



Ha' Kol

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

KJA Campaign 2013

Tzedakah is not an option but a duty — a duty to God and to one's community.

TZELEBRATE TZEDAKAH in February

- ★ **KJA Shabbat** at Temple Beth El
Friday, February 1, 7:30 p.m.
- ★ **KJA Shabbat** at Heska Amuna
Saturday, February 2, 9:30 a.m.
- ★ **Mitzvah Day** at the AJCC
Sunday, February 3, 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
- ★ **Pacesetters** Sunday February 10, 6 p.m.



Join us for a delightful evening of music, food and fun and Tzedakah

Hosts for the evening **Marilyn and Harvey Liberman** invite you to attend and enjoy some really great food by **Chef Bruce Bogartz, An Evening With Bock and Harnick**" (...you know, those Jewish guys who wrote *Fiddler on the Roof* and other stuff too!) performed by **Terry Silver-Alford, Katy Wolfe Zahn and Neil Friedman** and a nice evening of Tzedakah and schmoozing. Be part of the community and plan to attend.

Dinner is \$75.00. Suggested gift commitment to the 2013 Knoxville Jewish Alliance: \$500 minimum.

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Answer That Call

Please give generously and help us put our vibrant and critical Jewish values into action.

This year when the Knoxville Jewish Alliance volunteer calls, take just a few minutes to answer the call and express your support for your Jewish community in Knoxville and East Tennessee.

Knoxville Jewish Alliance

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President's Message

By Renée Hyatt

February will be a busy month for KJA, and I hope you have your calendar marked to attend at least one of the many events as we begin our 2013 Campaign.

KJA Shabbat will be held at Temple Beth El February 1, 7:30 p.m., and at Heska Amuna February 2, 9:30 a.m. On February 3, we can gather as a community for Mitzvah Day at the AJCC. There will be activities for all ages as well as the official kick-off for the KJA Campaign. I encourage you to be generous with your time and your pledge. And, it is not too late to make a reservation for the Pacesetter Dinner on February 10 at Temple Beth El.

So you see, we have many opportunities to worship, perform mitzvot, and celebrate *b'yachad*, together. Do join in and contribute to keep our Jewish community in Knoxville vibrant and strong.

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KJA 2013 Campaign

Campaign Goal \$375,000

As of 1/16/2013

2013 Annual Campaign: \$109,966

0 new donors

8 increased gifts from 2012

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."

The Eight Degrees of Charity

By Gene Rosenberg, KJA Campaign Chair

Moses Maimonides, the great ancient Jewish rabbi, philosopher, jurist, physician (and probably much more), wrote the following:

- ◆ *There are eight degrees in giving of charity, one higher than the other.*
- ◆ *One who gives grudgingly;*
- ◆ *One who gives cheerfully, but not enough;*
- ◆ *One who gives a sufficient sum, but only when asked;*
- ◆ *One who gives before being asked, and directly to the needy;*
- ◆ *One who gives so that the needy know the source, but the giver knows not the recipient.*
- ◆ *One who gives so that the giver knows the identity*

of the recipient, but the recipient knows not the giver;

- ◆ *One who gives so that the giver knows not the identity of the recipient, nor does the recipient know the identity of the giver;*

◆ **The highest form:**

One who helps the needy by offering a gift or a loan, or by joining in a partnership, or by providing work, so that the person may become self-supporting.

If Moses Maimonides were alive today, it makes one wonder what he would say about the approximate one-half of our community who do not fall into any of "the eight degrees," those who do not support our campaigns. I suspect he might say something like "no one can give or do it all....every one can give or do something." Which degree are you?

February is kick-off month for KJA Campaign 2013. Be a part – not apart!

Joyce Traugot and Charlene Gubitz at the December 12, 2012 Friendshippers Chanukah ♪Sing-a-Long♪. Please see page 3 for details on our February program.



Passover in the Matzah Aisle Set for March 10

By Rachel Hale

We are bringing Passover to the Aisles of Kroger Sunday, March 10, 2013 from 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m! We have formed a wonderful partnership with our local Kroger in Bearden and the Jewish Outreach Institute to bring the community this program. We will have basic information about Passover customs and rituals, reminding Passover shoppers of the images and symbols of Passover. We will also have activities and information materials such as different types of haggadah.

I encourage you to stop by Kroger during this event and enter the raffle for a Kroger Passover gift basket! Yummy samplings of charoset will be available. Please support our Jewish Community and join us for some Matzah in the Aisle.



Friendshippers

By Laura Faye Berry, BSSW, Esq., Director

Please join us for February's Friendshippers program. Friendshippers is open to all—we don't check IDs at the door!

Wednesday, February 13: Tom Harrington, volunteer interpreter with the Great Smoky Mountains National Park, "Anchors Away in the Great Smoky Mountains". Examine the features and opportunities that await us as we enter the interior of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park. Enjoy the brilliant fall foliage, waterfalls, breath taking views, beautiful wildflowers and the amazing wildlife and consider the preparation that is needed prior to adventuring into the backwoods of our beloved Smokies. Learn of challenges facing the national park.

Program location: Rothchild's, 8807 Kingston Pike

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



Bradley Drew, Laura Berry and community members have a fun night out at the AJCC painting hams at the Painting with a Twist program on November 8, 2012.



At the JFS Chanukah party on December 14, 2012, students from the Knoxville Jewish Day School sang Chanukah songs and performed songs from their 2012 play "Willy Wonka."



Many of our seniors enjoyed a JFS Chanukah party in the Harold's Deli Room at Elmcroft on December 14, 2012.

Why Children Need the Outdoors

By Ann Ely, Assistant Director

Richard Louv coined the term “Nature Deficit Disorder” to describe the effects of too much time spent in man-made environments. He saw this phenomenon as a detriment to our children affecting their health and their ability to succeed in school. At the Arnstein Jewish Community Center Preschool, we believe exposing children to nature is one of our greatest responsibilities. We look for natural connections through daily play in the outdoors as well as bringing nature into the classroom. If we find an insect, we will study it before setting it free. We may keep an old pumpkin in order to watch it decompose. Our science specialist creates many hands-on experiments for our students further enriching our curriculum. In our garden, we practice patience while caring for plants and reaping their sweet rewards.

There are many studies that prove time spent outdoors in child-directed activities leads to better behavior, improved focus and enhanced problem solving skills. But we do not need this research, all we need to do is go outside and watch our children play. Digging in the dirt, climbing on tree stumps and cultivating plants is done with cooperation and enthusiasm. A child who struggles with sitting still is free to move and run allowing for a greater attention span when needed. Taking some physical risks - jumping off a high branch - under proper supervision allows children to test their limitations and gain confidence. Giving children these experiences helps them understand how the world works and their place in it.



Join Us! B'nai Tzedek Fund Holders and B'YO J-Serve Planning Meeting on Mitzvah Day from 10 a.m.—Noon

How Do We Build Bridges with Books?

B'nai Tzedek Teen Philanthropy Fund Holders! It is time to begin planning our course of action for how we take our J-Serve grant of \$600 and make something powerful happen for our partner, Christenberry Elementary School in Knoxville. With the support and direction of Amber Love who is a staff member at the school, we hold in our hands the ability to make a meaningful difference in the lives of more than 500 children who attend the school.

It is a fact that 40 percent of five year-olds begin kindergarten one to three years behind in the critical skills needed to successfully master reading. And if they start behind, the vast majority (nearly 75 percent) do not catch up to have the basic skills needed for success in the future. Studies clearly show that children who are successful readers by third grade are less likely to drop out of high school and more likely to go on to higher education. So, this is a life-changing, critical-path-to-future-success capability, right? As members of the Jewish community in Knoxville, we are fortunate that our teens are well prepared to meet the rigors of school and to be heading off to college or careers in the not so distant future; but we also recognize that a disproportionate number of children in our broader community do not have as solid a foundation. What can we do to help?

Fund holders, we need your ideas, energy and commitment to make changes right here where we live and put the philosophies of Tikkun Olam into action. Please come to the **J-Serve planning session at the AJCC on February 3 at 10 a.m. to noon** (Teen Connection students will join us at 11:30 a.m.

You CAN make a difference. Questions? Need more information? Want to send in your ideas ahead of time? Post them on Facebook at B'nai Tzedek Knoxville or contact Mary Ann Merrell, B'nai Tzedek director at mamerrell@jewishknoxville.org today!

B'nai Tzedek Fund Development Tip

Contributed by Fund Holder Rae Oleshansky

Growing your B'nai Tzedek fund is a key aspect of being a Fund Holder. B'nai Tzedek is not just about starting a fund but it is also about setting long-term goals for reaching milestones as you go through middle school, high school, college and beyond! At our December B'nai Tzedek meeting, we got some great ideas for not-so-difficult ways that you can set aside money throughout the year to meet those goals.

Even though having \$1,000 in your fund by the time you graduate from high school sounds like a big number when you are 13, it really means that you need to add just \$2 a week or \$10 a month since all funds begin with \$500. Now, looking at it from that view, your B'nai Tzedek goal isn't such a gargantuan number after all. And Rae suggested that one fairly easy way to do this would be to give up eating out once a month! Thanks for the idea, Rae!

CHANGE FOR CHANGE
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Suzy Snoops

- ◆ **Elliott Baerman**, son of Jeff and Sally Baerman, was named to the 2012 All-KIL cross country first team. The Webb School of Knoxville senior successfully defended his DII-A championship by winning in 16:59 in Nashville as he led the Spartans to the state title. He also finished second (17:45) in the DII-A East/Middle Regional.
- ◆ **Ethan Pollack** and **Zack Messing**, both seniors at Bearden High School, were named to the 4-AAA All-District football team.
- ◆ NFL football player and former UT Vol, **David Martin**, received his bachelor's degree from the University of Tennessee. Martin, who caught the final pass in the Kansas State Cotton Bowl game in 2001, was joined by his sons Darius and Devyn (AJCC Preschool alums and MCDC campers) and his wife Kameisha. Congrats, David and family.
- ◆ Mazel tov! **Mary Beth Liebowitz** and **Michael Eisenstadt** welcomed new grandson, **Charles Albert Eisenstadt**, son of **Matthew** and **Rachael Eisenstadt**.
- ◆ **Alexandra Rosen** is the newest author in the Knoxville Jewish community. Her debut book, *Colombia*, is now available at Amazon. The work is a travel story on Bogota, the Coffee Zone, Cartagena, and Tayrona National Park. Mrs. Rosen has been travelling extensively the last 20 years with Donald Cooney. They tend to favor edgy destinations not yet on the international tourist map. Their next stop will be the 92nd country she has visited.
- ◆ Congratulations to the following families on the new additions to their family: **Rabbi Alon** and **Karen Ferency** on the birth of their new son **Avishai Shapira**; **Julia** and **Todd Galanti** on the birth of their son, **Jaron Myles** in January; **Lois Presser** on the birth of her twins **Ansel** and **Halen Presser**; **Robert Blitt** and **Stephanie Kodish** on the birth of their son **Abraham Blitt**. At its October meeting the KJA board authorized a new program. All Jewish children will have a tree planted in Israel in their honor. Each family will receive a free month's tuition to the AJCC preschool to be used after they enroll in the program. The tree plantings are funded by the Zionists Organization Fund, a KJCF fund. This fund also supports trees planted in honor of B'nei Mitzvah celebrants.



Elliot Baerman



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New B'nai Tzedek Fundholders

On Sunday, December 9, 2012, the KJCFF welcomed three new B'nai Tzedek fundholders: Benjamin Gibbons, Arielle Rosen, and Andrew Weinstein. After signing their fund documents, each teen was

asked why they wanted to start a B'nai Tzedek Fund.

Benjamin

wanted to start one to be a bigger part of the Jewish community. Arielle wanted to help the Jewish community to grow. Andrew wanted to help people and Israel. We hope that they find their participation in the B'nai Tzedek program to be fulfilling and are thrilled to have them be a part of the Knoxville Jewish Community Family of Funds.

Above: Bernie Rosenblatt explains the B'nai Tzedek fund document to Benjamin Gibbons and his mother Melinda Gibbons. Left: Arielle Rosen, Stephen Rosen, Bernie Rosenblatt, Jill Weinstein, and Andrew Weinstein after Arielle and Andrew signed their B'nai Tzedek fund documents.



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- ◆ The Knoxville Jewish Alliance also received grants from the **Abe Collins Cultural Fund** and the **Milton Collins Cultural Fund** to underwrite the costs of the Jews and Baseball program of 2012.
- ◆ The **Zionist Organization Fund** provided support to the KJA for the purchase of tree certificates presented to Bat and Bar Mitzvah celebrants and newborn Jewish children in the Knoxville community.
- ◆ Heska Amuna Synagogue received a grant from the **Heska Amuna Building Assessment Fund** for roof repair and other capital expenditures for the synagogue.
- ◆ The **EAR Fund** made a grant to the KJA for the 2012 Annual Campaign.

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It's Time to Order Your New Mahj Cards!

As you all know, the National Mah Jongg League makes a donation to Knoxville Hadassah based on the number of cards we order, minimum 35. The order must be received by the league by February 1.

Large cards are \$8.00, small are \$7.00. Please forward your checks to me by January 25.

Please feel free to forward this notice to your mahj friends. If you'd like to be notified by e-mail in the future, please send your e-mail address to: Stefanie Rich at stefanierich@bellsouth.net or 718 Dogwood Valley Road, Kingston, TN 37763 or call (865) 376-7219.



K N O X V I L L E

Mitzvah Day

Sunday, February 3

9:30 - 12:30
at the AJCC



Continental breakfast served by the Jewish Family Services Committee

Mitzvah Day Activities

- ◆ Temple Beth El Sisterhood is providing fingerprinting for children
- ◆ Hadassah is creating friendship bracelets for children in Israel
- ◆ Heska Amuna is making thumb braces for premature babies in the neonatal unit at UT Hospital
- ◆ Red Cross comfort kits for victims of fire
- ◆ Project Linus blankets for children in need
- ◆ The Archives will have photographs in need of identification -- people, places, events, and approximate years.
- ◆ All teens 7th - 12th grade will have a book project from 10 a.m. to noon for Christenberry Elementary School

Hineni: Here I am

Knoxville Jewish Alliance
Campaign 2013

When called, our ancestors responded, *Hineni*, "Here I am." KJA volunteers will help you fulfill this mitzvah and ensure the future of our Jewish community. Stand up and say "*HINENI*" and honor our past, present, and future.

Donation Drive

Please bring new items for the Department of Children's Services (Children in foster care)

- ◆ Toothpaste
- ◆ Diaper Cream
- ◆ 4oz bottles
- ◆ Diaper Bags
- ◆ Preemie/newborn Onesies
- ◆ Boy's Underwear (All sizes)
- ◆ Deodorant (Both genders)
- ◆ Baby wash
- ◆ Baby Formula (any type)
- ◆ Newborn Diapers
- ◆ Non-perishable foods (no baby food)
- ◆ Boy's Socks

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and
Hayley Goldfeld

Bone Marrow Registry

**A SIMPLE CHEEK SWAB
IS ALL IT TAKES!**

For many children and adults suffering from leukemia, lymphoma and other blood related diseases, the only hope for a cure is a bone marrow transplant. Join the registry today and you could save a life tomorrow! No need to RSVP or pre-register.



H A P P E N I N G S

Send Passover Greetings to Your Family and Friends

Act now to wish your family and friends a warm, caring Passover message. Your purchase of a greeting supports the *HaKol* newsletter, enabling us to share community news and events with hundreds within our East Tennessee community.

Don't want to purchase a greeting? Then please consider a donation of \$18.00 or more.

Category	Maximum # of words	Cost
Small: 1 column x 1"	15-20	\$30
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Message:

I am paying for my greeting by: enclosed check credit card on file
 Please charge my: Mastercard Visa American Express

Credit Card Number: _____ Expiration Date: _____

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Please complete this ad and mail it with your payment by **Wednesday, February 6, 2013**. Send payment to *Ha'Kol*, KJA, 6800 Deane Hill Dr., Knoxville, TN 37919. Payment must be received in order for your ad to be printed.

Sign Up for Camp Tikkun Olam and Have the Best Summer of Your Life!

Camp Tikkun Olam will begin accepting applications from 9th and 10th grade students to travel to Israel this summer. Our 2013 chaperone will be announced shortly.

For over a decade of summers, local Jewish teens have participated in this cultural exchange program.



Camp Tikkun Olam is a program which allows teens to host an Israeli teen, and also travel to Israel and live in an Israeli home. Unlike other travel programs to Israel, Tikkun Olam offers you the opportunity to see Israel from the Israeli perspective, not just as a tourist.

We leave for Israel the first week of July. While in Israel, we will visit Jerusalem and spend time exploring the city. We will also travel to the Dead Sea, play in the mud, explore the waterfalls of Ein Gedi, and climb to the top of Masada.

Two weeks later, while here in Knoxville, you will have the chance to show our Israeli friends all the best places around, including hikes in the Smoky Mountains, fun at the lake, and music in downtown Knoxville. Interviews for summer 2013 will be held in mid-February.

To learn more about how you can have the **BEST** summer of your life, contact Deborah Oleshansky, Southeast Consortium Partnership coordinator or Jeff Gubitz, (865) 690-6343 or doleshansky@jewishknoxville.org.

AIPAC Spring Meeting

AIPAC will
meet on
April 30

Times and
meeting
details will
be available
closer to the
event date.



TEMPLE BETH EL TIMES

The Temple Beth El **PURIM DINNER** and **SHABBAT SERVICE**

Come have a festive meal and listen
to the story of Purim as told in
The Book of Esther

Friday, February 22, 2013

Dinner begins at 6:00 p.m.
Shabbat Service and Megillah Reading at 7:00 p.m.
(Please note service start time is 7:00 p.m.!)

More Details Will Follow!
*Check the 'Tuesday Blast' and Lobby Posters
as we get closer to the date.*

21 Sh'vat—18 Adar, 5773

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Finding Our Voice

By Rabbi Mathew D. Michaels

At the end of this month, we will celebrate Purim. When we think about Purim, we think about reading the Megillah, noisemakers, cheering when we hear Mordechai and Esther's names, booing as Haman's name is spoken, dressing up in costume and just having a "wild & crazy" time – not to mention the fun of the Purim Carnival (happening on

Sunday, February 24). But Purim, though perhaps not even a Jewish holiday in its origin, has many important values and lessons to teach us.

One significant lesson comes from Esther herself. The Megillah portrays Esther as beautiful and rather shy. She never aspired to political heights. But when the king chose her, she automatically gained status and stature. She now had the "ear of the king." When she first learned of the Haman's plot to destroy the Jews, she tells her "cousin" Mordechai. But Mordechai is a

political "outsider" – he has no direct way to gain an audience with the king. He therefore urges Esther to go to the king and speak to him on behalf of the Jewish people.

As Esther summons her internal courage to do this, thereby revealing her identity as a Jew to the king in the process, she discovers something wonderful. Her discovery is a reminder to us all. What did she discover? Her voice! Finding her "voice" to speak out allowed her to better understand her own sense of being a Jew. It was her discovery of her own "voice" that brought her true identity out into the open. When Esther discovered and used her "voice," only then did the outcome change. In very real ways, had Esther not found her "voice" the course of our people's history might have been very different.

Esther's discovery is an important reminder that we too must find and use our "voices" for the benefit of our congregation, our community and the Jewish people. Like Esther, each of us has much to contribute to our Temple. We can, and should, bring the best of ourselves to Temple Beth El; and when we do, we strengthen our congregation and our own identities. May we continue to find and use our voices to achieve the highest and noblest goals.

It's Time for Sisterhood at Temple Beth El

By Karen Smith, Sisterhood Liaison

Today to Sisterhood Program Vice President Kathy Young for coordinating Sisterhood's *Gift of Life Day (Matan Chaim)* on Sunday, January 13. This program was conceived and planned by the late Mimi Brody and held in her memory. Everyone who attended, listened to Rabbi Matt Michaels and the representative from Tennessee Organ Donations, gave blood, or had children fingerprinted understood how much this program meant to Mimi.

Today to everyone who helped with Sisterhood's very successful *Shabbat for Hunger, Healing, and Hope* on Sunday, January 25. Whether you helped with shopping, set up, clean up, brought a soup or chili, or attended the dinner, your efforts helped Sisterhood make contributions to Mazon, Second Harvest Food Bank/Marty's Mission, and Fish Food Pantry. Special thanks to Chair Joyce Traugot and her committee.

Purim is almost here and *baking Hamantaschen with Sisterhood* will help you get ready. We will meet in the Temple kitchen on Thursday, **February 7** at 6:00 p.m. Sisterhood will provide the ingredients for the hamantaschen dough which we will make that evening. Everyone attending needs to bring a brown bag dinner, a 3-inch cookie cutter, a rolling pin, and a hamantaschen filling of your choice. (Please do not bring pie filling, jam, or preserves.) The cost to attend is \$8.00 with checks payable to Sisterhood. Please RSVP to Phyllis Hirsh at 675-0584 or phyllishirsh@charter.net. You can take your hamantaschen home, swap them with others, or donate them to Sisterhood for Sisterhood's Purim Carnival Hamantaschen Sale on Sunday, **February 24**.

And, finally, on Tuesday, **March 12**, Sisterhood will host a *Lunch and Fashion Show* at Temple Beth El at noon. Cost for the afternoon is \$12.00 with checks payable to Sisterhood. Watch announcements and *Ha'Kol* for more information.

Sisterhood's *Beiler Floral Fund* Co-chairs Emma Fleischmann 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.

Temple Sisterhood Members Attend District Convention

By Charle Rizzo and Karen Smith

Temple Beth El Sisterhood was represented at the WRJ Central District Convention in Troy/ West Bloomfield/Bloomfield Hills, Michigan November 1-4, 2012 by **Karen Smith** and **Charle Rizzo**.

Karen Smith was installed as WRJ Central District Membership Secretary and also installed the new District Board Saturday evening using an installation service she created. Karen was District President from 2004-2006.

A highlight of the weekend was the tour of the mikveh at Temple Israel in West Bloomfield. We learned interesting information about the mikveh including how it was built, what kind of water is used, and the reasons why immersion in the mikveh is requested.

We spent time with former Temple/Sisterhood member **Moema Furtado** who now lives in the Central District in Hudson, Ohio. Her husband **Todd Diacon** is the provost at Kent State University.

We visited three temples, each unique and different. The Sisterhood from Shir Tikvah (Troy) hosted convention delegates for Shabbat services Friday night and the Beth El Sisterhood (Bloomfield Hills) hosted Saturday morning services.

A very interesting and lively Torah study led by **Rabbi Daniel Syme** (Beth El, Bloomfield Hills) focused on the life of Sarah.

We attended plenary sessions and workshops many of which were geared to small sisterhoods and included discussions and sharing of ideas.

Temple Sisterhood continues to be an AWARD winning Sisterhood. Our program on Women's Heart Health from January 2012 won the President's Award for Small Sisterhoods. Mazel Tov to **Phyllis Hirsh**, who our Sisterhood nominated as our Deborah.

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

It's time for Sisterhood!



District Past President Karen Smith installs Marilyn Goldfein from Cleveland, Ohio, as District President



Charle Rizzo and Karen Smith greet former Knoxville Moema Furtado at the Sisterhood District Convention



Sisterhood Hamantaschen Bake

Thursday, February 7

6:00 p.m.

TBE Kitchen

Cost: \$8.00. Checks payable to Sisterhood
R.S.V.P. to phyllishirsh@charter.net

Temple Beth El Religious School

Norma James nfjames77@gmail.com

Pizza Dinner for Midweek classes 5:45 p.m., February 6

Join us for our monthly pizza and social time at 5:45 p.m. before classes begins at 6:15 p.m.

Mitzvah Day February 3 at the AJCC

Please note that Religious School will meet at the AJCC 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. for Mitzvah Day. You will receive special fliers with all the information. We have some exciting plans for this year. *Parents are strongly encouraged to attend and either participate with your child OR participate in one of the many adult activities that day.*

There will be NO Religious School February 17 for Presidents' Day Weekend.

Teen Retreat for 8th-12th Presidents' Weekend February 15-17

Our teens will spend the weekend in the mountains playing and praying and playing some more. We had a fabulous time last year with our guest Rabbi Ferency. This year we welcome Rabbi Matt Michaels AND our ISJL Fellow Elaine Benrenblatt as our guest leaders for the weekend. Elaine has experience in planning teen activities like our retreat. I can't wait to see what she has in store for our teens. Rabbi Alon Ferency had such a great time last year, he has requested to attend again this year. Our Teen Retreat will be at Camp Wesley Woods. Be sure to get your information and money in to Norma as soon as possible. Partial scholarships are available.

Purim Carnival Sunday, February 24!

Purim arrives early this year. School will begin at 9:30 as usual with regular classes. Rabbi Matt will start our event with a reading of the Megillah at 10:45 a.m. Our carnival will be planned and set up by our Teen class and 7th grade and will begin at 11:15 p.m. Heska Amuna will not be joining us this year, but we are inviting all of our *preschool through 6th graders to Bring-A-Friend to the carnival.* The more the merrier! We will plan a day that will be a positive learning experience for your non-Jewish friend, topped off with the carnival and hot dog luncheon beginning at 11:15 a.m. Let your friends enjoy one of Judaism's most "FUN" holidays. We encourage everyone to dress in costume for added fun. Most games will only cost a shekel, and shekels can be purchased *three for a dollar.* The cost of a hot dog lunch w/ chips and a drink is a mere **\$3.00.** There will also be baked goods from our Sisterhood. This is not just a time for the students; all parents are invited as well. We can use your help with shekel sales, set up, manning booths and clean-up. Don't worry; there will still be plenty of time to enjoy the day.



UPCOMING EVENTS:

February 6: Midweek Classes: Pizza dinner 5:45 p.m.

February 3: Mitzvah Day (RS meets at the AJCC 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.)

February 15-17: Teen Retreat for 8th-10th grades Camp Wesley Woods

February 17: No Religious School (Presidents' Day weekend)

February 24: Purim Carnival at Religious School



**Save
the
Date**

TBE Sisterhood

Luncheon and Fashion Show

**Tuesday, March 12
Noon**

Let's Shake, Rattle & Roll!

Let The Good Times Roll

Temple Beth El's
9th Annual Auction

April 6, 2013

New for 2013

- ☆ Live Auction featuring Rabbi Matt Michaels as this year's auctioneer
- ☆ A portion of this year's proceeds will be used for "Lobby Beautification"

Come and enjoy a catered dinner by Bravos Italiana Cucina, music, wine, beer and dessert while schmoozing with friends.

*"Your presence is the best present of all."
You are under no obligation to bid.
We would love to see you at the event.*

**New Member and
Artist Reception**

**Friday, March 8
6:30 to 7:30 p.m.**

Temple Beth El cordially invites you to join us for a wine and cheese social as we welcome new and prospective Temple members and meet artist **Flora Rosefsky**. Shabbat services will follow in the sanctuary at 7:30 p.m. The reception will be held in the Temple Library Gallery.

The Library Gallery will feature "*The Ritual Series: Contemporary Jewish Interpretations*" by Rosefsky, a collage and mixed media artist from Atlanta, Georgia. You may remember meeting Rosefsky when she conducted a "*Drawing With Scissors Workshop*" at Temple several years ago. Following this, our Confirmation class took a field trip to Flora's studio in Atlanta where they collaborated to create a class Hagaddah.

Rosefsky's Gicleé prints will be on display from February until June 2013 and may be viewed during regular Temple hours (Monday - Friday 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. and Sundays 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.).

We welcome all prospective members, new members and current members, as well as interested community members to join us for our debut Library Gallery event.

For more information:

- ◆ About Flora Rosefsky, please visit her website at www.florageart.com.
- ◆ On the gallery and exhibit, contact Shelley Mangold at smango5@yahoo.com.
- ◆ About Temple membership and the reception, contact Jan Elston at jan.elston@gmail.com

Sponsored by the **Library Art Gallery Subcommittee and Membership Committee**

Among Our Members

Mazal tov to Temple members **Megan and Isidor Sauers** on their daughter Elisha Sauers' engagement. Elisha is engaged to Josh Davidsburg, son of Laurene and Lou Davidsburg of Millersville, Maryland.

Elisha is a newspaper reporter at *The Annapolis Capital*, and Josh is the senior communications manager for the Maryland Department of Natural Resources. The couple is planning a September 2013 wedding in Annapolis.

Let's Shake, Rattle & Roll!

Temple Beth El's Annual Auction
Let The Good Times Roll

Saturday, April 6
6:30 p.m. till 9:30 p.m.

We need your help with donations!

This year, our auction goal is to raise \$20,000. We will look to increase the participation of our congregants and local merchants throughout Knoxville. Recognition of all donations will be published in the *Ha'Kol*, weekly Blasts, Auction program and Special e-mails. TBE members, friends, affiliate organizations, local merchants, and anyone interested in making a donation are encouraged to do so.

There is no better way to show your support for Temple Beth El.

Auction Item Ideas

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|---------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------|
| * Gift Certificates | * Restaurant Certificates | * Personal Electronics | * Gourmet Food Items |
| * Dinner Parties | * Manicures or Haircuts | * Theatre or Opera Tickets | * Sports Tickets |
| * Plane Tickets | * Time-shares | * Attraction/ Museum Tickets | * Movie Tickets |
| * Themed Baskets | * Hotel Accommodations | * Medical/Dental Services | * Massages |
| * Jewelry | * Portrait Session | * Artwork | * Personal Training |
| * Wine | * Stationary | * Car Detailing or Oil Changes | * Computer Services |

For more information about the event or to make a donation, please contact either Amy Rosenberg at Rockybergs@tds.net or Phyllis Hirsh at Phyllishirsh@charter.net.

Thank you in advance for your generous donation!

Chanukah Latke Celebration

By Amy Rosenberg

What do 776 latkes, 61 pounds of delicious smoked brisket, 9 challahs, 7 quarts of applesauce, 3 quarts of sour cream, 150 macaroons, 216 cookies and 10 gallons of tea add up to? The answer was 140 smiling faces at the recent Temple Beth El Chanukah Latke Celebration, held on December 14. Fellow Jews from throughout East Tennessee and from other congregations were on hand to celebrate the Festival of Lights. The spirit of holiday and community was simply contagious.

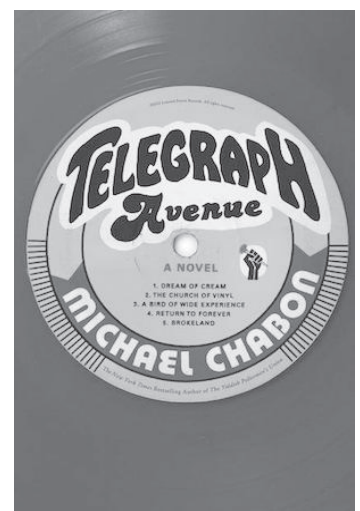
The most well attended event of the year, the Chanukah celebration was the culmination of a great volunteer effort by Phyllis Hirsh, Ceil Rosenberg, Hayley Goldfeld, Missy Noon, Jan Elston, Marcie & Mark Frankel, Sylvia Witcoff, Richard Licht, Cara and Scott (I apologize if I inadvertently left someone out). Along with the lighting of the many beautiful menorahs, there was a beautiful family service before and after dinner led by Rabbi Matt Michaels.

We are already planning for an even bigger and better Chanukah Latke Celebration next year!

Book Review—*Telegraph Avenue*

Jewish author Michael Chabon has written another complex, hilarious, touching, frustrating, and redemptive novel. I have been a fan since I first read *The Amazing Adventures of Cavalier and Clay*. This novel is, on the surface, about Archie Stallings and Nat Jaffe, the owners of Brokeland Records in Oakland, CA, a used record store that is threatened by the imminent arrival of a large chain store down the street. As usual, Chabon fills his work with colorful, sympathetic and pathetic characters. The many themes running throughout this novel include the complexities of relationships between fathers and sons, wives and husbands, friends, and people of different races and backgrounds.

Chabon deftly weaves his encyclopedic knowledge of pop culture with his own imagined additions such that you could swear that his characters are real people. He seamlessly includes these characters into the actual history of 1970s film and jazz so that they become real. He is also particularly adept at leading his characters into situations that highlight the sometimes absurd quality of life, often with hilarious results.



Sisterhood's Chanukah Food and Craft Fair

Todah to everyone who shopped at Sisterhood's very successful Chanukah Food and Craft Fair on Sunday, December 2. Whether you were a buyer or someone who donated items, Sisterhood says *thank you*. If you missed this year's sale, Sisterhood will be back next year in time for Chanukah with great food and craft items.

Special thanks to Chair **Lucy Barkan**, **Mark Barkan**, and co-chair **Lesley Krakauer**.



(Above) Sisterhood Secretary/Shopper Charle Rizzo checks her basket to make sure she made all her food and craft item purchases



(Top Left) Food and Craft Fair Chair Lucy Barkan, co-chair Lesley Krakauer, and Mark Barkan

(Middle Left) Chanukah Food and Craft Fair Chair Lucy Barkan thanks Ceil Rosenberg for her donations

(Bottom Left) The Feldblum Family enjoy the Chanukah lights

(Above) Laurie and Matt Fisher at the "tail end" of TBE's Chanukah supper

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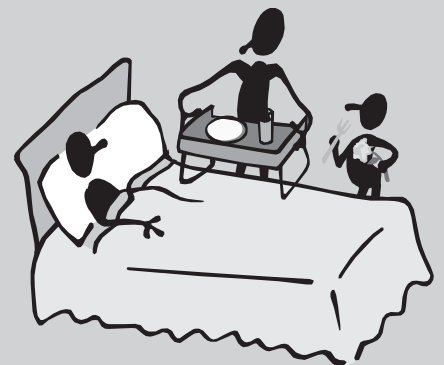
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Unfortunately, federal law prohibits hospitals from notifying us when community members are admitted.



Practice and Precedent

By Rabbi Alon Ferency

Months back, the Rabbi and Religious Services Committee met to plan another rabbi's visit. To honor a family's life-cycle event, the visiting rabbi wanted to lead Shabbat morning worship services with a guitar, something that we do not typically offer. True, we have instrumental music on Friday evening Kabbalat Shabbat services like the Choot'nanny, but when had we ever permitted instruments on Saturday, we asked, in the main Sanctuary of the Six Million? We discussed the merits of the proposal, and searched our minutes and records to find out if and how it had ever been settled before. We dug for an adequate precedent in our history. After in-depth and occasionally heated discussion, we decided to permit the visiting rabbi to play guitar, but only on a one-off basis, not necessarily as a continuing precedent for the future.

To which, I smiled inwardly. That evening, our discussion reverberated with and echoed the discussions of our sages in the Talmud millennia ago. Just as they had, we were seeking an example from experience. I was reminded of the various times in the Talmud when a rabbi will advocate for a practice, a ruling, or *p'sak halakhah*, simply on the evidence of his eyes. "I saw so-and-so do this once, and therefore, it seems like a good habit to me." The best known example of this might be the story of the rabbis' *seder* at B'nai B'rak, recounted in the *haggadah*. Akiva and his cohort stayed up late discussing the Exodus, the logic goes, and so will we.

In fact, many of our laws of *kiddush* and *Havdalah* arrive this way; one rabbi saw his teacher do something on a Friday or Saturday evening, and when the student promoted the story, his teacher's practice became accepted Law for others. For example, Rabbi Jeremiah ben Abba followed one practice because that was his teacher's way; likewise, we have record of another rabbi noting practices, decisions, and mistakes in his journal. Interestingly, we also get counter-examples, which generally go along these lines: you may have seen your teacher doing thus-and-such, but it was an unusual case, an exception, and therefore you can't derive any *halakhah* from it. He may have done it just once, in rare circumstances, and that doesn't hold water as a precedent. In the previous example, when Rabbi Jeremiah did what he learned from his teacher, Rabbi Assi's family challenged it, saying that it was fine for Rabbi Jeremiah, but not everyone else. With that in mind, interesting questions arise: for example, I know a couple whose custom is to take an *aliyah* to the Torah together, although almost every one of our legal codes would forbid it. Nonetheless, they have time, tradition, and precedent on their side, so I let it pass. Yet, would we permit their children to do the same? We'll see!

This was the vein of our discussion about the rabbi's guitar, lo those months ago. Our tradition, the *mesorah*, is steadily evolving, and changes through practice and precedent, just as much as it reflects customs and written laws. At Heska Amuna, we are no exception. We are a thread in a changing tradition, one that is responsive to stories and narratives, as well as books. As Ecclesiastes says, "a wise man has eyes in his head," and the voice of common sense, experience, and observation can be a great guide to finding our own *halakhah*.



From the President

By Gilya Schmidt

When I visited a beautiful reconstructed *shtiebl* in a Southern German museum a few years ago, I was entranced by the fact that the main prayers for the Torah service, the prayers for the monarch, and the different kinds of *Tzedakah* one can give were painted on the ceiling and the walls of the little prayer room. "Out of Zion came the Torah," and the *Kaddish* were immediately recognizable. Congregations didn't always have a unified prayer book; for a long time not every congregant could afford one, and when they did, not everyone had the same one. This way, all congregants could worship together, no one was left out.

We are fortunate that Heska Amuna has the funds to buy enough copies of the prayer book for use during services. I "grew up" with the Silverman *siddur* which was in existence as the Conservative Movement's prayer book for close to 50 years before many congregations phased it out. On a visit to the Jewish Theological Seminary in the late 1980s, Wolfe Kelman handed me one of the first copies of *Siddur Sim Shalom*, hot off the press. I only started learning to use it when I moved to Tuscaloosa and participated in services at Temple Beth El in Birmingham in 1991. *Sim Shalom* became my *siddur* of choice when I moved to Knoxville, because we were using it at Heska Amuna and I wanted to participate in services.

Now we have again reached a time of transition at Heska Amuna. Last month Rabbi Alon Ferency wrote in his *Ha'Kol* column why he thinks that *Eit Ratzon* is a good *siddur* and why this is a good time to move forward. Some of his points are worth repeating. "Siddur Eit Ratzon is a book of choice for communities with many different stages of experience and observance, like ours." Rabbi Ferency thinks that this prayer book "has good transliterations, ample descriptions of choreography and service structure" for the less experienced worshipper, "as well as thoughtful meditations and insights for those already familiar with the service." We know from the enthusiastic acceptance by the Choot'nanny regulars that it is both user-friendly and welcoming to different levels of experience.

Starting in February, we will have both *Sim Shalom* and *Eit Ratzon* in the pews at Heska Amuna. We will begin to announce the pages for *Siddur Eit Ratzon* first, a reversal of current practice. This will allow congregants to familiarize themselves with the *siddur* until the end of May, when we will move *Sim Shalom* to the rear of the sanctuary and use only *Eit Ratzon*. There will no doubt be some people who will prefer to keep using *Sim Shalom*, for a while or always, and that's fine. A number of congregants now use *siddurim* of their choice. But starting in June, the type of prayers and the order of prayers will be announced for *Eit Ratzon*. We hope that you will peek into the new *siddur*, familiarize yourself with its layout and sample the commentaries for the various prayers. A few members are already using it, and together we will get to know a prayer book that is better suited to our collective needs.

Over the past year-and-a-half the Rabbi and Religious Services Committee and Rabbi Ferency have weighed the pros and cons of adopting *Siddur Eit Ratzon* as our congregational prayer book; we have also debated choosing this prayer book over others. We welcome your comments; please let us know what you think of our new prayer book.

From the Chair of the Board

By Scott Hahn

A concern not just in the Jewish community, but in the non-profit world is finding qualified volunteers. There are many theories trying to explain why people don't volunteer like they used to, including work, family pressures, or the way modern society functions. I am not here to offer my theories on this trend. However, I have been associated with the Knoxville Jewish volunteer world for a long time now and I have developed some theories on how to become a good volunteer. Coincidentally, the same principles that are conducive to becoming an effective volunteer, are also the same principles that can help you with your workout regimen. Here are four rules that can help you become a better volunteer, or help you with your workout. You may use them as you see fit.

1. **Find an activity that you enjoy.** It sounds simple enough, but sometimes is hard to implement. Just like you're not going to go to the gym if you dread it, you are not going to volunteer unless you like what you are doing. To become an effective volunteer, you have to be a happy volunteer. Why would you work for an organization that you don't care about? Find your passion and volunteer in that area.
2. **Start off slow, pace yourself, and develop a routine.** When we start working out, we often take on too much at first and quit. To be an effective volunteer, you want to avoid burnout. You can't do it all at once and you don't need to. Take your time and get to learn about the organization and its' members. Find smaller projects to start and work up to the bigger ones. Also, start to develop your own system and methodology for working on a project. Once you have perfected your technique, you can refine it for future projects. You don't need to invent the wheel every time you start something new.
3. **Work with your friends and if possible, find a mentor.** Nothing makes working out or volunteering more fun than working with friend. It is a great way to build a team and create an effective volunteer work force. Volunteering is a great way to meet new people and develop new relationships. Just like in the gym, some people need a trainer to help them along, some volunteers need a mentor for inspiration. Find a more seasoned volunteer and develop a relationship with that person. Often times, they will have insights and valuable institutional memory that is almost impossible to duplicate.
4. **Change up your routine once in a while.** Just like in a gym, old workouts become stale and less effective; the same is true for volunteering. Sometimes you have done all you can for an organization and it is time to move on. It's also fun to take on a new challenge. One law of volunteering that will never change - there is always some worthwhile organization that needs your help.

I hope these pointers will help you on your volunteer quest or perhaps improve your workout. I can assure you, in both instances, once you take the initiative, the benefits continue for many years to come.

Sisterhood News

By Lynn Fuson and Peggy Littmann, Co-Presidents, Heska Amuna Sisterhood

Dear Friends,

I wanted to share with you a remarkable celebration of life that I came across as I was sorting through some papers. It was a 2008 report from Hadassah stating that an ancient date seed had been successfully germinated. The seed was discovered 40 years ago during an archaeological excavation of Masada. The seed's shell fragments have been carbon dated and show an age compatible with the Roman siege of Masada almost 2,000 years ago, thus making it the oldest seed ever to be germinated.

I wondered how this remarkable seedling was doing today and found out that it is alive and well. At first it had been planted in a secret location so it wouldn't be stolen, but now it is growing at Kibbutz Ketura, in Israel, and is over 8 feet tall. It has been nicknamed Methuselah.

Genetic differences have been found between ancient dates and modern ones. Methuselah's species have been identified with the Judean Kingdom and depicted on Roman coins after the failure of the rebellion in Judean against the Romans. The species was known to have therapeutic qualities and a delicious taste, but it had disappeared from the land.

Now it is back, thanks to its tenaciousness and the loving care of the scientists who nurtured it back to life. Shehekianu everyone!



Judaica Shop News

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

Join us for Family Minyan!
Saturday, February 2
 10:00 – 11:30 a.m.

Family Minyan is a wonderful Shabbat experience for our school families. This is a family service, not a children's service. Parents participate with their students, to learn and pray as a family using our beautiful new Siddur Mah Tov!



HA Religious School News

By Anna Iroff and Anne Greenbaum, Education Co-Directors

Have you seen the remarkable movie *Life of Pi*? A Man/Boy against Nature film, it's also theological, beautiful, terrifying and accurately rated PG. Last term, our older students, under the skillful direction of Dr. Mark Littmann, engaged in deep conversation about the Jewish Life Cycle. Dr. Littmann's report ends this way:

In our final class meeting of the term, we discussed the massacre of students and teachers in Newtown, Connecticut and how Judaism copes with the problem of when bad things happen to good people. We read portions of the Book of Job and discussed its confrontation with this problem that has challenged theologians for ages - and still challenges them today. The Newtown disaster was a difficult and very grown-up topic for seventh graders and they rose to the occasion - as they have all term.

Thanks to all the parents, congregants, and Rabbi Alon Ferency for making the Jewish Life Cycle

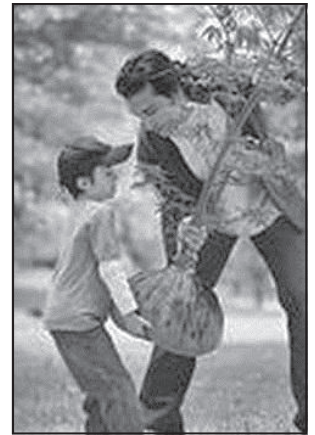
come alive for the students. We two would like to add: Todah Rabah to Mark and all our dedicated, talented teachers for meaningfully addressing Judaism, Hebrew, Israel and life!

Finally, we invite you to walk down our Religious School hallway and look at our bulletin boards. We're very proud of our students as they have donated tzedakah to plant trees in Israel. They have done this to honor the request of Mrs. Veronique Pozner of Newtown, CT, who asked that trees be planted in Israel in memory of her son Noah z'l. We feel the trees honor the memory of all those who died there.

Do take a look at our Purim bulletin board as well! Rosh Hodesh Adar falls on February 10 and 11 this year. When Adar begins, our joy increases. The new month will bring many simchas and delight! Our teens go on a greatly-anticipated weekend retreat with their Temple Beth El friends and our entire Religious School will celebrate Purim on Sunday, February 24. Join in the celebration!



Prozdor students in Lev Comstock-Gross's class, with guest speaker Tehiyah Arazi discussing Israeli Politics. Michael Dryzer, Noah Mesa, Nathan Rosen, Jennye Merrell, Esther Sitver, David Floyd



Tot Shabbat

Friday, February 8, 6:00 p.m. - Shabbat Dinner and Services for Young Families

Shabbat dinner starts at 6:00 p.m. and is **only \$10 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 **Monday, February 4.**

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

Things to Remember!

Upcoming School Events

Saturday, February 2 – Family Minyan

Sunday, February 3 – Mitzvah Day at AJCC

Wednesday, February 6 – Religious School, grades 3-6

Friday, February 8 – Tot Shabbat dinner & services

Sunday, February 10 – Religious School, PreK – Prozdor

Wednesday, February 13 – Religious School, PreK—Prozdor AND Gan K'tan

Friday-Sunday, February 15-17 – Joint Teen Retreat with Temple Beth El

Sunday, February 17 – No class - Presidents Day

Wednesday, February 20 – Religious School, grades 3-6

Sunday, February 24 – Religious School & Purim Celebration

Wednesday, February 27 – Religious School, grades 3-6



Todah Rabah to Our Supporters

- ◆ To Jane & Sheldon Cohen in honor of the aufruf of **Bess Greenbaum & Andy Seewald**
- ◆ To Jane & Sheldon Cohen in honor of the birth of Avishai to **Rabbi Alon & Karen Ferency**
- ◆ To Anne & Eli Greenbaum in honor of the birth of Avishai to **Rabbi Alon & Karen Ferency**
- ◆ To Marilyn Burnett in honor of the birth of Avishai to **Rabbi Alon & Karen Ferency**

Among Our Members

- ◆ Condolences go to the following members and their families: **Lesley and Bernie Rosenblatt** on the death of Lesley's mother, **Virginia White Waugh; Kathy and Morty Goodfriend** on the death of Kathy's father, **Herb Ogle; Barbara and Bernie Bernstein** on the death of Barbara's cousin, **Martha Korn**. May their memories be a blessing.
- ◆ 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, Rebecca Hale, David Linwood, Mark Littmann, Judy Rattner, Rushal Faygel bat Michal, Martin Shersky**.
- ◆ Mazal tov to these members and their families – **Marcia and Moshe Shloush** on son Shai's marriage to **Laura Beach; Rabbi Alon and Karen Ferency** on the birth of son **Avishai Shapira; Julia and Todd Galanti** and family on birth of son, **Jaron Myles; Mary Beth and Michael Eisenstadt** on birth of grandson, **Charles Albert Eisenstadt; Anne and Eli Greenbaum** on daughter Bess's marriage to **Andy Seewald**.
- ◆ Todah Rabah to **Sandy Parker** who continues to work in the Synagogue office every week; thanks to **Marilyn Abrams** for help in the office. 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. 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. 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 strengthens the synagogue's finances in both the short and long term. Should you have any questions, you can reach our Finance Vice Chair, Barry Allen, by e-mail at barry.allen@sageontheweb.com, or you can leave a message for him by calling the synagogue at 522-0701.

Meet Our New Members

Susette and Raphael Panitz - Susette and Raphe met and married in Charlotte, N.C., moved to Silver Springs, Maryland and then to Waldorf, Maryland until retiring. They relocated to Knoxville in July 2012 and their son William "Billy" Panitz and their dog Missy also moved with them. Susette's sister, Harriet Glasman, is a long-time Heska Amuna member.

Susette was born in Richmond, Virginia and she and her parents moved from Richmond to Hendersonville, North Carolina where Harriet was born. Their grandparents, Pearl and Harry Mottsmann, were among the founders of Agudas Israel Congregation in the 1920's. Susette had the first bat mitzvah there and years later the family moved to Charlotte, North Carolina. Raphe was born in New York City and his father, Rabbi David Panitz, was a native of Baltimore. He was a conservative rabbi in Washington and Paterson, N.J.

Susette has a B.A. in elementary education from UNC-Greensboro and a M.S. in library science from UNC-Chapel Hill. She taught in Atlanta and Charlotte and was an elementary school librarian in Charlotte and in Charles County, Maryland. She loves to read mystery novels, watch classic films, travel, attend plays and concerts, and visit museums and historic homes and volunteers in the library at Farragut Primary School. Raphe has a B.A. in history from New York University, a Master's in library science from the University of Maryland, and a Ph.D. in Biblical and Ancient Near Eastern Studies from the University of Pennsylvania. He is fluent in Hebrew and has taught Hebrew languages and Judaic studies on all levels. He served on the staff of a U.S. Congressman and has worked as a law librarian for D.C. firms. Raphe loves to do crossword puzzles, watch sports, read historical fiction and biographies, listen to classical music, visit museums, and share his knowledge of Judaism and the Ancient Near East with others. Currently, Raphe is teaching a class in the Adult Education program at Heska Amuna, focusing on "Bible Stories You Never Studied in Hebrew School."

Both Susette and Raphe are happy to be members of Heska Amuna and Knoxville residents. Their address is 12743 Stetson Way, 37922; home phone is 966-6792.

Heska Amuna Synagogue *HaShofar*

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694-6213, one week before.

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We thank the following people who sponsored Kiddushim in December: Joyce and Harold Diftler; Anne and Eli Greenbaum in honor of daughter Bess's engagement to Andy Seewald and their aufruf.

Contemporary Services, Jewish Chant & Meditation Schedule Set

The second half of the year for our monthly Contemporary Services and Jewish Chant and Meditation began on January 5. This service has singing, many contemporary prayers, readings by the participants, and study with a knowledgeable member of the congregation. It is usually a soulful, introspective experience, bringing us closer to each other and to God. The service is held in the Winick library from 10:30 - 11:45 a.m. with Jewish Chant and Meditation preceding it at 9:30 a.m. Won't you join us and



experience something new for yourself?

Watch your emails for details each month, and mark your calendars for the following dates: **February 9, March 9, April 13, May 18, and June 8.** For further information, call Nancy Becker at 414.2304 or email nechama419@yahoo.com.

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Save The Date

Monday, March 25

Heska Amuna Synagogue Community Seder

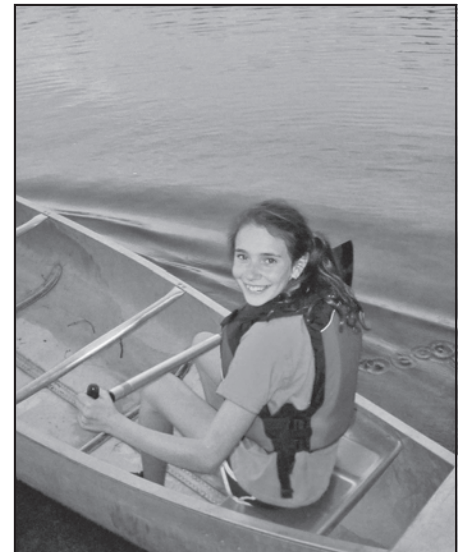
B'NEI MITZVAH

Rosen Celebrated Bat Mitzvah

Arielle Rosen celebrated her Bat Mitzvah on January 26 at Heska Amuna Synagogue. She is the daughter of Kim and Stephen Rosen and the sister of Nathan and Tifannie. Proud great-grandfather George Palmer lives in Palm Beach Gardens, Florida and her grandparents are Allen and Lea Orwitz of Hillsborough, California and Alexandra and the late Allen Rosen of Knoxville, Tennessee.

Arielle is a seventh grade honor student at Webb School. Her favorite classes are science, social studies and math. She loves tumbling and cheering. Arielle competed with the Premier Athletics Sharks cheerleading team last year and is now a cheerleader for Webb middle school. She participates in the Ambassador and El Salvador Exchange programs. Arielle hosted a student from El Salvador in November and will travel there in February.

Arielle is a dedicated Milton Collins day camper from her years in K'ton Ton through last year's TAP program. She has been a member of the Arnstein Jewish Community Center's Smokin' Salmon swim team since she was six. She enjoys Teen Connection and recently established her B'nai Tzedek Fund at the Knoxville Jewish Community Family of Funds.



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Mazel Tov!

Heska Amuna Synagogue

Happy Anniversary!

Pat and Gene Rosenberg
 Vicki Myers and Ron Sebold
 Barbara and Seth Mintz
 Anita Kay and Joe Sitver
 Joyce and Harold Diftler
 Marion and Joe Goodstein



Happy Birthday!



◆ Bernie Bernstein
 ◆ Pat Rosenberg
 ◆ David Dobbs
 ◆ Jerry Solomon
 ◆ Josh Gettinger
 ◆ Marty Iroff ◆ Joani Leeds
 ◆ Wendy Besmann ◆ Amy Hull
 ◆ Annette Winston
 ◆ Dina Kramer ◆ Leon Hasden
 ◆ Ted Besmann ◆ David Oleshansky ◆ Nora Messing
 ◆ Gary Leeds ◆ Jay Witherspoon ◆ Tommy Hahn
 ◆ Carol Harris ◆ Jan Fay ◆ Andi Schwartz
 ◆ Richard Berube ◆ Terry Haywood ◆ Monte Millen
 ◆ Lindsay Parizman ◆ Marilyn Presser

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

TEMPLE BETH EL

Happy Birthday!

◆ Isaac Shefner ◆ Boris Budik
 ◆ Valerie Frankel ◆ Ursula Marx
 ◆ Abbie Smith ◆ Joyce Traugot
 ◆ Bella Budik ◆ Karen Koplan
 ◆ Michael Pardee ◆ Jason Sandberg
 ◆ Gary Sturm ◆ Lorie Hirsh
 ◆ Robyn Pavan ◆ Robert Brody
 ◆ Anthony Meyers ◆ Melissa Treece
 ◆ Michael Cole ◆ Charlotte Nicholas
 ◆ Nancy Locklin
 ◆ Jason Fleischmann ◆ Haley Gassel
 ◆ Hayley Goldfeld ◆ Steven Rockmaker ◆ Lydia Drew
 ◆ Wilma Weinstein ◆ Robert Goodfriend ◆ Kirk Parsons
 ◆ Robert Shagan ◆ Robert Zivi



Happy Anniversary!

Buzz and Sondra Brody
 Ron and Vicki Sebold
 Brett and Bonnie Kolnick
 Allan and Valerie Rosenbaum
 Hal and Amy Rosenberg
 Ron and Melissa Feinbaum



JAHRZEIT

TEMPLE BETH EL

February 8

◆ Harry Marshall ◆ Morris Reich ◆ Charlotte K. Sprayregen ◆ Joseph Gluck ◆ Bobby Mintz ◆ Dave Scott ◆ Joe Becker
 ◆ Henna Stein Cawn ◆ Clarence Cole ◆ Julius Glassman ◆ Daisy Kalita ◆ George Haberman ◆ Helen Hyman ◆ Phillip Herbert Robinson
 ◆ Mathis Bush ◆ Rachel Schnitman ◆ Frances Sturm ◆ Irving Zarchin ◆ Leonard Davis ◆ Jacob Farowich ◆ Elizabeth G. Kayton
 ◆ Lela Lippner ◆ Abe Slovis ◆ Fannie Stein

February 15

◆ George Gudis ◆ Doris Plachter ◆ Martin Traugot ◆ Lloyd Pike ◆ Sadie Fleck Touff ◆ Samuel A. Wender ◆ Bessie Epstein Garber
 ◆ Yetti Liebman ◆ Sam Pollack ◆ Harry E. Touff ◆ Rose Friedman ◆ Rae Korkin ◆ Dorothy Scott Moiger ◆ Randall Schwartz
 ◆ Anne Simon ◆ Rose Werner ◆ Ira M. Jacobs ◆ Roy Mostov ◆ Carolyn Weinberger

February 22

◆ Simon Korkin ◆ Deborah Rabin Freeman ◆ Bertram H. Joseph Jr. ◆ Yetta M. Konigsberg ◆ Ben Lang ◆ Isadore Misner
 ◆ Harry I. Moskowitz ◆ Eleanor Radoff ◆ Sylvia Scott ◆ Elizabeth Bronson ◆ Rabbi Matthew Derby ◆ Elsie M. Rattner
 ◆ Henrietta H. Samuel ◆ Richard E Carter ◆ Herbert Davis ◆ Yvonne Fribourg ◆ Jacob Joseph Gelber ◆ Erma Gerson ◆ Riva Golden
 ◆ Hyman Kligman ◆ Minnie Segal ◆ Oscar Segall ◆ Abram Badalov ◆ Sandra Hawkins ◆ Jack Balaban ◆ Daniel Davis
 ◆ Benjamin Epstein ◆ Jerome S. Gerson ◆ Rose Greenberg ◆ M. Kostinsky ◆ Annie Rebecca Striner ◆ Ilene Bronson
 ◆ Leopold Fleischmann ◆ Sarah Nechamkin ◆ Jean Schnall ◆ Leon Steinberg

March 1

◆ Lucas Helm ◆ Blanche K. Jacobs ◆ Samuel G. Herrmann ◆ Gussie Kligman ◆ Jerry Spritz ◆ Isaac Gutman ◆ Edward H. Jacobs
 ◆ Lalla Block Arnstein ◆ Catherine R Carter ◆ Johanne Gillman ◆ William P. Wright ◆ Louis Abrams ◆ Penelope Blackwell
 ◆ Edwin Deitch ◆ Betty Jane Gubitz ◆ David Barry Hirschhaut ◆ Harry Ruben ◆ Ilse Sommer ◆ Jacob Chotiner ◆ Fannie Fisher Harris
 ◆ Natalie Johannesburg ◆ Roslyn Banov Wyman ◆ Genevieve Gutman Reich ◆ Faisel Schuck ◆ Arthur Shor ◆ Toby Slabosky
 ◆ Herman Werner

Heska Amuna Synagogue

February 2

◆ Joseph Richer ◆ John Gitman ◆ Deborah Kaplan ◆ Clarice Weinstein ◆ Myer Sachs ◆ Max Finkelstein ◆ Louis Balloff ◆ Isadore Kleg
 ◆ Ethel Brown ◆ Saul Cohen ◆ Chaya Goodstein ◆ Frances Klein ◆ Mollie Saroff ◆ Harry Ziskind

February 9

◆ Harold Brown ◆ Louis Joffe ◆ Joseph Billig ◆ Abraham Fay ◆ Jack Feld ◆ David Rabin ◆ Gertrude Wolf ◆ Ida Brown ◆ Albert Fadem
 ◆ Clarence Mann ◆ Caryl Schweitzer ◆ Herbert Davis ◆ Samuel Green ◆ Alfred Levin ◆ Monte Abrams ◆ Barnett Mackta
 ◆ Isadore Presser ◆ Randy Schwartz ◆ Howard Blumenthal ◆ Esther Mann ◆ Marilyn Shorr ◆ Jeanette Ziskind ◆ Isaac Corkland
 ◆ Gertrude Danziger ◆ Rose Delinsky ◆ Elizabeth Farkas ◆ Rose Leeds ◆ Nathan Oleshansky ◆ Miriam Ring ◆ Abe Slovis ◆ John Walton

February 16

◆ Robert Moore ◆ Max Robinson ◆ Doris Rothbart ◆ Morris Shagan ◆ Harold Adams ◆ Florence Lieberman ◆ Harry Moskowitz
 ◆ Kenny Palmer ◆ Molly Botnick ◆ Gerson Corkland ◆ Helen Gries ◆ Ethel Rywell ◆ Anna Snyder ◆ Zelda Levin ◆ Celia Polasky
 ◆ Rita Solomon ◆ Joseph Gluck ◆ David Levine ◆ Paula Rader ◆ Ruben Robinson ◆ Norman Wolf ◆ Nathan Slovis ◆ Toby Slabosky

February 23

◆ Lillian Ellin ◆ Herman Linke ◆ Rita Nichols ◆ Rose Rosen ◆ Sam Roth ◆ Sol Foster ◆ Aaron Wise ◆ Samuel Fayonsky ◆ Edwin Markoff
 ◆ Herman Werner ◆ Mayer Zucker ◆ John Abrams ◆ Mary Ginsburg ◆ Annie Green ◆ Barney Schiff ◆ Elsie Shorr ◆ Sarah Berry
 ◆ Lucille Bruskin ◆ Rudolph Deitch ◆ Debby Freeman ◆ Pearl Goodstein ◆ Elsie Rattner ◆ Ruth Kaplan ◆ Mary Katz
 ◆ Louis Klinkowstein ◆ Ida Nius ◆ Leah Wise

Jewish Congregation of Oak Ridge



From the President's Corner

By Sig Mosko

February 2013

Let me begin with a special welcome to our congregation for the Niad Family: Matt and Katie and their two future bar/bat mitzvah students, Lewis and Lilah. They are already deeply involved in our congregation's affairs. Matt has been putting our website in order, and Katie is serving as our new *Ha'Kol* Coordinator. I must also include a special thank you to Deborah Cole who was responsible for establishing our footprint in *Ha'Kol*, and to Sylvia Goldenberg who is retiring from several years as the editor of our *Beth El Newsletter*. Henceforth, our congregation will depend primarily on *Ha'Kol* and the internet (JCOR.info) for communication with our members.

Every year as we go through the winter holiday season, our ritual committee has to scramble a bit to find individuals who can participate in leading our Shabbat services in place of our more regular leaders. Happily, we have lots of talent in our congregation, but much of it is rather dormant. Are you inspired? Would you like to try your hand at leading any/all parts of our Shabbat services? We accept most variations in style and tradition. We would be especially honored to have you read a Haftorah or Torah portion. Do you need a little coaching or tutoring? We can help. Just contact Bruce Tomkins or other members of the ritual committee which includes Rabbi Rashkovsky, Jim Bogard, and Mira Kimmelman.

Impressions of Our first Women's League Convention in Las Vegas

By Linda Bell and Rebecca Charles

What a great time we had at our first Women's League International Convention in Las Vegas. We have so many new "sisters" now from all over the country. How inspiring it was to be among over 400 Jewish women. Coming from a town with such a small Jewish population, it was exhilarating to be surrounded by women who shared our faith, similar outlooks, stories and love for Judaism. Where else could we hear such eminent and engrossing speakers such as Rabbi Artson, chair of the Ziegler school of Rabbinic studies; Rabbi Dorff, professor of philosophy at the American Jewish University; and Maggie Anton, author of the *Rashi's Daughters* series. To top it off there were movies, a costume ball, and side trips to Hoover Dam, and the wild and crazy Las Vegas strip. We came home tired but filled with new ideas, energy and enthusiasm for sisterhood. We want to thank our JCOR sisterhood for the generous support that made this trip possible.



Women's League Convention, Southern Region

Sisterhood Happenings

Chanukah, O Chanukah! I know you are reading this about six weeks later, but I just had to tell you the joy of the evening. We were surrounded by about 80 people, gathered together to celebrate the last night of Chanukah amidst more than 100 candles burning brightly from the menorahs. Thank you to all who helped in making this a memorable evening—from decorating the social hall, to baking cookies and preparing the meal, to those who helped cleanup. In honor of the occasion, Sam and Nona Poole planted dozens of colorful plants to line the walkways. Thank you.

Join Us For Purim February 23

Purim is early this year. Make plans to join us in reading the Megillah on Saturday night, February 23 at 5:30 p.m. Pizza dinner, hamentaschen and more!





The children enjoy baking and decorating cookies as well as making decorations for the annual Chanukah party.

Pictured: Becky Charles, Lewis and Lilah Niad, Levi Laxton



A gathering of family menorahs. In all the years that we have had this celebration, never have there been two alike on the table.

Upcoming Events

Please confirm status of events on www.JCOR.info

Saturday, February 2 after the Shabbat Morning Services
Study Session – *The Karaite Judaism*

Saturday, March 2, 7 p.m.

Jewish Film Series

A Secret – France, 2007, 110 min., Unrated, in French with English subtitles.

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

Among Our Members

- ◆ Congratulations to **Bonnie Carroll**, chairman of the board and chief knowledge officer of Information International Associates, for the “2012 Muddy Boot Award” from the East Tennessee Economics Council. The Muddy Boot award is a tribute to the individuals who make East Tennessee a stronger region through their work and community activities. (Muddy Boot gets its name from the “sea of mud” that was Oak Ridge in its very early construction.)
- ◆ Congratulations to **Jim Bogard** (JCOR treasurer) who co-authored a new graduate-level textbook, *Statistical Methods in Radiation Physics*, published by WILEY-VCH. The book focuses on the use of statistics in radiological measurements for physics, health physics, nuclear engineering, medical physics, environmental engineering and allied disciplines. The book is intended as a reference for professionals in various fields of radiation physics.
- ◆ We welcome new congregation members: **Rebecca and Dennis Badurina, Sean and David; Katie and Matt Niad, Lewis and Lilah.**

Donations to JCOR

Yahrzeits:

- ◆ Rose Feldman in memory of Leonard Polonsky
- ◆ Shirley Schwartz in memory of George Schwartz (HHCF)
- ◆ Karen Brunner in memory of Manny Volkin, Ken Volkin and Ruth Roffman
- ◆ Murray Hanig in memory of Nettie Kalichman
- ◆ Sylvia Goldenberg in memory of David Goldenberg
- ◆ Andy Bursten in memory of Ben Bursten
- ◆ In Memory of Sheldon Jacobs
- ◆ David Blumkin & Family in Memory of Sheldon Jacobs
- ◆ Jim & Rhonda Bogard in memory of Irving Herbst

Hosts and Hostesses

- February 2** Fran Silver, Jill and Stuart Chasan
February 9 Hilary Shreter, Carolyn and Bud Stein
February 16 Ilana and Moshe Siman-Tov, Vera and Leon Maya
February 23 Sarah and David Stuart, Melvin Tobias
March 2 Yardena and Moshe Yair, Berthe Weitsman

Yahrzeits

February 2

- * Elenora Soszka * Anna Magazis Kass * Moses Schain
 * Abraham Wichner * Samuel Agronow * Esther M. Hoffman

February 9

- * Hyman Bizinsky * Milton Ganz * Max Kimmelman
 * Anna Zacker * Alice Feldman * John Bogard * Cy Feldman
 * Rabbi Alexander Gelberman * Dorothy Spector * Sally Fox
 * Seymour Smiley * Siegfried Sternfels * Sylvia Cherry * Eva Kriv
 * Anna Braiman * Philip Agronow * Fania Weitsman

February 16

- * Simon Bienstock * Ida Horn * Esther Toledano * Hyman Africk
 * Jocelyn Bursten * Ella Silver * Estelle Albe * Gertrude Billen
 * Catharine Magnes Blumenthal Soloway * Pauline Liebman
 * Rose Rubenstein * Joseph Landau * Ben-Zion Moskowitz
 * David Pancirer * Jacob Agronow

February 23

- * Manya Brodiansky * Pearl Goodstein * Bessie Greenbaum
 * Oxford Prows * Morton Landau * Moritz Ryczke
 * Philip Shapiro * Abba Goodstein * Benjamin Kalichman
 * Yitzhak Altshuler * Lloyd Setzer * Gladys Smiley
 * David Beckerman * Daisy Belle Breman * Ella Blumberg
 * Isaak Zlotchenko * Isabel Gilbert



Hadassah Highlights

HMO Luncheon a Success

The Knoxville Chapter of Hadassah held their yearly Hadassah Medical Organization (HMO) luncheon on December 2, 2012 at the Holiday Inn-West Cedar Bluff. Dr. Thomas Namey provided valuable *Facts and Myths* regarding *Fibromyalgia*. In addition, Knoxville Hadassah honored a few very special and deserving people. Barbara Mintz recognized our vibrant and energetic Shuli Mesa as the Knoxville Chapter's "Woman of the Year." Bonnie Boring presented Mary Linda Schwartzbart with our chapter's Centennial Woman award. Marcia Shloush honored Jeff Gubitz with our chapter's first "Associate of the Year" award.

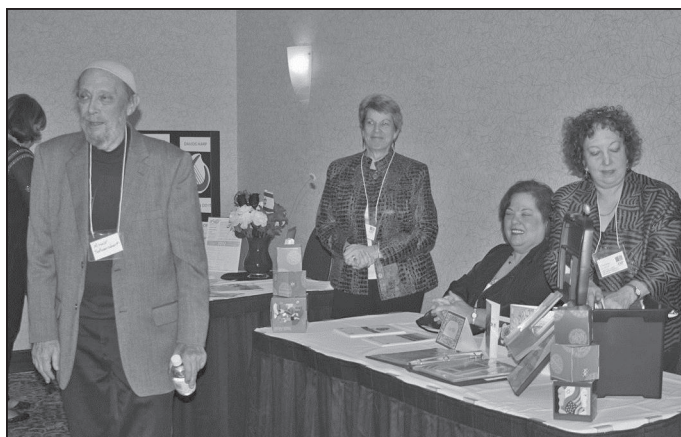
While the Tower structure has been completed and many units are open, funding is still needed to furnish and equip the interior, including: state of the art equipment, beds, etc. For major contributions, many naming opportunities are still available. Please contact Marcia Shloush (marcias@comcast.net or 865-694-0136) if you are interested in contributing towards the Sarah Wetsman Davidson Tower and/or HMO. What a wonderful way to honor or remember a loved one. We would also like to thank everyone who helped orchestrate this year's event: Mary Evars-Goan, Treasurer Laura Floyd, and Chapter President Cindy Pasi for their support and guidance. If anyone has been unintentionally omitted, we apologize. We have so many great supporters, and Hadassah appreciates all of you. A special "Thank you" to our sponsors:

Keepers of the Gate (\$1,000 Annual Contribution)

Bonnie Boring, Mary Evars-Goan, Cindy Pasi, Marcia Shloush, Jill Weinstein



*The Knoxville Chapter of Hadassah Proudly Presents
Shuli Mesa, Woman of the Year 2012
Jeff Gubitz, Associate of the Year 2012
Mary Linda Schwartzbart, Centennial Woman*



*Arnold Schwarzbart, Barbara Mintz (Membership VP),
Marian Jay (JNF Co-chair), and Charlene Gubitz (Card Sales
Chair) enjoy schmoozing at the 2012 HMO luncheon.*



*Dr. Thomas Namey discusses
Fibromyalgia, Fact and Myths at
the HMO luncheon.*

Hostesses Extraordinaire (\$180)

Barbara Bernstein,
Cindy Pasi, Kim Rosen,
Marcia Shloush, Judy
Teasley

Hostesses/Host (\$80)

Sally Baerman, Nancy Becker, Bonnie Boring, Wendy Besmann, Judy Brietstein, Jill Chasan, Carole Cooper, Trudy Dreyer, Laura Floyd, Francie Foster, Kathy Goldstein, Pam Gross, Charlene Gubitz, Peggy Hedrick, Amy Hull, Jackie Imbrey, Judy Kaufman, Mary Beth Leibowitz, Marilyn Liberman, Peggy Littmann, Shuli Mesa, Nora Messing, Vicki Myers, Evelyn Oberman, Stefanie Rich, Natalie Robinson, Leslie Rosenblatt, Mary Linda Schwarzbart, Marcie Silverstein, Marilyn Solomon. Esther Webster

Associate Host (\$60)

Frank Floyd, Jeff Gubitz, Ric Pasi, Bernie Rosenblatt, Moshe Shloush, Arnold Schwarzbart

Woman of the Century Named

It has taken 100 years to find the Centennial Woman for our chapter. Mary Linda embodies the ideals and values of Hadassah throughout its first 100 years due to her commitment to Zionism, vision for our community, leadership and advocacy for our Jewish community and Hadassah, and consistent ability to make a difference in our community through her action and deeds. She is a lifetime member of our chapter, past president, and past regional vice president for Hadassah. She continues to be a guiding force and source of light and inspiration for all those who come to know her. Thank you, Mary Linda, for what you do for all of us. And Congratulations!

Hadassah Knoxville's Woman of the Century – Mary Linda Schwarzbart



Jeff Gubitz Named as Associate of the Year

Gubitz Named Associate of the Year

The Knoxville Chapter of Hadassah had its first president in 1927. Since that time, we have had many honorees including major donors and women of the year for our chapter. In our centennial year, our chapter is pleased to announce Jeff Gubitz as our first Associate of the Year. Jeff has a long history with Hadassah, beginning as a young child. During our Home Sweet Hadassah celebration this year, Jeff shared that his earliest Hadassah memories are of sitting in the back seat of his mother's car and counting the change she collected as she worked diligently on the grassroot funding events for Hadassah. He remembers the JNF tin boxes we collected our change in – and still do to this day. In fact, at a JNF event held a few years ago, a metal tin was brought in full of change; however no one had a key. A suggestion was made to call Jeff, and sure enough, he showed up with a key that fit.

Jeff has been instrumental in ensuring our chapter's success. He ensures that we have whatever we need from the AJCC for meetings and events. He played a very savvy inspector in our first-ever murder mystery, exposing the villain after many twists and turns. He attended the majority of events including our Centennial Scavenger Hunt, Murder Mystery, Home Sweet Hadassah, and our HMO Luncheon. He promoted our centennial membership through the KJA board and community and personally brought new members to our chapter. He has offered sound advice and guidance which has elevated this chapter within our community. He is a true friend of the Knoxville Chapter of Hadassah.

His greatest accomplishments are shown through his children. They shared that he is an articulate speaker and writer and is committed to sustaining Jewish community amid predominantly non-Jewish areas. He is very knowledgeable about the Holocaust and Jewish history and works with local preachers and schools to educate children on these topics to promote diversity, pluralism, and peace. He tries to stay on top of national Jewish issues and works to communicate them to others through social media and *Ha'Kol*. He cares about working with all local rabbis and tries to meet with them regularly. He looks out for those who have no one else to look out for them. Jeff loves having a building to manage and works tirelessly to keep it in great condition; he takes pride in its condition. Jeff addresses disparities, bridges gaps, makes himself available, safeguards others, is committed to action for progress and works to end discrimination. He stands by his convictions, represents the concerns of others, and mobilizes individuals.

It is with a special gratitude to Jeff Gubitz for all the he has done for the Knoxville Jewish community and the Knoxville Chapter of Hadassah that we honor him as our 2012 Associate of the Year.

Welcome New Member

The Knoxville Chapter of Hadassah is proud to welcome our newest member:

LINDA ANDERSON

Not a member yet?
Contact Barbara Mintz at
barbara@bmintz.com

happy purim

Celebrate Purim with Hadassah

Web Event — February 10 through February 28
www.hadassah.org/purim

- ◆ Send a "Virtual Mishloach Manot" basket filled with a variety of Purim treats when you make a donation to Hadassah.
- ◆ Your minimum donation of \$10 entitles you to send an unlimited number of eCards to friends and family. The eCard includes a message that a gift to help those in need has been made in their honor.
- ◆ Your Chapter receives fundraising goal credit for all donations made.
- ◆ Read the Purim story! Learn how Hadassah and Purim are intertwined.
- ◆ Enjoy delicious recipes from the Hadassah Holiday Cookbook!
- ◆ Have fun creating a Purim mask.

Join Us and Celebrate Purim with Hadassah!
www.hadassah.org/purim

When you shall come to the land you shall plant trees — Leviticus 19:23



We need your help to replant the trees destroyed by the Carmel fire and the Lebanon War.

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Birthday Cards

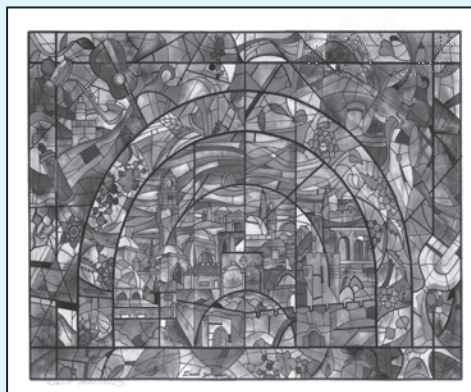


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Holy Day Cards

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or
\$10.00 for 6 cards
Contact Charlene at
csgubitz@gmail.com



Notecards



Bar/Bat Mitzvah Cards

Layettes

By Judi Abrams

The following Hadassah Layettes are still open...if you haven't called or e-mailed to put your name on the card, please let me know as I will be mailing these out very soon. Remember, we are only asking \$1.00 per name on the Layettes!

Let's send our Mazel Tov wishes by adding your name.

- ◆ Harold and Shirley Freedman on the birth of their GRANDSON
- ◆ Phil and Patty Austin on the birth of their GRANDDAUGHTER, Lilah Isabel Jones
- ◆ Sheldon and Jane Cohen on the birth of their GRANDDAUGHTERS, Lillian Ava Swinehart and Juniper (June) Merle McKown
- ◆ Tony and Jeanne Zucker on the birth of their grandsons, Maxwell Zion Gould and Ari Joseph Schlaff
- ◆ Michael and Math Beth Eisenstadt on the birth of their grandson, Charles Albert Eisenstadt
- ◆ Rabbi Alon and Karen Ferency on the birth of their son, Avishai Shapira
- ◆ Todd and Julia Galanti on the birth of their son Jaron Myles Galanti

Thank you for your continued support of the Hadassah Layette Program

Large Certificates

Recent large certificates include:

- ◆ In memory of Lillian Harwell, mother of Dick and Beverly Hancock
- ◆ In honor of the Bar Mitzvah of Benjamin Gibbons, son of Tony and Melinda Gibbons and brother of Ryan
- ◆ In honor of the Bat Mitzvah of Taylor Kolnick, daughter of Brett and Bonnie and sister of Dylan and Rilee
- ◆ In honor of the Bar Mitzvah of Atticus Hull, son of David and Amy Hull, brother of Samantha and Allie
- ◆ In memory of Mimi Brody, wife of Ivan, mother of Melissa (Alan) Ringuette and Holly Whitsell; grandmother of Mackenzie Immenhort and John-William, Lukas, Brody, Madeline-Belle, and Wyatt Ringuette
- ◆ In memory of Virginia White Waugh, mother of Lesley (Bernard) Rosenblatt and Gregory Waugh, grandmother of A.J. and Neal Rosenblatt, Tracy Waugh Whitcomb, and Colin Waugh
- ◆ In celebration of the marriage of Lee Miller and Joe Blotner, December 30th in New Orleans
- ◆ In honor of the marriage of Marcia and Moshe Shoush's son, Shai, to Laura Beach
- ◆ In memory of Herb Ogle, father of Kathy (Morty) Goodfriend

Hadassah Book Club News

Please join us for our February meeting of the Hadassah Book Club. We'll meet on **February 19** at Barnes and Noble Bookstore on Kingston Pike to 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.

All Jewish women and friends of the great Knoxville area are welcome. Questions? contact, Peggy Littmann 588-6661 or plittmann@comcast.net.

Hadassah Highlights

Knoxville Chapter of Hadassah

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Stanford Eisenberg Knoxville Jewish Day School

Science, Science, Science

In K/1, we've been studying the phases of matter in Science. We are learning about solids, liquids, and gasses. We recorded and discussed our observations of liquids after pouring liquid soap, an egg, and water. We also did an experiment to see what would happen to a balloon that was attached to a bottle if the bottle was immersed in hot water. The balloon grew big...and so did the children's eyes! We also made our own slime! We made two solutions and mixed them together to make the slime, which consists of a solid and liquid at the same time. That was the best science experiment yet!

The 2/3 class has been studying concepts of force, motion, and friction. They have also been learning about simple machines and how the above concepts help these machines to do their work. The students have been enjoying this unit immensely, since it has many hands-on elements. While studying each simple machine, for example, the students analyze it, test it and discuss how it helps us. As a supplement to the unit, a father of one of our students, Dr. Norman Mannella, who is a UT Physics Professor, came in and gave demonstrations and explanations about simple machines and gravity. In one demonstration in which he used a vacuum tube, he showed that gravity, in the absence of the air's friction, will make a penny and a piece of styrofoam drop at the same rate. Dr. Mannella's visit was a great way to end this very popular science unit.



K-1 students entranced during the gas experiment



Abigail showing off the slime that she made



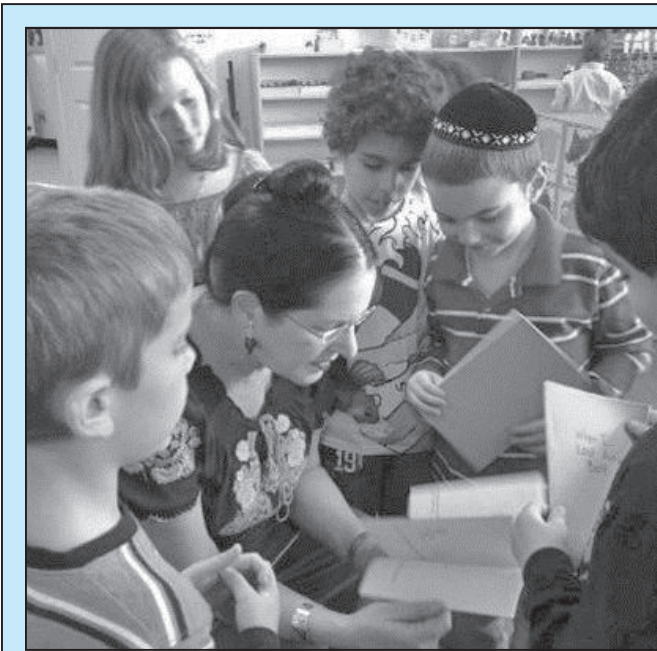
2-3 students working with gears as they learn about simple machines

From Brown Bear to Black Holes!

In kindergarten we have been doing an author study of Eric Carle. We have read many many Eric Carle titles. We notice that he uses patterns in his writing and we love that he adds something fun in most of his books to make children LOVE his books. We even got to paint like Eric Carle showed us he does!

First grade has been doing an inquiry research project on space. In small groups they have been studying the planets, the moon and the sun, comets, meteors and black holes. They have been inquisitive and engaged and are synthesizing the facts they learned into unique research projects such as puppet shows, plays and songs.

*Ellie working hard
on her research*



A Visit with Marilyn Kallet

We were so honored to have Marilyn Kallet come to KJDS to celebrate Chanukah with us! Marilyn is a Professor of English and the Director of Creative Writing at the University of Tennessee. She also teaches poetry workshops in Auvillar, France, for the Virginia Center for the Creative Arts. She earned her Ph.D. from Rutgers University. She is the author of fifteen books. Her works include poetry, translations, anthologies, personal essays, criticism and children's books. Marilyn came to KJDS during Chanukah and read from her book, *One for Each Night: Chanukah Tales and Recipes and Jack the Healing Cat*. The kids loved her stories and had so many questions and stories for her. She even treated us to chocolate covered blueberries! You can learn more about Marilyn at www.marilynkallet.com/.

*Our students sharing the stories they
have written to Marilyn Kallet*

Lunch at the Gelt Café

Students in grades 2-5 have worked hard this first semester, earning money for different things at school. They also had to spend their money on items such as cups, pencils, penalties for leaving their things laying around, etc... It has taught them responsibility in a very short time. As a reward, they were treated to lunch at the Gelt Café, where they could bring their money and order from a menu and be served by the wonderful KJDS staff. A few special friends joined us this year and really loved watching the students look over the menus to decide what they could purchase with the money they had.

*Checking out the menus
at the Gelt Café*



Giving Back to the Community

A thank you note from The Haslam Family Club University:

“The Haslam Family Club University would like to thank the Knoxville Jewish Day School for coming to our club on December 19. The Haslam Family Club is part of the Boys & Girls Clubs of the Tennessee Valley, which serves a diverse population of youth throughout Knoxville and the surrounding counties. At the Haslam facility, we typically serve around 220 members daily from 13 local schools. Many of our members live in single parent homes, and come from households with an annual income of less than \$12,000. Our organization provides club members with high quality programs with an emphasis on increasing academic success, encouraging healthy lifestyles, and developing productive citizens. We believe this investment allows us to ignite the spark of greatness in each of our members. Students from the Knoxville Jewish Day School performed for 40 members from our Cadet area, which serves Kindergarten and 1st grade.

We endeavor to find opportunities for our club members to engage with members of our community so that we can help them develop rich cultural experiences. The Knoxville Jewish Day School was certainly a fun, and interactive way for us to do that. Our club members really enjoyed the performance. In particular, members were amazed by Violet’s “special effect” as she turned into a blueberry! Our staff and members were impressed by the effortless talent of the students as they performed. It’s nice for our members to see other children showcasing their talents. Members continued to talk out the performance throughout the day. As a mother of one of the children attending the performance, I can attest that my own daughter was still talking about it that night as she went to bed!

In addition, our members loved playing the Dreidel game. It was very nice to see how quickly the members and students began to interact together over the game. Our members have already asked about playing it here at the club, and the staff are excited about teaching the Dreidel game to members. Thank you, again, for sharing your time and the talents of your children with us. We greatly appreciate it. The Knoxville Jewish Day School is certainly welcome back to the Haslam Boys & Girls Club anytime.”

Christina Baker Smith

(Top) KJDS students perform for the Boys & Girls Club

(Middle) Augustus Gloop sharing his stories at Fair Garden Preschool

(Bottom) Two Oompa Loompas teaching the kids how to play Dreidel



Kids Night Out

What happens when kids and teens come together at the local community center? You develop a new appreciation for the importance of community!

The evening began with the lighting of all 8 candles of the Menorah and spinning the dreidel and then moved on to a scavenger hunt as each team searched for a jug of oil. After putting a 25 piece puzzle together to discover their first clue, the teams were off on an action-packed adventure.

Led by their BBYO "counselors," kids enjoyed solving Chanukah riddles, popping each others' balloons in "balloonarama" to piece together their code words, carefully eating clue filled donuts - as opposed to a jelly filled donut - and upon completion, enjoying a chanukah bash with dreidel playing, fruit skewers dipped in chocolate, and a dance revolution game with a Jewish twist! With all the fun, the kids' favorite part of the experience was their "counselors." Spending time and hanging out with the BBYO kids was the highlight!

Our last kids night out is scheduled for February 9 from 7:30-9:30 p.m. If your child hasn't participated yet don't miss this last special opportunity. This program will definitely be back next year....upon popular demand!



Fun at Kids Night Out

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Cocktails in the Country

Benefitting the Stanford Eisenberg Knoxville Jewish Day School

Escape to the country and wine and dine
in a rustic setting featuring breathtaking views, live music,
and a silent auction.

Sunday, March 10

4 p.m. – 6 p.m.

At the Strong Stock Farm
8220 Rutledge Pike Knoxville, TN

Valet parking will be provided

\$65 per person, \$120 per couple, \$400 per group of 8

For more information or to RSVP visit www.kjds.org/fundraiser



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The Way We Were in the early 1950's



Couples at Hillvale Country Club

Left to right: Max and Anne
(Shersky) **Wolf**, CB "Buster"
and Ethel "Sister" (**Millen**)
Brown, Joe and Lilly
(Friedman) **Epstein**, Herbert
and Selma (**Friedman**)
Smullian

Max and Anne's son, Barry
Wolf, lives in Knoxville.
Buster and Sister's daughter,
Sondra **Brody**, and grandson,
Adam **Brown**, live in
Knoxville. Herbert and
Selma's grandsons and
granddaughter (and Joe and
Lilly's great-nephew and
great-niece) Scott and Mark
Hahn, and Margot **Dunn** all
live in Knoxville.

If you have memories of
Hillvale, share them with the
Archives.

To learn more about these
families and the cornerstone
ceremony, go to
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