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# Knoxville Jewish Alliance

# Ha' Kol

## Musings from the President

By Manny Herz, President

It's February (And you know what that means.)  
 Ground Hog Day (We all know how accurate that little sucker is.)  
 Valentine's Day (You're welcome guys. I know you would have forgotten.)  
 Presidents Day (Usually celebrated with a lot of mattress sales – although they should probably occur on Valentine's Day)

But more importantly....

Mitzvah Day! Which is a day where we can walk the walk rather than talk the talk. And...the day that kicks off the 2014 KJA Campaign.

Yes, February is the month that you are all looking forward to because you are going to get a call from one of our many volunteers asking you make, meet, or increase your commitment to strengthening our community through the KJA.

I hope you welcome the call and are generous in your giving. The past few years, the KJA has run a deficit which we need to turn around.

As important as your commitment this year, we need your input.

In next month's *Ha'Kol*, we will list and describe the many services offered by KJA and ask you to share with us those that you feel are most and least valuable not only to you but to the Jewish community. We will share the results with you and use this input to refine our mission and strategy.

Please also let us know if you are ready to participate in the success of any of our programs.

It's your turn at bat....

## Friendshippers Set for February 19

By Laura Faye Berry, BSSW, Esq., Director

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

### Wednesday, February 19: Bob Booker, 200 Years of Black Culture in Knoxville, Tennessee

In honor of Black History Month, Bob Booker, Beck Cultural Exchange Center executive director, will present a slideshow of photography showcasing 200 years of black culture in Knoxville. Booker, a civil rights pioneer, is currently in his third tenure as head of the Beck Cultural Exchange Center.

Program location: **Sherrill Hills Retirement Community, 271 Moss Grove Blvd. Knoxville, TN 37922**

The luncheon begins at noon and the program begins at 12:30 p.m. Lunch is \$8 (please note the **new lower price**, due to our new location). There is no cost for attending the program alone. Transportation is available upon request—please have your ride requests in by the Monday morning before the program. For more information, please contact Laura Berry at 690-6343 ext. 18 or [lberry@jewishknoxville.org](mailto:lberry@jewishknoxville.org).

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### KJA 2013 Campaign

**Campaign Goal \$375,000**

*As of 1/8/14*

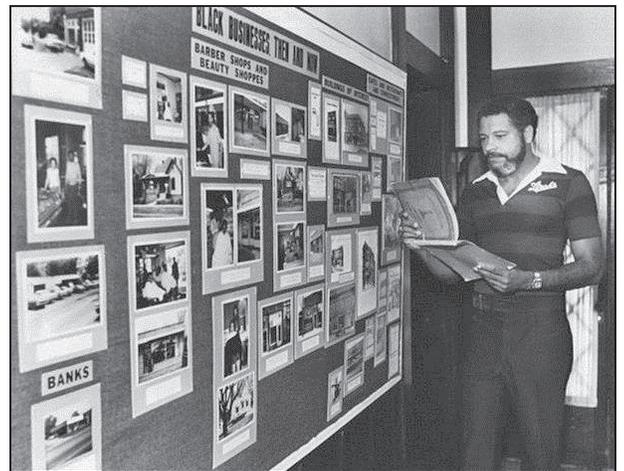
2013 Annual Campaign: \$344,833

56 new donors

134 increased gifts from 2012

*It's not too late to make your gift, please call the KJA office at 690-6343*

*You can also go online at [www.jewishknoxville.org](http://www.jewishknoxville.org) and click "donate."*



*In a photograph published Aug. 6, 1978, Bob Booker, then in his first tenure as executive director of the 3-year-old Beck Center, peruses an exhibit about black-owned businesses.*



# Mitzvah Day

## Sunday, February 9, 2014

### 9:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

### Arnstein Jewish Community Center

#### Mitzvah Day Activities

- ◆ Make thumb braces for premature babies in UT Medical Center's Neonatal Intensive Care Unit
- ◆ Make care packages for Lone Soldiers program in Israel
- ◆ Create knitted blankets for Warm Up America
- ◆ Help with hands-on paint and repair projects at the AJCC and AJCC Preschool
- ◆ Help the new Family Promise of Knoxville day center
- ◆ Join the Bone Marrow registry—a simple cheek swab is all it takes!
- ◆ Visit the KJA Archives open house
- ◆ **CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES:** learn about H.A.B.I.T. human-animal bonding program, make dog cookies for Young-Williams Animal Shelter, sing at an assisted living facility; support area first responders, and more.

#### Collection Drive for Area Charities

*The AJCC, Heska Amuna, and Temple Beth El have bins ready for your Mitzvah Day donations. Please bring these needed items:*

- ◆ Travel-size toiletries for East Tennessee Children's Hospital
- ◆ Full-size bars of soap for Knox Area Rescue Ministries
- ◆ Used eyeglasses for East Tennessee Lions Club
- ◆ Used stuffed animals for Young-Williams Animal Shelter
- ◆ Used cellphones for YWCA
- ◆ Powdered milk for area food banks

#### Happy Birthday, KJA!

Join the Knoxville Jewish Alliance for lunch as we celebrate our 13<sup>th</sup> birthday!

Lunch begins at 1:00 p.m. and features kosher dogs, chips, and dessert, of course!



#### Hineini—Here I Am

When called, our ancestors responded, *Hineini*, "Here I Am." KJA volunteers will help you fulfill this mitzvah and ensure the future of our Jewish community. Stand up and say "HINEINI" and honor our past, present, and future with your pledge to the 2014 KJA Annual Campaign. Answer the call.

got blood? give blood MEDIC Bloodmobile on-site. PLEASE GIVE.



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#### WE NEED YOU!

Sign up for specific Mitzvah Day activities at VolunteerSpot (<http://vols.pt/f51igp>) or by contacting Rachel at 690-6343 or [rhale@jewishknoxville.org](mailto:rhale@jewishknoxville.org).

## Update From Your Publisher

By Jeff Gubitz, Ha'Kol Publisher

Dear Community Reader:

Welcome to the February 2014 edition of *Ha'Kol*. Since our debut in January 2009, the KJA staff and organizational leadership have received many comments. We have listened, discussed, reviewed and made appropriate changes where possible. Through a team approach, we continue to hone the product to what it is today.

*Ha'Kol* is printed by LPi, Inc. and is supported, for the most part, by advertising sales with shortfalls in revenue versus expenses funded by KJA, Heska Amuna Synagogue, and Temple Beth El. Every organization contributes funds to support the publication. I am pleased to report that our ad representative has had a successful year and we are adding a third page of ads. To maximize ad sales and minimize our community funding, we had to trim somewhere. After consultation with the congregational presidents and KJA leadership, we decided to no longer include birthdays and anniversaries. This decision was not made lightly. Please let us know your thoughts about this by emailing [kja@jewishknoxville.org](mailto:kja@jewishknoxville.org).

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

## KJA UT Lecture Series

Monday, February 24

7:30 p.m.



### The Jewsical: How American Jews Created the Broadway Musical

**Terry Silver-Alford,**  
Senior Lecturer,  
UT Department of Theatre

From Irving Berlin to Stephen Sondheim and beyond, this musical lecture will highlight the significant contributions of American immigrant Jews to one of our true national treasures.

Terry Silver-Alford is a UT Theatre faculty member who teaches musical theatre performance, directing, introduction to the theatre, and acting courses. Prior to joining the UT faculty, Silver-Alford held the positions of musical theatre director at The University of Tulsa and director of musical theatre at The University of Wisconsin at Stevens Point. He has worked professionally in the theatre as a performer, director, musical director and composer at theaters across the country, including the California Theatre Center, Madison Repertory, Omaha Playhouse, Augusta Barn, Fireside Theatre, Light Opera of Oklahoma and the Clarence Brown Theatre.

Terry has directed or musically directed more than 100 productions and has created the scores for four original musicals and a variety of chamber and vocal music pieces. He earned his MFA from The University of Tennessee in 1984 and a Master of Music degree from Western Michigan University in piano and composition in 1991. His most recent directing credits include *Recent Tragic Events* (UT Studio series), *Into the Woods* (CBT), and *Cabaret* at the Oak Ridge Playhouse. His most recent UT musical directing credit was last season's *Big River*.

## KJA Donations

**Anonymous**  
Donation

**Robert & Beth Heller**  
Donation in honor of Renee' Hyatt

**Judith Soleman**  
Donation to UTK Hillel

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**Frank Wilson**  
Bill Brody Fund Donation

**Pace & Karen Robinson**  
Gordon Brown Youth Recreation Fund Donation in honor of Adam Brown and Angie Huneycutt's wedding

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# trifecta



Jewish Activities Group

*trifecta* is a social group for Jewish men and women in the Knoxville area. *trifecta* welcomes singles and couples who wish to reconnect with old friends and make new ones within our community. *trifecta* was conceived by Jewish community volunteers who recognized the need for fun and meaningful activities for Jewish adults.

## February Activities

**Sunday, February 2:** *The Whipping Man*, 2:00 p.m. Meet prior at Copper Cellar on campus at noon. RSVP to Rachel Hale by January 22 to get group tickets for the play. (See page 10 for more information on the play.)

**Monday, February 3:** Aubrey's Restaurant, 6000 Brookvale Lane (off Northshore near Papermill), 6:30 p.m.

**Thursday, February 20:** Cafe' 4 on Market Square Mall, 6:00 p.m. *Music of the Spirit* symphony concert is at 7:30 p.m. Must RSVP to Rachel [rhale@jewishknoxville.org](mailto:rhale@jewishknoxville.org) by February 14 to get group tickets. (\$32.40 adult; \$13.00 student rate)

**Saturday, March 1:** SideSplitters Comedy Club. Tom Arnold is the comedian. 7:45 p.m. We'll need to get tickets ahead of time Must RSVP to Rachel [rhale@jewishknoxville.org](mailto:rhale@jewishknoxville.org) by February 14 to get group tickets. Dinner before at 6:15 p.m. at Puleo's on Cedar Bluff Rd.

Please e-mail [rhale@jewishknoxville.org](mailto:rhale@jewishknoxville.org) or call 690-6343 to let her know you would like to attend these events. Have a suggestion for a group outing? Your ideas are welcome.

## AJCC Preschool: Developing Your Children's Independence

By Katie Bellnier Thomas, AJCC Preschool Bet Teacher

We want our middle-schoolers to be able to stand up to bullies, our high-schoolers to say no to peer-pressure, and our adult children to try for that big promotion. But parents are often not there for these pivotal moments; how can we help? Many experts say that the confidence to accomplish these things is learned in the first few months and years of our children's lives. As parents and teachers, we have the ability to instill confidence in our kiddos, and in so doing make them capable to face any of life's challenges, with or without us there to help.

Some ways to encourage confidence in infants suggested by popular parenting website [www.parents.com](http://www.parents.com) are: create a predictable routine. When your baby knows



what will come next, his mind is free to focus on developing new skills. Respond to her needs. Every time you pick her up when she's crying, she knows you're listening, and that she's important. Present small challenges, such as putting toys down with baby on the floor or in a crib further out of reach. At first he may be frustrated, but will be excited when he accomplishes reaching the toys and will feel he's getting better at something. Encourage persistence. When she falls over as she's trying to stand, say "You almost had it! Let's try again!" rather than always catching her or simply saying, "It's okay." While it is certainly okay to fail, it's important to develop the confidence and optimism to try again. You show acceptance of failure implicitly by not over-reacting to it.

As toddlers, our children become aware of themselves as individuals. Often this results in two- and three-year-olds exclaiming that they want to do everything for themselves! You may think that they no longer need help with confidence at this stage, but there is still much parents and teachers can do: don't solve your child's problems. Don't show them exactly where the puzzle piece with which they've been struggling goes; ask them if it looks like it's part of the cloud or boat in the picture. Don't reply for her when she's asked her age or which type of juice she'd like. This pushes down the confidence blossoming in your toddler, says Michele Borba, EdD, author of *Esteem Builders*. Sometimes we do these things just to save time, but you'll save yourself time later when your eight-year-old doesn't scream for you to find her shoes or do her homework for her! It's also important for toddlers that we see them for who they are: not babies, and not yet full-grown children. Part of this means we don't praise them for every little thing. They need to feel you have real expectations for them. The first time they go up the stairs by themselves or carry their backpack, you can be over-the-moon with pride, but then simply thank them for doing this by themselves next time, while realizing that they might not always feel up to the task. Your child can come to depend on applause for everyday activities, when it should only be motivation for meeting new challenges, says Polly Young-Eisendrath, PhD, author of *The Self-Esteem Trap*.

As your toddler grows into a preschooler, you will have given them a spectacular foundation for confidence. You can expect regression at times of insecurity, such as potty-training or if there is a change in caregiver or school. As long as you continue to encourage trying again and figuring out solutions for themselves, even in the difficult moments when you'd rather defend your child's right for the lead role in the play than help them strategize and practice how to better perform in next semester's auditions, you will be successful in raising a confident, capable, and optimistic person.



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## Send Passover Greetings to Family & Friends

Act now and wish your family and friends a warm, caring Passover message. Purchasing a greeting supports this *Ha'Kol* community newsletter, enabling us to share news and events with hundreds within our East Tennessee community.

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

Category	Maximum # of words	Cost
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Please complete your greeting and mail it with your payment by Friday, February 21. Send payment to *Ha'Kol*, KJA, 6800 Deane Hill Drive, Knoxville, TN 37919. Payment must be received in order for your ad to be printed.

## Suzy Snoops

Got good news to share? Please send information and photos of your lifecycle events and news to [jyork@jewishknoxville.org](mailto:jyork@jewishknoxville.org) or mail to *Ha'Kol*, KJA, 6800 Deane Hill Drive, Knoxville, TN 37919.

- ◆ Congratulations to **Greg Kaplan**, Ph.D., the Lindsay Young Professor of Spanish in Modern Foreign Languages and Literatures and director of UT's Language and World Business program. He has been named a National Endowment for the Humanities Fellow. These fellowships support individuals pursuing advanced research that is of value to humanities scholars, general audiences, or both. Kaplan is also the academic advisor for the UTK Hillel program.
- ◆ At the Cotton States BBYO Regional Convention in Nashville, two Winick AZA members were elected to regional offices. **Nathan Rosen** was elected Regional Aleph Moreh (second VP) and **Eli Derrington** was elected Regional Aleph Mazkir (secretary). **Rae Oleshansky** of Weinstein BBG served as conference coordinator. A hearty Mazel tov to our Knoxville area youth for being elected and serving in these leadership positions. (See photos and more in *Happenings*, page 10.)
- ◆ The Knoxville Museum of Art, in collaboration with the East Tennessee Art Education Association, hosted an exhibit of artwork created by East Tennessee middle and high school students in January. The display included pieces by **Esther Sitver** (Best in Show mixed media), **Arielle Rosen** (honorable mention 8th grade), **Jessie Rosenberg**, and **Leah Anovitz**. Mazel tov to these promising young artists.
- ◆ *In Memoriam: The Spacecraft We Loved and Lost in 2013* is an article written by **Miriam Kramer** for Space.com. Read more: <http://www.space.com/24000-spacecraft-loved-lost-memoriam-2013.html>.
- ◆ Mazel tov to **Harold** and **Joyce Diftler** who celebrated their 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary and to **Joseph** and **Marion Goodstein** who recently celebrated their 63<sup>rd</sup> anniversary.
- ◆ **Rae Oleshansky**, daughter of David and Deborah Oleshansky, will join her sister Bryna on the University of Michigan rowing team next fall. Rae is a senior at Bearden High School. Congratulations!
- ◆ Mazel tov to **Jeff** and **Charlene Gubitz** who are new grandparents to Nola Bea Gubitz, the daughter of Ron and Leslie Gubitz, who reside in New Orleans. The newest member of the Gubitz clan arrived December 26.
- ◆ UT Associate Professor of Sociology **Lois (Lo) Presser** has published a new book, *Why We Harm* (Rutgers University Press). The book reveals the cultural logics that motivate and mobilize harmful action.

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## UTK Hillel Chanukah Party

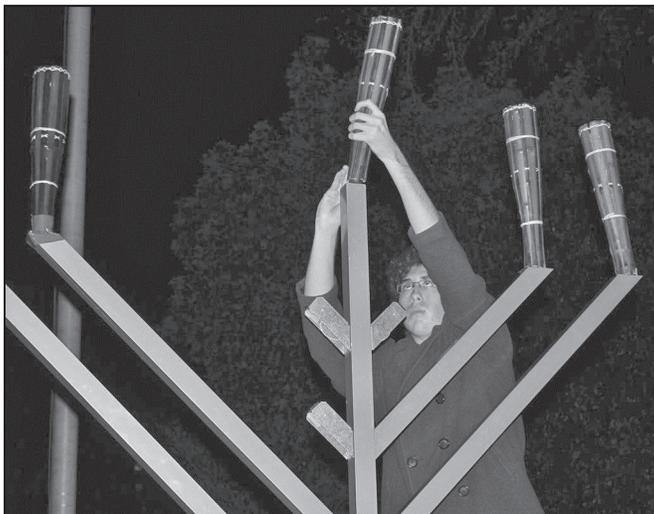
For the first time, students gathered to light a HUGE Chanukiah on campus to celebrate Chanukah's seventh night. After the lighting on the University Center Plaza, everyone ventured inside for latkes, sufganiot, and music provided by DJ and UTK law student Aaron Molin. Thank you to Rabbi Yossi Wilhelm for overseeing the 10-foot chanukiah's construction and to Mary Linda Schwarzbart, Shelley Hecht, and Phyllis Hirsh for providing homemade sweets for the students.



*(Top) Andrew Messing, Lesley Schiffman, David Yazdian, Andrew Vogel, Emily Roberts and Becca Giller enjoy the Chanukah Party festivities*

*(Middle Left) Chanukiah "torch" lighters: Dr. Theresa Lee, Dani Rosenberg, Lily Dropkin, Anna Safran, Becca Giller, Greg Kaplan, and Rabbi Yossi Wilhelm (not pictured)*

*(Above) The KJDS Children's choir lead the Chanukah sing-a-long under the direction of Lev Comstock.*



*David Floyd makes some final adjustments to the on UT Hillel Chanukiah.*

*(Above) Noah Linwood sports his Chanukah sweater at the Chanukah party.*



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## Knoxville Jewish Community Family of Funds

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### Endow Your Gift

*By Scott B. Hahn, Esq., KJCFF President*

In 1999, when I went to my first General Assembly (the annual meeting for Federations in North America), I was shocked to learn quickly certain communities were able to raise funds for their annual campaigns with little or no effort. How were they able to do this and why weren't we able to do this in Knoxville? I later learned that most of these gifts were endowed by their community's foundations. In fact, I found out that approximately 10 percent of all Federation gifts came from endowments. There were many older communities in the Midwest (i.e. Des Moines, Iowa) that have very large endowments and are able to maintain a high level of Jewish service and programming, with a shrinking Jewish population.

There is no reason that endowments could not play a critical role in preserving our community's future and helping us to maintain the lifestyle we have become accustomed to. Imagine if our annual campaign were front loaded, where money came in year after year with no solicitation. Budgets could be planned with more realistic numbers as opposed to educated guesses. Time and effort on solicitations would be cut back dramatically. Of course, this concept could be taken one step further, in which entire segments of our Jewish community are paid for with endowed funds. This is done to a small degree here in town, but could be increased dramatically. If a staff member's salary (i.e. rabbi, teacher, etc.) came from an endowed fund, it could make a dramatic change in how that organization operates from year to year. Organizations could do some actual long-range planning and resources could be allocated in a more organized fashion.

Obviously, to create an endowed gift of this magnitude takes a lot of capital, but think of what a valuable asset you would be giving to the community. There are numerous worthwhile projects that could be endowed and taken out of the expense side of that organization's budget. The only limitations are your field of interest and your imagination. If this is an idea that appeals to you, the KJCFF has the tools and resources to make your ideas into reality.



### Donations

- **Cohen-Presser Designated Fund**  
Marilyn Presser
- **EAR Fund**  
Sondra Markoff
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Jeff and Charlene Gubitz
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Jeff and Nancy Becker
- **Heska Amuna Cemetery Fund**  
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Richard and Kathryn Reback
- **Dewey Reich Chesed Shel Emet Fund**  
Dr. Henry and Claudia Fribourg

### Grants

- The KJA received a grant from the **EAR Fund**.
- The **KJA Director's Fund** made a grant to the KJA to support the executive director's 2013 conference costs.
- The **David & Deborah Oleshansky Family Fund** made a grant to Big Brothers Big Sisters of East Tennessee.

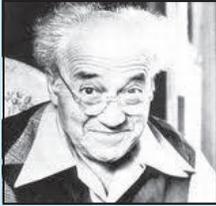
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To learn more about KJCFF philanthropic opportunities, call 690-6343 or visit our website at [www.jewishknoxville.org/kjcff](http://www.jewishknoxville.org/kjcff)

# FEBRUARY 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
<p><b>KSO to Play Bloch in Concert February 20-21</b></p> <p>Ernest Bloch is one of the most celebrated Jewish composers in the classical music world. The Knoxville Symphony Orchestra, conducted by Lucas Richman, will perform <i>Music of the Spirit</i> Thursday and Friday, February 20-21 at the Tennessee Theatre. This performance will include Bloch's <i>Sacred Service</i>, with UT Choral Ensembles and soloist Nmon Ford. Visit <a href="http://www.knoxvillesymphony.com">www.knoxvillesymphony.com</a> for more information and to purchase tickets.</p>						 <p><i>Ernest Bloch</i></p>	<p><b>1</b> Rosh Chodesh</p> <p>9:30a Shabbat Service-HA                  9:30a Shabbat Service-JCOR                  10:30a Leamer's Minyan-TBE                  7:30p <i>The Whipping Man</i></p>
<p><b>2</b></p> <p>9:30a minyan-HA                  9:30a Rel School-HA                  9:30a Rel School-TBE                  10a Sisterhood                  "Traditions" series-TBE                  Noon-Trifecta-Copper                  Cellar then play                  2p <i>The Whipping Man</i></p>	<p><b>3</b></p> <p>7a minyan                  4:30-6p Piano lessons-AL                  6:30p Fencing-gym                  6:30p Trifecta-Aubrey's                  near Papermill and                  Northshore</p>	<p><b>4</b></p> <p>6:30-9:30p Fencing-gym                  6:30-7:30p Pilates-BBYO                  Rm                  7p Adult Ed-HA                  7-9p JLI-To Be a Jew in                  the Free World-BR                  7:30p <i>The Whipping Man</i></p>	<p><b>5</b></p> <p>4:15p Religious Sch-HA                  5:45p Pizza &amp; Midweek                  Hebrew-TBE                  5:45-6:15p ZUMBA-Gym                  6:30-9p Fencing-Gym                  7-8p Adult Ed-HA                  7:30p <i>The Whipping Man</i></p>	<p><b>6</b></p> <p>7a minyan                  3-4p TOT Basketball-gym                  5:45-6:45p ZUMBA-Gym                  6:30-7:30p Pilates-BBYO                  Rm                  6:30-9p Fencing-Gym                  7:30-9p Israeli dancing-                  Gym                  7:30p <i>The Whipping Man</i></p>	<p><b>7</b></p> <p>6-7:30p Shabbat Dinner                  followed by services-TBE                  7:30p <i>The Whipping Man</i></p>	<p><b>8</b></p> <p>9:30a Shabbat Service-HA                  9:30a Shabbat Service-JCOR                  7-10p Retro Game Night-HA                  7p Jewish Film Series-                  Day One-JCOR                  7p Junior Film Pajama                  Party-JCOR                  7:30p <i>The Whipping Man</i></p>	
<p><b>9</b></p> <p>9:30a minyan-HA  <b>9:30-12:30 MITZVAH                  DAY at the AJCC</b>                  (Both religious                  schools—and their                  parents —meet at the                  AJCC)                  10-11:30a Gan K'Tan-HA</p>	<p><b>10</b></p> <p>7a minyan                  4:30-6p Piano lessons-AL                  6:30p Fencing-gym                  7p Ladies BUNCO-BBYO                  Rm                  7p KJA Exec Comm-AL</p>	<p><b>11</b></p> <p>6:30-9:30p Fencing-gym                  6:30-7:30p Pilates-BBYO                  Rm                  7p Adult Ed-HA                  7-9p JLI-To Be a Jew in                  the Free World-BR</p>	<p><b>12</b></p> <p>4:15p Religious Sch-HA                  5:45-6:15p ZUMBA-Gym                  6:15p Midweek Hebrew-                  TBE                  6:30-9p Fencing-Gym                  7-8p Adult Ed-HA                  7:30p <i>The Whipping Man</i></p>	<p><b>13</b></p> <p>7a minyan                  3-4p TOT Basketball-gym                  5:45-6:45p ZUMBA-Gym                  6:30-7:30p Pilates-BBYO                  Rm                  6:30-9p Fencing-Gym                  7:30-9p Israeli dancing-                  Gym                  7:30p <i>The Whipping Man</i></p>	<p><b>14</b></p> <p>6p Tot Shabbat-HA                  7:30p Shabbat Service-                  TBE                  7:30p <i>The Whipping Man</i></p>	<p><b>15</b></p> <p>9:30a Shabbat Service-HA                  9:30a Shabbat Service-JCOR                  7:30p <i>The Whipping Man</i></p>	
<p><b>16</b></p> <p>9:30a minyan                  9:30a Rel School-TBE                  9:45a Torah Tots-TBE                  2p <i>The Whipping Man</i>                  5p Ahh-Men Feast &amp;                  Silent Auction-JCOR</p>	<p><b>17</b></p> <p><b>Presidents Day</b>  <b>AJCC Preschool closed</b>  <b>for in-service</b>                  7a minyan                  4:30-6p Piano lessons-AL                  7p KJA Board-AL</p>	<p><b>18</b></p> <p>6:30-9:30p Fencing-gym                  6:30-7:30p Pilates-BBYO                  Rm                  7p Adult Ed-HA                  7-9p JLI-To Be a Jew in                  the Free World-BR                  7:30p Hadassah Book                  Club</p>	<p><b>19</b></p> <p>Noon-Friendshippers-                  Sherrill Hills                  4:15p Religious Sch-HA                  5:45-6:15p ZUMBA-Gym                  6:15p Midweek Hebrew-                  TBE                  6:30-9p Fencing-Gym                  7-8p Adult Ed-HA                  7:30p Board Mtg-HA</p>	<p><b>20</b></p> <p>7a minyan                  3-4p TOT Basketball-gym                  5:45-6:45p ZUMBA-Gym                  6:30-7:30p Pilates-BBYO                  Rm                  6p Trifecta-Café' 4, then                  KSO concert                  6:30-9p Fencing-Gym                  7:30-9p Israeli dancing-                  Gym</p>	<p><b>21</b></p> <p>7:30p Shabbat Service-                  TBE</p>	<p><b>22</b></p> <p>9:30a Shabbat Service-HA                  9:30a Shabbat Service-JCOR                  10:30a Family minyan-                  HA</p>	
<p><b>23</b></p> <p>9:30a minyan                  9:30a Rel School-HA                  9:30a Rel School-TBE                  3p Young Musicians                  Recital-AJCC</p>	<p><b>24</b></p> <p>7a minyan                  4:30-6p Piano lessons-AL                  6:30p Fencing-gym                  7:30p UT Faculty Lecture                  Series-AL</p>	<p><b>25</b></p> <p>6:30-9:30p Fencing-gym                  6:30-7:30p Pilates-BBYO                  Rm                  7p Adult Ed-HA                  7-9p JLI-To Be a Jew in                  the Free World-BR</p>	<p><b>26</b></p> <p>4:15p Religious Sch-HA                  5:45-6:15p ZUMBA-Gym                  6:15p Midweek Hebrew-                  TBE                  6:30-9p Fencing-Gym                  7-8p Adult Ed-HA</p>	<p><b>27</b></p> <p>7a minyan                  3-4p TOT Basketball                  5:45-6:45p ZUMBA-Gym                  6p Parent Mtg-AJCC                  6:30-7:30p Pilates-BBYO                  Rm                  6:30-9p Fencing-Gym                  7p UT-KJA Series:                  Marriage/Family Biblical                  Times-AJCC                  7:30p Israeli dancing-                  Gym</p>	<p><b>28</b></p> <p>7:30p Shabbat dinner                  and services for                  Child Life at East                  Tennessee Children's                  Hospital-TBE</p>		

# KNOXVILLE

## BBYO Wins Multiple Awards, 2 AZA Members Elected to Regional Office

Both Knoxville's BBYO chapters rocked the Cotton States Regional Convention, held in Nashville over the winter break.

**Winick AZA (boys)** captured the CSR' Chapter of the Year Award, the Ronnie Weiss Maximum Credentials Award, and five (of seven) programming awards. In addition, **Nathan Rosen** was elected Regional Aleph Moreh (second vice president) and **Eli Derrington** was elected Regional Aleph Mazkir (secretary).

**Weinstein BBG (girls)** won five (of eight) programming awards, both membership awards, CSR's Most Spirited Chapter, and the Rachel Shankman Maximum Credentials Award. Knoxville's **Rae Oleshansky** helped plan and lead the event as conference coordinator. A hearty Mazel tov to our Knoxville area youth for their leadership and accomplishments.



(Above) Knoxville Winick AZA and Weinstein BBG members ready to return to Knoxville after enjoying a weekend regional conference in Nashville. Winick AZA members show their Regional Chapter of the Year trophy. (Right) Nathan Rosen, Rae Oleshansky, and Eli Derrington in Nashville. Nathan Rosen was elected regional vice president, Rae Oleshansky helped organize and lead the weekend event, and Eli Derrington was elected regional secretary.



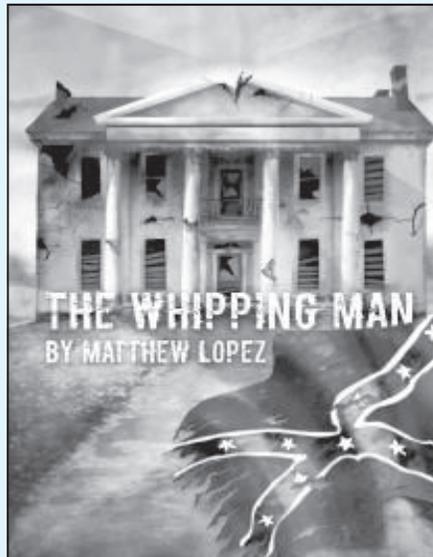
## UT's Carousel Theatre Features Play with Jewish, Passover, Southern Storyline

The UT Department of Theatre presents *The Whipping Man*, a play by Matthew Lopez, at UT's Ula Love Doughty Carousel Theatre January 30-February 16.

Everyone has scars in this stirring period drama. In April 1865, a wounded Jewish Confederate soldier returns to his home in Richmond only to find it ruined and abandoned – except for two former slaves also raised in the Jewish faith. As the three men celebrate Passover, they uncover a tangle of secrets and grapple with an uncertain future brought on by the end of the Civil War.

**Please note:** Recommended for high school and up. Strong content and language.

The Carousel Theatre is located at 1714 Andy Holt Avenue, Knoxville, TN 37916. Visit [www.clarencebrowntheatre.com](http://www.clarencebrowntheatre.com) or call (865) 974-5161 to purchase tickets.



The students of Lev Gross-Comstock invite you to their annual

Young Musicians  
2014 Recital

Sunday, February 23rd at 3pm  
Join us at the AJCC  
Free Admission

Come listen to our talented children as they sing, play guitar, piano and more!

# H A P P E N I N G S

## Marriage and Family in Biblical Law

*A three-part series presented by The University of Tennessee and the Knoxville Jewish Alliance*

**Thursdays, 7:00 p.m.**

**February 27, March 27, April 24**

Arnstein Jewish Community Center

6800 Deane Hill Drive, Knoxville, TN 37919

The seminar series *Marriage and Family in Biblical Law* will be led by Dr. Erin Darby and Dr. Raphe Panitz. Each session will explore a different aspect of marriage and family law in the ancient Near East, in the Hebrew Bible, and in the Talmud. Texts will be studied from an academic perspective with the goal of understanding how these laws functioned in the time periods in which they were written and how they compare to modern practices.

**Erin Darby**, Ph.D., is an assistant professor in UT's Department of Religious Studies. Her research and teaching interests include topics in biblical studies, ancient Near Eastern studies, archaeology, anthropology, art history, Judaic studies, and ritual studies.

**Raphe Panitz**, Ph.D., has a B.A. in history from New York University, a Master's in library science from the University of Maryland, and a Ph.D. in Biblical and Ancient Near Eastern Studies from the University of Pennsylvania. He is fluent in Hebrew and has taught Hebrew languages and Judaic studies on all levels.

This program is sponsored by the University of Tennessee and the Knoxville Jewish Alliance and is made possible through a 2013 UT Knoxville Outreach Incentive Grant. The UT/KJA seminar is free and open to the public. Community members, regardless of faith, creed or religion, are encouraged to attend this informative new series.

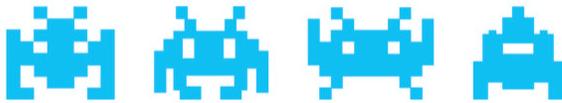
**For additional information:**

Contact the Knoxville Jewish Alliance

(865) 690-6343 — [www.jewishknoxville.org](http://www.jewishknoxville.org)



Adar 5774



## Retro Game Night at Heska Amuna Synagogue

**Saturday, February 8**  
7:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.

*Join us for a evening that will take you back  
to your childhood.*

- Stations will be set up with vintage game systems for you to play.
- Timed play and points will be recorded for a special prize.
- Not into video games? Enjoy card or board games.
- Snacks and one Kosher beer/root beer included  
*(Additional drinks available for additional donation.)*

**Admission: \$ 15.00 per person.**

This event is limited to the first 25 RSVPs  
so get them in now!



RSVP by calling (865) 522-0701  
or e-mail [admin@heskaamuna.org](mailto:admin@heskaamuna.org)

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### Heska Amuna Synagogue's Mission Statement

Heska Amuna Synagogue is a sacred home,  
animated by Jewish tradition:

- ◆ Finding purpose through reflection  
*(Cheshbon HaNefesh);*
- ◆ Healing lives through service *(Chesed);*  
and
- ◆ Celebrating God with awe and joy  
*(Yirat Shamayim).*

### Judaica Shop News

Start your new year right with setting  
aside some money in your *tzedakah* box.  
If you don't have one, please take a look at  
our inventory of beautiful *tzedakah* boxes.  
Stop by the Synagogue and check out our  
large selection of *mezzuzot*, which  
announces to those who enter that this is a  
Jewish home.

In addition to our selection of  
*mezzuzot* and *tzedakah* boxes, you can find  
Judaica items such as kosher scrolls,  
challah boards, candlesticks, havdallah sets,  
candles, seder and matzah plates, artwork,  
jewelry, tallitot for men and women, and  
kippot to express your Jewish personality.

## Belief, Hope, and Faith

By Rabbi Alon Ferency

There seems to be confusion about the following words: faith, belief, and hope

Belief is thinking that a certain thing is likely. You may even be able to prove that this thing is real. You can believe in evolution, or that torture prevents terrorism, or that *Princeton Review* courses raise SAT scores. Like any belief, each of these things can be checked, proved or disproved. Sometimes beliefs have a lot of facts on their side, sometimes they don't – sometimes beliefs are strengthened, sometimes we need to re-think what we believe in the light of new facts

Hope is a desire for a certain result, a wish that something will happen in a specific way. Hope is optimism that something good will happen eventually. We can hope to get a new job when we're unemployed, or hope that our team will end its losing streak. Maybe the thing we hope for will happen. Maybe we are too optimistic.

Faith isn't like hope or belief. Faith is not a belief that hasn't been proven yet. It isn't believing in something without enough evidence. Although they both require a bit of optimism, faith isn't hope, since faith isn't directed toward a specific result. Faith is more like trust, an abiding trust in the universe. Having faith means trusting that God's world, although largely unexplained, makes sense. Even if we can't see it, even if we don't have answers, we can have faith that the universe has meaning. We are meant to be here, struggling, loving and questioning. The world has a place for us. We are a part of God's plan.

You can have faith in a hospital bed. Even when no doctor believes there's a chance for remission, even after there is no hope for recovery, we can have faith that our lives were well lived. We have faith that we lived for a purpose. We trust that we were part of God's plan, and always in God's hands.



## Super Heroes of Our Physical Space

By Barry P. Allen

We as Jews are taught and encouraged from the earliest age that we have a duty and obligation to make the world, or at least our own small part of it, a better place for our families, our congregation, our community and society at large. Some people in our midst, without any thought of personal reward or accolades, stand out for the depth and range of their involvement and the longevity of their actions. I do not mean to slight or discount anyone (and undoubtedly will salute other people in future columns), but now I do want to give a special "shout out" to two such people - **Marilyn Burnett** and **Pat Rosenberg**.

Think of our dynamic duo as the Super Heroes of our physical space and, in Marilyn's case, think of her domain as extending to the culinary arts and beyond. (For those of you who have read some of my earlier columns, or were at Kol Nidre services, you know that I have a certain, shall we say connection, to the Super Hero genre. If any of you have missed that background detail, catch me, if you can, and I will gladly supplement your knowledge base with trivia that is guaranteed to enhance your status with the younger generation.) Pat and Marilyn have quietly worked behind the scenes to keep our building functional, and our grounds beautiful, and they usually have done this without special costumes or masks so they can blend in more easily with the crowds.

Marilyn has recently formally retired as our kitchen supervisor, a job she has held for at least three decades. This job has entailed everything from being our *mashgiach*, or kosher expert and advisor to everyone who cooked in the kitchen, to being the actual chef extraordinaire at events too numerous to count. She has also been responsible for ordering food, working to buy or repair equipment, and purchasing dry goods (like environmentally friendly plastic utensils). Though Marilyn's efforts have been an actual paid position for part of her tenure, no one can doubt that she put in many more hours than the "job" required. For her, the work was never just a job.

Pat, too, has recently retired as the long serving Facilities vice chair. Her domain included the inside and outside of the synagogue, as well as the entirety of the rabbi's house and grounds. She was the one we all looked to for guidance when a repair was needed, who should do it, and how much it should cost. We expected her to make sure the work was done properly and on budget. She also purchased new equipment when something broke and could not be repaired. She never failed in any of the multitude of tasks she undertook.

Marilyn and Pat's duties obviously overlapped, and they made a great team whose behind the scenes efforts kept us functioning smoothly. In recent years, they expanded their repertoire to include beautification of the walkway into the building, as well as the area in front. Though both have formally "retired" from their day-to-day duties (Pat has handed off her responsibilities to Gabe Spenser, while we are looking for a new kitchen supervisor as of this writing), that does not mean the end of their volunteering. Marilyn will still be involved with *kiddushim* and training her successor, while both she and Pat plan to continue to keep our senses bedazzled with beautiful flowers and plants around our entrance.

Pat and Marilyn have given new meaning to the term "dedicated volunteers." They deserve our most sincere thanks, and a very hearty "great job." (I started to say "Yasher Koach," but then did some quick research and learned that there is more to that term, and its grammatically correct form, than I can go into right now, but you get my intent.) They have been wonderful Super Heroes - unmatched role models and superior performers in very difficult vocations and avocations. We look forward to their continued involvement with the Synagogue for many years to come.

## Great News from Kroger!

Let us register your **Kroger Plus Card** number with Kroger and 5% of your purchases will be donated to Heska Amuna by Kroger. *It's easy and doesn't cost you any money.* Simply email or call us with your Kroger Plus Card Number (the number on the back of your card) to [admin@heskaamuna.org](mailto:admin@heskaamuna.org) or call (865) 522-0701. (Of course, you can register your card yourself at [www.kroger.com!](http://www.kroger.com!))



## From the President

By Jenifer Ohriner

February is a month of many different occasions. Mostly I think of it as a month of cold in the middle of the winter, with Pesach just around the corner. The cold can be broken up by having Shabbat dinner with friends – so, have you participated in *Guess Who's Coming for Shabbas?*

There's always time to host or be hosted. Just call the office, and we can take care of this for you. Have you had or will you have a celebration in your life? Sponsor a Shabbat Kiddush so we can all celebrate with you. Looking for company? Come join us for Shabbat Services. We're always here for you – just let us know what you need.

## Gan K'Tan

**Sunday, February 9**

(Date subject to change)

**10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.**



We come together for music, art, stories, games, Hebrew, snack and good friends all in a fun Jewish environment  
\$5.00 per session.

For more information, contact Betty Golub  
at [morahbetty@heskaamuna.org](mailto:morahbetty@heskaamuna.org) or 522-0701

## Heska Amuna Religious School Musings

By Betty Golub, Youth and Family Programming Director

Did you know that we celebrate the holiday of Rosh Chodesh once a month? We are celebrating the new moon. Our Jewish calendar follows the cycles of the moon as it waxes and wanes in the night sky. Twelve months make up the calendar and they are:

- ★ Tishre
- ★ Cheshvan
- ★ Kislev
- ★ Tevet
- ★ Shevat
- ★ Adar\*
- ★ Nisan
- ★ Iyar
- ★ Sivan
- ★ Tammuz
- ★ Av
- ★ Elul

Each month contains approximately 29.5 days. When you add this up, we will

get 354 days. Because festivals are tied with certain seasons and the rhythms of agriculture, we have a leap year with an extra month every two to three years. As you know according to the Jewish calendar, this is 5774. \*This year we have a leap year, which means we have 2 Adar's. The following will take place:

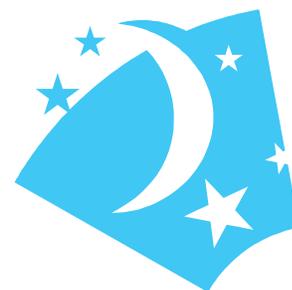
- Shevat is 30 days.
- Adar I is 30 days.
- Adar II is 29 days; its Rosh Chodesh is two days; 1<sup>st</sup> day is 30<sup>th</sup> of Adar I and 2<sup>nd</sup> day of its Rosh Chodesh is 1<sup>st</sup> of Adar II. Purim falls in this month. *BE HAPPY IT'S ADAR!*
- Nisan contains 30 days, and its Rosh Chodesh is one day.

Rosh Chodesh is celebrated in different ways. In the time of the Temple, special sacrifices were brought to the Temple. Trumpets were played and special sacrifices

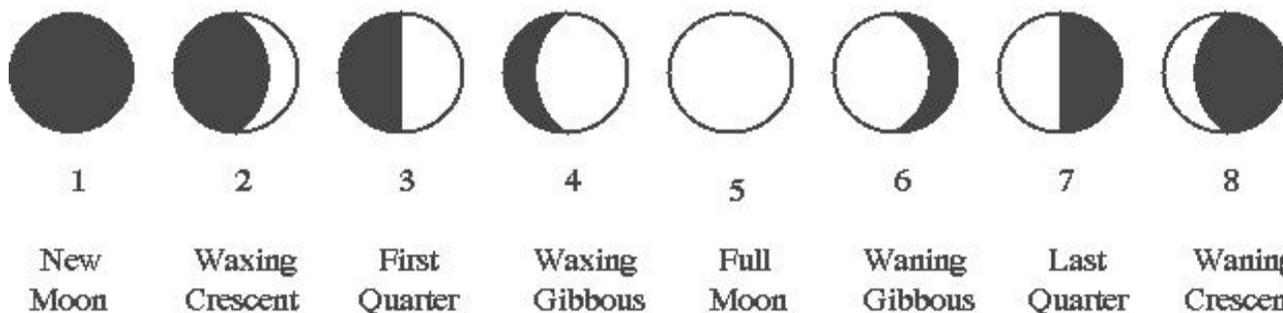
were brought to the Temple. Today, we say a special blessing on the Shabbat before the new moon. We ask that this be a time of goodness and blessings. Rosh Chodesh is also a special time for women. Often women's groups meet on a monthly basis to celebrate.

Rosh Chodesh is February 1, 2014 when we begin Adar I. Keep track of the moon for 29.5 days. See how the moon changes from new to waxing to waning. Have fun!

*B'Shalom,*  
Betty



## Stages of the Moon





## Contributions from Caring People

For a list of synagogue funds, please visit our website at [www.heskaamuna.org](http://www.heskaamuna.org). Donations received by December 30, 2013.

### CEMETERY FUND

In memory of Anna Gruenberg, Blima Schwarzbart, Samuel Schwarzbart, Isadore Schwarzbart, Virginia Morrison, Isaac Joffe, David Tomlinson, Dan Goodman, Fred

Horowitz, David Abramson, Fannie Moskowitz, and Sam Morrison

By: Arnold and Mary Linda Schwarzbart

### GENERAL FUND

In memory of David Goldstein

By: Kathy and Don Goldstein

In honor of Judy Rattner's birthday

By: Marilyn Abrams

Wishing Evan Ohriner a speedy recovery

By: Marilyn and Harvey Liberman

In memory of Selma Tobe

By: Marilyn and Harvey Liberman

In honor of Michael Burnett's birthday and all his work for the synagogue

By: Marilyn Abrams

For Evan Ohriner's speedy recovery

By: Bill and Ellen Berez

In appreciation for the High Holy Day Honor

By: Harold and Ann Manas

### EDUCATIONAL ENRICHMENT FUND

In memory of Stanley Webster

By: Esther Webster

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In memory of Selma Vogel

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Jacob and Theresa Love

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In honor of the birth of Isaac Hirschhaut

By: Stephen and Joni Hirschhaut

In memory of Maurice Liberman

By: Harvey and Marilyn Liberman

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By: Raphe, William, and Susette Panitz

In appreciation of the High Holiday Honor

By: Raphe and Susette Panitz

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In memory of Rafael Anidjar

By: Jack Benhayon

In memory of Mark Balloff

By: Samuel Balloff

In memory of my father Charles O' Brien

By: Heather O'Brien

In memory of Ada and Sydney Manas

By: Harold and Ann Manas

## Heska Amuna Offers Our Members Easy Options to Pay Dues, Donations

Heska Amuna Synagogue provides members with two ways to pay dues (1) direct withdrawal from your bank checking or savings account (ACH); or (2) credit card. (You can also mail a check to the synagogue, but that costs postage and takes extra time and effort on our end to process this payment.)

If you pay by ACH transfer or credit card, please indicate the amount of your payment. If you are making a payment by check, please indicate the amount you are paying next to the account, tear off the bottom portion and return in the enclosed envelope.

Should you have questions, you can reach Finance Vice Chair Markus Eisenbach by email at [meis@gurla.net](mailto:meis@gurla.net), or you can leave a message for him by calling the synagogue at (865) 522-0701.



## Among Our Members

- ◆ Get well wishes go out to the following people who were ill or recuperating: **Joyce Beerman, Greta Besmann, Harriet Cooper, Erik Golub, Marion Goodstein, Debbie Gordon, Eliyahu ben Shulamit, Evan Ohriner, Judy Rattner.**
- ◆ Todah Rabah to **Sandy Parker** and **David Hecht** who continue to work in the Synagogue office each week. We appreciate your time and efforts on behalf of the shul.
- ◆ A special mazel tov goes out to: **Harold and Joyce Diftler** who are celebrating their 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary; **Joseph and Marion Goodstein** who are celebrating their 63<sup>rd</sup> anniversary!



## 2013 Chanukah Celebration

Members and guests enjoyed a festive, family-friendly Chanukah Celebration December 4.

L-R: EL Gordon won first place for her menorah artwork at the Chanukah Celebration. Magician Michael Messing entertains at the event.

## From the Sisterhood Presidents

By Lynn Fuson and Peggy Littmann



# The Biggest Loser: The Jewish Edition 4 Month Challenge

**February Meeting  
(DATE AND TIME T.B.A)**

Check Community Calendar at [www.jewishknoxville.org](http://www.jewishknoxville.org)  
or Heska Amuna Calendar

### Special Guest:

Personal Trainer Donna Mostella – Wear Your Workout Clothes

- ★ Join with Jewish women in Knoxville as we take back our health.
- ★ Top 3 winners will receive prizes to help with incentive.
- ★ Must come to initial weigh in and final weigh-in to qualify.
- ★ We will spend the next 4 months meeting periodically to discuss all of the growth spurts that go with weight loss. We will use Facebook for support, meet with professionals on the what not's with dieting, and even start a walking club.

*All of this and much more for \$36*

Contact Shuli Mesa: [shulime@gmail.com](mailto:shulime@gmail.com) or 356-7749  
or Peggy Littmann: [plittmann@comcast.net](mailto:plittmann@comcast.net)

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

For a list of Heska Amuna's funds and  
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## Sponsor a Kiddush

Are you celebrating your birthday or  
anniversary this month? Donate \$18.00 to  
the kiddushim account to celebrate your  
special occasion or become a full sponsor.  
Call Gene Rosenberg at 693-3162 for more  
information and to reserve a date.

Thank you to **Karen and Rabbi Alon  
Ferency and Michael Burnett** who  
sponsored kiddushim in December.

## Painting and Potluck Activity Encourages the Spirit of Creativity



*Ernie Gross and Arnold Schwarzbart led a session on Jewish art, then a Painting with a Twist instructor (below) showed Brigette Biernacki (right) and others how to paint a menorah during a fun-filled course.*



## Heska Amuna Educators Honored at Menorah Madness

*The community-wide Menorah Madness celebration held on December 5 at the AJCC, allowed hundreds in our Jewish community to celebrate Chanukah. 2013's event honored community educators—both secular and religious teachers. Knox County Schools' Clifford Davis was the guest Shamash lighter. Betty Golub and Jenifer Ohriner were two of the candle lighters. Former Religious School director Nancy Becker enjoys watching the festivities with grandson Harry.*



*Rabbi Yossi Wilhelm and Alon Ferency welcome the community to the annual Menorah Madness celebration, a joint community endeavor of Chabad, KJA, Heska Amuna, TBE, KJDS, and Hadassah*



# TEMPLE BETH EL TIMES



## URJ Biennial Highlights

By Rabbi Mathew D. Michaels

In December, Liz Gassel and I attended the Union for Reform Judaism's Biennial Convention in San Diego, CA. More than 5,000 lay-leaders and Jewish professionals gathered for four incredible days of learning, worship, Torah study, listening to experts and world leaders, connecting with Jews from throughout North America, and exchanging ideas and experiences. The pace was both exhausting and exhilarating at one and the same time.

Many of the major addresses, music, singing and just plain *ruach* (spirit) can be vicariously experienced through the URJ website ([www.urj.org](http://www.urj.org)). I strongly urge you to take some time to explore the website to get a sense of the incredible work being done in the Reform Movement. I particularly recommend listening to Rabbi Rick Jacobs' (URJ president) formal address, as well as Rabbi David Ellenson's (HUC-JIR president) eloquent *D'var Torah*.

Israel's Prime Minister, Benjamin Netanyahu also addressed the convention via satellite focusing on the Iran nuclear weapons agreement and creating a permanent peace in the Middle East through a 2-State/2-Nation proposal that allows for mutual acceptance of Israel and Palestine to exist as independent, militarily secure nations.

A major focus of the Reform Movement is its commitment to Youth Engagement. This is a long-term investment of resources to involve and mentor the next generations. Dozens of initiatives and programs are focused on this vital and complex issue. The thematic centerpiece of Rabbi Jacobs' main address was what he called "audacious hospitality." Using examples from throughout the Book of Genesis, Rabbi Jacobs pointed to examples of this behavior from the text itself. As a movement, he urged, we must be willing to build on these behaviors by expanding and extending them from within our own congregations and communities; from beyond our denominational narrowness to include the world in which we live. He reminded us that more than theory, theology and philosophy, we must take-on the responsibilities of *Tikkun Olam* (repairing the world) by opening the "tent of Reform Judaism" and practicing audacious hospitality in ways that we have yet to imagine.

Again, I urge you to spend the time to access his speech as well as other presentations that are archived on the URJ website.



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## Celebrate the Joy of Shabbat

Saturday, February 1, 2014

10:30 a.m.

Join Us for a Learners' Minyan

**The Learners' Minyan** is an interactive Saturday morning Shabbat service designed to help us better understand – and learn about, discuss and debate – the elements of the service.

A combination "prayer-experience and class," all sit close together, as we go through the service. The aim is to familiarize participants with the spirit, structure and ideas embedded in the Shabbat service. Rabbi Michaels explains meaning, staging, choreography, and also how the ritual came to be that way. There's lots of discussion, and it's easy to join in. It's guaranteed you'll come away with an enhanced knowledge of Jewish history and a deeper appreciation for the Shabbat service.

A light luncheon will follow

*Sponsored by the Ritual and Worship Committee of Temple Beth El*

## President's Message

By *Stu Elston*

It is February, and that means that we will soon be forming a nominating committee at Temple Beth El. This group will in turn be designing a slate of candidates for the election to be held during our Annual Meeting in May (usually during the 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> week of May). This seems like a good time to remind you how this works, or to acquaint you if you're new or if you've never been acquainted with the process.

I *am* assuming you care, because the annual election populates our Board of Directors, who in turn *can* have significant impact on the day-to-day operation of your Temple. And I *know* that you care about your Temple, because you have been attending its services and activities in numbers that break the records of recent years.

A thorough description of our Board and its composition would overwhelm the space allotted for my article, so if you are interested in more detail, please feel free to ask at the Temple Office for a copy of our Constitution and By-Laws, where you will find that description and more. My purpose in bringing this up is to make you aware that this nomination and election process will be happening over the next few months, to alert those of you who might be interested in serving on our Board, and to build your interest if you haven't considered serving before. There have been many exciting changes in the life of Temple Beth El over the past year and a half, we have added many new members, and there is renewed interest in activities that enhance your Temple membership. There is a real need for those of you who welcome and enjoy these changes to step into positions of leadership on the Board of Directors and to help define and guide how these new directions develop, so I encourage you to get involved.

Our nominating committee will seek candidates for eight positions opening on the Board, plus two positions opened because of relocations or resignations. Some of these nominations will be filled by current members agreeing to stand for re-election, but we hope that many can be filled by new candidates who have a desire to contribute to Temple Beth El's future.

Please consider joining our Board – if you know you'd be interested, please let one of the Executive Committee members know. We're all listed, with contact info, at the end of every Temple email blast. And if our Nominating Committee calls you, please be prepared to say, "Yes!" And by all means, please watch for an announcement in early April of the Annual Meeting sometime mid-May – and please make a commitment to attend.

# SAVE the DATE

## March 29, 2014

New for 2014

**Temple Laughs Out Loud!**  
 Stand-up Comic  
 Live Auction only  
 (Auctioneer Matt Michaels)

Wine, Hors' d'oeuvres and Dessert  
 \$18.00 per person

7:30-10:30 p.m.  
 (Time subject to change)

## Temple Beth El Religious School

By Norma James, Education Director, [normajames@tbeknox.org](mailto:normajames@tbeknox.org)

### Saturday Minyan for 5<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> graders February 1

We are asking our 5<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> grade students and their parents to join us for a Learner's Minyan on Shabbat morning at 10:30 a.m. You will have a great opportunity to learn about the Saturday service in this informal structure that allows for questions and explanations from Rabbi Michaels. Learning about the morning service is very important to this age group because each of these children will be leading Shabbat morning services when they become B'nei Mitzvah. There will be a luncheon after the service.

### February 5 Midweek Hebrew pizza dinner

Don't forget to come early to have pizza with your friends at 5:45 p.m. We will begin classes at 6:15 p.m. What a great way to get back into the groove for the new semester!

### Mitzvah Day is February 9 at the AJCC

All religious school students will report to the AJCC instead of Temple Beth El. The times will still be 9:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. as usual. We have some great ideas to make this Mitzvah Day new and exciting. Parents are urged to attend!

### February 16 is Torah Tots!

Do you have a child aged two to four who would enjoy some Jewish fun designed just for our little ones? Please join our parent-child group for 90 minutes of fun. We have stories, songs, movement, crafts, and a visit from Rabbi Matt. Our sessions are 9:45 a.m.-11:15 a.m. Contact Norma for more details.

### We will have Religious School on Presidents Weekend, February 16

### Friday, February 28 is our Shabbat for Child Life at East Tennessee Children's Hospital, 6:00 p.m. The Hebrew Chai class will conduct services

Make plans now to attend our special dinner and service. Our religious school students will sing with our choir for the service.

This is a very important event for our entire congregation as we raise money to help people in need. We need the support of all of our families to make this service the spiritual event it should be.



## Join us for Shabbat.

**Date:** Friday, February 7  
(Dinner catered by *Famous Dave's*. BBQ chicken, muffins, side dish, and beverage)

**Place:** TBE Social Hall

**Time:** 6:00-7:30 p.m.

**Cost:** \$8.00/person

**RSVP: MUST PAY** by Tuesday, February 4.  
No walk-ins.  
Please send your check to the TBE office.



Please contact Amy Rosenberg at 356-6830 if you have any questions.

## It's Time for Sisterhood

By Karen Smith and Kathy Young, Sisterhood Co-Presidents

Temple Sisterhood “went to the dogs” with its **H.A.B.I.T. program** on Sunday, December 15. Thanks to **Karen Armsey, Phyllis Hirsh and Sam, and Joan Cohn and Macy** for a fun morning that left everyone smiling.

Our next **Sisterhood meeting/program** is scheduled for Sunday, February 9 at 10:00 a.m. at Temple, under the direction of our new Program chair, **Heather Laing**. This will be the first in our “**Traditions**” series, which will focus on preparation for Jewish holidays. In addition to sharing favorite Purim foods, we will make *mishloach manot* that will be distributed for Purim.

Good food, friends, and a contribution to Child Life at Children’s Hospital—what could be more appealing! A special Shabbat evening is planned for Friday, February 28 when Sisterhood

sponsors “**Shabbat for Child Life at East Tennessee Children’s Hospital**” at 6:00 p.m. at Temple. Child Life at East Tennessee Children’s Hospital and Child Life specialists ease anxiety through the power of play. To do so, the specialists provide age-appropriate, hands-on explanations to demonstrate procedures, such as inserting an I.V.

Sisterhood will continue its support of Marty’s Mission/Second Harvest Food Bank and FISH Hospitality Pantry by collecting non-perishable food items that evening. Everyone bringing a non-perishable food item will receive a “Shabbat surprise.”

Not only has Sisterhood changed the theme for the evening, but we have changed the menu. Sisterhood will accept **donations of pasta dishes** to feed at least 8 people. Your dish can be **either meat or dairy but not a combination**. Your dish can be a cold or hot pasta and we’ll warm them as needed.

The cost for dinner is \$8.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children under 12 years,



Lilly Stanley, Grace Margulies, Zoe Feldblum and Rachael Feinbaum enjoy meeting Macy, a H.A.B.I.T. dog owned by Joan Cohn. Special guests Karen Armsey, Phyllis Hirsch and her dog Sam. Emma Fleischmann, Monica Berman, and Bella Lester enjoy the program.

with a \$25.00 cap for families (children and parents.) Sisterhood will provide bread, salad, and drinks. Contact **Co-chairs Joyce Traugot and Kathy Young** to bring a pasta dish or sign up on the Sisterhood Bulletin Board at Temple.

Temple’s **Purim Carnival** on Sunday, March 9 will include homemade **hamantaschen** from Sisterhood. We will not take advance orders so be there early to get your favorite hamantaschen. The sale will begin at 9:30 a.m. The price for hamantaschen is \$1.00 for a single, \$5.00 for 6, and \$10.00 for 12.

Looking ahead on the calendar? Save Friday, March 28 for a special **Sisterhood Shabbat** at Temple Beth El.

Then on Monday, March 31 at 6:00 p.m. Temple Sisterhood will host the monthly **Rosh Chodesh program**. Chair **Meredith Jaffe** is working on a light dinner and program about “Women of the Wall.” Bring your tallit and kippah. Thanks to Meredith Jaffe for continuing to coordinate all of Temple Sisterhood’s Rosh Chodesh evenings.

A **Chai Tea** is planned for Sunday, April 6 from 3:00-5:00 p.m. at the home of **Lesley Krakauer**. RSVP to Lesley to enjoy an authentic English afternoon tea and speaker.

The **Sisterhood Bazaar** will help you with your spring shopping. Do you need gift ideas for Mother’s Day, Father’s Day, graduations, weddings, confirmation?? What about a hostess gift for a special dinner? Stop by the Sisterhood Bazaar at Temple Beth El on Sunday, April 27 from 9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and purchase food and craft items.

Thank you to **Rebecca Lane** for serving as Sisterhood Treasurer for more than two years. Rebecca’s efforts kept the Sisterhood Treasury up to date and we are looking forward to helping her and Greg welcome their baby daughter soon! Thank you to **Karen Smuckler** for accepting the Treasurer job and to **Susan Baker** for accepting the Oneg Co-chair job. *Today!*

Special thanks to **Meredith Jaffe** for keeping up with Sisterhood’s publicity and for creating our fliers and posters that are seen throughout the community. *Today.*

**It’s time for Sisterhood!**



## Temple Beth El's 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary: Mountains of Memories

Temple Beth El's 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary coincides pretty closely with both the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Civil War and with the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the assassination of President John F. Kennedy. These two events were definitely linked in spirit – especially to Rabbi Harold Rubens who led our congregation through the celebration of our 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary - and during the turbulent times that marked the rest of the sixties. Throughout his tenure here, from 1963 to 1969, the Civil Rights Movement and the level of poverty in the area were dominant concerns of Rabbi Rubens.

His widow, **Bunny Rubens**, still lives in Vancouver, B.C. where they moved after leaving Knoxville. She provides us these reminiscences:

*“As you can imagine, there were many in the congregation who were anti-desegregation. I remember one Friday, after services, as people came through the receiving line, a very prominent gentleman refused to shake the Rabbi's hand, whispered something in his ear, and smacked him on the shoulder. The Rabbi told me later in the evening, how shocked he had been by the threat the man had made toward him and our*

*family. The same man had threatened him after he had delivered a sermon regarding the low wages paid to factory employees. There was also much ado about business owners neglecting to pay into Social Security for future retirement benefits.*

*There were several families living in a small town near Knoxville, who were anxious about a bombing that had occurred there, to a desegregationist family by the KKK. They left the town and moved to Knoxville.*

*While Civil Rights workers (students at UT) were working for the cause, the rabbi (Jewish rep) and the minister of the Wesleyan Society (Presbyterians), and Father Shea (Catholic rep on campus), set up a camp in the mountains to train counselors to help obtain voting rights for blacks. The camp was invaded by the opposition - several people were hurt, and all the clergy were threatened. The police decided to tap the phone lines at our house as well as at the minister's home. Mind you, they didn't offer protection - they only offered to listen to any threats that might be made!*

*On one occasion, after being informed of a possible meeting of the KKK. the rabbi, several other clergy, and some black students from up North traveled to Oak Ridge. Once it was dark, the men donned their own white sheets, and waited for the mass-meeting to begin. The KKK members lit their torches, spoke their mantras, and spread their hatred. Then they joined hands in a large circle and the abstainers began singing *We Shall Overcome*, in very loud voices, pulled back their face-coverings, and revealed themselves. Can you even imagine what could have happened to each of the intruders? They started running towards their vehicles and were lucky to get away. I can't remember if someone had taken a picture of this, but the next day everyone was talking about the KKK members who had been holding hands with a Jew and several blacks!*

*The poverty situation was also addressed, but difficult to change. When I arrived in Knoxville, I hired a woman to clean my house and babysit the kids. I ate lunch with her and paid her the same wages I paid my helper in Philadelphia. Several weeks after I arrived, I received a nasty phone call from a prominent woman in the congregation - she flipped into me for paying my help such a high wage, and incidentally, felt she had to warn me about sitting at the same table with a N! Believe me, that didn't sit well with me the entire time I lived in Knoxville. I stayed far away from that bigot!*

*Several women in the Temple Sisterhood and I joined an organization called WICS - Women in Community Service – an*

*organization established by Bobby Kennedy after he visited Appalachia. It encouraged young mountain people to be screened for individual talents - they were given scholarships to study their specialty, new dorms, food & clothing vouchers, etc. Their parents were given a monthly stipend to quash any problem about the children abandoning their parents. After six months, the newly employed youngsters left their jobs and came back to the hills of Tennessee to live like hillbillies once again. Obviously, this approach didn't work!*

*However, I learned a great deal from this experience. Money spent doesn't always offer a solution.*



### Sisterhood Meeting

**Celebrating Traditions - Purim**

**Sunday, February 2 — 10:00 a.m. — TBE**

Share your ideas and foods for Purim and help us create mishloach manot (*Mish-LO-ach Ma-NOTE*) to be distributed for the holiday.

Religious school parents are invited to join us.



**RSVP to Heather Laing, [teamlaing@gmail.com](mailto:teamlaing@gmail.com)**

## Mazel Tov to Our Members!

### Graduations

**Hal and Amy Rosenberg** announce with great pride the graduation of their daughter, **Dani Reyne Rosenberg** from the University of Tennessee. Dani graduated with a bachelor of arts degree in retail management with a minor in business. While at UTK, Dani served as Phi Sigma Theta National Honor Society president, University of Tennessee Homecoming Queen 2013, Order of the Omega Honor Society member, Kappa Delta Sorority social chair; Junior Panhellenic director, Academic tutor and was involved in numerous other actives and clubs. In addition to her academic program, Dani interned at Scripps, Victoria Secrets and Backstage Accessories in New York.



*Dani Rosenberg*

**Jason Fleischmann**, son of **David and Emma Fleischmann**, graduated from Karns High School. He has been accepted in the Honors College at Middle Tennessee State University and will begin attending classes in Fall 2014. Jason plans to study political science and minor in international relations. At this time, Jason believes that diplomatic services is looking like a good way to explore the world.

**Evan Noon**, son of **Chuck and Missy Noon**, graduated from the University of Michigan with a degree in computer science. He will be traveling to New Zealand for several months. In July, he will begin a job with Facebook in Seattle, WA.



### 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday

**Sylvia Silver** celebrated her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday on December 3. Both the Temple Executive Committee and Temple Sisterhood purchased leaves in her honor, recognizing her many years of enthusiastic and devoted service to Temple Beth El. Sylvia served as Sisterhood president and was a consummate board member. Currently living in Indianapolis, Indiana, Sylvia still attends weekly Shabbat services and receives accolades from every organization she supports.

### Outreach to Malaysia

**Mark Barkan** co-led a series of workshops in Malaysia in November 2013. The main content of the *School for Creative Thinkers* workshops, coordinated by the Malaysian Ministry of Education and Intel, was the development of creative and critical thinking skills.



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A hero is  
someone who  
can keep his  
mouth shut  
when he is right.

— Yiddish proverb

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## Save the Date

**Sunday, March 2 at 12:30 p.m.**  
*Artist's Reception and Presentation*

Temple Beth El's Library Gallery will feature the work of Christina Mattison beginning in March

Christina Mattison Klaven is a full-time artist, illustrator and designer living in Jackson, Mississippi. Her primary areas of focus are children's book illustration and Judaica, and her style is often described as funky, urban, and "graffiti-esque."

The artist will also engage religious school students in an educational session on Sunday morning.

# Jewish Congregation of Oak Ridge



## Upcoming Events

**Nosh and Kibbitz**—Come and join us at a different Oak Ridge restaurant each month for food and fellowship. Typically the first Saturday of every month at 5:30 p.m. -- see our website ([jcor.info](http://jcor.info)) for specific location and details.

**February 8, 7:00 p.m. — Jewish Film Series:  
Day One**, 1989, NR, 140 minutes.

This Emmy-winning docudrama chronicles America's development of the atomic bomb, centering on the collaboration and conflict among Hungarian physicist Leo Szilard (Michael Tucker), Gen. Leslie Groves (Brian Dennehy) and scientist J. Robert Oppenheimer (David Strathairn). With World War II raging, the three men struggle with moral, professional and political dilemmas as they work to build the ultimate weapon. Richard Dysart plays Harry Truman.



**February 8, 7:00 p.m. -- Junior Film Pajama Party**

Parents, bring your kids down 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: [katie@niad.net](mailto:katie@niad.net).

**February 22:** Study Session after the Shabbat morning services — *Kabbalah*.

## Donations to JCOR

### Yahrzeits:

- ◆ Sarah Levine Braunstein from Jerry & Catherine Braunstein (RDF)
- ◆ Nettie Kalichman and Sophie Hanig from Walter Hanig
- ◆ Manny Volkin, Ken Volkin, Ruth Roffman from Karen Brunner
- ◆ David Goldenberg from Jerrold E. and Nancy Lynn Fink Family; George and Barbara Barany Family; Isha Mayim Family; Alan Goldenberg Family
- ◆ Rose Kravit from Ted Shapiro

### Donations:

- ◆ In honor of our mother/grandmother/great-grandmother, Sylvia Goldenberg. May she continue to be recognized as a true *eshet chayil* from Jerrold E. and Nancy Lynn Fink Family; George and Barbara Barany Family; Isha Mayim Family; Alan Goldenberg Family.
- ◆ In appreciation of the Jewish Film Series at JCOR from Ron and Ebbie Sandberg.

## Torah Fund

To send a Torah Fund card for all occasions, please call Eileen at 482-1341 or Brenda at 483-9463.

- ◆ Torah Fund cards sent: Get well: **Ted Shapiro**, from Sisterhood and **Eileen Handler, Catherine Braunstein**, from **Fran Silver, Linda and Zane Bell, Dennis Badurina**, from **Linda and Zane Bell, JoAnn Handler Hotimsky**, from **Eileen Handler, Fran Silver, Hilda and Irv Barrack**.
- ◆ In loving memory of **Harry Hotimsky's** sister, **Beverly Goldstein**

## Hosts and Hostesses

Thank you for your hospitality. If you need to make a change, please do so, and notify Eileen at 482-1341

- February 1:** Reeva and Marvin Abraham, Elena and Carlos Bamberger
- February 8:** Linda and Zane Bell, Becky and George Charles
- February 15:** Ronnie and Jim Bogard, Catherine and Jerry Braunstein
- February 22:** Sylvia Goldenberg, Judi and Len Gray
- March 1:** Anne and Eli Greenbaum, Edith and Melvin Halbert
- March 8:** Eileen Handler, Rose Holz
- March 15:** Diana Jacobson, Shelby and Mark Kaye
- March 22:** Mira Kimmelman, Brenda and Sig Mosko
- March 29:** Peggy and Randy Laxton, Nona and Sam Poole



*Tennessee Schmaltz members Larry Hoffman and Dan Shapira with Randy Hoffman, Monty Lewis, Alice Feldman, Fay Campbell, Brenda Mosko, Avigail Rashkovsky, Katie Niad, Matt Niad, Sig Mosko, and Al Good at the Laurel Theater concert.*

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

# JCOR Ah-Men Feast

Sunday, February 16 — 5:00 p.m.

Jewish Congregation of Oak Ridge, 101 W. Madison Lane



Wine, Cheese, and Hors d'oeuvres  
Gourmet Vegetarian Dinner by Chef Mark Kaye

Presented by  
The JCOR Singing Waiters  
Extraordinary Entertainment will follow



## Silent Auction - White Elephants and Services

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

To make a contribution to the Silent Auction, please contact  
Alice Feldman and Al Good (865) 457-7549 [al\\_alice@bellsouth.net](mailto:al_alice@bellsouth.net)

## Admission — Same Low Price of \$49.95 per person

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

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◆ Rachel Schnitman ◆ Frances Sturm ◆ Irving Zarchin

### February 14

◆ Leonard Davis ◆ Jacob Farowich ◆ Elizabeth G. Kayton ◆ Lela Lippner ◆ Abe Slovis ◆ Fannie Stein ◆ George Gudis ◆ Doris Plachter  
◆ Bettie Bloom Reich ◆ Martin Traugot ◆ Lloyd Pike ◆ Sadie Fleck Touff ◆ Samuel A. Wender ◆ Bessie Epstein Garber ◆ Yetti Liebman  
◆ Inez Rayman ◆ Sam Pollack ◆ Harry E. Touff ◆ Rose Friedman ◆ Rae Korkin ◆ Dorothy Scott Moiger ◆ Randall Schwartz ◆ Anne Simon  
◆ Rose Werner ◆ Ira M. Jacobs ◆ Roy Mostov ◆ Carolyn Weinberger

### February 21

◆ Simon Korkin ◆ Gussie Dresner ◆ Deborah Rabin Freeman ◆ Bertram H. Joseph Jr. ◆ Yetta M. Konigsberg ◆ Ben Lang ◆ Isadore Misner  
◆ Harry I. Moskowitz ◆ Eleanor Radoff ◆ Sylvia Scott ◆ Elizabeth Bronson ◆ Rabbi Matthew Derby ◆ Elsie M. Rattner ◆ Henrietta H. Samuel  
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### February 28

◆ Ilene Bronson ◆ Leopold Fleischmann ◆ Sarah Nechamkin ◆ Jean Schnall ◆ Leon Steinberg ◆ Lucas Helm ◆ Blanche K. Jacobs  
◆ Samuel G. Herrmann ◆ Gussie Kligman ◆ Jerry Spritz ◆ Isaac Gutman ◆ Edward H. Jacobs ◆ Lalla Block Arnstein ◆ Catherine R Carter  
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### February 1

◆ Ida Brown ◆ Albert Fadem ◆ Clarence Mann ◆ Caryl Schweitzer ◆ Herbert Davis ◆ Samuel Green ◆ Carole Kramer ◆ Alfred Levin  
◆ Monte Abrams ◆ Barnett Mackta ◆ Isadore Presser ◆ Randy Schwartz ◆ Howard Blumenthal ◆ Esther Mann ◆ Marilyn Shorr  
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### February 8

◆ Molly Botnick ◆ Gerson Corkland ◆ Helen Gries ◆ Anna Snyder ◆ Zelda Levin ◆ Celia Polasky ◆ Rita Solomon ◆ Joseph Gluck  
◆ David Levine ◆ Paula Rader ◆ Ruben Robinson ◆ Norman Wolf ◆ Nathan Samet ◆ Toby Slabosky ◆ Lillian Ellin ◆ Herman Linke  
◆ Rita Nichols

### February 15

◆ Aaron Wise ◆ Samuel Fayonsky ◆ Edwin Markoff ◆ Razelle Toronto ◆ Herman Werner ◆ Mayer Zucker ◆ John Abrams ◆ Mary Ginsburg  
◆ Barney Schiff ◆ Elsie Shorr ◆ Sarah Berry ◆ Rudolph Deitch ◆ Debby Freeman ◆ Pearl Goodstein ◆ Elsie Rattner ◆ Ruth Kaplan  
◆ Louis Klinkowstein ◆ Ida Nius ◆ Pauline Botnick ◆ Bessie Greenbaum ◆ Esther Kislinsky ◆ Bessie Liberman ◆ Rae Weisberg ◆ Max Burnett  
◆ Albert Goodstein ◆ Betty Gubitz ◆ Morris Rattner ◆ Sam Rosenblatt ◆ Esther Strauss

### February 22

◆ Leah Herz ◆ David Leibowitz ◆ Yetta Nadler ◆ Sophie Dobbs ◆ Dora Green ◆ Stephanie Routman ◆ Norma Herz ◆ Dorothy Rothman  
◆ Joyce Simon ◆ Irving Bayer ◆ Donald Brown ◆ Samuel Jacobs ◆ Paul Kanfer ◆ Joslyn Presser ◆ Rebecca Reznick ◆ Sarah Robinson  
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# Hadassah Highlights

## President's Message: Courting the Generations

By Shuli Mesa

In my 10 years as a Hadassah Life Member, I have often been asked why I joined an organization of old ladies. There, I said it. People think blue hair and knitting as synonymous with Hadassah. The fact that we just celebrated our Centennial probably aids in that thinking. But truth be told, this is probably one of THE best places to be...and I am not just saying that to get you in the door (although, if that helps...then yay!).

Hadassah has gone so far as to cater to its 'Young Leaders,' those under age 46. That is right! Where else can you be a Young Leader while you are over the hill? The Young Leaders are privy to different gift giving, seminars and trainings, as well as conference accommodations. During the 2013 Tri-Region Spring Conference, it was the Young Leaders that got a special face time with Marcia Natan, Hadassah national president. She listened to our concerns and tried to get a better understanding of what the younger generations need.

I think finding the next generation of strong women is not just plaguing here, but through the entire Jewish community. In the *Hadassah Magazine* article, *People of the Silver Linings Playbook*, author Jonathon D. Sama writes that among young Jews born after 1980, 32 percent identify themselves as 'Jews of no religion.' Ouch, that is no small number. According to the PEW survey, 17 percent of Jews who married prior to 1970 had a non-Jewish spouse, while in 2000, 58 do. Out of the Jews that have intermarried parents, an astounding 83 percent have married non-Jews. The article continues to broadcast these numbers and more.

Is there any wonder that there is this huge demand on this younger generation? As the Jewish population worldwide dwindles, we are a dying breed, a novelty. Throw in the everyday issues and demands of the modern woman and volunteering might just not be high on that list, let alone with a bunch of blue-haired knitters. But let me assure you...we now have affordable hair dye and knitting is back in style. Not to mention, we aim to please. We have Scavenger hunts, Murder Mystery Flapper Dinners, Reflexology massages, and nearly always desserts, chocolate, and wine fit for the finest of Queens. We have a new board with an open ear and are always willing to test the waters, feet first! Join us no matter your age and let us show you the new side of Hadassah...Knoxville style!



(Top to bottom) Hilary Shreter, Susan Cohen, host Mary Evars-Goan, and Bonnie Boring at Hadassah's Grapes & Gouda evening. Pat Messing and Stephen Nagler enjoy a bountiful dessert table. Bonnie Boring, Jill Weinstein and Shuli Mesa. Hadassah Regional Vice President Lee Kansas thanks Hadassah members and spouses for their support.



## Installation Weekend: A Work of Heart

By Shuli Mesa

We began the glorious weekend at the home of John and Mary Evars-Goan for *Grapes & Gouda*, the social event of the season. We dined on decadent desserts, refined cheeses, and sophisticated wines and champagne. Hadassah members and their spouses had an opportunity to speak with Lee and ask the hard Hadassah questions. As always, Mary outdid herself with an array of gorgeous food that was more than scrumptious. Thank you to all of you that brought desserts and win. I believe that second and third trips were required to just taste all of the goodies that were on display. It was a brilliant evening.

Whimsical, stunning, and eccentric; a smorgasbord for the senses, in other words, the Paris Apartment and Boutique was the PERFECT backdrop for the 2014 Executive Board Installation. After dining on a brunch fit for the Queens of France, complete with scones and whipped cream with names too fancy for the common folk to remember, we dove right into business. Following the *Every Beat Counts* campaign, Lee went through discharging the 2013 Executive Board and then officially installing the 2014 Executive Board. She gave each installed board member a special gift to help them with their new position.

We ended the weekend with a two-hour board training where Lee taught us the ins and outs of fundraising and how to meet our goals, valuable tools that we hope to take advantage of this year.

A special thank you goes to John and Mary Evars-Goan for opening their beautiful home to us and making all of us feel like part of their family. Thank you to Jill Weinstein and Mary Evars-Goan for planning the Installation Brunch. You could not have picked a more beautiful location. Thank you to the nominating committee, Bonnie Boring, Mary Evars-Goan, Marian Jay, and Jill Weinstein, for creating a beautiful slate of officers. Thank you to everyone who attended the weekend's festivities and to our marvelous board members that have graciously accepted the challenge of joining our Hadassah Board. A very super special thank you goes to Lee Kansas, she schlepped all the way from New Orleans to join us and make this weekend extra special. We thank her as our Southern Region president but more importantly as our friend and mentor.



*Hadassah Past Presidents, Bonnie Boring, Mary Linda Schwarzbart, Jill Weinstein, Mary Evars-Goan, and Marian Jay at the Executive Board Installation brunch, held at the Paris Apartments and Boutique.*



*Hadassah Regional Vice President Lee Kansas and President Shuli Mesa at the officer installation event..*



*New Knoxville Hadassah member Shannon Martindale and Knoxville Hadassah Membership Vice President Barbara Mintz*

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### Layettes

By Judi Abrams, [jmksal@aol.com](mailto:jmksal@aol.com)

We are truly blessed to have so many new babies being born into our Hadassah family! Help Hadassah by adding *your name* to these Layettes...

- ◆ Carole and Bob Martin - twin grandchildren, Amelia and Parker Jacobson
- ◆ Marcia and Moshe Shloush - grandson, Jacob Adam
- ◆ Joni and Steve Hirschhaut - grandson, Isaac David Hirschhaut
- ◆ Judi and Martin Abrams - granddaughter, Camryn Abigail Myers
- ◆ Sheila and David Popkin - granddaughter, Annie Egan Popkin
- ◆ Charlene and Jeff Gubitz - granddaughter - Nola Bea Gubitz

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call or e-mail me! Thanks for your support of this and all Hadassah programs.



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## Hadassah Book Club News

The Hadassah Book Club selection for February will be Nobel Prize-winning author Alice Munro's newest collection of stories, *The Love of a Good Woman*.

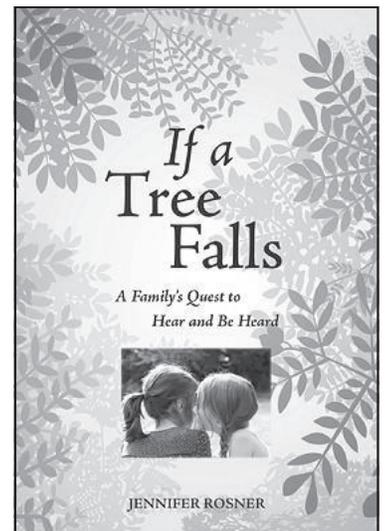
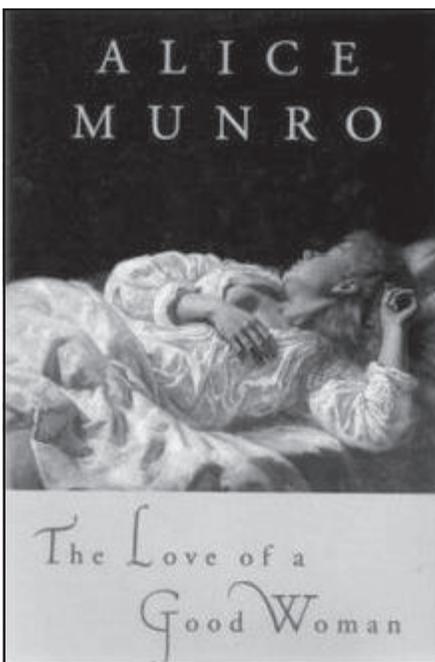
We'll meet **Tuesday, February 18** at 7:30 p.m., in the coffee shop area of Barnes and Noble on Kingston Pike. All Jewish women and friends in the greater Knoxville area are most welcome.

Please call Peggy Littmann at 588-6661 or contact Peggy at [plittmann@comcast.net](mailto:plittmann@comcast.net) if you have any questions.

### Review: The Love of a Good Woman

Alice Munro has a genius for entering the lives of ordinary people and capturing the passions and contradictions that lie just below the surface. In this brilliant new collection she takes the lives of women - unruly, ungovernable, unpredictable, unexpected, funny, sexy and completely recognizable - and brings their hidden desires bubbling to the surface.

The love of a good woman is not as pure and virtuous, as it seems: as in her title story it can be needy and murderous. Here are women behaving badly, leaving husbands and children, running off with unsuitable lovers, pushing everyday life to the limits, and if they don't behave badly, they think surprising and disturbing thoughts. (Review by *Publisher's Weekly*)



*Hadassah's March 18 book discussion will be on If a Tree Fell by Jennifer Rosner.*

## Nefesh

By Peggy Littmann

### Hadassah may be Israel's number one goodwill ambassador to the world.

*"Medicine knows no boundaries... neither should Hadassah International."* – Bernice S. Tannenbaum, Founder of Hadassah International.

When Mary Evars-Goan visited the Arab Shuk area in Jerusalem and mentioned to the Palestinians there, that she was in Israel visiting as a member of Hadassah, she was greeted with "Hadassah, we love Hadassah."

Hadassah's brand of serving anyone in need netted them a nomination for the Nobel Peace Prize in 2005. Treating all who need help, no matter their politics, religion or geographical origins has earned the love and trust of people from all over the world.

Emergency relief is provided by Hadassah trained teams, offering disaster services in Haiti, Bosnia, Kosovo, Turkey, Nigeria and other countries in need. With the most sophisticated trauma units in the world, from Bali to Kenya to the Republic of Georgia, Hadassah medical staff has been called to provide life-saving assistance to victims of terror.

Here are a just a very few examples of Hadassah's extraordinary outreach:

Dr. David Mankuta, head of labor and delivery in the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology at Hadassah-Hebrew University Hospital at Ein Kerem, spent his month-long vacation in a remote village in East Congo in response to a call for volunteers to care for rape victims, many of whom had been forced to become sex slaves. The only OB/GYN for more than 10 million women, he saw patients ages 8 to 80.

"I knew that the women I could treat would only be a drop in the ocean of victims, but it was important for me to show we cared," he said. While he was there, he also taught local medical students to continue his work after he returned home to Israel.

After the January 12 earthquake in Haiti, an Israeli rescue mission, including Hadassah doctors and a nurse, set up a field hospital in Port-au-Prince. Hadassah staff on hand included Dr. Taras Shirov from the orthopedics department, Dr. Shir Dar from the OB/GYN department, Dr. Revital Hivert from the department of prosthodontics and Reuven Gelfond, an operating room nurse from Mount Scopus.

Before I researched this, I had no knowledge of what Hadassah does around the world, from eye clinics throughout Africa, to disaster relief in the Philippines. I can say thank you Hadassah for your efforts to heal, repair and restore our world.

For more information on Hadassah's efforts, please visit [www.hadassah.org](http://www.hadassah.org).



Israeli OB/GYN surgeons work in a field hospital in Haiti.

# Hadassah Highlights

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# Stanford Eisenberg Knoxville Jewish Day School

## KJDS Road Show Update...

Back in November, we told you all about our exciting KJDS Road Show! Our research on modern-day Jewish communities has begun! Students worked in their groups twice during December. The first meeting consisted of presenting the teams with their city's major events. Each team read through the information and discussed what they felt were the most important events leading up to today. Challenged to think about how did this community form and how has it changed over time, the students then chose which events to include in their timeline and wrote a project proposal for how they would like to create their timeline.

The second meeting involved the actual work of creating the timeline. Groups developed a video timeline, a sock puppet show of the timeline events, a "human" timeline, and an art timeline using paper, rulers and markers. Each student is responsible for a "job" during their group project, and a rubric is filled out by the team leader for accountability. Each new project will allow students to try out a new "job" so that everyone gets the opportunity to try new things.

This is a year-long continuous project in which each group continues to study different aspects of their designated Jewish community. The culmination of the project will be a "trunk show" display where each child will prepare a personal reflection about how their lives would be different if they lived in the city they studied.



*Working on our Road Show project*



*Students hard at work on their timelines.  
KJDS Road Show work session.*

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## “Genius Hour” Review

*We caught up with one of Ms. Jessica’s students to learn more about their class’s Genius Hour projects.*

**What is Genius Hour?** “Genius Hour: Where you get to choose a subject you are really interested in and you have to find facts about it.”

**How did you choose your topics?** “It’s really hard to choose a subject that has enough information. Some of my classmates chose the sea and then snakes. It was hard to settle down on one subject to learn about what you really love because you love mostly everything because everything is interesting. Some things were too big. A friend of mine chose clothes, then she narrowed it down to France, then she found a French clothes designer and went through a few designers till she found Gamini, who owns the company Gucci and decided to study about her. She turned her 15 facts into a poster and during her presentation we got to see some of her clothing, silky gowns, a big blue collar and men’s sports clothing. It was really interesting.”

**Which was your favorite presentation?** “My favorite presentation was everyone’s. Everyone had something special that made it look cool and you could understand what they were saying and you found out 15 facts about everyone’s topic.”

**How did you find your information?** “Most people looked on websites, a few looked through books. Our teacher made a slideshow with the instructions, 15 facts, don’t copy words from your sources, and make your project neat, correct capitalization. One page of the slide show had different websites you should go to and where to find help with spelling. If there was a website you wanted to go that wasn’t on the list you needed to go show it to Ms. Jessica first.”

**What were the different projects?** “Gucci with a poster presentation, air with a Scratch presentation, cooking fish and mashed potatoes with a puppet show presentation, baking bread with a puppet show presentation, king cobra and python snakes with a sock puppet show presentation, snakes with a poster presentation, astronauts with a game board presentation, piano with a game presentation, tropical birds/gold and blue macaw with a presentation using a slide show, props and song, whales with a poster presentation, wild horses of Texas with a poster presentation, technology used by the Armed Forces with a PowerPoint presentation.”

**Would you say working on this project was hard or easy?** “Finding the facts was hard work but we looked forward to Genius Hour each day because it was fun in a way about finding facts about something you don’t know about.”

**Do you think it would have been as much fun if your teacher had chosen the topic?** “No, because we would have been like ‘Oh, I already know about that and it wouldn’t be as exciting.’”



*Students use sock puppets to share what they learned during Genius Hour.*

## KJDS Students Make a Return Visit to Boys & Girls Club

Once again, KJDS students wanted to give back and did so by making a special visit to a local Boys & Girls Club to perform songs from the drama production *Alice in Wonderland, Jr.* Students dressed in costume and “wowed” the audience of children by singing and dancing to some of their favorite songs from this musical.

After their performance, KJDS students and children divided into groups so they could teach the children how to play dreidel. It was a great experience for both groups and we want to thank the Boys & Girls Club for being so hospitable and accommodating for the second year in a row. What a wonderful tradition to look forward to each year!

Thank you Jason Tyler for the great pictures!



*Tweedle Dee, Tweedle Dum, and of course, Alice!*



*KJDS students perform some of their favorite songs from Alice in Wonderland for an area Boys & Girls Club.*

## Crowd Delighted by *Alice in Wonderland*

The Knoxville Jewish Day School's musical performance of *Alice in Wonderland, Jr.* delighted the audience at the Pellissippi State Community College Auditorium on Sunday, December 4. The performance was directed by Morah Debbie Richman.



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If you can help identify the person next to Cynthia Caplan, please contact the archivist at [archives@jewishknoxville.org](mailto:archives@jewishknoxville.org).

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