



Ha'Kol

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

Celebrating Our Life and Times: Shabbat Evenings @ TBE

To honor and reaffirm our faith, we look forward to weekly opportunities to seek inspiration and wisdom from our heritage each Shabbat.



Just as importantly, Shabbat offers us the blessing of building a caring community. In order to strengthen our commitment to building a caring community, we are thoughtfully experimenting with a revised calendar.

Very simply, to ensure predictability, here is the TBE schedule for the entire year for Shabbat evenings.

- ★ 6:30 p.m. **Appetizers for Body & Soul (preneg)**
- ★ 7:00 p.m. **Kiddush > Evening Minyan**
- ★ 8:00 p.m. **Sweets for Body & Soul (oneg)**

(Exceptions will be publicized.)

If you come from work or come from school, lovely savories will tide you over until after worship in time to head home or head elsewhere for a Shabbat meal with family or friends. If you care to hang out and schmooze after worship, refreshments will sweeten your tooth. Of course, you can enjoy both opportunities.

The first Friday evening of each month also entails "Finding the Extraordinary in the Ordinary: a search for holiness."

Your job: Bring any ordinary thing you might find around your house, school, or playground. Challenge all of us to find the extraordinary in it.

Our job: To find in what you bring a reminder of how to live our lives with more appreciation, care, respect, or joy.



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On the **second Saturday of each month**, we will offer a study and meditative minyan at 10.00 a.m.



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TEMPLE BETH EL TIMES



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By Scott B. Saulson, PhD, Interim Rabbi

The sixth letter of the Hebrew alphabet is “ו”, the *vav*. According to www.aishdas.org, this letter appears 30,509 times in the Torah. The gold medal goes to “י” the *yod*, with 31,522 appearances. However, unlike the *yod*, the *vav* has a meaning of its own. Indeed, it has several meanings. Two of them are “and” and “or,” depending on context.

As we know, “and” and “or” do not connote the same. There is a significant difference between a “compound” and a “choice,” between a “peanut butter and jelly” sandwich and a “peanut butter or jelly” sandwich.

So, how shall we read the components of love as iterated in Dt. 6.5: “Heart, soul, and might,” which we better understand as “Brain, mind, and means.” Can we have a committed relationship that does not include all three components? Can our relationships be judged worthy based solely on the beauty of just one path?

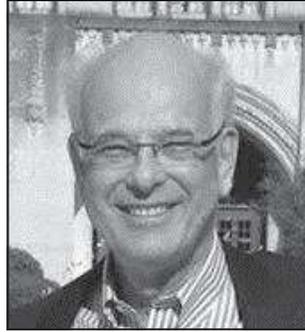
The question is germane when we consider the matter of Jewish commitment. The all-or-nothing proponents, the “and-er’s,” are wont to write off Jewish diversity. For them, to take but one example, a synagogue must be a locus of worship, study, as well as networking. Those who attend, but who are financial drags, as well as those who remit payments, but seldom if ever darken the threshold, are commitment suspects. Another example: Those who are knowledgeable, motivated, as well as generous are a superior class of Jew to those who are deficient in one of these areas. In other words, love of Jewishness requires a full court press.

On the face of it, one can hardly argue otherwise. Until one humbly accepts that we are not all cut from the same cloth. The four “sons” gathered at the Passover *seder* are an annual, poignant reminder to appreciate and attend to reality. (I wonder whether the compilers of our Haggadah ever contemplated that the plurality of “sons” would not even show up at the table? That they would have found “tastier” assemblies absent any *matzah*.)

On the other hand, the “or-er’s” might take note that lurking along the path most suitable to their devotion is the hubris of self-satisfaction and impregnable contentment. For, after all, despite our unique talents and proclivities, we are a complex. We all have cognitive faculties, we all have spiritual reservoirs, and we all have means at our disposal. We might admit that we are the poorer for not exercising each of them as best we can.

Perhaps the “and-er’s” as well as the “or-er’s” would agree with Eliza Doolittle’s rebuke to her Freddie’s profession of love:

*Here we are together in the middle of the night
Don't talk of spring, just hold me tight
Anyone who's ever been in love will tell you that
This is no time for a chat
(My Fair Lady, by Lerner & Loewe)*



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Family

By Liz Gassel, TBE President

I have been encouraging our congregants to offer their voices and ideas to the Jewish community by way of articles in *Ha'Kol*. We've had contributions on the topics of Conversion and Reasons for Loving Bialys, a new non-profit: *Breastconnect.org* and book reviews. This month, I was delighted to receive words from Jill Vogelfang on her memories of High Holy Days and family.

What could be more apt at this time of year than to focus on family? High Holy Days forever evoke for me thoughts of family together. I have photos going back to early childhood of me, my brother, mother and father, dressed up and ready to go to the synagogue. My husband, son and I continued the tradition with photos we take each year standing in front of the oak tree, here at our Knoxville home, dressed up for Rosh Hashanah. This is the time at Temple Beth El when all of the Temple family gathers. We get in that special frame of mind by showing up and together, in public, confessing our sins. We repent as a community without embarrassment or shame. Our sins are bound to each other and we take responsibility, collectively, as a family, for all members.

At some point during these hours that we spend trying to focus our hearts and our minds on teshuvah, a large challenge of High Holy Days is to bring people to one momentary understanding of the fragility of life, says Rabbi Sharon Brous. As Jews, we have this big mission in the world. We ask how we engage each other in the small stories. How are we treating our families? How are we talking to the people we love? Each year Rosh HaShanah and Yom Kippur return and we are offered the opportunity to consider and repair relationships with ourselves, with others, with God, and with the world.

With each year's passing, we are different. New children, new grandchildren, a new job, loss of loved ones, perhaps travel to some place we've never been before, all change our perspective. The High Holy Days can offer totally new meaning to us this year. The worship and the liturgy may call to us in very different ways than it does to our children or our parents. Arriving at Temple on the High Holy Days, needless to say, we will have had family, at all scales, woven through our year of experiences.

For me, there is a magical and touching quality to Jill's story. It is not exactly my story but the depiction of emotion and love aroused my own memories. I hope her story touches you at this time of year, a time of reassessing our links and responsibility to community and to family in all its limitless and....humorous forms.

L'Shanah Tovah Tikoteivu.

Fear of Xylophones and Other Sweet Holy Day Memories

By Jill Vogelfang

I love the High Holy Days. I always have. So I welcomed the opportunity to write an article that had something to do with them. I started this article several times only to become dissatisfied and start again. I was trying to be instructive, analytical, profound.... and I was getting nowhere. I finally figured out my problem. I was using my *head* when my relationship with the Holy Days is almost entirely about my *heart* and the sweet memories I have of my parents and grandparents.

Just before the Holy Days, there was the annual shopping trip with Mother to find just the right outfits for Temple. My grandparents belonged to a different Temple in Houston, but on Yom Kippur would join us at our Temple for the afternoon services. Then, after the Neilah service, they would treat our extended family to a feast at Sonny Look's steakhouse.

I must have been about seven years old when Mother and Daddy liberated me from 'Children's Services' and took me to the 'grown up' services for the first time. During the Ashamnu prayer (the prayer in which we ask forgiveness for an alphabetical listing of our sins) I was doing my best to read along with the congregation when I stumbled on the word *xenophobia*. I tugged on Daddy's coat and asked him what the word meant to which he replied, "Fear of Xylophones." Every single Yom Kippur since then – whether with Dad or for the last three years without him—I smile at the memory.

As I grew up and lived away from Houston I had the opportunity to attend Holy Day services in other cities and even other countries; but when I could be in Houston and sit in Temple with my Dad (not to mention shopping with Mom) well that was a special treat.

I wish you a happy, healthy, and prosperous new year making sweet memories with those you love. *L'Shana Tovah*.

Sisterhood Happenings

By Tammy Kropp, Sisterhood President

Mah Jongg Madness is coming to TBE! Join us on Sunday October 30 at 12:30 p.m. for our Annual Mah Jongg Madness. Please see registration information on page 6 of this *Ha'Kol* or look for information in upcoming Blasts.

On September 1, Meredith Jaffe led the Rosh Hodesh program for TBE, Heska Amuna, and JCOR where New Year cards were made for seniors who are in assisted living, nursing homes, and senior resident homes. Thanks Meredith for leading this meaningful community Mitzvah project!

Our opening brunch was held at Temple on Sunday September 11. This was a most informative program where we heard Rabbi Scott discuss with us a very important topic, *How to Develop a Jewish Ethical Will*.

Please join us for Break the Fast in the social hall after the Neilah service, Yom Kippur, on Wednesday October 12. Come join your fellow congregants for food, fun, and fellowship.

Child Care for High Holidays (Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur) will be available again this year for children ages 2 and older, **BUT YOU MUST PRE-REGISTER YOUR CHILD(REN)**.

Our next Sunday program is Sunday, November 13 at 10:00 a.m. Stay tuned for more information. You will find that our programs this year will include something for everyone. Please join us for the programs that interest you.

From all of us to all of you, we wish you L'Shanah Tovah, a Happy and Healthy New Year.

Temple Beth El Religious School October Update

By Norma James, TBE Education Director, normajames@tbeknox.org

This month is packed with Fall Holidays, so here is a parent guide to all things Jewish in October.

We DO have Religious School on Sunday, October 2. Our students will study the High Holy Days and enjoy apples and honey provided by our fabulous Sisterhood. Because Fall Break ends just as Sukkot begins, October 2 is our only chance to make our Sukkah decorations. This will be a very active day for our students. Our Chia class of teens will spend the day helping set up for Making Strides Against Breast Cancer which begins at the World's Fair Park at 3:00 p.m.

Children Services for Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur begin at 9:00 a.m. on October 3 and October 12. These services are aimed at families with young children, but they are also popular with many of our other congregants. There is a joy in watching young people participate in worship. Rabbi Scott and Norma have created an interactive service that engages our children as well as their parents.

PLEASE have your older children join you in the regular High Holy Day services. Remember that our students study these holidays and need to have the actual worship experience. Children who are as young as 4th grade can appreciate the message of T'shuvah they hear in these services. This year we are excited to be trying out the new Mishkan HaNefesh prayer books. We think you will find them much more engaging. They are also gender neutral and include transliteration for all Hebrew.



Religious School Fall Break is Sunday, October 9 through Sunday, October 16.

Attention All Families including our Torah Tots! Join our Midweek students as we decorate the Temple Sukkah on Wednesday, October 19, 4:30-6:00 p.m. We need lots of parent help (and a few extra ladders) to hang our decorations. After decorating, we will enjoy a pizza dinner in the Sukkah and perform the mitzvah of shaking the lulav and smelling the etrog.

On Sunday, October 23 at 10:30 a.m. we invite you to celebrate all things Torah at our Temple Beth El Simchat Torah service. We will parade our four Torahs and completely unroll one Torah as we read the last verse of *Deuteronomy* and the first verse of *Genesis*. This year we have something very special planned for our younger classes and also for our B'nei Mitzvah class of 2016-2017. We will finish at noon with a sweet and savory oneg hosted by our parents.

Happy "Challahween" October 30: Yes, we know that Halloween is not a Jewish holiday, but our friends at ISJL have designed some special activities that put a Jewish spin on this old tradition. The day will be a blast!

Daylight Savings Ends November 6. Don't forget to set your clocks back to be on time for religious school.

TBE HOLOCAUST BOOKSHELF REVIEW by Henry Fribourg

***Les Inoubliables (The Unforgettable Ones)* by Jean-Marc Parisi. Flammarion. 2014 [in French]**

A book designed from a silence. A photo found by chance: five Jewish refugee children in La Bachellerie during the war, arrested by the Germans and deported with their mother after the execution of their father. I look at them, but they are looking at me. This beautiful village in the Dordogne, the author knows well, having spent many childhood holidays there with his grandparents.

Tracing facts and individuals through photos and memories of the survivors, he seeks to understand what binds men, their souls, and this place which is his in time. Days of joy surrounded by silence: no one had told him anything of the raid of March 1944, these men who were shot by the notorious Wehrmacht 'Das Reich' in the village, this castle that was burned, this memorial stone at a street corner remembering a sinister day of March 1944.

Because La Bachellerie was the village of his childhood summers, Jean-Marc Parisi follows the trail of clues and testimony on the deportation of Jewish refugees in the Périgord, the region where Roquefort cheese originates. Within his and these other hidden memories, he traces the journey of these Deported Persons from Alsace after France's defeat, 40 disbelievers, Catholics, Protestants and Jews. Entire families arrived destitute; dropped into these rural rustic facilities, chaotic and basic for these city dwellers who are now trying to improvise financial solutions to survive: small trades, resourceful individuals, more or less successful integrations in the local peasant social fabric. This Alsatian migration, a population displacement that for a time boosted the local economy. Sausages and sauerkraut rivaling the crackling and the goose. Then, he follows the notorious chronology of Vichy France, its anti-Semitic laws, surpassing even the demands of the German occupiers.

This is a vivid and documented account in a very literary writing, with elegant formulations. A story in honor of memory, teeming with details of everyday life, giving life to the effects on eventually disappeared, courtesy of Klaus Barbie, these assassinated children at Auschwitz with Ziklon, paralleling the author's own happy childhood in the same places. At the same time as we revisit these doomed children's joy of life, the fear of deportation is all the greater, and the final countdown, projecting us closer to the events, creates a feeling of suffocation and panic.

Contributions to the Funds of Temple Beth El

Donations listed were received as of August 26, 2016

CARING COMMITTEE FUND

In memory of Wolfe Brody

By: Ivan Brody

In memory of Beatrice S Bush

By: Deborah Roberts and Don Mossman

In honor of the birth of Lyla Edith Kay

By: Deborah Roberts and Don Mossman

In honor of the birth of Addison Smuckler Kaplan

By: Deborah Roberts and Don Mossman

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In loving memory of my mom,

Emilie E. Strasburger

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In memory of Donald Gerson

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In memory of Harold Markman, Arthur Pais, Sylvia Miller, and Margot Brown

By: Ivan Brody

In honor of Bob & Elaine Freeman

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By: Harold and Shirley Freedman

In honor of Steve & Joan Cohn

By: Harold and Shirley Freedman

In honor of the marriage of Melissa Elston (Stu & Jan Elston's daughter)

By: Aron and Hayley Goldfeld

In honor of the birth of Lyla Edith Kay (Jeff & Larissa Kay's daughter)

By: Aron and Hayley Goldfeld

In memory of Ethel & Emmanuel Taylor

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In memory of Marjorie Pardee

By: Hal and Amy Rosenberg

In honor of Addison Smuckler Kaplan

By: Hal and Amy Rosenberg

In memory of Liliya Safro

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In honor of Claudia & Henry Fribourg's 60th Anniversary

By: Paul Erwin and Renee Hyatt

In honor of Claudia & Henry Fribourg's 60th Anniversary

By: Steve and Ellen Markman

In honor of Claudia & Henry Fribourg's 60th Anniversary

By: Deborah Roberts and Don Mossman

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In memory of Yankel Iancovsky

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In memory of Matvei Ioselev

By: Ilya and Bella Safro

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By: Michael and Laura Shenkman

PRESERVATION FUND

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RABBI CIRCLE OF SUPPORT FUND

In honor of Rabbi Scott Saulson

By: Liz Gassel and Michael Pardee

In honor of Rabbi Scott Saulson

By: Wes and Norma James

In honor of Rabbi Scott Saulson

By: Joe and Charlene Oleinik

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In memory of Jessica Decapua

By: Steve Beber and Sandy Parker

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Donation by: Henry and Claudia Fribourg

In honor of Lyla Edith Kay baby naming

By: Jeff and Larissa Kay

Donation by: Geoffrey and Heather Laing

In honor of Claudia & Henry Fribourg's 60th Anniversary

By: Chuck and Missy Noon

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL FUND

Donation by: Aaron and Imelda Margulies

RONA SIMON ISRAEL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

In honor of Claudia & Henry Fribourg's 60th Anniversary

By: Ronald and Ebbie Sandberg

Membership Committee Welcomes New Families to TBE

L'Shanah Tovah! As we begin a new year, we reflect on the hundreds of members over the years that have made TBE a spiritual and cultural centerpiece of Jewish life in East Tennessee. Today, it is a pleasure to welcome new families to our TBE family:

- ★ **Simone and Brian Metzger** and their son, **Milo**, have been residents of the Knoxville area for a few years. They have already gotten involved with our religious school and looking forward to getting involved with daily Temple activities.
- ★ **Steven Frank and Beverly Frei** and their sons, **Joshua and Caleb**, are returning members to Temple Beth El. They have looking forward to providing a religious education to their children and learning more about the Jewish culture and beliefs.

We always encourage members, both existing and new, to become more involved by either volunteering at an event, joining a committee or joining the Board of Directors. We need your help to keep TBE strong!

Three great resources to learn what TBE has to offer include:

- TBE website at www.tbeknox.org
- **TBE Blast** every Tuesday via email
- *Ha'Kol* – monthly newsletter detailing happenings within the entire Knoxville Jewish community.

It is our sincere wish that you enjoy your time at Temple Beth El!

Temple Beth El Sisterhood's Annual MAH JONGG MADNESS

Tournament *Remembering Ruth Sherrill*

Sunday, October 30, 2016
12:30 P.M. – 4:00 P.M.
Temple Beth El
3037 Kingston Pike
Knoxville, TN 37919

CASH PRIZES for 1st, 2nd, 3rd High Scores
In case of a tie, the CASH prize will be divided equally.

Tickets will be sold for a 50/50 drawing and other prizes.

\$18.00 (Chai) Entrance Fee Includes Mah Jongg Registration, Desserts, Snacks, and Prizes

Please return the registration form below with your check payable to

Temple Beth El Sisterhood to:

Beverly Schultz
912 Miles Court
Knoxville, TN 37923

Deadline: Monday, October 24, 2016

Questions? E-mail or call: Karen Smith at (865) 691-3231/briankarens@comcast.net, or Beverly Schultz at (865) 679-3720/bschultz05@comcast.net.

Name: _____ Phone: _____

E-mail address _____

Home Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

_____ I can be East. (You will be contacted.)

_____ I can bring a mah jongg set. (You will be contacted.)

Beginners are welcome and must have a table of 4 to play. Beginners will have separate scoring and prizes. Please list all 4 names at the bottom of one registration form and include all 4 checks.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

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Temple Office Hours:
Monday – Friday:
10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Our Vision: We see ourselves as a dynamic congregation promoting Jewish learning, tradition, and values through the tenets of Reform Judaism.

Our Mission: To inspire individuals to embrace their Jewish identity and to engage in our religious community.

www.tbeknox.org

Please remember to bring non-perishable foods for Second Harvest Food Bank. Collection bins are located in the TBE Lobby



Canned meats and tuna, beans, peanut butter, soups, fruits, rices, vegetables, cereal, and

pasta are some suggestions. Easy open cans and healthy versions (low sodium) are great for elderly, children, and disabled individuals.

Save the Date
Sunday, November 13 — Next Sisterhood Event
(Watch for details!)

OCTOBER 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Please see congregational pages for detailed High Holy Day schedules.		To learn of the latest local Jewish events, "LIKE" JEWISH EVENTS IN KNOXVILLE on FACEBOOK and visit www.jewishknoxville.org/calendar .				1
2 Erev Rosh Hashana 9:30a minyan-HA 9:30a Religious School-TBE 6-7p Erev Rosh Hashanah service-HA UTK Hillel Erev Rosh Hashanah Dinner-AJCC	3 Rosh Hashana HA Office closed KJA Office & AJCC Preschool closed 9:30a Services-HA 4:30p HA Tashlich-Cherokee Blvd Fountain	4 Rosh Hashana HA Office closed KJA Office & AJCC Preschool closed 9:30a Services-HA 6p Exec Brd-TBE	5 9:30a Tai Chi-JCOR Noon Rabbi's Brown Bag Beit Midrash-HA 3-4p Tai Chi-AJCC Orwitz Rm 4:30p Mid-Week Hebrew-TBE 4-6:30p HARS-HA 6-9:30p Fencing-AJCC	6 7a Morning Minyan-HA 5:45-6:30p Soccer Shots-AJCC Gym 7:30p Israeli dancing-Gym	7 6:30p Sisterhood Shabbat & Potluck-JCOR 7p Shabbat Shuvah Service-TBE	8 9:30a Shabbat Service--HA 9:30a Shabbat Service-JCOR
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Want to learn to knit?

Beginner Knitting at Lunch

Fridays at NOON at the AJCC, starting November 4 (no class November 25)

Experienced knitters are welcome to join us for a sit and knit!



We'll cover: How to read a pattern, cast ons, 3 basic stitches of knitting: garter, stockinette, rib stitch, and a few more like basketweave, bind offs, adding tassels. More...(or less depending on what you want to learn) **Pattern will be provided**

What to bring:

- #9 or #10 needles
- 1 skein of a LIGHT colored WORSTED weight yarn

The knitting class/group is **free**, but please RSVP to Laura Berry at LBerry@jewishknoxville.org

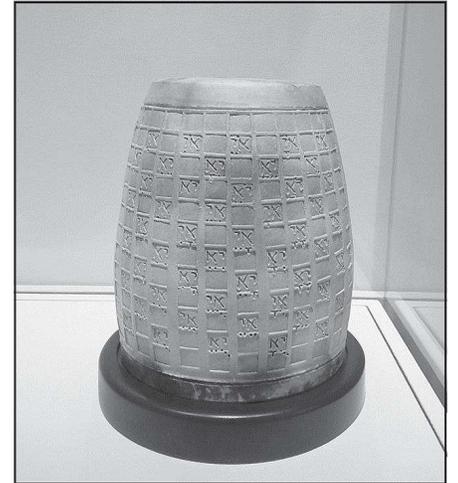
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Local Artist Piece Purchased by KMA

The Knoxville Museum of Art has purchased Arnold Schwarzbart's *Cylinder with Meditation Text*. The cylinder was installed today and is currently in the entrance lobby with two other wonderful pieces, Thanks to David Butler, Stephen Wicks, Rob Matt Butler, the KMA Committee and Board for approving the purchase, and Geoff and Pat Wolpert for providing the purchase funds.

Schwarzbart was once best known as a prominent architect who designed the Knoxville Zoo's main building and the LT Ross public building. For his last 30 years, he was an artist—or "artisan," the term he preferred with a major focus in Judaica artwork. Schwarzbart's work appears prominently in public spaces in other states and other countries. In January 2016, the Schwarzbart Gallery opened at the AJCC, with displays of his works and space for displays by other artists. Former Knoxville David Barnett is the current visiting artist at the gallery.

Cylinder with Meditation Text



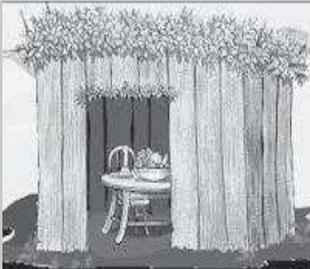
Families, parents, AND grandparents
with children under 8 years old
are invited to join us for a

PJ Library Sukkot Party

Thursday, October 20
5:00-6:00 p.m.

Arnstein Jewish Community
Center Sukkah

Please RSVP to
office@jewishknoxville.org



Kosher Big Orange Tailgate Enjoyed at Circle Park

UT's Thursday night opener provided the perfect opportunity to host a Big Orange Kosher Tailgate at Circle Park.

Thanks to UT Hillel, AEPi, Chabad of Knoxville, and the Knoxville Jewish Alliance for organizing the event and for several community members stepping up as donors to support this effort to welcome students to our community.. Students and community members enjoyed kosher chicken, wings, and sides prior to the UT-Appalachian State game on September 1. Guests then headed to Neyland Stadium to cheer on the Vols.



H A P P E N I N G S

Suzy Snoops

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

- ★ Mazel tov to **Abby Kaplan**, daughter of Rich and Cheryl Kaplan, for being awarded a master's degree in occupational therapy from Brenau University in Gainesville, GA, on August 26.
- ★ Good luck to **Sofia Tomov**, who is a finalist for the Discovery Education/3M Young Scientist Challenge. She will compete October 17-18 in St. Paul for the title of "America's Top Young Scientist." The contest recognizes students in grades 5 to 8 who use scientific thinking to create a video about an idea they have to improve lives in their community or across the world, according to a news release. She created a project that would code an algorithm to help the medical industry create more customized medications to minimize potential side effects of prescription drugs. Sophia and nine other finalists will each be paired with a 3M scientist for a one-on-one mentorship to turn their concepts into a prototype. They will all compete for a grand prize of \$25,000, a trip to watch a taping of a Discovery Network show, and the title of "America's Top Young Scientist" at the final contest.
- ★ **Rabbi Louis Zivic** is now the rabbi of Congregation Beth Israel, Lebanon, PA.
- ★ **Andrew Messing**, a UT grad student in computer engineering, was on the Oak Ridge National Laboratory team awarded the *Guinness Book of World Record* for largest solid 3D printed item in late August. The 3D printed tool will be used to manufacture the Boeing 777X jet.
- ★ **Alice Goldfarb's** granddaughter, Goldie Winston, is now a nurse in Atlanta and is engaged to Louis Pine of Atlanta. Her brother, Benjamin Lechter, is a business school sophomore at Indiana University.
- ★ **Raeus Cannon** was honored recently by being juried into the Foothills Craft Guild after submitting five original pieces of her work to be judged by guild members for design and craftsmanship. Cannon was accepted into the Guild under the heading of 'Fiber' as her work is a combination of knitting and weaving. Raeus combines color and texture to create unique artistic garments from shawls to vests to coats (she likes large projects). Most of her pieces take anywhere from 2 -7 months to complete. *Those wanting to learn to knit or become more advanced at their craft are welcome to join Raeus at the AJCC starting November 4 (see Knitting Circle ad on page 7)* If you'd like to see her work, Raeus will have a booth at the Foothills Craft Guild Show November 18 -20 at the Jacob's Building in Chilhowee Park.
- ★ Mazel tov to **Harvey Liberman** for a terrific feature article in the September 8 *News/Sentinel* on his exploits as an 81-year-old competitive bicycle racer who has won state and national races.
- ★ Mazel tov to KJA Executive Director **Deborah Oleshansky** for being selected to participate in the 2017 Leadership Knoxville class.



Sofia Tomov



Under The Sea Vest designed, knitted and woven by Raeus Cannon.



Harvey and Marilyn Liberman



MARTY'S MISSION RETURNS

As we approach the Holy Days I once again start to plan our Food Drive for Marty's Mission. This begins our 11th year. Your support and encouragement have been fantastic. Please plan to purchase and bring your non-perishable food donations, as well as check donations made out to Second Harvest or FISH Hospitality. Drop-off bins are located at the AJCC, Heska Amuna, KJDS, and TBE.

Thank you in advance for your continued support. Wishing you all La Shanah Tova.
Joyce Traugot



L'Shana Tova. Wishing all a sweet year to come.
5777 High Holiday Service Reminders



Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur Tapestries designed by Arnold Schwarzbart for the Kehilath Israel Sanctuary, Overland Park, Kansas.

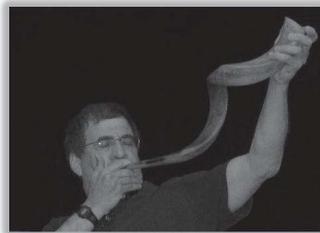
Please join us!

EREV ROSH HASHANAH: Sunday, October 2, 6-7 p.m.

ROSH HASHANAH SERVICES, First Day: Monday, October 3, 9:30 a.m.

TASHLICH: Monday, October 3, 4:30 p.m.

We will meet at the river on Cherokee Boulevard near the Fountain. In case of rain, on Tuesday, October 4, (same time, same place.)



ROSH HASHANAH SERVICES, Second Day:
Tuesday, October 4, 9:30 a.m.

KOL NIDRE: Tuesday, October 11, 6:30 p.m.

YOM KIPPUR DAY: Wednesday, October 12, 9:30 a.m.

• Study sessions in Winick Library immediately following Musaf. Services resume with Minhah at 5:15, to be followed by Neilah and Maariv. • Shofar and Havdalah at sunset followed by Break-the-Fast after 7:30.

We are pleased to provide quality holiday childcare for your children, ages 0-6. The cost of childcare is \$8 per day, \$2 per day for additional children of same family, with a family cap of \$30 for the entire holiday. RSVP to Morah Betty 522-0701.

For a complete schedule of services, see page 12.

Diane and Guilford Glazer Fellowship

By Alon C. Ferency

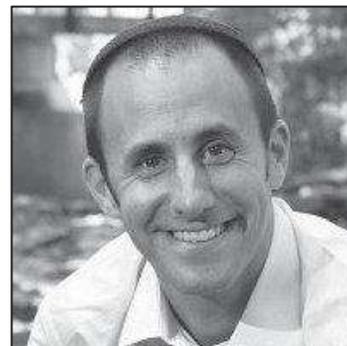
I'm so excited to launch the Glazer Fellowship for 5777, named in honor and memory of Diane and Guilford Glazer. I think that their grant has the power to transform our Synagogue, by making us alert to all the social service that we're already doing in our communities. And, it's a chance to show the world what we do that is great, and recognize our own accomplishments, all while at the same time helping the synagogue we know and love.

A lot of us do volunteer work and service work in this community, by helping so many different and wonderful organizations in the Knoxville area and beyond. Some of us do it privately; some are eager to talk about the experience. But we don't always connect our service to our synagogue life. That's where the Glazer Foundation fellowship comes in: when you log your service hours for the Glazer Fellowship (www.heskaamuna.org/vol), it gets turned into dollars in a special account, like an escrow. Then, when you're ready, that becomes a donation to the synagogue, in **your own name**. It's a way to recognize all that you already do, and celebrate our social services from within and without.

This also allows us to build upon all the service and social justice work that we are already doing. It will show the Jewish and non-Jewish world how Heska Amuna is really making a big difference. At the same time, it will help our budget: every hour that you work as a volunteer will get translated into dollars to help the Synagogue bottom line. Already, we've seen people volunteering at *Hiddur Mitzvah*, the Synagogue Rummage Sale, Knoshville, and *Freedom Song*. Those hours already account for several hundred dollars that will be gifts to the synagogue from **you** through the Glazer Fellowship. Everyone who volunteers, logs their hours, then turns that account into a donation will be recognized as a Glazer Fellow. They will be celebrated for their hard work, sacrifice, and help, thanked by the synagogue directly, and noted in places like *Ha'Kol*.

Of course we couldn't do this without the help of the Diane and Guilford Glazer Foundation, the Glazer family, and the directors of the Glazer Foundation, who helped us to make this vision a reality. Thanks, and *l'Shana Tovah!*

**(Remember to log your volunteer time at
www.heskaamuna.org/vol)**



**Join Us for Sunset
Minyan@7**

**Friday, October 14, 7:00 p.m.
Heska Amuna Synagogue**

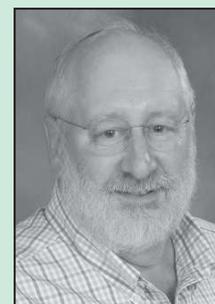
Chairman's Comments:

Young People in a Synagogue

By Hal Manas

I often am part of a conversation about young people not being involved in our Synagogue. I am reminded of my youth, which involved three days of Hebrew School every week after my secular school. I would have preferred to be playing ball with my friends or some other activity of which my parents were not in favor. Honestly, being Jewish got in the way of what little social calendar I might have had. When I was old enough that it really seemed to matter I had an intense period of study and memorization to prepare me for my Bar Mitzvah. After my Bar Mitzvah I continued to attend Friday night and Saturday morning services with my parents, but I lost interest in everything else Jewish except perhaps AZA. When I was in college and living in my own apartment (with three of my friends from high school) I attended some Holiday services and morning Minyan when my father called and told me that they were short and I should get there as soon as possible. It was much later when other life cycle events required my attendance that I came back to the Synagogue. I think that we sometimes tend to forget our own youthful history when we expect our young people to stay involved with Synagogue life. When I once again saw my own religious needs, I rejoined Heska Amuna and have been active in limited ways except for my stints on the Board and now my two years as Chair.

Perhaps we can think of ways to make religious life meaningful to people between the ages of 14 and 25. That would be a wonderful thing, but I am not smart enough to come up with what we need. Once again, I am asking you for your ideas. If you can think of anything that might keep our young people actively Jewish during this time in their lives you could not only help Heska Amuna, but you might become famous as the person who accomplished this for the entire Jewish world. I am looking forward with great anticipation for your ideas.



President's Report

By Raphe Panitz, Ph.D.

Shalom and Happy New Year to all. During the High Holiday season, we are subjected to all kinds of talks, sermons, lectures, presentations, poems, plays, and documentaries centered around Rosh Hashanah and/or Yom Kippur. But the ten days from Rosh Hashanah through Yom Kippur are also known as *Aseret Yeme Teshuva*, the Ten Days of Penitence. I would like to share with you several thoughts about those days.

The *Aseret Yeme Teshuva* commence with Rosh Hashanah, the first day of Tishri, and end with the conclusion of Yom Kippur, on the tenth day of Tishre.

The third day of Tishre is actually a minor fast day, the Fast of Gedaliah. Gedaliah was the Jewish governor of Judah who was appointed by the Babylonian King Nebuchadnezzar following the destruction of Judah in 586 BCE. He was assassinated by Jews loyal to the House of David in 581 BCE. Tradition ascribes the murder to the First Day of Tishre, but because of the Holiday, the fast is pushed back to the third of the month. According to the Rabbis, this fast was already being observed by the time of the prophet Zechariah (see Zech. 8:19).

The Shabbat in between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur is known as Shabbat Shuvah, the Sabbath of Return. The name comes from the reading of the Haftorah for that day, which begins Shuva Yisrael, "Return Israel" (Hos. 14:2-10).

The ten days of penitence are marked by repenting, prayer, and acts of good deeds. Rituals include sounding the shofar, casting off one's sins during Tashlich, fasting, wearing white robes, reciting avinu malkenu, and eating round challot and honey cake.

To this day, some Jews still perform the custom of performing Kapparot. In this ritual, one picks out an item for charity before Yom Kippur, recites some biblical verses, and then swings the item over his/her head three times. The item can be a rooster, a chicken, a hen, or money.

The Kapparot ritual was first mentioned by Rav Amram Gaon of Babylonia (670 C.E.). Some famous Sephardic Rabbis who strongly opposed it include Nachmanides and Joseph Caro.



On the other hand, the Kabbalists such as Isaac Luria and Isaiah Horowitz strongly encouraged the use of Kapparot.

Finally, one might ask where did the term "aseret yeme teshuva" come from. It is neither in the Bible nor in the Babylonian Talmud. However, the term does appear in the Palestinian Talmud, in a Midrashic work known as the *Pesikta Rabbati*, and in other medieval rabbinic literature.

So when you are sitting in shul on either Rosh Hashanah or Yom Kippur, you might give some thought to the idea of "The ten days of penitence" as the main theme of these New Year observances.

Leshana Tove Tikatevu and Happy New Year.

5777 High Holidays

ROSH HASHANAH

Erev Rosh Hashanah	Sun	Oct 2	6-7 p
Rosh Hashanah (1 st Day)	Mon	Oct 3	9:30 a

Additional Services:

- Children's Services (6 and under), 10:00 to 10:30 a
- Junior Congregation (ages 7 thru 12), 10:30 to 11:30 a
- Teen Discussion, 10:30 to 11:30 a

Childcare (6 and under) provided from 9:30 a—1:00 p (1st & 2nd day)

Tashlich (Cherokee Blvd. fountain)	Mon	Oct 3	4:30 p
Rosh Hashanah (2 nd Day)	Tues	Oct 4	9:30 a

Additional Services:

- Children's Services (6 and under), 10:00 to 10:30 a
- Junior Congregation (ages 7 thru 12), 10:30 to 11:30 a

YOM KIPPUR

Shabbat Shuva	Sat	Oct 8	9:30 a
Joint Cemetery Service	Sun	Oct 9	11:00 a
Kol Nidre)	Tues	Oct 11	6:30 p

Childcare (6 and under) provided from 6:00 p until 8:00 p

Yom Kippur and Yizkor	Wed	Oct 12	9:30 a
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Additional Services:

- Children's Services (6 and under), 10:00 to 10:30 a
- Junior Congregation (ages 7 thru 12), 10:30 to 11:30 a
- Teen Discussion, following the Rabbi's Sermon

Childcare (6 and under) provided from 9:30 a—1:00 p and 5:30-8:00 p

SUKKOT

Build and Decorate the Sukkah; Lunch	Sun	Oct 16	10:00 a
1 st Day Sukkot	Mon	Oct 17	7:00 a
2 nd Day Sukkot	Tues	Oct 18	9:30 a
Shabbat Kiddush in Sukkah	Sat	Oct 22	9:30 a
Hoshanah Rabbah	Sun	Oct 23	9:30 a
Shemini Atzeret and Yizkor	Mon	Oct 24	9:30 a

SIMCHAT TORAH

Simchat Torah Dinner and Services	Mon	Oct 24	5:30/6:30
Simchat Torah Services	Tues	Oct 25	9:30 a

Beyond Membership: A New Sense of Belonging

By Barb Levin, Heska Amuna Sisterhood president

During the Hebrew month of Elul, which precedes the High Holidays, Jews are encouraged to prepare themselves for the renewal promised as part of the Rosh Hashanah-Yom Kippur experience. As the secular month of October begins, the Jewish world should be ready for the three week whirlwind of synagogue services, holiday meals, and new personal insights and commitments.

Heska Amuna Sisterhood has used this month of preparation to get ready for a year of involvement and fun. The membership drive has moved swiftly and a kick-off luncheon has happened. The first family education session of the Jewish Learning at Home (JLAH) series, which focused on the High Holidays has past, but there are plans for three more programs ahead. Finally, Sisterhood participated in the community-wide Knoxville Deli event with an art show to earn funds for the Religious School.

Now is the time to ask what Heska Amuna Sisterhood membership actually means to an individual member. Of course, this answer will vary greatly. For some it is a monetary support through their payment of Sisterhood dues, and an important contribution. For others, it is an aspect of affiliation with the Synagogue as a whole. In 5777, there are many activities at Heska Amuna asking for more of a personal commitment, including Sisterhood involvement.

Becoming engaged in the programs of Sisterhood and the Synagogue is a step-wise process of awareness, participation, and commitment. This year Sisterhood is focusing on three goals: personal education, synagogue service, and community outreach. Behind these labels are opportunities to be involved in study groups, volunteer opportunities, and projects with others. Immersion into the holidays through JLAH is one aspect of the planned education program, opportunities to learn about kashrut, synagogue skills, Rosh Chodesh, and shared book reading are others.

Attending an event is one level of participation, volunteering to make something happen is yet another level. This fall Sisterhood will start an exploration of how Synagogue families can work together to support each other through the normal stresses of their busy lives. The concept of “**Circles of Caring**” will be discussed, focusing on the needs of families during various life points, such as new children, teenagers, three generation families, etc.

Sisterhood is offering a cafeteria of opportunities for Heska Amuna members to become involved, but the first step lies with the individual. None of these programs is passive. The time one chooses to use toward a commitment to such activities can be both productive and rewarding. The volunteer gains something real, such as new knowledge or the sense of a job well done.

Sisterhood is working with the overall Synagogue to enhance volunteer activities throughout the year. The time spent working with children in the Religious School on activities, or helping out in the kitchen, to name two specific needs, can be translated into dollars earned for the Synagogue itself through the Glazer Fund. In addition, the Sisterhood will be running its own incentive points volunteer program to enhance the development of the Tennessee spirit of volunteerism.

Joining Sisterhood is important and easily doable, but belonging includes a level of personal commitment. Through the next three weeks of synagogue services and study, please consider what contributions you can make to Sisterhood and Heska Amuna. The opportunities are numerous, and the outcomes significant.

May I take this opportunity to wish each of you a wonderful holiday period. May your festivities be rewarding and your Yom Kippur fast easy. Leshana tova tikatevu.



Levin

Torah Fund 2016 Campaign Theme: “She Plants a Seed for the Future”

By Jenifer Ohriner

In January 2003, Heska Amuna celebrated the Sisterhood Torah Fund by inviting a Jewish Theological Seminary student to come talk about his experience. Philip Ohriner started his talk with a description of the sounds and smells of Shabbat that took over the Mathilde Schechter Residence Hall – a dormitory that had recently been fully renovated by the Women’s League for Conservative Judaism’s Torah Fund’s successful 2000 campaign.

At Heska Amuna, Sisterhood takes the Torah Fund campaign very seriously. I remember phone calls beginning the first winter spent in Knoxville (1988) from Elaine Brown. For years, Elaine would call and in her very special way remind me that I was going to match my pledge from the previous year, and thank you very much! Each year we also had the wonderful women of our Sisterhood prepare and orchestrate Sisterhood Shabbat one weekend in January. We’ve had many “special” speakers on this special Shabbaton, celebrating what usually turns into a scholar in residence type of weekend with services, speakers, Havdallah, and even programming and closing with breakfasts and plans for the next year!

This year, the message of Torah Fund campaign is “She Plants a Seed for the Future.” Women’s League has designated two projects to be completed during a two-year campaign that began in 2015 and is scheduled to end in June 2017. The first project is to preserve the physical space and complete needed capital improvements to the Women’s League Seminary Synagogue at JTS. The second project is to support the Year of Study in Israel for Rabbinical Students at the Ziegler School of Rabbinic Studies.

Sisterhood is asking for your help in achieving the goals to complete these two deserving projects. As a Benefactor (\$180), you will receive the annual Torah Fund Pin by Eytan’s Designs. Guardian level donors (\$300), Associate Patrons (\$600), Patrons (\$1,200), Scholarship Patrons (\$2,500), and Keter Kavod donors (\$5,000) will receive the pin with the appropriate color stone for their generosity. Rosh Hashana begins October 2. Please contact me before then so you can have your pin to wear proudly for a wonderful beginning of 5777.



Heska Amuna Religious School News

Betty Golub, Youth and Family Programming Director

Etz Chaim He L'machazikimbah V'tomchecha Me'ooshar
It is a tree of life to those who cling to it; all who support it are happy.

Do you know what we call the "Tree of Life?" It is our Torah. The Torah is our story beginning with Creation and ending with the death of Moses. It is our book of law and how we should live. It is the story and struggle of Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Sarah, Rachel, Rebekah, and Leah. The Torah guides us on how to live a fulfilling life. The Torah is made up of Five Books:

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| • Genesis | Bereishit | "In the beginning" |
| • Exodus | Shemot | "The names" |
| • Leviticus | Vayikra | "He called" |
| • Numbers | Bamidbar | "In the wilderness" |
| • Deuteronomy | Devarim | "The words" |



Each book is separated into weekly readings (parshot) and each parsha has a related reading from the Prophets.

Each year on the holiday of ***Simchat Torah – Rejoicing with the Torah*** we conclude our reading of the Torah by reciting from the last parsha in the book of Deuteronomy. Since we are commanded to keep writing and studying Torah, on Simchat Torah, as soon as we complete the book of Deuteronomy, we go immediately and begin reading the Torah from the beginning of the book of Genesis with the story of Creation.

Do you know what the last word is in the Torah? The last word in the Torah is ***Yisrael***; the last letter is a ***lamed***. The first word of the Torah is ***Bereishit***; the first letter is ***beit***. When a Lamed follows beit, it spells "***heart***." So long as the Jewish people never stop learning, the Jewish heart will never stop beating. Never has a people loved a book more. Never has a book sustained a people

longer or lifted it higher.

Simchat Torah gets us up and moving. It is a holiday filled with singing and dancing with the Torah. We also wave Israeli flags which is a modern custom. Everyone gets to have an Aliyah from the oldest to the youngest member of Heska Amuna. A fun family activity would be to design your family flag and bring it to ***Simchat Torah*** services or make your own mantle (a Torah cover) using a pillow case. You can decorate the pillow case. Have fun!

Please join us on Simchat Torah, Monday October 24, as we honor Marty Iroff as Hatan Torah (the groom of the Torah who recites the last Aliyah for the Torah reading) and Martha Iroff as the Kallat Bereshit (the bride of Bereshit, who recites the first Aliyah for the opening lines of Genesis). They have both done so much for not only our school, but our Synagogue, the Knoxville Jewish community, and the flood survivors in Baton Rouge, LA.



Morah Betty

HARS October Calendar Dates

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| • Sunday, October 2 | No school – Erev Rosh Hashanah |
| • Wednesday, October 5 | School for grades 3 – 7 |
| • Sunday, October 9 | No School - Fall Break |
| • Wednesday October 12 | No School - Yom Kippur |
| • Sunday, October 16 | Gan K'Tan
Sukkot Celebration with Lunch in the Sukkah |
| • Wednesday, October 19 | Sukkah hop at the Golubs' for grades 3-7 |
| • Sunday, October 23 | Café Amuna & School |
| • Wednesday, October 26 | School for grades 3-7 |
| • Sunday, October 30 | School |

Don't forget to set your clocks back for Daylight Savings Time—Sunday, November 6.



Friday Night Chill

Heska Amuna Synagogue

Friday, October 21
All welcome!

6:00 Shabbat Dinner

6:45 Kabbalat Shabbat

8:15 Chill!

Join us for an engaging, family-friendly, lay-led Friday night experience! Friday Night Chill features a communal Shabbat dinner followed by a Carlebach-style Kabbalat Shabbat service. Then stick around for "chill time" with dessert, board games, *z'mirots*, and relaxing conversations. Come as you are, and bring the kids and friends. All are welcome to learn and celebrate with us!

Contributions to Heska Amuna Synagogue*Donations received as of August 30, 2016***Yahrzeit Fund**

In memory of Evelyn Lowe
Ted and Wendy Besmann

In memory of Adela Gross
Ernie and Pamela Gross

In memory of Leo Adams
Raymond Adams

In memory of Greta Besmann
Ted and Wendy Besmann

In memory of Leonard Miller
Elaine Miller

In memory of Janet Krauss
Sigmund and Brenda Mosko

In memory of Dorina Barnett
Ernie and Pamela Gross

In memory of Sylvia Leibowitz
Gale and Margaret Hedrick

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In memory of Jennye Grusin
Judith Rattner

In memory of Lottie Mottzman; In memory of Carol Glasman
Michael and Harriett Glasman

In memory of Eleanor Adams
Raymond Adams

In memory of Siegfried Besmann
Ted and Wendy Besmann

In memory of Muriel Littmann
Mark and Peggy Littmann

Cemetery Fund

In memory of Robert Zalkin
Robin Brown

In memory of Barbara Moody
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In honor of Fiona Nagler
Scott Hahn

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Marilyn Burnett

General Fund

In memory of Arthur Bell
Rachel Hazen Hale

Religious School Financial Aid Fund

In honor of Jacob Hale's confirmation
Rachel Hazen Hale

Educators Supplement Fund

In memory Albert Ring
Jeff and Nancy Becker

In honor of Fiona Eugenia Nagler
Rachel Hazen Hale

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

In memory of Anne Tomlinson
Alan Solomon and Andrea Cartwright,
Trudy Dreyer

**Winick Library Corner**

Are you curious about the history of our High Holy Days and the Services? Would you like a few tips on how to prepare for getting the most out of these special holidays? The library has many selections to browse through that can help navigate the services and reflections of these special days. You can also find a new recipe to try this year in one or two of several fine Jewish cookbooks.

Suggested selections:

Entering The High Holy Days by Reuven Hamme. This is a complete guide to the history, prayers and themes.

Rosh Hashanah Yom Kippur Survival Kit by Shimon Apisdorf. " ...an invaluable tool that allows you to understand what is happening and take advantage of the moment." Rick Magder, Toronto VP Magder Entertainment Corp.

The library's "Give Away" table has become a popular attraction in the lobby. Don't forget the Shabbat Cart.

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Permanent Schedule

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

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

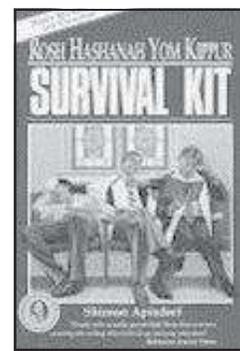
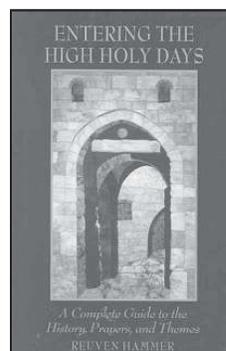
Sunday Minyan.....9:30 a.m.

For a list of Heska Amuna's funds and
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www.heskaamuna.org

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5777 High Holy Days Greetings

L'Shana Tovah

Wishing all a year of peace,
health and happiness ~
Marilyn and Harvey Liberman,
Mark and Janet - Atlanta, GA;
Lynn - St. Paul, MN;
Scott, Ann, Andrea, and Deborah -
Dayton, OH

L'SHANA TOVAH

Kim, Stephen, Nathan,
Arielle, and Tifannie
Rosen

HAPPY HOLIDAYS FROM THE REBACKS!

Gary, Kathy, Jenna, & Ben;
Rick, Kate, Jessica & Lydia, Josh, & Matt;
Sandy, Shelley, Dana, & Samantha

High Holiday Greetings
Barbara and Bernard Bernstein,
Barri, Mark and Tanya,
Rachel Clara, and Benjamin

L'SHANA TOVAH TIKATEVU TO ALL
May you and your families be sealed
in the book of life
with good health, prosperity,
and happiness.
Heidi, Barry, & Eddy Allen

**Holiday Greetings from
Marcie Silverstein and Family**

**The KJA Board and Staff
wish you a
healthy and happy New Year**

L'SHANA TOVAH
Mark & Carol Harris; Alan, Mary Jo, David,
Daniel, Rachel & Jacob Harris; Robert, Marcy,
Alex & Noah Chatham; Kevin, Melissa,
Madeline, and Ella Harris

5777 High Holy Days Greetings

<p align="center">L'SHANA TOVAH</p> <p align="center">Jeff and Nancy Becker and Our Children and Grandchildren:</p> <p align="center">Rachel, Micah, Sophie, and Reuben Becker-Klein; Ben, Amy, Harry, and Leo Willis-Becker; Sarah, Adama and Aminata; Jeff Cohen; Dan, Lora, Noah, and Benjamin Cohen-Vogel; Debbie, Jeff, Samantha, and Gabriel Abrams-Cohen</p>		<p align="center">GREETINGS FROM NEW ORLEANS!</p> <p align="center">Wishing Everyone a Healthy & Happy New Year Lee (Miller) & Joe Blotner, Lissa, Shelly, & Seth</p>
		<p align="center">Wishing everyone a wonderful New Year.</p> <p align="center">All the best from Mark and Peggy Littmann, Owen & Machiko Littmann, and Beth, James, Liam, and Adele McGinnis</p>
		<p align="center">BEST WISHES FOR A HAPPY NEW YEAR</p> <p align="center">Alice Goldfarb, Livingston, NJ; Debbie Renert, Israel; Diane Lechter & family, Atlanta; Betty & Malcolm Minsk, Atlanta; Wendy & Alan Solon and family, Atlanta; Gail & Ron Minsk & family, Rockville, MD; Elisa & Morris Hartstein and family, Israel</p>
<p>LASHANAH TOVAH AND A GOOD NEW YEAR</p> <p>Marilyn Presser, Linda Slovis, Lisa, Michael, David, Adam & Jennifer Cohn. Alaina Slovis, Ely & Ayva Oberman and David Slovis</p>		
<p align="center">Happy New Year</p> <p align="center">Susette, Raphe, William & Nicole Panitz</p>	<p align="center">L'Shana Tovah</p> <p align="center">Stephen, Rosalie, Mara, Evan, Iris, and Fiona Nagler</p>	<p align="center">Wishing Everyone a Year of Many, Many Blessings</p> <p align="center">Anne & Elias Greenbaum and Family</p>
<p align="center">Holiday Greetings from the Dreyer Family</p>	<p align="center">Shana Tovah U'Metukah</p> <p align="center">Gilya Schmidt and Family</p>	<p align="center">The Officers, Board of Trustees, and Staff wish our members and the entire Jewish community a healthy, happy and prosperous new year.</p> <p align="center">HESKA AMUNA SYNAGOGUE</p>
<p align="center">Best wishes for a happy and healthy New Year!</p> <p align="center">Renee' Hyatt and Paul Erwin</p>	<p align="center">May the New Year Bring You Peace, Good Health, and Happiness!</p> <p align="center">Norman and Sandra Licht</p>	<p align="center">~ 5777 ~</p> <p align="center">Temple Beth El</p> <p align="center">Our Board and Our Staff Wish the Entire Community a Happy and Healthy New Year</p>

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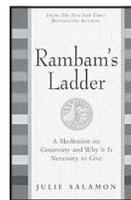
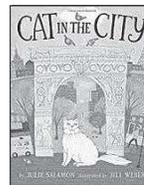
KJA JEWISH BOOK MONTH featuring **Author Julie Salamon** November 18-21, 2016

The Knoxville Jewish Alliance welcomes Julie Salamon, an American journalist, film and television critic, and author. Her book, *The Devil's Candy: The Anatomy of a Hollywood Fiasco*, is used as a text in many university film classes. She also has many requests to speak about *Rambam's Ladder: A Meditation on Generosity and Why It Is Necessary to Give*. She was born in Ohio, lived in an Appalachian town, and currently resides in New York City, where she also serves as her synagogue's president. Salamon is also the cousin of our own Ilana Siman Tov.

Jewish Book Month Weekend events:

- ★ **Friday, November 18, 6:00 p.m.** Jewish Congregation of Oak Ridge—potluck dinner; short evening service; presentation by Julie Salamon on her book, *Net of Dreams*.
- ★ **GLOBAL DAY OF LEARNING: Sunday, November 20: 9:30 a.m.** Joint community program hosted at Heska Amuna Synagogue. HARS and TBE students and their families will meet at Heska Amuna. JCOR and KJDS are invited, too! Julie will present her children's books, *Cat in the City* and *Mutt's Promise*, to students. Adult learning opportunities will also be available. The entire community is welcome to join us!
12:30-2:00 p.m. SPECIAL B'nai Tzedek Lunch Program for middle and high school students hosted by Kaye Goodfriend. Julie will share insights from *Rambam's Ladder*, her book about Jewish philanthropy.
3:00-5:00 p.m. Community program at the Arnstein Jewish Community Center.
- ★ **Monday, November 21:** UTK Campus event sponsored by Helene Sinnreich, Ph.D., Judaic Studies director and associate professor.

Jewish Book Month is made possible through your contributions to the KJA Annual Campaign.



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Knoxville Jewish Alliance High Holy Days Closings

ROSH HASHANAH October 3 & 4:

Knoxville Jewish Alliance office and AJCC Preschool closed.

KOL NIDRE October 11:

AJCC Preschool closes at 3:00 p.m.

YOM KIPPUR October 12:

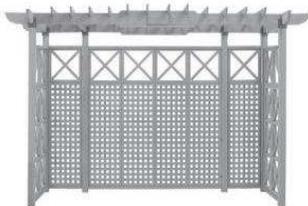
Knoxville Jewish Alliance office and AJCC Preschool closed.

SUKKOT October 16 & 17:

Knoxville Jewish Alliance office and AJCC Preschool closed.

SHIMINI ATZERET & SIMCHAT TORAH

October 24 & 25: Knoxville Jewish Alliance office and AJCC Preschool closed.



YJAK Sukkah Building at the AJCC Sunday, October 16

*Beginning at 2:00 p.m. and ending
with beer and "pizza in the hut"*

YJAK (Young Jewish Professionals of Knoxville) is a social group for Jewish adults over age 21. For information, contact the Knoxville Jewish Alliance at office@jewishknoxville.org.

THIS WEEK, the Knoxville Jewish Alliance weekly email, has received ALL STAR status!



THIS WEEK is emailed each Sunday morning at 9:30 a.m.

Want to receive THIS WEEK? Email office@jewishknoxville.org to be added to the email list.

KJA President's Comments

By Adam Brown, KJA President, adam@tennesseeschoolofbeauty.com

I was recently doing some Estate Planning (please don't tell my wife or son as they'll be fighting to see which one poisons me first) and explained to the attorney that although I wanted my wife and son (and his future heirs) well taken care of, it was also very important to me that the KJA/AJCC receive a sizeable donation upon my death. I've seen first-hand as both treasurer and now as president the unfortunate impact on the KJA's finances when a large donor moves away. In recent years we've probably lost 10 of our top 20 largest donations due to donors moving away or passing away. In a small community such as ours, those "lost" donations often represent as much as 25% or more of our total contributions for the year. With that being said, it was imperative to me that I help support the KJA as much as I can not only now, but long after I'm gone.

The entire process was quite simple as all I had to do was designate in my will that XXX amount of dollars goes to the Adam Brown Endowment Fund (INSERT YOUR OWN JOKE HERE). I chose to do this by naming the Adam Brown Endowment Fund as the beneficiary of one of my insurance policies, but that is certainly not the only way it could have been done and you may choose to do it whichever way is easiest for you (hint, hint: I'm not so subtly asking you to do this). Now all I have to do is die and the KJA's financial troubles will all be washed away. I'm not saying that I'm the best president the KJA has ever had, but I don't recall the other presidents being willing to die to help the KJA. If that's not dedication, I don't know what is!

If you want the AJCC to continue to be a community gathering place and you want the KJA to be able to continue to provide the many benefits and services to our community that it does, please contact Carole Martin, KJCFPPresident@gmail.com, at the Knoxville Jewish Community Family of Funds, and she'll be happy to guide you as to how to set up your own fund so that your heirs can enjoy the AJCC for years to come. And sorry to be the bearer of bad news, but my doctor says my health is in perfect order so the Center will have to wait at least a couple more months for that insurance check.



Dream Bigger

By Deborah Oleshansky, KJA Executive Director

During my most recent visit to Israel, I had the extraordinary experience of meeting Nobel Peace Prize Laureate and ninth President of Israel, Mr. Shimon Peres. As part of a small group assembled at the Peres Center for Peace, I listened to Mr. Peres share his wisdom, concern, optimistic nature, joy for life, and urgent need to transmit as much as possible as fast as possible. He spoke for over an hour without a note, and we were on the edge of our seats, intently taking in every word. Regardless of how the interviewer phrased questions, Mr. Peres shared what he believed we needed to hear, what we needed to know, and what he so urgently needed to impart for future generations. Later I thought the experience must have been like that of the Israelites listening to the final teachings from Moshe before crossing to the Promised Land.

Toward the end of the program, Mr. Peres was asked if he had any regrets. His instant response astonished me. "I regret that I did not dream bigger." Remarkable. A man who literally founded a nation regretted that he did not dream bigger.

Mr. Peres is among the last of the courageous souls who emerged from the horror and devastation of the Holocaust to begin a new chapter in Jewish history. He is aware more than most that the work is not yet done and the book is far from finished. Israel and the Jewish people continue to face challenges, both physical and existential threats to survival.

Though these challenges are real, the blessings are great. The beauty and eternal spirit of Jewish life can bring value and meaning, comfort and compassion. Its essence brings enduring wisdom to times of great joy and celebration, and times of inevitable pain.

As we journey into 5777, may we be inspired by the courage, determination, and vision embodied by Mr. Peres and other great leaders. May we be blessed with health, joy and peace. May we rise to the challenge and celebrate in the joy of life. May we "dream bigger" together.

Wishing you and your families a sweet and fulfilling New Year.
Shanah Tovah U'Metukah.



Shimon Peres at the Peres Center for Peace

View artwork by David Barnett, featured visiting artist at the Schwarzbart Gallery



David's artwork is on display through December 2016.
Gallery hours: 9-5 Monday-Friday;
AJCC, 6800 Deane Hill Drive, Knoxville



Tai Chi Anyone?

The AJCC hosted a fall Tai Chi class and may offer a spring class. If interested intaking the spring class, please contact Laura Berry at lberry@jewishknoxville.org so the KJA can gauge interest.

Community Enjoys Celebrating Former Knoxville Artist at Gallery Reception



(Left) Jeff Hecht and artist David Barnett talk at the reception. (Above) Evan Ohriner and Raphe Panitz



(L-R) Mary Linda Schwarzbart discusses Arnold Schwarzbart's art with Gloria Steinfeld. David Barnett greets friends. A huge thank you to caterers Marilyn Burnett and Pat Rosenberg who created art with their noshes for attendees.

Friendshippers Plans a Musical October Event

By Laura Faye Berry, BSSW, Esq., Director

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

Thursday, October 20: A clarinet recital by David Floyd

PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS MONTH'S PROGRAM IS ON A THURSDAY INSTEAD OF OUR USUAL WEDNESDAY.

David graduated from Bearden High School in 2013. He is an advocate for new music and has performed live premieres of music by Sid Richardson and Joo Won Park, as well as numerous performances of music by his peers in the music theory/composition program at UT. In January 2015, he won the Grand Prize in the River City Winter Clarinet Festival and performed in a masterclass with Dr. Scott Wright from the University of Kentucky. He is a junior at the University of Tennessee, pursuing a bachelor's degree in both Clarinet Performance and Music Theory and performs in the Symphony Orchestra, Wind Ensemble, Electroacoustic Ensemble, and Contemporary Music Ensemble. David is the son of Laura and Frank Floyd (and brother to Elizabeth!).



David Floyd

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

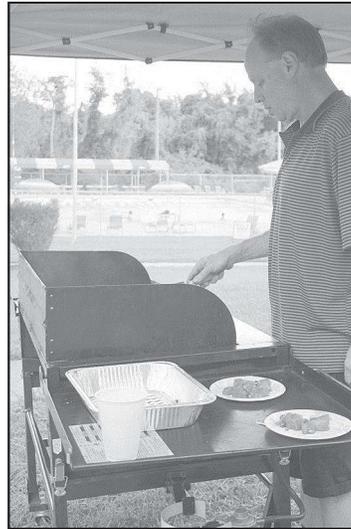
The luncheon begins at noon and the program begins at 1:00 p.m. Lunch is \$8. There is no cost for attending the program alone. Transportation is available upon request—please have your ride requests in by the Monday morning before the program. For more information, please contact Laura Berry at 690-6343 ext. 18 or LBerry@jewishknoxville.org

Community Enjoys Warmth of Poolside Shabbat

More than 250 people enjoyed a Friday Night Chill featuring AJCC Pool time, Tot Shabbat at the Pool, a BBQ buffet, and a Friday night Shabbat service outdoors.

A special thanks to Sheldon Cohen for his expertise.

Grillmaster Brian Weiss works on hot dogs and chicken for more than 200 guests.



(Above) Anna Iroff-Bailey leads Tot Shabbat.

(Right) Briana Rosenbaum and daughter enjoy the best of both pool and Tot Shabbat at Friday Night Chill.



Guests enjoy a delicious grilled dinner.



Shlomit Hava Bracy shared about Tu B'Av, the Israeli day of love and friendship.



(Above) Friday Night Chill Shabbat Service led by Anna and Jared Iroff-Bailey

(Left) Jacob Geltzer, UT Hillel president, welcomes UT students to Friday Night Chill.



Knoxville Jewish Alliance Activities

- ◆ Archives
- ◆ B'nai Tzedek Teen Philanthropy Program
- ◆ BBYO Support
- ◆ Camp K'TonTon
- ◆ Camp Tikun Olam
- ◆ Community Relations
- ◆ Cultural & Social Events
- ◆ Educational Events
- ◆ Friendshippers
- ◆ Global Day of Learning
- ◆ AJCC Golf Tournament
- ◆ *Ha'Kol*/Newsletter
- ◆ Indigent Burial Fund
- ◆ Israel P2G Partnership
- ◆ Jewish Book Month
- ◆ Jewish Family Services
- ◆ Milton Collins Day Camp
- ◆ Missions to Israel
- ◆ Mitzvah Day
- ◆ AJCC Pool & Tennis
- ◆ AJCC Preschool
- ◆ PJ Library
- ◆ Sundown in the Sukkah
- ◆ Teen Connection
- ◆ University Swim Club
- ◆ Smokin' Salmon Swim Team
- ◆ UT Faculty Lectures
- ◆ UT Hillel
- ◆ YJAK (Young Jewish Adults of Knoxville)
- ◆ Yom HaShoah Event
- ◆ And so much more!

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(Above) UTK Hillel President Jacob Geltzer enjoys tailgating.

(Right) AEPi brothers relax before the game.



(Above) Students Parker Alperin and Kevin Saslawsky are getting ready for some Big Orange football.

(Right) The September 1 Kosher Tailgate Party was a great way for Jewish students to meet each other as they enjoy delicious kosher fare.



September 'Twas Tailgating Time in Tennessee

When the University of Tennessee's Appalachian State game moved to a Thursday night, AEPi, UT Hillel, Chabad of Knoxville, and the Knoxville Jewish Alliance, along with several donors, provided UT students with a delicious kosher tailgate at Circle Park. Guests enjoyed Chef Rafi's awesome grilled chicken and wings, along with potato kugel, veggies, other sides, and beverages.

A special thanks to all who helped and who visited the tailgate tent. *(More photos on page 8)*



AJCC Preschool Pajama Read-In Day Monday, October 31—ALL DAY!

The AJCC Preschool celebrates the joy of reading, as students and teachers come in their favorite PJs and enjoy hearing their favorite stories read by special guests and staff.

The AJCC Preschool provides a warm, nurturing environment for children ages 14 months-5 years.

- Low teacher-to-child ratios
- Experienced teachers
- Tennessee DHS Three-Star (highest) rating
- Music and science specialists
- Cooking activities
- Shabbat observance
- Introduction to Hebrew letters, words, and songs
- Parenting workshops and volunteer activities
- Kindergarten readiness for older students
- Nutritious snacks, organic milk, lunches



LIMITED OPENINGS REMAIN! CALL TODAY TO ARRANGE YOUR TOUR!

Contact **Kristen Cannon**, Early Childhood Program Director
(865) 963-8001 — kcannon@jewishknoxville.org

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AJCC Preschool Goes Digital

In an effort to improve the AJCC Preschool's communications with our parents, we asked the community for assistance with getting iPads so we could go digital with our daily communication.

With the community's support, we were successful! The AJCC Preschool would like to thank Jenny Wood, Carole Martin, and Missy Noon for assisting us with our need for iPads. The AJCC Preschool obtained the iPads and has implemented a digital daily system called Tadpoles that allows parents to receive real-time updates, photos, and videos of their children throughout the day.

This system also allows us to be more environmentally friendly because we no longer print daily updates for each child. Our staff is still learning about this new system, but overall, we believe it has been a success. We have had such positive feedback from our parents and we are really pleased with how this system has helped continue to improve the lines of communication in the AJCC Preschool.

Thank you again for your continued support of the AJCC Preschool!



Ms. Ginny, the AJCC Preschool science specialist, introduces students to the wonders of nature and teaches respect for our natural world.

The AJCC Preschool will host its 8th Annual Art Gala and is looking for vendors to showcase arts and crafts.

DATE: Thursday, April 6, 2017

TIME: 5:00-7:00 p.m.

LOCATION: The Arnstein Jewish Community Center
6800 Deane Hill Dr. Knoxville, TN 37919

If you are interested in receiving more details or participating, please contact Amber Perrin at psadmin@jewishknoxville.org or at (865) 963-8001. Early bird registration ends January 31.

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

Knoxville Efforts Help Flood Victims

Always available in times of need, **Marty and Martha Iroff** were among the first volunteers on the scene in Baton Rouge after the flooding.

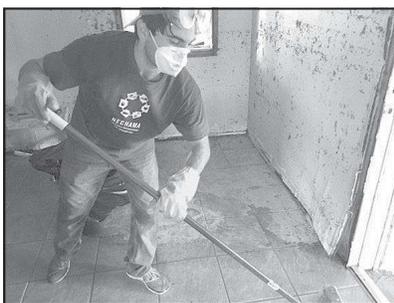
Our **B'nai Tzedek Teen Philanthropy Fund Holders** allocated a grant to NECHAMA: Jewish Response to Disaster (*Nechama* is the Hebrew word for "comfort") for Baton Rouge emergency flood relieve efforts. This grant was matched by a generous donor and allowed us to send \$1,200 from Knoxville almost immediately.

When notified of the Knoxville grants, Jeff Gubitz, who is now working at the Jewish Federation of Greater New Orleans, said, "That's beautiful and well directed. Please express my thanks to them. NECHAMA continues to muck and gut homes irrespective of faith, race, creed, religion."

The **B'nai Tzedek program** is open to all interested teens ages 13-18. The next B'nai Tzedek program will be **Sunday, November 20** with Author Julie Salamon as part of the Jewish Book Month celebration. Kaye Goodfriend will host lunch for Julie, teens, and parents. *(see page 18 for information on Salamon.)



The Iroffs with other American Red Cross volunteers in Louisiana.



A NECHAMA volunteer on clean-up detail in Baton Rouge.

Kroger Community Rewards Benefit AJCC Preschool

If you have a Kroger shopper card, please go online and select **AJCC PRESCHOOL** as your charity. Then...all you have to do is shop at Kroger and swipe your Kroger Plus Card! It's a great way to support early childhood education in your community.



Teen Connection

Teen Connection, a social group for Jewish teens in grades 6-8, hosted a pool party at the AJCC in September. Teens meet monthly, usually on a Sunday after religious school to socialize, work on community service projects, and hang out. Jewish teens are welcome to join. For more information, please contact office@jewishknoxville.org. Teen Connection is a program coordinated by the Knoxville Jewish Alliance.

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Generous Genes

By Carole H. Martin, KJCFF President

At its 30 year celebration, the East Tennessee Foundation hosted a talk by nationally-known speaker Susan Crites Price, author of *Generous Genes, Raising Caring Kids in a Digital Age*. The presentation was followed by a panel discussion by local participants, including our own Deborah Oleshansky and Jeff Becker introducing the Knoxville Jewish community's B'nai Tzedek teen philanthropy program to more than 200 ETF supporters. During the ensuing discussion, Price praised our B'nai Tzedek program for its programming which nurtures teens' compassion and generosity for the world around us. At my luncheon table, this sparked a lengthy discussion with all ten asking detailed questions about our program structure and activities. What an exciting showcase this was for our Jewish community among this group of ETF supporters!

Sponsors of Susan Crites Price's talk thoughtfully gave each of the program's attendees a copy of her book. I found the reading fascinating as it added the component of online resources to the world of philanthropy in a positive way. It was an important reminder to those of us in my ("older," that is!) age group that to encourage our multi-generational families to be philanthropic families, it may be our children and grandchildren who bring ideas and resources from the digital world to our more traditional views.

Please enjoy these recommendations on encouraging family philanthropy from Susan Crites Price. I hope that you will be moved to participate in one or more of them. And if your choice is to have your family channel its giving through a Family Fund, the KJCFF is here to make it an easy transaction. You will benefit as a family, and our community will benefit from your generosity. Reach me at KJCFFPresident@gmail.com.

- I will encourage young people in my life to develop a philanthropic spirit and practice generosity.
- I will have a discussion with my family to determine our philanthropic goals.
- I will talk with my professional advisor about my family's philanthropic goals.
- I will visit ETF or the KJCFF with my professional advisor to learn how to best structure my family's philanthropic goals for now and in the future
- I will support our larger community by giving time and resources to an ETF or KJCFF affiliate fund.
- I will share with the world how wonderful it is to engage in family philanthropy.



Jeff Becker and Deborah Oleshansky at the ETF's Generous Genes panel discussion.

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Heska Amuna Educational Enrichment Fund

Susan Contente & Kurt Piehler

Grants

- ★ The **Jeff & Nancy Becker Community Enrichment Fund** made a grant to the East Tennessee Foundation to sponsor the Generous Genes program.
- ★ The **Natalie & Mitchell Robinson Community Enrichment Fund** made a grant to the Breman Museum in Atlanta to sponsor its 20th anniversary celebration in honor of Natalie Robinson's brother, Jarvin Levison.
- ★ **B'nai Tzedek**, the Knoxville Jewish Alliance's teen philanthropy program, made a grant to NECHAMA: Jewish Response to Disaster for flood relief efforts in Baton Rouge.

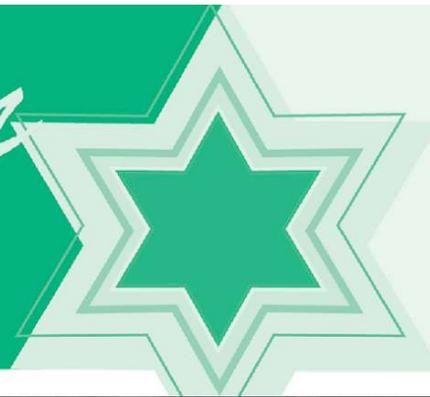
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To learn more about KJCFF philanthropic opportunities, call 690-6343 or visit www.jewishknoxville.org/kjcff

Jewish Congregation of Oak Ridge



New Member Spotlight

Will Wright lives in Loudon County, with his wife Betty. As an Army brat, he grew up at various Army bases in the US and Germany (eight elementary schools and three high schools). Will has two sons, one grandson, two granddaughters. He retired after 8 years in the US Army (Airborne infantryman, military policeman, and mental health counselor) and 12 years in the US Coast Guard Reserve (small boat coxswain). Retired after 31 years for State of Tennessee (probation officer, correctional counselor, correctional counseling manager, and vocational rehabilitation counselor).

Current main interests: motorcycling, yoga, and his dog. Since joining JCOR, Will has become very active in the Men's Club.



Will Wright and wife, Betty



Men's Club

The JCOR and Heska Amuna Men's Clubs joined together again for an outing to watch the Hard Knox Roller Girls on September 10 at Maryville College

To receive notifications of future Men's Club events, contact us at mensclub@jcor.info

**The Oak Ridge Chapter of
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has a large selection of Hadassah
cards, certificates, and trees.**

Support Hadassah by sending cards.
For more info, call Mira at 483-7972

Upcoming Events

Men's Shabbaton Weekend in Nashville

Friday, November 11 - Sunday, November 13

All Jewish Men of East Tennessee are invited to join us in Nashville for the Anshei Darom Region's first Tennessee Men's Club Shabbaton Weekend. Learn what Men's Club is all about. Special Guest: FJMC Executive Director Rabbi Charles Simon. Contact Meir Niad for more info: (865) 332-7100 or meir@niad.net

2016 JCOR High Holy Days Schedule

Erev Rosh Hashanah	October 2 , 7:30 p.m.
Rosh Hashanah I	October 3 , 9:30 a.m.
Children's Service	October 3 , 10:30-11:30 a.m.
Tashlich & Potluck Dinner	October 3 , 4 p.m. At Oak Ridge Marina Bring your shofars!
Rosh Hashanah II	October 4 , 9:30 a.m.
Kol Nidre	October 11 , 6:30 p.m.
Yom Kippur	October 12 , 9:30 a.m.
Children's Service	October 12 , 10:30-11:30 a.m.
Yom Kippur Mincha	October 12 , 5:15 p.m.
Yom Kippur "Break-fast"	October 12 , immediately following service
First day, Sukkot	October 17 , 11 a.m.
Shemini Atzeret/ Yizkor	October 24 , 11 a.m.
Simchat Torah	October 24 , 6:00 p.m. *Please note time change update.

Donations to JCOR

Yahrzeits

- *Steven Elliott Endelman* from Fred Endelman
- *Lottie Kalichman, Evelyn Hanig, and Murray Hanig* from Laura & Dan Schacht
- *Rose Dworkin and Isadore Dworkin* from Art Dworkin
- *Heinrich & Lina Geismar* from Melvin Tobias
- *Sylvia Volkin* from Karen Brunner
- *Lillian & Samuel Liebman* from Shirley Schwartz
- *Herman & Jerry Braunstein* from Catherine Braunstein

Donations

- *To JCOR* from Anne Greenbaum's Hebrew Class
- *In Memory Of Larry Landau:* Virginia Coleman, David & Kathryn Goettsch; Sig & Brenda Mosko (Building Fund) William & Ellen Tolone; Maryann Mulvenon

Donations to Oak Ridge Hadassah

- ★ *Mazel Tov to Nathaniel Laing on his Bar Mitzvah,* from Mira Kimmelman
- ★ *Congratulations to Elena and Carlos Bamberger on the graduation of their granddaughter and the marriage of their grandson*

JCOR Hosts and Hostesses

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October 8	Reeva & Marvin Abraham, Ronnie & Jim Bogard
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The Power Of Our Soul

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By Rabbi Yossi Wilhelm

Baby Camel: Mommy why do we have such flat feet?

Mommy Camel: To help us walk in the desert where there is a lot of sand.

BC: Why such funny eyes?

DC: To protect our eyesight in the desert where there is a lot of sand.

BC: What about the hump on our back?

DC: There is not enough water in the desert so we can store water for long walks.

BC: If we have funny feet, big eyes and this hump for the desert, for heaven's sake, what are we doing in the Bronx zoo?

Could you imagine what our soul feels like in this world? A spiritual, holy, sensitive and humble entity in a world with good and evil, a world filled with so many challenges. What for? Why not just stay above where it's all good?

As they say: No pain no gain! A shiny brand new car parked in the dealer's lot will never get in to an accident, and probably not a single scratch, but that is not the purpose it was made for. A soul in heaven is safe and secure it will have no obstacles, no challenges but that is not what it was created for.

A soul is formed in the womb of supernal spiritual realms, where it acquires its distinct identity and mission. To fulfill this mission, it is dispatched to the physical realm, encloded within an Animal Soul and equipped with a body. Here the G dly Soul is challenged by the (apparently) conflicting needs and desires of the Animal Soul; here divine reality is obscured by the dense selfhood of the body and physical world. In this arena of hidden truth and perpetual challenge, the soul can fully express and actualize its divine power.

So yes, at times it may feel like we're in the Bronx zoo, or perhaps some African jungle, however, we are equipped with the tools not only to survive but to thrive.

May we all be written and sealed in the book of life and prosperity, a year in which we will utilize the power of our soul to make a positive difference in our life, our surroundings and all of us together a difference in the world.

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October 15

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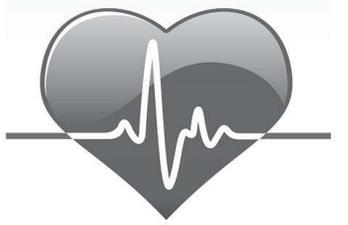
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Sunday, October 9
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Researchers have learned that signs of heart attacks and the subsequent treatment of heart attacks differ for men and women. Finally, because your HADASSAH took the lead, women are standing together to advocate for needed gender based research for many diseases and health issues!

Hadassah started the growing *Coalition for Women's Health Equity* (16 organizations at this time) to create a well-coordinated, unified force to advocate for women's health equity. **The inequities in health research, drugs, and treatments for women reflect one of the most hidden elements of gender discrimination remaining today.**

Hadassah Knoxville's membership event this year will focus on this theme. We invite all to come and learn about some of the gender differences that exist across many health issues. We plan to invite local members of other coalition partners to attend this event. All community members welcome.

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Shalom Y'all: It's Layette Time in Tennessee

Please contact me soon to add your name to these layette cards. I will mail the cards out just after you receive your October *Ha'Kol*. Please send me a message to be included or if you have any questions about how the layette program works. I look forward to hearing from you. **Judi Abrams** at judi.abrams@gmail.com

Mazel Tov to:

- **Rosalie and Steve Nagler** on the birth of their first granddaughter, Fiona Eugenia Nagler, daughter of Iris and Evan, and niece to Mara.
- **Carole and Ivan Cooper** on the birth of their first grandson, Kenlin Joseph Cooper.
- **Carol and Steve Abeles** on the birth of their grandson, Edward Frances Abeles.



President's Message

By Laura Floyd

In July I had the opportunity to attend Hadassah's 98th National Convention in Atlanta, which featured the theme, *The Power of our Dreams.* It was wonderful. There were 950 in attendance. The Southern Region had a good number of delegates and Bonnie Boring (Southern Region president) and I represented Hadassah Knoxville. Here is a short overview of everything that happened.

I attended a reception for First Timers at a Hadassah convention. There were 100+ of us in that room. It was lovely and very welcoming. Many of the past national presidents were there and spoke to us. The Southern Region had a delicious dinner that first night. It was a great opportunity to reconnect with ladies I have met over the years going to conferences and board meetings. I also met a lot of new people.

That night, actress and activist Gwyneth Paltrow received the *Power of Women Who Dream* award. She spoke about her Jewish connection on her father's side, seven generations of rabbis!

Tuesday, we had the National Business Meeting where we voted on policies and budget items. This was so exciting to be part of this process. Our votes went like this: *Annual dues were suggested to be raised to \$54 in 2017. This was voted down and annual dues will remain at \$36. *Life membership was rolled back from \$360 to \$250. However, any gifted members from last year can step up to life membership for \$180 this year.

Policies voted on were:

1. *Zionism* – The statement reaffirms Hadassah's commitment to Zionism, expressed through supporting HMO and other projects in Israel and engaging in Zionist education and advocacy in the US and worldwide.
2. *LGBTQ Equality* – Reaffirms and expands Hadassah's 2006 policy statement for LGBTQ rights, restates opposition to all efforts to selectively limit or deny civil rights to members of the LGBTQ community and much more.
3. *United Nations Reform* - Reaffirms and expands prior policy statements in response to increasing anti-Israel activity at the UN.
4. *Caregiving* - Reaffirms that women are often the primary caregivers for their families, sometimes juggling the responsibilities of caring for both children and aging parents. Recognizes and values the integral role of caregivers--paid and unpaid--in supporting the health and dignity of America's aging and disabled population.

All votes had lively discussions and were all passed unanimously. Please go to advocacy@hadassah.org for the full text of these policies.

I attended informative and interesting breakout sessions. One was about research into diseases like *ALS* and *MS* and information about the *Zika virus*. Another was titled *Empowering Yourself, Empowering Your Daughters* (and Granddaughters too!) by Naomi Katz, the author of *Beautiful: Being an Empowered Young Woman*. She was a powerful speaker.

We had speakers from Israel and testimonials about the wonderful HMO hospitals in Israel. One young woman had a bus roll over her, crushing her pelvis and she ran through the room in high heels up to the podium to speak to us! She had the best of care and now she is walking and even training for a marathon. There were so many wonderful speakers. We learned about the *Iron Dome technology* in Israel to knock out rockets fired before they can land and hurt people. The technology is fascinating.

On Tuesday night, we were entertained by *Joshua Nelson and his Kosher Gospel Quartet*. The room was really rocking and many were dancing. He performed at Heska Amuna about 15 years ago and he was just as great as I remember.

Wednesday there was another jam-packed day of sessions. I attended a very interesting one about *Strong Jewish Women in the Torah*. That night we had the gala banquet and it was announced that throughout the time of the convention, more than \$2,000,000 had been raised. WOW!

Thursday, Hadassah Southern gathered together for breakfast, and then we had one more session and the last meeting where awards were handed out. Hadassah Knoxville achieved our membership goal by 100%+ and that was mentioned in the dinner on the first night.

Again, I am so honored to have been able to attend this wonderful convention. I want to thank my board for encouraging me to go and helping me achieve the dream of attending a Hadassah National Convention.



Dinner out with Bonnie Boring, Laura Floyd and Southern Region friends Sue Moye (Birmingham) and Bettye Berlin (Memphis)



Laura Floyd and Bonnie Boring at Hadassah Southern Dinner.



Activist Gwyneth Paltrow receives the *Power of Women Who Dream* award.



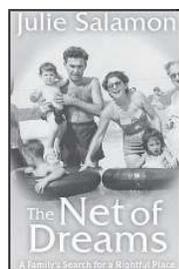
Hadassah Book Club News

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

Hope to see you all for our **Tuesday, October 18 Hadassah Book Club meeting**. We meet at 7:30 p.m. at Barnes and Noble Bookstore on Kingston Pike in the coffee shop area. This month we'll be discussing *The Net of Dreams: A Family's Search for a Rightful Place* by Julie Salamon. (You can meet this author at Jewish Book Month events—see page 18 of this *Ha'Kol*.)

Review by *Publisher's Weekly Review*:

The author's father, Alexander (Sanyi) Salamon, a Carpathian Czech doctor, was incarcerated in Dachau and survived, but he lost his first wife and their small daughter in the Holocaust. In 1946, Alexander married the author's mother, Lilly (Szimi), a Czech Jew who had survived Auschwitz, where both her parents perished. Julie Salamon (*White Lies*) begins this poignant family album with an account of the 1993 trip she made with her mother and stepfather to Poland, to the movie set where Steven Spielberg was filming *Schindler's List*. She interviews Spielberg, tours the concentration camps and tape-records her mother's memories of Nazi doctor Josef Mengele. The author's parents moved to New York in 1947, then in 1953 to an Appalachian Ohio village, where she was born and grew up. Her father died of cancer when she was 18. Beneath her girlhood's "Norman Rockwell trappings" lay the tragic past her parents hid from her, a past she painstakingly reconstructs in this deeply affecting memoir.



Future Read: November's book will be *The Sound of Gravel* by Ruth Wariner.

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

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

Hadassah Members Enjoy BBQ and Fun Times



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Floyd, Harriet Cooper,
Jenny Pfeffer, Polina
Blansh, Jane Cohen,
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Stanford Eisenberg Knoxville Jewish Day School

A New Start with “Old” Aspirations

This year has brought many new things to KJDS. Ten new kindergarteners, a new “makers space”, new staff members, and a new EQ (Emotional Intelligence) curriculum. But what has not changed and will never change is our Philosophy.

This Philosophy is one of the most significant aspects of the school as it guides us as educators. These principles stay constant regardless of who may teach in a classroom, and have been in place since the creation of the Knoxville Jewish Day School. They are simple yet nothing about them is simplistic. They are aspirational and concrete, they are woven into our every interaction, yet are intangible.

This small list has helped educators create phenomenal experiences throughout the years. As we start 2016-2017 with a cohort of seasoned educators, we know our students will continue to be nurtured and pushed, empowered and safe, self-aware and accountable.

- ◆ *Treat every child as if he or she were your own.*
- ◆ *Encourage children to support one another.*
- ◆ *Define your expectations and then raise the bar; the more you expect, the better the results will be.*
- ◆ *Take risks and make mistakes, they are a vital part of the learning process.*
- ◆ *Create moments that will have a lasting impact on children's lives.*
- ◆ *Engage students with lessons that are collaborative and hands on so students are active learners.*
- ◆ *Empower students to take charge of their learning through self-assessment and reflection.*



Leead walks his mother through his PowerPoint presentation during his Student-Led conference. These empowering endeavors allow students to reflect on their learning.

Knoxville Jewish Day School Open House

Tuesday, November 8
9:00-11:00 a.m.

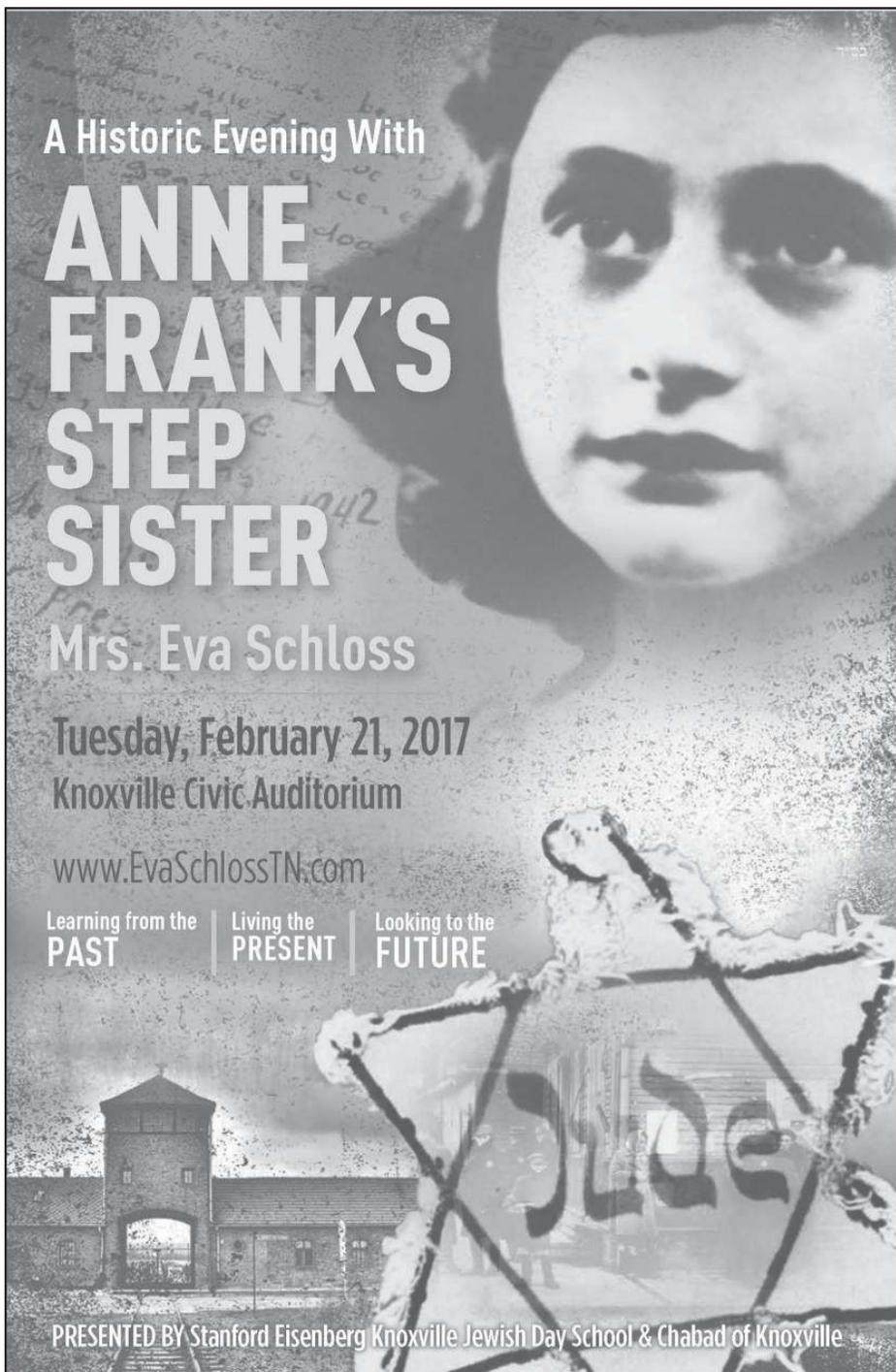
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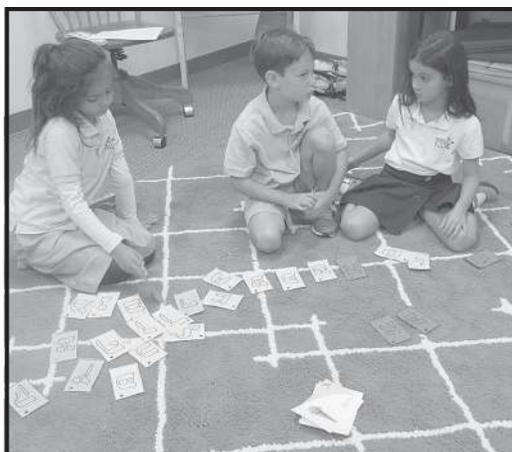
KJDS Hebrew Program Teaching to Proficiency

A year after shifting our curriculum to a proficiency framework we are seeing incredible results. In the proficiency approach, language learners practice listening, speaking, reading, and writing. We use this approach in order to communicate meaningfully, effectively, and creatively in our target language for real-life purposes. Students in first grade and up are spoken to and respond in Hebrew and this challenge has pushed our students' ability to communicate tremendously. Since we push the kids to work hard, we play hard as well! We create fun and engaging opportunities that are presented for students to apply their Hebrew skills.

Work Hard: Students in 3-4th grade were challenged to read cards with descriptions of the children without vowels! They had to match the description with the correct child.

Play Hard: A week into school right before the 1st and 2nd graders signed their contract to try and speak only Hebrew they were challenged to use their Hebrew skills to "Escape the Classroom" — a take-off of the ever popular escape room activities. Students were challenged by a "witch" to open their classroom door in less than 30 minutes or the witch would turn their teacher into a frog.

There were four codes to break, with each one leading students closer to discovering the secret code and to opening the classroom door. Students used their knowledge of Hebrew letters, Final letters, script writing and vowels to crack the codes and open the classroom door! All three groups managed to escape, the last with only 3 second to go!



(Far left) Students had to work as a team to figure out clues to escape the classroom.

(Left) Liam and Abby escaped! Using clues in Hebrew, the kids met the challenge.

Teachers Start Strong with Unique and Purposeful Lessons

The Kindergarten and First Graders have been working in a Writer's Workshop. The Writer's Workshop is a child-centered approach to writing that encourages students to write for a variety of purposes and audiences. The students are encouraged to write about their lives and experiences that are meaningful to them. Each child is lifted as a writer, coached through writing pieces to gain understanding and skills in various genres. Writer's Workshop fosters a love of writing and being a lifelong writer. The children write daily and learn the writing process. Their writing is authentic and they develop independence as writers that lasts a lifetime. The children plan what they are writing, write, revise and edit, and publish their pieces. They also share their writing with partners. The children learn how to give and accept a compliment, as well as accept constructive feedback on their pieces.

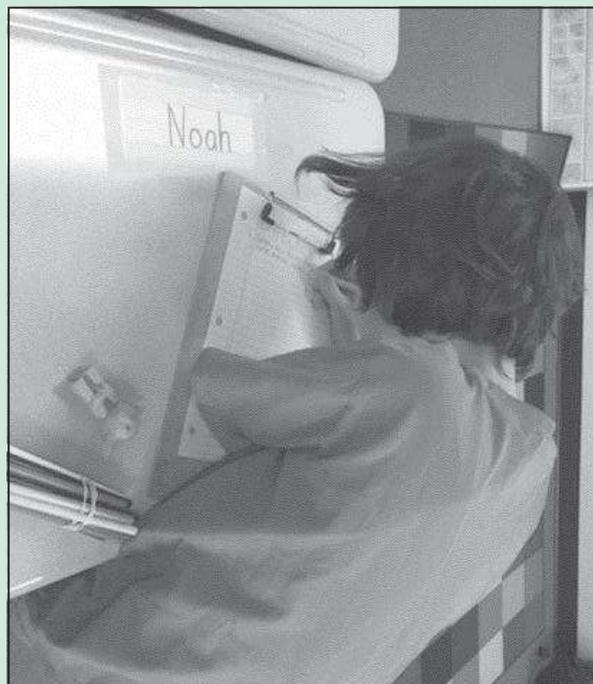
The Second and Third Grade students have become map makers! Studying maps gives students an understanding of the relationships between people and their environment, our place on the Earth and the diversity of topography. Reading a map is a skill we all need to know regardless of GPS! During our Open House the students were able to direct their parents to a hidden letter using cardinal directions and a map key. The class will continue their study of all the 50 states this year and continue to read different types of maps.

The Fourth and Fifth Graders have been challenged – literally- by their teacher Mrs. Wulf. The students were given several challenges While she uses the challenges to get them to work together and use their engineering know-how, the challenges really bring out each child's personality and temperament. As a new teacher with this group, this is a great tool to really get to see her students in another non-academic light. Their first challenge was: Create a bridge using 4 cans, 60cm of making tape, clay, and 3 note cards. This challenge came after a reader's theatre of *The Three Billy Goats Gruff*. The bridge had to hold 170 grams of weight (the weight of all three billy goats). Students were required to create a blueprint before building their bridge.

The students enjoyed the challenge and have since done several more. Their parents had to simulate a challenge during the Open House, and not all of them succeeded. This year is getting off to an amazing start with these wonderful teachers.

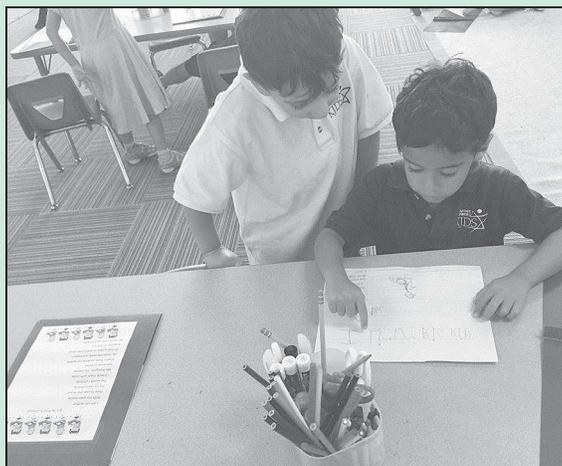


The Fourth and Fifth Graders worked hard to meet their "building a bridge" challenge.



Noah is working on his letter. His parents will find it by clues he gives them with a map key

These Kindergartners are reading their stories to each other. Learning to give and take constructive criticism is a skill that must be taught and practiced.



A Delightful Gift to KJDS

Gifts come in many forms; presents, treats, time given, monetary support and sometimes in the form of a person. We have been the recipients of a true gift-Sandy Parker.

Sandy gives of herself continuously, selflessly and joyfully. She is a "Special Friend", a Board Co-President, a librarian, and an all-around supporter. She has presented in our Shabbat Party, bringing gifts from Israel to all the students. She ran the "Knoshville" booth for the school. She attends every school function. She donated a beautiful quilt to the students as they studied the Underground Railroad. On Wednesdays you will find her checking out books to our students during our library time. Sandy is truly a gift to all of us and we cannot say **Thank You** enough for all you do for the school!



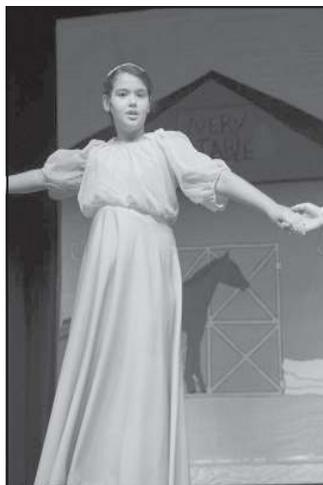
Sandy Parker (left) in her usual habitat: at the Knoxville Jewish Day School surrounded by friends and family.

Where Are They Now?

This year we are going to check in with some of our Alumni to see where a KJDS education can take you.

Samantha Abrams-Cohen spent her entire elementary school education at KJDS. She graduated in May and transitioned to Cedar Bluff Middle School this August.

Her mother filled us in on how she is doing so far. "Samantha has easily integrated into middle school at Cedar Bluff. She is in all honors classes and excited to join various after school activities including the Book Club and the Gratitude Club. She recently auditioned and was accepted into the Vocal Ensemble. She has been confident in her abilities to navigate academics and social interactions and has begun to recognize the unique experience she had at KJDS for elementary school was truly one-of-a-kind."



Samantha Abrams-Cohen in The Music Man.

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Thanks to Scott Hahn for donating the telephone book and pointing out this ad.

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