert recognizes a performer with a rose.

(Bottom Left) The Oak Ridge Chapter of Hadassah celebrated Hadassah's centennial with a special Shabbat in Oak Ridge, sharing our Chapter memories around the lovely tablecloth embroidered by our own Hadassah pioneers.



(Above) Eileen Handler and JCOR charter member Paul Agron.



(Above) Catherine Braunstein and Hilary Shreter at Hadassah Southern Region Conference in Chattanooga in April. The Oak Ridge Hadassah Chapter received the Chapter of the Year Award (small chapter)! Congratulations to Catherine Braunstein, who received a Hadassah Leadership Award.



Hadassah Highlights

A Note From Cindy . . .

By Cindy Pasi, President

The success of Hadassah can be measured in the thousands of women and men who became members and supporters, in the millions of lives it has touched and saved, and in the billions of dollars it has raised and spent on myriad projects since its humble beginning a century ago. Its success also can be measured by the way it heals, treats and educates people, and by the way it builds a grassroots movement, one compassionate woman at a time, with a reputation highly regarded in the world of philanthropy.

How prophetic that the first meeting of a small study group called the Daughters of Zion came together under the guidance of Henrietta Szold, a visionary woman of purpose and passion. Their goal was to save lives. How fitting also that Hadassah stands for myrtle, a hardy supportive plant that binds and enriches the soil. For 100 years, Hadassah has enriched the land of Israel with trees, parks and reservoirs, and supported its people through education, training, cutting-edge health care and medical research. Hadassah has enriched the lives of American Jewish women, binding us to our homeland, our heritage, and our values.



Upcoming Events

2013 Directory Kickoff

Sunday, August 5, 2:00-4:00 p.m.

All interested in working on our directory as well as our past advertisers are invited to an ice cream social on August 5 at the AJCC Adult Lounge. Get your ad in early and select where you want your ad in our directory!

Contact Cindy Pasi for details, tenntrio@ymail.com

2012 – 2013 Board Installation and Board Training

Sunday, August 26, 2-4:00 p.m.

Our Regional Area Vice President, Brona Pinolis will install our Board and providing training.

Hadassah's Steppin' It Up

Thursday, September 13, 7:00 p.m.

Join us for a delightful evening of fun and food as we learn about Hadassah through the centuries.

Contact Barbara Mintz for details, Barbara@bmintz.com

Associates Support Centennial Convention

It's exhilarating! More than 400 men, predominantly Associates, are registered for Hadassah's Centennial Convention in Jerusalem, October 2012. In addition to the many activities and events planned for all registrants, the National Associates Team is planning a special meeting for Associates (all men welcome) on Thursday morning, Oct. 18, 2012. It will take place while the women attend their Annual Business meeting.

A stimulating program is in the works and more details will follow. There is still time to register for this historic Centennial Convention! For more information, contact associates@hadassah.org or 800-928-0685.

Move Over Hallmark! Hadassah Greeting Cards are Back

With the coming of the Jewish New Year, you can start the year off right by buying Hadassah greeting cards! Our best deal of the year is our Rosh Hashanah cards. Featuring pomegranates and Trees of Life, these unique cards sell at the special price of 4/\$5.00.

Hadassah also has beautiful cards for every occasion: Anniversary, Birthday, Bar/Bat Mitzvah, Congratulations/Mazal Tov, Get Well, Sympathy, Thank you, Thinking of You, Wedding, and blank cards to write your own personal message.

Each time you purchase these lovely cards, you are helping to further Hadassah's important work.

As printing costs have risen, this year our cards will sell for \$2.00 each, with several exceptions: You still can buy 6 cards for \$10.00 and there will be discounted cards throughout the year, when available. Special groupings of cards may be purchased for \$18.00 and \$36.00. If you need cards in between meetings, please contact Charlene Gubitz at (865) 693-1499 to arrange for a pickup time and location. All orders over \$90 will be delivered to your Knoxville area of choice.

2012 Convention: Did You Know?

LIGHTS, CAMERA, ACTION! The Sarah Wetsman Davidson Tower will light the sky on the night of October 16, when we dedicate Hadassah's magnificent gift to the people of Israel.

TOPICS that will be addressed at the **Israel: Inside The Issues** sessions: *Left/Right and Leadership; The Future of the Jewish People; Shifting Sands in the Middle East; Israel's Good Name*, and many more.

KOTEL EXPRESS: Buses will be available in the very early mornings of October 16, 17 and 18 from each hotel to take people to the Kotel, Western Wall, Israel's holiest site.

Our Centennial Convention in Jerusalem, October 15-18, will be the Celebration of the Century. Have you registered yet?

Hadassah Memberships

\$36 for a one-year membership

\$212 for a lifetime membership

Join us as we continue to make a difference in the lives of those in Israel and around the world.

Contact Barbara Mintz at Barbara@bmintz.com

Hadassah Book Club News

Our August meeting will be held on August 21, at Barnes and Noble on Kingston Pike, 7:30 p.m. Our book selection is *These is my Words* by Nancy E. Turner.

These is My Words is an absorbing tale of a young woman growing up in the hardship of frontier life. The diary covers a twenty year span of Sarah's life. Sarah is an unusual girl: hungry to learn, headstrong, and a sharpshooter. Her resilience and grit are chronicled in the first person through her dated diary entries. When Sarah begins her diary entries, her grammar and spelling are those of a barely educated, yet bookish girl. As her story moves forward you see the growth in her education under the tutorship of her new sister-in-law. Her descriptions and prose grow more beautiful with each page.

A young Sarah also finds herself caught between romantic feelings for two men, a boyhood family friend and the calvary officer who led their wagon train to Arizona. She pours her tender feelings and awakening heart into her journal, giving readers an entertaining look into her emotional experience.

Author Nancy Turner paints a vivid portrait of frontier life and creates the kind of story you feel immersed in. I hated having to put this book down. Sarah Prine is a fictional character who will live in my memory for a long time. *These is My Words* was published almost 20 years ago but it is a novel of a timeless appeal. Sarah is reportedly based upon a person from Ms. Turner's family memoirs and was first published as a serialized story in *Good Housekeeping* magazine. *These is My Words* was a Double Day Book Club Selection and a finalist for The Willa Cather Literary Award.

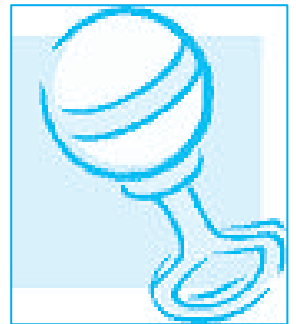
Questions, call Peggy Littmann 588-6661 or e-mail plittmann@comcast.net.



Layettes

By Judi Abrams

- ◆ **Ella Leigh Needle** was born on June 2 and weighed in at 6lb. 2 oz. and was 20 inches long. The proud grandparents are Judi and Martin Abrams...Ella is the daughter of Stephanie and Mark Needle of Roswell, Georgia.
- ◆ **Aminata Yael Dembele** is the granddaughter of Nancy and Jeff Becker and niece to Debbie and Jeff Abrams-Cohen and Ben and Amy Willis-Becker. Aminata is the daughter of Sarah Becker and Adamah Dembele.
- ◆ **Alex Treya Coe** is the grandson of Barbara and Jeff Weinstein.



Let's welcome them by including your name on their Layette card. ..please e-mail Judi Abrams at jmksal@aol.com to include your name and use your draw down account or put a check in the mail.

Thank you for your continued support of Hadassah.

Help Israel by Purchasing Tree or Water Certificates



Yes, you can help Israel simply by contacting Marian Jay and purchasing a tree certificate for \$15.00 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.

A Little Bit of Israel in the Heart of the Blue Ridge Mountains

The first 2012 summer session opened on June 18 and runs through July 12. The second session starts on July 16 and ends on August 9. Camp Judaea is open to children currently in 3rd grade through 8th grade for 3 ½ weeks. Current 2nd graders may attend a 1 ½ week program called Nitzanim. Camden Boring will attend Camp Judaea for the first time this summer. He's in for a treat and we'll look forward to hearing about his time as a second session camper.

Camp Judaea has everything you could ask for in a summer camp. There's hiking, ropes course, zip line, tennis, archery, swimming, sports, horseback riding, gardening, glass studio, drama, arts & crafts – with a special focus on Jewish identity and Israeli culture. The kids have a blast and don't even realize they're learning since they're having so much fun. Rising 8th graders travel to New York City and rising 9th graders travel to Washington, D.C. They sightsee, participate in community service projects and have a wonderful time.

The staff, volunteers and professional consultants are committed to providing the best possible experience for our children, grandchildren, fellow congregants and friends. Please consider Camp Judaea and help spread the word.



Lev HaKfar Cabin Campaign – The Heart of the Village

Camp Judaea is seeking 200 families to donate \$5,000 over 5 years (\$1,000 minimum gift per year). The goal is to raise \$1,000,000 to cover the infrastructure plus the cost to build 4 new cabins. There is a great need to build these new cabins to sustain the camp for the future.

Camp Judaea will accept any contributions to help support scholarships, camp improvements or programming events for staff and campers.
www.campjudaea.org or info@campjudaea.org

Large Certificates

Recent large certificates include:

- ◆ In honor of the Bar Mitzvah of **David Nathaniel Seifert**, son of **Dr. Phillip** and **Maria Seifert**
- ◆ In honor of the Academic Achievements of **Andrew Messing**, son of Joyce **York** and **Michael Messing** and brother of **Jacob Messing**
- ◆ In honor of the B'not Mitzvah of **Laura Floyd**, **Jenny Pfeffer-Rodriguez**, **Myrna Russotto**, and **Susan Silber**
- ◆ In memory of **Joan Britton Porter**, mother of **Honerlin** (and **Robert**) **del Moro**
- ◆ In memory of **Brian Borland**, brother of **Sandra Parsons**
- ◆ In memory of **Isadore Abrams**, husband of **Marilyn Abrams**, father of **Alan** and **Terry (Maria)**, and brother of **Sam Abrams**
- ◆ In memory of **Bernie Iroff**, husband of **Stella**, father of **Marty (Martha)** and grandfather of **Anna**, **Ellen** and **Rachel**
- ◆ In memory of **Claire Shulman**, sister of **Bernie** (and **Barbara**) **Bernstein**
- ◆ In memory of **Scott Wolf**, son of **Barry Wolf**
- ◆ In memory of **Joan Berman**, mother of **Marc** (and **Monica**) **Berman** and grandfather of **Eric** and **Julie Berman**.



Hadassah Highlights

Knoxville Chapter of Hadassah

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www.knoxville.hadassah.org

Hadassah Knoxville Studies

One hundred years ago it was a women's study group that started what we now know as Hadassah. That tradition continues in Knoxville as our women's study group studies Zionism – Land, People, and Covenant.

Charitable Me

By Laura Floyd

My charitable passion is Hadassah, The Jewish Women's Organization of America. This is an all-volunteer organization celebrating its 100th anniversary this year. It was founded in 1912 by Henrietta Szold. Having been to Palestine and seeing the living conditions of the Jewish people living there, she returned home and created Hadassah. It's first mission was to send two nurses to provide pasteurized milk to infants and new mothers and to help eradicate trachoma, an eye disease that was robbing thousands of their sight. This simple act of giving aid to a people half way around the world grew until soon there was better medical care with doctors and more nurses.

Eventually, through donations from the women that belong to Hadassah, a state of the art hospital was built. There is a new hospital that will be completed in September 2012, the Sarah Wetsman Davidson Tower in Ein Kerem, that has 9 floors above ground and 5 below ground so that in the event of another war or catastrophic event in that region, all the patients could be taken to the underground levels and continue to receive care out of harm's way. These hospitals, part of the Hadassah Medical Organization (HMO), treat anyone who needs care, Israeli or Palestinian, Jew, Christian or Muslim. We also fund ongoing medical research, including a cancer vaccine that could prevent recurrence of many cancers.

How does Hadassah collect these funds? In the beginning, members were given little blue boxes to collect their spare change. These days, while the blue boxes still exist, Hadassah is raising money in other ways by holding events such as our HMO luncheon every year where we gather for a delicious meal and bring in informative speakers. This year's topic was post-traumatic stress disorder. We have covered breast cancer, attention deficit disorder, stem cell research, heart disease and other timely topics at previous HMO luncheons. We also send out beautiful certificates to our members when they have had a death in the family or a happy event such as a graduation or retirement. Our chapter has 300+ members and we manage to raise over \$20,000 a year. This money goes to projects in Israel like the hospitals and also to programs in the US that help Jewish teens go to summer camp and high school graduates go to Israel for a year after graduation. I am currently the treasurer of the Knoxville, Tennessee chapter. I deposit funds and pay the bills.

Hadassah is my passion, my charity, and through this organization I have gained numerous friends and worked alongside women I did not know well before but will always have a connection with now due to our shared love for this organization and our commitment to Israel and its people.

You do not have to be Jewish to belong to Hadassah. The website www.hadassah.org has information on membership and donation, as well as who we are and what we do.



Elizabeth Spenser and Raeus Cannon



EL Gordon making a point as Crystal Wilson and Robin Brown listen.

Hadassah Hospital Staff Creates New Endoscopic Treatment

About one in every 4,000 children is born with an esophagus that is blocked at the top and at the bottom — a *fistula* in medical terms. In most cases, the esophagus is connected to the trachea. Normally, the esophagus and the trachea are two separate tubes that are not connected.

When a baby with this condition swallows, the liquid can pass through the abnormal connection between the esophagus and the trachea; when it gets into the baby's lungs, this can cause pneumonia and other problems. About 50 percent of babies born with a fistula of the esophagus also have abnormalities of the spinal cord, the heart, the kidneys and rectum.

Now, for the first time in Israel, doctors at the Hadassah Medical Center are using endoscopic intervention rather than the conventional surgical procedure to correct the abnormality, reducing many of the risks involved. During surgery, the blockage in the esophagus is removed and the esophagus reconnected at both ends. However, in five to 10 percent of cases, the fistula returns causing difficulty breathing, choking during meals and recurrent lung infections. When this occurs, additional surgery is necessary — sometimes many operations are needed. Each surgical intervention results in scars that can often be life threatening.

Children at risk from throughout Israel are being referred to Hadassah to have the fistula sealed by endoscopy. Prof. Chaim Springer, Head of the Pediatric Pulmonology Unit, and pediatric pulmonologists Prof. Avraham Avital and Dr. Shlomo Cohen have already conducted the new procedure on eight children, successfully treating the fistula endoscopically for six of them.



Stanford Eisenberg Knoxville Jewish Day School

Why KJDS?

Why Spend Money When Public School is Free?

What our parents say:

- ◆ “What a superb experience all around! We have 2 children that started kindergarten this year at the KJDS. Our kids have grown in so many ways since the fall, not only academically but emotionally as well, especially their self-confidence. We couldn't have asked for more and are very grateful to the entire staff for making this a wonderful year for our family.” – S.A.
- ◆ “What I love about KJDS is that my son absolutely loves going to school every day. He is actually sad during school breaks! KJDS is like a second home to him and I know he is in a safe, loving, fun environment and also getting a top-notch education. There is no other place I would have him.” – J.A.
- ◆ “KJDS has revitalized our entire family's Jewish energy. The kids are excited to take part and even lead holiday celebrations. I especially love the FAMILY environment, and the fact that the kids learn to be mentors for children of all ages! The responsibility they take for each other, and specifically the younger students, prepares them with the strong leadership skills that bode well in middle school. – B.B.
- ◆ "It has been such a wonderful experience being a part of the KJDS family for almost 4 years now. Seeing our son, Ron, mature and thrive in the school's nurturing environment has been amazing and we are so excited to have our younger son start kindergarten this year. “As part of the Hebrew teaching staff, it was amazing to see how these young children, who had no background in Hebrew, are able to read, write and communicate in a whole new language. How neat to be able to offer this gem of a skill to my children even in Knoxville, Tenn.” – O.A.
- ◆ “We love KJDS because not only do we get an excellent learning environment, the staff really takes an interest in the children and loves and nurtures them. It is a very happy school to attend that Elizabeth looks forward to every day. The low student/teacher ratio allows for individual attention so the students can excel in all subjects.” – L. F.
- ◆ “On the first day of kindergarten I dropped off an eager, shy child who, over the year, emerged into a confident reader, author, poet, artist, actor, soccer player and much more. The confidence and skill he's acquired have enabled him to take on new challenges in all areas! I am so grateful that he gets all of this in a Jewish environment. Developing a strong Jewish identity is a unique struggle in a city like Knoxville and KJDS offers the perfect solution to this struggle.” – M.E.W.

Read more about what our parents have to say at www.KJDS.org.

Almost Time to Come Back to School

School is just around the corner! The teachers have been busy all summer preparing for the return of their wonderful students! "With the addition of our third active board this summer, along with our new active expressions, the hand held devices that allow teachers and students to immediately see responses up on the active board, as well as ten new ipads, they are eager to begin another year full of exciting projects we know our students will love!

There will be a phase in period again this year to start off the school year. We will have two half days of school, August 13 and August 14. The first full day of school will be August 15. We can't wait to see everyone!

Guess Who?



- A.
 She lived in Southern France for 5 months
 Favorite vacation spot is the beach
 Favorite restaurant in Knoxville is Nama Sushi
 She won the city wide spelling bee when she was in 6th grade
 She can make a mean soft serve ice cream cone because she worked at a soft serve ice cream place when she was a teenager
 She has run 1 marathon, 5 half marathons, and several triathalons
 Who is she? _____



- B.
 She was born in Miami Beach, FL
 She studied abroad for a year.
 She was a head counselor and camp counselor in day camps and sleepover camps. (That fun camp spirit is evident in her teaching style)
 Has a strong liking for chocolate and cheesecake
 Loves to exercise and has started running a bit with the coaxing and encouragement of her KJDS colleagues
 Who is she? _____

- C.
 She loves animals
 She traveled to Europe this summer
 She was born in West Virginia
 She attended Maryville College
 She loves sushi
 Her horse Sadey, won a blue ribbon in her first three phase event last April
 Who is she? _____



- D.
 She was born in New York City
 Her father was from Germany and she spent several summers there
 She loves rollercoasters
 Her favorite vacation spot is the beach
 She eats a bowl of ice cream almost every night
 Who is she? _____

- E.
 She was born in Azores, Portugal
 She has lived in five different states
 She was valedictorian in high school
 She plays the piano
 She has a degree in statistics
 Who is she? _____



- F.
 She has taught at two different Jewish schools
 She loves to exercise
 She doesn't like gray, rainy weather
 She loves shoes
 One of her favorite foods is a good burrito
 Who is she? _____



Highlights from School Year 2011-2012



(Above) Making Dreidels out of Mike & Ike's



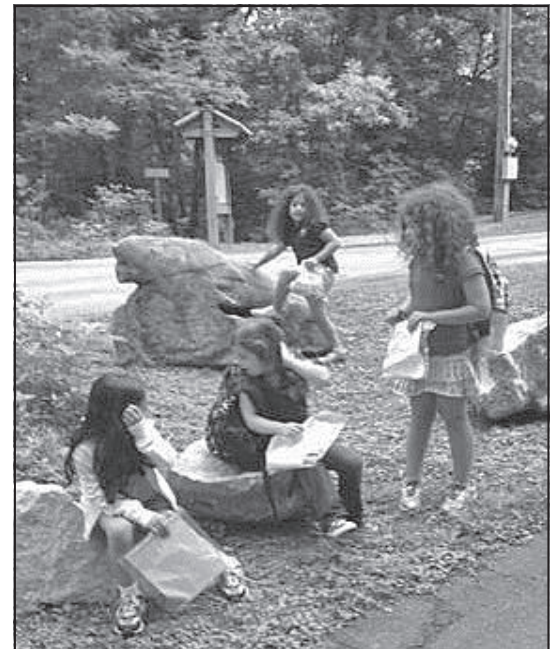
(Top Left) A cool project created by Sophie

(Above) Ariot makes an appearance

(Left) Four of our students have graduated and are moving on and up

(Left) Honoring Mrs. Ohriner at her retirement party

(Right) KJDS students have fun on their field trip to Ijams



(Left) KJDS students enjoyed a visit from Tizmoret

Answers to Guess Who?

- A. Mrs. Cruz
- B. Miriam Esther
- C. Ms. Jessica
- D. Ms. Jennifer
- E. Ms. Julie
- F. Ms. Ruben

Highlights from School Year 2011-2012



(Left) Peter Pan!

(Below Left) KJDS students get a good work out running the track

(Below) Students led their own conferences with parents this year

(Bottom Right) Sarah makes a basket on the new basketball court



(Below) The KJDS did some team building, running a 5K together



Photos courtesy of Lev Gross-Comstock Photography



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Beginning in the mid-1960's, a group of Morristown housewives performed as the Hadassettes (later known as the Chubby Bubbes). Seated at a kitchen table in Edisto, South Carolina, are (from left to right) Mimi **Pais** (then **Schnitman**), Bunny **Gerson**, Ross **Culley**, Fredi **Solod**, Jeanne **Gudis**. Not pictured is member Fay **Gluck**.

None live in Morristown now. Today Mimi and Bunny live in Knoxville, Ross in Alabama, Fredi in Rhode Island, and Jeanne and Fay in Florida.