



Ha' Kol

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

Heska Amuna Synagogue Awarded Two Grants: The Kallah Project, Glazer Fellowship Grant

The Kallah Project



Celebrating Jewish Life & Learning through Transformative Shabbat Retreats

The Kallah Project supports small to medium congregations to hold off-site *kallah* that are open to all members of the congregation. Each year, five congregations are selected and awarded a grant of \$9,000 disbursed over a three year period as follows: \$5,000 for the first annual *kallah*, \$3,000 for the second annual *kallah* and \$1,000 for the third annual *kallah*. The Kallah Project staff works with each congregation to develop a unique, customized *kallah* program plan to meet the specific needs of the congregation.

WHAT IS A KALLAH?

In its broadest sense, a *kallah* is a conference. The term *kallah* is first mentioned in the Talmud as the name of academic conferences held in Babylonia. Today it refers to a variety of gatherings. For our project, the *kallah* is a Shabbat retreat beginning late Friday afternoon and concluding on Sunday morning. These *Kallah* are held off-site at a camp or rural conference center and are open to all members of the congregation.

WHAT HAPPENS AT A KALLAH?

A *kallah* is a relaxed gathering that celebrates *Shabbat* within the framework of a program containing spiritual, educational and social goals. To achieve these goals, many congregations will utilize in house staff for all programming. Others may engage a Scholar-in-Residence. Some may feature a special musical theme or use this weekend as an opportunity to introduce new modes of davening. Congregations may also use this as an opportunity to introduce a theme which they will carry out throughout the year. We will work with each congregation to develop a unique, customized *kallah* program to meet the specific needs of the congregation.

The *kallah* begins as people arrive, are welcomed and settle in. Some congregations may offer pre-*Shabbat* activities for early arrivals. As the sun sets, participants gather for *Kabbalat Shabbat* and dinner. The evening continues with an ice-breaker followed by an *oneg*. While many will then retire for the evening, others may wish to continue with a late night "*rebbe's tish*" with learning and libations. *Shabbat* morning begins with a nosh, worship and study, followed by a *kiddush* lunch. *Shabbat* afternoon enjoys free time and recreational activities. Programming begins again with a workshop, dinner, *Havdalah*, and a fun evening program. Sunday morning culminates with breakfast, wrap up and pack up and *l'hitraot!* (Learn about the Guilford & Diane Glazer Fellowship on Page 2)

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Heska Amuna Synagogue



HaShofar



Guilford Glazer (far left), then chair of the Knoxville Jewish Welfare Fund, organized the May 6, 1951 visit of Israeli Prime Minister David Ben Gurion (center) to Knoxville to visit the TVA facilities (courtesy Knoxville Jewish Archives).

22 Sh’vat—20 Adar I 5776

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**Heska Amuna Synagogue
will be closed
Friday, April 29
in observance of Pesach**

Heska Amuna Announces Guilford & Diane Glazer Fellowship Award

Deuteronomy 10:12

Now, Israel, what does God, your God, ask from you? Only to revere God, walk in all God’s paths, love God, and serve God with all your heart and spirit.

For the next three years, Heska Amuna Synagogue will receive funds through a unique grant designed to highlight the importance of volunteerism in our community: The Guilford & Diane Glazer Fellowship.

This fellowship honors Guilford Glazer, son of hardworking immigrants Ida and Oscar Glazer. A Knoxville native, Guilford Glazer was an American real estate developer and philanthropist. In his lifetime, Glazer remained steadfastly loyal and personally supportive to Knoxville and Knoxville concerns. Sadly, Glazer died just over a year ago.

The grant from the Guilford and Diane Glazer Foundation provides \$25,000 a year for awarding volunteer “sweat equity” donations. To tap into the funding, congregants will complete a simple, online form to log the number of volunteer hours contributed to serving Heska Amuna Synagogue, other Jewish organizations, or secular nonprofit organizations in our community. An hourly rate will be used to calculate the “value” of every volunteer hour a Heska Amuna Synagogue member serves our Synagogue, our community, and the globe over the course of the year. Then, the congregants may assign the monetary value of their efforts to a Synagogue fund of their choosing (e.g., General Fund, Scholarship funds, Educators’ Fund, Cemetery Fund, *kiddushim*, or any other funds).

Funding will recognize many in our community for the good work they are already doing, and hopefully will inspire all of us to do even more. The grant is also designed to encourage those members who may not easily be able to support our synagogue financially to contribute through their actions.

By the end of the third year, it is hoped that Heska Amuna will continue the program using other sources for the seed money. This is a replicable model that has been adopted in several other communities, pioneered by congregation *Ikar* of Los Angeles. We believe that The Guilford & Diane Glazer Fellowship has the potential to transform the future of Heska Amuna Synagogue.

President's Report

Jewish Servicemen And Women Celebrate Passover During WWII

By Raphe Panitz, Ph.D., Heska Amuna President



Passover starts this year on Friday night, April 22. I want to take this opportunity to present some interesting facts about how Jews in the United States Armed Forces celebrated the Passover Seder during WWII.

Jews served in both the European and Asian theatres during WWII. It is estimated that Jews made up 4 to 5 percent of the Armed Forces during the Second World War. Since it is estimated that there were 16.1 million Americans serving in uniform during WWII, there may have been as many as 800,000 Jewish servicemen and women who wore the American uniform during WWII.

What kinds of foods did they consume during their Seders? According to an article that appeared in the magazine *Tablet*, they ate a mélange of foods. These included compote, fresh pineapples, tuna fish, gefilte fish and matzo balls. More exotic foods that they ate consisted of Beckti Farci a la Juife (from a Seder in New Delhi), Consommé avec Knadlach, borscht a la Sgt. Weinstein, Bombay matzos, Beef Stokanoff, Palestine Wine, and Roast Beef a la Yomtov.

What kinds of Haggadot did they use? The haggadot were handwritten and mimeographed, and some were printed on paper. Many used the famous "Maxwell House Haggadah." Mistakes were often made, such as calling horseradish "HorseRaddish." The haggadot often gave the date in both the Gregorian and Hebrew calendar and the military time. Very often, the four questions were recited in Hebrew by the youngest soldier/sailor/airmen present. Most of the Seders concluded with the Afikoman.

At times, soldiers were unaware of where they would be celebrating the Seder. Some were held "on the High Seas," or "somewhere in Europe." I should also mention the incredible work done by the Jewish Welfare Board that has served Jewish service people since the First World War. To this day, the JWB trains chaplains and offers assistance to Jewish military families.

I close with the words of a non-Jewish commanding officer who offered this prayer for a Seder: (the year is probably 1944): "Especially timely is your celebration this year, preceding as it does the dawn of a new day for the liberated peoples of Europe and the promise of peace to the world. We pray that the day may not be distant when the Pharaoh of our time [Hitler] will be engulfed in the seas of retribution that are closing upon him." While we celebrate Passover as a season of liberation from bondage, it is significant to pause and consider how armed forces personnel consider their Passovers in their struggles to free the world of modern tyrants.

Hag Samaech.

Chairman's Musings

By Hal Manas



Purim is a story of anti-Semitism of the highest order that is brought low by a beautiful young Jewess. It is a lovely story on many levels. Our people were saved by the selfless acts of a young girl who became Queen because of her efforts to save her people.

Purim is also the story of a politician who wanted to improve his standing by leading the fight against those who were different. Does any of this ring true in today's world? You bet it does!

In today's world, we read about anti-Semitism world-wide, but far more often we read about a politician who wants to describe those who are different as criminals who have no interest in law and order, especially if their skin is a shade darker than the average Caucasian. We need to close our borders to this group or that group. When I was a child, I heard adults talking about how there used to be a limit on how many Jews could be allowed to immigrate to the United States. Ships full of Jews were turned away from the ports in the United States before and during WWII and sometimes these refugees were sent back to Germany to a terrible fate. We have been on the receiving end of these comments and despicable acts. It would be wrong to do to others what was done to us if we found it objectionable. Or as Hillel said, "Rabbi Hillel, asked to

explain the Torah while a Gentile stood on one foot, uses the golden rule: "What is hateful to yourself, don't do to another. That is the whole Torah. The rest is commentary. Go and learn." (*Sanhedrin of the Babylonian Talmud 56a*)

It is said that Haman was the Amelek of his time, just as it has been said that Hitler was the Amelek of his time. We should not accept any new Ameleks ever again. We should never forget. We should extend a helping hand to those in need.

I understand that this will be published after Purim and before Pesach so I want to relate a story about the time between Purim and Pesach.

My mother was born in Nashville on March 14, 1912. When she asked her parents when her birthday was, what day she was born on, she was told simply that she was born between Purim and Pesach. The Jews of Eastern Europe were not as concerned about birthdays as we are today. Well, in Nashville they issued birth certificates so she found out that her birthday was actually March 14. Since no one seemed to care, she told everyone who asked that her birthday was March 15, the Ides of March. For years I would wish her a happy birthday on the 14th and she would say, "you know that I celebrate it on the 15th" and I would reply that I knew, but she also should know that it was really on the 14th. It was our little game. When she passed away and later we had an Unveiling, the stone said March 14 and my two sisters came to me and said that I got the date wrong. I had to show them the birth certificate before they would believe me. This story is always on my mind at this time of year.



Sisterhood Garden Party, Tea, and Jewelry Swap

Sunday, May 1
11 a.m.-1 p.m.

Please join us on Sunday, May 1 and bring your favorite tea, pot, and cup, wear your prettiest hat, and most of all, bring any costume jewelry that you would like to swap with each other.

Heska Amuna Sisterhood will supply snacks and desserts. Best of all, it's free! Just For Fun!

Please RSVP to Harriet Glasman at harrietglasman@gmail.com or call her at 671-2698.

Heska Amuna Sisterhood News

By Harriet Glasman,
Sisterhood President



"We have several fun and worthwhile projects for the next two months. We had a table for Mitzvah Day. We will be supplying the KJA with challahs and challah rolls to include in Shabbat baskets for Jews who have nowhere to go for a Shabbat celebration or are unable to get out to buy challahs. We also made cards to include in the baskets. We showed children how to make their original cards for the baskets at our table during Mitzvah Day. We are well on our way.

The baking began February 4 at Peggy Littmann's house with Peggy, Jane Cohen, Robin Brown and Marilyn Wohl.

We are also participating in the KJA Jewish Food Festival May 22 and our Sisterhood will soon begin to prepare and freeze matzo balls to sell with chicken soup.

Miriam Weinstein is planning an interesting educational program for us on Haggadahs.

Also, Peggy Littmann showed a film at her house which corresponded with a book the Hadassah/Sisterhood Book Club read. The title of the BBC series is "The Silent Army."

We enjoyed a Garden Party and Jewelry Swap May 3 in my backyard. Food was provided and it was JFF (JUST FOR FUN)

We hope to take a field trip soon to visit galleries downtown and try a new restaurant for lunch.

We absolutely welcome any ideas for activities, so feel comfortable to email me with your suggestions and we will try to make them happen.

Pursuing Passover with HA Sisterhood

The greater Knoxville community is invited to join the Sisterhood of Heska Amuna Synagogue, Saturday, **April 16**, after services, for a fascinating discussion on the Haggadah, Passover, its origins, changes, and significance in ancient and modern times.

Deuteronomy 16:1

Observe the month of Abib and offer a Passover sacrifice to the Lord your God, for it was in the month of Abib, at night that the Lord your God freed you from Egypt.

Pretty dramatic stuff.

Join us for Kiddush at Heska Amuna, but please RSVP to Peggy Littmann so we will have enough (food and materials). We'll begin around 1 p.m. and continue for approximately an hour. Contact Peggy Littmann— plittmann@comcast.net or 776-1013—with any questions or let her know you plan to attend.



Biblical D & D

By Virginia Kessler

It turns out that chasing after the Ark of the Covenant is not just for Indiana Jones. Twice a month since January, Rabbi Alon Ferency has been hosting a biblical role-playing game in the Heska Amuna Library. Under the rabbi's guidance, a small group of us meet to engage in a quest to retrieve the Ark from the Philistines.

Role-playing games, popularized by *Dungeons & Dragons (D & D)*, are usually associated with people pretending to be magical wizards and nimble elves fighting off orcs and dragons. It is not the kind of game that one would expect to play in the Synagogue Library. However, instead of fighting our way through a realm of magical kings, we find ourselves among the Twelve Tribes of Israel. This is a time of tribal leaders, before Israel is united under a single king, when various enemies threaten the Israelites from all borders.

The group that gathers is a diverse bunch: some are regular role players, some have never played a role-playing game before, and some of us haven't rolled the dice since before a few of the younger players were born. Rabbi Ferency leads the game with a simplicity that makes it accessible for newcomers while still maintaining an engaging adventure.

Everyone brings their own interests and knowledge to the game. In fact, the most enjoyable part is building this story with others. Since we have started playing, members have taught the group about historical Israelite battle gear, Greek gladiatorial customs, Pagan worship practices, and the ancient ecology of Israel. At each meeting, we gain a new understanding of the time of Judges and Kings. After every meeting, I am inspired to research more into the world of ancient Israel.

Role-playing through the conflict between the Israelites and Philistines is an unexpected and fun way to engage in Scripture. To be sure, there's a lot of laughter involved. That's a bit unavoidable when your group characters include a ranger and her bear companion, a prophetess who has no memory of the past, plus a barbarian, a pagan, and fighters. However, there is a lot of biblical learning going on, too.

Generally, we meet on the second and fourth Sunday evenings at 7:15 p.m. each month. There's always an extra seat at our table, and a few spare dice, so join in!



HARS Enjoys Purim Fun at TBE



Heska Amuna Religious School wants to say thanks to our friends at Temple Beth El for hosting such a fun-filled Purim Carnival for both Religious Schools, Gan K'Tan, and Torah Tots.



We loved dressing up in costumes, playing games, getting our faces painted, making new friends, and seeing familiar friends as we celebrated Purim together.

Heska Amuna Religious School News

By Betty Golub, Youth and Family Programming Director

I am sure that many of us have memories of sitting for endless hours at a Seder being so bored. The only thing on your mind is the question when do we eat? This year, *fun* should be the operative word.

Here are some suggestions for a fun filled family seder:

- ◆ Two words: *Plague Charades*– Go for it!
- ◆ Voices- narrator voice, Moses voice, God voice, whatever!
- ◆ Ask, "If you were an Egyptian stranded on an island, and you could only have one plague for the rest of your life, which one would it be?"
- ◆ Come up with creative alternative uses for each of the seder plate items
- ◆ Haggadah game of "Taboo" (taboo words: Slaves, Free, plague, out stretched)
- ◆ Spontaneous Seder Table Wave
- ◆ Come dressed as your favorite plague (Lester wants to do this!)

This year when it is time to read the Four Questions, try the following:
Why is it on Passover night we never know how to do anything right? We don't eat our meals in the regular ways, the ways that we do on all other days.

'Cause on all other nights we may eat all kinds of wonderful good bready treats, like big purple pizza that tastes like a pickle, crumbly crackers and pink pumpernickel, sassafras sandwich and tiger on rye, fifty falafels in pita, fresh-fried, with peanut-butter and tangerine sauce spread onto each side up-and-down, then across, and toasted whole-wheat bread with liver and ducks, and crumpets and dumplings, and bagels and lox, and doughnuts with one hole and doughnuts with four, and cake with six layers and windows and doors. Yes--on all other nights we eat all kinds of bread, but tonight of all nights, we munch matzah instead.

And on all other nights we devour vegetables, green things, and bushes and flowers, lettuce that's leafy and candy-striped spinach, fresh silly celery (have more when you're finished!) cabbage that's flown from the jungles of Glome by a polka-dot bird who can't find his way home, daisies and roses and inside-out grass and artichoke hearts that are simply first class! Sixty asparagus tips served in glasses with anchovy sauce and some sticky molasses -- But on Passover night you would never consider eating an herb that wasn't bitter.

And on all other nights you would probably flip if anyone asked you how often you dip. On some days I only dip one bup-Bup egg in a teaspoon of vinegar mixed with nutmeg, but sometimes we take more than ten thousand tails of the Yakkity-birds that are hunted in Wales, and dip then in vats full of Mumbegum juice. Then we feed them to Harold, our six-legged moose. Or we don't dip at all! We don't ask your advice. So why on this night do we have to dip twice?

And on all other nights we can sit as we please, on our heads, on our elbows, our backs or our knees, or hang by our toes from the tail of a Glump, or on top of a camel with one or two humps, with our foot on the table, our nose on the floor, with one ear in the window and one out the door, doing somersaults over the greasy knishes or dancing a jig without breaking the dishes. Yes--on all other nights you sit nicely when dining-- so why on this night must it all be reclining?'

***The Dr. Seuss version of the 4 questions (Professor Eliezer Segal, <http://www.acs.ucalgary.ca/~elsegal/>)**



The Amazing Race Through the 15 Steps of the Seder

Please join us on
Sunday, April 17, 2016
9:30a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Parents and children together
Matzah Pizza Seder to follow

Contributions From Caring People

Donations received as of March 8, 2016

Visit www.heskaamuna.org for a complete list of available funds.

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In memory of Dr. Leon Handler
Barbara & Bernie Bernstein
In memory of Abe and Tillie Slovis
Esther Webster



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

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

Heska Amuna Synagogue HaShofar

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Permanent Schedule

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

Evening minyanim for members can be arranged by calling President Raphe Panitz one week before.

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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Gan K'Tan: Let's Celebrate Passover

Sunday, April 17, 2016

10:00 -11:30 a.m.

Heska Amuna Synagogue

For children ages 0-4 years old and their parents

Join Us at Our Adult Ed Classes

Heska Amuna adult education classes are open to the Jewish community. Join us any week. All classes meet at Heska Amuna Synagogue.

Bible Version D&D with Rabbi Alon Ferency Second and 4th Sundays each month at 7:15 p.m.

Role-playing through the conflict between the Israelites and Philistines is an unexpected and fun way to engage in Scripture!

Brown Bag Bet Midrash with Rabbi Alon Ferency Wednesdays, noon-1 p.m., drop in as you can.

Bring a question, some vegetarian food, and even a friend. The Rabbi will help navigate the great Jewish texts.

Israel Book Club with Rabbi Alon Ferency

First Sunday monthly - 7:30 p.m. (not meeting in April)

Curious which book each month?

Email the Rabbi to be put on the mailing list.

Learn to Read Hebrew with Peggy Littmann

In this is beginning level class we'll be using the text, *Aleph isn't Tough: An Introduction to Hebrew for Adults* by Linda Motzkin. Class members need to furnish their own copies of the book.

Contact Peggy Littmann plittmann@comcast.net or 865 776-1013 if you are interested.

Torah Tidbits with Rabbi Alon Ferency

Thursdays, 7:30 a.m. after Minyan

Brief commentary from the week's parashah followed by Kaddish d'Rabbanan

Rabbinic Literature —

with Dr. Raphe Panitz and Jacob Love

Wednesdays, 7:00-8:00 p.m. Currently, we are studying Tractate Megillah, a section of Talmud that talks about Purim, rituals related to reading the Torah, and learning about the laws of Passover from the Tractate known as Pesachim. Knowledge of Hebrew is NOT required for this informal class. We guarantee you will enjoy the class.

More seminars and classes added each quarter.

Please email or call Raphe Panitz
to learn more about

Heska Amuna Synagogue's adult education.

Want to teach a class or
suggest a topic?
Please let us know!

Adlin to Celebrate Bat Mitzvah May 7 at Heska Amuna

Celia Adlin will become a Bat Mitzvah on Saturday, May 7 at Heska Amuna Synagogue, with Rabbi Alon Ferency officiating. Celia is the daughter of Richard and Jill Adlin, and granddaughter of Madelyne Adlin of Long Island, NY and Dale and Joann Sims of Chattanooga, TN.



Celia is an eighth grader at Nature's Way Montessori School and a serious classical ballet dancer who takes instruction at Van Metre School of Dance in Maryville and The School of The Georgia Ballet in Atlanta. She also dances with the Appalachian Ballet Company.

For her mitzvah project, she has been entertaining residents at local nursing homes by dancing for them. She also enjoys creative writing, reading, and playing with her dog Roxy.

Heska Amuna to Host April 14 Freedom Song Musical

Freedom Song, the musical, will be performed at Heska Amuna Synagogue on **Thursday, April 14 at 8 p.m.** in a collaboration between Heska Amuna and Beit T'Shuvah. This musical is a transformative musical that will shatter the myth of Jews being immune to addiction. By interweaving a Passover Seder with personal stories of addiction, *Freedom Song* poses one stark question—"what are you a slave to?"

The cast of *Freedom Song* are actual addicts in recovery that have broken off the shackles of drugs, alcohol, gambling, and other destructive behaviors. Using song and dance, tears and laughter, and an intense post show discussion with our cast, *Freedom Song* will open your eyes to the real life struggle against the "bondage of self" that we fight every day.

Beit T'Shuvah is based in Los Angeles and houses both a residential treatment center and a supportive, spiritual community, Beit T'Shuvah approaches addiction and other destructive behaviors with a groundbreaking model

focusing on the integration of the whole self—the mind, body, and spirit. This model integrates Jewish spirituality, psychotherapy, addiction counseling, The 12 Steps, and creative arts. It helps clients practice the art of living well through diverse programming designed to teach individuals how to live in concert with their own unique holiness. Beit T'Shuvah's mission is to guide individuals and families towards a path of living well, so that wrestling souls can recover from addiction and learn how to properly heal.

For information, visit www.beittshuvah.org



APRIL 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>Community-Wide Yom HaShoah Observance Tuesday, May 17 Temple Beth El</p> 		<p>Save the Date! KNOSHVILLE Jewish Food Festival Saturday, May 22 Arnstein Jewish Community Center</p>			<p>1 7:30p Shabbat Service-TBE</p>	<p>2 9:30a Shabbat Service-HA 9:30a Shabbat Service-JCOR 6p Bling It On Silent Auction & Dinner-TBE</p>
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AJCC Summer Memberships on Sale NOW!

The AJCC Pool is open May 22—September 5

Save \$50 by purchasing your summer membership by APRIL 22!

Forms available at the KJA Office or online at www.jewishknoxville.org/AboutUs

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Weinstein BBG and Winick AZA danced the night away at their spring formal, "You Israeli Hot," February 27 at the AJCC. The new Beau is **Camden Boring** and the new Sweetheart is **Stephanie Goldfeld**. The new Little Brother is **Ben Gibbons** and the new Little Sister is **Lauren Dryzer**.

Knoxville BBO TALENT SHOW

Sunday, April 10
Arnstein Jewish Community Center

Reservations: \$10 At the door: \$12
Families: \$30

RSVP to weinsteinbbg@gmail.com
Send donations to AJCC, 6800
Deane Hill Dr., Knoxville, TN 37919



Local Knoxville, UT Hillel Student Wins Best of Show

Samuel Bendriem, son of Bernard and Anne Bendriem, and fellow student Bryan Zavala, were honored with the Student Best of Show and a Gold ADDY Award for their University of Tennessee "Accent Knoxville" project. The awards are presented by the American Advertising Federation of Knoxville.

"Knoxville has a respectable group of international cultures; however, you would never know it as there is no one single public resource dedicated to highlighting and promoting all of the cultural events that occur around town. Cultivating an increased awareness of Knoxville's existing cultures is necessary for it to become a proud and thriving city. Their website project promotes cultural events so that Knoxville will become more aware and open to the myriad cultures that exist here," said Bendriem.



2016 High School and College Graduates Sought

Let us know if you have a high school or college student in your family who will be graduating from high school or college this year, so we can publish your good news in the July issue of *Ha'Kol*. Please provide the student's name and family information (son or daughter of, grandson of).

Deadline: May 23.

- ◆ **High school:** list the high school, parents, honors or leadership positions, and future plans – if going to college, provide the name of the college and proposed major.
- ◆ **College, community college, or trade school:** please let us know what degree was earned and future plans!

E-mail information and photos to jyork@jewishknoxville.org or mail to *Ha'Kol*, c/o KJA, 6800 Deane Hill Drive, Knoxville, TN 37919



Round up your team of 4 and join us for the KJA Bowling Fundraiser Tournament

(Proceeds provide scholarship funds to Milton Collins Day Camp or AJCC Preschool.)

Sunday, April 17, 2 p.m.
(Check-in begins at 1:30 p.m.)

Where: Oak Ridge Bowling Center,
246 S. Illinois Ave., Oak Ridge, TN 37830

Cost: \$20/person for 2 games and shoes

RSVP: Space is limited so reserve your spot by **Friday, April 8**
office@jewishknoxville.org
(865) 690-6343

AIPAC Knoxville-Oak Ridge Annual Event

Monday, May 9, 2016

6:00 p.m. Deli Dinner

7:00 p.m. Program

Arnstein JCC

6800 Deane Hill Drive
Knoxville, TN 37919

This event is open to those who generously contribute a minimum of \$100 to the 2016 AIPAC Annual Campaign.

*For additional information,
please contact Staci Eichelbaum
at 678.254.2631 or
seichelbaum@aipac.org.*

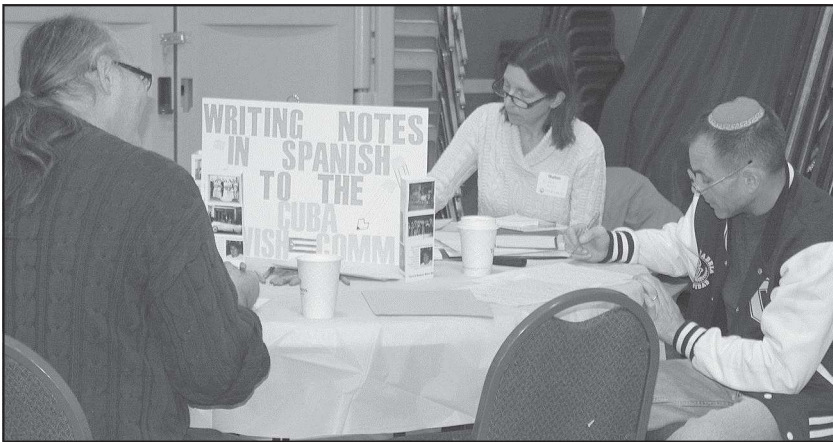
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2016 Mitzvah Day Joins Hearts with Hands-On Good Deeds

About 300 people spent February 21 performing mitzvahs that benefitted Susannah's House, AJCC Beautification, Family Promise, Children's Hospital, Horse Haven, IJAMS, FISH Pantry, Syrian refugees, and more!



Volunteers sew curtains for the AJCC Preschool. Jewish and Muslim teens create care packages for Syrian refugees during Mitzvah Day activities.



(Top-Bottom) Youth weed non-native plants at IJAMS. Howard Pollock and daughter Sophie sort donations at FISH Pantry. At the AJCC, folks write letters to Cuban Jewish communities. Chair Lisa Reyes Mason is thrilled by the collection of backpacks, school supplies, and household items.



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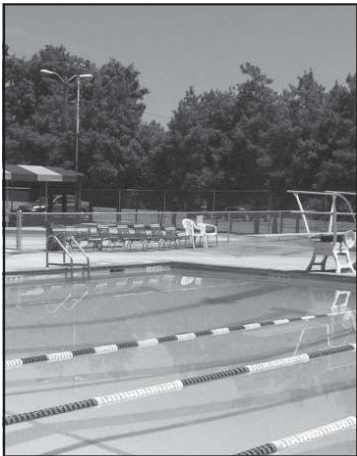
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The countdown's on! Our spacious AJCC Pool opens Sunday, May 22!

Purchase your AJCC Summer Membership by Friday, April 22* and SAVE \$50!

Early bird discount rate: is **\$335.*** After April 22, summer membership is **\$385**

Our AJCC Pool is open seven days a week (weather permitting) from May 22 until Labor Day 2016

AJCC Summer Membership forms online at www.jewishknoxville.org or at the KJA Office. Call (865) 690-6343 for information.

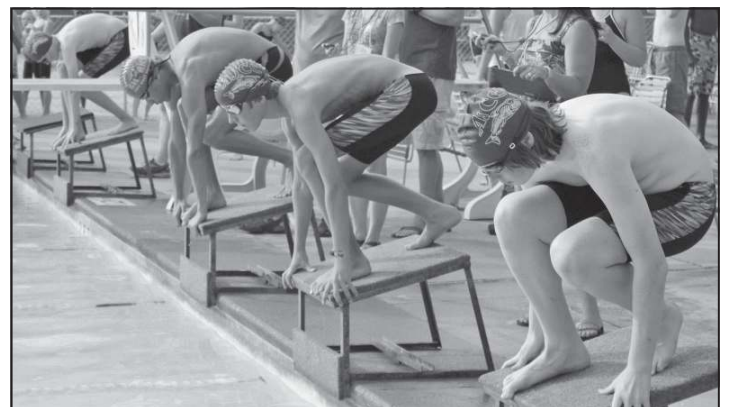
*Your payment must be received by the KJA by April 22, 2016 to receive this discount.

Summertime's Comin' - Join Now!

The University Swim Club and our AJCC Smokin' Salmon are officially ONE merged team! All home swim meets will be held at the AJCC.

A member of the Greater Knoxville Area Interclub Swim Association (GKAISA), **University Club Smokin' Salmon swim team** is open to girls and boys ages 5-18. Swimmers are divided into age group competition levels.

The **University Club Smokin' Salmon swim team** coaching staff is experienced and highly motivated. Coach Joe Peeden and Assistant Coach Alex Peeden (a former Smokin' Salmon!) look forward to teaching and working with our youth. We provide a low coach-to-swimmer ratio to ensure that each swimmer is given the personal attention and instruction needed to reach his/her potential. Coaches will work with swimmers during practices to ensure the swimmer is working at a level that both challenges and encourages. **Register online at www.jewishknoxville.org today!**



Register and pay for University Club Smokin' Salmon Swim Team by Friday, April 15 and receive additional discounts on summer pool memberships and MCDC day camp.



KJA President's Remarks

By Adam Brown, adam@tennesseeschoolofbeauty.com

I've now had the privilege of serving as your KJA president for approximately four months and I can't begin to tell you what a positive experience it has been for me. So many people have come up to me and thanked me for what I'm doing, but I'm really the one who should be thanking you. The joy I'm getting from serving as president for an organization that is so near and dear to my heart has far exceeded any expectations I might have had. It certainly helps that so many great things have been happening at the AJCC since December, from programming to facilities improvements to seeing so many people who haven't visited the AJCC for many years starting to return to the Center.

My goal as president from the start has been community-oriented and to make the Center more like it was when I was growing up. When I receive an email from Meir Matt Niad from the Jewish Congregation of Oak Ridge and he states that JCOR wants to be more involved with the KJA; when I see Bob and Elaine Freeman show up to the AJCC on consecutive weeks to play Pickleball; when Susan and Harold Silber volunteer to host a KJA Pacesetters event at their home; when I see more than 200 people show up for the opening of the Schwarzbart Gallery; when Temple Beth El and Heska Amuna both invite us to have a KJA Shabbat;----when all of these things are happening, I know we're on the right track. The phrase: "To be honest, I've had no real reason to come to the AJCC," is now being replaced with "I'm glad I came to the Center today. A lot sure has changed. I'll definitely be back."

There's a whole lot of GOOD going on at the AJCC and if you haven't visited or been particularly active in a while, won't you please give it another chance. If there's an event, an idea, or a cause at the AJCC that's particularly important to you, please consider volunteering. I know that one of the biggest fears of volunteering, especially in this community, is that you'll be sucked into a black hole of never-ending time commitment-----I give you my word that will not happen! I know how it feels to be on that end and frankly, it's a major turn-off. I would love nothing more than to see a bunch of new faces each giving one or two hours of their time just once this year. Imagine what an impact that would make not only on the AJCC, but on the Knoxville Jewish Community as a whole. And as someone who is getting so much more out of this organization than what I'm giving, I want to thank you again for the opportunity to serve as your KJA President. Angie and I want to wish the entire community a very Happy Passover. And now, I leave you with this Passover thought:

A Jewish man took his Passover lunch to eat outside in the park. He sat down on a bench and began eating.

A little while later, a blind man came by and sat down next to him.

Feeling neighborly, the Jewish man passed a sheet of matzo to the blind man.

The blind man ran his fingers over the matzo for a few minutes, looked puzzled, and finally exclaimed, "Who wrote this crap?"

Jewish Family Services, a program of the Knoxville Jewish Alliance, presents:

Planning for the Future: Advance Care Plans

Thursday, April 7 — 7 p.m.
AJCC Orwitz Room



Greg Phelps, MD, University of Tennessee Medical Center and UT Hospice, will discuss how and when you should give direction about the kind of life you would prefer to live up to the end—in other words, how to "voice your choice."

Phelps will discuss Tennessee advance care plans (also known as advance directives), health care decision-making, and what drives current health care choices. With a strong, practical sense of ethics (and humor), Phelps will help us look at how best to voice our choices.

Phelps is a family physician who is board-certified in palliative medicine. A clinical assistant professor of family medicine at UT Medical Center, he serves as medical director of UT Hospice.

Everyone is invited to this meeting. State of Tennessee advance care plan forms will be available if you wish to complete one at the conclusion of the program.

Please RSVP to Jewish Family Services Director Laura Berry at 865-690-6343 ext. 18 or LBerry@jewishknoxville.org.



Michal Kaplan teaches Conversational Hebrew for Beginners classes at the AJCC through May 2. The class includes 10 lessons and a printed dictionary. For information, contact her at kaplanita@gmail.com.



Thanks to all who have pledged or donated to the 2016 KJA Annual Campaign.

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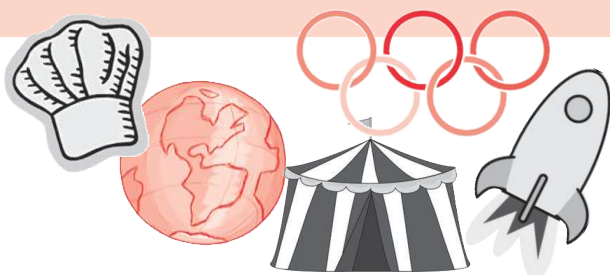
CAMP K'TONTON

Brought to you by the AJCC Preschool

Daily Activities include swimming, arts and crafts, and lots of fun in the sun! Camp K'Tonton invites special guests to visit each Friday, such as our friends from the Knoxville Zoo, The Muse, The Living Tree, and more!

Questions? Call us at (865) 963-8001

To register, visit www.jewishknoxville.org under the "CHILDREN" tab!



A 10-week, fun-filled multicultural camp experience where kids can be kids, for children ages 2-5 years. We offer weekly sessions with exciting themes, special guests, and many fun activities.

2016 FUN WEEKLY THEMES:

- Week 1: **May 23-27** Under the Big Top
- Week 2: **May 31-June 3** Space is the Place
- Week 3: **June 6-10** Under the Sea
- Week 4: **June 13-17** Kreative Kampers
- Week 5: **June 20-24** Where the Wild Things Are
- Week 6: **June 27-July 1** Now We're Cooking
- Week 7: **July 5-8** Ooey Goey
- Week 8: **July 11-15** Camp KTT Olympics
- Week 9: **July 18-22** Around the World
- Week 10: **July 25-July 29** Farewell to Camp KTT

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Teen TAPS program for **grades 7-9** also available. Community service hours available.

MAY 23-JUNE 3 SESSION 1: TENNESSEE ROAD TRIP

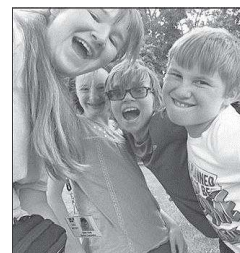
JUNE 6-17 SESSION 2: WE'VE GOT TALENT

JUNE 20-JULY 1 SESSION 3:

MAGIC AND MYSTERY

JULY 5-15: SESSION 4: SPACE PLACE

JULY 18-29: SESSION 5: IT'S THE OLYMPICS!



"Artists are just children who refuse to put down their crayons." -Al Hirschfeld



Please Join Us for
**The 7th Annual
Preschool Art Gala**

Wednesday, April 6th, 2016

5.00-7.00pm

*The Arnstein Jewish Community Center Gymnasium
6800 Deane Hill Dr. Knoxville, TN 37919*

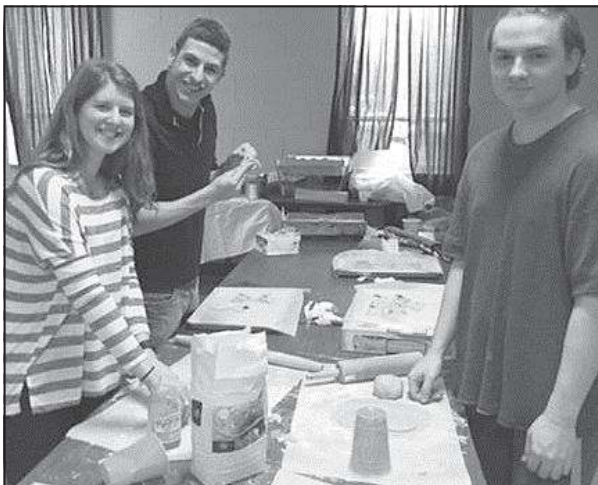
Join us for an evening of fun and fellowship to include a silent auction, children's artwork, hors d'oeuvres, a wine bar, and much more!

RSVP by March 23rd via email to psadmin@jewishknoxville.org or phone at 865.963.8001

Fundraiser

UTK Hillel Students Celebrate Purim, Enjoy Baking Hamantaschen

UTK Hillel students enjoyed making hamantaschen during campus Purim festivities. Thank you to Phyllis Hirsh for providing the dough for our hamantaschen.



P2G Program Brings KJDS, Hadera Classmates Together

"The Partnership2Gether peoplehood platform connects some 550 communities around the world in 45 partnerships.

As part of this program, the Knoxville Jewish Day School has begun to build a twin school connection with the "Tzlil" school from Hadera, Israel.

This connection actually started last December, when the Israeli teacher - Yaffa - visited Morah Michal's Hebrew class as part of the educators delegation from Israel.

We hope to continue the partnership by doing more joint activities, such as swapping IDs, sending Purim greetings, sharing Passover experiences, and more."

Contact Deborah Oleshansky to learn more about P2G.

KJDS students with Morah Yaffa during her Knoxville visit.

The day school's new Hadera friends introduce themselves.



Stand Up for Peace Comedy Show Draws a Crowd, Praise

The Stand Up for Peace Comedy Show featuring Scott Blakeman and Dean Obeidallah drew a packed house to the Arnstein Jewish Community Center on February 23 and praise by a KJA audience member:

"The concept of unifying the Muslim and Jewish community even for just a night was brilliant. It took a risk. Maybe more of us should be willing to take a risk as the rewards are so great. For me it was the best event I have attended in our community in my seven years here. I felt proud. I felt happy. I felt like it made the KJA relevant. I see hope, creativity and the beginning of a new era. Thank you for making me proud of the Knoxville Jewish Community

"I wish we could find more ways to bring the Muslim and Jewish community together. Peace has to start somewhere. Why not here? As I read the Koran outside a mosque in Turkey, I was amazed at how often the Koran emphasized taking care of the poor. What if we could do some project together? Thanks for a great inspiring evening," says Ron Sebold.

The Stand Up for Peace performance was sponsored by the Knoxville Jewish Alliance, the UT Hillel/Jewish Student Center, Hillel International, the Muslim Community of Knoxville, and the UTK Muslim Students Association. The event raised more than \$300 to benefit Family Promise of Knoxville.



Comedian Dean Obeidallah

Stories from the KJA Archives

By Barbara Winick Bernstein

One day in December, the Heska Amuna Synagogue office received a call asking for information about a rabbi who might possibly have served in the Knoxville area almost 100 years ago. That office referred the caller to the KJA Archives and after a few days of research we were able to provide an answer. This excerpt from a letter of thanks expresses the value of our own KJA Archives and the wonderful gift of possessing our own history.

This is just a brief note to express my sincerest appreciation to the Knoxville Jewish Federation and specifically Barbara Bernstein and Nicki Russler for helping me to discover more specifics about my connection to Knoxville. My grandfather, Julian Shapo, was an immigrant who dedicated his life to serving the fledgling young Jewish community all over the United States. I have always been interested in his story since it represents the realization of the American dream. Five children, all college graduates and professionals, 13 grandchildren, many great grandchildren all thriving in this country. Recently, I found my way to South Carolina with an eye on visiting Knoxville and perhaps Lexington, Kentucky, both places where our family thought Rabbi Shapo served but no one really knew. A phone call to (your archive)... cleared everything up and...I was able to continue on my quest to trace my ancestral route.

Without the hard work of individuals such as these, early, important American Jewish history will be lost. This is especially true of the Jewish Communities in the Southern United States. Fewer Jews. More isolated, etc. I commend their efforts. On behalf of the Shapo Mishpacha, I am deeply thankful for their research and I pray that the Knoxville Federation will continue to support efforts to save and cherish the memory of our growth as a Jewish presence in the United States. It remains important that we never forget.

Mary Beth Leidman, Professor, Department of Communications Media
Indiana University of Pennsylvania

Executive Director's Remarks Thoughts About Pesach and Courage

By Deborah Oleshansky,
doleshansky@jewishknoxville.org

Recently I had the honor of representing the KJA at the Tennessee Holocaust Commission State Day of Remembrance Ceremony held in the House Chamber of the State House in Nashville. Henry Fribourg of Knoxville lit one of the memorial candles and the keynote speaker was Pastor Chris Edmonds who shared his father's story of courage in the face of Nazi brutality. Pastor Edmonds will be our Yom Hashoah speaker on **Tuesday, May 17** at Temple Beth El.

Courage is defined as the mental or moral strength to venture, persevere, and withstand danger, fear, or difficulty. Maya Angelou taught, "Courage is the most important of all virtues because without it we can't practice any other virtue with consistency."

When thinking about courage I am reminded of my grandparent's story. On Pesach eve in 1939 Nazi-controlled Germany, my grandparents made their own personal exodus. Just like the Jews of ancient Egypt, they left everything they knew behind and in the dark of night took their two-year-old baby (my mother), and ran for their lives. They took only the clothes on their backs, and my grandfather's tefillin, tallis, siddur, and chumash. Not certain where they would go or what the future held, they had the courage to try to find freedom and safety somewhere, somehow.

During the Pesach seder we recite: "In every generation each individual is bound to regard him/herself as if he/she had gone personally forth from Egypt."

As we prepare for the holiday of freedom, may we take time to honor and remember the courage of so many of our ancestors who made terrifying sacrifices that allow us to live in a time of freedom. May we have the courage to stand up and show up when needed to ensure that we do everything in our ability to preserve freedom and security for all peoples in our time and for all future generations. Sending blessings for a healthy, joyful and meaningful holiday, filled with gratitude, freedom and love. *Chag Sameach!*



Henry Fribourg lights a memorial candle at the State House in Nashville.

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Michal Kaplan and Sharon Soleman organized Israel Trivia Night at International House on the UTK campus. Participants included Sharon Soleman, Benji Ballin, Zeke Charles, Michal Kaplan, Sam Charney, Jake Cone, and John Tirro.

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TEMPLE BETH EL TIMES

22 Adar II - 22 Nissan 5776

Hag Sameach from the TBE Board & Staff

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Annual Temple Beth El Congregational Meeting
Thursday, May 12 — 7:00 p.m.
 Arnstein Auditorium, Temple Beth El

Election of Officers
Annual Reports

We will vote for new Board Members
 and Committee Reports will be
 presented.

Light refreshments to follow.



Temple Beth El Religious School April 2016 Update

By Norma James, Religious School Director, normajames@tbeknox.org

Wow! April is a BUSY Month for Religious School families: ISJL Visit from Bethany Berger, Torah Tots, Jordan Frankel becomes Bat Mitzvah, a Temple Sleepover, and our Passover Mock Seder!

PLEASE NOTE SPECIAL SERVICE TIME of 6 p.m. Please join our Hebrew Chai Class for Shabbat April 1. Our teen class has stepped up to conduct a Shabbat service for our congregation. Under the guidance of Tara Bain and Norma James, class members Ben Margulies, Ben Hirsh, Sarah Perez, Rachel Margulies, Justen Bain, Kalisa Parsons, and Benjamin Gibbons have prepared a full service including the reading of Torah. Because this is an early service, there will be a special oneg with light dinner fare in addition to the usual fruit, cheese, and desserts.

Bethany Berger from ISJL comes for her spring visit April 1-3. We welcome Bethany back for her final visit this year. Bethany will be at Shabbat services Friday and at the Temple Auction on Saturday night. On Sunday she will do some special programming for our students. ISJL has created a giant Chutes and Ladders game that our children will love! I hope you take an opportunity to speak with Bethany. She loves making new friends and welcomes any question you may have about ISJL services.

Special Torah Tots April 3. We are excited that our April Torah Tots will be part of our visit from ISJL Fellow, Bethany Berger, who will do a special learning session with our little guys! Torah Tots is 10:00-11:30 a.m. **It is never to late to join Torah Tots!**

Jordan Frankel becomes Bat Mitzvah Saturday, April 9 at 10:30 a.m.: We are delighted to announce that Jordan Frankel will be called to the Torah. Jordan has worked very hard preparing for this important service. Jordan's tutor is Tory Frankel, who was raised in Temple Beth El. Jordan will conduct this service, with assistance from Howard Pollock and Norma James. I hope you will join the entire Frankel family in this beautiful lifecycle simcha.

We moved the 4th - 7th grade Sleepover at Temple to Saturday, April 16: Instead of our usual end-of-the-year event, we decided to do our Sleepover in April. You won't want to miss out on this special event. We gather at West Town Mall at 5 p.m. for dinner in the Food Court. Then we will go to a family-friendly movie. After the movie, we head back to Temple for Havdalah, ice cream sundaes, and more fun before lights out. I am excited to invite our current 4th graders to their first Temple sleepover.

Model Seder at Religious School Sunday, April 17: One of our favorite activities at Religious School is our annual model Seder. We need lots of parents to sign up to bring items, set up, serve, and clean up. If parents want to join our students, we welcome you. Not only do our students learn about the Passover Seders, they also have a beautiful Jewish experience as a school community.

Last Day of Religious School is Sunday, May 1. This year we will have special classroom celebrations and parties to make our last day of school really great!



Join your Temple Beth El Family for a second night of Passover

*Enjoy a Seder Service led by Liz Gassel
followed by a wonderful Seder dinner*

Saturday, April 23 — 6 p.m.

SEDER MENU

- ★ Individual Seder Plate: *boiled egg, fresh horseradish, parsley, charoset and celery*
- ★ Gefilte Fish with Beet Horseradish: *traditional Passover appetizer*
- ★ Matzo Ball Soup: *roasted vegetable stock with matzo balls*
- ★ Moroccan Spiced Salmon: *salmon drizzled with a harissa sauce on a bed of honey roasted carrots*
- ★ Caramelized Onion Braised Beef Brisket: *tender and delicious*
- ★ Smashed Garlic Potatoes: *with olive oil and herbs*
- ★ Steamed Asparagus: *fresh asparagus with lemon vinaigrette*
- ★ Strawberry Shortcake: *slightly sweet and refreshing finish*

\$24 for adults — \$12 for children (ages 3 - 12)

Reservation and payment must be received no later than **April 6.**

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Leading Like a Moses

By Liz Gassel, TBE President

Since it is the Passover Season and our thoughts are focused on the Exodus from Egypt, I would like to offer a D'var Torah on Parshat 'Ki Tisa' from a Shabbat service I led in February. Many thanks go to Meredith Jaffe for her contribution of relevant material and insights.

As an ambient worrier of the first degree, every day of my term in office I angst over whether or not I am functioning as the best leader I can be for Temple Beth El. As President, Parshat 'Ki Tisa' speaks to me about the need for and the nature of a good leader. It should speak to all of us as we have the potential for excellence in leadership, every one of us!

The wild desert uprising that culminates in the creation of the Golden Calf is a test of two leaders in particular, Moses and Aaron. Their respective responses to the matter at hand are instructive not only in the context of a people wandering through the wilderness but also to anyone who leads or participates in the management of community during times of change and challenge.

Moses has been absent from the people's midst for some 40 days, and without him, people are anxious. They feel abandoned, insecure, and unsure of their purpose. They demand a tangible symbol to replace the missing Moses. The golden calf fits the bill, perhaps not really as a substitute for God but at least as a new intermediary between themselves and God. First to confront the mob is Aaron who does not seem to have the management skills or the will to unify them and prevent many from getting out of control. The text of the Torah paints Aaron as acquiescent, obliging, and unquestioning of their demands. In this episode, Aaron, as leader, is responsive to the desires of the assembled Israelites but in a way that fails to help the people move spiritually to where they need to be.

Moses, the uncompromising idealist, is concerned about the connections that he and the people have to God. Aaron, the pragmatist and peacemaker, is preoccupied with preserving his own wellbeing and his popularity with the people. Although Moses is humble, he stands up to scrutiny and challenge, while Aaron is quick to appease the people. Moses takes the weight of the community's sin on his shoulders, while Aaron is too weak to accept responsibility.

Judaism acknowledges that leadership can be stressful and emotionally demanding. George Robinson, author of *Essential Torah*, says: "Given Moses' well-earned reputation for having a quick temper, the shattering of the tablets might have been predicted. But the sequence of events is more complicated. First, Moses has already been told by God that 'your people' have committed a grievous transgression by worshipping the 'eigel zahav.' God wants to destroy them and give Moses a new nation to rule. Moses rejects this characterization of the Hebrews as 'his' people and reminds the Eternal that they are 'Your people', then pleads with God not to destroy them. Mustering considerable arguments, he actually stays the hand of the Almighty." Rabbi B.S. Jacobson says, "What we see in this is nothing less than Moses at the summit of his leadership, in his relation to his people as well as to God, in his function as intermediary." Moses confronts God, argues with God, and he does so in terms more audacious than any previous heroic figures in the Torah. This is a far different Moses from the young man who killed the taskmaster and had major doubts of his abilities to speak on behalf of the Israelites in bondage. Leadership brings this simple and humble man to a maturity and place of extraordinary growth. It is only after this exchange that Moses comes down and sees his beloved people carousing with the golden calf. Even though both God and Joshua had prepared him for the sight, he becomes so enraged that he smashes the Tablets of the Pact to the ground.

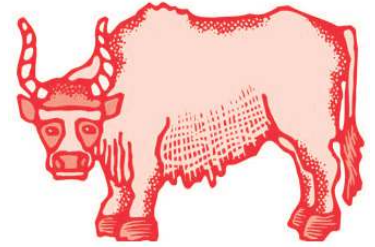
In 'Ki Tisa,' we have one of many examples of Moses refusing to give up on his people. He argues with God to save Israel from destruction, does what he has to in order to teach the people the error of their ways, and goes right back up the mountain for a fresh copy of the commandments. Ultimately, what the people want is a leader in whom they can put their faith, whose convictions they can plainly see. The wilderness is a forbidding place, and the people need to feel confident in their leader. They need a visible sign that God is with them, and more than any physical miracle, what they really need to see is a leader who really believes in the mission. Absent that leader, their lack of vision turned their faith into fear.

Lack of such faith can demoralize any country, business or synagogue. Confidence leads to security, something that was desperately needed by the exiles from Egyptian slavery. We rely on leaders to provide vision, a direction for our journey and purpose. Yet, sometimes when we put too much trust in our leaders, we lose sight of our own wisdom. Lasting faith and vision, the kind that can lead us to the Promised Land, can only develop out of a shared understanding between leaders and the people. We really must have strong confidence in ourselves.

We all must strive to become leaders but once we get there, do we think about what we'll do with our newfound position?

Great Britain's Former Chief Rabbi Lord Jonathan Sacks cites some of the principles of effective leadership according to Judaic values that are illustrated in "Ki Tisa." They include taking responsibility, keeping sight of a vision, knowing that you can't lead alone, understanding that no one leadership style or role is sufficient and, having faith in yourself.

These last few months, I had the opportunity to take part in the Interim Rabbi Search Committee. The final candidates participated in Skype interviews with Committee members. These outstanding applicants who we feel could lead us through a strengthening interim year consistently use the words 'Trust' and 'Listen.' Their words ring true to the principles illustrated in 'Ki Tisa.' Trust your leaders. Trust those with the work they are given. Listen to the community's story, to your story. Understand who you are and what you want next. Take the time to reassess, reaffirm and reimagine what you want to be. Get the confidence to present your vision to the world and to distinguish yourself. Establish who you are, for yourself, and the rest will flow. That is the real road to leadership for all of us.



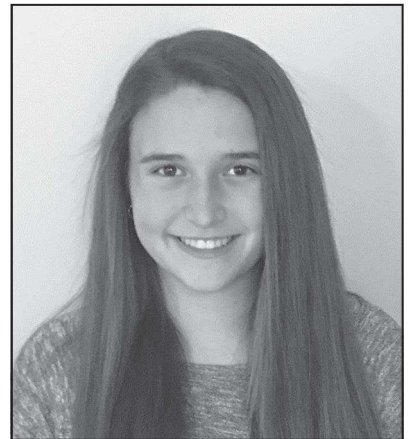
Jordan Nicole Frankel to Celebrate Simcha at Temple Beth El

Jordan is a daughter of Michael and Jessica Frankel and a sister of Justin (age 16) and Julia (age 6). Jordan was born in Coral Springs, Florida, and moved to Knoxville with her family in 2013. Jordan began her Jewish education in preschool at Temple Beth Orr, a reform synagogue in Coral Springs. She enjoyed learning about all aspects of Jewish life and celebrated many family milestones there, including the naming of her sister Julia in 2010, and her brother Justin's bar mitzvah in 2012.

Jordan has studied for her bat mitzvah with Rabbi Mathew Michaels, Temple Beth El religious school director Norma James, and tutor Tory Frankel. She is looking forward to celebrating her bat mitzvah at Temple Beth El with family and friends from near and far. She invites the community to join her as she leads Shabbat services at Temple Beth El on April 9 at 10:30 a.m.

Jordan is currently in seventh grade at Farragut Middle School. An avid soccer player, she plays soccer for the middle school team and plays travel soccer for KUSA. When she is not on the soccer field or studying, Jordan loves to bake, draw, and hang out with her friends and family.

For her mitzvah project, Jordan has chosen to support the East Tennessee Children's Hospital (ETCH). She is collecting arts and crafts items for patients to use during their stay at ETCH. She is also collecting individually wrapped snacks to donate to ETCH for patients' families when they have long waits while their child is receiving treatment and are unable to leave the hospital.



Jordan Frankel

TBE HOLOCAUST BOOKSHELF REVIEW

By Henry Fribourg

And the Show Went On: Cultural Life in Nazi-Occupied Paris

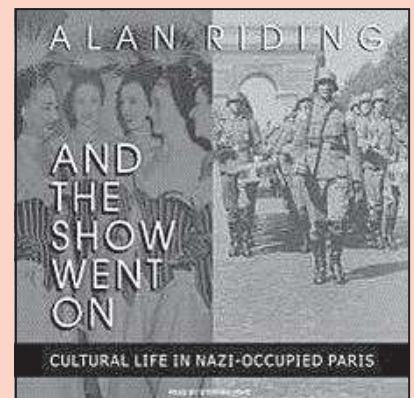
By Alan Riding, 2010

Alan Riding, a Brazilian-born Briton who studied economics and law, then became a journalist and writer, recounts Parisian life under the German occupation (1940 - 1945) and the forced compromises of French writers, artists, and performers under the German boot. France, the major cultural space of the western world in the 1920s and 30s, was wracked by intense cultural conflict in the 1930s between a reactionary, anti-Semitic Right and a socialist or communist Left. Intellectuals in both camps engaged in literary warfare against a cultural backdrop of world-class art, music, ballet, and theater.

The author's incisive, well-researched, and sympathetic examination lifts the veil on the moral and artistic choices for those who stayed and had to decide whether to resist, to collaborate, or to compromise somewhere in-between. Among the best examinations of occupied life under the Third Reich, Riding's eloquent book speaks of the swift executions of traitors and of the women suspected of horizontal collaboration having their heads shaved, but admits that the French embraced the myth of national resistance and mostly pushed the Occupation out of their minds. Some artists and performers hid or performed in cabarets or clubs with non-Aryan restrictions, but there were many ethical quandaries posed by censorship, subjugation, and cooperation.

Writers had to worry the least, since some publishers were allowed to publish all across the board. Performers had more difficult choices. Maurice Chevalier traveled to Germany to perform for French POWs and was seen by some as a collaborator worthy of death. American Florence Gould hosted a very popular salon in Paris during the Occupation. She was also involved in shady financial shenanigans with high-ranking Nazis in a Monaco bank. She said she did this to protect her husband, who was suspected of being Jewish. After the war, she survived investigations into possible collaboration and went on to become a prestigious supporter of the arts and recipient of the French Legion d'Honneur. Over the years, Florence's wartime salon and her questionable choice of friends have been quietly forgotten; for the right people, money buys the prestige of privilege and "understanding" from the right people. Picasso's record was fairly contemptible throughout, though he got away with it afterward; however, when a German officer holding up a "Guernica" reproduction asked him: "Did you do this?" Picasso, polite but scrupulously aloof, replied: "No, you did."

"Eputation," or the period of revenge starting with the Liberation and lasting into the peacetime years, became the mirror-image of the denunciations by the Right Wing writers during the Occupation, a period of false denunciation, settling scores, and for many the safety of silence. However, many average French people and workers behaved well under difficult circumstances, while many of the elite and privileged behaved rather badly. This book shows how a good people behaved in an awful war.



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It's Time for Sisterhood at Temple Beth El

By Karen Smith, Sisterhood President

Today to Linda Zaretski for a great TASTINGS: Express Yourself program on Sunday, January 17. About 8 women celebrated

Tu B'Shevat by painting tree-themed compositions on fabric suitable for framing or a pillow front.

Sisterhood's Sweet and Savory Bake Sale on Sunday, January 31 during the Temple Rummage Sale was a successful fundraiser. Thanks to everyone who donated homemade food items and helped during the sale. *Today* to Karen Smuckler and Lesley Krakauer for co-chairing the Bake Sale.

It's never too late to join Sisterhood!

Please send in your check for \$45.00 to Temple Beth El Sisterhood and your membership form so you can be counted in. Even if you cannot make a time commitment, your financial support is appreciated. *Men, you can join Sisterhood as an associate member.*

Beiler Floral Fund Co-chairs Emma Fleischmann and Caren Berman remind us that a standard flower arrangement for bimah flowers for Shabbat, holidays, and special occasions is \$36.00. Please contact Emma to order a more elaborate arrangement.



The Judaic Gift Shop

Stop by and see new merchandise for your Passover Seder. We have Seder Plates, Passover Paper Goods, Passover Games & Crafts, Haggadahs, Matzoh Plates and more....

Open on Sundays or contact Phyllis 307-0015 or Amy 356-6830 to schedule an appointment, or Tina before stopping by the Temple during office hours.

Community Passover Greetings

**Happy Passover
to All**

**JOE & LEE MILLER BLOTNER,
LISSA, SHELLY, and SETH**

Happy Pesach

*Jeff and Nancy Becker
and our children and grandchildren:
Jeffrey Cohen;
Dan, Lora, Noah, and
Benjamin Cohen-Vogel;
Debbie, Jeff, Samantha, and
Gabe Abrams-Cohen;
Rachel, Micah, Sophie, and
Reuben Becker-Klein;
Ben, Amy, Harry, and Leo Willis-Becker;
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*Hag Sameach
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Hag Sameach

**Kim, Stephen,
Nathan, Arielle,
and Tifannie
Rosen**

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

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

May your Passover celebration
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Mary Linda Schwarzbart
Arnold Schwarzbart (z"l, of
blessed memory)
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TO EVERYONE
Pessa, Marla, Bart,
Joe, & Will Brody**

**HAVE A JOYOUS
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HESKA AMUNA SYNAGOGUE**

HOLIDAY GREETINGS

PAM & ERNIE GROSS - NAOMI, SIERRA,
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HAZEL MCDONALD - EVA & DAVID BARNETT

Community Passover Greetings

HAPPY PASSOVER

Jill, Stuart, Evan,
and Aaron Chasan

*Chag Sameach to all our
friends and family.
Heidi, Barry,
and Eddy Allen*

**Hag Sameach
v Kasher**
Gilga Schmidt
& Family

Temple Beth El
wishes a happy and
healthy Passover to all

**Wishing All a Healthy
& Happy Passover**

The KJCFF Board & Staff

PASSOVER GREETINGS

Barbara & Bernie Bernstein

Happy Passover

Reneé Hyatt,
Noah, Jenny, and Paul Erwin

**Wishing All a Healthy
& Happy Passover**

Susan and Arnold Cohen,
our children, grandchildren,
and extended family

**Wishing everyone
a Happy Passover**

Angie, Adam, & Stephen Brown

Happy Passover

Marcia Silverstein
and Family



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Passover: the Retelling and the Celebration

By Carole H. Martin, KJCFF President

It's Passover! Whether you are the most observant or the most non-practicing of Jews, I suspect that you attended a seder this year. This wonderfully communal event brings us together as we observe the customs, sing in Hebrew, eat traditional food and retell the story of the Exodus. It is always interesting to speak to friends about their memories of seders past. In my age group, many childhood memories reflect a service conducted by a grandfather or uncle entirely in Hebrew, or one that recited every word of a traditional Haggadah. These days, a more modern seder has been updated by some to respect the tradition of the "order," yet to modify and supplement freely. In this way, when family and friends gathered around your table are of different ages, religions, and backgrounds the gathering is stimulating and understandable.

I love this story which prefaces *The American Heritage Haggadah* by Rabbi David Geffen: "In the late 1940s and during the 1950s, I attended sedarim at my grandparents' home in Atlanta. My grandfather, Rabbi Tobias Geffen, introduced me to Pesach via his traditional rendering of the Haggadah... Though the chanting of the Haggadah at those sedarim still echoes in my ears, it was the culmination of the seder that most deeply impressed me. My Bubbie, Rebbetzin Sara Hene Geffen, orchestrated the final part of the evening. After 'Had Gadya,' she initiated the singing of 'Hatikvah,' 'The Star Spangled Banner' and 'God Bless America.' Deeply aware of the Holocaust tragedy that had decimated her Eastern European family, she knew that the USA had provided her, her husband, their children and grandchildren with the blessings of freedom. Her feelings touched a personal responsive chord, and Pesach became for me an American Jewish celebration."

In every generation, each of us is obligated to see ourselves as having been personally liberated from Egypt. Let's write a new story of liberation and triumph by strengthening our own local community. If you already have a fund within the KJCFF, go forth and spend! If you would like to learn about creating your own fund, contact me at KJCFFPresident@gmail.com.



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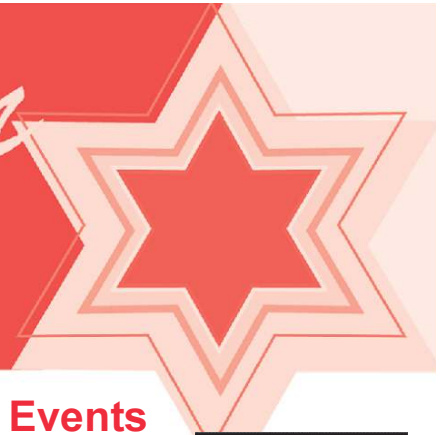
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Jewish Congregation of Oak Ridge



Our Super Bowl Fundraiser was a hit and raised enough money to purchase a new sunshade that will be installed in the sanctuary.

Gabe Spenser from Heska Amuna Men's Club joined our Men's Club members for a video conference with Congregation Etz Chaim in Marietta, Georgia to learn about tefillin as part of the FJMC's World Wide Wrap Event.

Sarah Dugal, Anne Greenbaum, and Fran Silver prepare hamantaschen for our Sisterhood Sale and Purim. Several other members were part of the cooking crew for hamantaschen and our recent Women's League Shabbat Dinner. We cannot thank all of our volunteers enough for the hours they put in ensuring we are well fed.

Upcoming Events

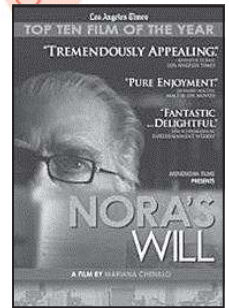
April 9, 2016

Rabbi's Study Session:

*Sephardic and Ashkenazic
Passover Customs* (after the morning Services)

April 16, 2016, 7 p.m.

Jewish Film Series: *Nora's Will*
Spain, 2010, 94 minutes, NR



This award-winning black comedy follows the family of Nora (Silvia Mariscal), who carefully plans her suicide so that her assortment of estranged relatives, including ex-husband José (Fernando Luján), will have to celebrate Passover together and hopefully achieve a reconciliation.

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Please contact Rabbi Victor Rashkovsky for questions or financial concerns – (865)483-8357



Anshei Darom Regional Men's Retreat

Meir Niad, Al Good, and Jim Handler pose with other Tennesseans who attended the recent Anshei Darom Regional Men's Retreat at Camp Ramah in Clayton, Georgia.

More than 60 Men from Georgia, Tennessee, North and South Carolina participated this year. Joining us from Toronto, Canada was FJMC Vice President Stan Greenspan.

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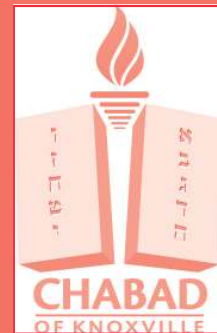
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If You're Looking for G-D, Go Home....

By Rabbi Yossi Wilhelm

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To most people the idea of prayer, religion or G-d is designated to a house of worship. The truth is that if you're looking for G-d go home, and you'll find him there. When G-d told Moses to command the Jews to build a sanctuary for him that he would call home he said as follows, "And they shall make Me a sanctuary and I will dwell in their midst". It should have said and I will dwell in it. The Jews built only one structure, so why does the verse use the plural term "I will dwell in their midst"?

Rashi asks this question and explains that G-d was telling Moses that He would dwell not only in the sanctuary but within each and every Jew. The Lubavitcher Rebbe explains that while G-d commanded the Jews to build a sanctuary which would serve as the central place for the Jewish people to come together, He clearly was not satisfied with that alone and wanted every single Jew to turn his or her home, his or her work place, his or her surrounding and even more so to make of themselves a sanctuary for G-d, a place where G-d would feel comfortable to dwell.

So you may ask, what makes G-d feel comfortable?

Any place which allows and nourishes love, respect, compassion, and unity will make G-d feel comfortable. And if G-d is comfortable we will be comfortable as well.

So if you're looking for G-d, you don't have to look far just look into yourself and there you will find Him. All He wants is to be allowed in.



Participants enjoyed donning Tefillin, eating a delicious breakfast, and participating in a meaningful discussion. Holy Bagel is on the first Sunday of the month at 10 a.m. at Chalet@Chabad. The next Holy Bagel will be on April 3.



Feel Free

PASSOVER 2016
Community Seder
1st Night of Passover
Friday, April 22, 7:15 pm
At Chalet @ Chabad

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Heska Amuna Synagogue

April 2

Caroline Nadler ♦ Lillian Kantor ♦ Freda Jaffe ♦ Frances Schanowitz ♦ Gordon Brown ♦ Joseph Imbrey ♦ Matilda Davis ♦ Sam Chandler ♦ David Renert ♦ Esther Thompson

April 9

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President's Message

Hadassah Knoxville is Awarded Chapter of the Year

By Laura Floyd

In February, Hadassah Southern held its annual winter regional board meeting. Six from Knoxville attended: myself, Shuli Mesa, Andrea Cone, Jill Weinstein, Mary Evars-Goan and our Southern Hadassah president Bonnie Boring. This was Bonnie's first board meeting since being installed as president in November. At these meetings, you get to reconnect with women you have seen once or twice a year for many years and/or meet a lot of new women as well. Being together for a common passion, Hadassah, and the work it does, makes for easy and fast friendships. It's like a family reunion but with very little drama.

At our meeting we learned about stem cell research leading to breakthroughs in treatment for ALS and multiple sclerosis. Stem cell research looks hopeful for Alzheimer's disease and other devastating illnesses. The website www.hadassah.org has a lot of information on the innovations happening at the Hadassah Medical Organization (HMO). This wonderful news of medical breakthroughs led to discussions and strategies for fundraising.

Hadassah is a charitable organization and the support that we raise at a grassroots level is vital to the work that it does. Every dollar is important. There are annual giving plans starting with Chai Society, which can be set up on a credit card at \$15 a month. When you buy a tree certificate or water certificate from Joyce York, contribute to large certificates with Mary Ann Merrell and layettes with Judi Abrams, buy greeting cards from Susette Panitz, this all goes to Hadassah to fund the work that goes on every day in HMO hospitals, supporting Youth Aliyah villages, planting trees, and so many other projects and accomplishments. I encourage you to go to the website and see what is happening at Hadassah. Hadassah is my passion and I hope it can be yours as well.

Our national tag line is Hadassah the power of women who DO! Well we did! Another and favorite part of the board meeting is the Chapter of the Year awards for the previous calendar year. In our region we have small, medium (we are in this group) and large chapters based on membership numbers. Knoxville won Chapter of the Year 2015! This is due to a lot of work by a lot of members and associates that have given and participated throughout the year. A special shout out to Nora Messing who is our historian for creating beautiful scrapbooks that chronicle our events through the year.

We have returned from this meeting energized to engage members with fun and educational programs and events and increase awareness of the work of Hadassah.



Laura Floyd, Hadassah Knoxville president, accepts the 2015 Chapter of the Year Award.

Southern Region Board Attendees Bonnie Boring, Laura Floyd, Shula Mesa, Mary Evars-Goan, Jill Weinstein, and Andrea Cone.



Hadassah Knoxville Continues the Mitzvah

For our Mitzvah Day Project, Hadassah Knoxville chose to learn about, work with and support recovering Mothers with substance-addicted children. In the fall of 2015 we connected with Susannah's House - a local intensive outpatient alcohol and drug treatment program. Started in 2013 by Cokesbury United Methodist Church, 'Susannah's House' provides for the spiritual, physical, and emotional needs of its participants. For Mitzvah Day, Knoxville Hadassah members collected and assembled

20 large gift bags with useful items for both mother and babies. A special TODAH goes to everyone who donated items, packed gift bags, and delivered them to Susannah's House.

We will continue our connection by providing lunch once a month for all participants. A special thanks goes out to Peggy Littmann and Robin Brown and their team of wonderful Hadassah volunteers. Everyone benefits from their outpouring of kindness.

If you would like to help with our monthly lunches, please contact any Hadassah board member.



(L-R:) Even our youngest members help others. Elizabeth Floyd works on a Hadassah project on Mitzvah Day.

Marian Jay, Sara Klugman, Lynn Dryzer, Dani Dryzer, Julie Braude, and Barbara Mintz pack gift bags for Susanna's House mothers and children.

Hadassah Large Certificates Program

We gratefully acknowledge recent donations to the Hadassah Large Certificates Program in memory of recent losses in our community (received as of February 25, 2016):

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If you are not currently receiving announcements of our certificates, please let Mary Ann Merrell know. Participation in the Large Certificates Program is available to everyone, whether you are a Hadassah member or not. For more information, contact Mary Ann at hadassahcertificates@gmail.com.



Hadassah Book Club News and Upcoming Events

The Hadassah Book Club will meet Tuesday, April 19, 7:30 p.m. at the Barnes and Noble Book Store to discuss *Those Who Save Us*, by Jenna Bloom.

Synopsis: *Those Who Save Us* - For 50 years, Anna Schlemmer has refused to talk about her life in Germany during World War II. Her daughter, Trudy, was only three when she and her mother were liberated by an American soldier and went to live with him in Minnesota. Trudy's sole evidence of the past is an old photograph: a family portrait showing Anna, Trudy, and a Nazi officer, the Obersturmfuhrer of Buchenwald.

Driven by the guilt of her heritage, Trudy, now a professor of German history, begins investigating the past and finally unearths the dramatic and heartbreaking truth of her mother's life.

Combining a passionate, doomed love story, a vivid evocation of life during the war, and a poignant mother/daughter drama, *Those Who Save Us* is a profound exploration of what we endure to survive and the legacy of shame.

All Jewish women of the greater Knoxville area and friends are welcome to join us.

Please contact Peggy Littmann plittmann@comcast.net, or cell (865) 776-1013 with questions.

Future Reads

May 17 - *Deep Down Dark: The Untold Stories of 33 Men Buried in a Chilean Mine, and the Miracle That Set Them Free* by Hector Tobar

June 21 - *The Paris Architect* by Charles Belfoure

For last minute updates, check the Hadassah web site jewishknoxville.org/hadassah or from the home page of jewishknoxville.org - click on top menu choice "Adults", then under Social Action you will find the Hadassah link.

The Members and Associates of Hadassah Knoxville wish to extend their gratitude to all those who support the many projects and celebrate the outstanding accomplishments of Hadassah. From all of us to our Jewish Community
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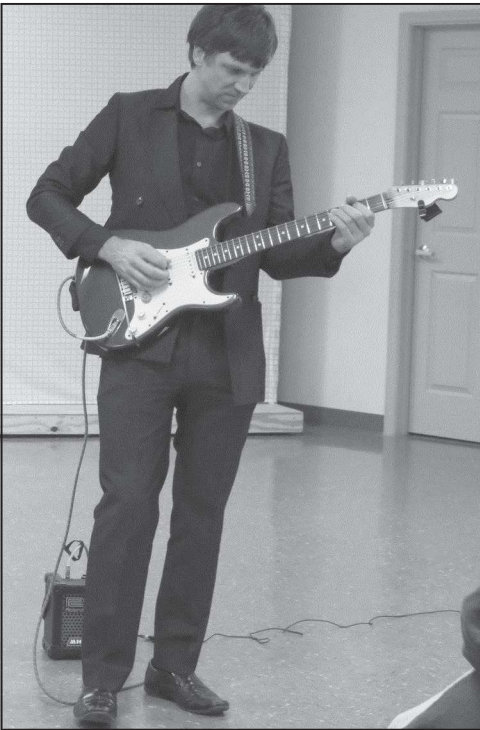
Students Explore How People Can Work Together to Change the World

The KJDS 2-3 class worked together to answer these essential questions: How can people work together to change the world? How can I use my opinion?

As students studied the Underground Railroad, the Civil War and Civil Rights movement, they mastered important literacy skills and learned to write a strong opinion letter with supporting details.

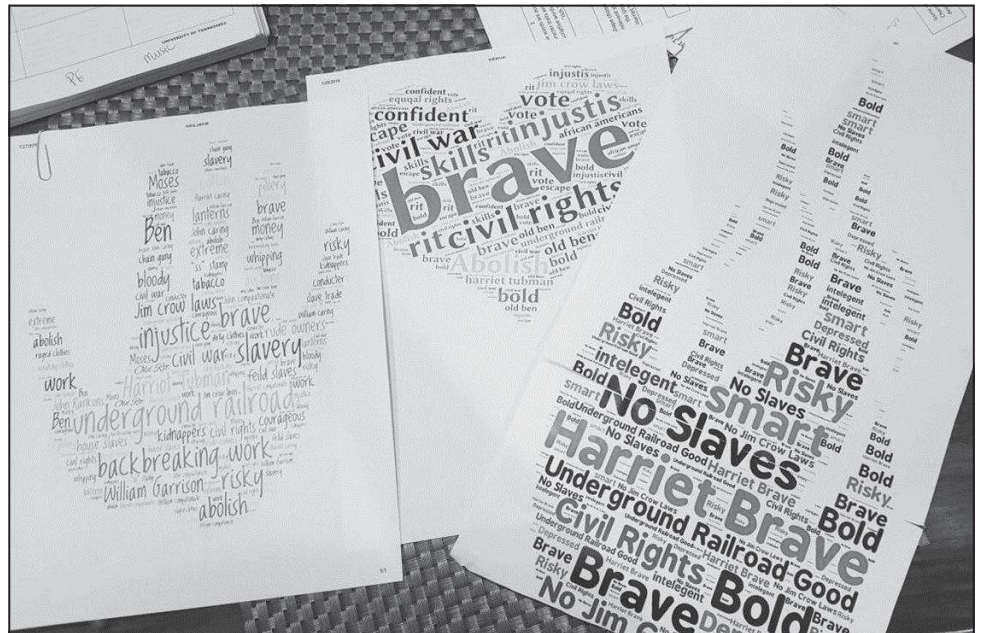
While students read *Harriet Tubman* and *Going Somewhere Special*, they worked on summarizing and identifying the main events that created the change. They focused on the main idea and comparing and contrasting texts, and the civil rights activists they learned about as they read biographies of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., Minty (Young Harriet Tubman) and Ruby Bridges.

The class brought to life the struggle, the heartbreak and the promise of the Civil Rights Movement. Reenacting Rosa Parks' famous refusal to move to the back of the bus, students were able to see what segregation looks like and connect cause and effect relationships. The students were exposed to gospel protest songs as they explored author's purpose. All the while the students were encouraged to distinguish and develop their own viewpoint from that of the author's work they were reading or character they were reading about.



A re-enactment of Rosa Parks' refusal to move to the back of the bus that sparked the Bus Boycott.

Students enter descriptive words about Harriet Tubman to create these word art pieces.



Even Mr. Cook, our Music Teacher, got in the fun of our end of unit celebration and performed 1960s classics including Yellow Submarine.

Happy New Year!

The Kindergarten and First Grade class has been learning how different cultures and countries celebrate the "New Year." Understanding the diversity of human cultures is the foundation of Social Studies for all grades. Our students are learning how the different types of New Years coincide with different calendars.

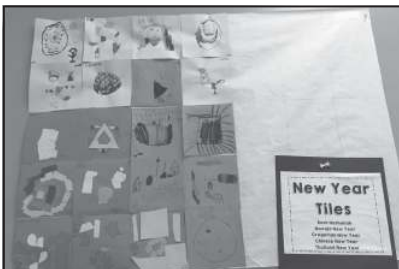
September: The children started with Rosh Hashanah. While the Jewish calendar is "Luni-Solar" and follows the moon, because seasons are determined by the sun, it also has to be taken into account. During the celebration of Rosh Hashanah, the students talk about the ways they celebrate at home and why we continue to follow traditions.

October: Navajo New Year. This calendar is also a lunar calendar. This culture celebrates the changes of the seasons and the work that goes along with that change. Food preparation for the winter was also an important part of their culture.

January: Gregorian New Year based on the sun. The students learned about contemporary American and southern American traditions including the big ball, kissing at midnight, and "good luck" foods.

February: Chinese New Year. The Chinese calendar is also "Luni-Solar." The students learned about customs that are still celebrated today - the lucky color red, year of the monkey, dance of the dragon, lantern festival and luck money. The class will study Thailand in **April**.

After each holiday was studied, students decorated a tile to represent that holiday. The tiles will be placed together to form a collage. Learning how different cultures celebrate this one holiday is the start to understanding the complex world we live in. Knowledge is the key to understanding and tolerating those who are different from us. That is a lesson we can all learn.



The class shows off their paper lanterns.

The tile collage, glitter, red colors and symbols represent each culture's celebration.

Thank You to Our 2016 KJDS Sponsors



Thank you to the Alpha Epsilon Pi fraternity and the Delta Delta Delta sorority for volunteering to assist with this event. Turn the page for more Casino Night news!

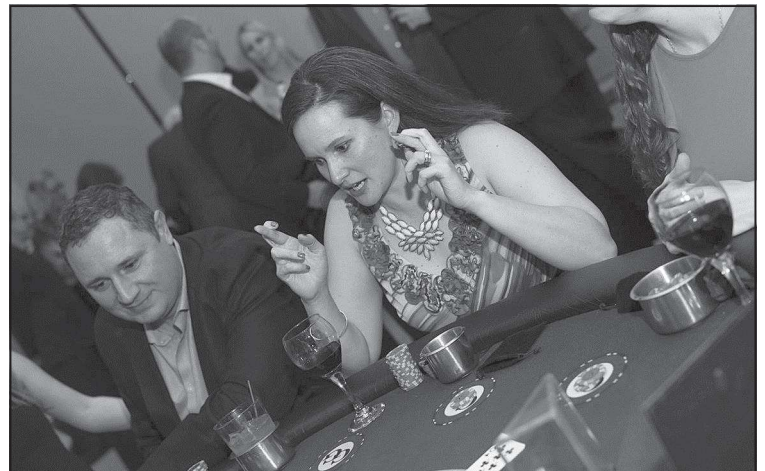
When “Thank You” isn’t enough! Casino Night: A Sure Bet for KJDS!

A huge shout out to Steve Beber and Sandy Parker for giving us the gift of our venue, the Knoxville Museum of Art, to host our Casino Night. The beautiful venue set the tone for the evening. Marty Iroff was an exceptional Master of Ceremonies using his wit to amuse us all. The crowd was enjoying the live entertainment and silent auction when the lavish food selection was offered; then the casino tables opened! It was non-stop excitement from the first moment until the last.

Such an event takes hours of planning and preparation and at KJDS our team is made up of a committed group of volunteers. With Jenny Wood at the helm our event committee Julia Galanti, Jami Quartararo, and Tamara Sturm worked to make the event just perfect. Their team of helpers, Nathalie Guigui Debbie Abrams Cohen, Sarah Dugal, Shani Monis Ben-Ishai, Ortal Arel, and Liat Koenig worked boundlessly to make this fundraiser such a resounding success.

All parents, plus many community members, got involved. Thank you to Adam Rowe for all of his design work. Our check out and check in team: Michelle Robinson, Laura and Frank Floyd, Marian Jay, Susan Ring, Linda Harris and Andrea Franklin. Team that donated prizes and helped shop or run errands: Dan and Lisa Gabel, Marcie Foster, Jason Tyler, Susan Arbital, Sandy Parker, Bonnie Kolnick and Rachel Banano. Special friends and board members that helped get the mailing and the word out: Sandy Parker, Lisa Jacobson, Phillis Hirsch, Nancy and Jeff Becker and Judith Rosenberg. And of course our staff, Ann Ely, Miriam Esther and Rabbi Yossi Wilhelm.

A huge thank you to Shmuli Perlstein for putting together the video for the event. If you haven’t seen it yet, check it out on our school website or Facebook page. We are once again thankful to Lev Gross Comstock for donating his time and photographing our auction. Here are some of the wonderful photos he captured of the evening.



Toda Raba Volunteers!

As a small school, we often seek people with certain skill sets to take on or assist us with various projects and tasks. We are continuously humbled by the level of support, time and energy our volunteers continuously give. We have been more than lucky to have Martha Iroff as a mentor, a seamstress, a stage hand and a STEAM Into Service project leader. These and other roles she happily fills along with her post on the Education Committee. Martha has enriched the lives of our students with her thoughtful guidance and her giving spirit. Her long career in education is an asset we rely upon often. Toda raba, Martha!



Volunteer Martha Iroff and friends.

Save the Date!

TED Talks at KJDS

Wednesday, May 11

Students Grades 3-5

Join us as we present our first ever TED Talks—KJDS style! The students will present Environmental Issue live reports based on the format of the famous TEDx Talks. After months of in-depth research and professional coaching, our students will share their views on using solar power, community gardens and their benefits, eating organic foods and saving wood by using recycled materials for buildings. Another great learning adventure brought to you by *STEAM Into Service* and the students of KJDS!

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The Way We Were in 1997



National Conference of Christians and Jews Dinner

Left to right around table:
Judy **Rattner**, Marion
Goodstein, the late Toby
Slabosky, the late Sylvia
Silver, the late Matilda
Goodfriend, the late Homer
Kramer, Joan **Cohn**

Judy and Joan continue to live in Knoxville. Marion's cousins Doug and Jeff **Weinstein** and Matilda's son Morty continue to live in Knoxville.

This was the NCCJ dinner at which Oak Ridge's Mira **Kimmelman** was honored with a religious service award. The dinner was held at Second Presbyterian Church on December 9, 1997.

Thanks to the family of Sylvia **Silver** for donating this photo to the KJA Archives.

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