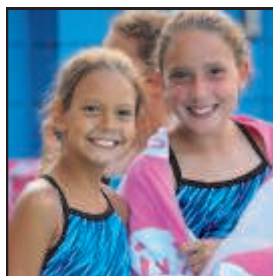




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# Knoxville Jewish Alliance

# Ha'Kol

## KJA and UTK Partner to Host Seminar

### *Cult Places in the Bible and the Ancient Near East*

Thursday, March 5 — 7:30-9:00 pm.

Arnstein Jewish Community Center, 6800 Deane Hill Drive

*Cult Places in the Bible and the Ancient Near East* will focus on the portrayal of religious spaces and places in the Hebrew Bible and ancient Near Eastern texts. In addition to central cultic institutions, Drs. Erin Darby and Raphe Panitz will also discuss "illicit," "forbidden," and contested cult places.

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

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

This seminar is part of the Partnership for the Academic Study of Early Judaism annual seminar cycle: "*Sacred Space: Then and Now.*" The seminar is free and open to the public. Light refreshments will be provided. Let us know you're coming via email to [kja@jewishknoxville.org](mailto:kja@jewishknoxville.org) or by calling 690-6343.

## KJA Annual Campaign Kick-Off Led by 10 Lions of Judah

The Lion of Judah designation was established in Miami in 1972 as a symbol to recognize a new level of commitment set forth by a cadre of doers. These women knew that to shape the future they envisioned, they would have to contribute accordingly. At that time, only 16 women qualified for this level of giving (\$5,000 for a woman or \$10,000 for a couple). Today, more than 13,000 women declare their commitment to the preservation and growth of the worldwide Jewish community by making such contributions to their annual campaigns.

The 2014 KJA Annual Campaign would like to thank these Lions of Judah for leading its 2014 efforts:

- Nancy Becker
- Barbara Bernstein

- Kay Goodfriend
- Wendy Goodfriend
- Elise Jacobs
- Mary Beth Leibowitz
- Barb Levin
- Natalie Robinson
- Alexandra Rosen
- In memory of Esther Rosen (endowed gift)
- Kim Rosen

If you would like to join these leaders in building Jewish life in Knoxville and impacting Jewish lives abroad, please contact Jeff Gubitz at 690-6343.



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## Join Us and Celebrate Community

- ★ **Celebrate KJA Shabbat at Temple Beth El** on Friday, February 6, 7:30 p.m.
- ★ **Celebrate KJA Shabbat at Heska Amuna** on Saturday, February 7, 9:30 a.m.
- ★ **Tzelebrate Tzedakah with KJA** as we begin our 2015 KJA Campaign on Sunday, February 8, 6:30 p.m., The Foundry
- ★ **Serve Our Community on Mitzvah Day, Sunday, February 22, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.** (See info on page 4)



## AJCC to Host Learn to Play Mah Jongg Class

**Mondays, February 2, 9, 16, 23 — 6:30-8:30 p.m. — Arnstein Jewish Community Center**

**Four Bam! Three Crack! Two Dot!** Those magical sounds...tiles clacking, players bonding and laughing, and becoming Mahj Sistas, and the fun sound of someone declaring “*MAH JONGG!*”

Knoxville women are jumping on the bandwagon and discovering what women of the 1950s recognized as a fun time and a wonderful way to spend an afternoon or evening. Mah Jongg, or as it's playfully referred to – Mahj - gets under your skin and brings women together on porches, in kitchens, living rooms, and sunrooms in community centers, senior centers, houses of worship and people's homes. It's a remarkable game that makes you think, stimulates your senses, and is addictive. With some patience and a few lessons, you can master the intricacies and nuances of the game and join the dozens of women who are signing up to learn this fabulous game.

Join expert teachers, Marian Jay and Robin Brown, at the Arnstein Jewish Community Center, 6800 Deane Hill Drive, for an exciting journey into this timeless game. We have room for eight people per class so be the first to register. To register, contact Marian and Robin at [knoxmahj@gmail.com](mailto:knoxmahj@gmail.com) and let them know you'll join us for this class.



## February KJA Friendshippers

By Laura Faye Berry, BSSW, Esq., Director

Please join us for this month's KJA 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!*

**Tuesday, February 10**

**Rob Heller: *Telling Stories in a Tennessee Coal Town.***

*Please note that this program is on a Tuesday, not our usual Wednesday.*



Rob Heller is a UT Journalism and Electronic Media professor, with a specialty in photojournalism and graphic design. He's in his twenty-ninth year at UT. In 1993, Heller decided that he wanted his advanced students to do a group project on a small town, and chose LaFollette, a former coal-mining town that is a 45-minute drive north of Knoxville. The town's weekly newspaper publisher taught at the university and agreed to Heller's class's producing an eight-page photo section for *The LaFollette Press*.

What started as a two-day class trip has become a 22-year project in which most of Heller's successive classes have documented the town. The LaFollette photography project was recently featured in the *New York Times* Lens blog on photography, video, and visual journalism blog. A preview of the project can be seen at <http://lens.blogs.nytimes.com/2015/01/06/telling-stories-in-a-tennessee-coal-town/>

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

The luncheon begins at noon and the program begins at 12:45 p.m. Lunch is \$8.00. There is no cost for attending the program alone. Transportation is available upon request—please have your ride requests in by *Friday, February 6*. For more information, please contact Laura Berry at [lberry@jewishknoxville.org](mailto:lberry@jewishknoxville.org) or by calling (865) 690-6343.

# Why I Support the KJA Campaign

*“It's an honor to  
support the  
important work of  
our Jewish institutions.”*



**Gilya Schmidt, Ph.D.**

*Director,  
The Fern and Manfred  
Steinfeld Program in  
Judaic Studies*

*Professor,  
Department of Religious  
Studies, The University of  
Tennessee*



# Mitzvah Day

Sunday, February 22, 2015

9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Arnstein Jewish Community Center



## Mitzvah Day: Brick by Brick

Help us get the word out. Let your friends, family or any one you come across know that everyone is invited to participate in our annual community-wide Mitzvah Day! Throughout Knoxville on Sunday, February 22 from 9:30 a.m. - to 12:30 p.m., you can be a part of improving our community, lending a helping hand, and building our future brick by brick.

**Be sure to check the KJA's This Week, Facebook, and your email for information on collection drives and registration!**

## Adult Mitzvah Day Activities

- ★ Donating at the MEDIC Blood Drive inside the AJCC
- ★ Painting in preschool classrooms
- ★ Building shelves for storage and organizing materials
- ★ Helping to create a safe and clean environment for our preschoolers
- ★ And more!

## Children's Mitzvah Day Activities

- ★ Thanking those who do Mitzvoth—visiting area first responders
- ★ Feeding the hungry—preparing food and delivering to those in need
- ★ Taking care of the Sick — visiting local nursing home
- ★ Learning about PJ Library with parents
- ★ And more!

## Suzy Snoops

*The Ha'Kol welcomes your good news, whether it is a new job, lifecycle event, celebration of a special anniversary, or honors and awards. Please send information to [jjyork@jewishknoxville.org](mailto:jjyork@jewishknoxville.org), or to Ha'Kol newsletter, c/o Knoxville Jewish Alliance, 6800 Deane Hill Drive, Knoxville, TN 37919.*

- ★ Mazel Tov to **Harvey Liberman**, who at age 80, competed and won first place in the Tennessee Senior Olympics 80-84 year division's 5K Cycling event. By winning this cycling event, he qualified to compete at the 2015 National Senior Games which will be held this July in Minnesota. Harvey is one of the original five members of the Smoky Mountain Wheelmen Bike Club and still rides often.
- ★ Congratulations to **Jeff Becker**, Ph.D., professor and department head of microbiology and a Chancellor's Professor, who is the first recipient of the newly established David and Sandra White Faculty Award in Microbiology. "Jeff Becker is a worthy recipient of this inaugural award," said Theresa Lee, College of Arts and Sciences dean. "His distinguished record as a teacher-scholar, his commendable research program which has been continuously funded by NIH for 41 years, as well as his successful leadership of the microbiology department since 2003 established Jeff as a standard bearer for this award."
- ★ **Jeff Becker**, Ph.D., has been appointed to serve as vice president of the East Tennessee Foundation board.
- ★ A news feature on UT Journalism Professor **Robert Heller** and the photography work of his students who annually document life in LaFollette, Tennessee through a photo-journalism assignment, was published in the January 6 *New York Times Lens Blog*.
- ★ Mazel tov to **Andrew Weinstein**, son of Doug and Jill Weinstein, who earned an invitation to participate in the East Tennessee School Band & Orchestra Senior Clinic which will be held on February 7 at the Park Vista in Gatlinburg. Weinstein plays clarinet and is a freshman at Hardin Valley Academy.
- ★ The January 12 *USA Today* published an article entitled *Defending Islam from Free Speech*, by **Rob Blitt**, who is a UT associate professor of law and was an international law specialist for the U.S. Commission on International Religious Freedom.
- ★ Mazel tov! Former Knoxvilleians **Rena and Ran Neiger** are new grandparents. Mia Sydney Arazi arrived Saturday, December 6. Daughter **Keren** and Yinon are thrilled parents. Rena also served as AJCC Preschool director before moving to Israel.



## Send Passover Greetings to Your Family & Friends Today!

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

Don't want to publish a greeting? Then please consider a contribution of \$18.00 or more to help cover Ha'Kol's production and mailing costs.

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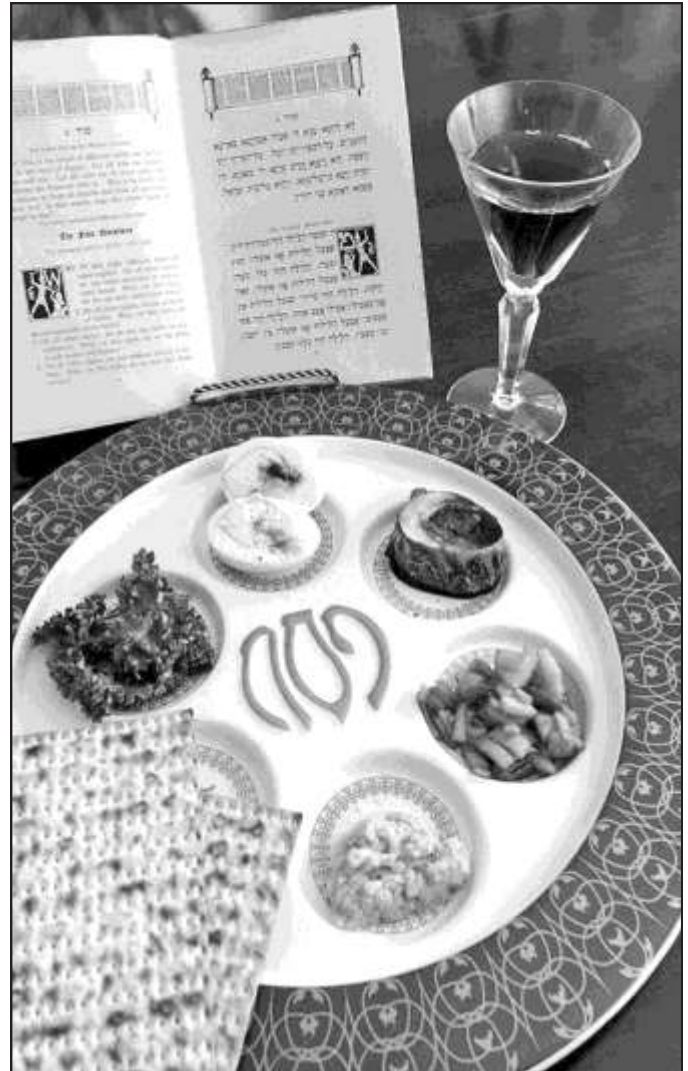
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**Send payment to Ha'Kol, c/o KJA, 6800 Deane Hill Drive, Knoxville, TN 37919.**  
**Payment must be received in order for your ad to be printed.**



## Local Teacher Gains International Insights Through Israeli Trip

In December, AJCC Preschool teacher Alicia Carter traveled to Israel as part of the P2G Southeast Consortium Education Delegation representing Knoxville. She traveled to Jerusalem, Tel Aviv, Akko, and Hadera during her trip where she visited schools and programs to learn about the Israeli education system. "In each city, I visited a different museum featuring varied aspects of Jewish history. I met new friends and made new connections not only in Israel, but also in the southeast region of the U.S. Now that I am back, I cannot wait to use the connections I made and work with other Jewish communities across the southeast region. I have gained so much knowledge and life experience on my trip and all I want to do is share that knowledge and my experience with others in my community," Carter said.

Knoxville is one of nine communities in the P2G Southeast Consortium. This Education Delegation is an ongoing program, with educators traveling on alternate years to Israel. Since Israel hosted this year, Israeli educators will be invited to visit the U.S. on the next delegation.

If you are an educator interested in traveling to Israel through this program or hosting an Israeli educator during a future visit, please contact Deborah Oleshansky at [doleshansky@jewishknoxville.org](mailto:doleshansky@jewishknoxville.org).



*Alicia Carter finds a little bit of home on a street mural while visiting Israel.*

## Why I Support the KJA Campaign

"I give  
so that all Jewish teens  
can have the  
same experience as me."

**Nathan Rosen**  
Senior, Webb School



## Support UTK Hillel

### Buy a Hebrew Letter "Tennessee Go Vols" Shirt

Adult Sizes S-XL - (Out of L)  
\$15.00 for one or 2 for \$25.00  
Make checks payable to KJA.

Proceeds support UTK Hillel activities  
UTK Hillel is a Knoxville Jewish Alliance program and receives  
NO funding from national Hillel.

Your KJA gift and donations from parents and other communities  
support this program. Contact [doleshansky@jewishknoxville.org](mailto:doleshansky@jewishknoxville.org)  
or come by the KJA office.

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## Attention: KJA & AJCC Members



Please watch your e-mails or your mail—if you do not pay online—for your 2014 tax information. Save your PDF file for your tax return preparation.



## Two Easy Ways to Help the AJCC Preschool Raise Funds

- 1) **Donate gently-used infant, children's, and teen clothing, toys, and books** and the AJCC Preschool receives the consignment sale proceeds.
- 2) **Collect Box Tops for Education** squares (found on food items, Hanes clothing products, Avery office products, and more).

**Simply mail your Box Tops or drop them off along with any consignment items.**



## February 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b> 9:30a minyan-HA 9:30-12:30p Religious School-TBE 9:30a HARS-HA <b>9:30a Men's Club World Wide Wrap-HA</b> <b>10a Gan K'Tan-HA</b> 10:30a Adv Beginning Hebrew-HA <b>5p HA Men's Club Game Day Party-AJCC</b>	<b>2</b> 7:00a minyan-HA 10a Tai Chi-JCOR 5:30-7p Archives Comm-BR 6:30p Learn to Play Mah Jongg-AJCC	<b>3</b> 6p Exec Board-TBE	<b>4 Tu B'Shvet</b> Noon-Community Bereavement Support Group-AJCC 4:15p Religious Sch-HA 6-6:30p Aftercare mtg-AJCC 6:15p Midwk Hebrew-TBE 	<b>5</b> 7:00a minyan-HA 5:30p UT Lecture: Jesus the Jewish Storyteller-Cox Auditorium-UTK 6:30p PIYo-JCOR 7:30-9:30p Israeli dancing-AJCC	<b>6</b> <b>HA Men's Club Retreat 6p Guess Who's Coming to Shabbas-HA</b> 6:30p Wine & Cheese Reception-TBE <b>7:30p Shabbat Service (KJA Shabbat)-TBE</b>	<b>7</b> <b>HA Men's Club Retreat 9:30a Shabbat Service-(KJA Shabbat)-HA</b> 9:30a Shabbat Service-JCOR
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DATE

## Knoxville BBYO Spring Formal Dance

Saturday, March 7

7:30 p.m.

Arnstein Jewish Community Center — Orwitz Community Room



The lovely ladies of Gert Weinstein BBG and the handsome men of Rabbi Isaac Winick AZA are set to enjoy their annual Spring Formal Dance. They will gladly accept any donations to **help cover chapter expenses. Please make checks out to "Weinstein BBG" and "Winick AZA"** and send them to the Arnstein Jewish Community Center, 6800 Deane Hill Dr., Knoxville, TN 37919.



# KNOXVILLE

## Knoxville BBYO Chapters Reap Awards at Regional Convention

Local BBYO members were honored at the Cotton States Regional Convention hosted in Knoxville and coordinated by Brian Weinstein. Winick AZA's Eli Derrington was elected Regional Godol (president) for the region and members Brian Weinstein, Isaac Shefner and Eli Derrington received the Silver Shield of David and Michael Dryzer received the Bronze Shield of David for their AZA participation and service.

- Winick AZA received AZA Best Brotherhood.
- Weinstein BBG received Most Improved Chapter.
- Weinstein BBG received 1st place in Community Service for its participation in Making Strides for Breast Cancer
- Lizzy Noon won BBG Member of the Year
- Danielle Goldfeld won BBG's Best 4 Year Member
- Isaac Shefner won AZA's Best 4 Year Member



*Weinstein at Sports Day. Back row: Kalisa Parsons, Stephanie Goldfeld, Danielle Goldfeld, Nora Khaddouma, Sarah Siegel, Taylor Kolnick. Front row: Sophie Bobrek, Lauren Dryzer, Elena Reineri, Arielle Rosen, and Rachel Marguiles.*

*Winick AZA alumni, advisors, and members before the banquet.*

*Rabbi Matt Michaels with local BBYO teens at the Awards Banquet. Back row: Rabbi Michaels, Blake Parsons, Isaac Shefner, Brandon Messing, Camden Jones, Ben Gibbons, Justin Bain. Front row: Sophie Bobrek, Stephanie Goldfeld, Nora Khaddouma, Elena Reineri, Lizzy Noon, Kalisa Parsons, Rachel Marguiles, and Danielle Goldfeld.*





# H A P P E N I N G S

## Clearing Closets or Garages? Help Fill the AJCC Preschool Wish List

It's hard to believe half of our school year has passed and the AJCC Preschool is starting to plan it's wonderful summer camp activities. As we begin to prepare for this upcoming transition, the AJCC Preschool needs supplies and we would like your help. If you would like to donate any of these to the AJCC Preschool, please feel free to bring them by at any time.

If you have questions, please contact the AJCC Preschool office at 963-8001.

### For Preschool Classroom Use

- ◆ 6 higher-quality digital cameras
- ◆ Camera cases and memory cards
- ◆ Large storage totes with lids
- ◆ Metal storage shelves for supply storage
- ◆ Large bookshelves for preschool library



### For Summer Camp Use (These items can be new or used. You can also loan them to us for summer use.):

- ◆ Camping tents
- ◆ Canteens
- ◆ Fishing poles
- ◆ Lanterns
- ◆ Fishing nets
- ◆ Canoeing paddles
- ◆ Life jackets
- ◆ Hiking poles
- ◆ Large coolers
- ◆ Pop-up chairs
- ◆ Sleeping bags
- ◆ Wooden logs (for fire pit display)



Again, please feel free to drop these by at any time. Thank you in advance for your continued support of the AJCC Preschool!

## BBYO Cotton States Regional Convention Hospitality Room Thanks

*By Jill Weinstein, BBYO Hospitality Room Coordinator*

The Knoxville Jewish Community helped provide a first-rate hospitality room for the staff and chaperones supervising the BBYO Cotton States Regional Convention hosted in Knoxville December 21-24. Rebecca Charles and I would like to thank the people who helped by either shopping, setting-up, cleaning-up, baking, re-stocking the room, schlepping, or contributing items, or money. Everyone was grateful for the wonderful hospitality provided during the convention.

Thank you to **MaryAnn Merrell, Jeff and Charlene Gubitz, Jesse Feld, Joyce York, Jenifer Ohriner, Pat Rosenberg, Judith Rosenberg, Barbara and Bernie Bernstein, Alon and Karen Ferency, Karen Robinson, Shelley Hecht, Marilyn Liberman, Bonnie Boring, Kim and Stephen Rosen, Mary Evars-Goan, Jill Chasan, Deborah Oleshansky, Barbara Mintz, Peggy Littmann, Marian Jay, Nora Messing, Allison Fay, Nancy Becker, Melissa Sturm, Mark Siegel, Anne Greenbaum, Linda Bell, Missy Noon, Amy Rosenberg, Shuli Mesa, Penny Lukin, Larry Jones, and George and Zeke Charles.**



*UTK Hillel students enjoy Shabbat as first semester ends.*

## Celebrate Service Shabbat

Saturday, February 21



Small Action     $\times$     Many People    =    Big Impact

### **Heska Amuna Members Make a Big Impact!**

Let's celebrate at this special Shabbat Service....and "Capture Yourself in Service" with your photograph and the hashtag #HAServes on Twitter and Instagram.



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### **Special Shabbat Service**

Please join our Knoxville Hadassah chapter on Saturday morning, February 28, 2015 at Heska Amuna Synagogue to celebrate Shabbat Zachor beginning at 9:30 a.m.

Hadassah Shabbat will celebrate *Parshat Zachor*, which reminds us how evil can be transformed into good, focusing on the victory of Israel over Amalek and of Esther and Vashti over oppression and discrimination.

As an organization of more than 330,000 women across the country, Hadassah will read *Parshat Zachor* as a reclaiming of Vashti as a force against discrimination.



## From the Rabbi's Desk

### Heska Amuna Serves!

By Rabbi Alon Ferency

We often think that the Jewish value of *tzedakah* is just a Hebrew word for charity, but it goes beyond that. Although charity is important, *tzedakah* is more than simply making a donation to local poor people. The root *tzedek* implies the significance of bringing righteousness to the world. Deuteronomy declares: “*Tzedek, tzedek tirdof* – righteousness, pursue righteousness!” The pursuit of *tzedek* also requires *hesed* – acts of loving-kindness.

To understand the importance of *hesed*, consider this: God loves us more than we deserve. That is a measure of God’s *hesed* – God’s grace. In *imitatio Dei*, reflection of our Creator, we show *hesed* to God’s creations. This is accomplished by serving them. In this world, we manifest God’s love through our own acts of loving-kindness and community service (*Gemilut Hasadim*).

In the Talmud, “our Rabbis taught, ‘In three respects, acts of *hesed* are superior to charity: charity can be done only with one’s money, but acts of *hesed* can be done with one’s person and one’s money. Charity can be given only to the poor, acts of *hesed* both to the rich and the poor. Charity can be given to the living only, acts of *hesed* can be done both to the living and to the dead.’”

Turns out, many of our community members are already engaged in acts of *hesed*. Whether serving on a local board, volunteering at the Arnstein Jewish Community Center, teaching children, or feeding the hungry, our small Jewish community makes a big impact in Greater Knoxville and beyond. We would like to recognize, honor, and celebrate the contributions you are already making, and encourage others to join in and pick up the mantle of service – *hesed*.

I hope you’ll join us for our **Celebrate Service Shabbat, February 21**. Then, we will appreciate all that we do, and all the work still to be done!



## From the President

By Jenifer Ohriner

On November 1, 1987, the Ohriner family moved from Hamden, Connecticut, and arrived in Knoxville, Tennessee. My first phone call was to Heska Amuna Synagogue to enroll our sons in the Religious School. Our assumption was that our sons would be able to make some friends in their new world. Little did we know that Heska Amuna would become one of the most important elements of our lives in Knoxville for over 27 years and counting.

Our commute began in earnest when we purchased a house in Farragut. We began driving 18 miles each way to religious school Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Sundays. Soon we added the Wednesday drive for Prozdor and Shabbat, of course, while preparing for three b’nei mitzvahs. Add in the monthly Junior Choir on Friday, and we were now traveling 40 miles a day, six days a week, to provide a Jewish education for our children. Of course, as people began to realize we would be available, the requests for volunteers came more and more frequently, and we suddenly found ourselves with a family we could relate to and celebrate with. After all, our relatives were in California and Missouri, both too far away to see frequently. The boys even had “fake” grandparents as needed for Grandparent’s Day at school.

Heska Amuna became our anchor in the buckle of the bible belt, especially as I began working as a teacher in the Knox County schools and our sons worked their way through the public school system. We found ourselves spending more and more time with our friends at the synagogue where we had common grounds for complaints and arguments over what was best for us, for our kids, for our world. Evan and I served in almost every volunteer position available at Heska Amuna. Evan was a religious school teacher, Financial Vice President, President, and Chairman of the Board, while I taught Preschool for three years, served on the Ed Committee, chaired the Ed Committee, served as Programming Vice Chair, Education Vice Chair, and President.

It wasn’t until my father passed away in 2002 that we were able to learn just how important Heska Amuna would be to our family. In 2004 my mother, Rose, moved to Knoxville to live with us. We didn’t know at the time that we would lose her quickly to Alzheimer’s. Over the five years she lived with us, we found that our Heska Amuna family was always available. Our friends visited with Rose while Evan and I were at work. They watched over Rose when we traveled to visit our children and grandchildren. Our friends made sure Rose ate well, stayed active as long as possible, and attended Friendship gatherings. When Rose was moved from facility to facility to find the best care for her, our friends continued to visit her regularly. As we lost my parents and Evan’s father, Marvin, our Heska Amuna relatives made sure we had 16 shiva minyans in our home, complete with food each time someone died. The community was there while Jenifer cried through those first years without Rose, including the unveiling on a bitter, cold January morning.

As I travel through Heska Amuna, I see the evidence of the huge impact Heska Amuna has had on our family. The plaques on the Jerusalem Wall show the establishment of the Rosenthal Fund for environment concerns in memory of my father and our appreciation for Heska Amuna’s Education program. The plaques on the way into the small chapel honor the bar mitzvahs of Philip and Mitchell. The Yahrzeit plaques in the main sanctuary honor our parents and keep them in our memories.

At some point in the future, Evan and I will no longer be coming to Heska Amuna. Already, our sons rarely visit home, and we are spending more and more of the Jewish holidays with our grandchildren. However, we want to help make sure that Heska Amuna will exist for future generations of families who find themselves in Knoxville, starting new families, or looking for friends to share lives. We will be creating two IRAs with Heska Amuna Synagogue as the beneficiary. After we have both passed away, our legacy will help.





# GAME DAY FOOTBALL PARTY

hosted by the Heska Amuna Men's Club  
and the Knoxville Jewish Alliance

**Sunday, February 1**

Doors open at 5:00 p.m. with Kick-off at 6:00 p.m.  
Arnstein Jewish Community Center - 6800 Deane Hill Drive

**Please let us know  
you're coming!**

Email Todd Galanti at  
toddgalanti@gmail.com by  
Wednesday, January 28

**ALL YOU CAN EAT AND DRINK**

**\$10 FOR ADULTS — \$5 FOR CHILDREN UNDER 10**  
*Hot Dogs, Hamburgers, Veggie Burgers, Fixin's, Sides,  
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**Bring Your Family and Friends and Join Us!**

## Unplug your stress at the **Anshei Darom Men's Club Retreat!**

**Join the Men of Darom for its 16th Annual Retreat at Camp Ramah Darom  
in the North Georgia Mountains! Friday, February 6 thru Sunday, February 8**

Cost \$218.00 per person or \$330.00 for private room (based on double occupancy)  
Mail or drop off your check to Heska Amuna Synagogue, made out to "Anshei Darom"

Cost includes: Meals from Friday night dinner thru Sunday breakfast;  
Bunk Accommodations; Wine and other adult beverages; Friendship and brotherhood; Jokes; Spirituality;  
Unplugging from the "real world." Join Jewish men from throughout the southeastern US for a Sabbath  
of fun, study, prayer, great food, and more... including the world-famous Sweat Hut and Saturday night bonfire!

If you've never been to an Anshei Darom retreat, you need to experience it...  
and if you've already been, you know how much fun it is. So what are you waiting for? Sign up NOW - time's a-wasting!

To register, here's all you need to do! Email [admin@heskaamuna.org](mailto:admin@heskaamuna.org) to obtain a registration form, complete the form  
and send it and your payment to the synagogue by January 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, [morahbetty@heskaamuna.org](mailto:morahbetty@heskaamuna.org)

Children are just “naturally” more open than adults to the wonders of creation, and not just because they are that much closer to the ground! They truly take the time to smell the flowers, watch the ants and examine a rock. The newness of their experiences makes it seem as if the world itself was just made, and they respond with interest and excitement. We can provide many “tree happenings” that can play on this interest in the natural world to make Tu B'Shevat meaningful for young family members. Below are just a few suggestions – your fertile imaginations can come up with many more!

- ★ *Sit near a window with a view of trees and ask your child what he or she sees.* Point out the trees if they are not mentioned. Have your child look at the branches and talk about what they look like (straight, bent, tangled, etc.). Try to help your child see beauty in the bare branches and the tree shapes you can see when no leaves are in the way. Then imagine together what grows on tree – leaves, flowers, fruits – and then look at the winter trees again. We can enjoy the trees in any season.
- ★ *Go on a “tree-sure” hunt.* Walk through the house with your child and look for things that come from trees. She or he may be surprised to learn that wood and papers are tree products. The chair she or he sits in, the pencil used for drawing, are all products of trees. Even the books we read were once growing in a forest! Have lots of fruit to discover and talk about as your exploring adventure ends in the kitchen or dining room fruit bowl.
- ★ *Have your own Tu B'Shevat seder!* Go together to the grocery store and find all the fruits you can that come from trees. You can also buy nuts, if there are no allergies!
- ★ *Make a great table decoration!* You can also take a trip down the cookie aisle and get treats that have nuts (maybe) and fruits baked into them. Figure out a way to eat them using the ideas of the Kabbalists – grouping together those with peels that need to be removed, those with pits, and those that can be eaten entirely. Instead, you may wish to put together those which grow in Israel, such as oranges, grapefruits, pomegranates, figs, grapes, olives and dates. Rather than reading Biblical verse, you may wish to show pictures of the trees growing in Israel. You might want to end the eating part of your seder with the cookie treats, talking about what fruits and nuts they contain. Finally, a good tree story makes a good finish!
- ★ *No Tu B'Shevat is complete without the purchase of at least one tree in Israel.* The Land has been severely deforested after centuries of misuse, and is in critical need of your help. Participate with your child in the great Mitzvah of tree-planting. In order to make this experience more concrete for your youngster, you may wish to plant a tree in your own yard at the same time – or at least as soon as you can actually dig a hole and successfully transplant a sapling!
- ★ *Use Tu B'Shevat as a time to renew your commitment to conservation and protection of the earth.* Have a family talk about using resources carefully, such as not leaving the water running unnecessarily (plants may need that water) or not using paper plates very often (because they use up trees). Again, on a more concrete level, you and your child can take a trip around your yard to see how the plants and the soil are doing. Some trees and plants may need more mulch, which your child can help you put out.

Think together about how trees help us on holidays through the year, not just on TuB'Shevat. On Rosh Hashanah, we eat something that grew on a tree. On Sukkot, we cover the Sukkah with *sekhakh*, we hang fruits from the Sukkah, use the etrog and wave the lulav - parts of trees - in the air! On Hanukkah, many of us eat latkes with applesauce. Purim brings us hamentaschen filled with cherries, apples and plums. On Pesach, we eat haroset made from apples and nuts from our friends, the trees. On Shavuot, we talk about the Torah, the **TREE of Life**, something we can learn about and hang onto forever!



### Calendar Dates to Remember

<b>Sunday, February 1</b>	World Wide Wrap & Gan K'tan
<b>Sunday, February 15</b>	No School – President's Weekend
<b>Friday, February 20</b>	Tot Shabbat & Friday Night Chill
<b>Saturday, February 21</b>	Shabbat School & Family Minyan
<b>Sunday, February 22</b>	Mitzvah Day— At AJCC

Please join us Sunday morning, February 1, at 9:30 a.m. for a special Minyan with our Men's Club along with our 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders and parents.



*MITZVAH  
OF THE MONTH  
Bal Taschit -  
Preserve the Earth*

Try this month to recycle all paper, glass, aluminum cans and plastic bottles

I helped to preserve the earth this month by:

- Turning off lights
- Plant a tree in Israel
- Not wasting water



# Celebrate Purim

Purchase a Shalach Manot Bag  
for your family, for friends

\$18.00

The bag will include yummy hamantaschen,  
treats, grogger and mask. Proceeds  
benefit the Heska Amuna Religious School.

For more information, contact Betty Golub  
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### **Permanent Schedule**

Friday Night Services.....Varies

Saturday Morning Service.....9:30 a.m.

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

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

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

For a list of Heska Amuna's funds and  
other information, please visit  
[www.heskaamuna.org](http://www.heskaamuna.org)

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## **Among Our Members**

Get well wishes go out to the following people who were ill or recuperating:  
**Marilyn Abrams, Joyce Beerman, Harriet Cooper, Erik Golub, Marion Goodstein, Genevieve Kramer, George Messing, Judy Rattner, Nicole Russler, Jenny Pfeffer Rodriguez, and Leon Hasden**

Todah Rabah to **the Iroff Family** for all your help with the Chanukah Celebration. Thank you to **Maia Rosenberg** for all of your help around the synagogue.

We appreciate your time and the effort on behalf of the shul.



For Heska Amuna Synagogue  
kitchen use inquiries or to sponsor a  
kiddush, please contact  
Mike Weatherly at  
[mikeweatherly@heskaamuna.org](mailto:mikeweatherly@heskaamuna.org)



## Contributions from Caring People

*For a list of synagogue funds, please check our website at [www.heskaamuna.org](http://www.heskaamuna.org).*

*Donations made by December 31, 2014.*

### BUTTERFLY BUSH

*In honor of the birth of Adin Shemaya Ferency.*

By: Marilyn Burnett

*Get well wishes to Leon Hasden*

By: Marilyn Burnett

### BUILDING FUND

*In memory of Charles Davis*

By: Sigmund and Brenda Mosko

*In memory of Lottie Mottzman*

By: Michael and Harriet Glasman

### CAMP RAMAH ENDOWMENT FUND

*In honor of the 50th Wedding Anniversary of Mark and Carol Harris*

By: Families of Kevin Harris and Marcy Chatham, Susan Stern

### CEMETERY FUND

*In memory of Ben and Rose Diftler*

By: Harold and Joyce Diftler

*In memory of Bella Leeds*

By: Joani Leeds

*In memory of Helen Billig, Minnie Kramer, and George Kramer*

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*In memory of Guilford Glazer*

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### COHEN – PRESSER FUND

*In memory of Joseph Goodstein*

By: Marilyn Presser

### GENERAL FUND

Lidia and Lucian Palcu, Trudy Dreyer,

Michael and Sharon Poore

*In memory of Thelma Bloom*

By: Erwin Bloom

*In honor of Ed Feldman's craftsmanship of toys that he has donated to the synagogue*

By: Barry and Heidi Allen

*In honor of Mark and Carol Harris's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary*

By: Stephen and Rosalie Nagler

*In appreciation for the High Holiday honor*

By: Hal Manas

*In honor of the 50th Wedding Anniversary of Mark and Carol Harris*

By: Families of Kevin Harris and Marcy Chatham, Susan Stern

*In appreciation of the honors*

By: Mitchell and Margy Goldman

*In honor of Mark and Peggy Littmann's new granddaughter*

By: Michael and Sharon Poore

*In honor of the birth of Adin Ferency*

By: Evelyn Oberman

*To honor the Heska Amuna Community, where I received an adult education*

By: Gene Bocknek

### EDUCATORS SUPPLEMENT FUND

*In honor of the 50th Wedding Anniversary of Mark and Carol Harris*

By: Families of Kevin Harris and Marcy Chatham, Susan Stern

### EDUCATIONAL ENRICHMENT FUND

*In memory of Joseph Goodstein*

By: Glenda Young

*In memory of Joseph Goodstein*

By: Jamie Low

*In memory of Joseph Goodstein*

By: The co-workers of Fran Goodstein Redisch

*In memory of Richard Mottzman*

By: Mike and Harriet Glasman

### KIDDUSHIM FUND

*In honor of Mark and Carol Harris's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary*

By: Gilya Schmidt

### WINICK LIBRARY FUND

*In appreciation of the High Holiday honor*

By: Raphe and Susette Panitz

*In memory of Lottie Mottzman*

By: Raphe and Susette Panitz

*In memory of Rabbi David Panitz*

By: Raphe and Susette Panitz

### RELIGIOUS SCHOOL DONATION

*In memory of Joseph Goodstein*

By: Steve and Carol Abeles

*In honor of the birth of Adin Ferency*

By: The members of Temple Beth El

*In honor of Mark and Carol Harris's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary*

By: Marilyn and Harvey Liberman

### RELIGIOUS SCHOOL FINANCIAL AID FUND

*In honor of Mark and Carol Harris's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary*

By: Denny and Susan Gross

### RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

By: Mitchell and Margy Goldman

*In appreciation of your help*

By: Alan Ginsburg, Steve Ginsburg, Andy Milford, Rachel Milford, Bob and

Sarah Milford, and Frank and Laura Floyd.

*In memory of "Rico" Hurvich, a friend from our childhood, and brother of Marion Goodstein.*

By: Cookie Schwab Gurwitch and Leonard Schwab

*In memory of my father's Yahrzeit, Mike Gettinger*

By: Josh Gettinger

*Thank you to Rabbi Ferency*

By: Nicole Russler

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By: Lidia and Lucian Palcu

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*In memory of Raye and Morris Panitz*

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By: Jeff and Anita Miller

*In memory of William Shaw*

By: Genevieve Kramer

*In memory of Idell Harris*

By: Mark and Carol Harris

*In memory of Lillian and David Liberman*

By: Marilyn and Harvey Liberman

*In memory of Edward Balloff*

By: Janet and Celeste Sharp

*In memory of Fred "Rico" Hurvich*

By: Alan Danziger

*In memory of Guilford Glazer*

By: Gilya Schmidt

## Lots of Warmth Found at Heska Amuna Frozen Matzah Ball Celebration

While children enjoyed dinner, arts and crafts, and snuggling on blankets as they watched a movie, adults gathered in the Rosen Social Hall to celebrate Chanukah by enjoying a delicious dinner, entertainment by Knoxville's popular improv comedy group, *Einstein Simplified*, and camaraderie. Thanks to Programing Vice Chair Jared Iroff-Bailey and Heska Amuna volunteers for planning such a fun evening.

*Right: (Right to Left) Isaac Drew, Lydia Drew, Bradley Drew, Michael Glasman, Harriet Glasman, Jeff Miller, Anita Miller, Raphe Panitz, and Susette Panitz.*

*Below: Jeff Abrams-Cohen, Debbie Abrams-Cohen with son Gabe, Lev Gross-Comstock, Marcie Frankel, Anita Kay, Joe Sitver, Mark Frankel.*



*Entertainment by Knoxville's Einstein Simplified improv comedy group provides laughs.*

*Guests are all smiles as they await a delicious Chanukah dinner.*



# TEMPLE BETH EL TIMES

## Learners' Minyan: Understanding How and Why We Pray

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

A meditation in the *Gates of Prayer* begins: "If anyone comes to public worship and leaves with the feeling that he has gotten nothing out of it, let him ask: Did I bring anything to it? Most often the answer to the second will supply the cause of the first."

A few times a year, our Ritual & Worship Committee sponsors a Shabbat morning Learners' Minyan and luncheon. It is an opportunity for prayer, study, and conversation. A warm, intimate setting is created that allows each participant to better understand the "how's and why's" of

Jewish worship. Those who have participated in the past can attest to its impact. So often we come into the sanctuary expecting to be "wowed" by the rabbi, the music, the liturgy. Rarely is this expectation fulfilled, mainly because we sit passively, waiting to be moved by the "Spirit." To paraphrase Abraham Joshua Heschel: we wait for (expect) the Spirit to move us, but perhaps we might consider what (if anything) we do to move the Spirit.

From my perspective, when we enter into prayer, we enter into relationship! I believe that, when it comes to prayer, a paradigm shift is needed. The traditional view is seeing congregants in the passive role of "listener/audience," the prayer book as the "script" from which we must not deviate, the "rabbi/leader" as prompter, and God as the main player/star headliner/actor. Instead, I suggest a shift in how we view these roles. Perhaps we might consider that congregants are the "main players," the prayer book is merely a "prompter" for our heads and hearts, the rabbi/leader is simply a facilitator, and that God is the "listener" to the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts.

I truly believe that if we walk into the sanctuary with this perspective, we will walk out having had a truly spiritual experience. The Talmud asks: Where do you find God? Wherever YOU let God in!

**Join me on Shabbat morning, February 21 at 10:30 a.m. for our next Learners' Minyan.** Come learn, explore, "move the Spirit," deepen your understanding of prayer, and strengthen your relationship with God.

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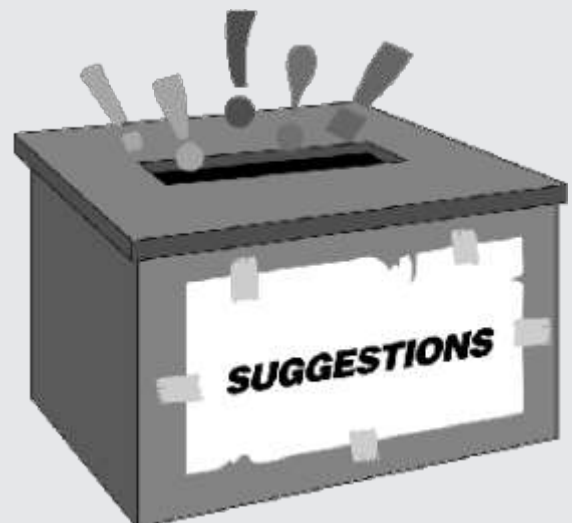
## Pitch Your Ideas

Please find the "Pitch Your Ideas"  
kiosk in the foyer.

We are looking to the  
**Creative - YOU - with YOUR 'follow through'**  
for projects, programs, events - Study/Fund Raisers/  
Entertainment/Chavurot and more.

## Do You Have a Suggestion?

(Remember, if you pitch it,  
you must plan it and follow through!  
Use your fellow congregants/friends  
or ask the TBE Board for help.)





## My Way In

By Liz Gassel, TBE President

The Sisterhood of Temple Beth El was 'my way in' to becoming an active member of life at this congregation. As a newcomer, how do you step in to a totally new and foreign land, a new Temple, a new culture? Sisterhood is where I found that warm embrace and that comfortable avenue into Temple life.

Our first Rosh Hashanah here, 1999, Mike and I came in to the sanctuary and fortuitously seated ourselves next to the old guard of Sisterhood, Goldie and Sylvia. We would never forget that mix of Silver and Gold, so warm, encouraging and friendly. Soon after, I joined and took part in the organization.

Over time, I got to know more members. Familiarity and ease came through the involvement in projects and working with others to plan them and carry them to success. Bowl - ing for Hunger required much planning and two Sunday's work with the Religious School staff and students and their parents as well as Sisterhood members. During the related dinner and chili cook - off and fundraising for Mazon, yet more faces and names of the congregation connected together.

The Hamentaschen Bake called for a large crew in our Temple kitchen. So what if the hamentaschen corners were not quite sharp and the filling ran out here and there! It was a collective project together with other women. In the doing we began long standing friendships. On another occasion, the meeting topic was riveting. It involved a presentation by our women members who hailed from other countries - England, Russia, South Africa, Germany, Canada, to name a few. Hearing their stories of Jewish life and tasting some typical foods allowed for another dimension of closeness and bonding.

Enough of the reminiscing already! Suffice it to say that through my work and roles in Sisterhood from programming through presidency, together with the work of many others, through highly successful projects like 'Bowl' - ing for Hunger (now called 'Hunger Shabbat') to projects that never got off the ground, like a Sisterhood idea to participate in creating an 'artist-designed' wedding chupah, I came to be a collaborator in Temple Beth El life. Here is what the Reform movement is talking about right now, what is *au courant*, the focus on relationships, impact and meaning. Not a new idea, really, but a very important goal of ours. To have our congregants inspired and involved in a meaningful community is an ultimate objective for all of us. All of our work here should focus on that goal.

The Temple landscape is an ever-changing one with people coming for the first time, leaving, maybe returning, sometimes involved, other times not, sometimes gone forever. As a working component of the Temple Beth El community, Sisterhood provides a constant that all women of our congregation can embrace and, like my experience, reciprocal goals both for the organization and for its members can be attained. Why not new goals, radically different, as we go forward to make an organization that inspires and engages the next generation of women? An active membership of varying ages and interests must continue to provide a place for many to integrate into the life of today at Temple Beth El.

Just two years before the establishment of our Sisterhood, Women of Reform Judaism formed. An affiliate of the URJ and an integral part of the Reform Movement, WRJ is the organizational umbrella for hundreds of affiliated sisterhoods with tens of thousands of members around the globe.

As a WRJ member, our Sisterhood embraces their approach and vision:

WRJ strengthens the voice of women and empowers them to create caring communities, cultivate personal and spiritual growth, and promote Reform Jewish values to ensure a vibrant future.

WRJ has an illustrious and extensive history being at the forefront of social action and change, advancing the role of women in Jewish life, and supporting the growth of Reform institutions around the world.

Each year our Sisterhood creates a Shabbat service and our members participate. This year, on Friday, February 20, at 7:30 p.m., that service will commemorate '**100 Years of Sisterhood at Temple Beth El**'. Please attend and support this tribute to our Temple Women. Consider becoming a member, if you are not. As with the Temple in general, we are looking for you, the next generation, to come forward and to make Sisterhood yours.

## Chanukah Latke Celebration Lots of Fun

By Amy Rosenberg

What do 800 latkes, 45 pounds of delicious smoked brisket, 9 challahs, 7 quarts of applesauce, 3 quarts of sour cream, 300 cookies and 7 gallons of tea add up to? The answer is 131 smiling faces at the recent Temple Beth El Chanukah Latke Celebration, held on Friday, December 19 at Temple Beth El.

Fellow Jews from throughout East Tennessee and from other congregations were on hand to celebrate the Festival of Lights. The spirit of holiday and community was simply contagious.

The most well attended family event of the year, the TBE Chanukah celebration was the culmination of a great volunteer effort by many people but a special thanks to Phyllis and Ken Hirsh, Sylvia and Irv Witcoff, Mark and Lucy Barkan, Sandy Parker, Steve Beber, Hal and Jake Rosenberg, and Tina (I apologize if I inadvertently left someone out). Along with the lighting of the many beautiful menorahs, there was a beautiful family service after dinner led by Rabbi Matt Michaels.

We are already planning for an even bigger and better Chanukah Latke Celebration next year!

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

By Karen Smith and Kathy Young, Sisterhood Co-Presidents

Thanks to Sisterhood Vice President for Programs Heather Laing for Sisterhood's **January 11** program with Marilyn Kallet and to Marilyn Kallet for sharing her beautiful poetry from *The Love that Moves Me: Love Poetry from a Jewish Perspective*.

On **February 20** at 7:30 p.m., TBE Sisterhood will celebrate "100 Years of Sisterhood at Temple Beth El" with a special **Sisterhood Shabbat** service. Chairs Meredith Jaffe, Susan Baker, and Karen Smith have written a service to be led by Sisterhood members. A Sisterhood Oneg will follow the service.

During the **Purim Carnival** on **Sunday, March 1**, Sisterhood will sell hamantaschen. We will not offer pre-orders so arrive early to get your favorites. Hamantaschen will sell for \$1.00 each, 6 for \$5.00, or 12 for \$10.00.

Good food, friends, and a contribution to Random Acts of Flowers—what could be more appealing. Sisterhood has planned a special Shabbat evening for **Friday, March 27**. **Shabbat for Random Acts of Flowers** will begin at 6:00 p.m. with a pasta dinner followed by a social justice Shabbat service led by religious school students.

Larsen Jay, founder of Random Acts of Flowers, will be our guest speaker. He will tell us about the work of Random Acts of Flowers, a non-profit charity improving mental health through the power of giving flowers. Volunteers collect flowers from weddings, special events, houses of worship, and grocery stores to recycle and repurpose them into beautiful bouquets for delivery to patients in area hospitals, nursing homes, and hospice centers. Most Monday mornings, a volunteer will collect the Temple's pulpit flowers from Friday Shabbat services. These flowers are purchased by Sisterhood's Beiler Floral Fund. For the dinner, Sisterhood needs donations of pasta dishes to feed at least 8 people. The dishes can be *either* meat or dairy but not a combination. The dish can be a cold or hot pasta, and we'll warm as needed.

The cost for dinner is \$8.00 for adults, \$5.00 for children under 12 years. There is a \$25.00 cap for families (parents and children.) Sisterhood will provide the drinks, bread, and salad.

We will also collect vases of all sizes, shapes, and colors to donate to Random Acts of Flowers. And, as always, our canned food drive continues to support Marty's Mission.

RSVP to Lesley Krakauer (691-3208 or [always.brit@gmail.com](mailto:always.brit@gmail.com)) OR Karen Smith (691-3231 or [briankarens@comcast.net](mailto:briankarens@comcast.net)) to bring a pasta dish or make a reservation for dinner. Sign up sheets will also be available on the Sisterhood Board at Temple.



### 100 Years of Sisterhood at Temple Beth El - 1915-2015

By Karen Smith, Sisterhood Co-President

On February 22, 1952 in observance of Brotherhood Week, Temple Beth El Sisterhood hosted an Interfaith Tea honoring the teachers of Knoxville and Knox County. The tea began at 4:00 p.m. and was held at Temple Beth El, then located on Vine Avenue. Exhibits of symbols and ceremonials were on tables and explanations were given of the Jewish holidays. One of the typical prayers associated with each holiday was recited, and a traditional hymn for that holiday was sung by the Temple choir.

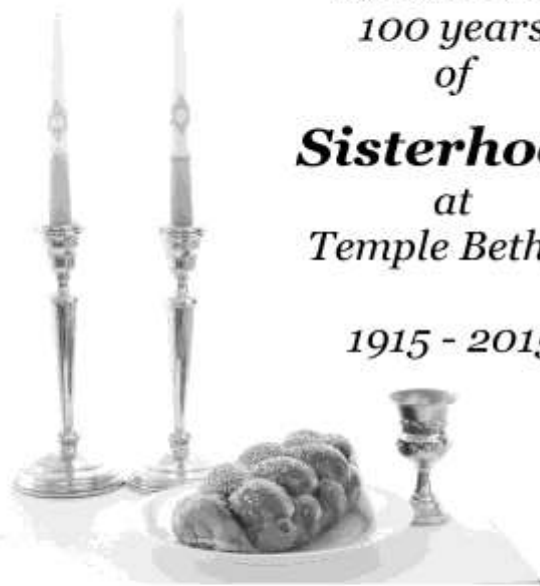
Invitations were extended to each school principal and to two representatives from each school who were selected by the principal; to the Supervisors; and the Superintendents. "In the interest of better understanding and better human relationships among people of all faiths, the Sisterhood Interfaith Tea will provide an opportunity to see and hear authoritatively some of the beauty and simplicity of the religion of Judaism, in a Cavalcade of Holidays," so read the notice sent by the Office of the Superintendent for Knoxville City Schools.

Additional information tells us that about 200 Knoxville and Knox County teachers attended the Interfaith Tea. The tea was chaired by Emilie Strasburger who was at that time a Vice President of the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods (NFTS.)

*Celebrating 100 Years of Sisterhood at Temple Beth El.*



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100 years  
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**Sisterhood**  
at  
Temple Beth El  
1915 - 2015*



**Sisterhood Shabbat/Oneg**  
**Friday, February 20, 2015**  
**7:30 p.m.**

## Temple Beth El Religious School February Update

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

### February 4 Midweek Hebrew pizza dinner.

Don't forget to come early to have pizza with your friends at 5:45 p.m. We will begin classes at 6:15 p.m.

### Friday, February 13 fourth grade conducts services.

Aaron Margulies's class has been working hard to prepare a wonderful service. This will be the first time these students have conducted the regular 7:30 p.m. service. Participating in this service will be **Zoe Feldblum, Avigail Laing, Grace Margulies, Aaron Shagan, Destiny Bailey, and Emma Grace Patterson**. Rabbi Michaels will do his special "Ask the Rabbi" based on questions from our fourth graders. This is always a fascinating service for students and adults. Parents of the 4<sup>th</sup> grade class will host the oneg.

### Additional 6:00 p.m. Service February 13 conducted by our youngest students.

Don't miss the sweetest service of the year! Larissa Kay's preschool class, Alicia Carter's kindergarten, and Lizzy Noon's first/second grade class will use our *Gates of Prayer for Young People* as they lead a short 6:00 p.m. service. Conducting this service will be **Karl James, Julia Frankel, Sophia Tumpson, Sammy Friedman, Millie Braude, Luke Javors, Eric Woldman, Racheal Feinbaum, Sam Shagen, Abram Kirshner, Rebecca Hale, Annalee Patterson, Elliot Dean, Sarah Mundorff, Nyla Griffith, and Andrew Sandberg**.

**Shabbat Dinner for families of the PreK, K, 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 4th grades February 13.** Each time our students conduct services, Rabbi Matt and Norma treat the families to a special Shabbat dinner. This is a wonderful way to share the joy of a family Shabbat as Rabbi guides us through the traditional Shabbat rituals. This month the dinner will be at 6:30 p.m., which is *AFTER* the younger grades' grade service and *BEFORE* the fourth grade service. Parents of the younger grades will provide the desserts for the dinner, and we will take care of the rest. The fourth grade parents are in charge of the regular oneg after the 7:30 p.m. service. Norma asks that families RSVP as to how many people will be attending the dinner.

### February 15 is Torah Tots!

If you have a child or grandchild ages 2-4, this is the program for you! Please join our parent-child group for 90 minutes of fun. We have stories, songs, movement, crafts, and a visit from Rabbi Matt. Our sessions are 9:45-11:15 a.m. Temple membership is not a requirement for participation.

### Mitzvah Day is Sunday, February 22 at the AJCC, 6800 Deane Hill Drive.

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

### We WILL have Religious School on Presidents' Weekend, February 15.

**Don't forget about our Purim Carnival on Sunday, March 1!**

**Jewish Family Services, Heska Amuna Synagogue,  
Temple Beth El, and Chabad of Knoxville**

**are forming a**

## **Community Bereavement Support Group**

**We will meet on the first Wednesday of the month at noon  
and the third Wednesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. Guests are welcome  
to bring a vegetarian brown bag lunch to our noon meetings.  
Meetings will take place in the AJCC Orwitz Room (6800 Deane Hill Drive).**

**For questions or to RSVP, please contact JFS Director Laura Berry  
at (865)690-6343, ext. 18 or [LBerry@jewishknoxville.org](mailto:LBerry@jewishknoxville.org)**

**This month's meetings will be on February 4 (noon) and February 18 (7:30 p.m.)**



## Temple Beth El Contributions

*Donations listed were received as of December 27, 2014*

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The sale of grocery cards was an important fundraiser for Temple Beth El for many years. Now we just link our Kroger Plus Card to Temple Beth El and earnings automatically accrue for us quarterly – any time we shop in any of the Kroger family stores - anywhere in the country! Your grown kids may still be using your Kroger Plus ID for discounts (who wouldn't!) and can add to our fundraiser, too. Or, you may be traveling and can add bucks to our fundraiser while you are away! Other Kroger family stores around the country now are QFC, Smith's, Fry's, Dillons, Ralphs, and Fred Myer.

The 24 households enrolled helped us earn \$326.89 last quarter. A special thanks to all of you that supported this fundraiser for so many years! Please be a part of it now in 2015!

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4. Search for Temple Beth El
5. ENROLL

**Please note that you must re-enroll each year so even if you think you are participating, please double check by following the above steps.**



## All TBE Members are Temple Membership Committee Members!

*By Janice Pollock, Membership Chair*

On Friday, February 6 the Temple Beth El Membership Committee will host a wine and cheese reception at 6:30 p.m. This will take place prior to the KJA Shabbat which is always a great opportunity to learn more about KJA's important role in our community.

The Membership Committee has been capably led by Amy Rosenberg for many years. Her contributions to this and so many other endeavors have been very meaningful for Temple Beth El. I look forward to continuing the efforts on behalf of our Temple to achieve a number of goals, including:

- Simplify the process for prospective members – this includes relevant materials, contact names and general roadmap to learn about becoming a Temple Beth El member
- Assist with specific questions that a prospective member might have depending on their needs and expectations. Questions may vary a great deal whether someone is new to the area or has been in Knoxville but unaffiliated. Different members of Temple leadership and congregation can play an important role
- Social opportunities – work in conjunction with social committee to ensure new and prospective members are aware of the wonderful and wide range of activities available at Temple Beth El. The use of web site and email blasts can greatly assist with this process
- New Member Mentor Program – The purpose of this is to pair a new member with an individual or family that has been a member of Temple Beth El for some time. Especially for families new to the area, the opportunity can exist for informal but helpful assistance with Temple or Knoxville related questions

The current and long-term health of our congregation can be aided in many ways by a successful membership committee. We all know relatively new members who have capably stepped up and offered their assistance in many aspects of Temple life. Every individual or family brings their own Jewish experiences to our Temple and for that we are all better off. The recent growth in members is a very positive sign and something to build on. EVERYONE at Temple Beth El is on the Membership Committee. We were all new once and everyone can play a role in helping Temple Beth El now and in the future. If you meet someone in the community who is unaffiliated or otherwise interested in joining, please pass along any names to me or Tina in the office ([secretary@tbeknox.org](mailto:secretary@tbeknox.org))

On behalf of the committee we would like to thank Rabbi Matt Michaels for his tireless efforts meeting with prospective members and sharing his vision of Temple Beth El. Also, since many families happen to stop by during religious school we appreciate Norma James for her efforts and support to grow Temple Beth El.

**Friday,  
February 6  
6:30 p.m.**

***The Temple Beth El  
Membership Committee  
will host a wine and cheese  
reception***

This will take place prior to  
KJA Shabbat services.

**All existing, new, and  
prospective members  
are invited to attend!**

We look forward to seeing you  
at Temple Beth El.

If you have any questions, please  
contact Janice Pollock at  
(865) 670-6611 or  
Tina at [secretary@tbeknox.org](mailto:secretary@tbeknox.org)



## February Dates to Remember

<b>Friday, February 6</b>	6:30 p.m.	Wine & Cheese Reception
	7:30 p.m.	KJA Shabbat Service
<b>Sunday, February 8</b>	6:30 p.m.	KJA Pacesetter's Dinner
<b>Friday, February 13</b>	6:00 p.m.	Pre-K thru 2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade Service with dinner to follow
	7:30 p.m.	Shabbat Service led by 4 <sup>th</sup> Grade
<b>Sunday, February 15</b>	9:30 a.m.	KJA Mitzvah Day (members and students. Meet at the Arnstein Jewish Community Center)
	9:45 a.m.	Torah Tots
<b>Friday, February 20</b>	7:30 p.m.	Sisterhood 100 years WRJ Shabbat Service
<b>Saturday, February 21</b>	10:30 a.m.	Learner's Minyan followed by luncheon
<b>Friday, February 27</b>	6:00 p.m.	Purim Dinner with Purim Shabbat Service to follow



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## Tikkun Olam

(Hebrew: תיקון עולם or תקון עולם is a Hebrew phrase that means "repairing the world" (or "healing the world") which suggests humanity's shared responsibility to heal, repair, and transform the world.

In Judaism, the concept of *tikkun olam* originated in the early rabbinic period. The concept was given new meanings in the kabbalah of the medieval period and has come to possess further connotations in modern Judaism.

Source: *Wikipedia*)

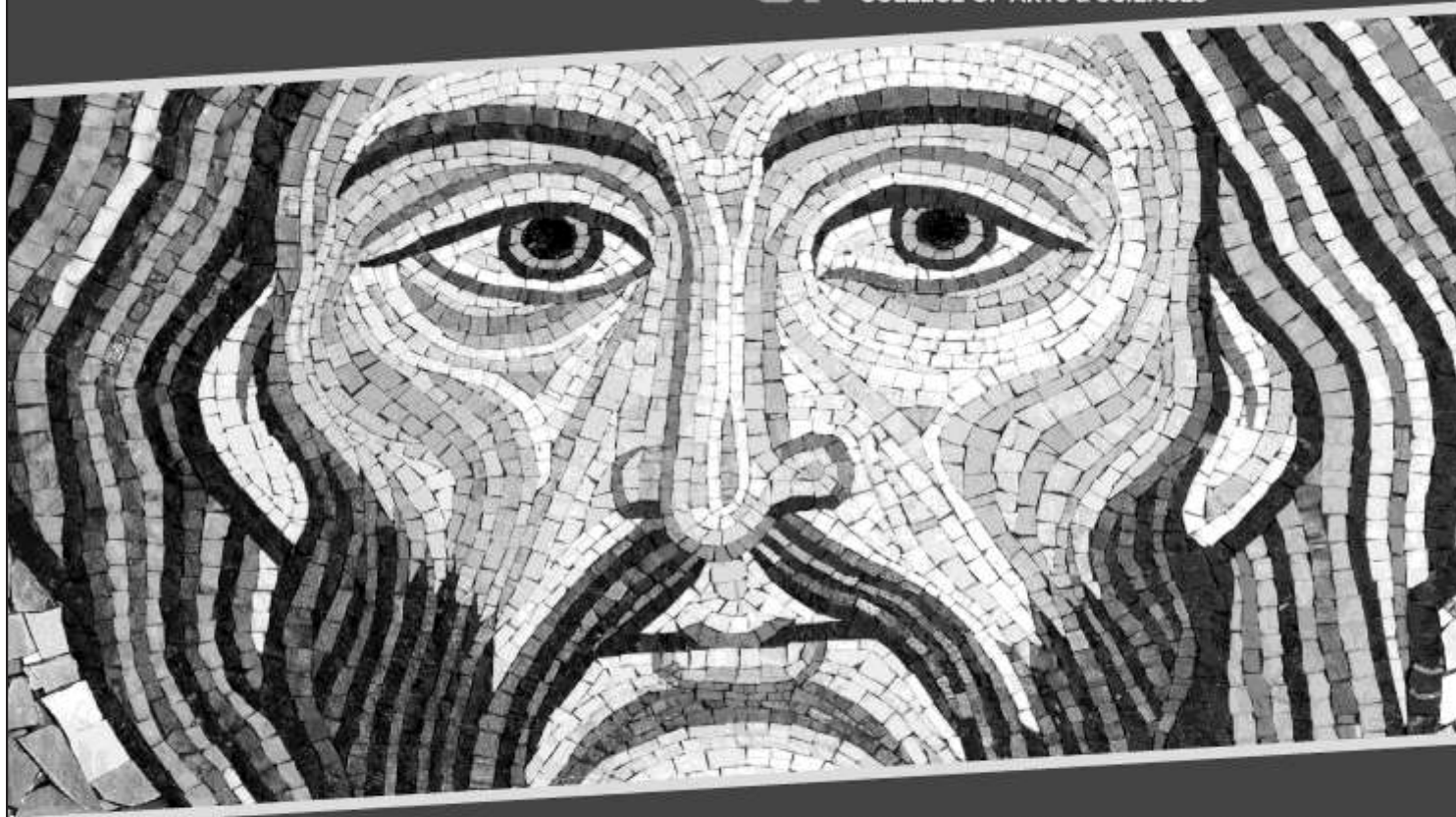
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**Thursday, Feb. 5, 5:30 p.m., Cox Auditorium**



SPEAKER:

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### Oh, the Places You'll Go!

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

I recently had the privilege of attending the BBYO Cotton States regional convention, held here in Knoxville. It was very rewarding to see how well the region and our local AZA and BBG chapters are doing some 35 years after I attended my last BBYO convention. It also gave me a chance to reflect on what a major component of my Jewish life conventions have been in my life and how important they are to our community in general.

Attending Jewish conferences are vital to a community on so many different levels. Living in a small Jewish community, you can learn about what your peers are doing in other cities. You can get ideas for programs, hear interesting speakers, and visit cities you may not visit otherwise. Probably the most important aspect of going to a conference is that you can make friends from other communities and bond with your fellow travelers. A lot of important business and long-term planning can take place at these events that can help shape your organization for years to come. Finally, conferences are fun. I never had a bad time at any of the events I attended.

Unfortunately, fewer and fewer people in our community attend these conferences. I realize that there are several factors that have contributed to the decline in participation, the two biggest being time and money. Currently, I am aware of only one fund at the KJCFF that helps to subsidize travel for conferences and that is the Ted and Dolly Reback Knoxville Youth Fund, which helps defray travel expenses for local kids to attend BBYO conferences and conventions. For those of you who don't know, Ted was a longtime advisor and mentor to Winick AZA. Ted dedicated his time to help counsel many Jewish males here in town, this author included. The fund was started by the Reback children and some Winick alumni in Ted and his wife's Dolly's honor.

There is no question that a major component of leadership development is conference participation. I know many cities have substantial funds dedicated to subsidizing participants' travel expenses. In my opinion, such a fund would be a major benefit to organized Jewish life in Knoxville, for all the reasons listed above and many more. We believe in the importance of sending our youth to such programs. We also need to focus on the benefit such programs could have on our adult leadership.



*Ted Reback (standing) with Irene Mesnick, Jeff and Charlene Gubitz, c. 1982-83.*

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##### **Ted and Dolly Reback Knoxville Youth Fund**

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##### **Sylvia Robinson Memorial Fund**

*In Honor of the Calendar Committee*

Natalie Robinson

#### Grants

★ The Knoxville Jewish Alliance received a grant from the **EAR Fund** for general support.

★ The KJA also received a grant from the **KJA Director's Supplement Fund** to support the KJA executive director's 2014 conference costs.

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# Jewish Congregation of Oak Ridge



## Chanukah Happenings and More.....

We closed out a great 2014 with a joyous Chanukah celebration. Sisterhood's gift shop supplied us with new candles, wrapping paper and gifts. Becky Charles led the families in an afternoon of Chanukah activities including stories, cookie decorating, Israeli dancing and designing our own menorahs.

JCOR's synagogue party was a blast, with dancing and magic shows. This year we thought beyond the potato and added new latke flavors of carrot, zucchini, and apple. Join us as we continue to grow and celebrate our heritage in 2015.



On behalf of the Jewish Congregation of Oak Ridge Sisterhood, we wish to express our deep appreciation to the friends and members who helped with our annual Chanukah sale:

**Melissa Sturm, Dr. Gilya Schmidt, Peggy Laxton, Brenda and Sig Mosko, Sam and Nona Poole, Meir Niad, Charlie Schwartz, Hilary Shreter, Rhonda Sternfels, Bruce Tomkins, Rita Hoenbrink, Alice Good, Rabbi Rashkovsky, Jim Bogard, and Moshe Yair.** Todah Rabah to our customers and supporters.



*Dancing and delectable latkes were hallmark's of JCOR's Chanukah Party festivities.*



## Upcoming Events

Visit our JCOR calendar at [www.jcor.info](http://www.jcor.info) for the latest details on our upcoming events.

**February 8:** 5:00 p.m., JCOR – Annual Ah-Men Feast

**February 20:** 6:30 p.m., JCOR – Family Service

**Yoga** meets on Tuesdays at 10:15 a.m.

**PiYo** meets on Thursday evenings at 6:30 p.m.

**Tai Chi** meets on Mondays and Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m.

**Israeli Dancing** meets on Sunday mornings at 11:00 a.m.

**Saturday, February 14,**

**7:00 p.m.:**

**Jewish Film Series: *Rashevski's***

***Tango*—Belgium / France, 2003, NR, 90 min.**

Director Sam Garbarski explores the complexities of Jewish identity in contemporary Belgium in this uplifting tale about family relationships, romance, religion and interfaith marriage. The Rashevski clan's secular matriarch, Rosa -- who puts more trust in the tango's curative powers than in God -- seems to be the glue holding the family together. When she dies, her baffled brood strives to find meaning within their religious and ethnic heritage.



**Saturday, February 28:**

**Study Session with**

**Rabbi Rashkovsky (after the Shabbat Morning Services)**

A German Jewish philosopher Moses Mendelssohn (1729 – 1786) is viewed by many historians as the most important figure in early modern Jewish history. He was the first Jew to bring secular culture to those living an Orthodox Jewish life. One of Mendelssohn's most famous works was "Jerusalem" (1783), which discussed the position of Jews and their religion in a Gentile world and was described by the great German philosopher Immanuel Kant as "an irrefutable book." Mendelssohn is considered the father of the Jewish Enlightenment.



Find the  
Jewish Congregation  
of Oak Ridge  
on the internet at  
[www.jcor.info](http://www.jcor.info)  
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## February/March Hosts and Hostesses

**February 7** Shelby & Mark Kay, Barbara & Larry Landau

**February 14** Ilana & Moshe Siman-Tov & Albert Good, Judi & Len Gray

**February 21** Brenda & Sig Mosco, Katie & Meir Niad

**February 28** Nona & Sam Poole, Avigail & Victor Rashkovsky

**March 7** Fran Silver, Jill & Stuart Chasan, Karen Brunner

**March 14** Shirly Schwartz, Hilary Shreter

**March 21** Carolyn & Julian Stein, Rhonda & Ron Sternfels

**March 21** Mel Tobias, Bruce Tomkins

## Judaica Gift Shop

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

## Donations to Oak Ridge Hadassah

- ♦ **Get Well Certificates to Hilda Barrack** from Mira Kimmelman, Blanche and Larry Dresner, and Rose Holz
- ♦ **To the Barrack family in memory of Hilda:**
  - o Tree certificate from Vera and Leon Maya
  - o HMO certificate from Genevieve Kramer and family
  - o HMO certificate from Mira Kimmelman
  - o HMO card from Bobbie Cantor
- ♦ **HMO Mazel Tov card to the Steins on their 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary** from Mira Kimmelman
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- **Irving Zenn** from Martha Cunningham
- **George Schwartz** from Shirley Schwartz
- **Martin Katzman** from Arlene Katzman
- **Shmuel Levitin** from Victor & Avigail Rashkovsky
- **In Memory of Bruce Tomkin's Father** from Larry & Barbara Landau

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JCOR's Saturday morning service begins at 9:30 a.m.  
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## Ever Played Dreidel-Hold-Em? ב"ה

Chabad of Knoxville's Loxville Club presents a Belgian Chanukah party!

We came together at the home of Rabbi Aryeh and Mushky Wilhelm and enjoyed a lovely spread of Belgian waffle burgers topped with caramelized onions and sweet potato chips, some fresh salad, and a waffle bar, complemented by Belgian beer.

The program began with a Havdalah ceremony; in which we lit candles from the candle factory in Tzfat and an etrog from Sukkot.

We then lit the menorah and sang Chanukah songs, and Rabbi Aryeh shared some warm words.

Who needs Vegas when you can do Kosher gambling in K-town? We gambled Chanukah-style

with a grand game of Dreidel - Hold-em using chocolate gelt ;) We played well into the night and had a blast!



**To learn about upcoming Loxville events, please contact [rabbinaryeh@chabadknoxville.org](mailto:rabbinaryeh@chabadknoxville.org)**

*Loxville guests enjoyed a Belgium-themed Chanukah party, where guests celebrated by lighting candles, enjoying good food and time spent with friends, and playing games.*



# JAHRZEIT

## *Heska Amuna Synagogue*

### February 7

Harry Strauss ♦ Helen Hahn ♦ Milton Finkelstein ♦ Rose Imbrey ♦ Esther Rosen ♦ Lela Lippner ♦ Myer Sachs ♦  
Fran Sturm ♦ Joseph Richer ♦ John Gitman ♦ Deborah Kaplan ♦ Clarice Weinstein

### February 14

Yetta Burnett ♦ Max Finkelstein ♦ Louis Balloff ♦ Isadore Kleg ♦ Katie Manachoff ♦ Ethel Brown ♦ Saul Cohen ♦  
Chaya Goodstein ♦ Frances Klein ♦ Mollie Saroff ♦ Harry Ziskind ♦ Harold Brown ♦ Louis Joffe ♦ Joseph Billig ♦  
Abraham Fay ♦ Jack Feld ♦ David Rabin ♦ Gertrude Wolf ♦ Mark Dischler ♦ Leibe Roodine ♦ Ida Brown ♦  
Albert Fadem ♦ Clarence Mann ♦ Caryl Schweitzer

### February 21

Herbert Davis ♦ Samuel Green ♦ Carole Kramer ♦ Alfred Levin ♦ Monte Abrams ♦ Barnett Mackta ♦ Isadore Presser ♦  
Randy Schwartz ♦ Yenta Roodine ♦ Howard Blumenthal ♦ Esther Mann ♦ Marilyn Shorr ♦ Jeanette Ziskind ♦  
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Harold Adams ♦ Florence Lieberman ♦ Harry Moskowitz ♦ Kenny Palmer ♦ Molly Botnick ♦ Gerson Corkland ♦  
Helen Gries ♦ Anna Snyder ♦ Ethel Rywell

### February 28

Zelda Levin ♦ Celia Polasky ♦ Rita Solomon ♦ Fannie Pearce ♦ Joseph Gluck ♦ David Levine ♦ Paula Rader ♦  
David Scott ♦ Charles Euster ♦ Sophia Geller ♦ Ruben Robinson ♦ Norman Wolf ♦ Nathan Samet ♦ Toby Slabosky ♦  
Lillian Ellin ♦ Herman Linke ♦ Rita Nichols ♦ Rose Schwartz ♦ Rose Rosen ♦ Sol Foster ♦ Aaron Wise

# JAHRZEIT

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### February 6

Clarence Cole ♦ Julius Glassman ♦ Helen Hyman ♦ Paul Lee ♦ Harry Marshall ♦ Bobby Mintz ♦ Morris Reich ♦  
Phillip Herbert Robinson ♦ Bernard Silverstein

### February 13

Mathis Bush ♦ Rose Friedman ♦ George Gudis ♦ Robert Hyatt ♦ Rose Imbrey ♦ Richard Kuhn ♦ Yetti Liebman ♦  
Lela Lippner ♦ Dorothy Scott Moiger ♦ Doris Plachter ♦ Sam Pollack ♦ Inez Rayman ♦ Bettie Bloom Reich ♦  
Randall Schwartz ♦ Dennis Silver ♦ Anne Simon ♦ Abe Slovis ♦ Frances Sturm ♦ Martin Traugot ♦  
Joan Berna Tumpson-Rivlin ♦ Samuel A. Wender ♦ Rose Werner

### February 20

Abram Badalov ♦ Richard E Carter ♦ Herbert Davis ♦ Rabbi Matthew Derby ♦ Gussie Dresner ♦ Deborah Rabin ♦  
Freeman ♦ Yvonne Fribourg ♦ Jacob Joseph Gelber ♦ Erma Gerson ♦ Riva Golden ♦ Ira M. Jacobs ♦  
Bertram H. Joseph Jr. ♦ Hyman Kligman ♦ Yetta M. Konigsberg ♦ Isadore Misner ♦ Harry I. Moskowitz ♦ Roy Mostov  
♦ Bertha Oleinik ♦ Eleanor Radoff Henrietta H. Samuel

### February 27

Louis Abrams ♦ Lalla Block Arnstein ♦ Jack Balaban ♦ Penelope Blackwell ♦ Catherine R Carter ♦ Daniel Davis ♦  
Edwin Deitch ♦ Benjamin Epstein ♦ Leopold Fleischmann ♦ Jerome S. Gerson ♦ Johanne Gillman ♦ Rose Greenberg ♦  
Betty Jane Gubitz ♦ Isaac Gutman ♦ Lucas Helm ♦ Samuel G. Herrmann ♦ Blanche K. Jacobs ♦ Edward H. Jacobs ♦  
Gussie Kligman ♦ Sarah Nechamkin ♦ Harry Ruben ♦ Jerry Spritz ♦ Annie Rebecca Striner





# Hadassah Highlights



## Save the Date

### Thurs, February 19

#### Love Yourself, Self Defense Workshop

This Hadassah Knoxville program will be a self defense workshop, where ladies will learn defensive techniques and a few extra tips about keeping safe.

This program will be led by our very own Bonnie Boring with help from a special guest.

For more information on this program and more, contact Hadassah Knoxville directly:



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Knoxville Hadassah

## Community Invited to Join Knoxville Hadassah in Shabbat Celebration



Please join our Knoxville Hadassah chapter on Saturday morning, February 28, 2015 at Heska Amuna Synagogue to celebrate Shabbat Zachor beginning at 9:30 a.m.

Hadassah Shabbat will celebrate *Parshat Zachor*, which reminds us how evil can be transformed into good, focusing on the victory of Israel over Amalek and of Esther and Vashti over oppression and discrimination.

As an organization of over 330,000 women across the country, Hadassah will read Parshat Zachor as a reclaiming of Vashti as a force against discrimination.



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## Hadassah Book Club News

By Peggy Littmann, [plittmann@comcast.net](mailto:plittmann@comcast.net)

Our February book selection is *The Signature of All Things* by Elizabeth Gilbert. We will meet at **7:30 p.m.** at Barnes and Noble on Kingston Pike in the coffee shop area. All Jewish women and friends are welcome. The Hadassah tab at [www.jewishknoxville.org/adults](http://www.jewishknoxville.org/adults) will always have up-to-date information in case of changes.

**Book Review:** *The Signature of All Things* tells the story of Alma Whittaker, "born with the century" in 1800, in the midst of a Philadelphia winter. Her father, Henry, is a self-made titan: one of the three richest men in the Western Hemisphere, with a fortune built on a thriving import-export business dealing in exotic plants.

Growing up surrounded by her family's expansive estate, Alma becomes fascinated by botany and shows herself to have a shrewd business mind. She devours books and has fervid erotic imaginings but no appropriate suitor. Her adopted sister, Prudence, is the beautiful one who attracts many admiring male gazes, but she is difficult to know: an icy, self-contained girl who holds intimacy at bay.

Over the course of 500 pages, Gilbert creates a bejeweled, dazzling novel that takes the reader all the way from the greenhouses of 18th-century Kew Gardens to the rugged beauty of Tahiti. The result is a book that is epic in scope but human in resonance.

At the same time, *The Signature of All Things* brings to the fore all those forgotten women of science, whose trailblazing work was swallowed up by more famous men. But it also asks us to consider whether a life lived in the shadows, comprising of a million, small, unnoticed actions, is worth any less than a life of big gestures and public recognition.

## Large Certificates

Recent large certificates include:

- In memory of **Faye Raymon**, mother of Beth (Rob) Heller
- In memory of **Zakhar Sapozhnikova**
- In memory of **William "Bill" Skalet**, brother of Victor (Priscilla) Skalet
- In memory of **Fred "Rico" Hurvich**, brother of Marion Goodstein
- In memory of **Emily Keisler**, mother of Missy (Chuck) Noon

If you would like to be included on large certificates, please send a check, made payable to *Hadassah*, to Mary Ann Merrell, 2232 Fallen Oaks Drive, Knoxville, TN 37934.



# What is ...

# H<sub>2</sub>O...?

## Hadassah + Hillel

Hadassah Knoxville's H2O program was created to build bonds between generations of Jewish Women. Bridging the gap between college age women and women established in their careers and families. By creating this bond, Jewish women at college here in Knoxville will feel they have a home with their Hadassah Knoxville friends whether their families are here or elsewhere.

All members of the H2O program are welcome at every Hadassah Knoxville event and are offered special pricing for events with a charge.

Also provided to H2O members is career mentorship from our very own Hadassah ladies. Career mentorship will match up H2O members with Hadassah ladies with experience in their field of study to provide them with career advise and help.

We have been working with UTK Hillel ladies to make this happen but any Jewish lady studying at a local college can become active in our H2O program.

For more information on this program and more, Contact Hadassah Knoxville at...



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Knoxville Hadassah



## Save the Date

# TOAST THE TOWER

## Sunday, April 19

Join us at the Knoxville Museum of Art and enjoy hors d'oeuvres and refreshments as we toast the Sarah Wetsman Davidson Hospital Tower.



## Layettes

### Join Hadassah in Honoring New Family Members

- **Sheldon and Jane Cohen** have a new granddaughter...her name is **Emma Lucille**
- **Bradley and Lydia Drew** have a new son and his name is **Eylan Jorden**
- **Jason and Rachel Scharfman** have a new daughter and her name is **Zahava Rose**
- **Rabbi Alon and Karen Ferency** are the proud parents of another handsome little boy, **Adin Shemaya**

Please help me welcome these new beautiful babies into the HADASSAH FAMILY by adding your name to their LAYETTE CARD. These cards will be mailed out soon, so if you haven't already contacted me, please let me know to include you.

I look forward to hearing from you if you have any questions about this important HADASSAH program.

Thanks,

Judi Abrams  
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Contact Joyce York at (865) 384-6177 or [joyceyork12@gmail.com](mailto:joyceyork12@gmail.com) to arrange for a tree or water certificate to be sent for you.

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## Hadassah Directory

Hadassah is working on its 2015 Knoxville Hadassah directory.

Contact us now and place an ad in the upcoming publication.

For questions or to have an ad solicitor contact you with an ad packet or information, please email [jkw Weinstein5@gmail.com](mailto:jkw Weinstein5@gmail.com).



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# Stanford Eisenberg Knoxville Jewish Day School

## A New Footprint for KJDS, Students

For some of us in the Knoxville Jewish community, this winter break was an opportunity to volunteer at the Knoxville Jewish Day School in an innovative renovation project. The school has changed its footprint to better meet the student-centered philosophy of the school. Dozens of volunteers and workers came out to tear apart, *shlep*, reconstruct, paint, and beautify the new rooms. The dust was flying!

The new space will better accommodate the KJDS' core goals of individual and collaborative learning, as well as varied learning styles. KJDS is part of a movement in schools across the U.S. to break away from the industrial model of factory schooling, with long hallways and boxed classrooms. Instead, the spaces between the classrooms are turned into additional learning environments for assorted groups of students, teachers and community members to learn from each other in different ways.

"We have learned that the way school buildings are designed affects the way we teach. So we want to be more intentional about that," says Head of School Miriam Esther. "We want our school to be a place where students can learn from each other, and on their own, as much as from their teachers."

At the heart of innovative school design is the understanding that the world has changed and the way we learn in school needs to reflect that. Modern schools must include learning objectives that prepare students for collaboration in the work force, technological literacy, and digital citizenship with an emphasis on collective problem solving for a safe, ethical and just world. The generous volunteers who helped with the renovation seem to understand that. As Knoxville Jewish community member Avi Udi said, "It's a responsibility to contribute to the school. We need our children to grow up to help us solve the problems of the world."



## A Special Thanks....

A special thank you to a devoted group of KJDS families, board members and community members led by Frank Floyd who worked hard over winter break to give us our beautiful new learning space.

*Congratulations to our KJDS RAMS on a successful STEAM Out Hunger project. Our school food drive, the AMSE food drive while the structure was standing, plus all the cans from the structure itself weighed in at 2,032 pounds!*



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## Examples of Interdisciplinary Learning at KJDS

Real life learning makes learning become alive, meaningful and fun. Interdisciplinary learning also known as cross-curricular learning is seen as a way to support goals such as transfer of learning, teaching students to think and reason, and providing a curriculum more relevant to students. This form of learning helps students see the connections between the different disciplines and apply their knowledge and skills to their studies.

### K-1 “What’s Around Me” Unit

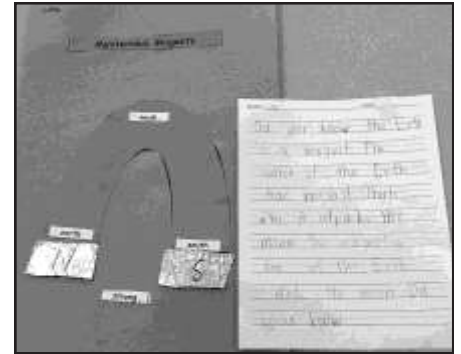
As a wrap up to their “What’s Around Me” unit Kindergarten and First Grade students wrote an informative piece of writing about magnets. Their knowledge of magnets and skills they learned about non-fiction writing was evident in their culminating project.



*Brown bag ideas.*

**Identifying the Main Idea:** What is the story mostly about? To practice this important reading skill, students worked in groups to find the main idea within brown bags. Inside each bag were sentences and pictures. For example, one bag had pictures of planets, a telescope, and an astronaut. The sentences in this bag read:

1. Jill wants to be an astronaut when she grows up. 2. She memorized the names of the planets. 3. She reads books about the sun. The group worked together and shared with the class that the main idea was that Jill loves outer space. This activity helped the students find the main idea in a simple way and helped build their confidence as readers. After this group activity, students listened to a story, then created their own main idea bag based on the book. Students drew pictures and wrote sentences that described the story’s main idea.



*K-1st grade writes about magnets.*

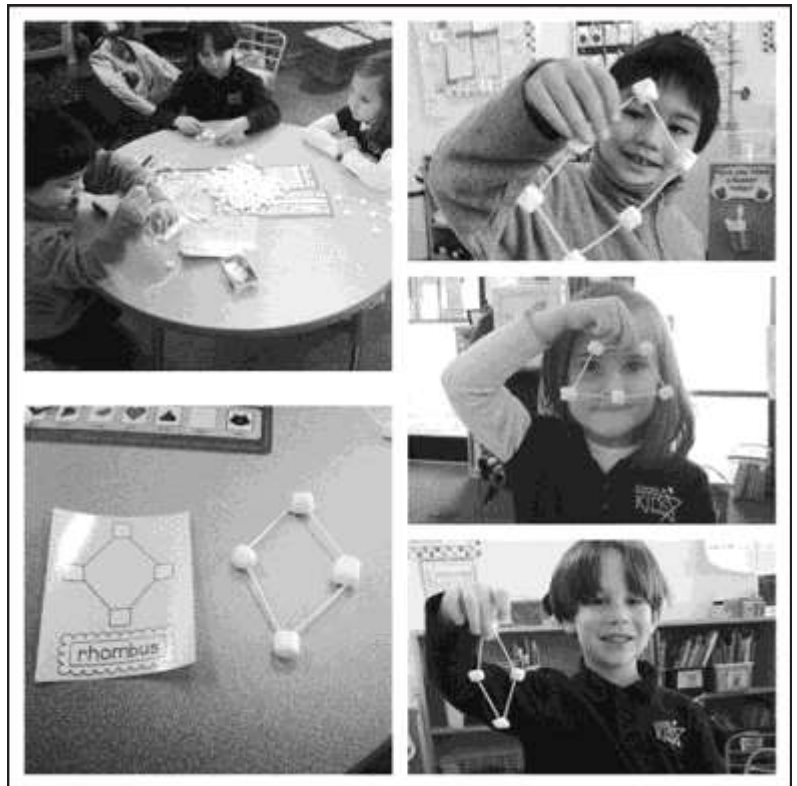
**Marshmallow Fun:** Kindergarten students used mini marshmallows and toothpicks to build plane shapes. This activity helped the kinders review the characteristics of plane shapes including the number of corners and sides as well as gave them a chance to work through the Engineering Design process. First graders used jumbo and mini marshmallows as a non-standard unit of measurement. Making predictions and working successfully with team members students checked their predictions with their measurements.

Exploring what’s around us we studied the stages of matter, students were given an ice melting challenge! Each student received an ice cube in a small plastic bag. Only minimal directions were given - get your ice cube to melt as fast as you can and don’t open or break the plastic bag. A

timer was set for 10 minutes and students were off to complete the challenge. Some students rubbed their ice on the carpet or in their t-shirt. Some placed the bag of ice in what they thought were “hot places” such as inside a box or under a box. Each student was on a mission to get their ice cube to melt. When the timer went off, students gathered at the carpet to share their results. Two students were able to get their ice to completely melt. They shared their strategies for getting the ice to melt quickly. Amos Tyler said that he swung his bag round and round and the ice got hotter and hotter. He also rubbed his ice on the carpet and used the heat from his hands to melt it. Cora Grabel shared that she used her shirt to rub the ice and make the ice melt. At the end of the challenge, the students concluded that you must have heat to make objects melt.



*Nora rubs ice in her shirt. Brrrrrr!*



*Students use marshmallows to build plane shapes.*

## 2-3 “Experiencing My World” Unit

In November and December our unit theme was “Experience my World”. We did this by learning all about our country’s government, favorite authors, crafting and writing about our own opinions and investigating during Genius Hour in the 2-3 class.

We began by reading *The Butter Battle Book* by Dr. Seuss and digging deeper into how a seemingly simple Seuss story represents a bigger picture of society and governments. The student were given opportunities to write their opinion on ways to solve disagreements, build non-violent “weapons” out of craft materials, and even write a speech from the point of view of a leader to unite those who do not get along. The students then read an autobiography on Dr. Seuss to find out more about him and how he shared his world views through stories and cartoons.

Students read nonfiction selections to better understand the U.S. Constitution and what it meant for the betterment of the United States following the writing of the Declaration of Independence. We dissected each piece of the Preamble to see how these fundamental principles guide our country still today.

Reading various books and watching multiple videos on government, the students were able to compile their understanding into a graphic organizer booklet to explain each branch of government and its role.

To wrap up the unit, each reading group read a fiction chapter book to see the facts of government play out in an entertaining and humorous way. They read *The Kid Who Ran for President* and *Marvin Redpost: Class President* and looked for facts the author incorporated about presidential duties. The students who read “*Marvin Redpost*” even saw how citizenship plays a role in being responsible and aiding in the unity of government.

This unit was such a fun way to weave real-life governmental issues and fictional stories too through reading, writing, and even art. The students used their time in art class to create Seuss-inspired artwork. After the topics of government were introduced and discussed, the students also had a chance to investigate their own political questions in Genius Hour. Our 2-3 class investigated topics from the different presidents to why we pay taxes. Our young citizens at KJDS are bound to be knowledgeable, curious, and proactive members of our society one day soon!

## 4-5 Hebrew Chanukah Unit

We had fun opportunities to integrate many different disciplines into our Chanukah unit. Understanding the backdrop of the Chanukah story had us looking at maps, learning about the Hellenist culture’s beliefs and practices, using our Hebrew to sequence the Chanukah Story and of course, the music that goes along with our Chanukah unit had us singing and dancing.

We then dug deeper by choosing activities from a choice board to study specific aspects and to create “Chaikus – Chanukah Haikus, stop-motion animations recapping the Chanukah stories and Chatter pix videos where students told how they would have felt or acted had they been Yehuda Maccabee. All of this in HEBREW! As a culmination of the Unit, we read Hebrew books about Dina and Dan who prepared Chanukah surprises for their families. After creating posters of all the ingredients they used and instructions in Hebrew, filling in a Venn diagram in Hebrew comparing the stories, we tried our hands at frying our own Sufganiyot – (Donuts). Thank you Dana Maman for making that happen.



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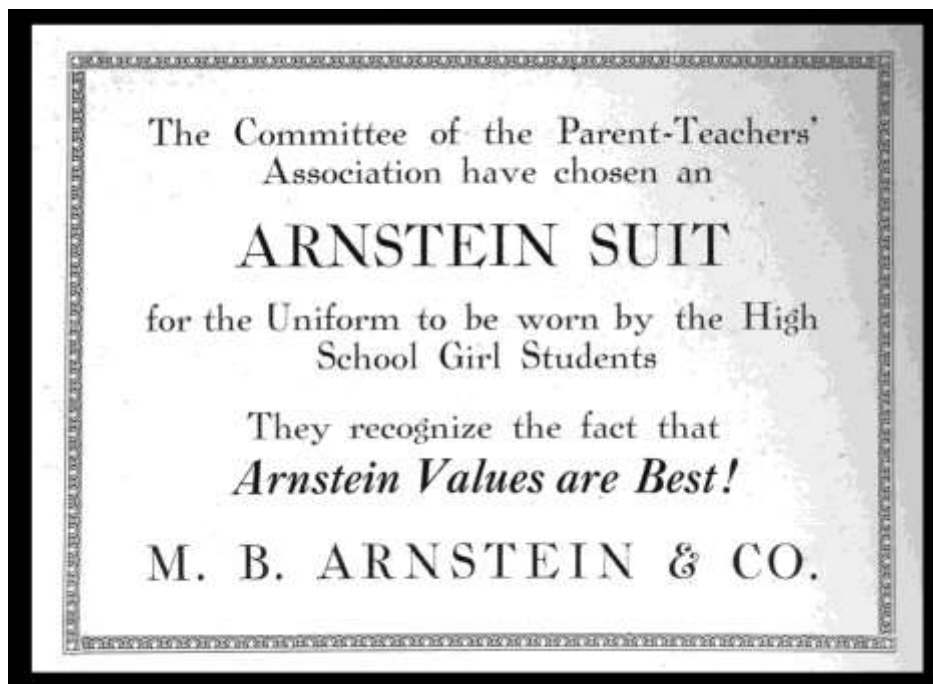
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### The Way We Were in 1920



Notice commending M. B. Arnstein & Co. which appeared in the Knoxville High School annual, the *Voice*, 1920.

Max and Lalla **Arnstein**, benefactors of Temple Beth El and the Jewish Community Center (renamed after their passing as the Arnstein Jewish Community Center) and other institutions, lived in Knoxville from the early 1900's until 1929. Their portraits hang in the AJCC.

The seven-story Arnstein Building, at the corner of Union and Market Streets, was Knoxville's tallest building when completed in 1906. The Arnstein store was considered one of the finest department stores in the South. Today, the building houses Urban Outfitters, Barber McMurray Architects, and 20 apartments.

To see a photo of the Arnstein Building, a photo of wrapping paper from the store, and photos of the Arnsteins, visit the Archives or view the online version of *Ha'Kol*.

Thanks to the Weinstein family for donating the *Voice* to the Archives.

Send your photos of "The Way We Were" (with identification of persons, place, and time, when known) to [archivist@jewishknoxville.org](mailto:archivist@jewishknoxville.org), or contact the Archivist at (865) 690-6343.