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The Hummingbird & Savoring Summer

By Rabbi Mathew D. Michaels



When one of my twins Mindy was growing up, she was fascinated by hummingbirds. We had to have a feeder in one of the trees in the backyard and she would get so excited when one of the hummingbirds “stopped by for a nosh.” As a matter of fact, she had a collection of glass hummingbirds. Jewish tradition teaches us that every one of God’s creations was placed on the earth for a purpose. Every creation has a lesson to teach us, and it is our job to learn.

Whenever I see a hummingbird, I cannot help but feel that this magical little creature is one of God’s most beautiful and fascinating creations. It is the tiniest bird in the world, sometimes weighing as little as a single penny. Yet, as small as it may be, it is capable of some mind-boggling feats. With robotic precision it can suspend itself mid-air, fly forward, backward, sideways and even upside down. It can fly up to 60 miles an hour as it darts in and out of our field of vision. In order to fly with such seamlessness, the hummingbird must beat its

wings anywhere between 70 to 200 times per second. This constant motion demands an ongoing need to feed, driving the hummingbird to eat an average of seven times an hour, consuming as much as eight times its body weight each day.

If you are like Mindy or me, the mere sight of a hummingbird is completely mesmerizing. Like fireflies that pop on and off against the backdrop of a darkening sky, hummingbirds are magical. They come and go so quickly that they do not seem real and, yet, when they hover over a flower collecting nectar, time seems to stand still.

Sometimes we can be like this as well. On busy days it can feel as if we zip in and out of situations just long enough to collect the nectar of our lives before we are off to the next task on our list of things to do. Sometimes we zip in and out of things so quickly that it seems like we were never even there, and this can be exhausting.

As the summer months unfold, we might glean the following lesson from seemingly effortless flight of the hummingbirds that dart in and out of the flowers around Knoxville. The finest nectar is savored when we work hard to suspend ourselves in time. Savor the summer and renew your soul each Shabbat!

23 Tamuz—24 Av, 5773

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President’s Message

By Stu Elston

What a difference a year makes!

We have successfully navigated a rabbinic transition. Our sanctuary is filled with excited and engaged congregants. We have just completed our most successful auction in recent (perhaps in all) Temple history. Our new Tree of Life has been installed and is a breathtaking addition to our Temple’s lobby. We are planning a facelift for the remainder of the lobby, and we are preparing to celebrate our 150th anniversary next year.

I take credit for none of this – the hard work that led to these great things was that of others too numerous to name in this short piece, but I *kvell* for them. There’s more – I’ve completed the year I originally committed to as president of this fine Temple, have discovered it’s not as scary as I expected, and have agreed to serve for a second year like most everyone before me. The next people in line for the presidency (Liz Gassel and Ellen Markman) have also agreed (at least for now) to serve two-year terms, because it makes sense. There’s also more work to do, of course, and I hope you will join me in shouldering the load as we embark on yet another year, I pray another great year, in the life of Temple Beth El.

It's Time for Sisterhood at Temple Beth El

By Karen Smith and Kathy Young, Sisterhood Co-Presidents

Mazel tov to the new Sisterhood Board members. They were installed at "Sisterhood Goes Out" on May 9 when Sisterhood members enjoyed a fun evening at Copper Cellar Restaurant that included dinner, an installation service with Sisterhood Past President Liz Gassel, and "Jewish Humor" with Sisterhood member Mimi Pais.

Plans are underway for a new year of Sisterhood 2013-2014. The Sisterhood Board is working on the Sisterhood calendar with program ideas. Mark your calendar for Sisterhood's opening meeting on Sunday, September 29 at 10 a.m. at Temple.

Watch your mail during the summer for Oneg and membership information for the coming year.

Beiler Floral Fund Co-chairs Emma Fleischmann and Bella Lester remind everyone 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 lifecycle event or a special occasion.

Please help Sisterhood support the Domestic Abuse Shelter by donating individual snack items and juice boxes and Second Harvest Food Bank/Marty's Mission by donating non-perishable food items. Boxes are located at Temple for the items.

It's time for Sisterhood!



Sisterhood Past President Liz Gassel installs the new Sisterhood Board



Sisterhood members at Sisterhood Goes Out on May 9 at the Copper Cellar



Mimi Pais entertains Sisterhood members with stories of Jewish humor



Lesley Krakauer hosts Sisterhood's Chai Tea on April 21

TBE's Beautiful Shem-Tov Tree of Life

The *Shem-Tov Tree of Life*, an original metal sculpture designed by Abraham Pardee, son of Temple members Liz Gassel and Mike Pardee, has been installed and will grace our lobby for generations.

As your simcha brought joy and beauty into the life of your family, let it do the same for your Temple family. What nicer way for you to congratulate, thank, or honor the people who are important to you than with an addition to our beautiful Shem-Tov Tree of Life? Your contributions will fill the leaves, stones and tree trunks with commemorations of life's joyous occasions!

In addition, silver-colored birds will be added to identify future recipients of the Ruth Sherrill Distinguished Service Award.

Do not miss the opportunity to participate in this visual representation of the history and future of our congregation and those they love. Call the Temple Office (524-3521) for an order form and more information about purchasing a part of the Shem-Tov Tree of Life. All proceeds benefit our Temple Beth El Preservation Fund.



Chai Class Mitzvah at Beardsley Farm

For an end of the year service project, Temple Beth El's Hebrew Chai class had the opportunity to volunteer their time and help out at Beardsley Farm. Beardsley Farm is a community farm that promotes food security and sustainable urban agriculture through practice, education, and community outreach since 1998.

Upon arrival at the farm, we were greeted by their Outreach and Volunteer Coordinator Matt. With his vast knowledge about the farm and organic gardening, he was able to give us a very educational and insightful tour. Once the tour was finished, he quickly assigned us some tasks that needed to get done. Abby, Elena, Jessie, Stephanie, and Zahava took on the grueling task of preparing some gardens to get them ready for planting. Danielle, Nora, and Blake had the opportunity to get up close and personal with the hens while trimming back bushes from their hen house. While Lizzy, Josh, and Noah had the grueling task of dismantling, and not destroying compost bins (since they reuse everything on the farm) to make way for a new Education Center that the farm will be soon building. Everyone worked very hard and put in 110%, however; the additional muscle power of Eli and Isaac, who were at a BBYO function at the time, was surely missed since there was still a rock pile that needed to be moved.

Once everyone finished their jobs, had a snack and drink, Matt handed out the watering cans and everyone had the chance to fill their can up from the water barrels and watered the gardens. Not only did the students have a great time, they also had the opportunity to do Tikkun Olam and learn quite a bit about organic and sustainable farming. The farm is always looking for volunteers, so if you are interested, please visit their web site (www.beardsleyfarm.org) for details. I'm sure they would love to hear from you.



TBE Chai Class Ready to Work: Zahavah Clayman, Jessica Traugot, Abigail Sayles, Stephanie Goldfeld, and Elena Reineri

TBE Makes Special Request to Increase Scholarship Funds

Many of you may not know that our congregation grants more than \$3,000 out of endowed funds annually to fund religious school scholarships for needy families. Without this help, some of our children may not be able to continue their Jewish education.

The Davis Education Enhancement Memorial Fund and the Marx Family Education Fund have provided these funds in the past.

With our diminished returns on investment, the income portions of these funds cannot fully fund the scholarships in the upcoming academic year, 2013-2014.

Please consider these funds in your giving this year. We would like to make a special appeal for donations to the income portion of these two funds.

Remember that our children also stand on the shoulders of those that came before them. All our children are our future - as a people and a faith.



Thank You

From Sisterhood Oneg Chair, Karen Smuckler

Thanks to everyone who has sponsored an Oneg this past year. Your participation donation has allowed us to carry on the very special tradition.

Next year's Oneg signups will soon be in the mail. When you receive the form, please fill out and return in the envelope provided as soon as possible.



Todah Rabah!

- ◆ Temple Beth El Cemetery Committee extends a heartfelt thank you to **Mrs. Gertrude Marchand Siegel** for her generous donation to our funds. The cemetery committee depends on income from the purchase of interment rights and from the income portion of the Perpetual Care Fund. As expenses have risen and interest rates declined, we have found our available funds decreasing. Donations by those whose loved ones rest in our cemeteries are welcome and greatly appreciated.
- ◆ Temple Beth El and its Funds Financial Management Committee want to acknowledge a significant gift given by **Temple Sisterhood** to support our religious school scholarship program. Educating our children is one of our most sacred *mitzvot*, and this gift will go far in making that possible. This is just another example of how our Sisterhood goes above and beyond in aiding our Temple in so many ways.

Cookbook Review

By Laurie Fisher

As a foodie and a read-a-holic, I wanted to bring three wonderful new cookbooks to your attention. And yes--I do actually read cookbooks! It is surprising how many chefs are also interesting writers. As a foodie, I very much enjoy exploring the stories behind the recipes. An aspiring cook can also learn a lot of useful information by reading the extra stuff found in cookbooks. These three new ones range from Middle Eastern fare to the comfort food of brisket and are all written by Jewish authors and one Arab-Israeli.

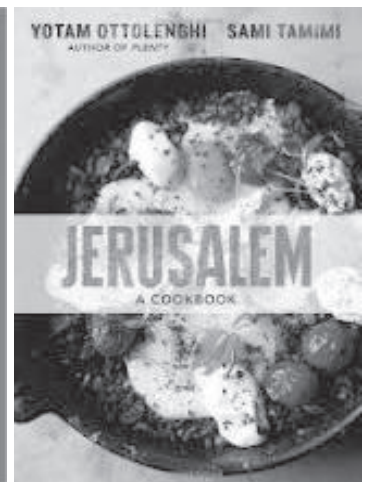
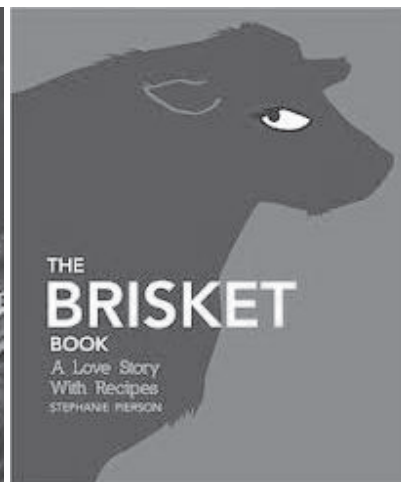
This is a Cookbook by Max and Eli Sussman definitely has the cool, hip factor going for it. I actually purchased the eBook version of this because it contains extra video and audio to complement the wonderful text and pictures. The recipes include their father's latkes with two sauces--a savory and sweet--and directions and encouragement for smoking your own bacon (so, obviously, they are not into the whole kosher thing!) Their main philosophy is that anybody can cook and it can and should be a lot of fun! This is a perfect gift for your college student or twenty-something living on his or her own for the first time. It is hard to fail with the brothers' expert advice and their simple ethic.

The Brisket Book: A Love Story with Recipes by Stephanie Pierson is a cookbook but is also a how-to/how-not-to, a love song and a history lesson with a lot of kvelling from the author over brisket in all its forms. This is definitely a cookbook to take the time and read. I found out more about brisket than I ever expected including that there are three traditional ways to prepare brisket: braised (this is what I do), barbecued, and as corned beef. There are a lot of experts on brisket and the best way to prepare it and the author does a good job of including many of them. It is pretty amazing when you think about how so much love and naches can come from a rather humble piece of meat!

Jerusalem: A Cookbook is wonderful delight to all the senses. London-based chefs Yotam Ottolenghi and Sami Tamimi both were raised in Jerusalem--Yotam in the West and Sami in the East. They say, "It takes a giant leap of faith, but we are happy to take it--what have we got to lose?--to imagine that hummus will eventually bring Jerusalemites together, if nothing else will." Recently having been in Jerusalem myself, I second that notion, having had some of the best hummus ever! The pictures and the text are wonderfully arranged and presented such that you

can practically smell the deliciousness coming off the page. The reader realizes what a wonderful melting pot Jerusalem is and how the cuisine has benefitted from its long and varied history.

If you are not hungry yet, you will be after checking out these three fantastic cookbooks!



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Norma James Honored for Decade of Teaching

As part of our Shabbat Service to honor the wonderful teachers who so "diligently teach our children," the congregation also surprised Norma James with a special tribute celebrating her 10 years as TBE Religious School director. Filled with love, respect and admiration from the faces of the many lives Norma has touched, the sanctuary was rapt with attention as various presenters spoke.

Tara Bain, as both a parent and teacher, began with a moving speech recognizing Norma and the tremendous positive influence of her wisdom and talent. Three more speeches followed from Alex Khaddouma, Keaton Noon, and Eli Derrington. Representing past, present and future, they shared their insights into how much Norma had done for them personally, and for all in the Religious School. Each reinforced the other with examples of how Norma helped - and is helping them still - to prepare for the rest of their lives.

Norma was then showered with gifts. First was a loving scrapbook with contributions from every child in the Religious School - and some from former students as well. In addition, she received letters from both Rabbi Howard Simon and Rabbi Beth Schwartz who had worked so closely with her throughout the years.

Heartfelt donations from the congregation enabled the purchase of a beautiful diamond necklace. As Rabbi Michaels explained, "While the 10 precious stones represent your first decade as Religious School director, know that YOU, Norma are so very precious to Temple Beth El."

Lastly, recognizing her passion for learning and as a permanent reminder of Norma's incredible devotion to the Temple and our children, the congregation renovated the computer lab and placed a permanent plaque that reads: NORMA JAMES TECHNOLOGY CENTER.

Rabbi concluded the service by blessing Norma in front of the Ark. His remarks capture the essence of what Norma means to us:

Norma has not only taught Torah to our children, she has lived her life as an exemplar of Torah. Each of us has, in some way, been the recipient of her knowledge, dedication and love of Judaism. Our Temple and our entire community have been enriched and motivated by her commitment and devotion. Norma's positive outlook and ability to find joy in everyday life inspires those around her. Her optimism is infectious and she brings out the best in everyone she meets.



Norma stands beside the plaque at the Norma James Technology Center



On Sunday, April 14, the entire student body joins Rabbi Matt Michaels in dedicating the Norma James Technology Center in Norma's honor.



Surprised and overjoyed, Norma enters the social hall after Shabbat Services

Contributions to Temple Beth El Funds

Donations listed were received as of May 25, 2013

BEILER FLORAL FUND

In honor of Rachel Margulies' Bat Mitzvah

By: The Margulies Family

In honor of Justen Bains' Bar Mitzvah

By: The Bain Family

In honor of 2013 Confirmand's Danielle Goldfeld, Isaac Shefner and Jessica Traugot

By: Their Families

In memory of David Baker and William Derrington

By: Susan Baker and Clark & Eli Derrington

In memory of Carolyn B. Greif

By: Maurice Greif

CARING COMMITTEE FUND

In honor of Ben and Lauren Shey's Birthdays

By: Kenny Shey

CLARENCE STRASBURGER MEMORIAL SACRED MUSIC FUND

In memory of Charlotte Kayser

By: Gilya Schmidt

DAVIS EDUCATION ENHANCEMENT MEMORIAL FUND

Donation by: Ken & Phyllis Hirsh

ENDOWMENT FUND

In memory of David Baker and William Derrington

By: Susan Baker

In memory of Frances Patton Dickey

By: Charles Dickey

In memory of Hal Pomerantz

By: Ken Hirsh

ERMA GERSON COMMUNITY FUND

In memory of Alma Moss

By: Stuart and Neil Moss

GENERAL FUND

In memory of Alexander Traugot

By: Joyce Traugot

In memory of Naum Safro

By: Ilya Safro

In memory of Naum Safro

By: Liliya Safro

In memory of David Johnson, Betsy Coleman, Erwin Coleman and Walter Johnson

By: Laura Johnson

In memory of Irwin & Frieda Freedman

By: Harold & Sheila Freedman

In memory of Rita Kelleher

By: Greg Stein & Jeanette Kelleher

In honor of Stephen Eisen

By: Richard Licht & Shirley McGuire

In memory of Samuel Arbital

By: Renee' Hyatt & Paul Erwin

In memory of Shirlie Goodfriend and Morris Goodfriend

By: Gary & Linda Johnson

In memory of Adell R. Bernard and Maurice P. Greif

By: Maurice Greif

In memory of Shirlie Goodfriend

By: Morris Goodfriend

In memory of Sidney Ivins

By: Bernard & Barbara Bernstein

By: Allen & Andi Schwartz

In memory of John M. Elston

By: Stuart & Jan Elston

In memory of Phillip Blumenthal

By: Anthony & Barbara Meyers

In memory of Harold Raymon

By: Faye Raymon

In memory of Stephen Lieberman

By: Marsha Gross

Donation by: TBE Sisterhood

GOODFRIEND HOLOCAUST EDUCATIONAL FUND

In memory of Jane Taubman

By: Irv & Sylvia Joy Witcoff

LICHT MEMORIAL FUND

In memory of Leonard Licht

By: Richard Licht & Shirley McGuire

MARX FAMILY EDUCATION FUND

In memory of Anny Marx

By: Ursula Marx

Donation by: Matt Lauer & Laurie Fisher

In honor of Hannah James and her big brother Karl James

By: Bill Hicks & Diana Steinfeld-Hicks

PATIO AND GROUNDS FUND

In memory of Jeanette Hyatt

By: Renee' Hyatt

PRESERVATION FUND

In memory of Naum Safro

By: Liliya Safro

In memory of Samuel Arbital

By: Mark & Lucy Barkan

In memory of David Baker and William Derrington

By: Susan Baker

In memory of Louis Brenner

By: Jan & Stu Elston

RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

In memory of Berta Moss

By: I. Neil Moss

In honor of Rabbi Michaels Auctioneering Skills

By: Mark & Lucy Barkan

Donation by: Lawrence & Rebecca Stern

Donation by: Mark & Irina Abrams

In memory of Seymour Gassel

By: Scott Hahn

In honor of Rachel's Bat Mitzvah

By: Aaron & Imelda Margulies

In memory of Shirlie Goodfriend

By: Bob & Wendy Goodfriend

Donation By: Geoffrey and Heather Laing

In memory of Cecilia Zimmerman

By: Lou Gross & Marilyn Kallet

In memory of Seymour Gassel

By: Stephen & Joni Hirschhaut

In memory of Sidney Ivins

By: Anthony & Barbara Meyers

In memory of Bea Jaffe

By: Jerry & Meredith Jaffe

In honor of Ravi Noah (Rabbi Michaels' Grandson)

By: Jeff & Charlene Gubitz

In memory of Ron Young

By: Kathy Young

In memory of Seymour Gassel

By: Alan & Wendy Gassel

K N O X V I L L E

Friday Night Live

Friday, August 16—5:30 p.m.

Arnstein Jewish Community Center Pool
6800 Deane Hill Drive



Our popular Friday Night Live Shabbat Service returns to the AJCC in August. This Shabbat event is hosted by the Knoxville Jewish Alliance, Heska Amuna Synagogue, Chabad and Temple Beth El.

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

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

Clean Those Closets, Help with Community Coat Drive

By Joyce Traugot, Marty's Mission coordinator

When thinking about sorting through closets and going through old clothes, please think about setting aside coats, jackets, sweatshirts that are in decent condition. Marty's



Mission held a coat drive last year and, for a first year, it was a wonderful success. I ask that you plan ahead and get your outerwear items ready for our Second Annual Coat Drive. Specific days will be published for pick up of these items. If you want to donate your coats before the pickup dates, please call me and I will arrange to get them.

Guess what? I can use a few volunteers to help with the pickup and delivery of these items to the FISH Hospitality Clothes Closet, a wonderful extension of the FISH Hospitality Pantry. The Clothes Closet is available to people in difficult financial situations and enables them to clothe their families at a cost that they can afford. The cost to these families is extremely minimal. Let's help families in need be sure that they, and their children, are warm for the upcoming winter. I know it's summer, but we need to plan ahead.

Any question or to volunteer, please call me at (865) 675-6260. Thank you in advance for your participation in this new and exciting program supported by Marty's Mission.

PJ Library Offers Books and Music to Youngsters

The PJ Library is a national program that mails a free high quality, age-appropriate Jewish book or music to families once a month.

All families raising Jewish children ages 6 months to eight years are welcome to enroll. The Knoxville Jewish Alliance is proud to offer this opportunity to explore the timeless core values of Judaism through books and music.

Enroll your children or grandchildren today! Visit www.jewishknoxville.org/PJLibrary to register online or call the KJA Office at (865) 690-6343 to request a brochure.



UTK to Offer Biblical and Modern Hebrew Courses This Fall

The University of Tennessee will offer biblical and modern Hebrew courses this fall.

Biblical Hebrew

Elementary and Intermediate Biblical Hebrew will be taught by Jacob Love who has been teaching these courses since 1977. This series meets the foreign language requirement but students should consult with academic advisors for details. Questions? Contact him at jlove14@utk.edu.

Modern Hebrew

Beginning and Intermediate Modern Hebrew classes will be taught by Itsik Pariente, the Diane and Guilford Glazer and Lea and Allen Orwitz Teaching Fellow in Modern Hebrew. Pariente is completing his doctoral degree in linguistics at the University of Amsterdam. His research interests focuses on linguistics and Hebrew language including general Modern Hebrew and Sephardic Modern Hebrew. For more information, contact Gilya Schmidt at gschmidt@utk.edu or (865) 974-2466.

H A P P E N I N G S



Save the Date...

Arnstein Jewish Community Center will be Making Strides
on October 6, 2013

Come join the AJCC and the American Cancer Society as we kick off our 3rd annual Making Strides Against Breast Cancer walk on Sunday, October 6, 2013. Join our team and help us finish the fight against breast cancer!

There is no registration fee. Just sign up today at www.makingstridesknoxville.org and click on Signup and then Join a Team. Look for Arnstein Jewish Community Center. No fee required to register!

Any questions Hayley Goldfeld (954)-610-7394 or hayleyg@charter.net or Rachel Hale (865)690-6343 or rhale@jewishknoxville.org

“In the summer of 2000 my wife, Franne, was diagnosed with breast cancer. Although her mother succumbed to this disease in 1971 at the age of 40, we were confident that she would conquer it. Unfortunately, in 2005, the cancer had metastasized and she died after Pesach in 2007. However, the support and care she received at Methodist Hospital in Houston, along with the loving care of her family and friends, made this experience bearable.

I couldn't imagine having to endure this journey alone. “Making Strides” and similar organizations insure that each family will not travel this road alone. Our support, our involvement and our compassion are based on the highest principles of our heritage. Together, we can make a huge difference Making Strides” with The American Cancer Society”

Rabbi Mathew D. Michaels



“My mom's cancer strongly affected my family. Chemotherapy caused her to feel fragile and this was very upsetting to me and my family. We would always try to show our support, but at times was frustrated because she was my mom and hated to see her go through this. She is a two time survivor and that is really awesome.”

**Lillian Schweitzer,
Age 11**



JULY 2013

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**Camp and the KJA Offices will be closed
 July 4, but the Pool will be open!**

Congratulations to Our Community's Graduates

High School Graduates

Bryan Berube, son of Rich and Sharon Berube, graduated with honors from Webb School of Knoxville. He is a National Merit Commended Scholar. Bryan will attend Boston University where he will study neuroscience.

Logan Brown, son of Adam Brown and Jill Brown, graduated with high honors from West High School. He will attend The University of Tennessee this fall where he plans to major in business.

Aaron Chasan, son of Jill and Stuart Chasan, graduated from Oak Ridge High School and will attend Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Tennessee.

David Floyd graduated from Bearden High School with Distinction because he participated in the All State Band and will attend UT Knoxville in the fall, pursuing a double major of music education and performance on clarinet. Look for him in the Pride of the Southland Marching Band this fall. David is the son of Laura and Frank Floyd and the nephew of Sarah and Bob Milford.

Zachary Messing graduated from Bearden High School and will be following the rest of his family to The University of Tennessee. At this time, he is undecided between a business or pre-law major. Zack is the son of Karen and Daniel Messing, the grandson of Helene and George Messing, and the nephew of Nora and Patrick Messing and Joyce York and Michael Messing.

Gabe Oleinik, son of Joe and Charlene Oleinik and brother of Josh Oleinik, graduated from Brewster Academy in Wolfeboro, New Hampshire. Gabe will attend the University of Vermont in the fall.

Ethan Pollack, son of Robert and Cheri Pollack, graduated with high honors from Bearden High School. He was captain of the Bearden High School football team. Ethan will attend the University of Tennessee with plans to major in Food Science/Pre-Med.

Ethan Sturm graduated from Webb School of Knoxville and will attend the University of Iowa, majoring in creative writing. Go Hawkeyes! Ethan is the son of Melissa and the late Brad Sturm, and grandson of Mel and the late Fran Sturm, and Leon and the late Dale Hasden.

Blaire Toedte graduated from West High School as its salutatorian and received an International Baccalaureate diploma. She also was named one of the *News Sentinel's* Top 20 Scholars. Blaire was an AP Scholar with Distinction, National Spanish Honor Society president and National Honor Society treasurer. She also played varsity soccer for four years, as well as being a competitive figure skater at Ice Chalet. Blaire will attend the Joint Degree Programme at the College of William and Mary (Williamsburg, VA) and the University of St. Andrews (St. Andrews, Scotland). Her parents are Ross and Sharon Toedte, and grandparents are Gerald Simon and Dorothy Toedte, all currently living in Knoxville.

College Graduates

Jonathan Branton, son of Pam Brody and Peter Branton and grandson of Jamie and the late Zelmore Brody, graduated from the Marquette University School of Law this spring. Jonathan moved to Augusta, Georgia after graduation and plans to work as a personal trainer while studying for the Georgia bar exam.

David and Adam Cohn, grandsons of Marilyn Cohen Presser and the late Jos Presser, both graduated – David with a MBE and Adam with an MBA.

Anna Iroff graduated with a master's degree in speech pathology from the University of Tennessee Health Science Center. She will be a speech-language pathologist for Maryville City Schools. Anna is the daughter of Martha and Marty Iroff and granddaughter of Stella Iroff and the late Bernie Iroff, and has served as education director at Heska Amuna Synagogue for the past three years.

Seth Langer graduated from Oglethorpe University in Atlanta with a bachelor degree of fine arts in theatre. Seth is the son of Michelle (Iroff) and Stuart Langer, brother of Barry Langer, grandson of Stella Iroff and the late Bernie Iroff, and nephew of Martha and Marty Iroff.

Evan Nagler, son of Rosalie and Stephen Nagler, and brother of Mara Nagler, graduated from Georgetown Law Center, Washington, DC. He plans to sit for the Virginia bar and work in the DC area.

Lindsay Weiss-Hilton graduated from Nursing School at Roane State Community College. This is her second degree, the first being a bachelor's degree in early childhood development from The University of Tennessee. Fellow Heska Amuna member Marcie Shloush was one of her teachers. Lindsay is the wife of Matthew Hilton.

Rachel Weinbaum Seidman, daughter of Wilma Weinstein, graduated from the Virginia Commonwealth University School of Pharmacy, Richmond, Virginia.



Ethan Pollack and Zack Messing



Blaire Toedte



Heska Amuna Synagogue's Mission Statement

Heska Amuna Synagogue is a holy home, animated by compelling practices of Jewish heritage:

- ★ Creating meaning through spiritual reflection (*Cheshbon HaNefesh*);
- ★ Healing hearts by devoted service (*Chesed*); and
- ★ Changing lives in awe and joy for God (*Yirat Shamayim*).

Tamuz/Av, 5773

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The Way of Faith

Among my favorite stories in the Babylonian Talmud is one about Rabbi Zera, who was crippled, likely by Spinal Bifida or burns. Please, forgive me if I've told it before: "Some thugs lived in Rabbi Zera's neighborhood, to whom he would come around and get them to mend their ways. The other rabbis mocked his efforts.

"When Rabbi Zera died peacefully, the thugs said, 'Until now, our little cripple was praying for mercy on us. Now, who will pray for mercy on us?' They shuddered in their hearts and changed their ways." (*Sanhedrin 37a*)

I imagine that Rabbi Zera's life was hard. After observing the difficulties of Spinal Bifida and other physical challenges, I wonder how Rabbi Zera was able to get around the neighborhood. In the developing world, not unlike the world of the Talmud, cripples tend to go about on their hands, which become thick with calluses. Was Rabbi Zera padding about on hands and knees, trying to talk to these thugs? Surely, he was afraid; although he was wise, they were strong. Did they bully him?

What's more, none of the other rabbis helped him in any way. They probably said he was wasting his time. Like most people today, our sages probably were not very comfortable with disabilities, and tended to avoid Rabbi Zera. Maybe they preferred to ignore him and the work he was doing. And the people he was ministering to were too hard to show that they appreciated his work. His whole life, he probably never thought that he was having any effect. When he died, I wonder if he was troubled: Did he have doubts that what he did had been worthwhile? I imagine he questioned whether he'd wasted his time.

Here is the way of faith: Sometimes we work toward things that we may never see in our lifetime. We can spend our whole lives not knowing whether all our efforts were worth it. (We may even spend our whole lives not even knowing whether there really is God.) You cannot determine people's reactions, positive or negative. You control little, and ultimately, the results are in God's hands. You have to trust that what you're doing is important, whether it's feeding AIDS patients, studying the Bible, or making a safe home for your children. The simple fact is you'll never know the final result. Like Rabbi Zera, you've got to keep going, and trust in your instincts to do the right thing. Do what you think best, and do it in the best way you can. Then, learn from your mistakes, but don't dwell upon them. Go forth in faith.

From the President

By Jenifer A.R. Ohriner

I'd like to introduce myself to those people who might not know me. I've been a member of Heska Amuna since moving to Knoxville in 1987. I have been a member of Sisterhood, and I have served Heska Amuna in many positions, as a pre-school teacher, a member of the Board of Education, Chair of the Religious Committee, Vice Chair for Education, Vice Chair for Programming, Chesed Chair, Co-Chair of the Women's Chevra Kadisha, and now as President. I have had the pleasure of kvelling over our students when we see their successes through our Education Program, and I have known first-hand how wonderfully supportive our community is in times of sorrow. I'm looking forward to a continued partnership with the Heska Amuna congregation over the next two years. If you have any questions or answers, please email me at hapresident@heskaamuna.org. After all, I'll be calling on you to help out as well.

Sponsor a Kiddush! It's Easy

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

We thank the following members who sponsored Kiddush in March: **Charlene** and **Jeff Gubitz** in honor of Charlene's birthday; in May: **Lynn** and **Scott Dryzer** in honor of

daughter
Lauren
becoming a
Bat
Mitzvah;
Heska
Amuna
Religious
School in
honor of

Shabbat Hinuch; **Myrna Kingsley** in honor of grandson Andrew Weinstein becoming a Bar Mitzvah; in June: **Heska Amuna Synagogue** in honor of Marian Jay's retirement.



From the Chairman

By Barry Allen

As I contemplate introducing myself to you, and trying to answer some of your questions (for example - Who is this bozo, and why haven't I heard of him before now?), I have my own questions. Do I start with a pun? Do I reveal my secret identity (which is NOT Bozo)? Since a little mystery at the beginning of a relationship is not a bad thing, I'll delay addressing any of the questions for the moment and, instead, start with three exclamatory statements. Thank you, Marian! Thank you Anna! Thank you, Scott!

You may not be able to remember what you were doing in October 10, 1980, but Marian Jay can tell you. Almost 33 years ago, Marian started working for Heska Amuna as a secretary; a few years later, she became the administrator. Until the end of last month, Marian was our point person for new members; she ran the office, sent out newsletters, helped with fundraisers, sold ads for the calendar, ensured people were ready when their High Holiday honors were about to be called, prepared the Shabbat bulletin, mailed out bills, supported the Executive Committee and Board, comforted the sick and mourners, and performed countless other tasks. Sounds almost like *Had Gadya* on Pesach. Try saying all of that in one breath.

To top off everything, Marian was "Tantamay," the Jewish aunt and beloved relative to almost two generations of adults and children alike in our community. At her going away gala last month, she was celebrated, honored, and thanked. She was also given an honorary lifetime membership in the community she helped mold and which she served so well for so long. On behalf of the Board of Trustees, it is only fitting to shout out to the far reaches served by *Ha'Kol*, and on behalf of the many people who could not be here in person, and thank her for all that she has done for Heska Amuna these last 33 years. Thank you, Marian, for your devotion and caring. Thank you for your kindness and generosity. Thank you for being our Tantamay. May you always go from strength to strength.

Anna Iroff has been our Education Director for the last three years. She stepped into the job when our school was in the midst of great change, and she steadily has attracted new families and new students. Our student body has doubled during her tenure. She has worked with all ages - from our littlest tots to our Prozdor students - to educate them and ensure they have a rich Jewish experience. She always has a smile on her face and a "can do" attitude; she sets goals and exceeds them, for the school and herself. We are indebted to her for her leadership and stabilizing influence. We wish her much success in her new role as a full time speech therapist in the public schools. (Fortunately, Anna has graciously agreed to head up our Gan K'tan program, so she won't be going too far.) Thank you, Anna, for all that you have done for our children and our school.

Scott Hahn has devoted himself at one time or another to many of the Jewish organizations in Knoxville. He is a past President of the Knoxville Jewish Alliance. In fact, as he gives up the reins as Chair of our Board of Trustees, he is assuming the role as President of the Knoxville Jewish Community Family of Funds. I heard him recently say that he has been attending minyan almost without missing a day for more than 28 years, and he is one of the most regular of regulars at Shabbat services. He was instrumental in creating financial incentives to attract new members aged 32 and under, thereby giving them reasons to join both the synagogue and the KJCC. As a result, we've gained 8 new members.

Scott has an almost encyclopedic knowledge of almost every Jewish family in town. He has taken upon himself the task of delivering the D'var Torah at all of our Board meetings, and he can be counted on to teach us all something new every time. We are fortunate to have had the benefit of his wisdom and vision; luckily, he'll still be around as Past Chair to help guide us in the next few years. Thank you, Scott, for your service and leadership, and all that you have done to strengthen the links within our community.

If you are still reading this article, you are probably wondering about the questions I asked at the beginning. Think of the few good movie trailers that don't give away the entire story, and that tantalize you enough to make you want to return and buy a ticket. Pretend this article is like one of those trailers. I am not going to provide the answers now but, hopefully, I can tantalize you by using the questions to lure you back. I hope you are inclined to "buy a ticket" for my next article, or that you'll check out my very animated "short" (bio) at High Holiday services (all puns and double entendres intended), when I plan to reveal the answers to those pressing questions and change into my secret costume. Enjoy the summer!

Yizkor Book, 2013 - 2014

By Lynn Fuson and Peggy Littmann

Dear Members,

With the approach of the High Holidays, Heska Amuna Sisterhood is continuing our tradition of printing a YIZKOR BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE to perpetuate our honor for our departed relatives and friends.

As before, the Book will be published for the Yom Kippur service and will then be used for each of the other three Yizkor services throughout the year. By remembering our loved ones in this sacred service, we fulfill the prayer that the memory of the righteous be a blessing. We invite your participation in the 2013 - 2014 Book to honor and memorialize your loved ones.

The contribution is \$18 FOR ONE NAME, \$30 FOR TWO NAMES, \$40 FOR 3 NAMES, and \$5 each for any additional names. (A married couple listed on the same line is considered as one name, such as: Sigmund & Sarah Lieberman) THE DEADLINE IS AUGUST 15, 2013.

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

This year, Lynn Fuson has graciously offered to head this project and all names should be sent to Lynn at 244 E. Oklahoma Avenue, 37917.

| NAMES TO BE LISTED | DONATION |
|--------------------|----------|
| 1.) _____ | \$18 |
| 2.) _____ | \$30 |
| 3.) _____ | \$40 |
| 4.) _____ | \$45 |
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Friday Night Services.....Varies
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Mon. & Thurs. Minyanim.....7:00 a.m.

Evening minyanim can be arranged
by calling President Jenifer Ohriner,
719-0584, one week beforehand.

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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Religious School Offers Good-Byes, Welcomes

By Rosalie Nagler, Education Committee chairperson

As the outgoing Education Committee chairperson, I wanted to give a big thank you to Anna Iroff, our Religious School director. Anna started with a one-year commitment and stayed for three years. She worked tirelessly in rebuilding our religious school. Anna has mentored a new staff and created new initiatives. She has been responsible for a family emphasis in the school with Family Fairs and Mindy Goldberg leading Family Minyan. Our Gan K'tan program and Tot Shabbat are big hits with our youngest children and Anna will continue to lead these monthly programs as she starts her career as a speech and language pathologist in the Maryville Schools. We will miss her warmth and enthusiasm and wish her every success. Yasher Koach!

Thanks also to Anne Greenbaum who stepped in this year to co-direct the school alongside Anna. She jumped in with enthusiasm to support the program and share her love for children and Judaism. Todah Rabah!

I would also like to welcome Betty Golub to her new position as Education Director. Betty comes to us from New Jersey with 20 years of experience in directing religious schools. She is very excited to move to Knoxville and join our community. We look forward to working with her.

Heska Amuna Religious School

By Anna Iroff, Education Director

This past May, we celebrated Confirmation as part of Shabbat Hinuch. Five of our teenagers affirmed their dedication to lifelong Jewish learning through active participation in the Prozdor program, leading parts of the Shabbat service, and the completion of independent projects. We are immensely proud and impressed by their accomplishments and would like to share a synopsis of their work for those who missed this wonderful Shabbat.

Brian Weinstein: *Five Famous Jewish Innovators in History*

Brian researched Jewish people who have made significant contributions to science and technology. He chose to focus on Steven Spielberg, Baruch Spinoza, Albert Einstein, Jonas Salk, and J. Robert Oppenheimer. As he studied these men, he realized that Judaism impacted their lives differently. He taught us that Spinoza, Oppenheimer, and Einstein were Rationalists who “tend to draw conclusions from scientific evidence in order to make decisions.” On the other hand, Spielberg bases his life on Faith, using “the morals and ethics from the Torah to make decisions.” Brian concluded that he himself uses a blend of science and faith to make decisions in his life, and he was surprised to find how much impact Judaism has on his daily decision-making.

Nathan Rosen: *Jews in Sports*

Nathan used his personal experience in the Maccabi Games to inspire his research on Jewish athletics. He conducted an interview with Bruce Pearl to learn about his experience at the 2009 Maccabiah Games in Israel as well as his thoughts on being Jewish in the world of professional sports. Coach Pearl reinforced Nathan’s idea that athletic competition is a great way to connect with our fellow Jews. Nathan concluded that participating in Jewish sporting events strengthened his Judaism and connection to the Jewish community. He is looking forward to continuing this connection as part of Team Memphis in this year’s JCC Maccabi Games – *l’hatzlecha!*

Michael Dryzer: *Israeli Technology*

Michael’s project examined the technological advancements of the State of Israel. He selected three branches of Israel technology: military, ecological, and civilian, and presented three technologies that he felt best represented these categories. In military technology, Michael focused on the Iron Dome, F-16 fighter jets, and Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAV). He taught us that the influx of well-educated immigrants, especially from the former Soviet Union, gave Israel great innovative power despite their small size. Their advances in military technology allowed expansion into other areas. In ecological research, Michael focused on Drip Irrigation Systems, Seawater Desalination, and Industrial Emission Cleaning. His research on technological advances for civilian use included cellular phones, the Pill Cam, and USB flash drives. Michael concluded that Israel has done a particularly remarkable job harnessing and directing its limited natural and financial resources in order to succeed.

David Floyd and Ethan Sturm: *Reflections on A History of Israel by Howard M. Sachar*

David and Ethan spent the past year and a half in a “book club” with Rabbi Alon Ferency as they read and discussed Sachar’s book, *A History of Israel*, which is no light read! After a thorough examination of Zionism, Israeli Statehood, and the Arab-Israeli conflict, they selected a series of events that they considered “missed opportunities” in the Arab-Israeli peace process. These opportunities included the controversies and events surrounding the Sykes-Picot Agreement, the Law of Return, the UN Security Council Resolution 242, and 1967 Cease-Fire. These events mark times when skepticism, mistrust, preemptive action, and self-interest overshadowed the peace process.

Both David and Ethan continue to hope for peace in this area and hope that both sides will seize future opportunities for compromise and constructive discussion in order to promote trust, peace, and relationship building in the Middle East.

Mazel tov to Brian, Nathan, Michael, David, Ethan, and their families on this milestone! We learned a lot from your presentations and wish you the best as you continue to grow in your Jewish education. You are a true inspiration to both our younger students and our adult members to continue studying and developing our own Jewish identities.

Brian Weinstein, Anna Iroff, Nathan Rosen, Rabbi Ferency and Michael Dryzer



Rabbi Ferency, Ethan Sturm, David Floyd and Anna Iroff



Todah Rabah to Our Friends and Supporters

- ◆ To **Marilyn Abrams** in honor of **Peggy Littman** and all the work she does for Sisterhood and Heska Amuna Synagogue; and in memory of **Celia Lipson**, mother of **Helen Berry** and grandmother of **Laura Berry**.
- ◆ To **Nancy** and **Jeff Becker** in memory of **Doug Johnson**
- ◆ To **Sandy Parker** and **Jenny Wood** in memory of **Ralph Gilmore**, grandfather of **Melissa Schweitzer**
- ◆ To **Lauren Dryzer** for her donation of time and art supplies to the Religious School art room as part of her Bat Mizvah tzedakah project.
- **Mary Linda & Arnold Schwartzbart** in honor of **Lauren Dryzer's** Bat Mitzvah
- ◆ **Rosalie & Stephen Nagler** in memory of **Melissa Schweitzer's** grandfather **Ralph Gilmore**, in honor of **Anna Iroff**, and in honor of the births of **Bridgette & Wojciech Biernacki's** son **Sterling Jon** and **Naomi & Adam Rowe's** son **Ezra Foster Judd**.

Among Our Members

- ◆ Condolences go out to the following members and their families: **Joyce** and **Harold Diftler** in memory of their sister-in-law, **Lynn Robinson**; **Laura** and **Frank Floyd** on death of mother, **Santa Maria Floyd**. *May their memories be a blessing.*
- ◆ Get well wishes go out to the following people who are ill or recuperating: **Joyce Beerman**, **Greta Besmann**, **Elaine Brown**, **Eliyahu ben Shulamit**, **Rebecca Hale**, **Stella Iroff**, **Marian Jay**, **David Linwood**, **Judy Rattner**, **Rushal Faygel bat Michal**.
- ◆ Mazal tov to the following people and their families: **Barbara Leeds** on the birth of granddaughter, **Caroline Leeds Harris**, daughter of **Rachel** and **John Harris**; **Bridge** and **Wojciech Biernacki** on the birth of their son, **Sterling Jon Biernacki**; **Miriam Esther** and **Rabbi Yossi Wilhelm** on the birth of daughter, **Rusya Rochel**; **Naomi** and **Adam Rowe** on the birth of son, **Ezra Foster Judd Rowe**; **Margy** and **Mitch Goldman** on daughter **Meredith's** marriage to **Bradley Holtz**; **Anna Iroff** and **Jared Bailey**, **Martha**, **Marty Iroff**, and **Stella Iroff** on **Anna** and **Jared's** engagement
- ◆ Todah Rabah to **Sandy Parker** who continues to help out in the Synagogue every week. We appreciate your time and the effort on behalf of the Shul.

Through the Lens: Maccabiah Games

My name is Lev Gross-Comstock and I would like to share with you an opportunity that has been presented to me, which I am extremely excited about. I have been offered a place at the 19th Annual Maccabiah (the Israeli Olympics) as a staff photographer. I will be working alongside great photographers from all over the world and it will be my first trip to Israel. Needless to say, this is a great honor and privilege for me as well as a unique opportunity to represent the Knoxville community at a highly visible Israeli public event. It is my hope to bring back a bit of the Maccabiah and Israel to our community by holding a gallery showing of my work. Profits from the showing will benefit the youth in Knoxville's Jewish community.

Those that donate over \$100 will receive a print and those that donate over \$300 will receive a framed, signed print from the gallery. These pieces will be chosen before any are sold to the public. Money collected will go to Maccabi USA for my Yachad commitment, my living expenses during the 4-5 weeks I will be in Israel and for my printing and framing expenses for the gallery upon my return. I did not apply for this project - Maccabi USA's photography chair chooses photographers from looking at their portfolios and mine is online. He was impressed and called me for an interview and I am very honored to be among the photographers being picked for this assignment.

To donate, please go to my fundraising site: <http://www.gofundme.com/get-lev-to-israel>.

Five misfortunes befell our fathers ... on the ninth of Av. ...On the ninth of Av it was decreed that our fathers should not enter the [Promised] Land, the Temple was destroyed the first and second time, Bethar was captured and the city [Jerusalem] was ploughed up.

– **Mishnah Ta'anit 4:6**

Join together with your Heska Amuna Synagogue family when we observe Tisha B'Av

Monday, July 15
8:00 p.m.

We will begin with a brief study session followed by the evening service and chanting of Eicha (Book of Lamentations)

Please join us for this commemoration in the Winick Library.



Contributions from Caring People

For a list of synagogue funds, please visit our website at www.heskaamuna.org

Donations received by May 24, 2013

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Ha' Kol

KJA President's Report

July 2013

Barbara Bernstein and Nicki Russler were gracious in writing this lead article. Nicki is the Archivist, and Barbara is the founding chair of The Barbara Winick Bernstein Archives of the Jewish Community of East Tennessee. I'm certain you will appreciate the important service the Archives Committee provides for our community and how we all benefit.

What is the Archives? What do the Archivist and the Archives Committee do?

Collecting and preserving the records that make up the history of the greater Knoxville Jewish community is the goal of the Archives Committee, the Archivist... and the Archives itself. What the Jewish people of this community have done for well over a century: the institutions we have nurtured, the buildings we have built, the things you as an individual have accomplished... can be lost forever... as if those things never happened. Instead, what we have been and what you have done is being preserved as **our important, historical, and unique story.**

The KJA Archives consists of a collection of documents, photographs, video and oral interviews, and other items related to the people and organizations of the area. All these materials are accessible for research. To carry out this mission, the Archivist and her committee interview members of the community, clip newspaper items, scan fragile documents and photographs, and maintain records of organizations and individuals. We welcome donations of items such as family scrapbooks, minutes of meetings, and business records. Committee members try to identify and organize photographs, keep B'nai Mitzvot and wedding programs, and obituaries. We choose photographic candidates for "The Way We Were" feature in *Ha'Kol*. We smile and enjoy our work as we reminisce at old memories, solve the mysteries of family relationships, and welcome newly arrived Knoxvilleans into the records of our community. We seek and receive help from many members of the community who are not part of the Archives Committee. We particularly welcome new committee members who enjoy history, have library or video skills, value the importance of our goals, have new ideas...or just want to have fun learning about our community.

In the future, we envision a "Who Were All Those People?" feature in *Ha'Kol* that researches the faces behind the many names of the rooms, buildings, honors, funds, plaques and organizations that bear the Jewish names some of you may know nothing about. They lived here, worked here, and contributed. You should know who they were...and perhaps add your name to the permanent story of the Jewish community of Knoxville and East Tennessee.

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KJA 2013 Campaign

Campaign Goal \$375,000

As of 6/7/2013

2013 Annual Campaign: \$331,718

39 new donors

109 increased gifts from 2012

It's not too late to make your gift, please call the KJA office at 690-6343 or Gene Rosenberg at 693-3162.

You can also go online at www.jewishknoxville.org and click "donate."



Registration has begun for our Co-Ed Adult Softball team at the AJCC.

If you're interested in coaching, playing, and/or being a part of the team, please contact rhale@jewishknoxville.org or call (865) 690-6343 x16.

No experience necessary. Everyone's welcome!

What's in a Name?

By Gene Rosenberg, KJA Campaign Chair

Recently I got to thinking about the word “alliance,” as in Knoxville Jewish Alliance. What exactly does the word really mean? According to *Webster's New Universal Dictionary*, there are seven definitions. I think that the one that best applies in this instance is “any union or connection between persons, families, states, or corporations.” Synonyms are connection, affinity, union, confederacy, league, coalition.

Now that we have some idea of what an alliance is and how the Knoxville Jewish Alliance defines itself (and these are only my opinions; they don't make me right. You do not have to agree), consider what our community and our lives and those of our families would be like if the KJA did not exist. The connection(s) between us as individuals and/or families is as much or as little as we choose it to be. The amount of dollars you commit does not determine how much or how little you avail yourself of what the Arnstein Jewish Community Center and the Knoxville Jewish Alliance have to offer you. These programs and activities are like ripe fruit. They're yours for the pickin'!

Unfortunately, the fruit being offered does not come without a price. It takes money and human effort to plant, cultivate, and harvest these crops. If you have not yet pledged or made your commitment to KJA Campaign 2013, please consider doing so as soon as possible. You do not have to pay all at one time, Major credit cards are available. All questions will be answered.

So, you may ask... “What's in a name?” The answer might be “sweet fruits for your pleasure.”

You Had Me at Challah!

**Come and Bake Challah with
Deborah Oleshansky**

**Sunday, August 25
10:00 a.m.-Noon at the AJCC**

Instruction will be hands on. You will get a chance to make challah dough from scratch and learn to braid a traditional challah. You'll make your own challah that you can take home and impress your friends and family with! We will also discuss the significance of Challah and explore the beauty of the Challah baking tradition.

Deborah will also explain the mitzvah of Challah as well as its spiritual and inner meaning – *particularly as it relates to Rosh Hashanah! We will also learn the special Rosh Hashanah shapes and braiding techniques.*

Please tell us if you plan to attend this **FREE** event. Contact Rachel Hale at Rhale@jewishknoxville.org or (865) 690-6343 x16.



AJCC LUAU FAMILY POOL PARTY

Join us for our annual
family pool party!

Pool games,
watermelon, Ice Pops!

**Sunday, July 7
1:00~3:00 p.m.**

Please let us know your
coming at
rhale@jewishknoxville.org

Camp K'Tonton: Great Opportunity for What Children Need Most

By Katie Bellnier Thomas, AJCC Preschool Bet Class Teacher

This month the AJCC Preschool welcomes Summer along with all of our Camp K'Tonton campers. While hot days may mean lethargic children and retreating to movie theaters or quiet, indoor activities for many, KTT teachers and campers will be taking full advantage of the opportunities for sensory integration play. Sensory integration is a child's ability to use information from their environment, as well as sensations from their bodies to respond to situations in an appropriate way. Children have biologically developed to learn this skill from the natural world around them. Camp K'Tonton capitalizes on pool time, extended outdoor play, and the less structured nature of camp to facilitate sensory integration development in our campers.

In today's culture, this kind of play is of paramount importance. Sensory integration is how children learn to regulate themselves in their environment, allowing them to learn and observe during every experience. In a recent early education study, researchers insist that sensory integration is the foundation of learning. Yet opportunities for this kind of development are becoming more rare for children. A University of Maryland study found that children today spend less than one half hour per week engaged in nature-based activities. The National Academy of Sciences published *Evidence for a Fundamental and Pervasive Shift Away from Nature-Based Recreation* in 2008, which posited that we are in the middle of a major change in how our children spend their time.

What does the increase in screen time as opposed to nature play mean for kids? Expert and author on children and outdoor play, Christopher Todd, asserts that it has resulted in the "decidedly modern maladies endemic to childhood today: obesity, attention deficit, and media addiction," (The Green Hour). Researchers from the National Institutes of Health, Yale University of Medicine, and California

Pacific Medical Center would agree; they conducted a study demonstrating a strong correlation between greater media exposure and long-term negative effects on children, including obesity and low academic achievement.

Every day at Camp K'Tonton, teachers will be guiding children in experiencing the natural world of the AJCC campus so that they can comfortably develop the basic skills to categorize and respond in their ever-changing environment. We will be along-side the over-stimulated child in the pool as we guide them to the edge for some gentler splashing; we will encourage the under-stimulated child as we race throughout the playground or quickly submerge into the cold water! At Camp K'Tonton, children don't hear commercials; they sing songs. They don't tap screens; they sink their fingers into sand and water. Children typically bring wonder and reverence to their encounters with the unplugged world of bugs, water, dirt, and cloud-watching. Camp provides space and time for such encounters, and teachers facilitate learning as we go, so that ultimately our children are happier, healthier people.



Our Preschool budget depends on fundraisers each year and the Hopscotch consignment event is a great way to clean out your closets and toy rooms while supporting the community.

**Now Accepting
Donations**

For a list of accepted items, visit www.hopscotchchild.com or contact Keli Bell at kbell@hopscotchchild.com with any questions.

Get your kids involved!
Ask them to pick out a few toys and drop them in the green bin at the entrance of AJCC this summer!



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April 1 through May 31, 2013

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Donation in memory of Bob Ivins' father, Sidney

Evan Chasan

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Thank You to Our Many Family Promise Volunteers

By Laura Faye Berry, JFS Director

I just wanted to take a moment to thank everyone who cooked, hosted dinner, and helped find volunteers for Family Promise during the week of May 26. Our two evenings that week went very smoothly thanks to our many volunteers who came together! I am so glad that each of you volunteered and look forward to working with you more in the future.

For those who may be unfamiliar with Family Promise, it is a program that unites the interfaith community and local resources to help situationally homeless families get back on their feet. Usually, the families in the program are facing homelessness for the first time in their lives, due to job loss, medical conditions, financial problems, or other tough circumstances. Family Promise houses families in area congregations for a week at a time. Each host congregation also has a support congregation. The Knoxville Jewish Alliance is the support congregation for Tennessee Valley Unitarian Universalist Church (TVUCC). TVUCC's next host week is the week of September 29. During that week, we will be looking for volunteers to cook dinner, host dinner at TVUCC, and lead children's activities after dinner. If you would like to be added to our list of Family Promise volunteers, please let me or Nancy Becker, Family Promise subcommittee chair, know.

You can read more about Family Promise at www.familypromiseknoxville.org.

AJCC Golf Tournament Slated for July 21

By Irv Russotto

The 2013 AJCC Golf Tournament will once again be held at Egwani Farms which has become a player favorite. The tournament will be held on Sunday, July 21 and begins with a shotgun start at 8:00 a.m. There will be prizes for winners as well for skill contests, and as always, a fabulous lunch will be served.

The cost is \$99 per player and includes green fees and cart, unlimited use of driving range, a delicious

lunch, goody bag, and door prizes. Teams are welcome to organize a four-person group or we can place individuals in a group. We only have 72 slots available, so please get your applications in early to insure your place. Applications and sponsorship forms can be found on the KJA website at www.jewishknoxville.org.

Non-players are welcome to join in the fun and cheer for your favorite teams. We look forward to seeing everybody again this year.

Hole sponsorships and cart sponsorships are available. Please contact Irv Russotto at 693-3307, or e-mail ajccgolf@aol.com if you want more information.



Believe It or Not – It's High Holidays Greetings Time

Deadline: August 5, 2013

We hope you're enjoying your summer... hopefully at the beautiful and family-friendly AJCC Pool! Although it's still summertime, the High Holidays are just around the corner! Please take a moment to consider purchasing a High Holiday greeting, to be published in the September 2013 issue of

Ha'Kol, then go back to enjoying your summer. Ads range from \$35 to \$70 and are a terrific way to celebrate our holiday *and* support publication of your community newsletter.

Forms are available online at www.jewishknoxville.org, at Heska Amuna Synagogue, Temple Beth El, and the AJCC. Request a form from Joyce York at jyork@jewishknoxville.org and a PDF form will be sent to you.



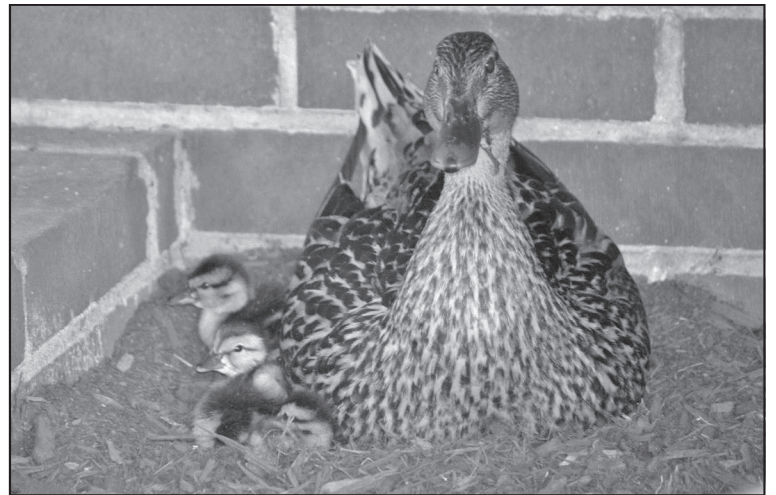
UT Hillel Says Goodbye to Another School Year



(Above) UTK Hillel students enjoy bagels and coffee during our Study Day party which included study tips, tools, treats, and prizes. Pictured: Brooke Bulwark, Jason Fishman, Andrew Vogel, Elyse Mekelburg, Emily Hoffman, and Sam Bendriem.

(Left) UTK Hillel Spring 2013 closing program included saying goodbye to Jesse Feld and Elyse Mekelburg. Jesse is a graduating senior and will be relocating to St. Louis for a summer position. Elyse is a food science major and will spend her junior year studying in New Zealand.

Happenings at the J



(Clockwise from top left) Superhero Week; Pool time!; Mama duck hatches her ducklings; Preschool graduates; Building projects at Lego camp are super fun!



Suzy Snoops

Got good news? Please share your good news with our Jewish community. New jobs, awards, honors, lifecycle moments—all are welcome here. Please e-mail information and photos to jvork@jewishknoxville.org.

- ◆ **Wendy Besmann's** writing exploits were featured in the April 24 *News Sentinel*. The article covered her writing career, then focused on her latest project of creating guides that aid families in obtaining services for children with special needs.
- ◆ **Blaire Toedte**, daughter of Ross and Sharon Toedte, was the salutatorian at West High School.
- ◆ **Keaton Noon**, son of Chuck and Missy Noon and a senior at Farragut High School, was awarded third place at the Tennessee Junior Science and Humanities Symposium for presentation of his research project, "The Analysis of the Wintering Bird Population using the Knoxville Christmas Bird Count as a case study."
- ◆ Bearden Middle School reclaimed the state Science Olympiad championship after a two-year hiatus. 2013 team members included **Ilana Blumenthal**, **Alex Abrams**, and **Ben Gibbons**. Mazel tov!
- ◆ **Bryna Oleshansky** was named to the Big Ten Women's Rowing Second Team at the Big Ten Championships in Indianapolis. Bryna is the daughter of David and Deborah Oleshansky.
- ◆ The 2013 *Metro Pulse* Best of Knoxville poll featured several local family businesses and individuals. Congratulations to **Bruce Bogartz** of RouXbarb for garnering Best Chef honors for the sixth straight year; the **Markman family** of Markman's Diamonds and Fine Jewelry for being voted the Best Jewelry Store (this business has won every year since the poll's inception!); **Melissa Sturm** for Agri-Feed Pet Supply being named as the Best Pet Supply Store; **Adam Brown** for Tennessee School of Beauty as Best Cosmetology School; and **Kim Isenberg** for being awarded a Best Realtor Runner-Up in the Realtor Category.
- ◆ Mazel tov to **Bernie Rosenblatt** became chairman of the Knoxville Museum of Art's Board of Trustees July 1.



Bryna Oleshansky (right)

Here Ye, Here Ye

Our Knoxville Jewish Community matters to us at the AJCC!

Please let us know when:

- **Someone has had a baby**
- **Someone has just gotten married**
- **Someone new moves into the community.**

The AJCC has some special gifts and we would like to be a part of these life-changing events in a meaningful way.



Contact kja@jewishknoxville.org with any news.

AJCC Hosts Evening Zumba Classes

Zumba is a Latin-inspired, easy-to-follow, calorie-burning, dance fitness-class. Classes take place on Wednesday and Thursday evenings from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. during the summer. Everyone is welcome. Your first class is free! Fees are \$5.00 per class or 10 Classes for \$40. Participants get a free class for every friend they bring.



For information, contact instructor Amy Sullivan (865) 274-9140 or zumbafreaktn@yahoo.com or Rachel Hale at rhale@jewishknoxville.org.

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

Meet Your New KJCFF President

By Scott B. Hahn, KJCFF President

For those of you who don't know me, let me introduce myself. I am Scott B. Hahn and I am pleased to be the new president of the Knoxville Jewish Community Family of Funds. One of the ironies of modern Jewish life, is that with more organizations, institutions, and committees, we are more dependent on each other than ever before. In Knoxville, we don't have a shortage of intellect or volunteer spirit, but we have struggled for years to grow our financial resources. In real dollar terms, I don't believe there is one Jewish organization in town that is raising more money now than they did 30 years ago.

This is why the KJCFF is so very important. It allows the Knoxville Jewish community the opportunity to pool its financial resources and to make allocations to different projects, institutions, or events. The cause does not even have to be a Jewish one, as long as it is a recognized charity under IRS regulations.

Unfortunately, there are still many people in our community who have no idea that the KJCFF exists. One of my goals over the next two years is to raise the profile of the KJCFF: not just to grow endowments and bequests, but allocations as well. KJCFF has a dual mandate, not just to collect funds, but to also distribute funds. I hope to better explain the process in the coming months.

Foundations have potential not only to provide resources to our community, but can become a catalyst in creating exciting philanthropic endeavors that had not existed before. It literally takes the spark of an idea and people willing to commit capital to make those visions a reality. I look forward to exploring some of these opportunities with you in the future.

Donations

Jeff & Nancy Becker Community Enrichment Fund

In honor of the Bat Mitzvah of Sophie Aviva Becker-Klein

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In Memory of Celia Lipson

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Grants

- ◆ The Knoxville Jewish Alliance received a grant from the **Hannah & Raymond Landsberger Preschool Fund** for a preschool scholarship and a grant from the **David Blumberg Youth Leadership Award Fund** for a BBYO participant.
- ◆ The KJA received grants for the 2013 Annual Campaign from the **Bernstein Charitable Fund** and the **Sam & Esther Rosen Federation Fund**. The **Bernstein Charitable Fund** also made a grant to Knox Heritage, Inc.
- ◆ The KJA also received grants from the **Harry and Molly Brietstein Memorial Fund**, the **Sylvia Greenberg Family Fund** and the **Pat and Gene Rosenberg Fund** to provide underwriting for PJ Library subscriptions.

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

Mazel Tov!

Heska Amuna Synagogue

Happy Anniversary!

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*All members whose birthday or anniversary occur in July
 were invited to receive a blessing at kiddush on Shabbat morning, June 8.*

TEMPLE BETH EL

Happy Birthday!

◆ Dov Polsky ◆ Douglas Sofer ◆ John Kline ◆ Fern Aron
 ◆ Gina Feldblum ◆ David Lee ◆ Rabbi Mathew Michaels
 ◆ Evan Noon ◆ Stuart Moss ◆ Avery Wilhite ◆ Beth Heller
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- ◆ Harold Zimmerman

July 12

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- ◆ Issac Diamond ◆ Samuel M. Feinberg ◆ Fred M. Moss ◆ Phillip Taylor ◆ Morris Deitch ◆ Irving Kovitch ◆ Arden Sampson
- ◆ Joel A. Caller ◆ Matilda Davis Corkland ◆ KC Derrington ◆ Ethel Danneman Krinsky ◆ Max Sonn

July 19

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July 26

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- ◆ Nathan Lieberman ◆ Tinnie Diamond ◆ David Hyman ◆ Shlema Livshits ◆ Doba Solotovskaya ◆ Lillian Okin Kern
- ◆ Max Solod ◆ Herbert Terry

August 2

- ◆ Judy Schwartz ◆ Regina Sunshine ◆ Hilda Freedman ◆ Louis H. Gassel ◆ Albert Hess ◆ Paul Kantowitz
- ◆ Joseph Silverstein ◆ Sylvia Kaplan Cooper ◆ Max Morrison ◆ Jeannie Samuel Levy ◆ Minnie Skigen ◆ Esther Balloff
- ◆ Johan Kann ◆ Edward Lippner ◆ Pastor Serrato ◆ Asya Targonskaya ◆ Samuel Gelber ◆ Efim Golburt

Heska Amuna Synagogue

July 6

- ◆ Charlotte Cohen ◆ Fannie Goldberg ◆ Alvin Kingsley ◆ Bessie Perelman ◆ Janet Balloff ◆ Lisa Kahn
- ◆ Benjamin Leibowitz ◆ Norman Millen ◆ Eva Slovis ◆ Leon Dobbs ◆ Maria Gruenberg ◆ Leonard Miller ◆ Leo Adams
- ◆ Madge Glidewell ◆ Frances Levin ◆ Evelyn Lowe

July 13

- ◆ Matilda Corkland ◆ Barbara Fay ◆ Bertha Licht ◆ Edward Lippner ◆ Mel Nagler ◆ Edward Mottzman ◆ Mary Corkland
- ◆ Ethan Goodfriend ◆ Stella Love ◆ Dorrie Barnett ◆ Esther Bebergal ◆ Harold Licht ◆ William Gurwitch ◆ Yetta Lipshin
- ◆ Rose Martin ◆ Samuel Millen

July 20

- ◆ Benjamin Jaffe ◆ Morris Goldman ◆ Sylvia Goldstein ◆ Samuel Merlin ◆ Max Millner ◆ Karl Liberman ◆ Adela Gross
- ◆ Hyman Levison ◆ Muriel Boothman ◆ Jim Nash ◆ Katie Ross ◆ Marian Schneider

July 27

- ◆ Mollie Brietstein ◆ Mildred Dreyer ◆ Harry Fayonsky ◆ Abraham Chaskin ◆ Jacob Green ◆ Janet Krauss
- ◆ Lester Robinson ◆ Abraham Rosenblatt ◆ Abe Zwick ◆ David Wender ◆ Hugo Klein ◆ Zeleg Berez ◆ Jacob Menachem
- ◆ Barbara Oleshansky

Jewish Congregation of Oak Ridge



From the President's Corner

By Sig Mosko

The congregation recently held its annual meeting and a new program year is underway. We had two board positions up for election. Eileen Handler and Mel Tobias, whose respective terms had ended, were re-elected. The incumbent officers; Al Good, secretary; Jim Bogard, treasurer; Ron Sternfels, vice president; and Sig Mosko, president, were all re-elected. Thus, all of our board members will continue for another year in their respective positions.

It's vacation season, but not a quiet time in Oak Ridge. We are busy preparing for our 70th Anniversary celebration on the weekend beginning July 26. If you have not already made your reservation for the many events, please do so immediately. Contact Fran Silver at (865) 483-4284 for information. Speakers for Friday and Saturday evening events include Dr. Misha Galperin, Jewish Agency International president, and Congressman Jim Cooper.



Dr. Misha Galperin

Hosts and Hostesses

Thank you for your hospitality. If you need to make an exchange, please do so and notify Eileen Handler 482-1341.

July 6: Elena and Carlos Bamberger, Ronnie and Jim Bogard

July 13: Catherine and Jerry Braunstein, Sylvia Goldenberg

July 20: Judi and Len Gray, Anne and Eli Greenbaum

July 27: Jewish Congregation of Oak Ridge 70th anniversary

Aug. 3: Edith and Mel Halbert, Rose Holz

Aug. 10: Eileen Handler, Diana Jacobson

Aug. 17: Mira Kimmelman, Brenda and Sig Mosko

Aug. 24: Shelby and Mark Kaye, Peggy and Randy Laxton

Aug. 31: Nona and Sam Poole, Avigail and Victor Rashkovsky

Upcoming Events

Saturday, July 13: after Shabbat Morning Services.

Study Session: *Shabbatai Tsvi - A False Messiah*.

Saturday, July 20: 7:00 p.m. – Jewish Film Series,

Sarah's Key, France, 2010, 111 minutes, PG-13. Paris, 1942: To protect her brother from the police arresting Jewish families, a young girl hides him away, promising to come back for him. Sixty-seven years later, her story intertwines with that of an American journalist investigating the roundup.

Saturday, July 20: 7:00 p.m.—Junior Film Pajama Party

Parents, bring your kids in their PJs for a film party of their own while you enjoy the Jewish Film Series upstairs - for only \$5 per child. Popcorn, drinks, and fun included! Contact Katie Niad for additional information at katie@niad.net.

Sisterhood Happenings

- ◆ **Elaine Breslaw** was our guest speaker on Friday night, April 12. She is the author of *Lotions, Potions, Pills and Magic: Health Care in Early America*. Her book is an analysis of the trends in health care by professional and folk practitioners. Check out her website at www.elainebreslaw.com for more info and other books she has written.
- ◆ The May 24 Friday night family service honored Hebrew School teacher **Mira Kimmelman** and high school graduates **Aaron Chasan, Kate Hoffman, Alec Kaplan, and Noah Kaye**.
- ◆ Thank you to: **Chana Shapira** for boxes of plastic cutlery; **Gail Landay Moore** for her generous donation to Torah Fund, in memory of **Paul and Eleanor Agron**. Torah Fund co-chairmen are Eileen Handler 482-1341 and Brenda Mosko 483-9463. You can send cards for all occasions.
- ◆ Mazel Tov to: **Anne and Eli Greenbaum** on the birth of grandson, **Asher**, from **Rose Holz**; **Mary and Mitchell Rubenstein** on B'nai Mitzvah of **Rachel and Kyle** from **Eileen Handler**
- ◆ Get Well: **Blanche Dresner**, from Sisterhood; **Eileen Handler**; **Dot Levin**, from Sisterhood; **Fran Silver**; **Eileen Handler**; **Rose Holz**; **Brenda and Sig Mosko**; **Jerry Braunstein**, from Fran Silver; **Hilda and Irv Barrack**
- ◆ In Loving Memory of: **Paul Agron**, to **Michael**; **David and Leslie** from **Gail Landay Moore**; **Jeannette and Verne Gilbert**; **Phyllis Pak**, to **Manny Pak**, from **Brenda and Sig Mosko**

Please reach out to those whom you haven't seen in a while, and those who are homebound, by calling or visiting.

Check out www.JCOR.info website for ongoing events.

Donations

Yahrzeits

Milton Carey; Rabbi Jerome Mark; Ruth Carey; Sam Good; Ernest Silver; Pearl Goodstein; Cy Feldman; Sol Chodorkoff; Abba Goodstein from Ellen & Bernard Appel

General

Samuel, Leon Kastenbaum; Herman Ganz from Marvin & Helen Kastenbaum.
Beatrice Kline; Morris Volkin from Karen Brunner.
Eliezer Maya from Leon & Vera Maya.
Eugene Eichler from Sonya Eichler.
Ida & Bernard Horn from Jackie & Barbara Horn.
Hedy Tobias from Mel Tobias.
Pearl Schwartz from Shirley Schwartz (HHCF).
Lottie Kalichman from Murray Hanig.
Rose Ganz from Marvin & Helen Kastenbaum (HHCF)
Samuel Goldenberg from Sylvia Goldenberg.

In Memory of:

Paul Agron from Bruce Tomkins (HHCF)
Ernie Silver and Jack Weitsman from Jerry & Catherine Braunstein (RDF)
Synagogue from Stephen Storch.

Judaica Gift Shop

Hadassah cards and certificates for all occasions can be purchased by contacting Mira Kimmelman. Call Mira Kimmelman at 483-7972 or Judy Raman at 482-1509.



Yahrzeits

Jewish Congregation of Oak Ridge

June 30

◆ Daniel David Weisbin ◆ Jeanne Brass ◆ Lillian Liebman ◆ Freida Capel ◆ David Rudo ◆ Loye Barker ◆ Max Dresner
◆ Bernard Greenbaum

July 7

◆ Norman Evans ◆ Raymond Abraham ◆ Thea Wolf Bamberger ◆ Irwin Jacobs ◆ Cyril Gross

July 14

◆ Doris Antin ◆ Frances Swidler ◆ Max Feinberg ◆ Heinrich Geismar ◆ Maurice Mosko ◆ Lina Geismar ◆ Florence Halbert
◆ Naomi Lundin ◆ Walter Silver

July 21

◆ Isador Dworkin ◆ Samuel Liebman ◆ Janet Krauss ◆ Lilyan Cohen ◆ Fred Silver ◆ Herb Rudo ◆ Esther Roth
◆ Isadore Landau ◆ Elisabeth Meyer

July 28

◆ Sylvia Volkin ◆ Marion Gross ◆ Allene Barker

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Hadassah Highlights

Heart of Hadassah Conference Features Big Surprise

Several Knoxville Hadassah members were able to attend the “Heart of Hadassah” Hadassah Spring Conference, and wrote a few words to let us share their experience:

Raeus Cannon

Regional Conference was wonderful: wonderful food, wonderful venue and wonderful program – Heart Health! Seven of us rented a van and traveled together: Bonnie Boring, Shuli Mesa, Laura Floyd, Jill Weinstein (our wonderful driver), Mary Evars-Goan, Barbara Mintz and myself.

The weekend began with Hadassah’s National President (Marcie Natan) joining our chapter for dinner then giving me the absolute mind-blowing experience of pinning my Keeper of the Gate to start the conference with a big bang. Being pinned by Marcie is a rare honor and I’m humbled that she was willing to do it.

Saturday was packed with wonderful speakers and panels of doctors and several people with incredible enthusiasm (and sense of humor). We finished up the day with a BIG surprise and wonderful honor. Congratulations to Knoxville Chapter of Hadassah – we won the Star Chapter of the Southern Region! That means we surpassed chapters twice our size for our fundraising, our events, our communications, and our efforts.

By Sunday we were tuckered out, but I was extremely proud to be part of such a wonderful organization.

Laura Floyd

The Hadassah Tri-Region spring conference was a great experience. It was interesting to meet Hadassah members across three regions to share common goals and concerns. It was a heart healthy weekend with a lot of walking and informative speakers and presentations. The food was excellent and the venue was lovely. Knoxville brought the most members in the Southern Region and we won the Star Chapter of the Region award!



Knoxville Hadassah members Shuli Mesa (front), Bonnie Boring, Barbara Mintz, Mary Evars-Goan, Laura Floyd and Jill Weinstein at the Southern Regional Conference.

Barbara Mintz

For me, the tri-regional conference was a delightful experience. I had never attended one before and I found it exciting to hear how much our region had accomplished, and most particularly our Chapter, as we won the Star Chapter Award! I was personally surprised and honored with the presentation of the Knoxville Chapter Woman of the Year after only two years as an active member! I was by far, most impacted by the presence of Marcie Natan, our national president. It was not that she was there; it was that I had the opportunity to spend time with her! On Friday night, she sat down and had dinner with our Chapter. She was enthusiastic, sincere, and engaging. Her commitment to Hadassah was contagious. She cared enough to come to our regional meeting and take part in my Woman of the Year pinning and the presentation of our Star Chapter Award. Now I want to read all of her articles and listen to her videos. There is no doubt that every member is important to her.



Treasurer Laura Floyd and President Cindy Pasi celebrate the Knoxville Chapter winning the Star Chapter of the Southern Region for best chapter and a \$300 award.



Barbara Mintz was named member of the year and got to meet Hadassah National President Marcie Natan.

Large Certificates

- ◆ In honor of the Bat Mitzvah of **Rachel Margulies**, daughter of Imelda and Aaron Margulies
- ◆ In honor of the Bar Mitzvah of **Justen Bain**, son of Tara and Brad Bain
- ◆ In honor of the Bat Mitzvah of **Lauren Dryzer**, daughter of Lynn and Scott Dryzer
- ◆ In honor of the Bar Mitzvah of **Andrew Weinstein**, son of Jill and Doug Weinstein
- ◆ In honor of the Confirmation of **Michael Dryzer**, son of Lynn and Scott Dryzer
- ◆ In honor of the Confirmation of **David Floyd**, son of Laura and Frank Floyd
- ◆ In honor of the Confirmation of **Danielle Goldfeld**, daughter of Hayley and Aron Goldfeld
- ◆ In honor of the Confirmation of **Nathan Rosen**, son of Kim and Stephen Rosen
- ◆ In honor of the Confirmation of **Isaac Shefner**, son of Karen Hoist and Jon Shefner
- ◆ In honor of the Confirmation of **Ethan Sturm**, son of Melissa Sturm
- ◆ In honor of the Confirmation of **Jessica Traugot**, daughter of Vicki and Andy Traugot
- ◆ In honor of the Confirmation of **Brian Weinstein**, son of Jill and Doug Weinstein
- ◆ In memory of **Celia Lipson**, grandmother of Laura Berry
- ◆ In memory of **Ralph Gilmore**, grandfather of Melissa (Seth) Schweitzer
- ◆ In memory of **Seymour Gassel**, father of Larry and Alan Gassel (Wendy Graziani)
- ◆ In memory of **Sidney Ivins**, father of Robert (Jill) Ivins
- ◆ In memory of **Samuel Arbital**, father of Jeff (Susan) Arbital

Layettes

By Judi Abrams, jmkasal@aol.com

Again I have to report that we have many new babies in our Hadassah community. Help us welcome them by *adding your name to their layette cards*. Please send me an e-mail or a check in the mail to open a Layette Draw-Down Account. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask.

Here are all the latest Layettes.....

- ◆ Wesley and Norma James welcome their granddaughter, **Harriet Freedman**
- ◆ Adam and Naomi Rowe welcome their son, **Ezra Foster Judd Rowe**
- ◆ Wojciech and Bridge Biernacki welcome their son, **Sterling Jon Biernacki**
- ◆ Rabbi Yossi and Miriam Esther Wilhelm welcome their daughter, **Rusya Rochel**
- ◆ Moshe and Marcia Shloush welcome their grandson, **Tal Shloush**
- ◆ Barbara Leeds welcomes her granddaughter, **Caroline Leeds Harris**
- ◆ Abraham and Judy Brietstein welcome their granddaughter, **Shira Rose**
- ◆ Karen and Brian Smith welcome their granddaughter, **Stella Bluelily Smith**

Thank You's

The Hadassah chapter received these lovely notes of appreciation:

Dear Hadassah,

To each and every one of you who contributed to the Hadassah certificate in Mom's name (Virginia White Waugh), thank you so very much. She really loved our Knoxville, and over time, she came to know many of you. And knowing her as I did, let me say she would have been deeply honored. Thank you again for your thoughtfulness.

Fondly, Lesley Rosenblatt

Dear Hadassah Friends,

I appreciate very much the beautiful Hadassah certificate you sent me in memory of Dave. It was so thoughtful of friends I haven't seen in a long time.

Sincerely, Alice Gerson Goldfarb

Dear Hadassah,

Thank you so much for the beautiful certificate. I love it. It will always remind me of my special day. Thank you for such a wonderful gift.

Fondly, Arielle Rosen

Hadassah Highlights

Knoxville Chapter of Hadassah

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Help Israel: Purchase Tree, Water Certificates

Fires 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 its 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 - \$18

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 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.

To purchase a certificate, call Marian at 524-8234, then mail your request and a check to her at P.O. Box 10983, Knoxville, TN. 37939 or e-mail Marian at mayfayjay@aol.com to arrange for a tree or water certificate to be sent in your name.



One More Thank You...

The Knoxville Chapter of Hadassah received a lovely thank you note.

I received a lovely card from the women of our Knoxville Hadassah chapter in honor of my grandson's birth. Let me express my thanks to all of you my appreciation for honoring Ravi's birth with a contribution to the work of Hadassah. I thank you for your best wishes as my family celebrates the miracle of birth.

L'Shalom, Rabbi Michaels

Photos Needed for Hadassah Scrapbook

By Nora Messing, Yearbook/Historian

School's out for summer! If you have pictures from an event that happened this year, please donate them for the scrapbook. I am ready for a summer project.



Knoxville's First Urban Forester a Riveting JNF Speaker

On Sunday, May 19, our Knoxville Hadassah members had a delightful meeting with Kasey Krouse, the City of Knoxville's first Urban Forester.

Kasey graduated from Purdue, is a certified arborist, specializing in urban forestry. Several years ago, as an employee of the Davey Resource Group, Kasey had actually worked in Knoxville on a tree survey commissioned by the city. That initial survey pointed out work that needed to be done and trees that needed attending to. Knoxville Mayor Madeline Rogero, the Knoxville Tree Board, and our City Council created and supported the idea of hiring someone whose sole job would be promoting and looking out for our city's trees. They picked a passionate, knowledgeable, and enthusiastic representative when they hired Kasey.

Kasey's job is to ultimately conduct a detailed survey of all of the city's thousands of trees--a project that will take years to complete--maintain them and plan for future development. Along the way he wants to help educate all of us so we can become empowered tree advocates too. He and the city have a website that is a great resource for anything from how to plant and care for your trees, what to plant, how to hire a certified arborist, how to mulch (beware: improper mulching can end up weakening or killing your tree), opportunities for volunteering, and how to influence policy on local environmental issues. Visit <http://cityofknoxville.org/trees/>

Kasey is setting up ways to allow citizens to be able to donate directly to funds that will be used to plant more trees. He hopes to have something in place by the end of this year. One idea is to promote tree donations to be made in honor of someone. I think it would be kind of cool to point to a tree in downtown Knoxville and say, "There's my tree." Another way is to have individual communities raise funds that would be matched by public money to assist in neighborhood tree plantings.

Kasey said that Knoxville has been a great place to work. The University of Tennessee supplies educated forestry students who volunteer with the technical urban forestry work. He says support from local government and the populace has been greatly appreciated.

Kasey answered our questions until we ran out of time. We asked how it was even possible to grow mature trees downtown in little boxes. Basically it isn't. Trees need more space than a box can provide. For streets like Gay Street that are completely lined with sewers, pipes, concrete under the street, little planter boxes are one of the only options. Kasey said if planted correctly, trees can grow to a nice size in those boxes, then be moved to a permanent site. Gay Street can become a tree nursery which we can enjoy as the trees start their journeys to maturity. We learned that diversity is the only way to go. Too many of one species in the city or in your yard can lead to ecological disaster. One nasty bug could take out all of your trees in one fell swoop. If you insist on planting a Bradford pear, trim it properly or else anticipate it splitting. It will. Check out the www.cityofknoxville.org/trees website for proper pruning instructions.

Our current commercial policy on trees could use a little help. Don't hesitate to let our Mayor and your Councilman know your feelings. Israel is one of the few countries on Earth that has been successful in increasing its number of forests and trees. With Kasey's help, maybe Knoxville can join the ranks of tree gainers rather than tree losers.

Todah Raba to all who participated in the meeting and donated funds for the JNF. Almost \$200 was raised!

(Top) Shuli Mesa, Kasey Krouse, and Peggy Littmann. Kasey Krouse explains his role as an urban forester.



Peggy Hedrick asks a question of speaker Kasey Krouse after the presentation.



Stanford Eisenberg Knoxville Jewish Day School

Ending the Year With a Kick (and a Water Balloon or Two)

KJDS students enjoyed another fun-filled field day on our last day of school. Events started on the Bearden High School track with students running in the 50m, 100m and 400m relay. We then went onto field events which consisted of many different stations including water balloons, hula hoops, Frisbees, and sack races. Thank you to alumni that came to help, as well as to volunteers Stephanie Levin, Karly Cohen, and Jeff Abrams. Photos courtesy of Jeff Abrams.



*(Top left and clockwise)
Tug 'o War success.
Running as fast as we can!
Cooling off with ice pops.
Hallie, mastering the hula hoop.*



Grades K-5 went on a field trip to Pam and Ernie Gross' Horsefeathers Farm to see the new baby goats and to enjoy many other wonderful animals. The kids also got to see the natural spring, hike the trails, and delight in the outdoors thanks to the Gross's.

Here's to KJDS Moms

We celebrated Mother's Day by inviting Moms to have breakfast with us at school. After breakfast, we took the lucky ladies to a classroom to play a game of Mother's Day Jeopardy. The twist was that it was Moms against Kids! The kids each came up with a fact about their Mom and the moms had to guess which Mom the fact belonged to. Lots of laughs were had and some of the facts were claimed to be untrue! For example, "Whose Mom closes the door, puts the music on really loud, and dances with the dogs!" Thanks Moms for coming to spend the morning with us!



Got Gelt?

The students at KJDS excitedly participated again this year in the Gelt Mart. They earned gelt throughout the year for different reasons...

For following their social contracts, showing effort in their work, etc... They can use their gelt during the year to purchase pencils, erasers, etc., or they can save it to spend at the Gelt Mart.

Each student had a booth that contained something to sell or provided a service or a game for their customers. Some big hits this year were the hair salon, the fish for a real goldfish booth, a tattoo parlor, and a decorating cupcakes stand.



(Left) Leead gives Ben a new hair style at his salon.



(Right) Abigail and Lili checking out the tattoo assortment

PechaKucha - Say That Ten Times Fast!

PechaKucha is a new slide presentation methodology which originated in Japan and is sweeping the globe. A typical presentation format includes 20 images shown for 20 seconds each. This format was invented to keep presentations concise and fast moving. For more information on PechaKucha Nights, please visit www.pechakucha.org.

KJDS developed its own format for a PechaKucha Night with the help of Ellen Kern of Stand and Deliver, in which each student gave a 2 minute slide presentation on his/her passion. What an exciting night to see all of our students stand up in front of parents and community members to speak about their passions!



Above photo courtesy of Lev Gross-Comstock

Thank you to our community, family and friends for supporting our school and making the Chai Five campaign so successful!

100% Parent Participation—172% of Fundraising Goal Met—233 Donors

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Naomi Rowe: Jane Cohen, Revital Ganzi, Adam and Naomi Rowe, Debbie and Jeff Abrams-Cohen, The Besmann Family.

Thanks for Chai Five!



The School Year Ends in Style!

What a wonderful night! On the evening of May 23, KJDS students showed off their art work from throughout the year, received awards for working hard, and celebrated the graduation of three awesome fifth graders.

Dana Barnes, our wonderful art teacher, showcased the children's work in a gallery-like manner, highlighting her year long project of introducing our students to famous artists from A to Z. The beautiful artwork was displayed throughout the Academy ballroom for everyone to enjoy. As families walked through our art gallery, they were also treated to beautiful music performed by some of our students



Ms. Dana, our Art Teacher, receives flowers at Art Night. Photo courtesy of Lev-Gross Comstock

that take private lessons with Lev Gross-Comstock. Each student was presented with awards for the 2012-2013 school year. The night culminated with the graduation of our fifth graders. A wonderful and moving video captured many of their moments here at the school and also included personalized messages from all the students and teachers. We wish our grads the best of luck next year in sixth grade! Your new schools are lucky to have you!



Our graduates, Matias, Ben, and Yuval with Ms. Miriam Esther and Ms. Jennifer. Photo courtesy of Lev Gross-Comstock

An Egg-cellent Science Experiment

The 4/5 class had a blast with their last experiment of the year, the egg drop!

Each student had to create a container to house a raw egg. The container had to be made from recycled materials to celebrate Earth Day. This container was to be dropped from a height of 12 feet in the hopes that the egg would not break. We are proud to report that every egg survived the plunge!



The Egg Drop experiment.

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JWV Rummage Collection for Overseas

In 1946, Knoxville Jewish War Veterans Post 340 participated in the S.O.S. (Supplies for Overseas Survivors) fall drive of clothing and canned goods for the Joint Distribution Center. Left to right, Abe **Joffe**, Sol **Richer**, Joe **Busch**, Joe **Billig**, and Dan **Allen** having some fun during the drive. Sol's daughter Nancy **Richer** lives in Knoxville.

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