



# Ha' Kol

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

## AJCC Still the Best Place For Your Family To Enjoy "The Most Fun Under the Sun"

AJCC members can look forward to the AJCC Pool's opening, summer pool parties, camp, swim team, and more. You can apply now for your summer (or annual) membership, register your children for the AJCC's summer camps, and get ready to enjoy your days at the center's large outdoor pool, four lighted tennis courts, and other fun amenities. Registration forms (print and electronic versions), brochure, and information are online at [www.jewishknoxville.org/camp](http://www.jewishknoxville.org/camp) for your convenience.



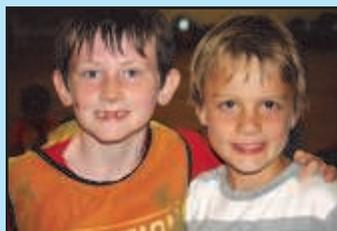
### Summer Pool/Tennis Memberships

The AJCC Pool is open **May 25-September 3**, enabling members to enjoy an extra three weeks of pool time compared to most summer programs. Your full or summer AJCC membership also provides additional discounts for summer camp and preschool fees.

## Milton Collins Day Camp Offers Great Summer Camp Experiences for Your Children

### Grades K-6

- ◆ Core program features sports, arts, crafts, nature, music drama, swimming
- ◆ Grade-level groupings
- ◆ Camp opens each morning with flag-raising and pledge, camp songs and cheers
- ◆ ACA-accredited camp in Knoxville (since 1980)



### Grades 7-9

- ◆ Teen Adventures Program
- ◆ Focus is on teamwork, leadership, and community service projects

### British Challenger Soccer Camp

**June 16-20 Times posted online**  
Soccer camp available for children ages 4-15. Prices range from \$109 - \$209 and include shirt and ball.  
Register: [www.challengersports.com](http://www.challengersports.com)

### Bricks 4 Kidz LEGO® Camp

**June 2-6: Angry Birdies/ Bad Piglets—Grades K-2**  
**June 16-20: Remote Control Mania—Grades 3-5**  
**June 30-July 3 Mining & Crafting—Grades 3-5**  
9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.  
Register: [www.jewishknoxville.org](http://www.jewishknoxville.org)



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# Knoxville Jewish Alliance

# Ha' Kol

**May/June 2014**

## ISRAEL INDEPENDENCE DAY



### Yom Ha'Atzmaut

Sunday May 4, 2014

4:00 p.m.

Arnstein Jewish Community Center  
 Caller Auditorium  
 6800 Deane Hill Drive, Knoxville, TN 37919

#### Schedule

- 3:30 p.m. Doors open
- 4:00 p.m. Concert featuring singer and guitarist Batsheva
- 5:30 p.m. Falafel, pita and all the sides
- 6:00 p.m. Birthday cake and ice cream  
 Israeli dancing

**Cost:** \$5.00 per person (*\$25.00 maximum per family unit*)

*Sponsored by the Knoxville Jewish Alliance, Arnstein JCC, and the Israel-Knoxville Partnership Committee. The event is underwritten by the Milton Collins Cultural Fund, a fund of the Knoxville Jewish Community Family of Funds, and your donations to the KJA Annual Campaign.*

**Batsheva's appearance is another proud presentation of the Goldring/Woldenberg Institute of Southern Jewish Life**  
 For more information on the ISJL –please visit [www.isjl.org](http://www.isjl.org)

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#### KJA 2014 Campaign

**Campaign Goal \$360,000**  
*As of 4/10/14*  
 2014 Annual Campaign: \$256,701  
 24 new donors  
 88 increased gifts from 2013

*It's not too late to make your gift, please call the KJA office at 690-6343 or go online at [www.jewishknoxville.org](http://www.jewishknoxville.org) and click "donate."*



**Batsheva** sings in Ladino, Yiddish, Hebrew and English. She is an award-winning songwriter and has performed in Israel, Canada, Australia, and the United States. Her *Song of Remembrance* is part of the official archives of Yad Vashem.



## Building Community; Enriching Lives—All Year Long



**AJCC ANNUAL AND SUMMER MEMBERSHIPS:** Enjoy use of the AJCC building, tennis courts, pool, gym, meeting rooms, stage, and offices. Receive discounts on preschool, camp and special programming. Membership open to all.

**AJCC PRESCHOOL: 18 months to 5 years.** Our goal is to help students develop a lifelong love of learning through use of the HighScope curriculum. Our professional staff guides students in learning responsibility and self control through experimentation and problem-solving using hands-on play. The AJCC Preschool is a Tennessee Three-Star Program (highest rating) that makes a difference for children of all faiths.

**CAMP K'TONTON: 2 Years to PreK.** Summer day camp with lots of fresh air, swimming, playing and learning throughout specially-themed weeks make summer fun for our youngest campers. Lunch/snacks included.

### **MILTON COLLINS DAY CAMP:**

**Grades K-6:** 10 themed weeks, arts and crafts, sports, nature, swimming, tennis lessons, music, and drama, plus weekly field trips or late/overnights, daily swim lessons, lunch, snacks, and beverages.

**Grades 7-9: Teen Adventures Program (TAP):** Focuses on *mitzvot* (good deeds), teamwork, leadership, and community-based service projects. Teens can earn volunteer service hours for school and honor society requirements through some of the activities.

### **MILTON COLLINS DAY CAMP - SPECIALTY CAMPS**

**British Challenger Soccer Camp and Bricks 4 Kidz LEGO Camps**

**KINDER KAMP:** For rising kindergarteners during Knox County School's two-week assessment period. Campers spend the four days they aren't at school in a MCDC mini-camp. Limited space available.

**SMOKIN' SALMON SWIM TEAM:** Open to girls and boys ages 5-18. Swimmers are divided into age group competition levels. Swim lessons, experienced coaching, and lots of camaraderie and fun make swim team a summer highlight for swimmers and their families.

LEARN MORE: [www.jewishknoxville.org](http://www.jewishknoxville.org) or (865) 690-6343

## Musings from the President

By Manny Herz

Last month Chabad of Knoxville had its first appearance in *Ha'Kol* and for that I give a belated welcome and thanks.

I believe this rounds out all the major Jewish organizations in our community that are represented in *Ha'Kol*. It is further evidence that even with finite resources, we can benefit through cooperative efforts.

With the one page that Chabad has in *Ha'Kol*....

We share the cost of publication with more underwriters.

We get an even broader picture of the people and events in our community.

And we occasionally get a rabbinical *d'rash* (an extra lesson never hurts!)

It is disheartening to realize that while the Jewish people have been on the receiving end of bigotry for quite some time, we sometimes also dish it out even towards each other. (*Viz the old joke about the Jew marooned on an island who builds two synagogues, one being his and the other one being the one he wouldn't be caught dead in.*)

In Knoxville, it is encouraging that there is a greater movement to respect, include, and in fact, embrace all facets of our people.

## Art Promotes Learning (& Fun!)

By Katie Bellnier Thomas, AJCC Preschool Art Teacher

Sometimes it is a lot of work to prepare for an art activity for a group of very young children. There's gathering the materials, setting up, making sure no one eats glue or bandies the scissors about, and then the clean-up process. Facilitating art projects at home can be challenging as well; not every surface is washable, and there is probably not a storage closet full of art supplies.

However, art is crucial for early childhood development. You have likely heard this before, but let's discuss why it's true. *Early Childhood NEWS* and

*PBS* parents have much to share on the subject. It may refresh the way you look at the furious scribbling sent home in your child's folder.

Art encourages socio-emotional development. The autonomy children have in what they will make and which materials to use is very satisfying. Art may provide some of the first opportunities a child has to think independently and act on their choices and decisions. Art activities are a self-esteem builder for your child as they express what they feel, and accept criticisms from their peers. They practice important basic skills like sharing, taking turns, and negotiating for materials

Art is essential for cognitive development. For very young children, art is a safe and constructive sensory study. They feel the clay in their fingers and watch paint ooze over paper. Exploration of materials is how children build knowledge of their environment, and their ability and confidence in manipulating those materials are the building blocks of a bright future in critical and creative thinking. As children get older, art is the first form of reading and writing that they are capable of. They create symbols to represent how they feel and what they think. Expression and discussion of those symbols is a necessary outlet for children without advanced verbal and formal writing skills.

Art is great exercise! Children use large muscle movements as they spread paint on a canvas or use chalk on the sidewalk. They employ fine motor muscles as they squeeze clay and scissors or hold crayons. Fine motor dexterity and confidence are the tools children need to later be able to write or type. Children also develop hand-eye coordination as they make art, deciding how to make parts into a whole and where to place their next stroke of creative brilliance.

Children are doing more visual learning now than ever. Toddlers can operate tablets and smartphones, but working with art materials develops visual-special skills without a screen. Art projects can teach children how to interpret, criticize, and use visual information and how to make decisions based on it. Knowledge of graphic symbolism is certainly increasingly important to children's future success. If we can get all this for the price of a pack of markers or Play-doh, why limit learning to numbers and text, screens and flash cards? We teachers and parents will probably enjoy "study time" a lot more as well!



*Daled classmates enjoy waterpainting.*

*Margo B. creates a colorful drawing of her own design.*

*These creative prints were a hit at the AJCC Preschool Art Gala.*



## KJA Friendshippers

By Laura Faye Berry, BSSW, Esq., Director

Please join us for this month'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, May 14: Images of Israel by Lev Gross-Comstock

Lev was one of six American Jewish photographers chosen to document the 19th Maccabiah Games in Israel in August 2013. Similar to the Pan American Games, the Maccabiah Games are a stepping-stone to the Olympics for athletes from around the world. Lev spent most of his 6 weeks in Israel first documenting a pre-game program for youth called "Israel Connect," the Opening Ceremonies, and the competitions themselves. He then traveled throughout Israel photographing the people, the land, animals, and important monuments.

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

### Wednesday, June 11: A Piano Performance by Manny Herz with Vocals by Charlene Gubitz

You might know Manny Herz as KJA President or as an accomplished architect, but did you also know that he plays the piano? Manny has performed with the klezmer band Tennessee Schmaltz for the past 18 years, but he also performs solo on occasion. At this performance, Manny will be joined by Charlene Gubitz. Charlene has performed for the Friendshippers many times at our Chanukah sing-a-long and we are excited to hear more of her repertoire! At our May program, we will be asking for song suggestions that you would like to hear Manny and Charlene perform, so please be thinking of ideas!

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

**The Friendshippers luncheon begins at noon** and the program begins at 12:45 p.m. Lunch is \$8. 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).



*Aaron Apaza explains the history of his instrument, the bassoon, and how he chose it at the March 12, 2014 Friendshippers program at Sherrill Hills.*

## Suzy Snoops

*Ha'Kol welcomes your good news, whether it is a new job, lifecycle event, celebration of a special anniversary, or honors and awards. You are welcome to send photos as well. Send your news items to us at [jyork@jewishknoxville.org](mailto: jyork@jewishknoxville.org) or Ha'Kol, c/o KJA, 6800 Deane Hill Drive, Knoxville, TN 37919 or fax (865) 694-4861.*

- ★ An image from a donor wall created for Beth Shalom Village, Virginia Beach, VA, by **Arnold Schwarzbart** was published in the March 2014 issue of *Presence* magazine. (See artwork at right.)
- ★ The Harris Matrix, a popular formula used by archaeologists, has been adapted for use in fire investigation, leading it to be included in the latest edition of the textbook *Forensic Fire Scene Reconstruction*, by **Dr. David J. Icov** of UT's Department of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science (EECS) and two co-authors. The Harris Matrix, used to interpret and record successions of layers at sites such as archeological digs and mass graves, was pioneered by Dr. Edward Harris in 1973.
- ★ Congratulations to **Bruce Pearl** on becoming the men's basketball coach at Auburn University. Pearl, former UT coach and the 2009 Maccabiah Games coach who led the U.S. team to a gold medal, will take son **Steven Pearl** with him as an assistant coach. Steven was a member of the Tennessee and Maccabiah teams.
- ★ **Andrew Messing**, a UT sophomore majoring in electrical engineering and computer science, was awarded an honorable mention as a national Goldwater Scholar. He is an undergraduate research assistant at Oak Ridge National Laboratory and the University of Tennessee's Distributed Intelligence Laboratory.
- ★ Mazel tov to **Arnold and Mary Linda Schwarzbart** who celebrate their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on June 10. They were married in 1964 at the Andrew Johnson Hotel with Rabbi Max Zucker officiating.



*Mary Linda and Arnold Schwarzbart, June 10, 1964*



*Icov*



*Messing*

## Cool Off at the AJCC Pool May 25-September 1

Become an AJCC  
Summer Member  
Now

Summer Member Fee: \$385  
(May 25-September 3)



AJCC Membership forms online  
at [www.jewishknoxville.org](http://www.jewishknoxville.org)  
or available at AJCC Office.

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## KJA Donations

As of February 1-March 31, 2014

- ★ Alan & Karen Smuckler  
*Donation in honor of the excellent  
Mah Jongg teachers and their  
devotion to teaching the game*
- ★ Robert Blitt & Stephanie Kodish  
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- ★ R G & C R Dubinsky  
*Donation to Jewish Family Services  
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### How to Make a Contribution

Whether you want to celebrate a lifecycle event or honor someone, the Knoxville Jewish Alliance welcomes your contributions. Funds can provide scholarships to camp, preschool, or youth leadership events, help the infirm or seniors, enrich us through cultural and educational programming, or support repairs or emergency efforts locally or around the world.

Call (865) 690-6343 or visit  
[www.jewishknoxville.org](http://www.jewishknoxville.org) for more  
information

## 2014 High School and College Graduate Information Sought

Let us know if you have a high school or college student in your family who will be graduating from high school or college this year, so we can publish your good news in the July issue of *Ha'Kol*.

Please provide the student's name and family information (son or daughter of, grandson of). If they are graduating from high school, list the high school name and their future plans – if going to college, provide the name of the college and what they plan to study.

**Deadline: May 23, 2014.**



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## Knoxville Jewish Community Family of Funds

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

### Trends From the Jewish Funders Network

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

I recently read a very interesting article in the *Jewish Week* by Gary Rosenblatt concerning the Jewish Funders Network (JFN) and the organization's 2014 meeting in Miami Beach. The conference had 350 participating members in attendance, including foundations, charities and other Jewish institutions. Their goal is for each member to give \$25,000 annually to a worthwhile Jewish cause. This is a similar approach that our B'nai Tzedek teens use here in Knoxville when they make their grants. One new trend at the conference included an increasing number of Israeli participants, once again dramatizing the changing relationship between Israel and the Diaspora. Even though it is a Jewish state, the culture of giving in Israel is really only at the beginning stages.

There were several themes that emerged from the conference, but two were of particular significance to me. First, almost none of the initiatives were geared toward people 40 years old and older. The emphasis was on people from high school to post-college age. Second, 75- 90 percent of Jewish non-profits are expected to lose their executive directors in the next 5 -7 years. This does not include a lot of smaller organizations that have not reported. Obviously, there is a major gap here. If you don't fund adult leadership initiatives in the Jewish community, you will not have qualified personnel to staff these positions for a myriad of Jewish activities large and small throughout the USA.

After being involved in Jewish communal life here for almost 25 years, I can say the development of Jewish community leadership is as important now as it ever was. We have had Leadership Jewish Knoxville in the past with some degree of success. I believe a new class is scheduled for this fall. It would be my wish that this program become endowed and become a regular event in our community. It is time to invest in leadership just like we do with other aspects of our community. In a smaller community like ours, the need for continuing leadership is great. An endowed leadership program can insure we can fill our leadership positions for years to come. If this is something that may interest you please contact the KJCCFF. This may be one of the most critical projects that need your help.

#### Donations

- **B'nai Tzedek Fund of Logan Brown**  
By Robert and Jill Ivins

#### Grants

- The **Natalie and Mitchell Robinson Community Enrichment Fund** made a grant to the Greenfield Hebrew Academy of Atlanta in Honor of AJ Robinson.
- The **Bernstein Charitable Fund** made a grant to the KJA for the 2014 Annual Campaign.

#### How to Make a Donation to a KJCCFF Fund

1. Make the check out to **KJCCFF**.
2. Note the fund name in the memo line on the check. If you are making a donation in memory or in honor of someone, please include a memo noting that and letting us know if you want someone to receive an acknowledgement that a donation was made.
3. Mail donations to **KJCCFF, 6800 Deane Hill Drive, Knoxville, TN 37919**.

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

## May 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><b>AJCC Preschool Registration</b></p> <p>Fall registration is underway. Contact Melissa Schweitzer at mschweitzer@jewishknoxville.org or (865) 963-8001.</p>				1	2	3
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## June 2014

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1 9:30a minyan-HA	2 KTT Week 2 MCDC Week 2 7:00a minyan-HA 9-3p Bricks4Kidz LEGO Camp Angry Birdies/Bad Piglets-AL	3 9-3p Bricks4Kidz LEGO Camp-AL 4:30p Pool closes for swim meet preparation 6p Practice Swim Meet w NCC-AJCC 6p Yizkor Service-TBE 6-9:30p Fencing-Gym	4 Shavuot 9-3p Bricks4Kidz LEGO Camp-AL	5 7:00a minyan-HA 9-3p Bricks4Kidz LEGO Camp-AL 1:30-2:30p Stroll w Staff- HA	6 9-3p Bricks4Kidz LEGO Camp-AL 6p Shabbat Service-TBE	7 9:30a Shabbat Service- HA 9:30a Shabbat Service- JCOR 7p Jewish Film Series- JCOR 7p Junior Jewish Film Series-JCOR
8 9:30a minyan-HA	9 KTT Week 3 MCDC Week 3 7:00a minyan-HA	10 6-9:30p Fencing-Gym 6:30p Board-TBE 7-9p JLI Course-BR	11 Noon-Friendshippers- Sherrill Hills Retirement Community	12 7:00a minyan-HA 1:30-2:30p Stroll w Staff- HA 7:30p Board mtg-HA	13 10-11a Shabbat Boogie- HA 5p Guess Who's Coming to Shabbas?-HA 6p Shabbat Service-TBE	14 9:30a Shabbat Service- HA 9:30a Shabbat Service- JCOR 10:30a Eilam Clayman bar mitzvah-TBE
15 9:30a minyan-HA	16 KTT Week 4 MCDC Week 4 7:00a minyan-HA 9a-3p Bricks4Kidz LEGO Camp-Remote Control- AL British Challenger Soccer	17 9a-3p Bricks4Kidz LEGO Camp-AL 6-9:30p Fencing-Gym 7-9p JLI Course-BR	18 9a-3p Bricks4Kidz LEGO Camp-AL	19 7:00a minyan-HA 9a-3p Bricks4Kidz LEGO Camp-AL 1:30-2:30p Stroll w Staff- HA 6p Swim Meet at Tellico Village	20 9a-3p Bricks4Kidz LEGO Camp-AL 6p Shabbat Service & Choir Concert-TBE 7:15p Wine & Cheese Reception-TBE	21 9:30a Shabbat Service- HA 9:30a Shabbat Service- JCOR 11:30a Ask the Rabbi- JCOR
22 9:30a minyan-HA	23 KTT Week 5 MCDC Week 5 7:00a minyan-HA	24 6p Swim meet at Newport 6-9:30p Fencing-Gym 7:30p Hadassah Book Club-Barnes & Noble	25	26 7:00a minyan-HA 1:30-2:30p Stroll w Staff- HA	27 10-11a Shabbat Boogie- HA 6p Shabbat Service-TBE 7:15p Shabbat Dinner- TBE	28 9:30a Shabbat Service- HA 9:30a Shabbat Service- JCOR
29 9:30a minyan-HA	30 KTT Week 6 MCDC Week 6 9a-3p Bricks4Kidz LEGO Camp-Mining & Crafting- AL 9:30a minyan-HA					



**Shavuot**, the feast of weeks, is celebrated seven weeks after the second Passover seder. In 2014, Shavuot begins the evening of June 3 and concludes the evening of Thursday, June 5. Although Shavuot began as an ancient grain harvest festival, the holiday has been identified since biblical times with the giving of the Torah on Mount Sinai.

#### Some Customs and Practices

- To commemorate the giving of the Torah at Sinai there is a tradition of staying up all night studying Jewish texts in what is called a *tikun*
- On Shavuot, the Book of Ruth is read.
- Traditionally dairy foods are eaten on Shavuot.
- To mark the agricultural history of Shavuot, some decorate homes and synagogues with a floral theme.

Visit [www.myjewishlearning.com](http://www.myjewishlearning.com) for more information on Jewish holidays and customs.

# K N O X V I L L E

## AIPAC Meeting Thursday, May 1

The Knoxville-Oak Ridge AIPAC annual meeting is **Thursday, May 1, 2014**. The meeting will be held at the Arnstein Jewish Community Center, 6800 Deane Hill Drive, Knoxville, Tennessee at 6:00 p.m.

AIPAC Southeast Regional Director Elliott Mendes is the featured speaker.

The evening will feature AIPAC's traditional kosher deli sandwich supper of corned beef, pastrami, turkey, pickles and all the side dishes you have come to enjoy.

This event is open to households that generously contribute a minimum of \$100 to the 2014 AIPAC Annual Campaign.

New to AIPAC? Come and learn about the work of this organization.

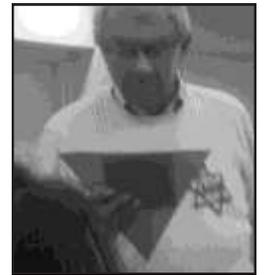
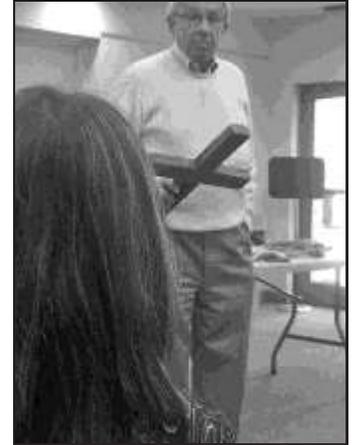
AIPAC is America's pro-Israel lobby that worked with the U.S. Congress to pass resolutions honoring Israel's 60th anniversary by the House and Senate; to pass in the House a resolution condemning continuing Palestinian rocket attacks and supporting Israel's right to defend its citizens; and to pass legislation in the House and gain 70 co-sponsors in the Senate for a bill strengthening U.S. tools to cut off funds to Iran's nuclear program and prohibiting U.S. nuclear cooperation with those aiding Iran's atomic efforts.

## Traveling Trunk Presented Again

Gene Rosenberg recently gave a presentation of the Traveling Trunk to East Tennessee Civil Rights Working Group (ETCRWG). This presentation exhibit showcases symbols of racial and cultural bias and acts through a trunk that contains artifacts representing various activities.

This presentation earned a prestigious award for Rosenberg several years ago. In 2009, the longtime community activist was awarded the FBI Director's Award of Excellence for Exceptional Public Service. The awards ceremony took place at Constitution Hall in Washington, D.C. where Mr. Rosenberg was recognized for his work with the "Traveling Trunk" exhibit promoting racial and cultural diversity.

The East Tennessee Civil Rights Working Group (ETCRWG) is an informal networking group of community leaders, civil rights advocates, area law enforcement agency representatives, and concerned citizens. The ETCRWG provides a forum for advancing civil rights issues in East Tennessee.



## Community Ventures to Paper Clips Exhibit in Whitwell



Two busloads of community members ventured to Whitwell on March 30 to view Whitwell Middle School's Paper Clips Holocaust exhibit. Sarah Siegel reads some of the letters sent with contributions.



Kim Webber and Lynn Fuson view artwork created in remembrance of the Holocaust in the study center. A Whitwell teacher discusses the box car filled with paper clips.

# H A P P E N I N G S

## BBYO Teens Enjoy 2014 Winter Dance

*Top row: Camden Boring, Eli Derrington, Jessie Rosenberg, Jacob Messing, Zeke Charles, Lizzy Noon, Isaac Shefner, Nathan Rosen, Rae Oleshansky.*

*Second row: Blake Parsons, Taylor Kolnick, Sophie Bobrek, Elena Reineri, Nora Khaddouma, Stephanie Goldfeld, Madison Dittner.*

*Third row: Danielle Goldfeld, Brian Weinstein, and Michael Dryzer.*



### And some special honors....

**Sweetheart:** Danielle Goldfeld

**Beau:** Brian Weinstein

**Little Sister:** Stephanie Goldfeld

**Little Brother:** Camden Boring

## Area Teens Invited to AZA Winick in The Woods Program

*By Brian Weinstein, AZA President*

Do you want to spend a day surrounded by the natural beauty of East Tennessee with some of the best Jewish youth around? Winick AZA is traveling to Gatlinburg on **Saturday, May 31** in hopes of making awesome memories, enriching Jewish experiences, and introducing local teens to BBYO.

This outing is open to all rising 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> grade boys, as well as current and former members of the chapter. If you have questions, contact Brian Weinstein, president, at (865) 406-0561 and/or advisor Sam Thomas at (901) 481-2609.



## Perform a Mitzvah: Donate Non-Perishable Items to Area Food Banks

Will you visit the AJCC, Temple Beth El, Knoxville Jewish Day School, or Heska Amuna Synagogue soon? Then you have the perfect opportunity to perform a mitzvah by bringing non-perishable food items for the FISH Pantries and Second Harvest barrels located at these institutions. In addition to peanut butter, soups, cereals, and other staples, here are food bank suggestions from various online sites. One writer suggested to “give like a homeless person” based on his experience years ago. If a person is homeless or his power has been turned off, the writer notes that cooking can become a challenge so non-cook items such as granola bars, powdered milk, crackers, crackers and cheese packages, tuna, or peanut butter can be lifesavers. Another idea was donating canned goods with pull-tops, both for the homeless and for elderly or disabled persons. Another site suggested food items not normally donated, but greatly appreciated such as

- Spices such as salt and pepper, seasoned salt, cayenne pepper, chili powder, cumin, cinnamon, nutmeg, allspice, oregano
- Cooking oils
- Fruit juices, in plastic bottles, juice boxes, pouches
- Canned meats and jerky
- Soup packets
- Coffee and tea, instant and brewed
- Condiments: mustard, ketchup, hot sauce, mayonnaise, salad dressings (plastic containers)
- Low sodium, no-salt added, gluten-free, and sugar-free items for those with diabetes and health issues



Heska Amuna Synagogue

# HaShofar



## Heska Amuna Synagogue Men's Club First Organizational Meeting

**Sunday, May 18 — Noon**  
**Rosen Social Hall and Courtyard**  
**Heska Amuna Synagogue, 3811 Kingston Pike**

All men of the Jewish community and Heska Amuna Synagogue are invited to Heska Amuna Synagogue's first men's club meeting and Lag B'Omer BBQ. We will have burgers, hot dogs, veggie burgers, and other items.

We will discuss creating a men's club that encompasses men's social events, membership, religious activities, fun and, of course, other manly things! Let the men's club leadership know you will be there by responding to [admin@heskaamuna.org](mailto:admin@heskaamuna.org) or call (865) 522-0701.

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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*).



The Rabbi and Religious Services Committee  
and Heska Amuna Sisterhood Presents

## Tikkun Leil Shavuot

Tuesday, June 3 ~ Study from 9:00 p.m. to midnight

Join us for an evening of study, games and desserts.  
Study the book of Ruth and discover new facets of this fascinating story.  
Enjoy delicious dairy desserts organized by Heska Amuna Sisterhood.  
Test your knowledge of Jewish history and Jewish literature in a trivia contest.

RSVP to the synagogue by emailing us at [admin@heskaamuna.org](mailto:admin@heskaamuna.org) or 522.0701.

## Why Be God?

By Rabbi Alon Ferency

Unlike ancient myths, the Hebrew Bible never explains why God creates humans. Jack Miles, in *God: A Biography*, suggests that God is incapable to recognizing God's self. So, God creates humans in God's image, to be like a mirror through which God can see God.

Unfortunately, those early humans immediately disobey God. When Adam and Eve eat from the Tree of Knowledge, God turns them out of the Garden. God's relationship with humankind, God's beloved creation, doesn't get better. The people in Noah's generation are so wicked that God must wipe them out; then the same thing happens to the people of S'dom and Gemorrah. When God finally picks Abraham and his descendants, they fail God in new ways. Shortly after God's revelation at Mount Sinai, the People of Israel decide to make an idol of a molten calf. God is enraged, and thinks of destroying Israel to make a new covenant with Moses alone. The process of God trusting new people, only to regret God's faith, continues throughout the Hebrew Scriptures.

As a mentor pointed out to me, God is the most disappointed character in the whole Bible. So, I had a strange thought: Why did God want to be God? Why did God start creating at all? Was God lonely? I don't have an answer. I suspect it has something to do with God needing to understand God's self through humanity. This seems to fit with my growing sense of awe about the world. Maybe the question isn't, Why is there evil in the world?, but Why is there good in the world? Why is there *anything*? It's a miracle we get to be here at all. God has a demanding, frustrating and thankless job. Maybe we could start being more grateful.



## About Our Affinity Clubs: The Film Buffs

Heska Amuna Synagogue has several informal "affinity clubs" for people either who like an activity or who want to learn more.

This issue of *Ha'Kol* introduces **The Film Buffs**, a group for people who love movies, especially foreign and art films. This is a social group to meet and make new acquaintances, and have fun! This group is affiliated with Heska Amuna, but welcomes friends and members of the Jewish community.

However, it is not a group that exclusively sees films of Jewish or Israeli subject matter. Of course, when those come to town, we usually see them. We generally see films at Regal Downtown West Theater on Sunday afternoons, and then go to a nearby restaurant for dinner and discussion. The club captain does the leg work of reading synopses of films and determining which would be worthwhile experiences for the group, and which would generate discussion. Join us! You'll love it! For information, contact **Harriet Glasman** ([hmglas@tds.net](mailto:hmglas@tds.net)).



<b>Bicycling Club</b>	Susan Silber
<b>Cue Club (Billiards)</b>	Larry Leibowitz
<b>Film Buffs</b>	Harriet Glasman
<b>Teva (Nature)</b>	Marc Forman
<b>Tzedek (Social Justice)</b>	Harriet Cooper
<b>Yoga</b>	Marion Bayer

## Purim's Esther: Rated R

By Rabbi Alon Ferency

On Purim evening, more than 20 community members joined in a lively discussion of *Esther: Rated R*. Facilitated by Professor Heather Hirschfeld and Rabbi Alon Ferency, participants learned about *The Book of Esther's* origin as a farce of the Persian and Greek period.

Through the night, we examined the ways in which hyperbole, burlesque, and mistaken identity shape the comic portrayal of the vulnerable Jewish minority amid the decadent and cosmopolitan Persian empire. With reference to academic study and melodramatic film, we learned that comedy and humor are the often the most deft ways to make a moral point, and that our sages included *Esther* in the canon to show that laughter is holy.

Special thanks go to Dr. Heather Hirschfeld, Programming Vice Chair Shuli Mesa; Operations and Administration Director Bradley Drew; and to the Kidd family who sponsored the festive foods.

Heska Amuna is now accepting used and unwanted ink, cellphones, small electronics, laptops, and toner cartridges!



We will recycle the items for you. Both the synagogue and the environment benefit from the recycling. Please bring your used and unwanted items in a plastic bag and drop them in the large cardboard box next to the courtyard doors.

## Chair's Message: Three Holidays - One Just Past and Two Forthcoming - Are Inextricably Intertwined

By Barry Allen

I hope that you and your families had a wonderful Pesach and that your seders went well. In that regard, I want to especially thank the families from our congregation who opened their doors to guests - whether friends or strangers - so that everyone who wanted to attend a Seder and wasn't hosting their own was able to attend a seder somewhere else. I trust that the new friendships that were kindled, as well as the old friendships that were strengthened, will provide everyone with fond memories in the years to come.

If you bought plague bags from us, to help you more effectively demonstrate some of the evils that befell the Egyptians or to enliven the seders for the younger set (or the young at heart), I hope the contents of the bags were a big success. Please email me details about your use of the plague material (email - [chair@heskaamuna.org](mailto:chair@heskaamuna.org)). I would be happy to share some of your stories in a future article.

Shortly after the beginning of May, there are two relatively new Jewish holidays that are identified with the State of Israel that we in the Diaspora acknowledge and even "observe," but that are "celebrated" there in ways that are at once somber and joyous. You may not have thought about the relationship of these holidays with Pesach, since that has already past, but the three have a direct linear connection to each other. The two holidays are **Yom HaZikaron** and **Yom Ha'Atzmaut**.

Yom HaZikaron, or Memorial Day, begins at sundown on May 4, 2014. It is a day to remember all the Jewish soldiers who have died in battle or otherwise, and has been extended in recent years to include people, such as security guards, who have lost their lives protecting and defending the citizenry. When my son, Eddy, was studying in Israel during his "gap year" after graduating from high school, he explained how Israelis observe this day. At noon, and for two minutes, sirens blare from one end of the country to another, and the whole nation literally stands still. He remembers observing a major highway with his friends; all the cars ceased moving with the first blasts of the horns, and people got out of their vehicles and stood quietly. Those who were walking stopped in their tracks. My memory of his description is that the "Silence" was palpable. Beginning at sundown, places of entertainment are closed by statute; tradition, on the other hand, dictates that shops, theaters, and restaurants are also closed. Large crowds visit veterans' cemeteries. With almost universal military service, everyone either knows someone who has died protecting the State and its people, or knows a family that has lost a loved one.

Israel is a much younger country than the U.S., but contrast how we spend our Memorial Day - as the official celebratory beginning of our summer - with Israel's observance of Yom HaZikaron.

Immediately following Yom HaZikaron, literally, is Yom Ha'Atzmaut, or Independence Day. The nation swings from somber reflection to partying and joy, all in the space of 48 hours. Again, because the State is so young, there is a closer identification between people and the actual establishment of the country. *Halutzim*, pioneers who were there at the beginning, are actually still alive, though in diminishing numbers. In spite of the constant existential threats in the decades since 1948, Israel is recognized as a continuing miracle by a majority of the people living there and in the Diaspora.

Of course, we in the US have a more distant relationship with our country's founding. We tend to view July 4 as a day off, with fireworks, barbecues, and shopping. We often lose sight of the holiday as a period that actually celebrates the founding of a new nation state.

I mentioned earlier that there is a direct link between Pesach, Yom HaZikaron and Yom Ha'Atzmaut. Pesach taught us we could, with God's help, throw off the literal yokes of slavery and eventually, we could form our own nation, even in the midst of hostile neighbors. The unsung heroes during our desert wanderings, and thereafter, were the people who fought for, and died, to create that Jewish nation - that is, our citizen soldiers. Yom HaZikaron is our modern way of remembering those who made the ultimate sacrifice for the new State of Israel, in the same way that Pesach serves, at least in part, as a remembrance of the collective sacrifice of those who eventually founded the Jewish State of old.

Yom Ha'Atzmaut is the contemporary celebration of the creation, and continued existence, of the State of Israel. The establishment of the first Jewish nation after the Exodus and the wandering in the desert are a strong foundation for Israel's claim to be where it is now (as opposed to, say, Uganda, which was thrown out by some as an option in the early Zionist discussions). Even if we are again in the midst of hostile neighbors, Israel is our land; we are not mere interlopers where we do not belong.

Yom Ha'Atzmaut and Yom HaZikaron may be "new" holidays, but they carry on a tradition that is thousands of years old. I hope your observance of both, like your celebration of Pesach last month, creates meaningful memories for you and your family.

I also hope that you enjoy any vacation you are able to take with friends and family. Travel safely, and return home rejuvenated!



## Why I Attend Morning Minyan

By Hal Manas

When my father died in 1995 I began attending the morning and afternoon minyan services that we had at Heska Amuna Synagogue. At the time I was not a member even though I had been a member in the past. The first person I saw as I walked down the hallway to the Robinson Chapel was Arnold Schwarzbart. He smiled and welcomed me. After a month or two of attending these morning and afternoon services I decided to join Heska Amuna again. At the time I worked at the Tennessee School for the Deaf and I was expected to be at work by 8:00 a.m. When the morning minyan was over I had to hurry to get to work. It was inconvenient, but I thought it was something that I should do. Afternoon minyan was no problem.

One thing that I noticed was how often we didn't have a minyan. In the mornings that gave me extra time to get to work, but that was not very comforting. When my time for saying Kadish passed, I decided to continue attending to help others who needed a minyan. It became my one "thing" that I could do to help Heska Amuna. Over the years I have learned the service so that it is second nature to me now. I enjoy the services and I enjoy the people who attend. The year after I started attending morning minyan my boss set my schedule so that I did not have a class at 8:00 a.m. and if I was a few minutes late it was not a problem. I learned that I had a friend in that boss.

Since I retired, I have been able to go to breakfast with the morning "Minyanaires" and I enjoy the conversations we have on Monday and Thursday mornings. I have heard others say that the service becomes a bit like meditation and I guess perhaps it does. I have also heard that the way Tefillin are wrapped touch the points that acupuncture would use to help someone relax. I have no idea if that is true or not, but it is a nice thought. If anyone would like to begin attending the morning minyan I think that I can speak for us all and say, "please do." Anyone would certainly be welcome and someone there would be happy to help you with the service if you need help. Remember that our prayer books are in Hebrew and English so it should be easy to follow along.

### Minyan Schedule

**Mondays, Thursdays**  
7:00 a.m.

**Sundays**  
9:30 a.m.

## 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, Benjamin ben Laban v' Ruchel, Marion Goodstein, Chava Meryl bat Rivkah, Eliyahu ben Shulamit, Judy Rattner, Yehudita bat Shmuel v'Chana, Arnold Tew, Avraham ben Shayndel v'ben Bela Benyamin, Tzipporah bat Avraham v' Sarah**

Todah rabah to **Sandy Parker, Kim Hedrick, and David Hecht** who continue to work in the synagogue office each week. We appreciate your time and efforts on behalf of the shul.

## Mazal Tov

- ★ **Anna and Jared Bailey** on their wedding.
- ★ **Marilyn Abrams** on the birth of her granddaughter, Julie Bethany Abrams.
- ★ **Joseph and Marian Goodstein** on celebrating 63 years of marriage.
- ★ **Harold and Joyce Diftler** on celebrating 60 years of marriage.
- ★ **Jason and Staci Messing** on the birth of Jaden Ari Messing.
- ★ **David and Bella Wolitz** on the birth of Joshua Avraham Wolitz.

All members whose birthday or anniversary occurs in May or June are invited to receive a blessing at kiddush on Shabbat morning, **May 17**.

## 2014 High School, College Graduate News Sought

Let us know if you have a high school or college student in your family who will be graduating from high school or college this year, so we can publish your good news in the July issue of *Ha'Kol*.

Please provide the student's name and family information (son or daughter of, grandson of). If they are graduating from high school, list the high school name and their future plans – if going to college, provide the name of the college and what they plan to study.



Please send to  
admin@heskaamuna.org by May 23.

*If you or a loved one is ill or hospitalized, please let us know so that we can attend to him or her as a community, and place the name on our Mi Sheberach prayer list. Unfortunately, federal law prohibits hospitals from notifying us when community members are admitted.*

## Heska Amuna Religious School News

By Betty Golub, Youth and Family Programming Director

Shavuot is the Hebrew word for weeks. The holiday takes place seven weeks after the second day of Passover. It is one of the three major pilgrimage festivals (the other two are Pesach and Sukkot) and has both historical and agricultural significance. As an agricultural holiday, it commemorates the summer or wheat harvest and is known as *Chag ha-Bikkurim* (the Festival of the First Fruits), when the wheat was brought to the Temple in decorated baskets. Historically, it celebrates the giving of the Torah at Mount Sinai and is also known as *Chag Matan Torateinu* (the Festival of the Giving of Our Torah). It is an interesting observation that the holiday celebrates the “giving” of the Torah, rather than “receiving” it. Our sages pointed out that we are constantly “receiving” the Torah but that this was the first time that we were “given” the Torah and that is why the holiday is special. Many of the traditions and customs of Shavuot have evolved from the stories describing the experiences of the Israelites at Mount Sinai:

- ★ Staying up all night studying the Torah
- ★ Reading *M'gillat Ruth*
- ★ Decorating houses and synagogues with flowers and vines
- ★ Eating dairy products

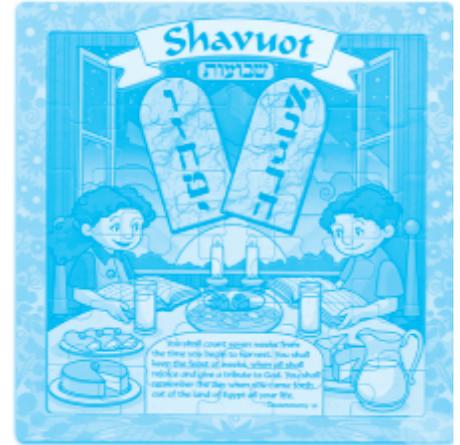
Another interesting fact concerns our third President, Thomas Jefferson. In addition to being the author of the Declaration of Independence, Thomas Jefferson also wrote the Virginia Statute for Religious Freedom and was the founder of the University of Virginia. Two of Jefferson's most deeply held beliefs were the right to worship as one chose and the separation of church and state. The Virginia Statute for Religious Freedom reads in part:

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly, That no man shall be compelled to frequent or support any religious worship, place, or ministry whatsoever, nor shall be enforced, restrained, molested, or burdened in his body or goods, nor shall otherwise suffer on account of his religious opinions or belief; but that all men shall be free to profess, and by argument to maintain, their opinion in matters of religion, and that the same shall in no way diminish, enlarge, or affect their civil capacities.*

This statute, protecting the religious freedom of people of all faiths, was drafted by Jefferson in 1777 and was adopted by the General Assembly in 1786. When the University of Virginia was established, Jefferson planned that there would be no mandatory religious study, which in America up to this time meant the study of Christianity. Also, students were not required to attend chapel services. In the early days of the United States, non-Christians were excluded or discouraged from attending university. Jefferson sought to change that, basing his position on the separation of church and state.

Jefferson stated that the University of Virginia, as a state institution, could not demand the practice of a particular religion. These were radical ideas and policies that helped shape the educational future for the Jewish community in America. Our ancient ancestors escaped slavery in Egypt to be able to worship and live freely. When they received the Torah at Sinai, a blueprint for Jewish life and behavior was given to all of us. The Declaration of Independence became the blueprint for freedom in America. This blueprint evolved because of individuals such as Thomas Jefferson who helped found a nation that would ensure the liberty and freedom of all peoples.

It is hard to believe that the year has come to close. It is an honor to be a part of the Heska Amuna Family. I am already planning for new school year as well as programs for the congregation. I would like to say Today Rabah to Rabbi, Bradley, Jenifer, Barry, Debbie, Marilyn, Mary Ann, Mark, the Education Committee, Sisterhood, Barbara, Rosalie, Scott, Gilya, Nancy, Jeff Gubitz, Deborah Oleshansky, the HARS Teachers, Heska Amuna Congregation Family. The Leibowitz Family Fund, and Anna who made the transition so easy. I cannot begin to express how welcoming the community has been to not only me, but my family as well. I hope I have not left anyone out of this list.



### School Dates to Remember

Sunday, May 4      Israeli Day Celebration  
AJCC, 4:00

p.m.

Wednesday, May 7      Last Class

Saturday, May 10      Shabbat Chinuch



### Heska Amuna Winick Library

We have been blessed to receive many donations of books this year and our shelves are bursting at the seams. In the future, we ask that you call one of us to see if we can use the books you would like to donate. We are trying to avoid duplicates because we are running out of room.

Also, if you have overdue books, please return them within a reasonable amount of time. Many thanks. Keep using the library. Check out books from the Shabbat cart and the hall display case as well.

Nancy Becker, 414-2304 or Elaine Dobbs, 405-1235

# HARS Celebrates Tu B'Shevat

By Betty Golub

HARS Students celebrate Tu B'Shevat, albeit late by planting a tree in the community garden of Pond Gap Elementary School with Matthew CalloService, who is working with Outreach AmeriCorps VISTA and HARS teachers Jesse Feld and Revital Ganzi.



Top: Matthew Callo, Paige Quartararo, Tifannie Rosen, Elizabeth Floyd, Jesse Feld, Revital Ganzi, and Betty Golub get ready to plant a tree at a local elementary school's community garden.

Bottom: The HARS team digs in!



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### Permanent Schedule

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

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

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### CEMETERY FUND

*In appreciation of the very special women of the Chevra Kadisha*

By: Michael Burnett, Evelyn Burnett Silvey, and Marilyn Burnett

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*In appreciation of the kindness extended by Anita Miller, Elaine Dobbs, and Marilyn Abrams.*

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*In appreciation of Barry Allen and the work he did for me and my family*

By: Bradley Drew

*In appreciation to the entire Heska Amuna congregation for their hospitality and friendship*

By: Bradley Drew

*In appreciation of all who sent food, cards, and emails, attended shiva minyanim, and made donations in memory of Yetta Burnett*

By: Michael Burnett, Marilyn Burnett, and Evelyn Silvey

*In honor of the birth of Julie Bethany*

*Abrams, granddaughter of Marilyn Abrams*

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*In honor of Pat Rosenberg. Thank you for not only beautifying our outdoors with flowers and plants, but you are always there to help with the grounds, Rabbi's house, etc.*

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*In memory of Yetta Burnett*

By: Barbara Leeds

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*In memory of Elaine Brown*

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*In honor of Marilyn Burnett and her many years as our kitchen supervisor and wonderful chef. Teaching others how to cook and bake. The plants and flowers bring beauty to our outdoors.*

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*In appreciation of the support and care given to our family by Rabbi Ferency*

By: Michael Burnett, Marilyn Burnett, and Evelyn Silvey

*In honor of Rabbi Ferency*

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*In honor of all the help of Rabbi Ferency during the wedding*

By: Marty and Martha Iroff

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By: Harriet Cooper

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# TEMPLE BETH EL TIMES



## Shavuot and Confirmation

By Rabbi Mathew D. Michaels, M.A.H.L., D.D.

Shavuot (which begins this year on Tuesday eve, June 3) is the third of the agriculturally-based festivals of the Jewish year. Occurring seven weeks after Pesach, this harvest festival serves again to remind the Jewish people of the closeness of our ancestors to the soil and their dependence on nature for their livelihood. Shavuot, Pesach and Sukkot are characterized as “pilgrimage festivals,” for on these days Jews brought thanksgiving offerings of their harvests to the Temple in Jerusalem.

Not only does Shavuot carry the message of nature, but also the spiritual dimension of matan Torah – the giving of the Torah. In a sense, it is the spiritual and cultural aspects of Shavuot that have helped the holiday gain its present significance. Early in the 19<sup>th</sup> century, Reform Jews created the ceremony of Confirmation for both and girls. Rabbi Daniel Syme points out that “the first Confirmation ceremony in North America was held at New York’s Anshe Chesed Congregation in 1846. The ceremony grew in popularity until, in 1927, the Central Conference of American Rabbis recommended Confirmation as a movement-wide practice.”

Here at Temple Beth El, we are proud of this year’s Confirmation class: Eli Derrington, Nora Khaddouma, Lizzy Noon, Blake Parsons, Abby Sayles and Avery Wilhoit. On **Friday evening, May 30**, they will lead the congregation in prayer and “confirm” their faith through the sacred ritual of the Confirmation ceremony. While it may signal the formal end of a young person’s religious school career, Confirmation is really only the beginning of the continuing process of the shaping of one’s Jewish identity as an adult.

Rabbi Menahem Mendel of Kotsk (1787-1859) reminds us of the deeper significance of Shavuot: “Why do we say on Shavuot, ‘the time of the giving of our Torah,’ [zeman mantan torateinu] and not ‘the time of the receiving of our Torah?’” Because the giving was at Mount Sinai, while the receiving of the Torah is constant; every time and every moment that a person studies Torah – is the time of its receiving.”

As these young people prepare for their ceremony of Confirmation, may each of us continue to “receive Torah” by learning and living its teachings.



1 Iyar-2 Tammuz, 5774

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Please join us for our  
**Confirmation Service**

Friday, May 30  
at 7:30 p.m.

### Confirmands:

*Eli Derrington  
Lizzy Noon  
Blake Parsons  
Abby Sayles  
Avery Wilhoit*

Celebrate Shabbat With Us  
on Friday, June 20 at 6:00 p.m.  
for a Kabbalat Shabbat Service

featuring  
A Concert of Jewish Music  
performed  
by  
THE TEMPLE BETH EL CHOIR

followed by a Wine and Cheese Oneg

## President's Message

By *Stu Elston*

This is probably the last "President's Message" I'll write. I suppose I should make it count.

This should be the "lessons learned and view of the future" edition. But first I want to say that it's been a privilege and an honor, and often even a pleasure, to have served as president of Temple Beth El for the past nearly two years. I hope you'll agree that we've made progress in spite of some of the challenges we faced, and I especially want to thank all of the great Beth El people – its members and committee and board members, who contributed most of the effort to that progress. Thank you, thank you, thank you! And please do give at least the same level of dedicated support to our next president, whoever she may be.

So, what lessons have we learned, beyond the knowledge that our wonderfully diverse congregation has many talented members willing to volunteer their time for this great cause? What are the challenges that we will need to meet in the coming years? There are two that come immediately to mind, because we have been struggling with them for some time. The first is an old refrain with a recent twist and involves the challenge of financial stability. The second has a history, too: our governance structure needs an update to keep us able to respond to changing times. The history? Times are always changing, they always have, and our "governance structure" has been changing periodically for almost 150 years now. Our congregation used to be led by a few people sitting on pickle barrels; it's different now. Generations before us have made this work. We can do it, too.

Let's talk money first, but only briefly. Over the past couple of decades, our Temple's demographics have been changing, and at the same time attitudes toward paying dues have changed as well. Both of these changes track similar changes in our national economy and a transition from a manufacturing economy to a service economy. If you look at the details, you realize that there's a very complex interplay of factors, and it's hard – perhaps impossible – to pin down a simple explanation. This phenomenon is addressed to some extent in the feature article of the Spring 2014 issue of *Reform Judaism*, so rather than dig deep into it here, I highly recommend that you check out "*When Jews Choose Their Dues.*" While we, at Temple Beth El, may not choose the path that the experimenters in that article have chosen, we *will* need to adapt, in some way, sometime in the not-too-distant future. Some of you will help us figure out how.

Now, about governance: adapting to the challenges we will always face requires someone to lead the way. We have a Constitution and By-Laws, which mandate how Temple leadership goes about conducting the business of the Temple. It has been nearly 14 years since it was adopted and it has been amended only once, in 2011. A recent challenge we faced was that of finding and retaining a new rabbi. We successfully met that challenge, but in doing so we discovered a number of ambiguities, omissions, and apparent contradictions in the by-laws that really should be fixed with the benefit of our experience. Addressing those and other shortfalls we've identified since is something that I had hoped to deal with during my tenure, but other, more immediate challenges arose to distract us. That's life! But again, this has almost certainly happened before (there's the history again), and it will almost certainly happen again. Revising the rules set out in our by-laws, to clarify their intent, to adapt them to modern concerns and issues, and to streamline their execution, should be done soon, either through a series of amendments or (shudder) a complete rewrite. I hope to start by presenting a simple, modernizing amendment at the May annual congregational meeting. Stay tuned!

# Annual Temple Beth El Congregational Meeting

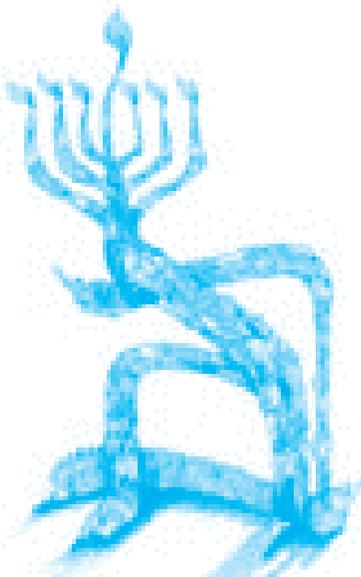
**Thursday, May 15, 2014**

**7:00 p.m.**

**Arnstein Auditorium, Temple Beth El**

Election of Officers  
Annual Reports

*Light Refreshments to Follow*



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## TEMPLE BETH EL

**May 2**—Rae Allen ♦ David M. Baker ♦ Edith Berkowitz ♦ Adell Robinson Bernard ♦ Phillip Blumenthal ♦ David Bush ♦ Erwin Coleman ♦ Mary Lillian Dees ♦ Helen Dietch ♦ John Martin Elston ♦ Pauline Gershberg ♦ Dorothy B. Goldberger ♦ Rachel Heller ♦ Sidney Ivins ♦ Leopold Levi ♦ Mathilde Wolff Levi ♦ Joseph Levitt, Sr. ♦ Rabbi Jerome Mark ♦ Jane Nettie Richman ♦ Sydney Richman ♦ Aaron David Silverman ♦ Mark Ian Simon ♦ Fred Sonder ♦ Rabbi Jacob Voorsanger ♦ Rose Kipnes West

**May 9**—Carrie P. Becker ♦ Morris Berkowitz ♦ Flora Brody ♦ Oscar Burstein ♦ Abraham Factor ♦ Matthew Fandetti ♦ Arthur Friedman ♦ Morris Goldfarb ♦ Shirly B. Goodfriend ♦ Maurice Phineas Greif ♦ Joseph J. Harris ♦ Mary Ella Hicks ♦ Milton Lebovitz ♦ Lawrence Levy ♦ Hannah Licht ♦ Essie Lowe ♦ Fannie Mofsky ♦ Alma Moss ♦ Gilbert H. Parish ♦ Dorothy Sachs ♦ Ruth Kronenberger Sherrill ♦ M. Shmukler ♦ Carl Silver ♦ Cindy Morrison Sot ♦ A. Stadnishank ♦ Harry Walowitz ♦ Isadore Wolner ♦ Shephard Zafran ♦ Lois Zellner ♦ Bess Zipser

**May 16**—Joice Brown ♦ Verne Canner ♦ Saralee Cohn ♦ Margaret Crohn ♦ Lucie A. Fribourg ♦ Anna Garlinder ♦ Les Harris ♦ Sadie Harris ♦ David Kahn ♦ Hyman T. Kern ♦ David Nathan Koffman ♦ BreAnna McQueen ♦ Rosa Ostrovskiy ♦ Ethel Rosenberg ♦ Sheldon Rosenberg ♦ Murray Rosenblatt ♦ Simon Schwartzman ♦ Abe Scott ♦ K. Shmukler ♦ Bessie Teitelbaum ♦ Joseph Zimmerman ♦ Cecilia Zimmerman

**May 23**—Lawrence Arnold Allen ♦ Althea Almeda Brakebill ♦ Louis Brenner ♦ Jack Frant ♦ David Garber ♦ Bea Jaffe ♦ Sam Kadison ♦ Lottie Lehrich ♦ Anny I Marx ♦ Clariene Mash ♦ Frances Dickey Patton ♦ David Prial ♦ Minnie Victor ♦ Louis Werner ♦ Doris Winnick

**May 30**—Uriel Alayev ♦ Jerold Bensky ♦ Rhoda Blumenfeld ♦ Katherine Caller ♦ Beatrice Cohn ♦ Philip Davis ♦ Cecile Feinberg ♦ Saul Garber ♦ Florence R Gluck ♦ Harry Goldberger ♦ Alexander Gompertz ♦ Adolf Goodfriend ♦ Euginia Goodfriend ♦ Carolyn Greif ♦ Rose Bank Gudis ♦ Frances Hirschberg ♦ Elaine Hollander ♦ E. Max Kesselman ♦ Maurice Konigsberg ♦ Stephen Lieberman ♦ Jakob Marx ♦ Frederick Lewis Otte ♦ Harold Pomerantz ♦ Malena Prieto ♦ Mildred Rosenblatt ♦ Joseph Sandberg ♦ Nathan Harry Smith ♦ Harvey Smuckler ♦ Kathrine B. Soss ♦ Charles Clarence Strasburger ♦ Annie S. Taylor ♦ Wilson Wells ♦ Esther Yadgaroff

**June 6**—Harry Bramowitz ♦ Marie Nordmann Brunschwig ♦ Theodore Cohn ♦ Rose Dubinsky ♦ Chayah Bas Golde Ester ♦ Grace Goldberger ♦ Chayah Bas Elimelech Handler ♦ Isaac Ben Jechiel Handler ♦ Sabby Hazen ♦ Jeanette Hyatt ♦ Abraham D. H. Kaplan ♦ Betty Keller ♦ Morris Levenson ♦ Nathan Marks ♦ Yitzhak Ben Jechiel Mechel ♦ Adolf Miller ♦ Elizabeth Pardee ♦ Harold Raymon ♦ Dewey Reich ♦ Amelia Strauss ♦ William W. Waxelbaum ♦ Anna Wender ♦ Mose Zavels

**June 13**—Fred Aron ♦ Vincenza David ♦ George Gluck ♦ Virginia Gluck ♦ Dorothee Heller ♦ Ethel Kaplan ♦ Ian Kinney ♦ Ann S. Klein ♦ Joseph Konigsberg ♦ Joe Lissen ♦ Esther Margolina ♦ Julius Orovan ♦ Ruth Rockower ♦ Leopold Schiffer ♦ Edith C. Smith ♦ Eric J. Sommer ♦ Herman Teitelbaum ♦ Richard Wayburn ♦ Maxwell Weinberger ♦ Ron Young

**June 20**—Max B. Arnstein ♦ Morris Bart ♦ Adele Stone Bernard ♦ Henry Bloom ♦ Max Cohn ♦ Milton Dubinsky ♦ Albert Eisenstadt ♦ George Fayerman ♦ David Feinberg ♦ William Freedman ♦ Allan Gerson ♦ William Goldberger ♦ Sam Good ♦ Leah Green ♦ Ruth Harmatz ♦ Edith Holbert ♦ Marjorie Holst ♦ Jack Kershner ♦ Helen Nisenshal ♦ Orland Porter, Jr ♦ Max Rosenstein ♦ Edwin Schnitman ♦ Celia Brown Sebring ♦ Yetta Shapiro ♦ Richard Sherrill ♦ Samuel Spiro ♦ Bradley Sturm ♦ Agnes Young ♦ Paula Zatlín ♦ Jennie Grala Zuckerman

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## Temple Beth El Religious School —May and June Update

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

**It is been a great first year for Torah Tots!** We have thoroughly enjoyed spending special time with our youngest students and their parents. I want to thank Emily Theriot for creating a wonderful set of programs to introduce these little ones to our Religious School. This will definitely be a permanent part of Jewish education at Temple Beth El. Many of our tots will move on to our weekly four-year-old class next year. If you have a child or grandchild who will be 2 to 4 years old this fall, I hope you will consider joining this monthly program. Torah Tots meets monthly 9:45 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. in our social hall on the “magic carpet.”

***Our final Torah Tots program will be combined with our last day of Religious School. We want everyone to join in the festivities as we celebrate another successful year.***

**ISJL Fellow Alachua Haskins visits May 2-4.** We welcome Alachua back to Tennessee. This time she will be planning the program for our sleep-over on May 3 and for our end of school celebration on May 4. We totally enjoyed the many activities Alachua planned for the Day of Learning. I can't wait to see what she has in store for our students.

**Mark your calendar! 4<sup>th</sup> - 7<sup>th</sup> grade Sleepover at Temple Saturday, May 3:** This year we have a special treat for our students. Alachua Haskins from ISJL will be coordinating the activities for our sleep-over. You won't want to miss out on this special event. We gather at 5:00 p.m. for outdoor play and a cook out followed by activities indoors, Havdalah, more food, and more fun. I am excited to invite our current 4<sup>th</sup> graders to their first Temple sleepover.

**Last Day of Religious School Breakfast and Celebration on Sunday, May 4.** All families are invited to bring a breakfast item to share. We are including our Torah Tots in this special celebration. Alachua Haskins will work with Rabbi Matt and Norma on some very exciting activities for parents and students to mark the end of another successful school year. Don't miss it.

**Please join our 2014 Confirmation Class on May 30.** The families of **Abigail Sayles, Eli Derrington, Nora Khaddouma, Avery Wilhite, Blake Parson, and Lizzy Noon** invite everyone to celebrate the Confirmation of their children. Every one of these students has been a part of our school for many, many years. I can't imagine Religious School without them. I have a head full of memories of watching these young people go from small children to the wonderful teens that you will see leading this Confirmation service. Just as Consecration marks the beginning of a child's Jewish education, Confirmation marks the end of the Religious School component of education. Of course we know that Jewish education never stops, and we want our students to continue to “go and learn it.” I hope to welcome these Confirmands back to our school as *madrichim* next year and hopefully teachers some day. Please show these young people just how much we value their efforts, and join us for this Shabbat service on May 30.

**Eilam Clayman becomes Bar Mitzvah 10:30 Saturday, June 14.** Eilam has worked very hard preparing for this important service. Eilam's parents are Brian and Rebecca Clayman, and his tutor is Charlene Gubitz. I hope you will join the Clayman parents and sister Zahavah at this beautiful lifecycle simchah. Remember that everyone is welcome at all of our B'nei Mitzvah services.

**Norma's Two Cents:** As I reflect on another great year at Religious School, I am struck by just how much fun it is to spend time in the service of this congregation. You make it so easy for me. You, the parents, send me bright, energetic students who really want to learn about Judaism and are always there to help when it is needed. You, the teachers, come every week ready to do your very best to pass on your love of Judaism to your students. You, the School & Youth Committee, are a constant source of hands-on support for our many special programs and a fountain of new ideas for the school. You, the congregation, support our school both financially and with your words of praise and love. And finally, you, the Rabbi, are a true partner in this mission to develop students who know who they are as young Jews and who understand the importance of their place in the Jewish community and the world. As a life-long teacher, education is a constant for me. From playing with Torah Tots on our magic carpet to playing with teens on a mountain retreat, it is always about teaching a love of Judaism as a life long endeavor.

***Have a great summer!***

## Upcoming Events

**May 3: 4<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> grade Sleepover at Temple Beth El**

**May 4: Last Day of Religious School Breakfast and Celebration**

**May 30: Confirmation**

**June 14: Eilam Clayman's Bar Mitzvah**

**August 2: Gabe and Alex's Bar Mitzvah**



*While attending the WRJ Central District Kallah, Karen Smith took a side trip to Indianapolis to visit with our long-time and well-loved member, Sylvia Silver.*

## It's Time for Sisterhood at Temple Beth El

By Karen Smith and Kathy Young, Sisterhood Co-Presidents

The month of April was a busy one for Sisterhood and we want to thank many people for their efforts.

**Thank you to:**

**Meredith Jaffe** for creating the beautiful Sisterhood Shabbat service;

**Susan Baker** for co-chairing Sisterhood Shabbat with Meredith;

All of the Sisterhood Shabbat participants and everyone who brought food for the Oneg;

**Meredith Jaffe** for the March 31 Rosh Chodesh program;

**Lesley Krakauer** for hosting the Chai Tea; and

Everyone who helped with the Sisterhood Bazaar. Whether you donated food, craft items, or your time, Sisterhood is grateful for your assistance!

Sisterhood Goes Out is almost here! Meet your Sisterhood friends on **Thursday, May 8 at 6:30 p.m. at Puleo's Grille** at the corner of Cedar Bluff/Peters Road. We'll enjoy dinner and our speaker Larsen Jay from *Random Acts of Flowers* in our private dining room.

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

***It's time for Sisterhood!***

## Join Us at Sisterhood Goes Out



**Thursday, May 8, 6:30 p.m.**

Puleo's Grille, 260 N. Peters Road  
(I-40 at Cedar Bluff Road)

Speaker: Larsen Jay from  
*Random Acts of Flowers*

Contact Heather Laing at [teamlaing@gmail.com](mailto:teamlaing@gmail.com)  
for reservations.

## Temple Beth El Welcomes New Office Administrator

After a long search, we are happy to announce that a new Office Administrator, Tina Fleeman, has joined the staff of Temple Beth El.

Tina comes to us from SYSCO Knoxville, having worked in the Finance/Accounting department. She lives in Blaine, Tennessee in Grainger County with her husband, Tom, and high school-age son Michael. She serves as a board member in her 3<sup>rd</sup> District community and contributes her time to providing a monthly breakfast to raise funds for the local fire department.

Tina has gone right to work learning all of our procedures and programs. Already, she has had the opportunity to meet many of our members. It has taken almost a month, but she is now familiar with our numerous committees and how they operate, the volunteers who man those committees and our other full- and part-time staff. Tina has been very astute in her approach to learning the office computer programs and how they interact. Many volunteer instructors with myriad teaching styles have worked with her to present the office routines and she has been extremely patient. She has learned a lot, very quickly.

If you have not yet met Tina, please introduce yourself when you are at Temple. Part of her on-the-job education is connecting names of congregants with their faces. She would love to get to know you.



*Tina Fleeman*



*TBE Sisterhood Shabbat*

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**Wednesday, May 7**

**7:00 p.m.**

**Temple Beth El**

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## Temple Laughs Out Loud Fun — and Successful!

Thank you to everyone who attended, donated, purchased an item and volunteered at this year's 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Auction on March 29. The Auction committee worked extremely hard to create both a social and fundraising event. It was wonderful to have 125 members and non-members attend last month's auction event. Equally as impressive to this year's attendance was the \$13,000+ (net) raised from the Live Auction and individual donations. The bidding wars were exciting to witness as Rabbi Michaels helped surpass last year's Live Auction results with record-breaking numbers for 2014. He was amazing!

This year, the committee tried to do something a little different than our previous auctions by separating the Live Auction from the Silent Auction (the Silent Auction will take place at the 150<sup>th</sup> Gala Event on November 8, 2014). A second change was the food options. A special thank you to Phyllis Hirsh (and her peeps) for her expertise, guidance and leadership in the kitchen. All the mouth-watering appetizers and scrumptious desserts were homemade and prepared in her kitchen. The final change was to offer a clubroom ambience while our two comedians, Shane Rhyme and Matt Ward, performed live for us. There was much laughter in the audience.

Many people volunteered with planning, soliciting, set-up, cooking, auctioneering, serving, clean-up and behind the scenes to make this event successful. This event could never have happened without the help of our co-chairs and volunteers: Hayley Goldfeld, Phyllis Hirsh, Amy Rosenberg, Sylvia Witcoff, Missy Noon, Ellen Markman, Ceil Rosenberg, Ken Hirsh, Sandy Parsons, Joyce Traugot, Rabbi Matt Michaels, Shirley and Harold Freedman and especially the BBYO members who assisted the evening of the event with check-in, clean-up and selling of the raffle tickets.

A very special thank you to our generous donors for making the event possible: Temple Beth El Board, Bob & Elaine Freeman, Susan Watson Arbutal, Gettysvue Golf & Country Club, Larry Markel, Hicks Orthodontics, Markman's Diamonds and Fine Jewelry and Phyllis and Ken Hirsh. Honorable mention to our members who bid ridiculously high for the annual parking spots in the front row: Alan and Karen Smuckler, Aaron and Imelda Margulies, Jeff and Lorie Hirsh and Aron and Hayley Goldfeld. All that needs to be said is that the signs should be made out of 14K gold.

Once again, thank you to everyone who help make this event hugely successful!



*Rabbi Matt Michaels serves and entertains as chief auctioneer.*

*Participants enjoy a delightful array of appetizers.*

*BBYO member Blake Parsons assists Ellen Markman and Gene Rosenberg in purchasing raffle tickets.*

# Jewish Congregation of Oak Ridge



## From the President's Corner

By Sig Mosko

On a recent family visit trip to Indianapolis, I took advantage of an opportunity to visit with Berthe Weitsman at her new home in an assisted living facility. Berthe's move was rather sudden and generally unknown by most of us in Oak Ridge. My visit included wife, Brenda, daughter, Tammy, and grandchildren, Gavi and Leah. Berthe was quite happy to see us; she really misses her friends in Oak Ridge and Knoxville. She would really appreciate phone calls, letters, and/or visits. Contact Eileen Handler or me for telephone or address information. Our visit with Berthe reminds me that we have several congregation members and friends who are no longer independently mobile, but are very appreciative of our social contacts.

It is almost time for our annual congregation meeting, Sunday, June 1, at 2:00 p.m. Please make plans to attend. We need your presence, voices, and votes in order to conduct the congregation's business. We will have to approve next year's budget, and elect several new members to our board of directors. Rachel Carlson is leading our nominations committee which will be in touch with each of you to consider nomination.

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## JCOR Men's Club Organizes

The men of JCOR formed a club this past March, inspired by Jim Bogard and Matt Niad's feedback from their retreat at Camp Ramah Darom. Our first activity was a Yom HaShoah Candle project. In an effort to remember and spread awareness of the Holocaust, we hand-delivered more than 90 yellow candles to our members and friends at no cost.

Stay tuned to our website [www.jcor.info](http://www.jcor.info) for upcoming events and news regarding the Men's Club. Our goal is to increase involvement in our synagogue and community via projects, social activities, and enhanced observance. We can be reached by email at [MensClub@jcor.info](mailto:MensClub@jcor.info).



Monty Lewis, Sig Mosko, Rabbi Victor Rashkovsky, Al Good, and Matt Niad package Yom HaShoah candles for the congregation.



Richard Klein, JFNA Southeast Regional director, Diana Fiedotin, Director of Strategic Relations for the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee, and Rabbi Victor Rashkovsky.



Matt Niad delivers the first Yom HaShoah candle to Mira Kimmelman.

## JCOR Hosts

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

**May 3:** Avigail and Victor Rashkovsky, Sarah and David Stuart

**May 10:** Mel Tobias, Bruce Tomkns

**May 17:** Hilary Shreter, Yardena and Moshe Yair

**May 24:** Reeve and Marvin Abraham, Elena and Carlos Bamberger

**May 31:** Linda and Zane Bell, Becky and George Charles

## Upcoming May and June Events

**May 3, 2014, 7:00 p.m.**

**Jewish Film Series:** *Kedma*

Israel, 2002, NR, 100 minutes

Having just survived the Holocaust, a small group of Jewish refugees boards a ship and reaches the shores of Palestine. One week later, the state of Israel will be established, launching them into another violent and confusing period in their lives.

**May 3, 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).

**May 10, after services** -- JCOR will honor the nonagenarians with a **kiddish**.

**May 16, 6:30 p.m. Family Shabbat** to honor teachers and graduating senior. Shabbat Dinner to be provided by JCOR Sisterhood.

**May 18, 11:30 a.m. Lag B'Omer picnic**, Oak Ridge Marina Shelter. Bring a dairy dish to share. Drinks and plates provided by JCOR Sisterhood. Be ready to play some Tennessee "Corn Hole" or bring your volleyball skills.

**May 24, 11.30 a.m.**

**Study session:** *Der Judenstaat* by Theodor Herzl."

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

**Jewish Film Series:** *Arranged*

USA, 2007, NR, 1hr 32m

Though others expect friction when Orthodox Jew Rochel and Muslim Nasira meet as teachers at a Brooklyn school, the women discover common ground.

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

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**June 21, 11.30 a.m.**

**Study session:** "Ask the Rabbi."

## Judaica Gift Shop

Call Mira Kimmelman at 483-7972 or Judy Raman at 482-1509 for your shopping needs. Haddasah cards and certificates for all occasions can be purchased by calling Mira Kimmelman - 483-7972.

## Donations to JCOR

### Yahrzeits

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**Sam & Cyrus Feldman** from Rose Feldman

**Samuel & Leon Kastenbaum** from Marvin & Helen Kastenbaum

### HHCF

**Bernard Horn** from Jackie Horn

**Jennie Volkin and Beatrice Kline** from Karen Brunner

### Donations

In memory of Ted Shapiro from Rita & Ken Hohenbrink

In memory of Ted Shapiro from Eileen Handler  
In honor of JCOR Sisterhood from Ruth & Calvin Guthridge

## TORAH FUND Cards

Please call Eileen at 482-1341 or Brenda Mosko at 483-9463 to have them mailed for you.

Mazel Tov to: **Anne and Eli Greenbaum** on their wedding anniversary- from Penny Lukin, Yardená and Moshe Yair, Eileen Handler

**Linda and Zane Bell** on Noah's engagement to Orly Perlstein from Penny Lukin

In Loving Memory of **Ted Shapiro**, to his family, from Sisterhood, Eileen Handler

Thank you to **Anne Greenbaum** and her Hamentaschen crew: **Elana Bamberger, Alice Feldman, Brenda Mosko, Abigail Rashkovsky.**

## Hadassah

- ★ HMO for a happy birthday to **Rosalind Schmorak** from Vera and Leon Maya
- ★ Tree to the **Greenbaums** on their 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary from Vera and Leon Maya
- ★ Tree to the **Greenbaums** on their 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary from Lili and Yaacov Barhen
- ★ HMO Get Well to **Jerry Braunstein** from Mira Kimmelman
- ★ HMO Get Well to **Jerry Braunstein** from Marcel and Rosalind Schmorak
- ★ HMO Card in memory of **Ted Shapiro**, beloved father, grandfather, great-grandfather, and friend from Mira Kimmelman

## Sisterhood Happenings

**Penny Lukin** will be singing at Carnegie Hall!  
Ask her about it.

Our sincerest sympathy to the family of **Ted Shapiro**, who passed away on March 17. *May his memory be for a blessing.* Ted was a long-time Oak Ridger; probably a charter member of our congregation. Sisterhood wants to thank all who helped with the meal of condolence following the funeral.

Mazel tov to **Linda and Zane Bell** on the forthcoming marriage of Noah to Orly Perlstein. The wedding will take place in Israel, and several members of our congregation will attend. I think that's wonderful!



*Rhonda Sternfels (on right) with Joyce Traugot and Karen Smith of Temple Beth El during the Sisterhood<sup>3</sup> Rosh Chodesh dinner hosted at JCOR.*



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## Is It a Countdown or Count Up?

By Rabbi Yossi Wilhelm

5...4...3...2...1... Starting the second night of Passover we countdown to Shavuot in anticipation of the giving of the Torah. However, we don't literally count down we actually count up... today is the first day, today is the sixth day etc.

The Lubavitcher Rebbe explains that time is best utilized not passed, when counting down we want the time to pass; there is no indication of how well we are utilizing the time. In contrast when counting up we are accounting for every day that passes. The Jewish people coming out of Egypt were not just counting in anticipation to the giving of the Torah they were preparing themselves for that experience. So they were counting up, "today is day 10 which is one week and three days since we started preparing ourselves".

All the holidays have a specific day of the month during which they should be celebrated, Shavuot, is different, the Torah says you should count seven weeks and celebrate Shavuot on the fiftieth day. During these days we go through an inner journey, we work to perfect ourselves and become a better person, and it is then we are properly equipped to receive and comprehend the Torah in thought, speech and action.

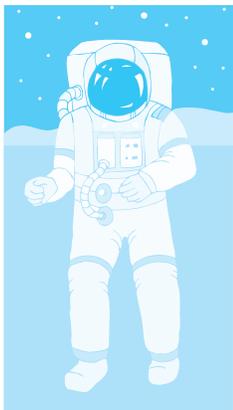
So let's all count up the days, move up in our Judaism, and together be ready to receive the Torah for the 3,326<sup>th</sup> time.



## Purim in Outer Space

More than 150 adults and children enjoyed another great Chabad Purim program at the AJCC. In addition to the delicious food, the fastest Megillah reading, and the fun space related activities for the kids. The "wipeout" was a big hit for both adults and children...

Stay tuned for the next fun-filled program.



# JAHRZEIT

## *Heska Amuna Synagogue*

**May 3**—Joseph Ades ♦ Molly Fayonsky ♦ Charlotte Kayser ♦ Celia Lipson ♦ Margaret Miner ♦ Esther Rosen ♦ Mildred Rosenblatt ♦ Rose Sherman ♦ Tillie Slovis ♦ Sarah Lipshin ♦ Rose Rosenthal ♦ Shirley Chasan ♦ Israel Gruenberg ♦ Ada Manas ♦ Allen Rosen ♦ Sara Dixon ♦ Claire Evans ♦ Rosa Frumin ♦ Mariam Stein

**May 10**—Gerd Abeles ♦ Bernard Belaief ♦ Selma Smulian ♦ Samuel Billig ♦ Charlotte Cooper ♦ Fannie Leibowitz ♦ Bessie Millen ♦ Ruth Oleshansky ♦ Rabbi Isaac Levin ♦ Ella Levison ♦ Celia Rosenblatt ♦ Anna Gitman ♦ Lionel Kay ♦ Joseph Bernard ♦ Mary Posey ♦ Frieda Schwarzbart ♦ Dorothy Freeman ♦ Abraham Radlaski ♦ Joseph Goldman ♦ Murry Rosenblatt

**May 17**—Tybee Millner ♦ Jacob Schwartz ♦ Benjamin Tew ♦ Harriett Herbin ♦ Joseph Sherman ♦ Pauline Viener ♦ Charles Siegel ♦ Paul Sidney Cawn ♦ Max Friedman ♦ Stanley Duhan ♦ Esther Millen ♦ Lottie Siegel ♦ Beatrice Goldstein ♦ Flora Hasden ♦ Pearl Austin ♦ Isaac Cooper ♦ Howard Greenbaum ♦ Sidney Licht ♦ William Russler

**May 24**—Sandra Levinstone ♦ Benjamin Weinstein ♦ Sanford Weinstein ♦ Hymie Billig ♦ Sharon Brietstein ♦ Gary Miller ♦ Sarah Miller ♦ Hannah Moskowitz ♦ Carolyn Bertram ♦ Lillian Drutz ♦ Nat Nisenson ♦ Kate Caller ♦ Mary Lou Milford ♦ Isadore Abrams ♦ Frank Robinson ♦ Linda Cohen ♦ Philip Levine ♦ Yachel Wender

**May 31**—Sidney Burnett ♦ Jacob Ellin ♦ David Ulysses Garber ♦ Samuel Grusin ♦ Samuel Lavine ♦ Jack Poloway ♦ Bernard Schanowitz ♦ Everett Young ♦ Ruth Shaw Kahan ♦ Isaac Resnick ♦ Katherine Soss ♦ Anne Fuson ♦ Philip Chazen ♦ Bernie Iroff ♦ Sam Nius ♦ Celia Cohen ♦ Sarah Weinstein ♦ Melba Werfel

**June 7**—Saul Garber ♦ Sarah Sachs ♦ Benjamin Togonal ♦ Lester Berry ♦ Ellen Chayet ♦ Sam Danenberg ♦ Pessa Gurwin ♦ Ethel Rosenberg ♦ Abraham Jacobs ♦ Leon Leibowitz ♦ Hyman Strauss ♦ Sylvia Allen ♦ Ida Hoffman Brown ♦ Amelia Strauss ♦ Sol Leeds ♦ Nathan Robinson

**June 14**—Bek Hurvich ♦ Lillian Millner ♦ Nettie Secaul ♦ Louis Tobe ♦ Morris Werner ♦ Rachel Resnick ♦ Claire Shulman ♦ Alice Landis ♦ Morris Rosenblatt ♦ Rebecca Forstein ♦ Ellen Goldberg ♦ George Gourse

**June 21**—Sarah Gershek ♦ Thelka Naumann ♦ Sarah Poloway ♦ George Adlin ♦ Herbert Smullian ♦ Adele Stone ♦ Frances Sabler ♦ Claude Schulhof ♦ Esther Kay ♦ Max Rosen ♦ Irene Baskin ♦ Harry Lipshin ♦ Samuel Paul Love ♦ Jennie Rosenblatt ♦ Seena Allen ♦ Albert Eisenstadt ♦ Isaac Green ♦ Harry Gurwin ♦ Victor Hanan ♦ Ben Mazur

// **June 28**—Selma Corkland ♦ Louis Edelman ♦ Esther Spielgelman ♦ Doris Weinstein ♦ Scott Wolf ♦ Sylvia Presser Kelman ♦ Edith Goodman Rosenthal ♦ Robert Sabler ♦ Zelda Siegel ♦ Sylvan Zemel ♦ Sol Berry ♦ Jacob Klein ♦ Murray Baskin ♦ Abraham Collins ♦ George Fayerman ♦ Fannie Russler



# Hadassah Highlights

## Hadassah Israel Today

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- ▶ Wednesday, May 7th, 2014
- ▶ 7:00PM- 9:00PM
- ▶ 6800 Deane Hill Dr SW, Knoxville, TN 37919
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- ▶ Potluck by last name
- ▶ A-F drinks , G-M Salad, N-U Entree, V-Z Dessert

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### Join Us in Chattanooga for May 12 Program

The Chattanooga Hadassah chapter will present a program on *Slave Trafficking* on **Monday, May 12** at **7:00 p.m.** Join the Knoxville chapter as we travel to Chattanooga to join forces against this terrible crime.

Please save the date. We will update interested members with location and carpool information as we learn more. This is a program that you will not want to miss.



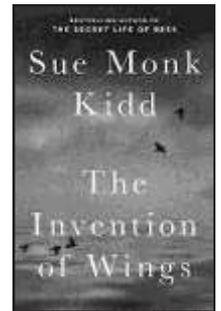
## Hadassah Book Club News

Check out our latest book selections. All of our meetings will be at Barnes and Noble Bookstore on Kingston Pike, Tuesday evenings at 7:30 p.m.. Call or e-mail Peggy Littmann 776-1013, plittmann@comcast.net with any questions.

- **May 27**, (4th Tuesday) *The Invention of Wings* by Sue Monk Kidd
- **June 24**, (4th Tuesday) *The Girls of Atomic City, the Untold Story of the Women Who Helped Win World War II*, by Denise Kiernan
- **July 8**, (2nd Tuesday, to accommodate the author's visit to our area) *A Replacement Life* by Boris Fishman. (Laurie Barocas knows the author, who will be available to discuss the book.) Please plan ahead, because there is not much time between June and July's meeting.

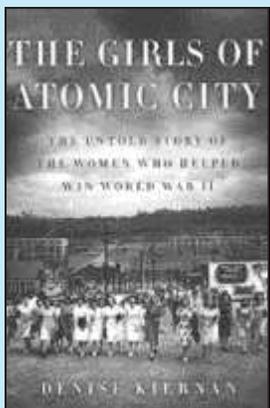
### *The Invention of Wings*

Hetty "Handful" Grimke, an urban slave in early nineteenth century Charleston, yearns for life beyond the suffocating walls that enclose her within the wealthy Grimke household. The Grimke's daughter, Sarah, has known from an early age she is meant to do something large in the world, but she is hemmed in by the limits imposed on women. Kidd's sweeping novel is set in motion on Sarah's eleventh birthday, when she is given ownership of ten year old Handful, who is to be her handmaid. We follow their remarkable journeys over the next 35 years, as both women strive for a life of their own, dramatically shaping each other's destinies and forming a complex relationship marked by guilt, defiance, estrangement and the uneasy ways of love. As the stories build to a riveting climax, Handful will endure loss and sorrow, finding courage and a sense of self in the process. Sarah will experience crushed hopes, betrayal, unrequited love, and ostracism before leaving Charleston to find her place alongside her fearless younger sister, Angelina, as one of the early pioneers in the abolition and women's rights movements.



Inspired by the historical figure of Sarah Grimke, Kidd goes beyond the record to flesh out the rich interior lives of all of her characters, both real and invented, including Handful's cunning mother, Charlotte, who courts danger in her search for something better. This exquisitely written novel is a triumph of storytelling that looks with unswerving eyes at a devastating wound in American history, through women whose struggles for liberation, empowerment, and expression will leave no reader unmoved.

### *The Girls of Atomic City*



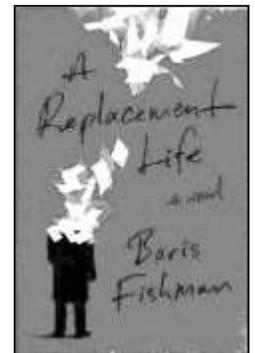
A black-and-white picture shows young women in the 1940s enriching uranium for the world's first atomic bomb. The neatly dressed women sit in a large factory, their hands on knobs and levers, as they look sideways at a photographer. It was this picture that prompted author and journalist Denise to investigate and write *The Girls of Atomic City: The Untold Story of the Women Who Helped Win World War II*.

Kiernan said what piqued her interest was learning that none of the women photographed had any idea they were actually helping to build a bomb. Her intuition that this would make a good story was right on. The picture Kiernan found while doing research is one of a series of captivating images printed in this narrative nonfiction book that brings a unique and personal perspective to this key part of American history. Kiernan encapsulates the stories of several women she met and interviewed who started their working lives in Oak Ridge, Tenn., a secret, government-built town created as part of the Manhattan Project effort to build an atomic bomb. Instead of the words of top scientists and government officials,

Kiernan recounts the experiences of factory workers, secretaries, and low-level chemists in a town that housed at its peak 75,000 people trained not to talk about what they knew or what they did. She combines their stories with detailed reporting that provides a clear and compelling picture of this fascinating time.

### *A Replacement Life*

A singularly talented writer makes his literary debut with this provocative, soulful, and sometimes hilarious story of a failed journalist asked to do the unthinkable: Forge Holocaust-restitution claims for old Russian Jews in Brooklyn, New York. Yevgeny Gelman, grandfather of Slava Gelman, "didn't suffer in the exact way" he needs to have suffered to qualify for the restitution the German government has been paying out to Holocaust survivors.



But suffer he has—as a Jew in the war; as a second-class citizen in the USSR; as an immigrant to America. So? Isn't his grandson a "writer"? High-minded Slava wants to put all this immigrant scraping behind him.

Only the American Dream is not panning out for him—*Century*, the legendary magazine where he works as a researcher, wants nothing greater from him. Slava wants to be a correct, blameless American—but he wants to be a lionized writer even more. Slava's turn as the Forger of South Brooklyn teaches him that not every fact is the truth, and not every lie a falsehood. It takes more than law-abiding to become an American; it takes the same self-reinvention in which his people excel. Intoxicated and unmoored by his inventions, Slava risks exposure. Cornered, he commits an irrevocable act that finally grants him a sense of home in America, but not before collecting a price from his family. *A Replacement Life* is a dark, moving, and beautifully written novel about family, honor, and justice.



Hadassah Knoxville's "Don't Get a Brainfreeze, Brainstorm" event was held on Sunday, March 23rd from 1:30-3:30. Over ice cream and cupcakes, plans were made for the upcoming year and Hadassah Knoxville is optimistic about the rest of the year.



We look forward to the community participation in our upcoming events.

Thanks to Marian Jay, Robin Brown, Sylvia Miller, Kathy Goldstein, Laura Floyd, Samantha Spenser and Bonnie Boring for their participation and great ideas.



## Hadassah Nefesh: Hadassah Hospital Counteracts Violence Against Women with Awareness Campaign in Maternity Ward

Commemorating the United Nations' International Day for the Prevention of Violence Against Women, nurses and social workers at the Hadassah Medical Organization initiated a project in the maternity ward to encourage women to speak up and put an end to abusive relationships. The project, undertaken in collaboration with the Department of Social Work at Hadassah's hospital in Ein Kerem, is aimed at leading women to see the birth of a new baby as an opportunity to end the abusive situations they find themselves in, rather than a reason to remain in an abusive relationship. The nurses and social workers are identifying women in distress and connecting them to resources that can help.

Large banners have been hung on the walls of the maternity ward, delivery rooms, and neonatal departments with the message, "Birth is an opportunity for new beginnings - you and your children have the right to life without violence." At the same time, leaflets in Hebrew, Arabic, English, Russian, French, and Amharic, reinforce the message. Cards in the bathrooms allow the women to discreetly acquire the phone numbers they need to seek help.

Chief Hadassah Midwife Nava Braverman notes, "When I was the Director of the Center for Women's Health at Hadassah, it was impossible not to address the problem of violence against women as an integral part of a variety of health problems, especially after the World Health Organization recognized the problem of violence as a medical problem." She adds: "We have started encouraging teams to ask women patients routinely if they've experienced violence. We have found that women don't resent this intrusion, but welcome questions and concern."



*The International Day for the Prevention of Violence Against Women at Hadassah's hospital.*

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## Welcome Our Newest with Layettes

Shalom y'all,

Isn't it wonderful to be a part of giving Mazel Tov wishes for the birth of a new HADASSAH BABY? You still have time to contribute to the following Layette Cards...please let me know to add your name! (*if you haven't already.*)

- ★ **Camryn Abigail Myers** - Granddaughter of Judi and Martin Abrams
- ★ **Nola Bea Gubitz** - Granddaughter of Charlene and Jeff Gubitz
- ★ **Jaden Ari Messing** - Son of Staci and Jason Messing and Grandson of Nora and Patrick Messing
- ★ **Aviva Grace Lane** - Daughter of Rebecca and Greg Lane

Thank you for your support of our LAYETTE PROGRAM.

Judi  
[jmksa1@aol.com](mailto:jmksa1@aol.com)

## Help Israel: Purchase Certificates

Israel is always in need of trees and water. Please help the forests by planting a tree and helping them by giving them water. Plant a tree today. Since 1926, we have partnered with JNF to drain swamplands, plant forests, develop water resources and preserve Israel's ecology. Giving opportunities include:

- One Tree - \$18*
- Ten Trees - \$150 (Circle of Trees)*
- Fifty Trees - \$750 (Garden of Trees)*

You may designate a name for certificates in memory of someone, sending get well wishes to an individual, in honor of a birthday, anniversary, birth, marriage, engagement or someone's accomplishment.

Contact Joyce York at 384-6177 or [joyceyork12@gmail.com](mailto:joyceyork12@gmail.com) to arrange for a tree or water certificate to be sent for you.



# Hadassah Highlights

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# Stanford Eisenberg Knoxville Jewish Day School

## What Will KJDS Students Be When They Grow Up?

KJDS was thrilled with the outcome of Career Day this year. Through the help of volunteers Marian Jay and Sandy Parker, the school was able to host many different professionals. This whole-day event kicked off with Dr. Marliyn Kallet, Director of Creative Writing at UT, and from there the kids were able to attend different talks based on their interests. There was an optometrist, meteorologist, anthropologist, architect, artist, firefighters and personal trainers, just to name a few. The day ended with a visit from WVLT news anchor Amanda Hara.

The kids also enjoyed the day for another reason - they were dressed up for the profession they want to be when they are grown. There were serious scientists in lab coats, budding ballerina teachers in tutus, and sporty soccer players ready to hit the field. The kids enjoyed talking to each other about what they wanted to be as much as we did. We learned a lot about our kids and we thought we knew it all! We are looking forward to doing this again next year."



*(Clockwise) Marilyn Kallet spoke to us about being an author and shared one of her books.*

*We learned all about being a meteorologist from Scott Blalock.*

*Heidi and Hallie practice being reporters for WBIR.*

*Learning all about eyes with Dr. Sam Winston.*





**Thanks to all of our teachers, guest speakers, and volunteers who made this year's Career Day so spectacular!**



*(Clockwise) The Knoxville Police Department and the Knoxville Fire Department came out to speak to us about their careers.*

*Woodworking with Ernie Gross was so fun!*

*Steve Markman showed us how to pick out the best diamonds.*

*We learned all about cooking from Marilyn Burnett for those of us who want to be a chef.*

*Cheri Pollock came to show us how to be an artist.*

## Fourth, Fifth Grades Study Biomes

The fourth and fifth grade class studied different biomes and the interactions of energy and living things in those biomes. Students were assigned a biome and completed research using a webquest and other sources. Each student created a foldable book out of one large piece of paper and continued to use art and paper-folding to illustrate their knowledge of the biome.

- ◆ This project was really cool because it let us create something that let us really learn about it while having fun. It was a hands-on activity. *Hallie*
- ◆ This book was very interesting to see how it all turned out. You look at the cover and then you turn the page and you are inside your biome. And I love the next page because it tells you a lot of information and it is cool to see all the different pieces of art work. *Heidi*
- ◆ It was fun because we got to make everything. There were lots of different books and a map. *Sophie*
- ◆ We got to make a background with two pop-ups: one was our main and animal and two were plants. We drew our other two animals. My favorite part of the page is the pop-up. *Aidan*
- ◆ In this project we made an animal wheel on the last page. It has all of the animals that we had. Mine were a wild boar, a squirrel and a black bear. Some of them were on my food chain, too. *Dylan*
- ◆ We made a plant book. It was really cool because it talked about and had pictures of all of the plants in our biome in just a little book. *Frank*
- ◆ We made a brochure about all the stuff you could do in our biome. It told people why they'd want to go to our biome for vacation. *Kirk*
- ◆ In our climate book you got to tell about the weather and the temperature. It was cool because you could talk about all of the stuff that you researched at the beginning. *Hallie*
- ◆ One of my favorite things about the biome project was the food chain. It shows how energy travels through your biome. For example, the sun gives energy to the duckweed, the plankton and the seaweed. They give energy to the coral, which gives energy to the squid which gives energy to the loggerhead turtle which gives energy to the grey seal. *Heidi*
- ◆ We have a map and we got to color in the places where the biome was. Mine was the Florida wetlands and I colored them. You colored wherever your biome was. *Sophie*
- ◆ The origami pocket was storage for your main pop-up animal. *Hallie*



*Aidan shares his favorite part of his biome book, the pop-ups, with Annalee.*



*Frank shows Linoy and Ellie the different plants in his biome.*

*Dylan tells Dory about the different animals in the biome he studied.*

### What are Biomes?

*Biomes* are regions of the world with similar climate (weather, temperature), animals, and plants. There are *terrestrial biomes* (land) and *aquatic biomes* (water), both freshwater and marine.

## It Was Some Enchanted Evening!

And what an enchanted evening it was! Every detail so carefully planned by event co-chairs Jenny Wood and Tamara Sturm to pay tribute to our dear friends Lucas and Debbie Richman as they brought together the symphony, artist, and Jewish communities to celebrate the Richmans' contributions to Knoxville. From the unique music-themed art auction organized by Susan Arbutal to the performance of the Symphony's quartet, the evening theme "Some Enchanted Evening" was celebrated all the way through.

To ensure their work continues, we concluded the dinner with the establishment of the Lucas and Debbie Richman Endowment Fund for the Arts to be hosted by the Knoxville Jewish Community Family of Funds (KJCFF). This is a designated fund to grow the Knoxville Jewish Day School arts program. If you'd like to be a part of this effort, contributions can be mailed to the KJCFF, 6800 Deane Hill Drive, Knoxville, 37919 with the notation "for the Lucas and Debbie Richman Endowment Fund."



*Lucas Richman enjoys a chat with Bernard Bendriem during the reception.*



*Ann Friedlander and Miriam Esther Wilhelm. Guests view auction items.*



*Rabbi Yossi Wilhelm, Miriam Esther Wilhelm, Debbie Richman, Lucas Richman, and event chairpersons Jenny Wood and Tamara Sturm.*

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### The Way We Were in 1975



#### Winick AZA Goes Spelunking

Front row, left to right: the late Mark **Brody**, son of Jamie **Brody** and brother of Pam **Brody**, Pace **Robinson**, Henry **Sack**, Mark **Bernstein**, son of Barbara and Bernard **Bernstein**, Larry **Marvet**, nephew of the **Bernsteins**.

Back row: Michael **Marvet**, nephew of the **Bernsteins**, Mark **Liberman**, son of Marilyn and Harvey **Liberman**, Rick **Hirschhaut** (brother of Stephen), Stephen **Hirschhaut**, Harvey **Liberman**, the late Evan **Brody**, son of Sondra and Robert (Buzz) **Brody**.

Thanks to Marilyn and Harvey **Liberman** for donating this photo to the Archives.