



Ha' Kol

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

January 13 is Our Jewish Community's Lucky Day as Community is Celebrated All Day at the AJCC

10:00-11:30 a.m. **Raising Dogs, Raising Kids – Is There Really a Difference?** Parents of children of all ages are welcome to attend a free program sponsored by the KJA. (See page 3 for more details)

3:30 p.m. **KJA Annual Meeting, AJCC.** KJA members are invited to learn about KJA activities, budget, and concerns. Members will also elect a new slate of officers. Officer nominations will be posted at www.jewishknoxville.org, in the KJA's THIS WEEK e-mail blast, and available at the KJA office. (See page 2)

5:00 p.m. **Opening reception for the WINDOWS OF IDENTITY art exhibit**, which features a joint exhibition of 50 artists from the Hadera-Eiron region of Israel and the Southeastern United States. These artists were asked to express, through their art, their Jewish identity, Israeli and Zionist character.

6:00 p.m. **Winick AZA's Heart & Soul Dinner/Silent Auction**, AJCC Gym. Enjoy dinner, jazz, and a show as the mighty men of local BBYO chapter Winick AZA host a fund raiser benefitting the American Heart Association's pediatric programs and BBYO scholarships. See page 10 to make your reservation.



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Mitzvah Day 2013

Community Spirit Day!
Connect to Spirit...

Connect to Community...

Sunday, February 3

9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Opportunities for everyone
to help our local community!

Knoxville Jewish Alliance

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*Building Community
Enriching Lives*

Ha' Kol

KJA's 2013 Budget Shows Need for Increase in Revenues

By Adam Brown (with introduction by KJA President Renée Hyatt)

Our hard-working, thoughtful Budget Committee, led by KJA Treasurer Adam Brown, met in October. Their proposed 2013 budget was subsequently approved by the KJA Board of Directors at our November meeting. I appreciate Adam preparing the report that follows. I also want to thank Ed Hunter, our Financial Resources Manager extraordinaire, for his expertise, diligence, and dedication.

In spite of the best efforts of the committee to present an optimistic budget proposal, we, as a group, decided that this year we would present a REALISTIC budget, rather than a HOPEFUL budget. For the past three years, we have proposed either a budget surplus or at the very least a break-even budget in hopes that some of the financial "hits" that we took the preceding year would be turned around or that line items such as camp and pre-school revenues would improve the following year. Given that for three straight years the revenues from those programs have declined, our budget committee felt that it would be more realistic to take an average of the past three years' expenses and revenues and use those numbers to create our budget.

I'm sorry to report that the budget presented to the Board shows a deficit of more than \$80,000. Although we have enough money set aside to cover such a deficit, we would prefer not to have to go that route and instead change the budget from a deficit to a surplus. *There are only two ways to achieve this change: increase revenues or decrease expenses.* The KJA leadership has done a great job monitoring expenses. There is very little room to decrease expenses further, so we need more revenue from the camp and preschool programs and from the KJA Campaign. Gene Rosenberg and his tireless team of campaign solicitors have continually increased the campaign dollars pledged from the prior year, but it is unfair to continue to place all of our eggs in the "Campaign basket." It is with that thought in mind that I am asking all of you to let everyone know what great camp and preschool programs we have here at the AJCC. Many of you reading this report attended at least one of these programs as a youngster or have children who are or have attended in the past. I'm asking you to please let others know what we have going on. Aside from the fact that an increase in attendance (enrollment) would do wonders for our budget and allow us to better support our non-revenue generating programs, it is the bonds formed by the children and the parents of those attending camp and preschool that keep our community going.

Please be assured that the leadership and volunteers of the KJA are doing everything they can to get us moving back in the right direction, but they can't do it alone. With your continued campaign dollars and promotion of camp and pre-school, hopefully next year I can report that we ended with a significant surplus and our next realistic budget will be a positive one.

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KJA 2012 Campaign

Campaign Goal \$365,000

As of 12/12/12

2012 Annual Campaign: \$352,890

29 new donors

120 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."

Annual Meeting & Windows of Identity Exhibit at AJCC

The Knoxville Jewish Alliance's Annual Meeting will take place at 3:30 p.m. Sunday, January 13. Please plan to attend to help elect officers and board members for the coming year; learn about our Israel Partnership programs and activities.

Following the meeting, you are cordially invited to attend the grand opening of the "Windows of Identity" exhibit, a joint exhibition of artists from the Hadera-Eiron region of Israel and the Southeastern United States.

A total of 50 artists were engaged in the project after being asked to express, through their art, their Jewish identity, Israeli and Zionist character. Each artist was given a 40" x 40" format on which to create his or her work. The exhibit has been on display in Israel and in the United States. The exhibit runs from January 13 through February 1 and is open 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday—Friday. Diane Steinfeld-Hicks is chairing this event.

Following your tour of the exhibit, you are invited to stay for the Winick AZA Heart and Soul Dinner, beginning at 6:00 p.m.



Better Late Than Never...But the Best is Early

By Gene Rosenberg, KJA Campaign Chair

We've heard over and over...."better late than never." I guess there's a lot of truth to that, but in the case of our annual fund raising campaigns, early is the best; not only is early the best, it is essential if we hope to continue the many activities, events, etc. that we have come to expect from the AJCC and the Alliance. This includes our outstanding camp and preschool.

There is no question that these are difficult economic times; we are no exception, but with your help and participation, we will survive just as the Jewish people have done for thousands of years.

This article is being written on Friday, November 23, the day after Thanksgiving. Therefore, we can't give you a final report regarding Campaign 2012. Hopefully, we will have slight increase over 2011, but not really outstanding. That's the good news.... The bad news is that we will more than likely have a budget for 2013 reflecting a deficit of approximately \$50,000. It will require hard work and intelligent planning, participation, cooperation, and above all, **the knowledge of how many dollars we have to work with.**

This brings me to the thrust of these remarks. When Campaign 2013 gets underway in the very near future, PLEASE make every effort to make your commitment (pledge) early in the year. If you have friends, neighbors, relatives, etc., encourage them to do the same. Keep in mind that you can

always adjust your commitment; you can pay it out every week, month, or whatever you are comfortable with.

Be early, be generous, be a part of your Knoxville Jewish community.

Nobody can give it all or do it all....everybody can give something or do something. Please be a part of this effort.

Friendshippers

By Laura Faye Berry, BSSW, Esq., Director

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

Wednesday, January 16, 2013: A musical performance by Wendel Werner and the UT Singers. Wendel Werner has worked in many capacities. He served as the director for the Knoxville Children's Show Choir, the Athens Area Children's Choir, as well as the Knoxville Showstoppers. Werner has served as director of the UT Singers, the jazz choir at the University of Tennessee, since 2001.

Program location: Rothchild's, 8807 Kingston Pike



The luncheon begins at noon and the program begins at 12:30 p.m. Lunch is \$9.00. There is no cost for attending the program alone. Transportation is available upon request. For more information, please contact Laura Berry at 690-6343 ext. 18 or lberry@jewishknoxville.org.



Raising Dogs, Raising Children - Is There Really A Difference?

Sunday, January 13

10:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m.

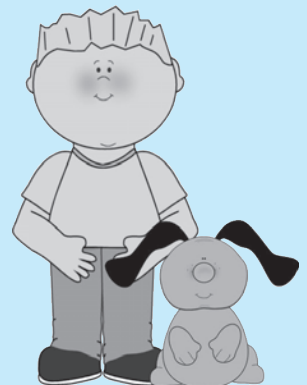
Arnstein Jewish Community Center, Adult Lounge

Plan to attend a free 90-minute program that will offer an overview of practical child rearing skills for parents of children of all ages. The program will offer fun, focused, and real world applications.

Our speaker, **Marty Iroff**, is an experienced educator, school counselor, national trainer, and most importantly, a father. Marty is a nationally-recognized speaker and trainer in the areas of character education, drug prevention, drop-out prevention, and child-rearing skills. Learn more at www.martyiroff.com.

This free program is open to the entire community and is made possible through your gift to the Knoxville Jewish Alliance Annual Campaign. Let us know you're coming by calling KJA Program Manager Rachel Hale at 690-6343 or e-mailing her at rhale@jewishknoxville.org.

In response to parent requests, the KJA will use this program to assess interest in attending additional parenting skills discussions. Please contact Rachel if you can't attend this session and are interested in future parent education sessions.



Physics for Preschool

By Melissa Schweitzer, AJCC Preschool Director

More and more often, we hear from major colleges that the one skill that will help ensure a successful college career is creative problem solving. Although it may seem unusual to talk about preschoolers preparing for college, their learning is definitely laying the foundation for a lifetime of learning.

At the AJCC Preschool, we encourage creative problem solving every day. Open-ended child-directed play gives children the opportunity to explore, experiment and to formulate creative solutions. Our Pre-K classroom uses ramps as a way to explore and experiment in problem solving. The teacher introduces ramps simply by giving each child a one foot section of cove molding and a large marble on a lunch tray. She asks the children to explore how to make the marble move. Then she lets them work. They move the tray. They prop up the ramp and roll the marble down. They prop up the tray. They want to try other round-ish objects that she has in a bucket in the room. The class makes a list of words that describe what they see.

After the first day of exploring, the ramps set expanded to include several pieces of different lengths of cove molding and the bucket of objects including the marbles. Off they go. The children start by racing the marbles, then building structures to help the marbles stay on the tracks. They add pieces and gather materials from around the room. These children are in the process of learning how to solve a problem. They notice that the marble jumps off the track at the joint of two pieces. They may try several solutions before making sure that the pieces are aligned. They are delighted in when they discover the answer. But they do not stop. They keep changing and tweaking and creating new problems. They are building their own understanding of spatial reasoning, math, science, logical thinking, engineering design, language and art. In observing how an object rotates and moves down the ramp, they are building the foundation for understanding Newton's Laws of Motion. The teacher may ask a few open ended questions to extend the learning but for the most part allows the children to lead the discussion about the ramps.

Through this seemingly simple activity, the children are learning how to observe, communicate, estimate, measure, classify, infer, and predict. Their vocabulary will expand with words like hypothesis, speed, mass, force and variables – and they will understand these terms through play with ramps. The best part about the whole lesson is that they are developing a love of learning.



(Right) Hey kids trying out the new ramps and pathway materials

(Below) Families enjoying the children's performances

(Below Right) Hey kids singing the "Turkey Song"



Suzy Snoops

Please share your good news, new jobs, births, anniversaries, fun vacations, or lifecycle events with your Jewish community. E-mail your news (and photos) to jyork@jewishknoxville.org or mail your information to *Ha'Kol*, Knoxville Jewish Alliance, 6800 Deane Hill Drive, Knoxville, TN 37919.

- ◆ **Barbara Bernstein** was selected to serve on the board of the Southern Jewish Historical Society (SJHS). She has not only been a driving force in building and maintaining the Knoxville Jewish Archives, but has been an active member of the SJHS as well. The SJHS hosts an annual conference, publishes an academic journal, and coordinates active grant and award programs concerning southern Jewish history.
- ◆ **Rachel Brown** won first place in the Underclassmen Musical Theater division of the state competition of NATS (National Association of Teachers of Singing). Rachel is a freshman at The University of Tennessee and the daughter of Ken and Susan Brown.
- ◆ **Eli Derrington** and **Blake Parsons** joined nearly 100 Jewish teens from Birmingham, Memphis, Knoxville, New Orleans, Huntsville, and Nashville to attend BBYO's New Member Weekend at Camp Cosby outside of Birmingham. The weekend programming was a mix of Judaic topics, group dynamics exercises, teambuilding, socializing, fun, and BBYO education.
- ◆ **Bernard Bernstein** served for more than 20 years in UT Medical Center's governance, helping guide the medical center's growth from 290 to 525 beds and five building projects, then navigating its independence from the UT system. Because of board-mandated term limits, Bernstein stepped down as board chairman in 2011. The medical center has now established a donor society in his honor that embodies his commitment to the community through quality patient care. The Bernard E. Bernstein Society will be comprised of UT Medical Center planned giving donors.
- ◆ **Deborah Oleshansky**, UT Hillel director, gave the invocation at the November 24 UT vs. Kentucky football game.
- ◆ **Daniel Del Moro**, a Halls High School senior band student and son of KJA Jewish Family Services chair Honorlin Del Moro, has been selected to be a member of the 2013 U.S. Army All-American Marching Band. The U.S. Army All-American Marching Band recognizes the top 125 high school senior marching musicians and color guard members from across the country, showcasing their talents during the largest celebration of high school football in America, the U.S. Army All-American Bowl, televised live on NBC on January 5 at the Alamodome in San Antonio, Texas. Del Moro is the first Knox County student to achieve this honor. (www.knoxnews.com/news/2012/nov/16/halls-students-leadership-and-work-ethic-leads/)
- ◆ **Joan Cohn** and her dog Macy's activities as a HABIT dog at East Tennessee Children's Hospital were featured in a November 25 *News-Sentinel* article on the program, in which pets visit people in hospitals and nursing homes. (www.knoxnews.com/news/2012/nov/24/habit-dogs-make-good-friends-in-hospitals-and-in/)



Daniel Del Moro

Bryan and Alexander Berube are teammates on Webb School of Knoxville's Division II-A state championship team. Not pictured is fellow teammate Michael Dryzer.

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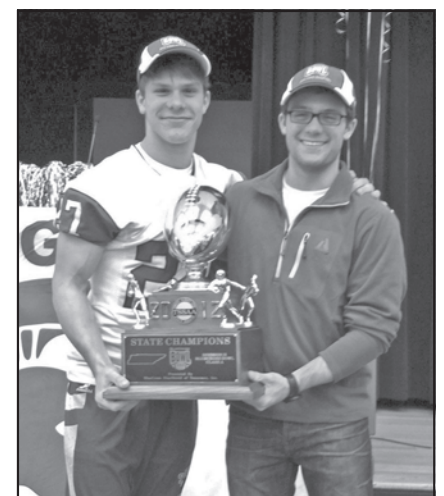
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UT Hillel Chanukah Party



(Top Left) Becca Giller, Lily Dropkin, and Elyse Mecklenberg enjoy latkes at the UT Hillel Chanukah Party hosted at the home of Bart Brody. (Above) Marla Brody cooks homemade latkes for an appreciative group. (Left) Rabbi Alon Ferency and Matt Michaels enjoy the company of Lane Carasik, Daniel Knecht, and Brian Fane. Special thanks to the Brody family for hosting local college students at this event.

J-SERVE
JEWISH TEENS SERVING THE WORLD

B'nai Tzedek Wins J-Serve Grant for 2013

The Knoxville B'nai Tzedek Teen Philanthropy Program has been awarded a \$600 grant entitled "Books Build Bridges." This cooperative program is designed to bring together area youth of B'nai Tzedek, BBG, AZA and Teen Connection to support reading initiatives at Christenberry Elementary School (CES).

J-Serve is the International Day of Jewish Youth Service, a program which promotes community involvement of teens which is centered on an annual day of service, or the culmination of a service project, in April. Across the globe, teens will join together during Youth Service America's Global Youth Service Day weekend to promote their tzedakah and tikkun olam projects.

Information on "Books Build Bridges" was introduced at the B'nai Tzedek Teen Philanthropy meeting in December by Amber Love, BBG, and Mary Ann Merrell, B'nai Tzedek. Ideas discussed include holding a book drive and creating a "book store" where students are given tokens to buy books, one-on-one reading mentoring in the CES after school program, and providing reading activities at the CES spring Parent Fair. Plans for the project will be finalized by our youth at the next B'nai Tzedek meeting which will be held in conjunction with Mitzvah Day.

For more information, contact Mary Ann Merrell at mamerrell@jewishknoxville.org.

Sit & Knit



We enjoyed learning to knit so much we decided to make it ongoing
...Come join us - **It's FREE!**

Sit & Knit with us: bring your knitting and join us for a comfortable sit & knit. Good company, great conversation and help if you need or want it. Bring whatever project you're working on.
Everyone's welcome

Where/When:

- Mondays
- 12 - 1:30ish (feel free to drop in/out as your schedule allows)
- AJCC Adult Lounge

Questions? Raeus Cannon email: raeusjae@gmail.com / phone: 382-6117

Camp Reunion 2013

Calling all campers ages 5-105! If you have attended Milton Collins Day Camp, this event is for you!



**Saturday,
January 12, 2013
6:00 p.m.—8:00 p.m.**



Join your favorite camp counselors and summer friends for an evening of "all you can eat" ice cream and karaoke! This reunion is **NOT** to be missed! To RSVP, contact Rachel Hale at rhale@jewishknoxville.org

KJA Donations

November 1-30, 2012

Beth Schwartz & Larry Washington
Donation to Campaign

Robert Blitt & Stephanie Kodish
Donation to Preschool for organic milk

Russell Walters
Donation to Preschool for organic milk

Jeff & Charlene Gubit
Preschool Sponsorship

Andrew & Linda Mekelburg
Donation to UT Hillel program

Eva Jankovics
Donation to Jewish Family Services

Herb & Elise Jacobs
Donation to Jewish Family Services in honor of Jacki & Richard Imbrey

Sharon Higdon
Donation to KJA

Marilyn Abrams
Hurricane Sandy Relief

Melvin Sturm
Israel Emergency Fund donation

2012 Year-End Statements Notice

The Knoxville Jewish Alliance provides **contribution and child care tax letters** for all donors and children programs. Please watch your e-mail account on file with our office as they will be processed and delivered by January 31, 2013. *Due to the number of statements produced, the office will not be able to accommodate special requests for these statements during January 2013.*

All 2012 employees will be able to electronically access their **Form W2 for Federal Income Tax purposes** through their online account at www.viewmypaycheck.com after January 31, 2013.



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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

New Fund Established by Besmann Family

The KJCFF is pleased to announce the establishment of the **Besmann Family Fund for Social Justice and Spiritual Enrichment**. This new fund's purpose is to benefit the activities, events, or projects created by Knox County organizations for the purpose of promoting social justice and/or spiritual enrichment in Knox County. Organizations seeking funds must be affiliated with the Knox County Jewish community. However, projects, activities, or events that receive support from this fund may be designed to benefit the broader community.

"Ted and I wanted to create a lasting legacy that, in some small way, could help our Jewish community flourish spiritually and as part of the larger Knoxville community," says Wendy Besmann. "This fund will aid projects that enrich Jewish worship, and projects that involve Knoxville Jews in promoting social justice within our local area. As KJCFF president Bernie Rosenblatt noted recently, members of our Jewish community as individuals currently have leadership roles in more than 75 East Tennessee non-profit organizations. However, Ted and I think it is also very important that we support social justice activities as a Jewish community. We hope the Besmann Family Fund will someday contribute to that goal."



Ted and Wendy Besmann in front of the Golden Pavilion in Kyoto. The picture was taken the week of their 30th anniversary, which they celebrated in Japan. The Besmann family started their KJCFF fund to mark that anniversary.

Donations

- ◆ **Alliance Opportunity Fund**
In memory of Joyce York's uncle John Willson
Drs. Renée Hyatt and Paul Erwin
- ◆ **Heska Amuna Educational Enrichment Fund**
In memory of Ellen Schnoll's stepmother
Harvey and Marilyn Liberman

Grants

- ◆ The Knoxville Jewish Alliance received a grant from the **Sam & Esther Rosen Friendshippers Fund** to support transportation costs for the KJA Friendshippers program.
- ◆ The Knoxville Jewish Alliance also received a grant from the **KJA Director's Fund** to underwrite the direct costs for the KJA Executive Director's conference costs for 2012.

KNOXVILLE JEWISH COMMUNITY FAMILY OF FUNDS BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Bernie Rosenblatt, President; Scott Hahn, Vice President; Dick Jacobstein, Secretary/Treasurer; Jeff Becker; Bernard Bernstein; Arnold Cohen; Bobby Goodfriend; Jacki Imbrey; Herb Jacobs; Ellen Markman; Dick Jacobstein, Past President; Carole Martin; Alexandra Rosen; Mel Sturm; Jeff Gubit, Ex-Officio; Laura Berry, Administrative Director

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

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

JANUARY 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 New Year's Day AJCC Preschool Winter Break KJA Offices closed	2 AJCC Preschool-Welcome back 10-11a KJA Archives Comm-BR 5:45-6:45p ZUMBA-gym 6:45-9p fencing-gym	3 7a HA-minyan 5:45-6:45p ZUMBA-gym 6:30p Hadassah Brd-AL 7:30p HA-Exec Comm 7:30p Israeli dancing-gym	4 7:30p TBE-Shabbat services	5 9:30a HA-Shabbat svc 9:30a HA-Jewish meditation 9:30a JCOR-Shabbat svc 10:30a HA-Contemporary services
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KJA 2013 Campaign Events

Friday, February 1	KJA Shabbat	Temple Beth El	7:30 p.m.
Saturday, February 2	KJA Shabbat	Heska Amuna Synagogue	9:30 a.m.
Sunday, February 3	Mitzvah Day	AJCC	9:30 a.m.
Sunday, February 10	Pacesetters	Temple Beth El	6:00 p.m.

A special evening of music, fun and philanthropy. Details to follow.

K N O X V I L L E

Mah Jongg Classes at AJCC

Whether it's called ma que, ma jiang, maajan, mu tsian or Mahj, it is the fascinating game of Mah Jongg. Know someone who wants to learn this magical game?

**January 8, 15, 22, 29
6 p.m. at the AJCC**

Contact Marian Jay at mayfayjay@aol.com, 524-8234 or Rachel Hale at rhale@jewishknoxville.org, 690-6343 for more information.

Let's make sure that anyone (including men) who wants to learn this fun game has a chance to experience the euphoria of yelling MAH JONGG!!!



You're Invited to Winick AZA's

Heart & Soul Dinner and Silent Auction

**Sunday, January 13 at 6:00 p.m.
Arnstein Jewish Community Center
6800 Deane Hill Drive**

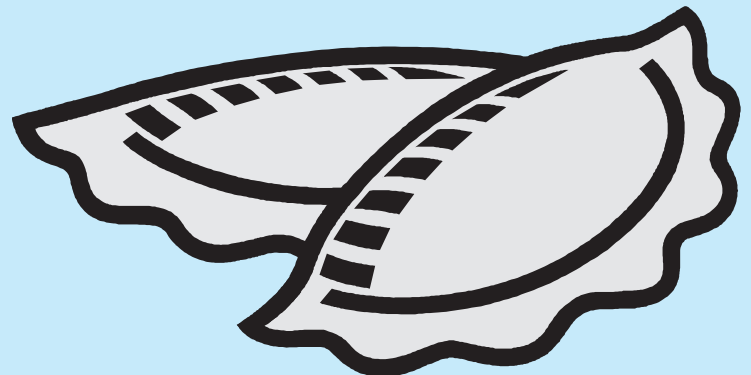
Enjoy live jazz, a silent auction, and delicious Italian cuisine featuring stuffed shells in a rich marinara sauce, Caesar salad, garlic bread, dessert and beverages

Tickets: In advance, \$18.00 for adults and \$9.00 for students and children
At the door: \$20.00 for adults; \$10.00 for students and children

Proceeds will benefit BBYO scholarship funds and the American Heart Association. Brandon Messing will be our honoree.

We hope to see our community support this event. This will be a fun-filled night with entertainment and delicious food for the whole family. Hope to see you there!

To purchase tickets and make reservations, please e-mail ethanstorm@yahoo.com or mail check (payable to BBYO) to Winick AZA, c/o AJCC, 6800 Deane Hill Drive, Knoxville, TN 37919.



H A P P E N I N G S

Winick AZA Elects Officers and Plans Dinner/Silent Auction

Rabbi Isaac Winick AZA is Knoxville's high school men's side of BBYO. In August, Winick elected a new board: the Godol (president) is **Ethan Sturm**, the S'gan (vice president) is **Isaac Shefner**, the Moreh (education) is **Nathan Rosen**, the Mazgir (secretary) is **Brian Weinstein**, the Gizbor (treasurer) is **Michael Dryzer**, and the Shaliach (religious programming) is **Eli Derrington**. Any of these officers are more than happy to answer any of your questions. As part of BBYO, Winick works to provide Jewish high school kids with positive Jewish experiences here, and all over the world. Winick plans a variety of cultural, social, athletic, and community service programs right here in Knoxville while giving members an opportunity to attend programs in Knoxville as well as programs in the south, across the country, and around the world.

We have some fun local programs coming up including the second annual Heart and Soul dinner/show/silent-auction on January 13 starting at 6:00 p.m. This is one of Winick's largest fundraisers, with a portion donated to the American Heart Association. We hope to see a lot of people in the Jewish community come and take part in this event. This will be a fun-filled night with entertainment and delicious food for the whole family. Hope to see you there!



BBG Thanksgiving Alumni Brunch

(Top Left) Bryna Oleshansky, Zack Kramer, Anna Kern, and Megan Weiss enjoy the chance to be together at the BBYO Alumni Brunch.

(Middle Left) Anya Badalova, Rebecca Kern, Rachel Weiss, Daniel Roberts, Elyse Messing, Evan Nagler, Iris Postelnicu, Mara Nagler and Jordan Hirschhaut are home in Knoxville for Thanksgiving from Atlanta, Wisconsin, Washington, DC, and other locales.

(Bottom Left) Daniel Roberts, Jonathan Branton, Megan Roberts Koller, Jordan Hirschhaut, Elyse Messing and Josh Koller are among the AZA/BBG Alumni serving as advisors to BBYO groups both locally and regionally.

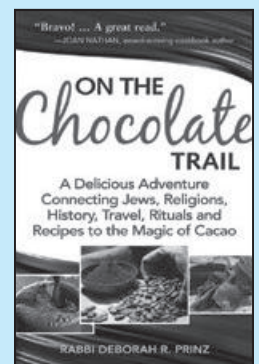


Jews and Chocolate!

While Jews are known as People of the Book, they may have also earned the moniker People of the Bon Bon according to a new book called *On the Chocolate Trail: A Delicious Adventure Connecting Jews, Religions, History, Travel, Rituals and Recipes to the Magic of Cacao* by Rabbi Deborah R. Prinz.

Prinz explores the surprising Jewish and other religious connections to chocolate in this gastronomic and historical adventure through cultures, countries, centuries and convictions. She draws from her world travels on the trail of chocolate to enchant chocolate lovers of all backgrounds as she unravels religious connections in the early chocolate trade and shows how Jewish and other religious values infuse chocolate today.

In addition to chocolate's history, the author shares mouth-watering recipes, a glossary of chocolaty terms, tips for buying luscious, ethically-produced chocolate, and includes a list of chocolate museums around the world.





Shevat/Tevet, 5773

Please join us for our annual Sisterhood Torah Fund Shabbat



WOMEN'S LEAGUE
FOR CONSERVATIVE JUDAISM

Saturday, January 12

9:30 a.m.

Torah Fund Guest Speaker

*Sarah Atterman,
Jewish Educator and Alum of
Camp Ramah Darom*

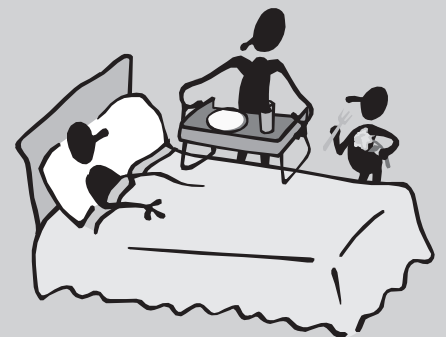
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Prayer List

If you or a loved one is ill or hospitalized, please let us know so that we can attend to him or her as a community, and place the name on our *Mi Sheberach* prayer list.

Unfortunately, federal law prohibits hospitals from notifying us when community members are admitted.



A Prayer Book at the Right Time

By Rabbi Alon Ferency

At an early Question and Answer session after Shabbat *Kiddush*, a congregant posed a thorny question, “How do you feel about our current prayer book, *Sim Shalom*?” Now, at that time I was a bit cagey: I didn’t want to speak ill of a venerable publication edited and authored by a member of my former congregation. In politic language, I replied that I didn’t think *Sim Shalom* was my favorite prayer book ever produced. When asked the follow up, “Would you be comfortable switching prayer books?”, I was wary of entering into the situation of steering a new pulpit through the potentially tumultuous process of changing *siddurim*. I remained somewhat mum, and waited to see the response.

The response was quickly forthcoming: it turned out that folks already had a new prayer book in mind. Some congregants were bringing their own personal copies of *Siddur Eit Ratzon* to Shabbat services. It had the combination of transliteration, explanation, and reflection that they wanted. In fact, when seat-mates, neighbors, and friends in the pews read over their shoulders to look at the generously sized, red-bound books, they usually liked what they saw, and often went out to buy their own copy after Shabbat.

In subsequent conversations with colleagues, I learned that *Siddur Eit Ratzon* is a book of choice for communities with many different stages of experience and observance, like ours. So, months later, when it came time to find a book suited to the seeker-oriented service of the Friday night Choo’t’ nanny, I considered *Siddur Eit Ratzon*. I found it to be just the thing for people who might not be synagogue regulars: it has good transliterations, ample descriptions of choreography and service structure, as well as thoughtful meditations and insights for those already familiar with the service. When I went out to make a bulk purchase of *Siddur Eit Ratzon* for the Choo’t’ nanny, members of the Rabbi and Religious Services (R&RS) committee asked to buy their own, and others donated additional copies to the Synagogue.

At which time, we had enough books to begin offering them in the back of the Sanctuary for Shabbat morning service. This proved to be a great asset for our visitors, Jewish and otherwise. We began to recommend *Siddur Eit Ratzon* to guests, who would sit with the other congregants who’d already made the switch to the red prayer book. With a dearth of transliteration, and rather stilted translation, *Sim Shalom* can prove intimidating to the uninitiated; not so *Siddur Eit Ratzon* – it’s both user-friendly and welcoming to worshippers with limited background or experience.

At this point, we really had a tension on our hands: we’d become a *shul* with two *siddurim*, and it was starting to become confusing. The issue reached R&RS, and we thought about ways to ease the confusion. We began by offering side-by-side comparisons, with pagination charts for worshippers and prayer leaders. Over a few meetings in the course of more than a year, we tossed about the merits of these prayer books, and others. Again and again, we delayed making a final decision, as we collected more opinions, data, and responses. After a great period of discussion, debate, and consideration, we had one last meeting when a guest, who was an avid user of *Siddur Eit Ratzon* and a guide to the book for others, came to R&RS and gave us the last push: it was time to finally make this important change.

As *Eit Ratzon* means, it is “The Right Time.” The time has come for a new book to be officially adopted. So, this year we’re making the formal rollout. The prayer book that has already been adopted by many congregants personally and individually will now be our book, communally and collectively. *Siddur Eit Ratzon*, a book that welcomes the newcomer while rewarding the regular attendee, will be moved into our pews at the beginning of February. During the spring, we will be calling page numbers from *Siddur Eit Ratzon* first, and a guide card with corresponding page numbers will be available for those who are using *Sim Shalom*. In early summer, the well-loved *Sim Shalom* will be moved to the back of the Sanctuary, handy for use on special occasions, or by those who want it to suit their needs. It is an important, long-awaited and natural change which has come at the right time.



From the President

By Gilya Schmidt

As I write these words, it is not yet Thanksgiving, some leaves are still on the trees and the temperature outside is still warmish. Although we have changed the clock, it is not yet winter. Still, getting up when it is dark and coming home when it is dark again, I yearn for the days in spring when I again wake up to the light.

Fortunately the span of time during which nature is dormant, and when it feels as if humans were also holding their breath, is brief. By the time we reach Tu B’Shvat, the New Year of Trees, we acknowledge that we have turned the corner. Two months before Pesach we have the opportunity to symbolically celebrate the rebirth of nature, of ourselves, and of Jewish life, in our congregation and beyond.

Tu B’Shvat, also called Jewish Arbor Day, this year is on January 26, the 15th day of Shvat. In spite of the full moon, everything is intimated, nothing has as yet been revealed. In Israel new saplings are planted by school children in the hope that someday there will be a forest. The sap in the existing trees begins to flow, in the hope that soon the buds will burst open. During rabbinic times, the 15th of Shvat was a tax date, when future tithes based on the trees’ anticipated yield would be established.

During the Lurianic Kabbalah in the 16th century in Sfat, this feeling of impending renewal became a full-blown celebration in the community of believers in the form of a Tu B’Shvat Seder. In anticipation of personal renewal and new growth and continued evolution within our Heska Amuna congregation, come join us for a communal Tu B’Shvat Seder on Sunday, January 27, at 11:00 a.m., in conjunction with the Heska Amuna Religious School. Join us to sample four kinds of fruit, drink four mysterious cups of wine, and yes, celebrate the fourth new year!

From the Chair of the Board

By Scott Hahn

I don't know if you have ever wondered what life is like at other synagogues, but I have. Recently, I had the pleasure of attending Saturday morning services at Congregation Beth Israel, the Conservative synagogue in Asheville. The people there could not have been nicer. After services, I had the chance to meet some of the leadership of the congregation at their Kiddush luncheon. It was there, where I received a briefing of what synagogue life is like in Asheville.

Congregation Beth Israel has roughly 175 members. They currently do not have a rabbi and are not sure if they are getting one anytime soon. They have had an entirely lay led service for the past several months, including the High Holidays. The congregation was not particularly happy with United Synagogues for Conservative Judaism (USCJ) and were thinking about dropping out. Interestingly enough, they have a sizeable (20 members) of Israelis who are members. They also have a fair number of people who divide their time between Asheville and Florida during the year. The services themselves were very similar to ours with a slightly smaller crowd.

For most of my time as a community leader, Knoxville and Heska Amuna have suffered from location and congregation envy. The familiar lament is always, "if congregation were more like so and so" or, "if our city were more like...", then things would be better. I am here to tell you, I don't believe that the grass is always greener. I believe every congregation and community faces its' own unique challenges. Even though Beth Israel was very similar to Heska Amuna, it is not Heska Amuna and vice versa. That is not to say we can't learn from other congregations, but I do believe that no one congregation or locale has it all. We at Heska Amuna have many positives and we also have areas which could use improvement. I am also convinced our positives far outweigh our negatives and for that, we should be thankful. Once again, thank you to Beth Israel for the hospitality and the education on your congregational life. I hope to repay the favor one day.



All Women in the Jewish Community are Invited to Attend Vashti's Banquet

**Sunday,
February 24, 2013**

5:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Heska Amuna Synagogue



Vashti's Banquet once again will capture the spirit of the fabled queen's feast with some modern twists.

Come savor the joys of Sisterhood in ancient Persia, in the atmosphere that surely surrounded Vashti "back in the day" when she stood up to King Ahasuerus and opened the door for Esther to leave her mark upon the Jewish people.

Sumptuous food, special entertainment, music, and a shopping environment fit for any princess or queen!

~ Divine Door Prizes ~

A fun time was had by all at the Sisterhood Paid Up Membership Brunch on October 28, 2012

HA Religious School News

By Anna Iroff and Anne Greenbaum, HA Religious School Co-Directors

Let's do some free association! What comes to mind when you hear the words **Tu B'shvat**? I asked Morah Anna and this is what she said: trees, figs, seasons, environment, planting, dirt. And what do I imagine? Bokser! Also called St. John's Bread. Also called carob. When I attended Religious School many years ago, bokser was one of the fruits that was always served to us on Tu B'shvat. I thought it both strange looking and strange tasting. It was as exotic to me as the whole idea of the State of Israel (which back then was itself quite new).

I invite you and our young students as well to *free associate* to the words *Tu B'shvat*. Here's a bit of history picked from the internet to get you started: *Tu B'Shvat*, the "New Year of the Trees" is actually a flowery way to say "tax season begins now...." In the time of the *Bait Hamikdash* (Holy Temple) farmers were taxed on their crops and produce as well as their animals.

And here's a bit of agricultural science: *Cerantia siliqua*, commonly known as the *Carob tree* and St John's-bread, is a species of flowering evergreen shrub or tree in the pea family, Fabaceae. It is widely cultivated for its edible legumes, and as an ornamental tree in gardens.

Finally, after all these years, I've learned just why bokser is associated with Tu B'shvat? The carob tree is mentioned in the Talmud as the chief food of the mystical Rabbi Shimon bar Yochai during the years he hid from the Roman soldiers in a cave.

Because we two are always among the youngsters in our HA Religious School, it should be obvious that one of our own associations would be with the verse in Genesis (1:28) "be fruitful and multiply." *Thank you, God, for all the wonderful children in our community.*

Tu B'shvat Celebration, January 27

Q: Why is this Sunday different from all other Sundays?

A: On all other Sundays we attend Religious school from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. But on this Sunday we will celebrate Tu B'shvat with a special seder. We will have regular classes from 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. At 11:00 a.m. we will begin our festive meal. This is not a Passover seder; there will be no matzo. We will enjoy fruits and produce associated with Israel, tell stories about the importance of trees in Israel and around the world, and sing special songs.

The entire community is invited to this event, organized by the Rabbi & Religious Service Committee & the HA Religious School.



Tot Shabbat

Friday, January 11

6:00 p.m.

Shabbat Dinner & Services
for Young Families

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

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

RSVP to Anna Iroff, education@heskaamuna.org or 522-0701 by **Friday, January 2.

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

Join us for Family Minyan!

February 2

10:15 – 11:30 a.m.



Family Minyan at Heska Amuna usually occurs the first Shabbat morning each month. It is a wonderful experience for our school families, especially students in third through sixth grade. This is a family service, not a children's service.

Parents participate with their students. Grandparents are welcome, too, as we love to have entire families join us. We use our colorful new *Siddur Mah Tov* and enhance it with our discussion. You are very welcome to join us! (FYI – While there will not be a family minyan in January, the next two are February 2 and March 2.)

Things to Remember!

Upcoming School Events

- ◆ Friday, January 11 – **Tot Shabbat**
- ◆ Sunday, January 13 – **Religious School, PreK – Prozdor**
- ◆ Wednesday, January 16 – **Religious School, grades 3-6**
- ◆ Sunday, January 20 – **No class – Martin Luther King Jr. weekend**
- ◆ Wednesday, January 23 – **Religious School, grades 3-6**
- ◆ Saturday, January 26 – **Bat mitzvah of Arielle Rosen**
- ◆ Sunday, January 27 – **Half day of class; Tu B'shvat seder**
- ◆ Wednesday, January 30 – **Religious School, grades 3-6**

Todah Rabah to Our Friends and Supporters

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

- ◆ **Stella Iroff** in memory of Rebecca Benbenisty; **Rabbi Alon and Karen Ferency** in honor of Debbie Johnson; **Eli and Anne Greenbaum** in honor of the engagement of Bess Greenbaum and Andy Seewald; **Harold and Susan Silber** in memory of Bernard Simon and in memory of Rhea Silber; a special thank you to **Eileen Nober** for creating the beautiful bulletin board in honor of Chanukah.

Sponsor A Kiddush! It's So Easy

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

We thank Amy and David Hull who sponsored a kiddush in honor of their son Atticus's bar mitzvah on November 24.



Among Our Members

- ◆ Get well wishes go out to the following people who were ill or recuperating: **Joyce Beerman, Greta Besmann, Elaine Brown, Stephen Brown, Eliyahu ben Shulamit, Debra Gordon, David Linwood, Mark Littmann, Judy Rattner, Rushal Faygel bat Michal, Martin Shersky.**
- ◆ Todah Rabah to **Sandy Parker** who continues to work in the Synagogue office every week. We appreciate your time and the effort on behalf of the Shul.
- ◆ Heska Amuna procedures to pay your dues and other fees or charges - You have two preferred ways to pay: (1) set up direct withdrawal from your bank checking or savings account (ACH); or (2) charge to your credit card. (You can, of course, mail in a check to the synagogue office, but that costs you postage and takes extra time and effort on our end to process this payment.) Before you decide which of the two preferred methods you wish to use, please note that the first method is the least expensive for the synagogue. We pay only a small processing fee for direct withdrawal payments. On the other hand, Heska Amuna pays a fee equal to 2.3% of the amount charged, PLUS an additional small processing fee, for all credit card payments. We strongly encourage you to pay by direct withdrawal from your checking or savings account. When you choose direct payment, more of the financial support you generously contribute is available to provide synagogue services to you and your family and less of that support has to be diverted to pay third party fees. This can only strengthen the synagogue's finances in both the short and long term. If you pay by ACH transfer or credit card, please make sure you indicate the amount of your payment. If you are making a payment by check, please indicate the amount you are paying next to the account, tear off the bottom portion and return in the enclosed envelope. Should you have any questions, you can reach our Finance Vice Chair, Barry Allen, by email at barry.allen@sageontheweb.com, or you can leave a message for him by calling the synagogue at 522-0701.

Save The Date

Monday, March 25

*Heska Amuna
Synagogue
Community Seder*



Heska Amuna Synagogue *HaShofar*

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Permanent Schedule

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

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

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

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other information, please visit
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Learning to Love Learning

Engaging and Engaged: Heska Amuna's Scholar-in-Residence

Shabbaton an Invigorating Weekend

By Co-chairs Nancy Becker and Mary Linda Schwarzbart

Expectations were surpassed as the Knoxville Jewish community filled rooms to capacity at Heska Amuna Synagogue for a weekend of inspired learning facilitated by Janet Sternfeld Davis, our guest leader during a wonderful Scholar-in-Residence Shabbaton, November 9 -11.

Ms. Davis, a former teacher of Rabbi Alon Ferency, is a lecturer in Rabbinic Studies and coordinator of the *Bet Midrash* at the Ziegler School of Rabbinic Studies, University of Judaism and a lecturer in Education, Fingerhut School of Education. Recommended by Rabbi Ferency as one of his favorite teachers, we were most fortunate to have our own opportunity to learn with this energetic, thought-provoking educator. And, upon her return to Ziegler, she said: "I've been talking about my weekend to anyone who will listen - I had a lovely time."

Shabbat began with our *Kabbalat Shabbat* Hoot'nanny service with wonderful music from Rabbi Alon Ferency, Rich Adlin, Judy Brietstein, Ivan Cooper, Jeff Hecht, Bob Martin, Sarah Milford, David Perkins, and Douglas Weinstein, followed by Shabbat dinner, and our first learning session – "Who is your teacher?" Topics for the two Saturday sessions were "Shaming" and "Relating to the Other." All of the sessions provided a forum for thoughtful readings from Torah, Talmud, and other commentaries that led to discussions about a range of topics that, although hundreds of years old, still dominate and impact our lives today.

Saturday evening was spent at the home of Rabbi Alon and Karen Ferency with the Future Leadership *chavurah*. The group enjoyed an excellent guided discussion with Janet on the values and merits of leadership, beginning with pair and small-group study from Steinsaltz *Talmud B'rakhot*, and the story of Rabban Gamliel's replacement as *nasi* (chair) of the *Sanhedrin* (religious court, 1st - 2nd century) when he restricted access to the House of Study to only those he thought qualified, thereby preventing full participation in the legal process. This story highlights how the rabbis were challenged with incivility among the leadership class, and with how to open up political/ religious life with integrity and care.

And Sunday morning, our scholar explored the true meaning of *tzedakah* with religious school students from both Heska Amuna and Temple Beth El, coordinated by Anna Iroff, Anne Greenbaum, and Norma James. Following religious school, Ms. Davis closed her studies with a special session for our community's religious school teachers.

Thanks go to a wonderful committee: Daren Kathryn Eddy, Markus Eisenbach, Rachael Oberman Ellis, Janet Gurwitch, Kim Hedrick, Mary Ann Merrell, Lindsay Parizman, and Miriam Weinstein with a special note of thanks to committee member Marilyn Burnett who worked tirelessly on delightful meals throughout the weekend. And many thanks to Rabbi Ferency, Marian Jay, and Debbie Johnson for beautifully attending to every detail.

We are grateful for the ability to be able to offer such outstanding programs. This program was made possible and funded by the Heska Amuna Educational Enrichment Fund of the Knoxville Jewish Community Family of Funds.



Heska Amuna Synagogue Invites Your Family to Join Our Family

If you are age 32 or younger, Heska Amuna Synagogue invites you to take advantage of a new membership package for young individuals and families which features:

- Flat-rate dues of \$180.00 per year (*In the event of a young family, the eligibility will be determined by the youngest partner.*)
- Membership to Heska Amuna Sisterhood for women who join
- A membership to the Arnstein Jewish Community Center

Please visit us, contact
Membership
Chairperson Susan Silber
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Donations received by November 26

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In appreciation for the community's well wishes for my son Stephen

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Living Our Values

By Rabbi Mathew D. Michaels

There is a wonderful reading that appears in our prayer book as a prelude to the Amidah: *“Pray as if everything depended upon God. Act as if everything depended upon you!”* When we live our values, we blend and fuse our efforts with God’s will. The result is that our actions become infused with a dimension of the sacred. As you know, Judaism stresses the importance of *tzedakah*. This concept entails more than just giving of one’s self to others; *tzedakah* involves a sense of obligation. The Hebrew term is derived from the root word of *“tzedeek”* – “doing that which is right.” In other words, our tradition demands from each of us that we behave in ways that reflect righteousness. In Judaism, *tzedakah* is not an option; it is a sacred obligation.

In our religious school, we reinforce this concept by setting the clear expectation that our students bring a *tzedakah* contribution each week. During the school year, our students determine the recipients of their donations. At the time of writing this article, the East Coast is just beginning the process of recovering from “Hurricane Sandy.” Undoubtedly, as you read these words (while nearly two months have passed), the task of recovery is ongoing. But I must tell you, that the week following the hurricane, our religious school students decided to send their *tzedakah* to the Union of Reform Judaism’s Hurricane Relief Fund. Our young people’s response can serve as an inspiration to all of us. Their decision clearly reflects our pedagogic goal of “living Jewish values.”

Let us admire our youth and model our behavior after theirs. Opportunities still exist to give *tzedakah* – to fulfill our obligation of “doing that which is right.” Whether you contribute to the URJ Hurricane Relief Fund, the American Red Cross, or other relief efforts is up to each individual. However, we must act as if all depends upon us. Each of us has the sacred obligation to help others who are in need. Our tradition will not allow us to stand idly by as our neighbors and fellow citizens “bleed.” May the words of our hearts and the deeds of our hands always reflect the sacred duty of living our values!

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Treasure Tov Sale

The Treasure Tov will be having an After Hanukkah Sale on Sunday, January 6 through Sunday, January 13, 2013. Every item on display will be 50% off. Your purchases will help support our Temple.

WANTED: The Treasure Tov is still looking for a Manager or Co-Managers to take over the Treasure Tov. Please contact Sylvia Joy for any questions you may have.

Nothing Beats the Fun at our Annual Chanukah Maccabiad!

Four teams, comprised of multi-age family groups, compete in Chanukah-themed activities that require creativity, co-operation, and enthusiasm!



(Left) Shin Wins
Back row: Hazak and Blake Parsons; Row 3: Lizzie Noon, Ben Gibbons; Row 2: Aaron Shagan, Lauren Shagan, Nathaniel Laing, Kirk Parsons, Ryan Zimmerman; Front row: Avigail Laing, Ryan Gibbons, Riley Zimmerman, Sam Shagan

(Right) Face-Off!
Hazak Parsons, Lizzie Noon, Eli Derrington, Stephanie Goldfeld, Jessica Traugot, Avery Wilhite, Josh Oleinick, Julie Berman

It's Time for Sisterhood

By Karen Smith, Sisterhood Liaison

TBE Sisterhood has two big programs planned for January. We begin with the Sisterhood meeting/program on Sunday, January 13. Our program, *Gift of Life*, has three events all going on at the same time. They are:

- ◆ from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. *Child I. D. fingerprinting courtesy of Kathy Young/New York Life. Children will receive a card with photo and fingerprint,*
- ◆ from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. *the MEDIC Regional Bloodmobile will be parked in front of Temple for congregants and the community to give blood, and*
- ◆ at 10:00 a.m. *Rabbi Matt Michaels will discuss organ donations from the Jewish perspective, and a representative from the Tennessee Donor Services will talk about what organs can be donated and how to sign up to donate. Organ donation brochures and cards will be available.*

This is a very important program open to the community and will contain valuable information. Thanks to Program Vice Presidents Kathy Young and to our beloved Mimi Brody, of blessed memory, for planning the morning.

Then on Friday, January 25 at 6:30 p.m., please join Sisterhood for *Shabbat for Hunger, Healing, and Hope* in partnership with the religious school. Good food, friends, and contributions to Second Harvest Food Bank/Marty's Mission and Mazon—what could be more appealing? Donations of soups and chili are needed for the dinner. Contact Karen Smith or sign up on the Sisterhood Board at Temple about what you will bring. Please bring the soup or chili in a crock pot or casserole dish so it can be heated and served.

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

Contact *Shabbat for Hunger, Healing, and Hope* Chair Joyce Traugot to help with shopping, set up, clean up, or help in the kitchen. Contact either Joyce or Karen Smith or sign up on the Sisterhood Board at Temple to make a reservation for dinner.

Here is a date to save: Tuesday, March 12 at noon for *Sisterhood's Luncheon and Fashion Show*. Watch for more announcements and *Ha'Kol* for more information.

Thank you Lucy Barkan and committee for a very successful *Chanukah Food and Craft Fair* on December 2.

Thank you Meredith Jaffe for planning the *December Rosh Chodesh* program and for all of Sisterhood's wonderful publicity.

Sisterhood's *Beiler Floral Fund* Co-chairs Emma Fleishmann and Lisa Sayles welcome all flower donations of \$36.00. What a lovely way to remember someone for a life cycle or special occasion.

Sisterhood Co-Vice Presidents for Membership Honerlin DelMoro, Marcy Frankel, and Barbara Holz remind everyone that it is never too late to join Sisterhood. Your check for \$40.00 is all you need for a year of Sisterhood.

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

Shabbat For Hunger, Healing and Hope

January 25, 2013

Once again our Temple Beth El Sisterhood and Religious School will be co-sponsoring our *Shabbat for Hunger, Healing and Hope*. Please mark it on your calendars and be sure to participate in this very special Shabbat Dinner which is always a very moving and enjoyable evening. Please call Karen Smith to make a reservation and to let her know what you will be making to share with your Temple family. Karen's phone number is (865) 691-3231. We traditionally serve soups and chilis that our members have donated. Watch for flyers with information regarding further details.

When you come for dinner, please consider bringing some canned food to help the **Second Harvest Food Bank** and the **FISH Hospitality Pantry**. Our food barrels are always available for your contributions. Looking forward to seeing you all, for our Shabbat for Hunger, Healing and Hope. We are in need of a few volunteers to assist with the planning, shopping and set up for this evening. Please call Joyce Traugot at (865) 675-6260 to volunteer. Some of our warmest moments are as volunteers on committees.

Thanks in advance for your support.

TBE Sisterhood presents
*Shabbat for Hunger, Healing,
and Hope*

Friday, January 25, 2013 6:30 p.m.

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

For reservations and donations of vegetarian soup
and chili, contact Karen Smith

Chairperson is Joyce Traugot

Religious School will lead the Shabbat service

Proceeds go to Second Harvest & Mazon



**Temple Beth El Sisterhood Presents
Gift of Life Day
Sunday, January 13, 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.**



Organ Donation from a Jewish Perspective
with Rabbi Matt Michaels

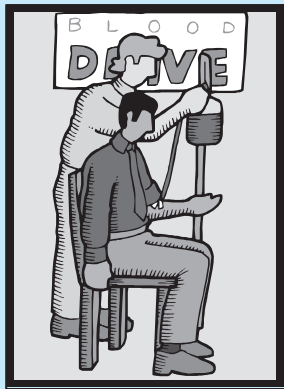
Rabbi Michaels will speak about Jewish views regarding organ donation at 10:00 a.m. in the TBE Social Hall.

A representative from **Tennessee Donor Services** will be available with how-to information and organ donation forms.

MEDIC Regional Blood Center's Bloodmobile

will be in the Temple parking lot from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Temple Beth El is located at 3037 Kingston Pike in Knoxville.



Child I.D.

will be available from 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. in the TBE Social Hall.

Parents will receive a card with a photo and their child's fingerprints.

The Child I.D. program is courtesy of Kathy Young/New York Life



Mah Jongg Madness high and low scorers show off their prizes. L to R are Marian Jay (low), Elaine Levin (1st tie), Barbara Leeds (low), Patricia Adeva (1st tie), Terry Boheleer (3rd) and Judy Raman (low)



Sisterhood's Mah Jongg Tournament co-chairs Linda Mongeon and Ellen Markman tally the scores.

We can't solve problems by using the same kind of thinking we used when we created them.

— Albert Einstein

Temple Beth El Religious School

By Norma James nfiames77@gmail.com

Midweek classes start back with a Pizza Dinner at 5:45 p.m., January 9: Don't forget to arrive early. You can have some free time to socialize with your friends before classes begin at 6:15 p.m.

Welcome back to Sunday Religious School

January 13: Wow! We start back late in January this year. I hope everyone had a wonderful winter break and is ready to hit the ground running for our second semester. We have lots of great plans for a wonderful January.

MLK Weekend is always a special day at

Religious School: Social justice will be the theme of the day as we honor the memory of a great American and emphasize the importance of tzedek in Judaism. Parents are invited to join us for our traditional "sit-in" and sing-along in the lobby at noon.

Technology-Technology-Technology: That was the theme of the annual Atlanta EDC Kallah for Jewish educators. Rabbi Matt, Norma, Tara Bain, Rachel Bleuze, E.L. Gordon, and Clark Derrington attended this amazing conference. (See picture) We learned how to make technology a fundamental part of the religious school experience. Our young people are fluent in tech, so why not apply their expertise and love of all things electronic to Jewish education? Watch out TBE! We have come home loaded with ideas and ready to make some things happen!

Laurie Fisher and Matt Lauer participate in a teacher exchange in Israel: We are very excited that Laurie, our Hebrew specialist, and her husband Matt, a 5th grade teacher at Webb School, had the opportunity of a life time to visit schools in Israel as ambassador teachers from our East Tennessee Jewish community. We look forward to hearing all about what they have learned.

Hunger Shabbat January 25: PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE join us for this beautiful evening as our congregation joins together to raise money for Marty's Mission. We will begin with a chili and soup dinner followed by Shabbat service conducted by our Hebrew Chai and Rabbi Michaels. Our religious school students will present the choral music for the service.

Upcoming Events:

January 9: Midweek Classes: Pizza dinner 5:45 p.m.

January 13: Sunday classes resume

January 25: Shabbat for Hunger Dinner at 6:00 p.m. w/ service to follow



Staff at Atlanta Kallah: Clark Derrington, Tara Bain, E.L. Gordon, Rachel Bleuze, Norma James, Rabbi Michaels

Let's Shake, Rattle & Roll!

Temple Beth El Annual Auction

Let The Good Times Roll

Saturday, April 6, 6:00 – 9:00 p.m.



The success of the Temple Beth El Auction Fundraiser is in the hands of its 220 member families and there is no better time to pull together as a congregation to maximize the great potential of this important event at our Temple.

To make this event a success, our committee is already actively seeking donations from local merchants for gift certificates or merchandise to be used as a silent or live auction item. We are truly blessed that so many local merchants generously support our auction. To take the event to

the next level, we are seeking the support of members who can also participate by donating items. All donors will be highlighted in our auction materials and there is no better way to show your support for your Temple.

Another fabulous way to get involved and have a great time is to attend our annual auction. On Saturday evening, April 6, 2013, the Temple will be hosting our 9th Annual Auction themed "Let The Good Times Roll." It will be a fun-filled evening of outstanding entertainment, delicious food and fun, capped off with terrific silent and live auctions.

Thank you in advance for your generous donation! It is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Phyllis Hirsh and Amy Rosenberg

Please mail or drop off your donation to:

Temple Beth El

c/o Auction

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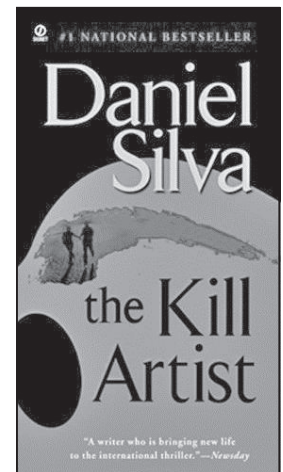
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Daniel Silva's Thriller Novels an Artful Read

By Laurie Fisher

The Kill Artist by Daniel Silva is the first book in a series of thrillers featuring Gabriel Allon, Mossad spy/assassin and art restorer. Gabriel is an assassin with a conscience and a cover job that is his passion. He has tried to leave behind the troubling facts of his life in the Mossad following the car bombing of his wife and child. Art restoration is truly his calling and passion, but he cannot stay off the radar when his old boss comes to him to find a terrorist from his past. Part of the problem for Gabriel is that he is very good at what he does, tracking and assassinating his marks and he is called back into service when a chance opens up to locate one of Israel's most wanted. Gabriel notes that art restoration and assassination have more in common than one would think, "study the target, become like him, do the job, slip away without a trace."

Silva keeps the plot moving with enough twists and turns to stave off predictability. The writing is engaging and he takes the time to develop the main characters so that there is interest in what happens to them. Even the terrorists are not one-dimensional. In addition, the tension is kept elevated by a game of "who knows what?" that the reader is privy to but the main characters are not. The twelfth book in the series, *The Fallen Angel*, was just published in July, giving the reader much more to look forward to.



Meet Some of Our Newest Members

Vera Gelvin moved to Knoxville from New Jersey in 2010 with her daughter Nicole and granddaughter Shanti. She's a talented artist and writer who, as she explains, never let her age hold her back. At the age of 50, she put her medical technology and English degrees to use when she began her Gelvin Writing Systems business. And in 1982, her interest in photography led to her second successful business, Gelvin Photography, Inc. In 2003, Vera's artistic side "took over" and she began writing poetry and most recently, plays. She wrote her most recent play after her dear friends from New Jersey asked in 2012, "How did you end up in Knoxville, TN?" and that question led to laughter and the creation of her delightful satire/play.

Larry Markel grew up in Buffalo, NY, got his electrical engineering degree at MIT, and after working in engineering company in CA, he moved to Knoxville in 1990 to help start an engineering company. He's currently involved in "clean energy" work at a local office of SRA, an information technology company based in Washington, DC. Larry has two grown children, both of whom attended Farragut High School, with one graduating from UT and the other from Cornell.

Steve Rockmaker grew up in Long Island, NY, and attended Nassau Community College. After living in the NYC area, he moved to the Tampa area in 1989. He worked for Healthplan Services in data processing, and just retired in June 2012 after more than 21 years with the company. His move to Knoxville this past summer came about after previous visits to the area in which he realized it would be a great place to retire. His daughter still lives in the Tampa area. Steve has already joined Temple's Library Committee and he has really enjoyed his Temple experiences.

Jacki and Richard Imbrey are returning members to Temple and enjoy a dual membership with Heska Amuna Synagogue. They both grew up in Miami but did not meet until after they had both moved to Knoxville...when Richard owned Cloud Nine Waterbeds, and Jacki bought a new bed at Richard's store. Jacki started her financial planning business in 1977 and Richard joined the business in 1982 – now known as Imbrey & Associates. They were married at and joined Temple Beth El in 1978 and recently celebrated their 34th anniversary. Mazel Tov!

Among Our Members

Prayers

Benjamin Hancock, son of members **Dick and Beverly Hancock**, has been deployed for the next six months to Afghanistan. Ben is an Airman First Class in the United States Air Force. He serves as an EOD tech-that means Explosive Ordinance Disarmament-bomb tech. We are proud of him for his service to our country and may God keep him safe as we keep him and his family in our thoughts and prayers.

Kudos

Daniel del Moro, son of **Honerlin del Moro**, has been selected as a member of the 2013 U.S. Army All-American Marching Band. Del Moro will join an elite group who will perform during halftime of the U.S. Army All-American Bowl at the Alamodome in San Antonio, Texas. Daniel is a drummer for Halls High School and is the first selection ever made from a Knox County school.

Mazel Tov

Vikki and Andy Traugot are pleased to announce the engagement of their son, **Mitchell to Courtenay Theil**. Mitchell is a recent graduate of the UT Culinary Institute and is presently a chef at Chuy's. Courtenay is a student at South College and a part-time employee of Chuy's. Mitchell is the brother of Jessica and the grandson of Joyce. A March 23, 2013 wedding is planned in Knoxville.

A New Mezzo Soprano Joins Temple Beth El Choir

When you join us for Shabbat services, please take note of and welcome our new choir member, Catherine Greer. Catherine takes on the mezzo role vacant for some time now. Though she did not perform with the choir for the High Holy Days this year, she is now singing regularly with the choir on Shabbat.

At the end of August, Catherine performed for Director Becky Kidd and the choir after a Shabbat service. If you were in the sanctuary at the time, you heard a beautiful, professional voice. This is what Becky had to say in an e-mail to the Ritual and Worship chairs:

"We were really impressed with her voice and equally with her wide range of education and especially with her warm manner. I think she will be a good fit for us."

Catherine, a native of Jackson, Tennessee, is a voice and piano instructor and is pursuing her master's degree in German with a minor in Musicology at The University of Tennessee. She was an exchange student at the Universitat Stuttgart, 2008-2009 and she is currently working on her thesis: *Brundibar: Confronting the Misrepresentation of Resistance*.

To further her knowledge of Judaism and of the Holocaust, she plans to take classes with Dr. Gilya Schmidt in the UT Religious Studies department and is considering applying for an internship with the U.S. Holocaust Museum.

She holds an M.M. in vocal performance and Pedagogy from the University of Tennessee, Knoxville where she was a member of the Opera Studio. Her undergraduate degree, a B.M. with distinction, comes from the Eastman School of Music, University of Rochester; Rochester, NY.

Catherine has much teaching experience and has had a private voice studio in Knoxville since 2006 with previous studios in Rochester and in Memphis. Her performance roles and scenes list is vast as are her awards and honors. Her research projects and workshops and presentations could pique your interest even if you are not a professional musician.

Some examples of roles performed: Violetta in *La Traviata*, Adele in *Die Fledermauss*, Marian in *The Music Man*, and Rapunzel in *Into the Woods*.

Research projects and presentations include *Song was the Only Truth*: Song in Auschwitz, The Best Little Warehouse in Kennesaw: Wildman's Civil war Surplus Store and Issues Confronted in a Hate Filled Field, The Decline of Yiddish: A Literature Review, From Gregorian Chant to Beyonce: A Survey of Vocal Music through the Ages, and Das Buroklammer Projekt in Tennessee, Uni Stuttgart (The Paperclip Project in Tennessee).

You can conclude from this list that her interests are diverse and that she has a special affinity for the pursuit of understanding music and its relationship to the Jewish experience.

In addition to singing with the Temple Beth El Choir, Catherine has been a staff singer at the Episcopal Church of the Ascension since 2006.

When you come to services, please say hello to Catherine. She is very enthusiastic about becoming a member of the Temple Beth El Choir and she would love to get to know you.



Catherine Greer

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Marty's Mission Update

By Joyce Traugot, Marty's Mission Chair

I want to thank everyone who donated checks and cash to our Turkey Trot Drive. It is with great pleasure that I inform you that we more than doubled our donations of last year. You have once again proven your warmth, generosity and concern for families who are in need of some assistance at this time. My sincerest thanks to everyone, who has once again, answered my call. Please join our Temple family as we celebrate *Shabbat for Hunger, Healing and Hope* on **January 25, 2013**. The proceeds from this event are donated to three organizations: Mazon, Second Harvest Food Bank and FISH Hospitality Pantry.

I truly appreciate your continued support for this very special program.

Contributions to Temple Beth El Funds

Donations listed were received as of November 26, 2012

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In memory of Max Gillman
 By: Harold & Shirley Freedman
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 By: Joyce Traugot
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Support Heska Amuna and Temple Beth El Buy Grocery Store Certificates

Everyone has to eat, so you can help your temple or synagogue raise funds without increasing your monthly expenses. Purchase grocery certificates and a percentage will go to your local organization. Complete the form and mail it or call a representative to learn more.

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Heska Amuna Synagogue

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Food City	\$25 _____	\$50 _____	\$100 _____
Total Amount _____			

Temple Beth El

EarthFare	\$25 _____	\$50 _____	\$100 _____
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Total Amount _____			

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

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

Mazel Tov!

Heska Amuna Synagogue

Happy Anniversary!

Sharon and David Icove
 Jill and Stuart Chasan
 Peggy and Gale Hedrick
 Marilyn and Howard Pollio
 Heidi and Barry Allen
 Julia and Todd Galanti



Happy Birthday!

◆ Martin Brownstein ◆ Zeke Frumin ◆ David Hicks
 ◆ Susan Cohen ◆ Scott Hahn ◆ Jeffrey Scott
 ◆ Marion Goodstein ◆ David Beerman ◆ Frank Floyd
 ◆ Deborah Oleshansky ◆ Markus Eisenbach
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 ◆ Sharon Icove ◆ Norman Licht
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All members whose birthday or anniversary occurs in January are invited to receive a blessing at kiddush on Shabbat morning, January 12.

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Happy Birthday!

◆ Susan Cohen ◆ Peter Hance ◆ Noah Wilson ◆ Gabriel Oleinik
 ◆ Alan Smuckler ◆ Joan Cohn ◆ Louis Gross ◆ Jacob Brown
 ◆ Paul Lee ◆ Marcy Frankel ◆ Jerry Jaffe ◆ Ray Pais ◆ Laura Supman
 ◆ Susan Billinson ◆ Anthony Gibbons ◆ Sylvia Witcoff
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 ◆ Debra Caylor ◆ Alan Schwartz ◆ Shirley McGuire ◆ Sheila Popkin
 ◆ Dani Rosenberg ◆ Jon Shefner ◆ Elaine Freeman
 ◆ Lily Jeanette Hirsh ◆ Sandra Khaddouma ◆ Rachel Kline
 ◆ Becky Winston ◆ Eric Eisen ◆ Rachael Feinbaum ◆ Mark Kaufman
 ◆ Benjamin Margulies ◆ Lyubov Morkovnikova ◆ Robert Feinberg
 ◆ Gilya Schmidt ◆ Bonnie Kolnick ◆ Karen Smith ◆ Michael Markman
 ◆ Nina Reineri ◆ Thomas Evans ◆ Ann Wayburn

Happy Anniversary!

Alan and Karen Smuckler
 Louis Gross and Marilyn Kallet
 Robert and Ruth Feinberg
 Larry and Barbara Winston



JAHRZEIT

TEMPLE BETH EL

January 11

◆ Marcus Bressler ◆ Ruth Lisser ◆ Gladys S. Weisman ◆ Minnie Aron ◆ Bella Zavels ◆ Molly B. Smith ◆ V. F. Fisher
 ◆ Adele H. Greenberg ◆ Lena B. Konigsberg ◆ Edward J. Moss ◆ Robert (Bob) Dean Parsons ◆ Isadore Beiler ◆ Louis Gershberg
 ◆ Elise Goldberg Hyatt ◆ Michael Kostinsky ◆ Delia Skalet ◆ Henrietta Feldblum ◆ Telsie Greif ◆ Harold Stanley Harris ◆ Sam Webber

January 18

◆ Minette Jacobstein Clark ◆ Temma Nassau Schwartz ◆ Grigory Targonsky ◆ Morris Wolpert ◆ Mordechai Goodfriend ◆ Milton Heller
 ◆ Mary Lippner ◆ Nina Ostrovsky ◆ Howard Stamey ◆ Stanley Webster ◆ Minnie Hochenberg ◆ Mary Kichler Licht ◆ Irene Schiffer
 ◆ David Farin ◆ Sadie Goldberg ◆ Regina Schwartz ◆ Max Zuckerman ◆ Fannie Liebman Beiler ◆ Mortimer Berger ◆ Walter N. Blaufeld
 ◆ Fannie Burnett ◆ Henry Handler ◆ Alfred Korkin ◆ Helen Sandberg ◆ Jacob Spiro ◆ Beatrice S. Steinfeld ◆ Muriel Zuckerman
 ◆ Kingdom Balzer ◆ Caroline Schwartz

January 25

◆ Ella Marx ◆ Meyer Schwartz ◆ Frank Bernard ◆ Mary S. Bernard ◆ Bill Dillon ◆ Theodore Hecht ◆ Joseph Herman Bush
 ◆ Meyer Ostrovskiy ◆ Howard Teitelbaum ◆ Maxine H. Arbital ◆ Ethel Brown ◆ Sarah Vendig Samuel ◆ Herman Seabold
 ◆ Irvin Shenkman ◆ Joseph Soss ◆ William Steinberg ◆ Clarence "Sonny" Mongeon ◆ Annie Joffe ◆ Basya Shusterman
 ◆ Boris Shusterman ◆ Evalyn B. Weiss

February 1

◆ Romaine Eisenstadt ◆ Julius Hohenemser ◆ David Barnes ◆ Albert G. Bessel ◆ Leo Diamond ◆ Frank Heart ◆ Charlotte Loeb
 ◆ Helen M. Siegel ◆ Robert Harwell ◆ Regina W. Lippner ◆ Gustav Dreyfuss ◆ Oscar Sisman ◆ Fannie Spiro ◆ Carolyn S. Ziegler
 ◆ Robert Hyatt ◆ Paul Lee ◆ Dennis Silver ◆ Bernard Silverstein ◆ Minnie Banov

Heska Amuna Synagogue

January 5

◆ Nathan Deitch ◆ Channah Goldstein ◆ Terry Hahn ◆ Maurice Lieberman ◆ Manuel Marvet ◆ Melvin Shorr ◆ Samuel Bebergal
 ◆ Louis Gluck ◆ Helen Shersky ◆ Mary Wolf ◆ Stephen Sugarman ◆ David Abramson ◆ Clarence Mann II ◆ Stanley Webster ◆ Jill Witten
 ◆ Mark Balloff ◆ Joseph Bernstein ◆ Melanie Hicks ◆ Fannie Moskowitz ◆ Rachel Menachem ◆ Jack Ruchlin ◆ Rose Bart
 ◆ Morris Schwartz ◆ Morris Simon

January 12

◆ Bella Bresoff ◆ Nathan Diftler ◆ Rafael Anidjar ◆ Ben Winick ◆ Seymour Chasan ◆ Delia Skalet ◆ Sam Morrison ◆ Samuel Fenrow
 ◆ Charles O'Brien ◆ David Cohen ◆ Herman Sebold ◆ Cecil Nichols ◆ Jack Orlick

January 19

◆ Milton Shamitz ◆ Mae Stern ◆ Samuel Brown ◆ Romaine Eisenstadt ◆ Annie Joffe ◆ Joseph Soss ◆ Celia Berry ◆ Elizabeth Busch
 ◆ Caroline Schwartz ◆ Frank Winick ◆ Gladys Johnson ◆ Jack Scott ◆ Harry Tobe ◆ Lillian Klein ◆ Alexander Licht ◆ Rose Shapiro

January 26

◆ Jacob Goodstein ◆ David Panitz ◆ Anne Dolinka ◆ Lillian Morrison ◆ Hilda Presser ◆ Lena Rosenfield ◆ Sarah Rubenstein
 ◆ Charles Silverman ◆ Harry Strauss ◆ Helen Hahn ◆ Milton Finkelstein ◆ Rose Imbrey ◆ Esther Rosen ◆ Vera Stallings ◆ Lela Lippner
 ◆ Fran Sturm

Jewish Congregation of Oak Ridge



Sisterhood Happenings

The mission of Women's League for Conservative Judaism is to strengthen and unite synagogue women's groups; support them in mutual efforts to understand and perpetuate Conservative/Mazorti Judaism in the home, synagogue, and community; and reinforce their bonds with Israel and Jews worldwide. We will celebrate Women's League Shabbat on **Friday, January 18** at 6:30 p.m. services, followed by dinner.

It was with great sadness that our longtime Sisterhood and congregation member, Myra Hoffman, passed away. Myra was deeply involved in the happenings of the local and regional areas. She was an educator and guiding light for all. She will truly be missed.

Torah Fund

Donations to Torah Fund help further the education of rabbis, cantors, and Jewish educators. At this time we would like to acknowledge the generous donations of Anne Greenbaum, Linda Bell, Becky Charles, Evelyn Blau, Fran Silver and Art Dworkin, Hilda Barrack, Rose Holz, Eileen Handler and JoAnn Hotimsky, and Catherine Braunstein. Please call Eileen Handler at 482-1341 or Brenda Mosko at 483-9463, to send a Torah Fund card for all occasions - Mazel tov, sympathy, return to good health, in friendship, special occasions. Cards cost \$4.00 and will be mailed for you.

Friday Night Service And Family Potluck Dinner

Friday night, November 9 saw the synagogue teaming with children at services. Rabbi Victor Rashkovsky led services and Penny Lukin performed a special musical evening. Rose Ebel read a story. Becky Charles, Linda Bell, Avigail Rashkovsky and Cindy Dittner catered the delicious meal. We look forward to our next Friday night service on **January 18** at 6:30 p.m., which will be a potluck dinner. Each family will bring a dairy or *pareve* dish (no meat) to serve 10 people or more.

Hosts and Hostesses

Thank you for your hospitality. If unable to serve on date indicated, please exchange and advise Marilyn Rudo, 482-3522.

Saturday, January 5	Eileen Handler and Diana Jacobson
Saturday, January 12	Shelby and Mark Kaye, Peggy and Randy Laxton
Friday, January 18	SISTERHOOD SHABBAT: Deborah Cole and Larry Anovitz, Alice Feldman and Al Good, Rita and Ken Hohenbrink
Saturday, January 19	Brenda and Sig Mosko, Nona and Sam Poole
Saturday, January 26	Avigail and Victor Rashkovsky, Shirley Schwartz
Saturday, February 2	Hilary Shreter, Carolyn and Bud Stein
Saturday, February 9	Fran Silver, Jill and Stuart Chasan
Saturday, February 16	Ilana and Moshe Siman-Tov, Vera and Leon Maya
Saturday, February 23	Sarah and David Stuart, Melvin Tobias

January 2013

Calendar of Events

Saturday, January 12, Study Session – “**What is Humanistic Judaism?**” after Shabbat Morning Services

Saturday, January 26, 7:00 p.m. – Jewish Film Series

The Human Resources Manager – Israel, 2010, 104 min., Unrated, in Hebrew with English subtitles

“This beautifully shot film combines comedy and tragedy in the tale of a workaholic human resources manager who neglects his family to further his career. But when an employee at his bakery is killed, he begins an odd journey toward self-realization.”

Judaica Gift Shop

There are many things of beauty in our Judaica cases for sale that should be in your home. Passover will soon be here. Do you need a seder plate, matzo cover, matzo holder, or kiddush cup for yourself, or as a gift? Also available are Jewish items of jewelry. Call Mira Kimmelman at 483-7972 for inquiries.

Ladies Luncheon Meets Every Third Friday

Ladies, join us for luncheon on the third Friday of every month at Burchfield's (Doubletree Hotel) at noon. Reservations not needed; just show up!

Todah Rabah for JCOR's New Website

Thank you to everyone who helps plan and execute our special gatherings at the synagogue for our mutual benefit and enjoyment. Thank you to Matt Niad for putting JCOR on our new website and to the rabbi for his input. You can see us at <http://jcor.info>. Click on events to learn of future events.

The Jewish Congregation of Oak Ridge invites our
Greater Knoxville Area friends to join us!

JCOR Ah-Men Feast

February 3, 2013 — 5:00 p.m.

at the Jewish Congregation of Oak Ridge, 101 W. Madison Lane



Beginning at 5:00 p.m.

Wine, Cheese, and Hors d'oeuvres

Gourmet Vegetarian Dinner by chef Mark Kaye

Presented by

the JCOR Singing Waiters

Extraordinary Entertainment will follow



Silent Auction - White Elephants and Services

Donate your gift-quality White Elephants (Tax Deductible) or Services and acquire some real treasures!

Admission - Same Low Price of \$49.95 per person

This great social event is our major fund raiser of the year. \$25 is tax-deductible.

* **White Elephant donations:** Gift quality only (this is not a rummage sale). Thanks, but framed pictures rarely sell for a reasonable (or any) price. Any items that don't sell must be retrieved by the donor the evening of the feast.

Remaining items will be given to an appropriate charity.

** **Services donations:** Bake a pie, make some bagels, mow a lawn, build a carport - whatever you do well. You donate your services, high bidder gets your services, JCOR gets the money from the high bidder. When winners are announced, others can buy those same services for the cost of the winning bid (up to the limit of the number of pies or other services the donor is willing to provide).

*** **Treasures:** This is a fundraiser. Please don't look for bargains - instead, overbid your competitors up to double (or triple or ...) the value of the item.

For reservations, questions, or to make a contribution for the Silent Auction, please contact:

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

For the Friday evening service schedule, contact JCOR at jcorn@juno.com or 483-3581



Hadassah Highlights

A Note From Cindy

By Cindy Pasi, President, Knoxville Chapter

Being able to participate in Hadassah's Centennial Celebration with the dedication of the Sarah Wetsman Davidson Tower to the State of Israel was truly a once in a lifetime honor. Instead of trying to find the words to describe the importance of the tower hospital to Israel, I am going to let Professor Ehud Kokia, Director General of Hadassah University Hospitals, do that for me. . .

"Thanks to ten decades of dedication and devotion, Hadassah is not simply another hospital or even another outstanding academic medical center; Hadassah is the wellspring from which Israeli medicine evolved. Our partnership is a promise that Hadassah will continue to be the heart and soul of Israeli medicine, an exceptional example of innovation and expertise, setting the standard and leading the way."



More than **6,000** men and women work at the Mount Scopus and Ein Kerem hospitals. More than one million people are treated each year by our hospitals. During the week that we were in Israel for the dedication of the hospital, Dr. Kokia estimated that **1,650** people were hospitalized (one-third for surgical procedures); **1,525** were treated through day care and/or day hospitalizations; **13** couples were treated for invitro; **700** treated for hematology/oncology; **12,000** visited outpatient clinics; **2,500** visited our emergency rooms; **78,000** lab tests were done; **8,000** radiology and ultrasound exams were performed; **9.1** research papers were published by prestigious journals which were authored by Hadassah physicians and scientists; and more than **200** new Israelis joined us in celebrating life. All these things in one week's time!

Our work continues. We cannot rest on our laurels and waste precious time patting ourselves on the back for these accomplishments – as profound as they are. People continue to need medical treatment. Many more diseases need cures to be found. Medicines are waiting to be developed. Treatments are ready to be found to improve quality of life for those dealing with diseases for which we have not found cures for. And, many, many more sabras are waiting to be born. For the immediate present, those 6,000 dedicated hospital employees need to be paid, they need to have updated facilities and tools in order for them to provide the quality care and research that they provide.

The things we leave behind for our children and grandchildren our very important, but none more so than the ideals we hold close. For me personally, I want my legacy to my daughter and my grandchildren, and my world to be that I was instrumental in helping to find a cure for cancer in my lifetime. I am not a doctor, scientist, nurse – but I am a cancer survivor and I know firsthand the fear, confusion, and hope for a cure, and the desperate desire for my cancer gene not to be passed to future generations. Hadassah makes it possible for my dream of today to be my legacy of the future. What is your dream for the future? What will be your legacy? Hadassah can help you turn your dream into your legacy.

So, put on your comfy running shoes (or high heels if you prefer) and get busy with us as the Knoxville Chapter of Hadassah steps into the next century. Our legacy is waiting on us. Israel is waiting on us.



Friends of Israel – Night to Honor Israel

By Ric and Cindy Pasi

For the second year in a row, the Friends of Israel gathered in Knoxville to hold a night to honor Israel on Thursday evening, November 15 – as tensions mounted between Israel and Gaza. We were warmly greeted by Rev. Johnassee, Friends of Israel and Pastor Steve Kraft, Victory Baptist Church. Our own Jeff Gubitz was a guest speaker for the evening and again shared the importance of the work done at our youth aliyah village near our sister city of Hadera.

The highlight of the evening was keynote speaker, Opher Aviran, Consulate General of Israel to the Southeast region based out of Atlanta, Georgia. He told the mostly Christian group of how the state of Israel had left to the Palestinians all infrastructure in Gaza when the Jews left Gaza, including greenhouses and fields that were in full production. He explained how Hamas immediately destroyed all that was left to the Palestinian people, and in the process a means of self-support. Many in the crowd were not aware that it had happened. He shared that rockets had flown over Israel's sovereign lands every day – and that enough is enough. Forty-five percent of Israel is now within distance of the rockets that are being shot at Israel daily. Israel has a right to defend itself, and must defend itself. Many were not aware of this either.

This group loves Israel and believes in its right to defend itself. Further, they love the Jewish people both here and in Israel with a passion that is from the heart. My experience has been that many Christians will only give to a Christian cause; however, this group purposefully works to raise funds solely for Israel. As a community we say we are open to all faiths, yet for the second year in a row, only five Jews were present at this event. It is through events like this that we can make an impact and share the truth such as Opher Aviran did regarding the infrastructure left to the people of Gaza.

Hadassah is thankful for those who listen to the words "I will bless those that bless you and curse those that curse you". Hadassah stands by those who are blessing Israel such as the *Friends of Israel*. It is through events like this that we can make an impact and share the truth such as Opher Aviran did regarding the infrastructure left to the people of Gaza. Maybe next year we will see more Jews at this event who can thank them in person.



Karen Isenberg Jones, Director Media Affairs and Interfaith Outreach, Consulate General of Israel to the SE, Opher Aviran, Consulate General of Israel to the Southeast region, with Cindy Pasi (above) and Jeff Gubitz (below)



And Now For the Rest of the Story People You Should Know: Ulysses S. Grant



Cindy Pasi and Janice Blumberg sharing the Ha'Kol article about her grandfather, Rabbi Alphabet Brown.

In October's edition of *Ha'Kol*, Hadassah shared an interesting story on Ulysses S. Grant. A quote from that article:

"During his presidency, he promoted Jews to prominent positions in his administration; he spoke out against anti-Jewish persecution in Eastern Europe; he was the first president to attend a synagogue dedication; he was the first president to visit Palestine. Grant was so successful in redeeming his stature among America's Jews that a *prominent American rabbi was a pallbearer at his funeral*. Since the funeral was on the Sabbath, the rabbi walked instead of riding. Grant was fervently mourned in the nation's synagogues. "Seldom before," one Jewish newspaper remarked at the time, "has the Kaddish been repeated so universally for a non-Jew as in this case."

In November, as part of Jewish Book Month, KJA hosted Ms. Janice Rothschild Blumberg, who was discussing her book *Prophet in a Time of Priests*. As she shared the story of her grandfather, I realized that he was the "prominent American rabbi" spoken of in the article. Rabbi Alphabet Browne was a man ahead of his time and led an extraordinary life. If you did not read the article in the September *Ha'Kol*, I encourage you to see what was written about him there, and then purchase the book and read the rest of the story. It is a fascinating read.

Hadassah Book Club News

Our plans for January include a get together on January 15 to watch a "literary" movie. Venue, time, and movie will be announced.

We've also all been invited to Heska Amuna Sisterhoods' book discussion in January. On January 27, 3:00 p.m. at Heska Amuna, Ellen Kern will lead us in a discussion of Philip Roth's *The Plot Against America*. Peggy Littmann has extra copies of the book. Let her know if you would like one.

On February 19, we'll discuss *One More River* by Mary Glickman. In this riveting tale of a son's search for his father - and the mysteries of his life - author Mary Glickman brings romance and depth to Jewish life in the small towns of the early- and mid-20th century American South.

Mickey Moe Levy is eager to learn about his father so that he can prove his "yichus" to his future (and very reluctant) father-in-law. As the story unfolds through flashbacks across three generations, Mickey Moe learns about his father and inevitably about himself. The vista of Southern Jewish history - amidst a tableau of social, political and cultural turmoil - is the background of this ultimately romantic tale.

The Hadassah Book Club welcomes all Jewish women of the greater Knoxville area, friends and visitors.

Questions? Call Peggy Littmann 588-6661 or e-mail her at plittmann@comcast.net.



Hadassah's Chicken Soup for the **SOLE!**

Let's dish on your dish!

March 3 at 2:00 p.m.

Stay tuned for location....

Bring your favorite family recipe to share, make sure it is Kosher style, and a warm story of the ones you love who taught you to make it.

For more information or to RSVP:

Shuli Mesa

shulime@gmail.com; (865) 362-5467

Hadassah Celebrates the last 100 as it Steps Into the Next Century



Hadassah Regional members showing off the synagogue seat donated by the Southern Region

Hadassah Highlights

Knoxville Chapter of Hadassah

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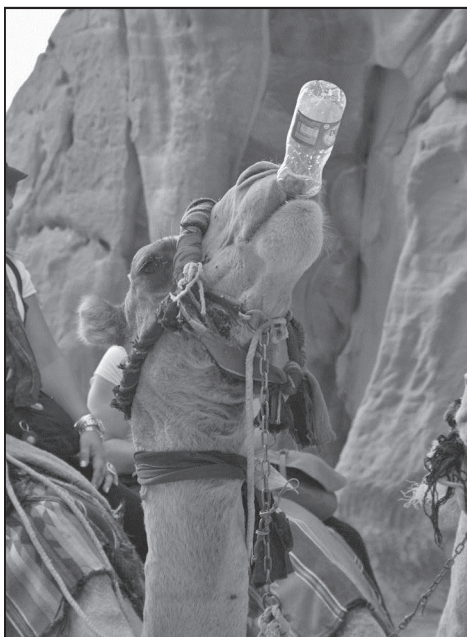
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Knoxville Associates Ric Pasi and Moshe Shloush represented our group well



(Below) Even camels get thirsty in the Negev

(Below right) Raeus Cannon enjoying herself at Sabra Square flash mob event





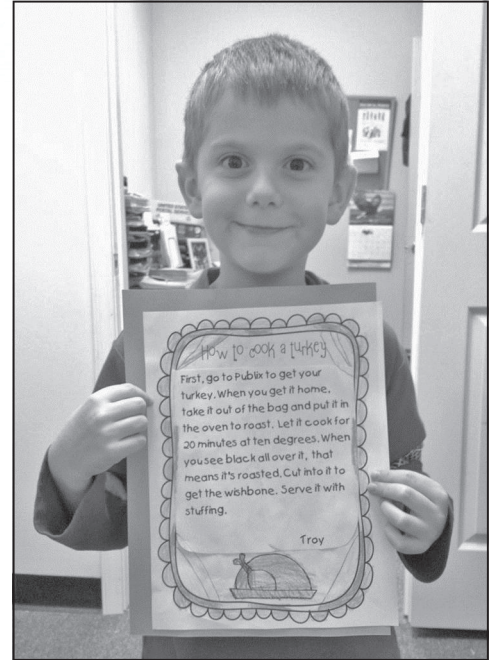
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Working Hard in K/1

The K/1 class has been studying national symbols in social studies. They learned about the American Flag, the Statue of Liberty, and the Liberty Bell. They also learned about the presidents on Mount Rushmore and how this national treasure was built. They even put a few new faces on the mountain!

In Math, the students studied how to make two-digit numbers. Through Montessori lessons, they have learned to read these numbers and use manipulatives to show them in tens and ones.

And of course, they did some fun Thanksgiving activities like writing about how to cook a turkey!



(Above Left) Ori making two-digit numbers during a Montessori lesson

(Above Right) Troy, learning how to cook a turkey



(Left) Avi, Ori and Jack adding to the beauty of Mt. Rushmore

(Below) Rylee, Aidan, and Jacob using their active expressions on the energy scavenger hunt

Got Energy?

Second and Third graders just finished studying energy. They analyzed heat, sound and light energy. They did several experiments and investigations to discover properties of each type of energy. To start each energy exploration, they began by doing a scavenger hunt for each type. Instead of toting around paper and pencil, they took their ActivExpressions with them to input their findings. They then did experiments to analyze the movement of the energies. Once they understood how the energy moved, they analyzed how they could control it. For example, for heat energy they created various inventions to contain the heat energy and tested them to determine their effectiveness. Through this unit they came to understand how conductors and insulators impact the movement of the three energies. All of the students had a great time doing hands-on learning to discover the world around them.





Civil War Biographies

During our unit of study on the Civil War we studied many aspects of the time period including: reasons for the war, major battles, the culture of both sides, daily life for soldiers, supporting the war effort at home, and what people did for fun during this time period. Students really felt most interested in individual people. We read excerpts from actual Civil War diaries and also a fictitious book by Scholastic, *The Diary of James Emond Pease*, which we referred to as J.E.P. Students were so interested in this idea that we decided our big project for the unit would be biographical reports of Civil War figures.

Students were able to choose their own figure. We had three generals, a president, an admiral, an Underground Railroad conductor, a humanitarian and a spy. Research was done on the internet, in the library and in class. After making internet timelines, students completed bio-cubes and used them to learn about each other's figures. Students finished up the project with a biographical report and presentation to the class. We learned many interesting facts and every student found a quote by their figure to share with the class. Each presenter was given positive and constructive feedback by their peers.

Matias with his biography and bio-cube

Sharing is Caring

In response to Hurricane Sandy's destruction, Ms. Kari's 4th/5th grade class launched "KJDS Sharing is Caring" and collected books and school supplies for a Jewish Day School in New York, the Mazel Day School, whose building was flooded by the storm. The students created their own flyer and distributed it to family and friends and built up quite a collection, which they sent off right after Thanksgiving. Great job kids!

Elizabeth adding books to the collection for the Mazel Day School.



Special Guests

The 4th/5th grade classroom was honored to have two special guests from China come to their classroom before Thanksgiving break. Jackie, or Xu Kexuan and Lillian, or Ye Liying, are both from Shenzen. They are exchange students from Guangdong University of Foreign Studies. They are currently students at West Virginia University. They shared a fascinating presentation about their families, where they live in China, and about many Chinese customs such as lighting up red lanterns the night before a test for good luck. They showed the students how to write the numbers and letters in Chinese, and how to write each of their names. But the fact that the students found most interesting was that in China, a family is only allowed to have one child unless they have enough money to pay a fee and have more. Since one of the guests is an only child and the other is one of five, they were able to offer different perspectives about this unique Chinese law and the students were truly captivated by the discussion.

Our special guests from China



Annual Thanksgiving Feast

KJDS held their annual Thanksgiving Feast on Tuesday, November 20. They invited their Special Friends from the community to celebrate with them. Kindergarten welcomed everyone with a poetry reading about Albuquerque Turkey! First grade then performed a Thanksgiving reader's theater that had a Yiddish twist to it! They then shared a wonderful meal, which consisted of a dish from each student's home. Thank you Special Friends for coming to celebrate Thanksgiving with us!



(Above) Giving Thanks


*(Below) Highlights of the Willy Wonka Jr. performance!
Congrats KJDS kids and Morah Debbie for
an outstanding performance.*



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KJDS Annual Gala
An evening of support for the
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The Way We Were in 1968



Heska Amuna Synagogue Cornerstone Ceremony

Heska Amuna's then oldest members, Fred **Millen** (standing, left) and Louis **Lippner**, look on as Bernard **Bernstein**, Construction Committee chair, spreads mortar on the synagogue's cornerstone on June 4, 1968. Fred (ca 1882-1970) had been a grocer while Louis (ca 1871-1969) and his brother Isidor ran Lippner's Meat Market at the Market House in Market Square. Fred's grandson Jan **Fay** and his family are among the many members of the Millen clan who still live in Knoxville. Louis's nieces Rose Kate and Mary **Lippner** were amongst Temple Beth El's longest-living members. Bernie and Barbara **Bernstein** are active members of the Knoxville community.

To learn more about these families and the cornerstone ceremony, go to
www.jewishknoxville.org/archives

Send your photos of "The Way We Were" to
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