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

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Temple Beth El

invites the Knoxville Jewish Community
to our 9th Annual Auction

Let The Good Times Roll!



Saturday, April 6

6:30 – 9:30 p.m.

Adult tickets \$30 (before April 1)

Adult tickets \$40 at the door

Student tickets \$20 (14 & older)

To purchase tickets, please visit the
Temple office during regular business
hours or send a check to the Temple.

Please write "Auction" in the
memo section.

Highlights for 2013

- ♦ Live music featuring "Old City Buskers"
- ♦ Celebrity Auctioneer Rabbi Matt Michaels
- ♦ Dinner catered by Bravo Cucina Italiana

A portion of this year's proceeds will
be used for "Lobby Beautification"

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TEMPLE BETH EL TIMES



A Time of Transition

By Rabbi Mathew D. Michaels

Passover is one of the highlights in the Jewish calendar. Not only is it celebrated with the ceremony and ritual of the seder, it marks a time of transition. Passover signifies the beginning of spring... where, agriculturally, we move from the dormancy of winter to the regeneration of plant life. Historically, Passover celebrates the transition from slavery to freedom; from Pharaoh's rule to self-rule. Psychologically, Passover is a transition from the known past to the unknown future. For the Jewish people, it was both an exciting time as well as a time filled with uncertainty.

This year, this Passover, our congregation continues its transition in spiritual leadership. From my perspective, this transition has been very smooth. On a personal note, I appreciate all the efforts made to help me acclimate to both Knoxville in general and the Jewish community in particular. Coming into a new environment, even as the rabbi, it takes time to adapt and feel comfortable. There are new people to meet and new places to see. A certain comfort level is reached when one can navigate without the constant use of MapQuest or GPS.

So too with Jewish rituals! Our comfort level - and indeed our Jewish confidence - increases with our willingness to celebrate the holidays and festivals throughout the year. This year, the Ritual & Worship Committee has recommended that, instead of holding a Temple-wide community seder on the second night of Passover, we help assist in matching Temple members/families with one another.

But to do this in the most effective way, I need your help. If you are holding a seder in your home this Pesach and you have space for guests, please contact me directly or let Cara know at the Temple office. Likewise, if you would like to be "matched with a family" for a seder, please let us know. We will do what we can to accommodate all requests, so that everyone is able to experience the beauty and richness of the seder rituals. I look forward to hearing from you and wish each of you a wonderful Pesach!

From my family to yours, I wish you all a *Chag sameach v'kasher!*



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Oneg Update

By Karen Smuckler

Many thanks to all of the families who have signed up to host an Oneg this year, as well as to those who



have contributed money to sponsor and oneg! The response by Temple members has been wonderful and the Onegs have been warm, welcoming and a wonderful way to connect with our Temple family.

We still do have a few dates open at the end of the summer which have not yet been filled. If you have not had the opportunity to sign up and fill one of the dates, please contact me at (865) 984-3143 or e-mail ksmuckle@aol.com. The following are the open dates:

Friday, August 16
Friday, August 23
Friday, August 30
Friday, September 6

Thanks so much!

When you teach your son,
you teach your son's son.

-- *The Talmud*

TBE Sisterhood's Shabbat For Hunger, Healing and Hope

March 8, 2013

6:30 p.m.

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

Religious School will lead the Shabbat service

Temple Beth El Sisterhood and Religious School will co-sponsor our Annual Shabbat for Hunger, Healing and Hope. Please plan to participate in this very moving and enjoyable special Shabbat dinner and evening. This event was rescheduled from January.

Please call Karen Smith (865) 691-3231 and make your reservation and to let her know what you will be making to share with your Temple family. We traditionally serve vegetarian soups and a variety of vegetarian chili that our members bring.

Please bring some canned and/or non-perishable food items to help the Second Harvest Food Bank and the FISH Hospitality Pantry. Our food barrels are always available for your contributions.

We are in need of a few volunteers. Please call our chair, Joyce Traugot (865) 675-6260 and volunteer to assist with the planning, shopping, and set up for this evening. Some of our warmest moments are as volunteers on committees.

Thanks in advance for your support.

It's Time for Sisterhood

By Karen Smith, Sisterhood Liaison

Please join Sisterhood on Friday, March 1 for **Sisterhood Shabbat**. This special Shabbat will include a service prepared by WRJ women for WRJ's 100th anniversary. Our Shabbat will include the service led by Sisterhood women and a joyous Oneg hosted by Sisterhood.

Sisterhood will host a **Luncheon and Fashion Show** on Tuesday, March 12 at noon at Temple. The models include Sisterhood women wearing fashions from the Silk Purse. Our delicious lunch will be catered by Holy Land Restaurant. The cost for the afternoon is \$12.00. (Please write checks to Temple Beth El Sisterhood.) RSVP to Kathy Young at 859-9867 or youngkathy06@gmail.com The entire community is invited to attend.

On Sunday, April 21, Sisterhood will meet for a **Chai Tea** from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the home of Lesley Krakauer. An English afternoon tea hosted by Lesley will please everyone. (Please note that this is a date change.)

On Thursday, May 9, "**Sisterhood Goes Out**" to dinner at an area restaurant. The location and time will be chosen soon so watch for it in *Ha'Kol* and Temple announcements.

The **Nominating Committee** chaired by Immediate Past Presidents Phyllis Hirsh and Joyce Traugot is hard at work on the Sisterhood officers and board for 2013-2015. Please consider accepting a leadership position when they call you and add your voice to our Sisterhood's future.

Finally, Sisterhood's **Beiler Floral Fund** co-chair Emma Fleischmann reminds us that a standard flower arrangement for bimah flowers for Shabbat, holidays, or special occasions is \$36.00. Please contact Emma if you would like to order a more elaborate or personalized arrangement. What a lovely way to remember someone for a life cycle event or special occasion.

It's time for Sisterhood!



Fashions by
The Silk Purse
Lunch by
**Holy Land
Restaurant**

TBE Sisterhood Luncheon and Fashion Show Tuesday, March 12, noon

Cost: \$12.00

**RSVP to Kathy Young by March 8 at
youngkathy06@gmail.com or (865) 859-9867**



Join Temple Beth El
Sisterhood for
WJR's Centennial
celebration at
**Sisterhood
Shabbat**
Friday, March 1
7:30 p.m.

Temple Beth El Sisterhood's Gift of Life (Matan Chaim) Day, in memory of Mimi Brody was held on Sunday, January 13



(Clockwise from top) A MEDIC Regional Blood Center tech registers Bob Freeman to give blood; Rabbi Matt Michaels answers a question during a discussion on the Jewish Perspective on Organ Donations; Melissa Feinbaum watches as daughter Rachael is fingerprinted by Kathy Young and Mike Renfro (New York Life); Tennessee Donor Services representative Margaret Madden sets up a display table

AT THE FESTIVAL OF PASSOVER

WE REMEMBER OUR LOVED ONES.

***PLEASE JOIN US FOR A PASSOVER YIZKOR SERVICE,
SUNDAY EVENING, MARCH 31 AT 6:00 P.M.***

Temple Beth El Religious School

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

Friday, March 8 - Let's try that Hunger, Healing, and Hope event one more time!
The ice storm spoiled our great plans so we've rescheduled for this month. Remember that we need all of our RS students to participate.

Pizza Dinner for Midweek classes 5:45 p.m., March 6: Join us for our monthly social time before classes being at 6:15 p.m.

Daylight Savings Time begins Sunday, March 10!

Friday, March 15 - Fourth grade conducts services: Tara Bain's class has been working hard to prepare a wonderful service for March. You will be amazed at the skills of these young people. Please worship with us at 7:30 p.m. as this very bright and energetic group of young people lead this service. Parents of the 4th grade class will host the oneg.

Additional Early Service March 15 conducted by our third grade class: Families with young children will enjoy this little service. The class of Emily Hoffman will use our *Gates of Prayer for Young People* as they conduct our service. The families of the 3rd grade will host a brief oneg after the service.

March 17 Religious School Seder: Our school will have our annual Passover Seder at 11:15 a.m. As always, we need parents to sign up to bring food items, set up, serve, and clean up. I cannot wait for Rabbi Michaels to see what a nice job our students and parents do with this special event. Our Confirmation class and Rabbi Michaels will lead the Seder. Parents are encouraged to attend. It is a wonderful activity to watch.

Spring Break March 24-March 30: There will be no Religious School or Midweek class during this time. School will resume classes Wednesday, April 3.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

March 15: Third Grade conducts an early service 6:00 p.m.

March 15: Fourth Grade conduct service 7:30 p.m.

March 17: Religious School Seder

March 24: March 30 Spring Break - No Religious School

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Friday: 10:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.

Visit our website: www.tbeknox.org

New Member and Artist Reception

**Friday, March 10
12:00-1:30 p.m.**

Temple Beth El cordially invites you to attend a combined new member and artist reception showcasing artist Flora Rosefsky on **Sunday, March 10, 12:00-1:30 p.m.** in the Temple Library Gallery. Please join us as we welcome new and prospective Temple members and meet artist Flora Rosefsky.

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

Rosefsky's Giclee' prints will be on display from February through July, 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 on Flora Rosefsky, please visit her website at www.florageart.com. For Gallery and Exhibit contact Shelley Mangold smango5@yahoo.com. For Temple Membership/Reception contact Jan Elston at jan.elston@gmail.com

Sponsored by the Library Art Gallery Subcommittee and Membership Committee

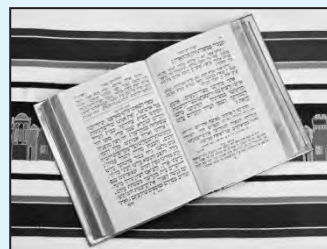
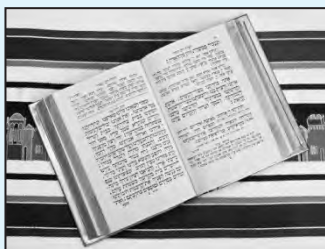
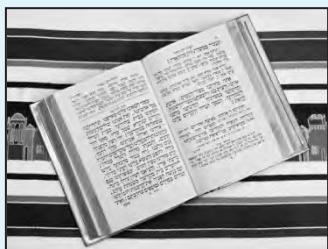
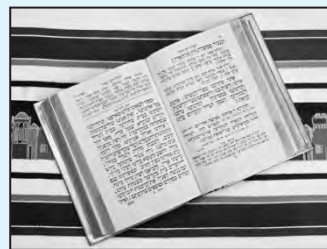
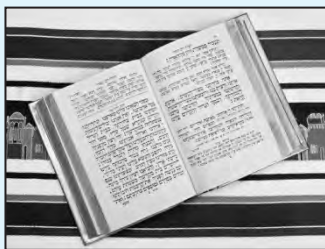
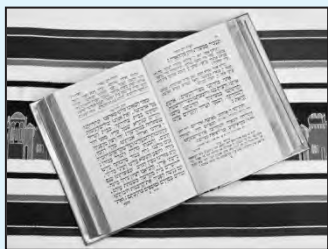


PURIM
by Flora Rosefsky
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~ Celebrate the Joy of Shabbat ~
Saturday, March 16, 2013

10:30 a.m.

Join us for a Learner's Minyan



Join Rabbi Matt Michaels in prayer and study.

Come in to our sanctuary to discover a unique Saturday morning worship experience and to appreciate the space in the morning light.

A light luncheon will follow.

Sponsored by the Ritual and Worship Committee of Temple Beth El

Contributions to the Funds of Temple Beth El

Donations listed were received as of January 25, 2013

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In memory of: Eileen Pucci, Robert Parsons
By: Sandra Parsons
In memory of: Mary K. Licht
By: Richard Licht & Shirley McGuire

Support Heska Amuna and Temple Beth El Buy Grocery Store Certificates

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

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Heska Amuna Synagogue

EarthFare	\$25 _____	\$50 _____	\$100 _____	
Kroger	\$25 _____	\$50 _____	\$100 _____	\$200 _____
Fresh Market	\$25 _____	\$50 _____	\$100 _____	
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Total Amount _____				

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

Temple Beth El

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

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

KNOXVILLE HAPPENINGS

Update From Your Publisher

Dear Community Reader;

Welcome to the March 2013 edition of *Ha'Kol*. Since our debut in January 2009, the staff and leadership have received many comments from you, our community. We have listened, discussed, reviewed and made appropriate changes where possible. Through a team approach, we continued to hone the product to what it is today.

Since creating *Ha'Kol* we added the Knoxville Chapter of Hadassah and the Stanford Eisenberg Jewish Day School in 2010 to the *Ha'Kol* community umbrella. In December 2012, we added the Jewish Congregation of Oak Ridge (JCOR) after a one-year trial period of them having one page.

In this day of tighter financial resources, the Jewish communal world, here and across our country, has had to make some tough decisions and choices to continue to provide for Jewish community. By combining the publication of six local organizations, we save money that can now be used to provide services, maintain levels of service and programs or used towards our respective allocation

obligations locally regionally, nationally and abroad.

We save postage. We save paper. We save effort that can be best spent in doing what each organization does best. Add these issues together and it all makes a great deal of sense.

As a community reader you know what is going on in each of these six organizations. It is all in one publication and arriving around the same time of the month, eleven times a year. Readers tell us, "I am so glad we have "*Ha'Kol*" I found programs that I might wish to attend at X or Y or Z!" Readers tell us that they finally decided to attend a program because they had information directly from the source.

I hope you will continue to read *Ha'Kol* and continue to provide feedback, both constructively critical and helpful to make this great publication reach its potential. Please be sure and visit our advertisers. Their support and commitment to *Ha'Kol* pays the direct expenses for publication through their advertising dollars. Please be sure and stop by and thank them when you patronize their establishments.

B'shalom,

Jeff Gubitz, Publisher

Teen Connection to Host March 3 Program

The next Teen Connection event will be held Sunday, March 3, from 1:00-3:00 p.m. at the AJCC. Teen Connection co-chairs Melinda Gibbons, Tara Bain, and Kim Rosen along with Amber Love, a Christenberry Elementary School guidance counselor, have worked hard to help create this J-Serve service project.

In a continuation of a project begun at Mitzvah Day, Teen Connection participants will work with elementary school students in a low income neighborhood. The school has many students who struggle to learn to read. One of the school's goals is to increase student literacy, so the school is hosting a family night for all students and their families on March 21.

The J-Serve service project involves three parts:

1. We will bake cookies for children attending Family Night.
2. We will make bookmarks for the students.
3. We will collect new and gently-used books (elementary grade level) to donate to the school.

So, bring your cooking skills, creativity, and new/gently-used books to our March Teen Connection meeting. This will be a fun and engaging event that involves giving back to our community, so we hope everyone can make it.

Please RSVP to Tara Bain at tbbain528@gmail.com so we know who will be attending. We look forward to seeing you in March.



(Above) Doug, Jill Weinstein, Danielle Dryzer, John Goan and Mary Evars-Goan enjoy a pasta dinner at the AZA Heart and Soul dinner

(Left) Brian Weinstein helps silent auction bidders as they pay for their items at January's AZA Heart and Soul Dinner

MARCH 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Save the Date AIPAC Meeting, April 30 Details to follow					1	2
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9:30a-minyan-HA 9:30a Religious sch-HA 10-noon Adult Ed-HA 10-11a Ed Comm-HA 1-2:30p Bnei Tzedek Fundholders Field Trip 1-3p Teen Connection-AJCC Kitchen 2p Chicken Soup for the Sole-Hadassah	7a minyan-HA 3-4p TOT Basketball-AJCC Gym 6-9p Fencing-AJCC gym 7p Exec Comm-AL	6:15-9p Fencing-AJCC Gym 7-9p JLI Course-AJCC AL	4:15p Religious sch-HA 5:45-6:45p ZUMBA-Gym 6:15p Midwk Hebrew-TBE 6:45-9p Fencing-Gym 7-8p Adult Ed-HA 7:30p TBE/HA Intro to Judaism-HA	7a minyan-HA 5:45-6:45p ZUMBA-Gym 6:30p Hadassah Brd Mtg-AJCC AL 7:30p Exec Comm-HA 7:30p Israeli Dancing-AJCC Gym	6:30p Shabbat Dinner prior to HH&H Service-TBE 6p Kabbalat Shabbat Hoot'nanny-HA 6:30p Shabbat Service & Potluck Dinner-JCOR 7p Hunger, Healing, & Hope Shabbat Service-TBE	9:30a Shabbat Services-HA 9:30a Shabbat Services-JCOR 4-11p AZA/BBG Winter Dance-AJCC Gym and AL
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
9:30a-minyan-HA 9:30a Religious sch-HA 9:30a Religious sch-TBE 10-noon Adult Ed-HA Noon-1:30p Artist & New Member Reception-TBE 12:30-2:30p Passover in the Aisles-Bearden Kroger 4-6p KJDS Fundraiser	7a minyan-HA 11:30a JFS Comm Mtg-AJCC AL 3-4p TOT Basketball-AJCC Gym 6-9p Fencing-AJCC Gym 7:30p KJA UT Lecture Series-Mitch Goldman, MD-AL	Noon-Sisterhood Luncheon and Fashion Show-TBE 6:15-9p Fencing-AJCC Gym	Noon-Friendshippers at Rothchild's 4:15p Religious sch-HA 5:45-6:45p ZUMBA-Gym 6:15p Midwk Hebrew-TBE 6:45-9p Fencing-Gym 7-8p Adult Ed-HA 7:30p TBE/HA Intro to Judaism-TBE	7a minyan-HA 5:45-6:45p ZUMBA-gym 7:30p Israeli Dancing-Gym 5-7p AJCC Preschool Open House 7:30p HA-Brd of Trustees	6p Tot Shabbat-HA 7:30p Shabbat Services-TBE	9:30a Shabbat Services-HA (Prozdor Shabbat) 9:30a Shabbat Services-JCOR 9:30a Jewish Meditation-HA 10:30a Joy of Shabbat Learner's Minyan-TBE 10:30a Contemporary Service-HA 7p Comedy Night-AJCC
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
9:30a-minyan-HA 9:30a Religious sch-HA 9:30a Religious school (seder)-TBE 10-noon Adult Ed-HA 10a Gan K'tan-HA 12:30p HA-Confirmation Lunch & Learn 2-7p HA-Tzedek YWCA Project	7a minyan-HA 3-4p TOT Basketball-Gym 6-9p Fencing-AJCC Gym 7p KJA Board-AJCC AL	6:15-9p Fencing-AJCC Gym 7:30p Hadassah Book Club	4:15p Religious sch-HA 5:45-6:45p ZUMBA-Gym 6:15p Midwk Hebrew-TBE 6:45-9p Fencing-Gym 7-8p Adult Ed-HA 7:30p TBE/HA Intro to Judaism-TBE	7a minyan-HA 4-6:30p J-Serve Christenberry School Project 5:45-6:45p ZUMBA-gym 7:30p R&R Services Comm 7:30p Israeli Dancing-AJCC Gym	7:30p Shabbat Services-TBE	9:30a Shabbat Services-HA 9:30a Shabbat Services-JCOR
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31 Pesach	KJA and AJCC Preschool Passover Schedule AJCC Preschool: closed March 25-29 for Spring Break. This covers the first two days of Passover. The AJCC Preschool is open April 1 and 2. KJA Office: closed March 26-27 and April 1-2.					
9:30a minyan-HA 10-noon Passover Yizkor Service-TBE						

Community Passover Greetings

Happy Passover to All

LEE MILLER BLOTNER,
LISSA, SHELLY and SETH

Happy Pesach

from Jeff and Nancy Becker and our
children and grandchildren:

Jeffrey Cohen;

Dan, Lora, Noah, and

Benjamin Cohen-Vogel;

Debbie, Jeff, Samantha, and

Gabe Abrams-Cohen;

Rachel, Micah, Sophie, and

Reuben Becker-Klein;

Ben, Amy, Harry, and Leo Willis-Becker;

Sarah Becker, Adama and Animata Dembele

With love from the
Oleshansky Family
David, Deborah,
Ben, Bryna and Rae

Hag Sameach
The Liberman
Family

Hag Sameach
Kim, Stephen,
Nathan, Arielle
and Tifannie
Rosen

Warm greetings and very best wishes to all our
good friends in Knoxville.

**Peggy and Mark Littmann, Beth, James and
Liam McGinnis, and Owen Littmann**

We wish the entire
community a healthy,
happy Passover Norman
and Sandi Licht

Happy Passover
to Everyone
Pessa, Marla, Bart,
Joe & Will Brody

Have a joyous
Passover from your
friends at Hleska
Amuna Synagogue

HOLIDAY GREETINGS FROM PAM &
ERNIE GROSS - NAOMI, SIERRA, PHOEBE
& BRICE KING - ANNA & MATT
MCDONALD - EVA & DAVID BARNETT

Community Passover Greetings

<p><i>Happy Passover Jill, Stuart, Evan and Avron Chasan</i></p>		<p><i>Temple Beth El wishes a happy and healthy</i></p>	
<p>Chag Sameach to all our friends and family. Heidi, Barry and Eddy Allen</p>	<p>Hag Sameach v Kasher Gilya Schmidt & Family</p>		
<p><i>Wishing All a Healthy & Happy Passover Susan and Arnold Cohen, our children, grandchildren and extended family</i></p>		<p>PASSOVER GREETINGS <i>Barbara & Bernie Bernstein</i></p>	
<p>Happy Passover Reneé Hyatt, Noah, Jenny, and Paul Erwin</p>		<p>Happy Passover from the KJCFB Board</p>	
<p>Hag Sameach KJA Officers, Board and Staff</p>		<p>Happy Passover Marcia Silverstein and Family</p>	<p>Happy Passover Charlene & Jeff Gubitz Leslie Gubitz (St. Louis) Jennifer Gubitz (Wayland, MA) Ron & Leslie Gubitz (New Orleans)</p>
			

Heska Amuna Synagogue

HaShofar



Heska Amuna Community Seder Monday, March 25, 2013 5:30 - 8:30 p.m.

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Cost is \$30.00 per person; \$25.00 for members;
\$12.50 for children ages 6 – 9; no charge for children under 6

Your payment is your reservation. Sign up now. Seating is limited.
Last day for reservations is **March 8**.

A Heska Amuna Pesach Packet will be available to all members at the Visitor's Center at the Synagogue. It contains several items to answer many of your Pesach questions and to give you times for Pesach services. Please read the packet carefully - you will benefit and our community will benefit by your actions. It includes:

- ◆ A schedule for Pesach 5773
- ◆ A Sale of hametz (wheat, rye oats, barley, spelt, or anything made from those items) contract
- ◆ A guide to kashrut for Pesach by the Rabbinical Assembly

If you have any questions, please ask. Interested in selling your hametz? The Pesach guide has a contract inside or you can use the one on the page 15.

Are you having a seder this year? Do you have room for one or two more? This is your opportunity to give special meaning to the words in your Haggadah: "Let all who are hungry come and eat. Let all who are needy come and celebrate the Passover." Call the Synagogue at 522-0701 and let us know if you would like to have guests for your Seder.

If you do not have a place to go for Seder, please contact the Synagogue as well and we will find a home for you. ***We are a Jewish community; please be a part of it by allowing us the pleasure of including you!***



Pesach 5773 Services Schedule

- Erev 1st Day of Pesach ~ **Monday, March 25** ~ 1st Seder at Heska Amuna at 5:30 p.m. ~ Candlelighting 7:34 p.m.
- 1st Day of Pesach ~ **Tuesday, March 26** ~ Services at 9:30 a.m. ~ Candlelighting after 8:38 p.m. ~ Second Seder
- 2nd Day of Pesach ~ **Wednesday, March 27** ~ Services at 9:30 a.m. ~ Candlelighting 8:39 p.m.
- Erev 7th Day of Pesach ~ **Sunday, March 31** ~ Candlelighting at 7:39 p.m.
- 7th Day of Pesach ~ **Monday, April 1** ~ Services at 7:00 a.m. ~ Candlelighting 8:43 p.m.
- 8th Day of Pesach ~ **Tuesday, April 2** ~ Services at 9:30 a.m. ~ Yizkor is recited ~ Candlelighting 8:44 p.m.

Wholeness

By Rabbi Alon Ferency

Recently, I read from Martin Buber's essay on *The Validity and Limitation of the Political Principle*, and thought about what it means to grow up. A 20th century philosopher in Austria, Germany, and Israel, Buber talks about our lives being held within two worlds: a "sphere of wholeness" and a "sphere of separation." The sphere of wholeness is like our dearest childhood image of something pure, perfect and unlimited out there. We might call it holiness. Let's say that at the center of the sphere of wholeness is God. The sphere of separation is where we live our day-to-day lives on earth, as we make imperfect choices, join teams and take sides. When we make choices and then take action, sometimes we regret the path not chosen; in part, we feel regret because no choice is perfect. And in our souls we ache when choices take us farther from the sphere of wholeness.

So, many people are pained to enter into the world of separateness, for fear that it might compromise their ideals. Teenagers seem especially primed for this fight. They view many things that aren't idealistic or even idealized as just hypocritical. But this is the wrong idea. It's not hypocrisy to compromise a principle – it is living. We must serve God even as we act within the world of compromises. If not, we can get tripped up and trapped in a binary, all-or-nothing way of thinking, where we don't enter into any commitments for fear of breaking our connection to the sphere of wholeness. But you can't sit still all day and contemplate God. You have to get your hands dirty in the real world, or at least go out to buy groceries. We can't exist as perfect ideas – we have to act.

"It is possible to serve God and the group to which one belongs if one is courageously intent on serving God in the sphere of the group as much as one can," which is Buber's way of saying that we should always keep God and holiness high on our minds when we help others, or even when we're running errands. And these choices, at least our best choices, are informed by a desire for wholeness and holiness. If we do it right, our every action in the world of separation – the world of committees, meetings and deadlines – can be a service to God. We serve God as we serve our carpool commitments: Buber calls these "service and service." I agree with Buber that it's not "either-or" but "as-much-as-one-can." You don't have to hold back from the sphere of separateness, or from making choices. You have to embrace life in all of its messiness, flaws and nuances. Otherwise, you'll get nothing done. It's this effort that unites us all. We all share a common striving – united along a common "front," Buber says, in "the one fight for human truth." The truth that there is something Divine beyond us which our souls are seeking. That striving is the highest ideal of humankind.



From the President

By Gilya Schmidt

Passover has always been an uplifting and joyous time of year, a time of celebration. We are grateful for the new life that is about to burst forth, we celebrate the fourth birthday in the Jewish year, and our mood is one of exuberance.

Women were an important aspect of the Exodus and are an ever more significant element of the Passover seder. If it wasn't for Miriam observing Moses floating down the Nile, and his mother becoming his personal nursemaid, Moses might not have survived infancy, and if it wasn't for Miriam's well that followed the Israelites through the wilderness, the Israelites might have at least been much thirstier than they were during Miriam's lifetime. Earlier, Jethro's daughter, Zipporah, helped Moses survive in the wilderness, and Miriam celebrated God's wisdom after the Israelites survived the crossing of the Red or Reed Sea. Midrashically, the women collectively are held up as a symbol of virtue when they deny Aaron their jewelry for the golden calf, but surrender their gold for the creation of the ritual implements.

Not only Biblical women deserve praise, but our very own Heska Amuna Sisterhood deserves celebration. Sisterhoods have always been crucial to the life of a synagogue. Through the sale of food coupons, maintenance of the gift shop (thank you, Melissa!), special events such as Vashti's Banquet, bazaars and bake sales, our Heska Amuna Sisterhood not only maintains itself as an organization, but contributes generously to the financial health of our synagogue by contributing funds in much needed areas. Thank you to Peggy Littmann and Lynn Fuson for your superb leadership of our sisterhood, for providing interesting programming, monthly Rosh Chodesh programs, and teachings of many kinds to the women of sisterhood as well as the congregation. When there is a special need, we know who can help us! We also thank Anne Greenbaum for her guidance as President, Women's League Southern Region, and our Sisterhood guru, Barb Levin, Education Vice President for Southern Region of WLCJ. Barb also sits on the International Board, and she chairs a new national committee on the development of a Wellness and Learning Module for Women's League.

This year, when we celebrate the seder, let us think of all the women of Heska Amuna and of our Sisterhood and gratefully raise Kos Miriam to thank them for all they do to make our synagogue the wonderful place it is!

Jewish women throughout the centuries have mostly been lauded for their thorough spring cleaning, down to the last crumb the night before the seder, for their unstinting generosity in preparing the dishes, pots, foods and clothes for the festival of Passover. During the past thirty years women have come into their own beyond providing the necessities for the festival. Along with egalitarian minyanim and women rabbis, Jewish women experimented with new rituals that led to greater inclusivity in the Jewish community. A Boston chavurah group came up with the idea of a Kos Miriam that made its way to the seder table; and Susannah Heschel is credited with the idea of placing an orange on the seder plate to represent the fruitfulness of all Jews, also those who were sometimes marginalized, such as Gays and Lesbians. And the very idea of the family seder has been expanded by the creation of a women's seder, enthusiastically conducted by and for women.

Hag Sameach to everyone!

From the Chair of the Board

By Scott Hahn

If you are like most people who watch television, you probably don't pay too much attention to the commercials. The vast majority of them are pretty mundane and not particularly entertaining. However, every once in a while, there will be one that grabs your attention.

Needless to say, when the Catholic Church starts running their own commercials, I was more than a bit curious. There was Lou Holtz, the former football coach of Notre Dame, challenging Catholics with the refrain, "to come back home." Coach Holtz then spent the next 30 seconds extolling the virtues of the Church and what it has to offer the modern American Catholic.

I laughed trying to imagine what a commercial selling Judaism to the modern American Jew would look like. First, I have no doubt that before the commercial went on the air, it would immediately offend half of its targeted audience. Liberal Jews might be offended if you used someone Orthodox, Hasidim (who probably would not be watching TV anyway) might not like the use of a woman. From there, the list of people offended would grow exponentially.

Fortunately, rather than attempting the Madison Avenue approach, the Jewish calendar provides us with two different times of year to remind us of our spiritual origins. The first of these reminders is the High Holiday period in the fall. The New Year tends to stress the themes of creation, judgment, and forgiveness. These are universal themes for all people and not just Jews. The second reminder comes in the spring with Passover. There are universal themes in Passover as well, but in my opinion, the most important of these are the redemption and birth of the Jewish people. It is only through freedom from slavery and the journey through the wilderness that we turned from a rag tag group of slaves into the people Israel.

The seder is nothing but a cleverly orchestrated commercial to remind of our history and where we come from. Everything is oriented to help remind us that we started off in the lowest of circumstances and ended in freedom, from the foods we eat to the stories in the Haggadah. The rabbis were smart guys. They knew through repetition and concrete experiences, the story of the Exodus would be passed on for generations. The fact that Judaism has continued to this day is a testament to their foresight. I wish each and every one of you the happiest of Passovers.

Religious School News

By Anna Iroff and Anne Greenbaum, Education Co-Directors

Z'man Charutaynu, the Season of our Liberation.
Me'avdut L'charut, from Slavery to Freedom.

The Haggadah of Pesach tells us to remember Israel's liberation from slavery and the exodus from Egypt, and to do it in such a way that it seems as if we ourselves had lived through the turmoil. Myra Hoffman, *z"l*, an Oak Ridger and a past president of Women's League for Conservative Judaism - Southern Region, had a fantastic story. At her Seder, she always told her grandchildren about the little pet frog she had hidden in her pocket long ago when *she* fled from Egypt! (I know this because her granddaughter told us all about it at Myra's funeral and we all laughed together.)

When my own children were young (it's Anne speaking now), my husband of course encouraged them to recite the four questions. But his follow-up was unique: "Now I have four questions for you!" He then would read four riddles which, by the way, hardly ever related to Pesach. The children really, really liked them but I *loved* them! More than the four cups of wine (well... *as much* as the four cups of wine), those silly riddles lifted the responsibility and effort of those Seders from my shoulders and freed me.

We can feel burdened in so many different ways. Thank God, here in the United States, we don't endure Egyptian-style oppression, neither the ancient nor modern type. For most of us our burdens are far less serious. *Why is this night different from all other nights?* A weary mother answers: "Don't ask!"

We do have reasons to be weary. Constructing pyramids was labor-intensive in the extreme. In very different ways, building spiritually healthy families and communities is tiring work too. Making a living is hard work. But most exhausting and demoralizing is working amid failure and dysfunction and living without hope. Pesach, with all its history and traditions, is an enlivening antidote. We two can also tell you that our exciting Heska Amuna Religious School experience is an antidote as well! So keep sharing your stories with your children along with a big dose of love.

Wishing you all a *Chag Pesach sameach v'kosher*.



Roy A. Arthur, Knox County watershed coordinator and UT research associate, presented an environmental program for the Religious School Tu B'Shvat celebration



Purim party!

Join us for Family Minyan! Saturday, March 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!*



Join us for Gan K'tan! Sunday, March 17 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

The theme for this month's Gan K'tan class is **Passover!**

Todah Rabah to Our Supporters

- ◆ To Sandy Parker and Steve Beber in honor of the birth of Avishai Ferency
- ◆ To Renéé Hyatt and Paul Erwin in memory of Bernard Iroff.
- ◆ To Renéé Hyatt and Paul Erwin in memory of Barbara Moody.
- ◆ To Marilyn Burnett in memory of Susan Contente's mother, Lois Contente.

Things to Remember!

Upcoming School Events

- March 2** – Family Minyan
- March 3** – Religious School, PreK – Prozdor
- March 6** – Religious School, grades 3-6
- March 10** – Religious School, PreK – Prozdor
- March 13** – Religious School, grades 3-6
- March 15** – Tot Shabbat dinner and services
- March 17** – Religious School, PreK – Prozdor plus Gan K'tan; Confirmation Lunch and Learn
- March 20** – Religious School, grades 3-6
- March 24** – No class – Spring Break and Pesach
- March 27** – No class – Spring Break and Pesach
- March 31** – No class – Spring Break and Pesach

Tot Shabbat

Friday, March 15, 6:00 p.m.

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!

Please RSVP to Anna Iroff, 522-0701 or education@heskaamuna.org by **Friday, March 8.

Pesach Sale of Hametz

One may neither eat nor possess any hametz during Pesach. Therefore, before Pesach, all hametz and (wheat, rye, oats, barley, spelt, or anything made from those items) must be gotten rid of by selling it to a person who is not obligated to refrain from using it. This also covers items inadvertently missed at home or at work.

Note: One also sells one's pet (s), so pet food with hametz may be kept on the premises.

Note: Your hametz must be sold even if you will not be home during Pesach.

To make this process easy for our members, Rabbi Ferency has agreed to act as our representative and will be selling hametz for anyone designating him as his/her agent per this form. Please follow the following steps:

1. When kashering your home, remove all hametz from the premises, preferably donating it to a food bank.
2. All remaining hametz must be put in a secure place out of the way -- the garage, a cupboard that can be taped shut, a closet, etc.
3. Fill out this form and mail it to Heska Amuna. It must be in the office no later than **10:00 a.m. on Monday, March 25.** It is customary to send a donation to the synagogue in lieu of payment for this service. Checks can be made out to "Heska Amuna" and designated for the Rabbi's Discretionary Fund. These funds will be used for ma'ot hittin, helping Jews with their Pesach needs.

Sale of Hametz Contract

To fulfill the mitzvah of mekhirat hametz, I (we) appoint Rabbi Alon Ferency as my (our) agent to dispose of all hametz that may be in my (our) possession wherever it may be: at home, place of business, or elsewhere in accordance with the requirements and provisions of Jewish law. I (we) also sell my (our) pet (s) with the understanding that it is still my (our) responsibility to care for said pet (s), using any appropriate food, until the new owner physically takes possession. It is understood that this hametz will not be my (our) property from **10:00 a.m. on Monday, March 25, 2013 through 9:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 2, 2013**, and that I (we) will derive no use or benefit from it. This authorization is in accordance to the Document of Authorization to which this statement is to be appended.

Signature

Printed Name

Date

Full Address

Tzedek: Serve Your Jewish Spirit and Our Community

Join with other Heska Amuna community members as we launch a new series of ongoing service activities that will make a positive footprint in our community.

On Shabbat morning, March 2, the *Tzedek* Club will launch a new programming series in the congregation. The first program will empower women in transition at the YWCA in Knoxville. Marigail Mullin, CEO of YWCA Knoxville, will speak from the *bimah*. After services, Rabbi Ferency and Ms. Mullin will facilitate a discussion about the Jewish values of social service.

Then, on Sunday afternoon, March 17 from 2:00—7:00 p.m., we will go together from the Synagogue to the YWCA. We will tour the site, and paint and decorate a room or more. Afterward, we'll join together for a communal dinner, and an open discussion about this experience within the context of our Jewish identity.

Get involved - the more participants we have, the more we can accomplish! This activity is open to men, women, and teenagers. For questions, details, and to register for the March activity, please contact Harriet Cooper at 671-4376, or spock52@prodigy.net.

Among Our Members

- ◆ Get well wishes go out to those members who were ill or recuperating: **Joyce Beerman, Greta Besmann, Ted Besmann, Elaine Brown, Stephen Brown, Eliyahu ben Shulamit, Debra Gordon, Rebecca Hale, David Linwood, Judy Rattner, Rushal Faygel bat Michal, Martin Shersky, Moshe Shloush and Greg Weinstein.** Mazal tov to the following members and their families – **Margy and Mitch Goldman** on son **Matt's** engagement to **Lindsey Kolischak.** A Labor Day weekend wedding is planned; **Linda and Neil Feld** and **Bess Feld** on the birth of their grandson and great-grandson, **Jacob Asher Kaplan,** son of **Kimberly and Alan Kaplan,** of Nashville; **Barb Levin and Josh Gettinger** on the birth of granddaughter, **Nora Claire Nelles,** daughter of **Ellie Gettinger and Mitch Nelles;** **Marilyn Abrams and Sam Abrams** in honor of the birth of grandson and great nephew, **Ryan Samuel Abrams,** son of **Terry and Maria Abrams.**
- ◆ Todah Rabah to **Sandy Parker** who continues to work in the synagogue office every week. We appreciate your time and the effort on behalf of the shul.

Adult Education Winter/Spring 2013

- ★ **Beginning Hebrew I** (with Peggy Littmann). This class teaches beginners to read the Hebrew alphabet and begin to follow the Hebrew in our prayer book. The textbook, *Shalom Aleichem: Learn to Read the Hebrew Prayer* by Noah Golinkin. When the course is complete, you will have mastered the skills necessary to read and understand the Shalom Aleichem prayer. Sundays 11:00 –noon. To enroll or for more information, contact Peggy at plittmann@comcast.net, or 588-6661.
- ★ **Beginning Hebrew II** (with Peggy Littmann). This class is a continuation of last year's beginning Hebrew students nearing their mastery of reading Hebrew and transitioning to translation/comprehension. The first textbook, *Shalom Aleichem: Learn to Read the Hebrew Prayer* book by Noah Golinkin. The second textbook, which will be used to learn Hebrew comprehension, will be *Prayer Book Hebrew, The Easy Way*, EKS Publishing Company. Sundays 11:00 a.m.–noon. To enroll or for more information, contact Peggy at plittmann@comcast.net, or 588-6661.
- ★ **Intermediate Hebrew** (with David Hull). Do you have a good or decent command of Aleph-Bet and the pronunciation of Hebrew, but possess little in the way of comprehension of the Hebrew vocabulary you've been reciting in Synagogue in the observance of Shabbat and traditional holidays? If you have wondered whether understanding the words of prayers you recite would bring a more meaningful experience, then this class is for you. Our text will be *Prayer Book Hebrew, The Easy Way*, EKS Publishing Company. Help from this text and a dash of effort on your part will enable you to translate significant passages from your Siddur within a short time. You are welcome to start attending at any time. Sundays 10:00-11:00 a.m., continuing through spring. To enroll or for more information, call David Hull at hull5@comcast.net, or 660-1872.
- ★ **Bible Stories They Never Taught You in Hebrew School** (with Raphe Panitz). Did you know that the Hebrew Bible provides two stories about the slaying of Goliath, and that according to one of them, the slayer was NOT David? Are you aware that Hebrew scripture does not condemn the inhabitants of Sodom for gay behavior? Do you realize that in Genesis 6 the sons of the gods cohabit with mortal women? We will discuss these and other lesser-known biblical stories. All that is needed is an English translation of our Holy Scriptures and the desire to learn about the Hebrew Bible. Wednesdays 7:00-8:00 p.m., continuing through spring. For more information, contact Raphe Panitz at gilgamesh3@verizon.net or 301-752-6519.
- ★ **Jewish Melodies** (with Miriam Weinstein). Bring *ruach* or spirit to your prayer and daily life by learning melodies from services, as well as *zemirot* for Shabbat and holidays, and folks songs. All are welcome. Sundays 11:00 a.m –noon, continuing through spring. You can drop in any time but please tell us you are coming by contacting Miriam at 776-3311.
- ★ **Mentorship Program.** This is a new venture in our synagogue in which experienced members of the congregation provide individualized assistance on something of interest to you (e.g., reading Torah, making Shabbat dinner, holiday observance, prayer, etc.). All you need to do is contact the adult education coordinator and a mentor will be matched to your area of interest. Also, if you wish to be a mentor, please contact the adult education coordinator, Rich Adlin at richadlin@gmail.com or 680-2774.
- ★ Contact adult education coordinator Rich Adlin for suggestions or questions at 680-2774 or richadlin@gmail.com

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For Joe Billig's yahrzeit

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Permanent Schedule

Friday Night Services.....Varies

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Mon. & Thurs. Minyanim.....7:00 a.m.

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

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

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

We thank the following people who sponsored Kiddushim in January and February: Heska Amuna Sisterhood in honor of Sisterhood Torah Fund Shabbat; Kim and Stephen Rosen in honor of daughter Arielle's bat mitzvah; Gilya Schmidt in honor of her birthday; Deborah and Dave Hicks in honor of daughter Caroline Jane's naming.



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President's Message

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

This month I asked Jenifer Ohriner, who chairs the Israel Partnership Committee, to tell you about the committee's work. Jeff Gubitz, our executive director, very ably staffs this committee. Through our regional P2G consortium, many of us have developed a strong, personal connection with Israel.

Did you see the Windows of Identity Exhibit that was at the AJCC during the month of January? This exhibit of artistic expressions of Jewish identity to which Israeli and American artists contributed was only one of the many activities of our committee.

Through the committee's work over the years, Knoxville's connection with Israel has grown tremendously. We are part of the SouthEast Consortium of Partnership2Gether linked with the Hadera/Eiron district of Israel sponsored by JAFI (the Jewish Agency for Israel). The SE Consortium includes Knoxville, Nashville, Chattanooga, Charlotte, Richmond, Fort Myers, Jacksonville, Pinnellas County (FL) and Flagler County (FL) and is chaired by our very own Saba Bernie Rosenblatt and staffed by our very own Deborah Oleshansky. Our consortium sponsors such outstanding programs as Camp Tikkun Olam for our teens, the educators' delegations, the firefighters' delegations, a medical professional delegation, and of course the Windows of Identity. In December, Laurie Fisher, Matt Lauer, and Jessica Vose traveled to Israel with the educators' delegation, and firefighters from Knoxville will join other firefighters from our region to travel to Israel in the spring.

Aviad Sela, Elisha Hosman, and Judy Yuda from Hadera will be joining all the U.S. members of the SE Consortium Steering Committee in Nashville March 10-11 to plan joint events for the coming year. Of course, Bernie, Jeff and Jenifer will be representing Knoxville during these meetings. Deborah serves as administrative staff.

We are currently planning Israel Day for April 14 to celebrate Israel's 65th anniversary. Mark and Lucy Barkan are chairing this effort with the able assistance of Rachel Hale. We want to highlight our partners that day. I know Mark, Lucy, and Rachel will be very happy to have helpers to organize this event.

The first P2G program we participated in is the Camp Tikkun Olam program, the exchange of students from Israel and the U.S. during the summer. These young people host each other in their homes for about 10 days on each side. The teens are involved in service projects and experience the similarities and differences in life as Jewish teens. The program is geared toward 15-year-olds, and traditionally takes place during the month of July. We are currently looking for teens from the Knoxville area who wish to participate this summer and who might want to host Israelis who would come to visit us here. Please contact Anna Iroff, anna.iroff@gmail.com, Deborah Oleshansky, doleshansky@jewishknoxville.org or Jeff Gubitz, jgubitz@jewishknoxville.org if you are interested in this program.

Have I captured your interest? Want to join us? Please, contact me, ohrinerj@gmail.com.

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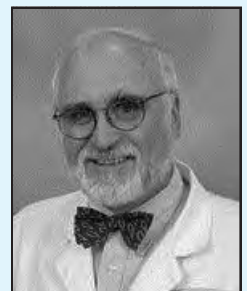
A Career In Vascular Surgery: Quest for the Grail

Mitchell H. Goldman, M.D., Professor and chairman, UT Medical Center's Department of Surgery

Monday, March 11

7:30 p.m., AJCC Adult Lounge

Mitchell Goldman, M.D., is a vascular/renal transplant surgeon who is also actively engaged in teaching tomorrow's physicians through UT Medical Center's Graduate School of Medicine. Dr. Goldman received his medical degree from Harvard University and his undergraduate degree from Brandeis University.



A Story About "Little Max"

By Gene Rosenberg, KJA Campaign Chair

This article is being written Monday, February 4, 2013. Yesterday was our annual KJA Mitzvah Day at the AJCC. As is our custom, the campaign had tables set up for the campaign callers and to accept pledges from those who chose to make theirs at that time.

The time was around 12:15 p.m. and we were wrapping up things when Max stepped up to the table with his mother. Max is a two-year-old toddler, the son of Jenny and David Wood, grandson of Sandy Parker and Steve Beber.

Max was holding a little tzedakah box that he "made" that morning at a craft program at Mitzvah Day. Max worked the crowd with his tzedakah box and was now ready to turn over the proceeds to the campaign.

We emptied the box and as a result of this child's efforts (with parents' permission of course), Max turned over \$8.28 to the campaign. We don't keep records of things like this, but the common belief is that Max Wood is probably the youngest donor to ever make a commitment to an annual campaign.

Other "junior donors" making their annual contribution were Lilli Schweitzer, Kalisa and Kirk Parsons, Nathan, Arielle and Tifannie Rosen. If we didn't mention any other "junior donors," please accept our sincere apology.

I will not be surprised if Max increases his commitment next year.

Passover in the Matzah Aisle

A Partnership with the Knoxville Jewish Alliance

Sunday, March 10

12:30 - 2:30 p.m.

Kroger Store 848 (Bearden)
4918 Kingston Pike
Knoxville, TN 37919
Phone 865-584-0201

Preparing a seder for the first time? Looking to try something new? To help you decide what to include in your Passover meal, KJA volunteers will be in the Passover aisle with basic information about Passover customs and rituals, samplings of *charoset*, and recipes to share. Enter a drawing for a Kroger Passover gift basket.

Questions? Contact Rachel Hale at the KJA, 690-6343 x16 or rhale@jewishknoxville.org

Comedy Night at the AJCC!

Saturday, March 16, 2013

Doors open at 7 p.m.

Music by: Magical Jazz duo

Comedy at 8 p.m.

Price: \$5.00



Comedian Mark Klein is a native of Louisville, Kentucky. This Colgate University graduate (B.A. English—let this be a warning to your children)

has been making laughter his living for 30 years. He began his career as a stand-up comedian in comedy clubs from Alaska to Florida, headlining top rooms across the country.

His performance calendar now comprises shows in venues ranging from special events to dinner theaters to comedy clubs to cruise ships. Mark has headlined over 100 comedy clubs throughout the U.S. and the Caribbean. He has appeared several times at SideSplitters here in Knoxville.

Mark, who is married and has a son, is also a Thoroughbred racehorse owner, real estate investor, writer, bourbon aficionado, and the official walker of the dumbest dog in the world

Mark's appearance in Knoxville is sponsored by the Ben and Pearl Zwick Culture fund, a fund of the Knoxville Jewish Community Family of Funds and the KJA Annual Campaign.

Beverages, snacks and laughter provided!

Friendshippers, March 13

By Laura Faye Berry, BSSW, Esq., Director

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

Wednesday, March 13: David Butler, Executive Director of the Knoxville Museum of Art, will speak about *What's Coming Up at the KMA*. The Knoxville Museum of Art (KMA) celebrates the art and artists of East Tennessee, presents new art and new ideas, educates and serves a diverse community, and enhances Knoxville's quality of life. Since its opening, the KMA has presented a lively and engaging schedule of exhibitions, and more recently has also begun to focus on the rich visual traditions of its own region. David Butler, the KMA's executive director, will give us an update on the exciting upcoming exhibitions and the process of preparing the museum for new exhibits.

Program location: Rothchild's, 8807 Kingston Pike

The luncheon begins at noon and the program begins at 12:30 p.m. Lunch is \$9. There is no cost for attending the program alone. Transportation is available upon request. For more information, please contact Laura Berry at 690-6343 ext. 18 or lberry@jewishknoxville.org.



Why Preschool?

By Melissa Schweitzer, AJCC Preschool director

The question comes up from time to time about why preschool is important for early childhood development. Here are some reasons to consider when sending your child to the AJCC Preschool.

Preschool provides essential structure for children. Our preschool environment is structured although it may not appear that way. We use a play-based model curriculum called High Scope. Children are guided by teachers and are introduced to new information and materials. The students then have the freedom to move about in the learning centers to explore and assimilate this new information. Teachers observe the interests of the children and build upon it. In the classroom, everyone is a student and everyone is a teacher.

Preschool promotes social and emotional development. Children learn to build trusting relationships with adults in a warm nurturing environment. They also learn how to interact with their peers and build emotional self-control. Kindergarten teachers will tell you that the ability to play well with others and self-control are in the top five most important skills for success in school.

Preschool promotes language and cognitive skills. Preschool provides a language-rich environment with group conversations, printed materials and signs and open-ended questions. We do this through stories both oral and read-aloud, music, games and our science program. Children develop the ability to craft creative solutions to problems and take it a step further by asking questions themselves and inventing solutions. The unique diversity at the AJCC Preschool has children sharing different home languages such as Spanish, Hebrew, French, Russian, Portuguese, and Hindi dialects.

Preschool prepares children for kindergarten. Our qualified staff understands the particular ways that young children learn. They present creative ways to study letters and numbers so the students are familiar with the shapes and sounds of letters, understand counting and one-to-one correspondence and build foundational knowledge of the scientific process. We recognize the different learning styles and the ability of young children to learn with their whole bodies.

Preschool encourages a love of learning. The most important aspect of preschool is that children gain a love of learning. They are excited by new information and questions, they look forward to exploring and being introduced to new materials, they have the freedom to stretch their imaginations. This one skill – the love of learning – will carry through the student's whole life. Kindergarten and elementary school teachers often call this skill 'enthusiasm toward learning' and also list it as the most important readiness skill.



The smiles tell the story of the great time enjoyed by all MCDC campers at the MCDC Camp Reunion held January 21 at the AJCC. Guests enjoyed an ice cream social, basketball and groovin' to the music with the DJ. Thanks to Lauren Javors and all the parents who helped supervise the program.

KJA Mitzvah Day Volunteers Support Local and International Efforts

By Raeus Jae Cannon, 2013 Mitzvah Day Chair and Rachel Hale, KJA Program Manager

Knoxville awoke to a winter wonderland—again—on Sunday, February 3. Despite a somewhat late start due to the snowy weather, KJA's Mitzvah Day continued. Approximately 100 people arrived at the Arnstein Jewish Community Center to do their part.

After a brief welcome by KJA President Reneé Hyatt, Campaign 2013 Chair Gene Rosenberg, introductory Mitzvah Day remarks by Rabbi Matt Michaels, and an invocation by Rabbi Yossi Wilhelm, KJA community volunteers were off to the races.

Accomplishments:

- ◆ More than two dozen people registered with the Bone Marrow Registry coordinated by Marcia Shloush – it was an easy cheek swab that could save someone's life
- ◆ MEDIC's Blood Drive received 17 blood donations
- ◆ More than a dozen children were fingerprinted by Temple Beth El Sisterhood
- ◆ Heska Amuna Sisterhood helped volunteers make hundreds of thumb braces for babies in UT Medical Center's neonatal unit
- ◆ Hadassah helped children make 75 friendship bracelets for children in Israeli hospitals
- ◆ Anita Kay's volunteers created 100 Red Cross comfort kits for victims of house fires
- ◆ Carole Martin and Haley Goldfeld helped volunteers create 50 Project Linus blankets for children
- ◆ Emily Theriot and Charlene Gubitz led PJ Library activities
- ◆ Teens developed a J-Serve book project for Christenberry Elementary School
- ◆ Children made their own tzedakah boxes
- ◆ And more

But one of the best numbers I have to report is that our local community generously pledged more than \$65,000 for the KJA 2013 Campaign.

Thanks EVERYONE for supporting this fantastic event, in spite of the snow!



(Top Right) Tifannie, Sophie and Ryan make Project Linus blankets for children in need at Mitzvah Day.

(Middle Right) Jenny Wood paints the AJCC Preschool hallway during the February 3 Mitzvah Day activities.

(Above) Ed Feldman was one of 17 blood donors at Mitzvah Day.

Charlene Gubitz leads PJ Library activities for preschoolers and parents.

Register Now for the Summer of Fun 2013

It is not too early to look at the AJCC summer camp and see how it fits with your summer plans. Join the AJCC as an annual or summer member and receive discounts on camp fees as you also enjoy the pool and tennis courts. Join by April 22, 2013 and receive a \$50 early bird discount on your AJCC Summer Membership.

Find 2013 Milton Collins Day Camp and Camp K'tonTon camp news, registration forms, and AJCC membership applications at www.jewishknoxville.org and locating the Summer Camp page. The KJA's new and secure web store (www.jewishknoxville.biz) makes it easy to pay your fees online, too. Because registration in Camp K'tonTon is limited due to DHS regulations, please check with Melissa Schweitzer at 963-8001 soon.

Camp and Pool News: Sarah Price returns as MCDC director and is joined by Stephanie Levin as assistant director and Margaret Gooze as associate director. Melissa Schweitzer will manage Camp K'tonTon. Anne Freeland is the AJCC Pool manager. Megan Edman and Fallon Parker are the Smokin' Salmon coaches and both look to another fun and great year. Chief camp volunteer is Justin Bell who works with Swim Team chair Heather Kirby in the volunteer oversight of our programs. British Challenger Soccer Camp (June 10-14) is available at www.challengersports.com.

Summer camp and pool staff jobs: Please visit the Summer Camp webpage for applications and apply now.

We are planning and looking forward to a great summer. The only thing missing is YOU!



Fallon Parker New Assistant Swim Coach

Fallon Parker is from Jefferson County and has been swimming since she was a baby. Currently a sophomore at Radford University in Virginia, she is studying environmental biology. Her future plans include specializing in marine biology and pollution. Last year she studied abroad in the U.S. Virgin Islands and did a research project on the distribution and abundance of several common shallow reef fish species. This year Fallon will be doing research in the Galapagos Islands.

For the six years before college, Fallon swam for Pilot Aquatic Club of Knoxville and also for Jefferson County High School. She holds a WSI (Water Safety Instructor), teaches swim lessons, and is a certified lifeguard. She is currently the student assistant coach at Radford University where she swam competitively. She is also a 12-year Smokin' Salmon alum!

According to Fallon, "The AJCC has been my home swim team since the age of 4 and I am more than pleased to be returning to coach another season. I look forward to having more fun than ever this 2013 summer season!"



Teachers Travel to Israel

Three Knoxville teachers traveled to Israel at the end of December as part of the Partnership 2gether program conducted by the Jewish Agency for Israel. Jessica Vose, KJDS, Matt Lauer, Webb School of Knoxville, and Laurie Fisher, TBE Religious School, met many Israeli students and teachers while learning about the educational system in Israel. Not a moment of their time was wasted on this jam-packed trip.

In addition to time spent in schools they also visited a kibbutz with a very special greenhouse learning environment, toured the Old City in Jerusalem, visited the Beit Hatfutsot (Museum of Jewish People/Diaspora Museum) in Tel Aviv, and met the children of Neve Michael Children's Village as well as many other places. The trip was invaluable for making connections to Israel and in understanding the importance of having strong connections between Israeli Jews and Diaspora Jews. They have much to learn from each other.

(Above) Laurie and Matt in the Cardo

(Left) Jessica at the Kibbutz Ein Shemer greenhouse

The Way We Weren't

The KJA Archives strives to maintain and preserve the history of our community, but sometimes we get it wrong. The caption that accompanies the photo in the print version of the February *Ha'Kol* is one such example. The caption has two errors: first, we mis-stated the order of the couples in the photograph. The correct order (from left to right) is: Max and Anne (nee **Shersky**) **Wolf**, Joe and Lilly (nee **Friedman**) **Epstein**, CB "Buster" and Ethel "Sister" (nee **Millen**) **Brown**, Herbert and Selma (nee **Friedman**) **Smullien**.



The second error is the place of the event. This was not at Hillvale, Knoxville's erstwhile Jewish country club off Alcoa Highway, but at the Andrew Johnson Hotel. The event was the Sweet Sixteen party of Pessa **Caller** (now **Brody**).

Many thanks to our alert readers for contributing these corrections.

Teen J-Serve Project Begins March 21

By Mary Ann Merrell, B'nai Tzedek Coordinator

A most enthusiastic and sincere THANK YOU to all of the teens who helped with the Christenberry Elementary School project at Mitzvah Day. This group did an outstanding job with planning and preparing and we are in great shape for making something wonderful happen with our J-Serve project this year.

Please mark your calendars for our J-Serve service date at Christenberry Elementary School on **Thursday, March 21 from 4:00- 6:30 p.m.** I will send additional information later on logistics and rides, activities we need your teens to help with, dinner plans, etc. but for now, I just wanted to ask you all to set aside this date. Even if you were not at Mitzvah Day or are not actively involved with any of the J-Serve organizations (BBG, AZA, B'nai Tzedek), please consider joining us for this once-a-year opportunity to make a difference!

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Jeff and Debbie Abrams-Cohen

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(Right) **Anna Iroff** has been named as the Camp Tikkun Olam chaperone to Israel for this summer. Anna, program alumna, will be contacting eligible Knoxville youth to make the trip. Spend two weeks in Israel and two weeks in the United States with your Israeli counterparts in Hadera. The program is supported by the Israel Partnership Committee and your gifts to the Knoxville Jewish Alliance Annual Campaign.



B'nai Tzedek Teen Philanthropy Fund Holders: Meet Your Foundation!

We have a great program planned for Fund Holders and your parents! We will meet over lunch and learn about what “thoughtful giving” means and how the East Tennessee Foundation is a key and important partner in our success. Even though we may use different words, we are a valued part of a broader network here in East Tennessee that is tied together by the spirit of *Tikkun Olam*. Come to this special event and learn how you make a difference!

When: Sunday, March 3 from 1:00 – 2:30 p.m.

Where: The East Tennessee Foundation, 625 Market Street, Suite 1400

Who Should Come: B'nai Tzedek Fund Holders *and* their Parents

Featured Speaker: Michael McClamroch, President of the East Tennessee Foundation

Please RSVP: by March 1 to Mary Ann Merrell at 690-6343 or mamerrell@jewishknoxville.org. If you have any special dietary restrictions, need a ride to the Foundation from religious school, or have any questions, let us know.

Suzy Snoops

- ◆ Congratulations to **Judy and Norman Teasley** on birth of grandson, **Charles Albert Eisenstadt**.
- ◆ Mazel tov to **Josh Gettinger** and **Barb Levin** on the birth of grandchild **Nora Claire Nelles**.
- ◆ **Ethan Sturm** made area high school bowling history recently when the Webb School of Knoxville senior became the first male from the PrepXtra coverage area to win a TSSAA state bowling championship. His total pinfall of 1,774 over two days turned out to be 34 more than the runner-up, and Sturm took the Division II boys' individual championship.
- ◆ At the recent BBYO Convention in Memphis, the State of the Region addresses were given by **Aaron Chasan** of Rabbi Isaac Winick AZA and **Ariel Yazdian** of Music City BBG (outgoing regional presidents). **Winick AZA** received two programming awards: first place for Evening at Chabad and third place for Winick in the Woods.
- ◆ **Blake Parsons, Nathan Rosen, Isaac Shefner, David Hecht, Abram Hanford, Shelley Mangold, and Reneé Hyatt** marched as Jewish community representatives during the 2013 MLK, Jr. Day Parade. (Photo above)



(Above) Reneé Hyatt, Diana Steinfeld-Hicks and Jenifer Ohriner watch as Deborah Oleshansky and Bernie Rosenblatt cut the ribbon to open the Windows of Identity exhibit



(Right) Adam Brown admires one of the art pieces in the Windows of Identity exhibit



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The KJCFE version of the 4 questions

How can you make this Passover different from other Passovers?

- How do I start a donor-advised fund?** A fund can be established with a tax-deductible contribution of cash, securities, or other property to the KJCFE. Then, based on your recommendations, the KJCFE both invests the funds and may make grants in the name of your fund to charitable, cultural or educational organizations you wish to support.
- How do I start a designated fund?** You have the opportunity to preserve our Jewish legacy, ensuring that our vision and values go on by providing a gift of designated or restricted funds to the KJCFE. Designated funds can be created to support Heska Amuna Synagogue, the Jewish Congregation of Oak Ridge, and the Knoxville Jewish Alliance, among others.
- How do I contribute to an existing fund?** The KJCFE has existing funds to support a variety of different purposes, whether it is a local Jewish organization, cultural events, mental health resources, seniors, or many other charitable goals. Contributing to existing KJCFE funds is a wonderful way to honor or memorialize a loved one. Checks should be made out to KJCFE with the name of the fund in the memo line (or in an accompanying memo).
- How do I make arrangements to leave a legacy gift, which can either add to an existing fund or create a new fund?** Through planned giving options such as charitable bequests, charitable remainder trusts, charitable gift annuities, and charitable lead trusts, you can make a gift to the KJCFE to perpetuate your legacy.

Grants

- ◆ Heska Amuna Syagogue received a grant from the Sylvia Robinson Memorial Fund to support the September 2012 Kol Nidre musical performance.

Donations

B'nai Tzedek Fund of Arielle Rosen

In honor of Arielle's Bat Mitzvah

Drs. René Hyatt and Paul Erwin

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In honor of Atticus's Bar Mitzvah

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David Butler

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

Mazel Tov!

Heska Amuna Synagogue

Happy Anniversary!

Amy and David Hull
Susan and Marc Forman
Sally and Jeff Baerman
Marilyn and Isadore Abrams
Rachel and Chris Hale
Jill and Doug Weinstein



Happy Birthday!

◆ Anita Merlin
◆ Manny Herz
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◆ Larry Leibowitz



All members whose birthday or anniversary occurs in March are invited to receive a blessing at kiddush on Shabbat morning, March 10.

TEMPLE BETH EL

Happy Birthday!

◆ Robert Kronick ◆ Robert Pollack ◆ Leona Spritz ◆ Noah Erwin
◆ Kieron Applegate ◆ Mark Frankel ◆ Ivan Brody ◆ Vicki Sebold
◆ Heather Sandberg ◆ Elizabeth Austin ◆ Eilam Clayman
◆ Richard Licht ◆ Bruce Bursten ◆ Charlene Gubitz ◆ Kathy Young
◆ Jan Elston ◆ Henry Fribourg ◆ Maria Shusterman ◆ Zackary Snow
◆ Stuart Elston ◆ Jay Frankel ◆ Maurice Greif ◆ Amy Rosenberg
◆ Sherry Schoenfeld ◆ Grace Wilson ◆ Peter Branton ◆ Lisa Polsky
◆ Beth Applegate ◆ Charolette Evans ◆ Kaye Goodfriend
◆ Ronald Sebold ◆ Elizabeth Noon ◆ Allan Gerson ◆ Gregory Stein
◆ Gabrielle Goodfriend ◆ Daniel Hookman ◆ Jessica Rosenberg
◆ Matthew Lauer ◆ Daniel Wohl ◆ Nancy Altshuler ◆ Mark Barkan
◆ Allan Schoenfeld ◆ Ryan Gibbons

Happy Anniversary!

Joe and Charlene Oleinik
Jeff and Lorie Hirsh
Ilya and Bella Saфро
Mark and Irina Abrams
Tom and Charolette Evans



JAHRZEIT

TEMPLE BETH EL

March 8

◆ Robert Loebel ◆ Martin Andrew Koplan ◆ David Solomon Striner ◆ Stewart Crosier ◆ Sylvia Kessler Robinson ◆ Rosa Kern
 ◆ William Brody ◆ Leonard D Licht ◆ Julia Markman ◆ Anna Wallace Rosenbloom

March 15

◆ Morris Friedman ◆ Jacob Katz ◆ Fay Wansker ◆ Anna Kolodkin Bush ◆ Germaine Kern

March 22

◆ Augustine Bressler ◆ Sarah S. Steinberg ◆ Bertha Schoenfeld Goldberger ◆ Lester Popkin ◆ Hyman Markowitz ◆ Isaac Bressler

March 29

◆ Paul Davis Friedman ◆ Yetta F. Manis Speert ◆ Lillian Richer ◆ Gordon Brown ◆ Edith Ivins

April 5

◆ Sarah Hannah Licht ◆ Sam Chandler ◆ Morris Goodfriend ◆ Simon Sunshine

Heska Amuna Synagogue

March 2

◆ Pauline Botnick ◆ Bessie Greenbaum ◆ Esther Kisilinsky ◆ Bessie Liberman ◆ Jane Siegel ◆ Rae Weisberg ◆ Sarah Zwick-Daum
 ◆ Dorothy Rothman ◆ Max Burnett ◆ Daniel Goldberg ◆ Albert Goodstein ◆ Betty Gubitz ◆ Eli Yatsko ◆ Louis Rosen ◆ Dora Green
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 ◆ Stephanie Routman ◆ Norma Herz ◆ Irving Bayer ◆ Donald Brown ◆ Samuel Jacobs ◆ Max Rubenstein ◆ Lazar Schwartz
 ◆ Isaac Slovis

March 9

◆ Meyer Cohen ◆ Paul Kanfer ◆ Bernard Kronenberg ◆ Joslyn Presser ◆ Rebecca Reznick ◆ Sarah Robinson ◆ Jacob Winick
 ◆ Monte Kaplan ◆ Caroline Nadler ◆ Caroline Schwartz ◆ Sol Winer ◆ Sally Brownstein ◆ Lillian Kantor ◆ Pearl Meyers
 ◆ Theodore Nius ◆ Morris Bart ◆ Frances Schanowitz ◆ Gordon Brown ◆ Mary Brown ◆ Ida Finestone ◆ Harold Leibowitz
 ◆ Margaruite Mandell ◆ Lillian Richer

March 16

◆ Mazeltov Benhayon ◆ Joseph Imbrey ◆ Matilda Davis ◆ Jacob Katz ◆ Casper Perelman ◆ Melvin Robinson ◆ Max Weinstein
 ◆ Philip Baggish ◆ Sam Chandler ◆ David Renert ◆ Esther Thompson ◆ Lillian Weinbren ◆ Jack Rosenberg ◆ Miles Siegel
 ◆ Julius Binder ◆ Ida Fenrow ◆ Isadore Wender ◆ Israel Cohen ◆ Pearl Collins ◆ Celia Danenberg ◆ David Krauss

March 23

◆ Dale Hasden ◆ Esther Kimerling ◆ Molly Chazen ◆ Bessie Green ◆ Dorothy Iove-Krause ◆ Gertrude Roth ◆ Yetta Rosenfield
 ◆ Rose Belaief ◆ David Hecht ◆ Phillip Slusher ◆ Luna Anidjar ◆ Sylvia Blumenthal ◆ Arthur Jay

March 30

◆ Harry Brietstein ◆ Samuel Brody ◆ Harry Cohen ◆ Arthur Hahn ◆ Norbert Slovis ◆ Gustav Levi ◆ Yetta Licht ◆ Frances Klavans
 ◆ Don Wittenberg ◆ Abe Emelfarb ◆ Charles Goldstein ◆ Minnie Isaacs ◆ Rebecca Mendelowitz ◆ Israel Farkas ◆ Martin Ginsburg
 ◆ Michael Belaief ◆ Bessie Silverman ◆ Peggy Ades ◆ Isadore Finkelstein

Jewish Congregation of Oak Ridge

March 2

◆ Esther Kitzes ◆ Norman Aaron Schain ◆ Blanche Wichner ◆ Sarah Plotkin ◆ Sonya Sweet

March 10

◆ Ida Fine ◆ Abraham Auerbach ◆ Sarah Kastenbaum ◆ Sidney M. Wolfe ◆ Chaya Anna Levitan ◆ Eugene Blumenthal ◆ Sam Feldman
 ◆ Montague Wickline ◆ Beatrice Binder ◆ Herman Halbert ◆ Carl Weitz ◆ Leonore Gray ◆ Bernard Hoffman ◆ Morris David Krauss

March 17

◆ Matilda Rudo ◆ Peter Holz ◆ George Jacobs ◆ Bernard Landau ◆ Sima Zelmanovich ◆ Jennie Volkin

March 24

◆ Volodia Zelmanovich ◆ Frank Roth ◆ Helen Landau Hayes ◆ Blanche Roth ◆ Samuel Kastenbaum ◆ Beatrice Kline ◆ Beni Toledano
 ◆ Martin Ginsburg ◆ Doris Slutsky ◆ David Berman ◆ Roy Spiegel

March 31

◆ Florence Smiley ◆ Louis Henry Sturm ◆ Rabbi Jerome Mark

Jewish Congregation of Oak Ridge



From the President's Corner

By Sig Mosko

As I write these notes, we are in mid winter, but when they appear in the next *Ha'Kol*, it will be nearly springtime. Our Ah-Men Feast and our Purim celebration will just be memories.

Several people are already hard at work preparing for these important events. Hilary Shreter is taking charge of the Ah-Men Feast and the pieces are falling into place. Mark Kaye is serving as the master chef once more. Bruce Tomkins will be leading the famous "singing waiters." They are hardly able to sing, but their effort is always lots of fun! Fran Silver has been lining up our entertainment which will really be outstanding. Hopefully, many of you were able to join us and are enjoying your treasures from the white elephant auction.

March 2013



Upcoming Events

Friday, March 8, 6:30 p.m.

Friday night service, potluck dinner to follow

Saturday, March 30

after the Shabbat Morning Services, Study Session – *A new twist in the 'Who is a Jew?' question*

Saturday, April 6, 7:00 p.m.

Jewish Film Series, *Bonjour Monsieur Shlomi* – Israel, 2003, 94 min., Unrated, in Hebrew with English subtitles.

"Shlomi is a caretaker of everyone in his family. He also cooks each family member's favorite meal to keep them on an even keel. Problem is, Shlomi's pretty much invisible to those he cares for -- until a math test at school catches the attention of Shlomi's teacher, who suspects that a unique personality lies behind that dormant facade."

Hosts and Hostesses

If you need to make an exchange, do so, and call Marilyn Rudo at 482-3522.

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| March 2 | Yardena and Moshe Yair, Berthe Weitsman |
| March 8 | Penny Lukin, Judy Raman, Rhonda and Ron Sternfels |
| March 9 | Bruce Tomkins, Reeve and Marvin Abraham |
| March 16 | Elena and Carlos Bamberger, Emilie and Steve Berger |
| March 23 | Ronnie and Jim Bogard, Catherine and Jerry Braunstein |
| March 30 | PASSOVER - Linda and Zane Bell, Becky and George Charles |

Sisterhood Happenings

We're very happy with the turnout of members and their families for Friday night services. Mark your calendars for our next service on March 8 at 6:30 p.m.

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Torah Fund cards will be mailed for all occasions. Call Eileen Handler at 482-1341 or Brenda Mosko at 483-9463.

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COMMUNITY SEDER

MARCH 25

(THE FIRST NIGHT OF PASSOVER)

6:00 P.M.

JCOR, 101 WEST MADISON LANE, OAK RIDGE

Join us for a traditional Passover Seder and meal.
Relax and celebrate the holiday with your family and friends. All guests are welcome.

FOOD, FAMILY, MUSIC, AND JOY

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The sitting is limited to 100 participants,
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Adults	\$36.00
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Family cap	\$108.00
Since this is also a JCOR fundraiser, any additional contributions are accepted and appreciated	



Checks should be made out to *JCOR Passover Seder*
 All reservations (with checks!) must be received by **March 11, 2013**
 Please contact Rabbi Victor Rashkovsky
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Hadassah Highlights

Hadassah's

Chicken-less Soup for the SOLE

(no chickens were harmed while cooking for this program)



Sunday

March 3rd

2:00pm

Hosted at the home of
Jenny Wood,
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*Bring your favorite family recipe to
share, dairy or pareve dishes
only please, and a warm
story of the ones you love who
taught you to make it.*

Important Message from National President Marcie Natan



Dear Friends,

Three months ago, Hadassah dedicated the Sarah Wetsman Davidson Hospital Tower in Jerusalem, a seven year, \$363-million project that will help keep Israel in the forefront of global medical care and research. But, even as we realize our largest building project in the past half century, we are also facing financial challenges at Hadassah Medical Organization (HMO), challenges similar to those faced by other hospitals in Israel. We project that in 2013 there will be a cash flow shortfall of approximately \$50 million.

HMO has a sterling reputation and an annual budget of \$500 million, but protecting its future requires strengthening its financial structure. With this in mind, the HMO Board, with the support of

Hadassah, the Women's Zionist Organization of America, Inc. (HWZOA), intends to retain a highly-regarded, independent consulting firm, with offices in the U.S. and Israel, to develop a plan to improve the financial performance of HMO while maintaining current high levels of health care and research in the region. The firm will analyze finances, accounting policies, administration and cost centers and will explore strategies for reducing expenses and increasing revenue. Based on its review, it will make recommendations on how our medical center can maintain its record of excellence while achieving greater efficiency. During the period of assessment, the consultants will identify some cost improvements that will be implemented immediately. After their report is completed, full implementation will begin.

HWZOA has been monitoring the financial situation of HMO. When we became increasingly aware of the cash flow status, we sent a team of HWZOA's Chief Financial Officer and an outside consultant to Israel several times to work with the hospital staff to analyze the situation and prepare recommendations to the HMO Board, including staff reductions through attrition and early retirement, postponing plans for non-essential services, and supply chain cost reductions.

At this time we have also been informed of the resignation by Prof. Ehud Kokia as Director General of HMO. Prof. Kokia said: "When I arrived at HMO I had a different understanding of the challenges facing the organization. Given the changed circumstances I feel that this is a time for a different kind of leadership." Prof. Kokia will remain at HMO for at least three months to allow time to help with the transition to a new Director General. A Search Committee will be put into place immediately.

During the transition period, Gen. Esti Dominissini, Chairman of the HMO Board, will be the go-to person for any dealings with the turnaround firm. If there are any immediate solutions for cost cutting identified and approved, she will also be the person to oversee their implementation. Ms. Dominissini will be dealing with the Government for additional funds for HMO as she was instrumental in addressing the threat of losing VAT funds.

We are more committed than ever to provide world class medical care and pioneering research. HMO is the jewel in our crown. We will all need to pull together now to strengthen this gem by supporting the HMO Board in its engagement of internationally renowned financial consultants, considering an infusion of funds to bridge the financial gap until HMO is back on its feet, and continuing to extend our generosity to the ongoing needs of the Tower, breakthrough research and state of the art equipment.

Our effort to ensure a more fiscally stable medical center is critical to Hadassah's Nobel Prize-nominated mission of building bridges to peace, to our commitment to serve over 1 million citizens annually from the greater Jerusalem area alone, and to our goal of instituting greater self sufficiency at HMO.

I thank all of you for your understanding, support and continued commitment.

Hadassah Highlights

Knoxville Chapter of Hadassah

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Help Israel By Purchasing Tree or Water Certificates

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

One Tree - \$15

Ten Trees - \$150 (Circle of Trees)

Fifty Trees - \$750 (Garden of Trees)

Yes, you can help Israel simply by contacting Marian Jay and purchasing a tree certificate for \$15.00 or a much needed water certificate for \$18.00. You may designate a name for either certificate in memory of someone, sending get well wishes to an individual, in honor of a birthday, anniversary, birth, marriage, engagement or someone's accomplishment. Israel is always in need of trees and water. Please help the forests by planting a tree and helping the trees grow in Israel by giving them some water. You can call Marian at 524-8234, mail your request and a check to her at P.O. Box 10983, Knoxville, TN. 37939 or email Marian at mayfayjay@aol.com to arrange for a tree or water certificate to be sent out for you.

Hadassah Book Club News

We'll meet Tuesday evening, March 19, 7:30 p.m. at Barnes and Noble Book Store on Kingston Pike in the snack bar area, to discuss *The Chaperone* by Laura Moriarty.

The Chaperone is a captivating novel about the woman who chaperoned an irreverent Louise Brooks to New York City in 1922 and the summer that would change them both.

Only a few years before becoming a famous silent-film star and an icon of her generation, a fifteen-year-old Louise Brooks leaves Wichita, Kansas, to study with the prestigious Denishawn School of Dancing in New York. Much to her annoyance, she is accompanied by a 36-year-old chaperone, who is neither mother nor friend. Cora Carlisle, a complicated but traditional woman with her own reasons for making the trip, has no idea what she's in for. Young Louise, already stunningly beautiful and sporting her famous black bob with blunt bangs, is known for her arrogance and her lack of respect for convention. Ultimately, the five weeks they spend together will transform their lives forever.

For Cora, the city holds the promise of discovery that might answer the question at the core of her being, and even as she does her best to watch over Louise in this strange and bustling place she embarks on a mission of her own. And while what she finds isn't what she anticipated, she is liberated in a way she could not have imagined. Over the course of Cora's relationship with Louise, her eyes are opened to the promise of the twentieth century and a new understanding of the possibilities for being fully alive.

*Drawing on the rich history of the 1920s, '30s, and beyond—from the orphan trains to Prohibition, flappers, and the onset of the Great Depression to the burgeoning movement for equal rights and new opportunities for women—Laura Moriarty's *The Chaperone* illustrates how rapidly everything, from fashion and hemlines to values and attitudes, was changing at this time and what a vast difference it all made for Louise Brooks, Cora Carlisle, and others like them.*

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

Thank You Notes

To the Board and members of the Knoxville Chapter of Hadassah,

Thank You. I am honored and deeply moved to have been selected as our Chapter's Centennial Woman. The framed Commemorative Israeli stamp sits on my office desk next to my laptop. The title of the volume presented to me that Sunday afternoon, *Real Stories of Hadassah Life Changing Moments*, sums up the impact of Hadassah has had on my life. The values and priorities, the life-saving work of Hadassah, were a match for my own priorities and concerns as a young adult. I have learned so much, gained skills, working with wonderful, bright, committed women – true role models. It is a joy to watch our Chapter continue to nurture new leaders, to experience the energy and commitment of our members. Thanks to each of you, and to everyone who added their Mazal Tov! in our beautiful new Directory. "May you go from strength to strength." Thank you!

Mary Linda Schwarzbart

Layettes

By Judi Abrams

The following Layettes are still open and awaiting your name so they can be mailed out! Please send me an e-mail to jmksal@aol.com to add your name to the following:

- ◆ Rabbi Alon and Karen Ferency on the birth of their son **Avishai Shapira Ferency**
- ◆ Todd and Julia Galanti on the birth of their son **Jaron Myles Galanti**
- ◆ Mary Beth and Michael Eisenstadt and Judy and Norman Teasley on the birth of their grandson **Charles Albert Eisenstadt**
- ◆ Neil and Linda Feld on the birth of their grandson **Jacob Asher Kaplan**
- ◆ Bella and Boris Budik on the birth of their grandson **David Budik** in Jerusalem, Israel.
- ◆ Drs. Barb Levin and Josh Gettinger on the birth of their newest granddaughter, **Nora Claire Nelles**
- ◆ Mazel Tov to Rabbi Matt Michaels on the birth of his second grandchild.

Thanks for your support of this Hadassah program.

Hadassah Advocacy

Hadassah Advocacy was founded on two principles—that, as American citizens and Zionists, Hadassah members must work to strengthen both the United States and Israel, and by extension the ties between the two nations and their people.

In keeping with these imperatives, Hadassah Advocacy — which includes American Affairs and Israel, Zionist and International Affairs (IZAIA) — promotes civic engagement and advocates for foreign and domestic policies in line with Hadassah's platform of Policy Statements.

Hadassah stays current with domestic policy issues on topics such as hate crimes, anti-Semitism, reproductive choice, genetic discrimination and more. Hadassah stands in solidarity with Israel by advocating for issues critical to the Jewish people, such as Middle East peace and Israeli national security.

Hadassah's 300,000 Members, Associates and supporters—found in every Congressional district across the country—take action by participating in exciting local advocacy programs and activities across the country.

Hadassah: Renowned in Noninvasive Removal of Kidney Stones

Dr. Mordechai Duvdevani, Director of Lithotripsy and Endo-Urology at the Hadassah Medical Center

One of the first hospitals in the world to acquire a lithotripter--which revolutionized the elimination of kidney stones with noninvasive shock wave therapy—the Hadassah Medical Center today houses the largest Kidney Stone Treatment Center in Israel.

Since 1985 when Hadassah began treating patients with shock wave lithotripsy, the Center has retired its first unit, replacing it in August 2010 with the more sophisticated Dornier Gemini lithotripter. The new machine causes less discomfort to patients and requires milder sedation. Where previously patients needed to be placed in a special bath for the treatment, they now undergo the hour procedure fully clothed, lying on a bed.

Hadassah's lithotripsy patients have ranged from a five-year-old girl who had a large stone in her right kidney, to a middle-aged woman with a renal pelvis stone, to a 107-year-old man who developed a stone in the upper part of his ureter. The middle-aged woman had been originally scheduled for surgery at another hospital to remove the stone, but decided to seek a second opinion at Hadassah. While Dr. Duvdevani, Director of Hadassah's Lithotripsy and Endo-Urology units, agreed that the size and location of the stone did make the woman a candidate for surgery, he suggested that she try one lithotripsy treatment to see if surgery could be avoided. Dr. Duvdevani dilated her ureter by inserting a stent, which also created an easier exit for the stone fragments. The lithotripsy proved successful in shattering the stone, which within four weeks passed out normally through her urine.

Dr. Duvdevani serves on a seven-member international committee that determines which medical centers throughout the world will be authorized to conduct fellowships in endo-urology, thereby shaping this specialty for the future. The Endo-Urological Society has authorized Hadassah to be the first non-American/non-European Medical Center to conduct fellowships in endo-urology. The first fellow to train at Hadassah is a physician from India.

Israeli Culture Includes Delicious Foods

By Karen B. Feit

Many of us can remember when a trip to Israel was a culinary trial. The coffee was affectionately called “Café Nes,” the cheese choices included yellow, white, salty, or cottage, and, other than challah, the bread was forgettable. Schnitzel was the meat of choice, and tourists often travelled with cans of tuna and jars of peanut butter.

Those were the bad old days. It is a real monument to the culinary sophistication of today's Israel when, in one month, a cookbook co-authored by two Israelis is favorably reviewed in the *Huffington Post*, the *Jerusalem Post*, the *Jewish Review of Books*, the *New York Times*, and countless food blogs and websites. *Jerusalem: A Cookbook* by Yotam Ottolenghi and Sami Tamimi. Native Jerusalemites, the authors, a Jew and an Arab respectively, capture the fusion of cultures present in their hometown in 120 recipes replete with photos and anecdotes. Israeli author Janna Gur has also offered a handsome and toothsome introduction to eating in Israel in *The Book of New Israeli Food: A Culinary Journey*. **

Both books are equally at home on the kitchen counter and the coffee table. I have cooked from the Gur book, and can vouch for the ease of preparation and quality of its recipes. My copy of *Jerusalem* arrived too late for me to cook from it for this article, but, I can assure you that I will be doing so in short order!

Machane Yehuda, the venerable shuk in Jerusalem, is known for the potpourri of produce, spices, baked goods, and various sundries offered for sale in its crowded stalls. Today it is also home artisanal bakeries and at least two gourmet cheese shops. Tucked away in its alleyways *cognoscenti* find excellent restaurants as well.

While one can still enjoy Israeli street food including *shawarma*, *falafel*, and *bourekas*, along with the grills on skewers and kebabs served with assorted *salatim* and *pitot*, Israelis now flock to various sushi restaurants. They share information about the best new gourmet food emporia in neighborhoods like Neve Tzedek in Tel Aviv, and patronize their favorite coffee bars, while arguing the merits of each one's espresso. Both Aroma and Max Brenner have opened popular outposts in New York! The explosion of food trends and restaurants in Israel today rivals major cities around the globe.

Just recently, many of us vicariously enjoyed a culinary tour of Jerusalem with former National President Deborah Kaplan and her daughter, National Board Member Miriam Aron, as they posted photos of their recent trip, challenging their facebook friends to guess which popular restaurant they were patronizing for dinner. Israeli cuisine has come a long way!

Consider researching and trying modern Israeli cuisine for yourself. Try recipes from Israeli cookbooks. Check out the food column in the International edition of the *Jerusalem Post*. Invite a chef to do a food demo for your chapter, or plan and prepare an Israeli menu for a chapter event. B'tayavon!

**Two other Hadassah cookbooks which are beautifully illustrated are *The Hadassah Everyday Cookbook*, published by Universe. 2011, available thru Amazon, and *The Hadassah Jewish Holiday Cookbook*, published by Hugh Lauter Levin. 2002



Stanford Eisenberg Knoxville Jewish Day School

Where Did You Go For Winter Break?

How exciting to be back after a long winter break! To celebrate our return we mapped out all the states and countries we, as a KJDS family, travelled to. One teacher and one student travelled all the way to Israel! We also had students and teachers who travelled to ten different states. So much fun to hear how everyone spent their vacation!



Heidi putting her pin on the world map

A Jumping January Kids' Night Out!

Our kids were treated to their second Kids' Night Out at Premier Athletics. Kids had a blast jumping on trampolines, walking on balance beams, swinging on ropes, falling into foam pits, bouncing in a bounce house and doing cart wheels on the mats. An extra bonus to the evening was having BBYO counselors there to help the kids and make the night extra special. We took a pause from all the tumbling to enjoy a Havdallah service together. The kids truly love Kids' Night Out and we will definitely have more in the future!



A fun night at Premier Athletics



KJDS students celebrate Mr. Markman's birthday. What a special opportunity to thank him for his weekly visits which are always eagerly awaited



The kindergarteners have been working on understanding patterns using colors, shapes or objects. They even learned to understand growing patterns and created their own

KJDS Teacher Spends Her Holiday Break in Israel

KJDS 2nd/3rd grade teacher, Jessica Vose, traveled to Israel for winter break and had a fantastic experience. She writes about her inspiring trip below:

“Over winter break I had the greatest opportunity: to travel to Israel as part of the educator’s delegation, sponsored by the Knoxville Jewish Alliance. All thanks to the generous support of the Knoxville Jewish Community Family of Funds, specifically the Becker Family Fund.

Honestly, before the trip I was a little nervous: going to a country that has tensions, me experiencing for the first time being in the minority, not being Jewish, and going by myself not knowing anyone else in the group. But once I arrived all the nerves were quickly settled by the warm welcome I received. The Israeli people are so warm and their culture so loving that they took me in and treated me as if I were family. I quickly saw the beauty of Israel all around me with the warm weather, gorgeous flowers and fruits, and the relaxing ocean right outside my hotel. Our Israeli guides took our group of teachers (who were from all over the southeastern United States) to Jerusalem, Casearea, Tel Aviv, Hadera, Haifa, Masada, the Dead Sea, and to little villages called Kibbutzem.

While the whole trip was wonderful, the beginning was my favorite part. We started in the Hadera region of Israel. Since this was an educators’ delegation, we were shown several education programs started in that area and we discussed the opportunity to partner with the participating schools and apply similar activities. For example, we visited a greenhouse that has an after school enrichment program which teaches the kids about plant life through experiments and art projects. We also saw a wonderful and original

extra-curricular music program. We had several workshops discussing ways to partner the American and Israeli schools to allow our students to connect.

While in Hadera I had a wonderful opportunity to visit a particular school, the Alonim Elementary School. When I arrived the whole school had put together a performance with songs and skits for my visit! I was very touched. Then came the best part: spending time in the classrooms interacting with the students. Everyone was excited to hear about my life in Knoxville. They even made cards for my students back at KJDS.

Over Shabbat each educator was matched up with an Israeli family to stay with. I was matched up with a wonderful family. They made me feel completely at home half way across the world. We went to Casearea and saw ancient ruins from thousands of years ago. I loved seeing the ancient history and feeling the old stories all around me.

We finished our journey in Israel by sight-seeing in Jerusalem and Tel Aviv. When I returned to KJDS the students were so excited to hear about my travels and learn about Israel through my stories. We are working on keeping the lines of

communication going between Alonim Elementary School and KJDS. Our first partnership project is for Tu B’shvat: the 2nd/3rd grade class recently raised money to send to their new friends so that they can plant a tree sponsored by KJDS students in their courtyard. We are planning several other partnership projects, such as sending video messages and letters back and forth. Some other ideas we’re working on are a joint book club and a stuffed animal journal to send back and forth.

I hope my travels have helped inspire my students to keep open minds, to travel and love learning about other cultures, people and places. I left Israel with a new favorite place and new friends in my heart.”



Ms. Jessica enjoying her time in Israel



In honor of Tu B’shvat Ms. Jessica’s 2nd/3rd grade class raised money to have their pen pal Israeli class plant a tree in the Alonim School in Hadeira. The students hosted a no-uniform, crazy hair day at KJDS to raise money! How exciting to see our students’ excitement and the response from their Israeli friends to this partnership. The mayor of Hadera came to the school’s Tu B’shvat celebration as they planted their new olive tree.

Students Conduct Research in Many Forms

Research is vibrant at KJDS! Students in all grade levels have been developing questions based on their curiosity about different topics. They have then been investigating, collecting information, and reflecting on that information to create different types of projects that show what they have learned.

First grade recently completed an inquiry research project. Inquiry research topics evolve from student questions as opposed to topics which have been assigned by a teacher. First the students spent some time entering their unique questions into personal “wonder” journals. After looking at the collections of questions, it was determined that many of the students had questions about space; in particular regarding the sun and moon, the planets, black holes and a few other phenomena. The students broke up into inquiry groups and began reading a myriad of books brought in on these subtopics. In an effort to allow for more effective and efficient reading, the students received many mini-lessons on the conventions of non-fiction text. The students additionally found useful information on a number of websites including kidsastronomy.com, planetsforkids.org, and nationalgeographic.com. This research phase lasted almost two weeks and then the groups had to choose a format for presenting their information. The planet group presented their facts via a student written play called “The Planet Pageant.” To present facts about the moon, the sun and moon group wrote and performed a song in the style of Taylor Swift. Black hole information was presented in a one-person skit. Facts on meteors and asteroids were shared poster-style. The students are already asking about when their next research project can be started!

Not to be outdone, the 2nd/3rd grade class has also been heavily researching! One group read non-fiction books from the series, *Picture the Past*. Each student was responsible for reading a book and taking notes. They then discussed how to find the main idea of a selection and how to write notes in their own words. The students used their notes along with Microsoft Publisher to create a brochure about their topic which displayed what they had learned.

The other 2nd/3rd grade group read the book, *The Sign of the Beaver*. After reading it, the students wanted to learn more about Native Americans, so each student chose a different tribe to research. Each student read print and online resources and recorded notes about their tribe. Students found information on their tribes' food, environment, beliefs, homes, music and art. Students then wrote a report incorporating their notes. Students learned about writing introduction paragraphs, topic sentences and organizing their information into a flowing paper. In conjunction with their written reports, they created dioramas that represented their tribes' homes and locations and also crafted a piece of “tribal” art based on their research.

The Fourth and Fifth grade class has been researching major figures of the early 20th century, such as Andrew Carnegie and JP Morgan. They focused on the legacy these famous Americans left and their character as far as business practices and labor. They then created PowerPoint presentations as media to share their research.



Students enjoyed creating a 'Partzuf Peirot' – Fruit face in celebration of Tu B'shvat. After naming all of the fruit in Hebrew they had a creative ball!

Stanford Eisenberg Knoxville Jewish Day School

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The Way We Were ca 2001-2002



AJCC Preschool Thanksgiving Pilgrims

Left to right: Eli **Derrington** (son of Knoxvilleians Keith Derrington and Susan **Baker**), Hunter **Lowentritt** (son of former Knoxvilleian Louis "Tripper" **Lowentritt**), Brandon **Messing** (son of Knoxvilleians Daniel and Karen **Messing**), Jacob **Messing** (son of Knoxvilleians Michael **Messing** and Joyce **York**).

Send your photos of "The Way We Were" to archives@jewishknoxville.org