



# Ha' Kol

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

## MACCABBIAH 2013 - FUN AND FEASTING

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(Above) The Maccabiah Games winners this year: the Blue Team - Gimel Everyone enjoyed the games and a latke lunch (bottom right), including Team Nun (below top right), the Red Team (bottom left), and Larissa and Jeffrey Kay, and their baby Gabe (below top left).



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# TEMPLE BETH EL TIMES



## Another “New Year”

By Rabbi Mathew D. Michaels

January 1 marks the beginning of the secular year. It is traditionally a time of great celebration as we bid the old year “good-bye” (and in some instances we add “good riddance”) and welcome the new year with hopeful optimism. We spend some time reflecting on the events of the past 12 months and make plans and resolutions for the future. Unlike the somber, serious tone that surrounds the Jewish New Year and the *Yamim Noraim*, the environment of December 31-January 1 is far more festive – parties, food, parades, college football bowl games, and more.

Actually, in many instances the goal of the secular New Year’s celebration is to forget about the past year with an attitude more akin to “whatever happened, happened, so forget about it and move on; look ahead and don’t dwell on the past.” Conversely, with Rosh Hashanah, we are warned NOT to forget, but rather to learn from our mistakes, miscalculations, and missteps. We are reminded that repentance involves memory; that we must recall what has happened during the past year in order to make better choices in the future.

So often, the themes and actions of our Jewish New Year and our secular New Year seem to stand in opposition one to the other. However, a friend recently suggested an interesting perspective: Perhaps we should view our secular New Year as a check-point – a progress report if you please – of where we stand in our lives since Rosh Hashanah. After the careful “inventory of self” we took during the High Holy Days, how much progress have we made incorporating into our lives the lessons we learned? Where are we in the course of fulfilling the vows and promises we made to ourselves? The secular New Year is an opportunity to evaluate where we are in the process of self-improvement. It can be a time to refine, reconsider and maybe even reset some of those goals we set for ourselves.

From a Jewish perspective, consider expanding the purpose of the secular New Year to include a review of your own spiritual growth. By doing so, I believe each of us can growth in depth during the year. May 2014, (like 5774) bring a closeness of family, a stronger community, and a more peaceful world.

29 Tevet - 30 Shevat 5774

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## President’s Message

By Stu Elston

As a congregation at Temple Beth El, we observe at least four new year events per year, and each is an opportunity to reflect on, or plan for (or both), different aspects of Temple life. There is, of course, the Hebrew calendar’s new year on Rosh Hashanah, beginning the days of awe and followed shortly thereafter by Simchat Torah, which we can think of as a new year in the Torah reading cycle. In the nitty-gritty of operating our facility and its programs, there is our fiscal year, with its new year falling on July first. Finally, and more to the point of this article, there is the secular new year – in the life of Temple Beth El, January means it’s time to start thinking about our annual budget planning cycle and, after that, our annual congregational meeting and its election of new board members and officers.

The annual budget process begins in the Ways and Means Committee with requests that other committees, such as House and Property, Ritual and Worship, and School and Youth, provide a budget proposal for the next year. The process leads to an overall operating budget that is presented to and approved by the

Temple Board of Directors in two readings, the second of which must occur at the May board meeting. This permits a final approved budget to be presented at May’s annual congregational meeting.

In parallel with (and related to) the budget process, we will also be launching several special fundraising events to keep the current fiscal year’s budget in balance. Please watch for these, and please be generous in supporting your Temple through those events. Like most non-profit member-supported organizations, we struggle to make ends meet and rely on discrete fundraising events and generous special donations such as memorials to fill in the gap between dues pledges and operating expenses.

Finally, over the next months we will be seeking congregants able and willing to help these efforts bear fruit. We rely heavily on our members to contribute talents and time, as well as dollars, to the programs we offer, to the fundraisers we organize, and to the leadership teams that include our Board of Directors and its officers. If you can help, you will be appreciated – please let us know by speaking to me or another officer or board member—we are all listed at the bottom of every Temple email Blast. It’s a new year yet again – help us make it a good one for Temple Beth El.

## Temple Beth El Religious School

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

### Midweek Hebrew Resumes January 8 with Pizza Dinner

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

### Sunday Religious School Resumes January 12!

#### January 12 is Torah Tots!

The fun continues with our youngest TBE'rs. Come see what Emily, Norma, and Rabbi Matt have in store for you. I must say that having Torah Tots! in our school has been one of the best new programs yet! I totally love our Tots and our Tot parents. If you want a treat, just peak in and take a look at the fun that happens on our "magic carpet."

### Teen Retreat January 17-19

It is time for our Teen Retreat at Camp Wesley Woods. This weekend event is open to all students, ages 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grades. Rabbi Michaels is our guest leader for the weekend. He will use his many years of experience as a URJ Camp Rabbi to design special programming that is very engaging. Our Shabbat morning service will be done in a non-traditional way as we "hike" our way through the service in the beautiful mountains. The teens will also participate in outdoor challenge activities done by the Wesley Woods staff. Scholarships are available. Please contact Norma if you need information.

### We Will Have Religious School on MLK Weekend

Even with Norma, Rabbi Matt, and the teens in the mountains, there will be religious school. We believe that MLK Weekend is a very important time to teach social justice. Our teachers will have some great lessons prepared for the day. Don't miss it.

### Kudos to Our Sixth & Seventh graders for their wonderful service last November!

I realized that I never mentioned this terrific class service. My apologies! Aaron Margulies helped his boys prepare a beautiful service. We are proud of you, Jacob Brown, Ben Margulies, Ben Hirsh, Eilam Clayman, and Gabe and Alex Abrams. Job well done!

### Friday, January 31, Fourth Grade Conducts Services

Tara Bain's class has been working hard to prepare a wonderful service. You will be amazed at the skills these young people have. This service will be conducted by Riley Goodfriend, Lily Hirsh, Leo Pollock, Joel Rosenbaum, Heidi Sturm, Grace Theriot, and Simone Friedman. Please worship with us at 7:30 p.m. as this very bright and energetic group of young people lead this service. Parents of the 4<sup>th</sup> grade class will host the oneg.

### Additional 6:00 p.m. Service, January 31, conducted by Our 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Class

It's a double service day. Families with young children will enjoy this little service. The class of Emily Hoffman will use our *Gates of Prayer for Young People* as they conduct a short 6:00 p.m. service. Conducting this service will be Zoe Feldblum, Avagail Laing, Grace Margulies, Aaron Shagan, Nathan Lake, and Emma Grace Patterson.

### Special Shabbat Dinner for Families of Third and Fourth Grades, January 31

We have started a new tradition at Temple Beth El. Each time our students conduct services, Rabbi Matt and Norma treat the families to a special Shabbat dinner. This is a wonderful way to share the joy of a family Shabbat as rabbi guides us through the traditional Shabbat rituals. This month the dinner will be at 6:30 p.m., which is *after* the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade service and *before* the 4<sup>th</sup> grade service. Parents of the third grade will provide the desserts for the dinner, and we will take care of the rest. The 4<sup>th</sup> grade parents are in charge of the regular oneg after the 7:30 p.m. service. Norma asks that families RSVP as to how many people will be attending the dinner.

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

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

***The Hunger, Healing, & Hope Shabbat conducted by Hebrew Chai with our student choir is Friday, February 28 at 6 p.m. Mark your calendars!***

# Join us for Shabbat.

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

**Place:** TBE Social Hall

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

**Cost:** \$8.00/person

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



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

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

By Karen Smith and Kathy Young, Sisterhood Co-Presidents

Sisterhood ended 2013 with a busy December! Todah to *Karen Armsey* from *H. A. B. I. T.* for the **December 15 Sisterhood program** and to *Phyllis Hirsh* and *Joan Cohn* for their assistance. Special thanks to our “furry friends” *Maggie, Sam, and Macy*. Todah to the *Program Committee* for coordinating the program.

February 2014 will be a busy Sisterhood month. Plans for the **Sisterhood program on Sunday, February 9 at 10:00 a.m.** are underway. Watch for more information in the February issue of *Ha’Kol*, the weekly Temple Blast, and Friday night announcements.

A special Shabbat evening is planned for **Friday, February 28** when Sisterhood sponsors “**Shabbat for Child Life**” (**Children’s Hospital**) at 6:00 p.m. at Temple. Child Life at East Tennessee Children’s Hospital and Child Life specialists ease anxiety through the power of play. To do so, the specialists provide age appropriate hands on explanations to demonstrate procedures, such as inserting an I.V.

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

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

The cost for dinner is \$8.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children under 12 years. There is a \$25.00 cap for families (parents and children.) Sisterhood will provide bread, drinks, and salad. Contact *Co-chairs Phyllis Hirsh and Joyce Traugot* to bring a pasta dish or sign up on the Sisterhood Board at Temple.

Looking ahead on the calendar? Save **Friday, March 28 at 7:30 p.m.** for **Sisterhood Shabbat** at Temple Beth El.

Save **Sunday, April 27 from 9:30 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.** at Temple for the **Sisterhood Bazaar**. Enjoy purchasing food and craft items from Sisterhood.

*Membership Co-Vice Presidents Marcy Frankel, Barbara Holz, and Ava Radoff* remind everyone to return membership applications and checks for \$45.00 payable to Temple Beth El Sisterhood so YOU can be counted in for a year of Sisterhood. It’s never too late to join Sisterhood!

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

**It’s time for Sisterhood!**

# Celebrate the Joy of Shabbat

## Saturday, February 1, 2014

10:30 a.m.

### Join Us for a Learners' Minyan



**The Learners' Minyan** is an interactive Saturday morning Shabbat service designed to help us better understand – and learn about, discuss and debate – the elements of the service. A combination “prayer-experience and class,” all sit close together, as we go through the service. The aim is to familiarize participants with the spirit, structure and ideas embedded in the Shabbat service. Rabbi Michaels explains meaning, staging, choreography, and also how the ritual came to be that way. There's lots of discussion, and it's easy to join in. It's guaranteed you'll come away with an enhanced knowledge of Jewish history and a deeper appreciation for the Shabbat service.

A light luncheon will follow

Sponsored by the Ritual and Worship Committee of Temple Beth El

## Learners' Minyan

By Larry Markel

Last spring Temple Beth El announced it was holding a Learners' Minyan. What, I wondered, was a Learners' Minyan? Were we going to be taught how to count to 10 in Hebrew? No, the Learners' Minyan is an interactive Saturday morning Shabbat service designed to help us better understand – and learn about, discuss and debate – the elements of the service. Did you know our services, like an athletic workout, consist of a warm-up; a series of exercises to build up those “prayer muscles” as you consider your relationship with the Eternal; a stretching set to think of how you take the Torah lessons out of the Synagogue and apply them to your life and your community; a calibration exercise where we remember and acknowledge those that have gone before; and then a couple of sprints to send us out renewed, refreshed, and rededicated? Seriously, the Shabbat service really is divided into deliberate parts to evoke specific reactions, feelings, and contemplations. If you ever wished for a “GPS” to navigate your way through the prayer book, this is it.

A combination “prayer-experience and class,” we all sit on the bimah, close together, as we go through the service. The aim is to familiarize participants with the spirit, structure and ideas embedded in the Shabbat service. Rabbi Michaels explains meaning, staging, choreography, and also how the ritual came to be. Did you ever want to ask why we do something a particular way in the service? Did you ever want to say, “Growing up I did this another way, and I miss the familiar feeling of it?” The Learners' Minyan is the time to ask those questions and make those suggestions. Don't worry about interrupting, or about having to make the first move: this is a warm, welcoming and interactive environment. There's lots of discussion, and it's easy to join in. Having everyone on the bimah brings a feeling of intimacy and shared experience that likely will provide not only insights into the service, but a new dimension to your Jewish experience.

Here is an example of the influence that the Learner's Minyan can have on the entire congregation: In response to questions and suggestions from congregants during the first Learners' Minyan last March, the Temple's Ritual & Worship Committee worked with the rabbi to change the way we introduce the Mourners' Kaddish. Our second Learners' Minyan in August focused on the High Holy Days, and the discussion was so vigorous it continued into the lunch afterwards. As a result of questions and suggestions during the second Learners' Minyan, we made several “tweaks” in the Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur services.

The next Learners' Minyan will be **Saturday, February 1, at 10:30 a.m.** Please consider joining us for the service and a light lunch. The Ritual & Worship Committee and Rabbi Michaels are happy to hear comments and suggestions about the Temple's services at any time, but the Learners' Minyan may be the best place to ask that question that's always been bothering you. You may not learn how to count to 10 in Hebrew, but it's guaranteed you'll come away with new knowledge of Jewish history and a deeper appreciation for the Shabbat service.

## Chanukah Latke Celebration

By Amy Rosenberg

What do 640 latkes, 40 pounds of delicious smoked brisket, 9 challahs, 9 quarts of applesauce, 3 quarts of sour cream, 100 brownies, 144 cookies and 7 gallons of tea add up to? The answer was 135 smiling faces at the recent Temple Beth El Chanukah Latke Celebration, held on Wednesday, December 4. Fellow Jews from throughout East Tennessee and from other congregations joined us to celebrate the Festival of Lights. The spirit of holiday and community was simply contagious.

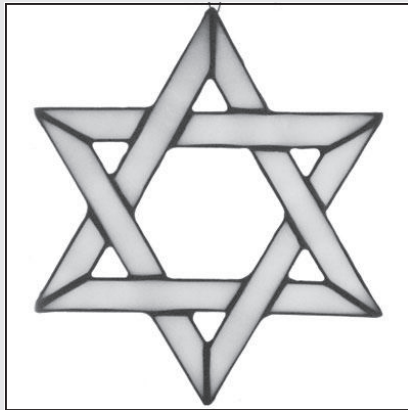
The most well attended event of the year, the Chanukah celebration was the culmination of a great volunteer effort by many people but a special thanks to Phyllis Hirsh, Ceil Rosenberg, Hayley Goldfeld, Missy Noon, Mark & Lucy Barkan, Joyce Traugot, Steve Rockmaker, Kathy Young, Eli Derrington, Danielle & Stephanie Goldfeld, Cara French and Scott Clabo (I apologize if I inadvertently left someone out). Along with the lighting of the many beautiful menorahs, there was a beautiful family service after dinner led by Rabbi Matt Michaels.

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



## Kudos

- ◆ **MAZEL TOV** to Liza Reineri, daughter of Nina Reineri. Liza has accepted an accounting internship with Georgia Pacific this summer. Internships are full time for 12 weeks; the location has yet to be determined.



PLEASE JOIN TEMPLE BETH EL  
FOR SHABBAT SERVICES ON  
**FRIDAY, JANUARY 10, 7:30 P.M.**

AS WE HONOR

**SCOTT CLABO**

ON THE BIMAH  
FOR HIS SEVENTEEN YEARS  
OF SERVICE  
SPECIAL ONEG TO FOLLOW

## Contributions to Temple Beth El Funds

*Donations listed were received as of November 25, 2013*

### BEILER FLORAL FUND

*In memory of Khava Barkan*

By: Mark & Lucy Barkan

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Wedding*

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*In memory of Anna Gassel*

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*In memory of Lee Meyers*

By: Anthony & Barbara Meyers

*In memory of Dick Zivi*

By: Chuck & Missy Noon

*In memory of Charles Gubitz*

By: Jeff & Charlene Gubitz

# KNOXVILLE

## Menorah Madness Draws a Big Crowd!



*Amber Love lights a menorah candle with Rabbi Yossi Wilhelm and Rabbi Matt Michaels in attendance*



*(Top Left) A big crowd gathers at Menorah Madness. (Top Right) Hallie Boring and Elizabeth Floyd, KJDS students, sing Chanukah songs for the crowd. (Middle Left) Rabbi Alon Ferency and Rabbi Yossi Wilhelm chat. (Above) Betty Golub helps Stella with arts and crafts.*



*BBYO teens joined former Knoxville Rena Neiger for a recent Shabbat Dinner. Rena shared information about international graduate programs.*

# H A P P E N I N G S

You're Invited to Winick AZA's

## *Heart & Soul Dinner and Silent Auction*

**Sunday, January 12**  
6:00 p.m., AJCC

Enjoy live jazz, a silent auction, and delicious Italian cuisine featuring stuffed shells in a rich marinara sauce, Caesar salad, garlic bread, dessert and beverages.

Tickets: In advance, \$18.00 for adults and \$9.00 for students and children. At the door: \$20.00 for adults; \$10.00 for students and children. Proceeds benefit BBYO scholarship funds and the American Heart Association.

To purchase tickets and make reservations, e-mail [rosn@webbstudent.org](mailto:rosn@webbstudent.org) or mail check (payable to BBYO) to Winick AZA, c/o AJCC, 6800 Deane Hill Drive, Knoxville, TN 37919.

## **Leibowitz Appointed JFNA Committee Chair**

Congratulations to Knoxville native, past AJCC president and long-time KJA supporter Judge **Mary Beth Leibowitz** on her appointment as the Jewish Federations of North America's Small Cities Volunteer Delegation chair. She is chair of the small federation trustee cohort of nine, which represents 61 federations on the JFNA Board of Trustees.

As chair, she represents the 61 federations across the country on the JFNA Executive Committee and the JFNA Budget & Finance Committee. She will convene the trustees and upon occasion, the presidents of the 61 federations for discussion about topics of interest and importance to the small federations in particular and the federation system at large. She is the volunteer voice of the smaller communities, ensuring equal representation among all groups that make up the national effort.

In his term as Small City Professionals chair, KJA Executive Director **Jeff Gubitz** served on the board in a professional capacity representing the small federations for two years. As executive director of Judge Leibowitz's community, Gubitz also sits on the board of directors for the next two years.

## **Suzy Snoops**

*Send your news to Suzy Snoops and share with friends and family. E-mail to [jvork@jewishknoxville.org](mailto:jvork@jewishknoxville.org), fax to (865) 694-4861 or mail to Ha'Kol, Knoxville Jewish Alliance, 6800 Deane Hill Drive, Knoxville, TN 37919.*

- ◆ The University of Wisconsin-Madison College of Agricultural and Life Sciences honored **Dr. Henry Fribourg**, professor emeritus of Crop Ecology at the University of Tennessee, with its highest honor, the CALS Distinguished Alumni Award. Henry, accompanied by his wife, **Claudia**, attended the ceremony in Madison, Wisconsin.
- ◆ The Partnership for the Academic Study of Early Judaism, led by **Erin Darby**, with **Gilya Schmidt, Raphe Panitz, Deborah Oleshansky, and Jeff Gubitz** will establish a collaboration among the UT Department of Religious Studies, the Steinfeld Program in Judaic Studies, UT Hillel, and the Knoxville Jewish Alliance to create a community education program on ancient Judaism.
- ◆ Assistant Professor of Music Theory **Mitchell Ohriner**, son of Jenifer and Evan Ohriner, was recognized as the 2013 Society for Music Theory's Emerging Scholar for his article, *Grouping Hierarchy and Trajectories of Pacing in Performances of Chopin Mazurkas*, published in *Music Theory Online (MTO)* in April 2012.
- ◆ The KJA's **Hadera-Eiron Southeast Consortium Partnership** opened the artist exhibition entitled *Sound of Many Waters: Images of Water in Jewish Life* at the Bible Lands Museum in Jerusalem. The exhibit highlights the work of 34 American and Israeli artists each presenting a different cultural and spiritual interpretation of water. Local artists **Shelly Mangold** and **Caitlin Seidler** were two of the artists with works on display. The exhibit will be shipped to the US and will be on display at the AJCC in 2014.
- ◆ **Nora Messing, Phyllis Hirsh, and Deborah Oleshansky** were featured in the *News-Sentinel* with stories of their Thanksgiving-Chanukah menus. **Ellen Kern** (and her sister **Martha Kern Niceley**) and **Judith Rosenberg** were featured in the November 18 *Shopper News* feature on Thanksgiving.
- ◆ **AJCC Preschool Teachers Virginia Small, Lisa Roach and Charlene Gubitz** attended the National Association of Early Childhood Educator's conference in Washington, D.C. Their attendance was supported, in part by, the **Alice Greenberg Fund**, fund of the Knoxville Jewish Community Family of Funds. While in Washington, **Charlene Gubitz** was a guest of First Lady **Michelle Obama** at an awards ceremony presented by the President's Committee on the Arts and Humanities in partnership with three national cultural agencies.
- ◆ **Michael Messing's** photos were displayed at the Burlington Branch Library. The exhibit featured photos from Knox County's magnet school dance programs, which he began photographing when son **Jacob** participated in Beaumont Honors Magnet School's Dance Works.
- ◆ UT Department of Anthropology head **Andrew Kramer** was interviewed about the Neyland Stadium that no one ever sees – the classrooms, labs, and offices, including those of his department, that are inside Neyland Stadium. The article appeared in the November 23 *News Sentinel*.
- ◆ **Theresa Lee, Ph.D.**, UT's College of Arts and Sciences dean, was named by the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) to its 2013 class of fellows for contributions to the application of biological rhythms to behavior, physiology and development, as well as exceptional mentoring and teaching.
- ◆ Former Knoxville **Jonas (Joe) Gruenberg, Esq.** was named Barrister of the Month by the Daytona Bar Association. Gruenberg was the son of Julius and Maria Gruenberg and the nephew of Max Friedman.

# JANUARY 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			<b>1</b> <b>New Year's Day</b> HA, KJA, TBE, and AJCC Preschool are all closed today.	<b>2</b> 7a minyan 9-12 Bricks4Kidz-AJCC 1-4p Bricks4Kidz-AJCC 3-4p TOT Basketball-gym 7:30p Exec Comm-HA	<b>3</b> 9-12 Bricks4Kidz-AJCC 1-4p Bricks4Kidz-AJCC 7:30p Shabbat Service- TBE	<b>4</b> 9:30a Shabbat Service- HA 9:30a Shabbat Service- JCOR
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# Knoxville Jewish Alliance

# Ha' Kol

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Enriching Lives*

## KJA President's Musings

By Manny Herz, KJA President, [mherz@achw.com](mailto:mherz@achw.com)

Over the past few weeks I have been asking myself why in the world I decided to accept the request to become president of KJA. I don't consider myself a *macher* or part of the "in" crowd of Knoxville Jewry.

And yet...here I am...set up to lead some meetings, attend others, help resolve "issues," participate in a lot of events...all in the interest of making the next season a winning one for the Alliance.

So I thought I'd try to modify Letterman's Ten Top Reasons with five "not" reasons and five "yes" reasons for accepting the position of president of KJA.

### Manny's Top Five "Not" Reasons

1. **They got me to say yes while I was napping.** I only nap in the office and don't accept incoming calls.
2. **I thought I could do it better than anybody else.** Maybe play poker or klemzer piano, but certainly not herd a bunch of cats – or is it Katz?!
3. **The 2014 television season doesn't look very promising.** But there's always Netflix and Redbox.
4. **I thought that if I became president, I could reduce my pledge.** Think again!
5. **It would look good on my resume for heaven.** Enough said.

### Manny's Top Five "Yes" Reasons

1. **It's great to feel a part of the Jewish continuum.** From generation to generation, just like our religion, our people and culture have always paid great attention to supporting the physical, social, educational, and cultural needs of our people – this is what the Knoxville Jewish Alliance is all about.
2. **I want to actively do something for my community.** Life isn't a spectator sport and I have opted to devote some of my active time to hopefully have some positive effect. Yes...I did have to give up my bungee jumping and hang gliding – a small sacrifice.
3. **There are neat people on the board and I really look forward to working with them and getting to know them better.** Yes, we have been known to have differences of opinion, but with knowing that every volunteer is there for the common good, it has become a great way to learn...especially about one's self.
4. **I am going to learn a lot.** There are so many things going on at KJA that have not been on my radar – no longer!
5. **I want to show my thanks, not just say thank you.** To the boards, presidents, volunteers, and staff who have selflessly helped a typically small Jewish community in the Southern Bible Belt thrive over the past century plus.

So there, that's it in a few more letters than Twitter allows. I welcome e-mails with your suggestions and I especially welcome e-mails with your requests to participate and become part of the KJA Vols.

## January 2014

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### KJA 2013 Campaign

**Campaign Goal \$375,000**

As of 12/10/2013

2013 Annual Campaign: \$331,978

53 new donors

126 increased gifts from 2012

*It's not too late to make your gift, please call the KJA office at 690-6343 or Gene Rosenberg at 693-3162.*

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

## From the Past President

By Renee' Hyatt, Past President

I wanted to express my enduring thanks to my family, both near and far, for their love and support during my term as KJA president. I am also grateful for the engagement of the Executive Committee as we worked through difficult issues and for the patience of the Board in seeing projects to their conclusion. As always, and yet not often enough, thanks goes to the KJA staff for their dedication to the mission of the KJA and their commitment to making it a reality in their work every day. Lastly, I want to extend thanks to all in our community who were in touch with me and pointed out areas that needed attention. I believe we all benefit when anyone of us cares enough to speak up.

## KJA Campaign 2014

Tzedakah is not an option but a duty — a duty to God and to one's community.

### TZELEBRATE TZEDAKAH

- ★ **KJA Shabbat** at Temple Beth El  
Friday, January 24, 7:30 p.m.
- ★ **KJA Shabbat** at Heska Amuna  
Saturday, January 25, 9:30 a.m.
- ★ **Pacesetters** Sunday, January 26, 6 p.m.
- ★ **Mitzvah Day** at the AJCC  
Sunday, February 2, 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.



*Pacesetters speaker Scott Benarde, a pop music columnist for two Florida newspapers, will give a dramatic presentation filled with anecdotes and classic and contemporary rock music. Benarde illustrates how Judaism has played a greater role in music of the rock era than we realize.*

## Doing a World of Good.... Right Here at Home



### Answer That Call

Please give generously and help us put our vibrant and critical Jewish values into action.

This year when the Knoxville Jewish Alliance volunteer calls, take just a few minutes to answer the call and express your support for your Jewish community in Knoxville and East Tennessee.

## Mitzvah Day 2014

Community Spirit Day!  
Connect to Spirit...  
Connect to Community...

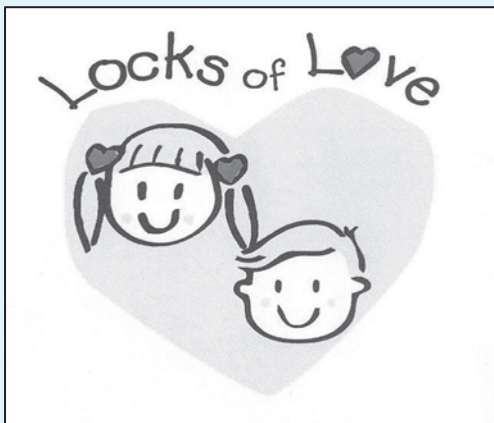
**Sunday,  
February 2**

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

Opportunities for everyone  
to help our local community!

Save the Date...  
and your Hair!  
**February 2, 2014**  
**Mitzvah Day**

Donated hair must be  
10 inches in length. Can be  
colored and/or permed.



## Southern Jews & Slavery

The Knoxville Jewish Alliance and the University of Tennessee are pleased to team together to bring Dr. Stuart Rockoff to Knoxville. This lecture is a collaboration with the UT Department of Theatre, which is presenting *The Whipping Man*, a play by Matthew Lopez, at UT's Ula Love Doughty Carousel Theatre.

Rockoff is the director of the history department of the Goldring/Woldenberg Institute of Southern Jewish Life faculty in Jackson, Mississippi. He will present a fascinating program entitled *Southern Jews and Slavery* on **Sunday, January 19, at 7:00 p.m.** at the Arnstein Jewish Community Center, 6800 Deane Hill Drive. Directed by John Sipes, the play will open on Thursday, January 30 and run through Sunday, February 16.

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

Approximately 3,000 Jewish soldiers fought for the Confederacy. According to Rockoff, "...with our own experience of slavery in Egypt, it seems unbelievable that Jews would ever support the enslavement of a group of people." But in fact, slavery was hotly debated within the mid-19th century Jewish community.

Rockoff will explore how the issue of slavery divided the American Jewish community, both North and South, and how southern Jews reacted in very different ways to the so-called "peculiar institution."

This program is collaboration of the Knoxville Jewish Alliance, the Max and Zelda Morrison Cultural Fund, a fund of the Knoxville Jewish Community Family of Funds, the Goldring/Woldenberg Institute of Southern Jewish Life and the UT's Department of Theatre.

For information on the lecture, contact Jeff Gubitza at (865) 690-6343 or [jgubitza@jewishknoxville.org](mailto:jgubitza@jewishknoxville.org). For tickets to *The Whipping Man*, visit <http://clarencebrowntheatre.com> or call (865) 974-5161.



## Jewish Family Services News

By Laura Faye Berry, BSSW, Esq., Jewish Family Services Director

Was cleaning out or organizing your home one of your New Year's Resolutions this year? Community members often call Jewish Family Services looking for the best places to donate items. Since we get these calls on a fairly regular basis, I thought the larger community might find these suggestions useful as well. Of course, if the item(s) you are looking to donate is not covered here, please feel free to call Jewish Family Services at 690-6343 ext. 18 for more suggestions.

- Goodwill, the Salvation Army, KARM, and other area thrift stores will usually pick up your larger items. They often cannot take larger furniture pieces (such as big corner-unit desks), older tube TVs, and car seats.
- Habitat for Humanity RESTORE can take many of the same items as other thrift stores, plus they also accept construction supplies such as cabinets, doors and windows, light fixtures, bathroom and kitchen fixtures, and working appliances. <http://www.knoxvillehabitatforhumanity.com/restore>
- East Tennessee Technology Access Center accepts computers /printers, wheelchairs, walkers, bath seats, transfer benches, and other assistive devices to loan to clients who cannot otherwise afford the items or have been denied insurance coverage for them. <http://ettac.org/index.html>
- For non-working electronics, e-Cycle of Knoxville is a great option for keeping electronics out of landfills. They will pick up at your home or business. <http://www.ecycle-today.com/>
- Family Promise of Knoxville is often in need of furniture, kitchen items, towels and bedding, and other household goods as they help homeless families secure new housing. Often times these families lost their furniture and household goods because they had nowhere to store them during their housing search. <http://www.familypromiseknoxville.org/>
- The Department of Children's Services often needs clothing for children of all ages and baby items. They can also put you in touch with a foster care association that is collecting children's items for foster families (clothes, furniture, strollers, etc.). <http://state.tn.us/youth/dcsguide/knox.htm>
- Animal shelters, such as Young- Williams, are a great place to donate used stuffed animals. Animal shelters can also use both dry and canned pet food, medium or larger pet carriers, washable pet beds, and carpet squares. <http://www.young-williams.org/>

## KJA Friendshipssers Meets January 15

By Laura Faye Berry, BSSW, Esq., Jewish Family Services Director

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

### Wednesday, January 15: Joan Markel, PhD, The Sesquicentennial of the Civil War

Dr. Joan Markel is an archaeologist and educator who has worked with the Outreach Program of the Frank H. McClung Museum of the University of Tennessee since 1995. Joan received her BA in anthropology from the University of Rochester, a Master of Library Science degree from Indiana University, and an MA and Ph.D. in anthropology from the University at Buffalo.

For the Sesquicentennial (150<sup>th</sup> anniversary) of the Civil War, Joan developed a new permanent exhibit for the Frank H. McClung Museum entitled "The Battle of Fort Sanders: November 29, 1863." = Diverse artifacts, period photographs, a commissioned painting, and a 30-minute film documentary all play a role in telling the almost unknown story of Knoxville's Civil War past. Joan has recently written *Knoxville in the Civil War* for the Images of America Series from Arcadia Press. This pictorial history of our community's traumatic past was compiled for general audiences and is part of the Frank H. McClung Museum's varied Sesquicentennial commemoration efforts.

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

The luncheon begins at noon and the program begins at 12:30 p.m. Lunch is \$8.00 (please note the **new lower price**, due to our new location). There is no cost for attending the program alone. Transportation is available upon request—please have your ride requests in by the Monday morning before the program. For more information, please contact Laura Berry at 690-6343 ext. 18 or [lberry@jewishknoxville.org](mailto:lberry@jewishknoxville.org).

*Marilyn Wohl serves Gerald and Anne Weinerman  
a delicious lunch at the December  
KJA Friendshipssers Chanukah party.*



*Laura Berry and Natalie Robinson chat at the December Friendshipssers Chanukah party.*



# trifecta



Jewish Activities Group

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

## January Activities

**January 6 at 6:30 p.m.** - We will meet at Big Fatty's on Kingston Pike for supper. Big Fatty's has been serving Home Cookin' and Gourmet Soul Food in Knoxville and surrounding areas since 1996.

**January 16 at 6:30 p.m.** - We will go to Sweet P's BBQ and Soul House for their regular event called 'Even Thursday's Get the Blues'. It's a night of fun, food and music. The free music is from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. Join us for BBQ and Blues!

**January 25 at 8:00 p.m.** - We will go to the Tennessee Theater for a performance of **The Million Dollar Quartet**. We must buy tickets in advance so an RSVP is required by January 17.

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

## The AJCC Preschool Celebrates Thanksgiving

Our Thanksgiving Feast is a wonderful way that our students celebrate the learning they are doing in the classroom. We gather as a community of families, teachers, and students to celebrate the almost mid-point of our school year and observe the tremendous growth taking place. Our Daled and Hey students have become the leaders in the preschool modeling appropriate behavior for the younger students. The littles of the Aleph classroom have built enough confidence to be able to walk in front of an enormous amount of adults. All of the students have developed multiple skills such as following directions, letter recognition, counting, creative expression, and working co-operatively. These skills are the foundation for current and future learning and help to make the process more successful. The fruits of their labors are showcased through art and song. Celebrating our learning helps the children understand that the work they do through play is valuable and appreciated. Thank you to Lev Gross-Comstock for beautifully capturing these moments.



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## Learn to Play Mah Jongg at the AJCC

Tuesday, January 7, 6:00 p.m.

Four Bam! Three Crak! Two Dot! Those marvelous sounds. Tiles clacking, women bonding and laughing and, of course, the best sound--Mah Jongg!

Knoxville women are rediscovering what women of the 1950s recognized as a comfortable diversion and respite from life's everyday complexities. Mah Jongg, the cordial game whose clacking tiles brought countless women together around folding tables on porches and Formica tables in kitchens, resoundingly clacks once again. It is fun, sociable, and relaxing. With patience and a few lessons, one can master the intricacies of Mah Jongg.

Join expert teachers Marian Jay and Robin Brown at the Arnstein Jewish Community Center for a wonderful journey into this timeless game.

The first night will be Tuesday, January 7, followed by three more classes on January 14, 21, and 28 at 6:00 p.m.!

Please tell us if you plan to attend this program by contacting Rachel Hale at [rhale@jewishknoxville.org](mailto:rhale@jewishknoxville.org) or (865) 690-6343 x16.



## Jewish Federations Respond to Typhoon Haiyan

The Jewish Federations of North America mobilized a communal response to the super Typhoon Haiyan, which wrought widespread destruction in the Philippines. Your KJA and JFNA opened a mailbox for federations to support relief efforts by the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee (JDC), which is raising funds for relief efforts. **The KJA Board allocated \$250 from the KJA Future Emergency Fund for this relief effort.**

JDC is consulting with local officials, the Filipino Jewish community and global partners to assess the evolving situation on the ground in the Philippines, where one of the strongest storms on record wrought widespread destruction. More than 10,000 people were feared dead, with reports of ocean surges as high as trees. The central city of Tacloban on the island of Leyte is among the worst hit on the Pacific nation.

The Federation-supported JDC has led relief efforts for previous storms in the Philippines, and helped support the local Jewish community in a nation that sheltered 1,000 European Jews fleeing the Nazis during World War II.

The JFNA Emergency Committee is coordinating the Federation response with JDC and its global disaster relief partners. Donations can be made by sending a check to the KJA office, with *Typhoon Haiyan* noted in the memo.

Jewish Federations have a proud tradition of supporting the Jewish communal response to disasters around the world and at home, raising tens of millions of dollars for emergency assistance and longer-term aid. Most recently, Federations, including the KJA, supported the national response to severe flooding in Colorado. In recent years, Federations responded to tsunamis in Japan and southeast Asia, the Haiti earthquake, and Hurricane Katrina in the Gulf Coast.



*Dr. Henry Fribourg speaks about his life experiences at the KJA's Kristallnacht Commemoration*

## Donations

**Renee' Hyatt and Paul Erwin**  
To KJA Campaign

**Barbara Hoffman**  
In honor of Renee' Hyatt

**Stephen & Rosalie Nagler**  
To Gordon Brown Youth Recreation Fund in honor of Adam and Angie Brown's marriage

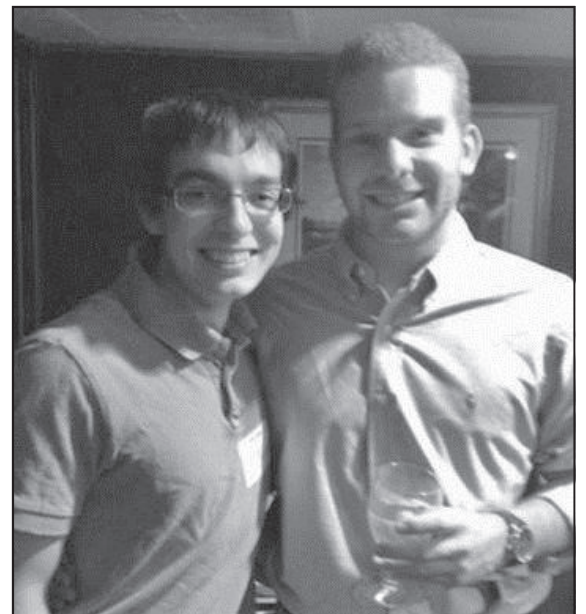
**Jeff & Charlene Gubitz**  
To Alice Greenberg Early Childhood Fund

**Scott Hahn and Daren Katherine Eddy**  
In honor of Adam and Angie Brown's wedding



The Jewish Federations  
OF NORTH AMERICA

## UTK Hillel Jewish Student Jewish Faculty Event at Copper Cellar



This yearly event is a great way for Jewish students and Jewish faculty members to connect in an informal setting. Thank you to all the Jewish faculty who attended!

*(Top Left) Revital Ganzi, Aaron Gold, Sharon Soleman, and Itsik Pariente*

*(Top Right) Abby Caplan and Law student Alex Pollack*

*(Middle Left) Liza Reineri, Emma Silver-Alford, Revital Ganzi, and Andrew Seidler*

*(Above) Cousins Andrew and Zack Messing  
(Left) Anna Safren, Daniel Nalepa, Lesley Schiffman, and Andrew Vogel*

UTK Hillel is a program of the KJA. For details contact Deborah Oleshansky at [doleshansky@jewishknoxville.org](mailto:doleshansky@jewishknoxville.org) or visit our website: <http://web.utk.edu/~uthillel>



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### Lessons from the Pew Research Center Survey on American Judaism

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

By now, most of you have heard or read about the findings of the Pew Research Center Survey on American Judaism. While there is some debate on the survey's methodology, I don't believe the survey's major findings are a surprise for anyone who works or volunteers in the organized Jewish world. Among the major trends the survey notes are that more and more people simply identify themselves as Jewish, not as a religion, but as an ethnicity. The current intermarriage rate is approximately one-half. Fewer Jews identify with historical ideologies. The American Jewish community, like the rest of modern American life, is more diverse than ever before. Some people see these trends as dire news for the American organized Jewish world. There are others who see an opportunity to grow and change the paradigm that has shaped our Jewish world for the past 120 years.

After reading numerous articles on this topic, there seem to be several themes that emerge. This new momentum could and should be applied to the nonprofit world of foundations and grants:

- 1) Figure out what venues encourage Jewish identity and engagement. With many Jews being secular, cultural and artistic programs may provide an entry point for many. Barriers should be broken down and not created.
- 2) Coordinate goals and resources with endowments and funds. It makes little sense to have a lot of different funds with

basically the same goal. There needs to be some forethought and planning to help develop the best allocation of our resources.

- 3) Don't limit the Jewish experience to a singular model. Many people are looking for value and meaning in their lives. The Jewish dynamic is broad enough to help meet this group of people's needs. There is a saying in the Talmud, "the Torah is a heart with many rooms". No two people's paths to a meaningful Jewish life are the same. The goal is to include as many people as possible in the process.

We at the KJCFF are trying to take the advice of the Pew survey. We hope to help consolidate several funds that have a repetitive purpose. We also will help to change the purpose of some fund documents that may be overly specific and not timely anymore. Finally, we hope to get our inactive funds making grants again. We can no longer allow our resources to remain dormant. The KJCFF will continue to be a more and more important part of our community. It is up to all of us to make sure that we can meet these new challenges and adapt to the changing landscape.

*Editor's note:* Parts of this article were inspired by the New York Jewish Week's Supplement on Charitable Giving dated November 8, 2013.

#### Donations

##### **Gordon Brown Youth Recreation Fund**

*In Honor of the Marriage of Adam and Angie Brown*

Stephen and Rosalie Nagler

Stephen and Kim Rosen

##### **Dewey Reich Chesed Shel Emet Fund**

*In Memory of Mabel York*

Jeff and Charlene Gubitz

##### **Heska Amuna Educational Enrichment Fund**

Jeff and Nancy Becker

#### Grants

- ◆ The KJA received a grant from **the Sam and Esther Rosen Community Enrichment AJCC Fund** to contribute to KJA's new signage and replacing doors and windows in the AJCC Preschool. The **Dr. Bernard S. Rosenblatt Fund** made a grant to the KJA to support the Israel Partnership Together program. The **Sam & Esther Rosen Friendshippers Fund** made a grant to the KJA to support the Friendshippers program.
- ◆ The **Bernstein Charitable Fund** made a grant to the Knoxville Museum of Art.

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# Heska Amuna Synagogue

# HaShofar



## Tu Bishvat Dinner and Celebration Wednesday, January 15 5:30 p.m.

Join us for our annual *Tu Bishvat* seder as we celebrate the New Year of Trees and explore the spiritual connection to the Earth!

Featuring a unique seder filled with food, reflection, and celebration for the entire family. Activities for the children will include: Tree-mendous Scavenger Hunt and a helping hand tree print. RSVP to [admin@heskaamuna.org](mailto:admin@heskaamuna.org) or call 865-522-0701.

Cost is \$15.00 a person, ages 13-18 \$5.00, and kids under 12 free.

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## All are Invited to Heska Amuna Sisterhood's Forty-Fifth Annual Torah Fund and Shabbaton Event Weekend

Saturday, January 11, Shabbat Services 9:30 a.m.

Featured Guest: **Barbara Ezring**

Barbara Ezring is a member of Women's League Executive Committee, the Program Advisory Committee, the Convention 2014 T'fillot Chair, as well as the former Southern Region's Chair for Israel. Women's League actively supports the Masorti (Conservative) Movement in Israel which provides an alternative religious experience to Orthodoxy. An educator by profession, Barbara Ezring has travelled extensively in Israel and will share her first-hand knowledge of the Conservative/Masorti movement, Torah Fund, Women's League, and the Tali education system within Israel today.



The entire community is invited to Kiddush Luncheon following services.

## Heska Amuna Synagogue's Mission Statement

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

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



## Women's League Wellness and Learning Resilience and Healing

Presented by **Barbara Ezring and Barb Levin**  
6:30-8:30 p.m., January 11  
Havdallah and Vegetarian/Dairy Dinner

Please join us for an evening of socializing, sisterhood, and stimulating conversation as our presenters lead a discussion about personal resilience and ways to develop both our physical and emotional survival skills. As part of the Wellness and Learning collaborative, Barbara Ezring and Barb Levin are working with others in Women's League to develop an online workshop on spirituality and individual strength.

During our program, the group will move from Shabbos thoughts to issues affecting us during our daily work environment. We look forward to your participation in this exercise in personal growth and wellness. Rosen Social Hall, Heska Amuna Synagogue RSVP by January 6 to 693-5757 or [anitakay@knology.net](mailto:anitakay@knology.net).

## Program: Mishpachah, the Modern Jewish Family with Barbara Ezring

10:00 a.m., January 12,  
Sunday Brunch

We will begin the conversation about the diverse nature of Jewish families today. Next, we will listen to the words of Masorti/Conservative Jewish families with different stories, but with a common thread. Let us talk about how we can welcome all of our diverse families into our Kehillah Kedoshah, our Sacred Community. Hosted by Peggy Littmann, 6911 Haverhill Drive in West Hills. RSVP by January 6 to 588-6661 or [plittmann@comcast.net](mailto:plittmann@comcast.net).

## Tribe, Homeland and Diaspora

Rabbi Alon Ferency

In my observation, a charitable understanding of “tribalism” is essential to understanding Jews. To illustrate, we might consider the experiences of the peoples of China, the Fulani people of Africa’s Sahel, or the Irish in America. Like the peoples of Cameroon where I served as a Peace Corps volunteer, the Jews are people of a tribe. All are marked by what the Confucian *Analects* calls “love of the ancients,” whether adherence to atavistic tradition or reverence for sacred story. Jews, like the Fulani or Han Chinese, share a common set of rituals and practices, language and culture, including food, humor, and the arts. As well, history and circumstance forge a sense of shared narrative and peoplehood.

At times, this sensibility corresponds to geography and nation; at other times, it transcends them. For, even when homeland may be leagues away, each tribe hearkens back to it. At the same time, diaspora and dispersion create global ties of kinship that enhance, transform, and reinforce culture in unpredictable ways. For example, Han Chinese in Malaysia are spectacularly successful, perhaps due to extended familial bonds that undergird business relationships in otherwise uncertain markets. Moreover, the experience of Jews in Spain’s Golden Age, pre-modern Poland and contemporary America all attest to the vibrancy of diaspora communities in forging linkages of commerce and culture.

It should be unsurprising that immigrants’ children are tremendously successful: the majority of students whom I interview for admission to Harvard University are typically immigrants’ children. At the same time, far-flung satellite communities are at-risk by nature, as continually demonstrated by Malaysian government policy, persistent “Gentlemen’s Agreements” in the American South-East, and for that matter, the irrelevance of Judaism in modern China. Withal, there is an impressive dynamism of diaspora that should not be lost on us.

By the same token, the flux of migration transforms the homeland. Ancient civilizations in China and Israel “are redefining themselves. They boast track records in academia, business, and culture” while advancing with agricultural innovation and “business and technological exchange.” The final question that remains is how tribal diasporas serve as an *Or LaGoyim*, a light to the nations from their homeland.

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## From The President

By Jenifer Ohriner

I hope you have all had a wonderful time celebrating *Thanksgiving*, the only time Chanukah and Thanksgiving converged in our lifetimes. I was lucky enough to be able to celebrate with my grandchildren in California, and then with my family here in Knoxville twice -- at the HARS dinner event and at the AJCC Menorah Madness celebration. That's the wonderful thing about Chanukah -- we get to party for eight days!

And now, it is winter. However, we can still have many celebrations. We will have our second "Guess Who's Coming to Shabbat?" dinner on January 3. I'm looking forward to hosting people for the second time, meeting people who I might not know well, celebrating the end of the work week. I love preparing for Shabbat! The house smells of challah for at least two days, and continues with the smells of soups and dinner. It's a smell that is irreplaceable! I hope you have contacted Bradley in the office to either be a host or a guest for this round. And for those of you who were guests back in November, I hope you are bringing the joy to your own home by hosting this month.

Shabbat isn't just food, of course. We do hold services here at Heska Amuna every Saturday morning. If you need a babysitter so that you can attend -- just let us know. If you know how to lead a service -- PLEASE let us know. We are always looking for people to participate. If you just want to continue the warmth of Shabbat by joining with your friends, please join us. We're always happy to see you.

## Rosh Chodesh Program

Tuesday Evening, January 7

Our area wide Rosh Chodesh program will welcome Peg Beute, Senior Naturalist from Ijams Nature Center. She will talk to us about creating successful butterfly and hummingbird habitats in our own suburban yards.

Please join us for this delightful program honoring nature during the month of Shevat, the month that celebrates the new year for trees in our Jewish tradition. Customs for observing Tu B'Shevat include eating a new fruit or eating something from the Seven Species, described in the Bible as being abundant in the land of Israel. Join us Tuesday evening and we'll celebrate the coming spring in Knoxville with information and a vision for creating beautiful habitats for gem like butterflies and hummingbirds, and have a tasty traditional Tu B' Shevat meal to nourish us. All Sisterhood members from Heska Amuna, The Jewish Congregation of Oak Ridge and Temple Beth El are invited to attend, (as well as any interested gardeners of the opposite sex.)

## Judaica Shop News

Stop by the Synagogue and check out our left over Hanukkah stock. We also have a large selection of mezzuzot, the mezuzah announces to those who enter this is a Jewish home. Start your new year out right by setting aside money in your Tzedakah box. If you don't have one, take a look at our inventory of beautiful tzedakah boxes. In addition to our large selection of mezzuzot, and tzedakah boxes, you can find other special Judaica items such as kosher scrolls, challah boards, candlesticks, Havdallah sets, candles, seder and matzah plates, artwork, jewelry, tallitot for men and women, and kippot to express your Jewish personality.

## Starting the New Year Generously

By Barry P. Allen, Chair

Unlike the Jewish New Year, which has an over-arching solemnity and a theme of repentance, and an obviously strong spiritual component, the secular New Year in the US ends and begins with two different “personalities.” One of those “personalities” - let’s call it our “social conscience” - tends to be a little dormant, at least from a financial perspective, in the early months of the secular new year. I would like to suggest that we all revisit this mindset.

Our year-end “personality” includes parties and social events; work, at times, slows down considerably; and many people think about making charitable donations to take advantage of tax deductions. The new year then begins with people still recovering from all of the social gatherings of the prior month, but rarely planning new outings immediately. People start to think about how to divide up the next 12 months; they make new business plans, start to contemplate vacations, and gradually ease back into a more routine work/social/family life balance. Rarely do people begin the secular year thinking of how they can increase their charitable donations or planning how they will support non-profit organizations in general.

I trust that we can agree that the inclinations to give *tzedakah* generally, and to support *tikkun olam* for specific organizations - by rebuilding the world through donations of time or money - are learned traits. We are not charitable, righteous, and well-intentioned towards the larger world at birth. We absorb these behaviors and approaches through interactions with family and friends; by educating ourselves, and being educated, about worthwhile causes; and by physically getting involved when we feel our talents, skills and time can add something to the mix.

Notwithstanding our best intentions to be generous with our time and money, the early part of the new year often brings distractions that hinder our ability to focus on our social consciousness. However, we CAN learn to do things differently. We CAN re-orient our thinking. (Remember my emphasis on thinking positively from earlier articles?) We CAN start the new year more generously, rather than waiting till later in the year.

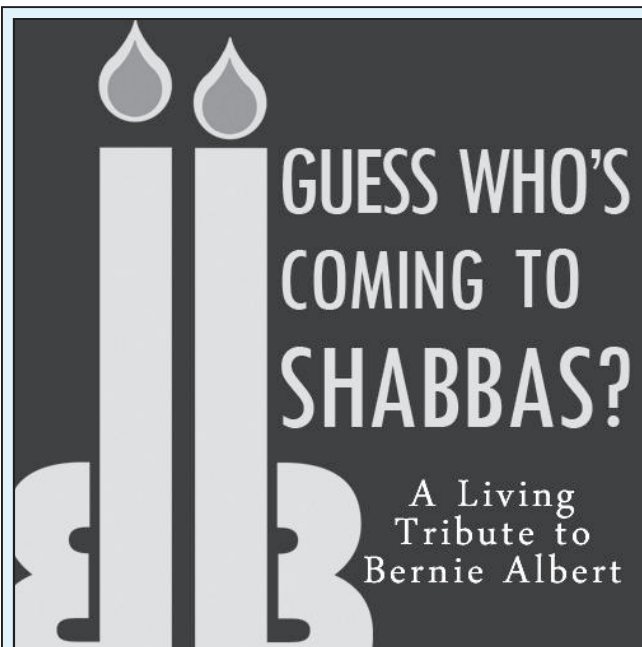
The synagogue and the Knoxville Jewish Alliance (KJA) have work to do all year round to make the Jewish community stronger and more vibrant, and to serve your needs and those of your family. Businesses often project increased funding in the last quarter of a year when their “sales” bring in most of their income. They can staff accordingly, and make plans to have enough product on hand to meet customers’ demands. However, Heska Amuna and the KJA have to be ready to meet your needs, and deal with contingencies, throughout the full 365 days of the year.

Rather than waiting till the end of a calendar year to consider acts of *tzedakah*, when “taxes” are on people’s minds, we should be thinking about donating our time and money earlier, and with more regularity. We can buy food coupons in January, and each month thereafter, so groceries can pay us “dividends.” We can click through our website to merchants we use all year round so the shul can earn a percentage of all transactions. These are easy steps; they don’t require any major re-engineering of behavior, or even much extra effort, before their effects are felt positively.

We can also donate to designated synagogue funds that support activities that benefit our family or community or friends. We can contribute to the KJA so our community’s organizations can tap into a reliable source of money. We can devote time and energy to helping build and strengthen all of these organizations through real deeds of personal involvement and commitment.

If we can convince ourselves to spend more time planning to grow, and actually growing, our social conscience by making donations of time and money in regular stages throughout the year, we CAN achieve much. We will strengthen the institutions that serve us and our families, and we will help create entities that will be assured of long term viability.

*My wife, Heidi, and I wish you all a very Happy New Year.*



Did you miss the Guess who’s coming to Shabbas event in November? Through the “Guess Who’s Coming to Shabbas?” program we plan to engage as many people as possible with a Shabbas dinner in each other’s homes throughout this year. We have many host families that would like to invite you to dinner at their home on January 3 or if you would like to host families for a Shabbat dinner please let us know. I know many of our host families would love for you and your family to join them. Can we count on having you join them on January 3? We look forward to hearing from you and hope that you will share a Shabbos dinner together. We are now taking R.S.V.P.’s for hosts and those who would like to attend a Shabbas dinner at someone’s home. For more information or to R.S.V.P. call (865)522-0701 or e-mail [admin@heskaamuna.org](mailto:admin@heskaamuna.org).

## Religious School News

By Betty Golub, Youth and Family Programming Director, [morahbetty@heskaamuna.org](mailto:morahbetty@heskaamuna.org)

Once long, long ago there was a man walking in the desert who became very tired, hungry and thirsty. He came upon a tree that had sweet fruit growing on it, and its thick branches spread out creating the most wonderful patch of shade. There was even a stream of water flowing by it. The man was delighted; he ate some of the fruit, drank water from the stream and relaxed in the shade. When he was well rested and ready to continue his journey, he said "Tree oh Tree, how can I bless you? If I was to bless you that your fruits should be sweet, they are already sweet. If I should bless you with plenty of shade, you already have shade. A stream already flows by you, so I can't bless you with water either. I can only bless you that all the trees planted from your seeds should be just like you." Talmud (Ta'anit 5b)

Tu Bishvat is the New Year of the Trees. We are actually wishing the trees a Yom Haledet Semeach. It seems rather silly that we are wishing trees a Happy Birthday. However, according to Jewish law, any fruit trees planted in Eretz Yisrael, the land of Israel could not be eaten for three years. All of the trees' birthdays were calculated on Tu Bishvat, which is the 15<sup>th</sup> day of the month of Shevat. We would love if your family would join us for our Tu Bishvat celebration on January 15 at 5:30 p.m. There will be wonderful lessons for all ages and an amazing feast of all of the fruits and veggies of the earth.

The blessings that trees give us are numerous.

- ✿ In the summer they give us shade
- ✿ A large tree can provide a day's oxygen for 4 people
- ✿ Trees give us not only wood, paper, fruit, nuts but a buffer against noise
- ✿ Trees contribute to our lives not only physically, but aesthetically and spiritually

So, we too can bless the trees by being partners with God and help protect the environment. We can:

- ✿ Use cloth bags instead of plastic
- ✿ Turn off lights when we leave a room
- ✿ Recycle, recycle, recycle
- ✿ Planting trees in Israel by supporting JNF
- ✿ Make a commitment to be involved in environmental protection within our community



## Upcoming School Events

<b>Wednesday, January 8</b>	Classes Resume
<b>Sunday, January 12</b>	Gan K'Tan Pre-K thru 6 <sup>th</sup> Grade Prozdor
<b>Wednesday, January 15</b>	Tu Bishvat Seder and Dinner
<b>Saturday, January 18</b>	Teen Retreat Kids Night Out
<b>Sunday, January 19</b>	No School – Martin Luther King Weekend
<b>Wednesday, January 22</b>	Pre-K thru 6 <sup>th</sup> Grade

<b>Friday, January 24</b>	Tot Shabbat
<b>Saturday, January 25</b>	Family Minyan
<b>Sunday, January 26</b>	Pre-K thru 6 <sup>th</sup> Grade Prozdor
<b>Wednesday, January 29</b>	Pre-K thru 6 <sup>th</sup> Grade



## Tot Shabbat

Designed for children ages 2-8  
Shabbat Dinner starts at 6:00 p.m.  
With services following  
Let's welcome Shabbat with good  
food and good friends!

**Friday, January 17, 2014**



## Gan K'Tan

Sunday morning  
10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.  
Ages 3 and under with  
parents  
Music, arts and crafts  
stories, games, conversational  
Hebrew and friends!  
**January 12, 2014**

## Among Our Members

- ◆ Get well wishes go out to the following people who were ill or recuperating: **Joyce Beerman, Greta Besmann, Elaine Brown, Harriet Cooper, Erik Golub, Marion Goodstein, Debbie Gordon, Eliyahu ben Shulamit, Judy Rattner.**
- ◆ Todah Rabah to **Sandy Parker** and **David Hecht** who continues to work in the Synagogue office every week. We appreciate your time and the effort on behalf of the Shul.

## Shop and Contribute to Heska Amuna!

1. iGive is a host company that donates a portion of your purchase back to the Synagogue. iGive has over 1,300 retailers that you can chose from for all of your online shopping needs. All you have to do is sign up with iGive, make a purchase through one of their retailers and a % of your purchase will go to the synagogue. Click the image above to sign up and start shopping!
2. Heska Amuna Synagogue has partnered with Amazon in their Affiliate Program. You can now click on the Amazon logo on Heska Amuna Synagogue's home page whenever you want to shop at Amazon and a portion of your purchase will be donated to the Synagogue by Amazon. Just click on our logo below to go to our home page and then simply click the Shop at Amazon link. Make sure you come back to our home page and click on the logo any time you shop at Amazon.
3. Just email your Kroger card number to [admin@heskaamuna.org](mailto:admin@heskaamuna.org). If you have never visited the Kroger Community Rewards website all you have to do is email Bradley at the Synagogue and he will register your card and a portion of your purchase will be donated to the Synagogue.
4. You can still buy Earth Fare, Food City, and Fresh Market Grocery Cards from Heska Amuna Synagogue. We have a large stock of grocery cards and remember you can use the grocery cards to buy other gift cards at the locations above.

Remember Anything Helps!



## Sponsor a Kiddush! It's So Easy!

Are you celebrating your birthday or anniversary this month? Donate \$18.00 to the Kiddushim account to celebrate your special occasion, or contact Gene and be a full sponsor of a Kiddushim. All Kiddushim are deliciously prepared by Marilyn Burnett. It's now possible to contribute any amount toward the weekly Kiddushim to help defray the Synagogue expenses by mailing your check to the Synagogue Office, marking Kiddushim. Call

Gene Rosenberg at 693-3162 for more information and to reserve a date.

We would like to thank Mary Ann Merrell and Michael Burnett who sponsored Kiddushim in November.

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## Permanent Schedule

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

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

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

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

**Heska Amuna Synagogue** is an affiliate of United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism.

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## Prayer List

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



# The Biggest Loser: The Jewish Edition

## 4 Month Challenge

January 19 at 9:30 a.m.  
Heska Amuna



Join with Jewish Women in Knoxville as we take back our health. Top 3 winners will receive prizes to help with incentive. Must come to initial weigh in and final weigh in to qualify.

We will spend the next 4 months meeting periodically to discuss all of the growth spurts that go with weight loss. Facebook for support, meet with professionals on the what not's with dieting, and even start a walking club.

All of this and much more for \$36

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



## Contributions From Caring People

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

Donations received by November 25.

### GENERAL FUND

By: Bella and David Wolitz  
*For the Yahrzeit of Heinz Baerman*  
 By: Rosalie and Stephen Nagler  
 By: Jake and Theresa Love

### GERTRUDE GLAZER COHEN AND I.B. COHEN MEMORIAL FUND

*In memory of Ida Glazer, Lou Glazer, Bessie Hite, and Morris Bresoff*  
 By: Arnold Cohen

### EDUCATOR'S SUPPLEMENT FUND

*For the Yahrzeit of Heinz Baerman*  
 By: Jeff and Nancy Becker

### GENERAL FUND

*In honor of the warm welcome we received when we visited in October*  
 By: Susan and Marc Mangel

### KIDDUSHIM FUND

By: Gene and Pat Rosenberg

### LIBRARY FUND

*In honor of Judy Rattner's Birthday*  
 By: Barbara and Bernie Bernstein

### RELIGIOUS SCHOOL DONATION

*In memory of Mabel York.*  
 By: Mindy Goldberg  
*In memory of Bella Leeds and Toby Schwartz*  
 By: Joani and Gary Leeds

*In memory of Gordon Polofsky*  
 By: Susan and Tommy Hahn

### RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

By: Lawrence A. or Diana K. Harris  
 By: Dorothy P. Burstein  
*In memory of Rafael Benhayon*  
 By: Jack Benhayon  
*In appreciation of Bert's Aliyahs*  
 By: Bert and Janet Gurwitch

### Yahrzeit FUND

*In memory of Isaac Baskin*  
 By: Selma Tobe and Laura Drukman  
*In memory of Raye and Morris Panitz*  
 By: Barbara Leeds  
*In memory of Belle Gottlieb*  
 By: Evelyn Oberman  
*In memory of Rebecca Benbenisty*  
 By: Stella Iroff  
*In memory of Lillian and David Liberman*  
 By: Harvey and Marilyn Liberman  
*In Memory of Helen Billig, George Kramer, and Minnie Kramer*  
 By: Jerry Candy  
*In Memory of Julius Krauss and Charles Davis*  
 By: Brenda and Sigmund Mosko  
*In memory of Irvin Wolf*  
 By: Herb and Elise Jacobs  
*For the Yahrzeit of Bernard Diamond*  
 By: Marie and Charles Perelman  
*For the Yahrzeit of Milton Shaw*  
 By: Genevieve Kramer  
*For the Yahrzeit of William Shaw*  
 By: Genevieve Kramer  
*In memory of Heinz Baerman*  
 By: Jeff Baerman  
*In memory of Meyer Miller*  
 By: Jeffrey and Anita Miller

## Support Heska Amuna and Temple Beth El Buy Grocery Store Certificates

Everyone has to eat, so you can help your temple or synagogue raise funds without increasing your monthly expenses. Purchase grocery certificates and a percentage will go to your local organization. Complete the form and mail it or call a representative to learn more.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

### Heska Amuna Synagogue

Earth Fare	\$25 _____	\$50 _____	\$100 _____
Fresh Market	\$25 _____	\$50 _____	\$100 _____
Food City	\$25 _____	\$50 _____	\$100 _____
<b>Total Amount</b> _____			

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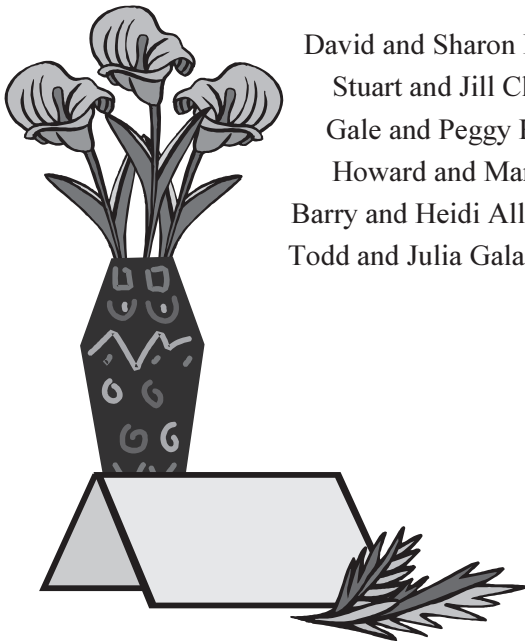
Please complete the form, mail your check payable to Heska Amuna Sisterhood and send to either Marilyn Liberman, 7932 Corteland Drive, 37909 or Gene Rosenberg, 717 E. Meadecrest Drive, 37923.

Temple Beth El, P.O. Box 10325, Knoxville, TN 37939-0325. Gift Cards can also be obtained in person from the Temple Office or any of the following individuals: Amy Rosenberg 356-6830; Patti Austin 483-3049; Evan Sturm 584-0429.

# Mazel Tov!

## Heska Amuna Synagogue

### Happy Anniversary!



David and Sharon Icove  
 Stuart and Jill Chasan  
 Gale and Peggy Hedrick  
 Howard and Marilyn Pollio  
 Barry and Heidi Allen  
 Todd and Julia Galanti

### Happy Birthday!

◆ Martin Brownstein ◆ Zelig Frumin ◆ David Hicks  
 ◆ Susan Cohen ◆ Scott Hahn ◆ Jeffrey Scott  
 ◆ Marion Goodstein ◆ David Beerman ◆ Frank Floyd  
 ◆ Deborah Oleshansky ◆ Markus Eisenbach  
 ◆ Evelyn Oberman ◆ Jenifer Ohriner ◆ Gene Bocknek  
 ◆ Bridgette Biernacki  
 ◆ Jennifer Lynn Fuson  
 ◆ Susan Brown ◆ Gilya Schmidt  
 ◆ Marc Forman  
 ◆ Lester Golub ◆ Anita Kay  
 ◆ Helene Messing  
 ◆ Sharon Icove  
 ◆ Norman Licht  
 ◆ Alan Quartararo



*All members whose birthday or anniversary occurs in January are invited to receive a blessing at kiddush on Shabbat morning, January 11.*

## TEMPLE BETH EL

### Happy Birthday!

◆ Susan Cohen ◆ Peter Hance ◆ Noah Wilson ◆ Gabriel Oleinik  
 ◆ Brenda Rayman ◆ Alan Smuckler ◆ Joan Cohn ◆ Louis Gross  
 ◆ Jacob Brown ◆ Paul Lee ◆ Marcy Frankel ◆ Jerry Jaffe ◆ Ray Pais  
 ◆ Eric Patterson ◆ Laura Supman ◆ Susan Billinson ◆ Linna Wilson  
 ◆ Anthony Gibbons ◆ Sylvia Witcoff ◆ Riley Zimmerman  
 ◆ Ryan Zimmerman ◆ Danielle Goldfeld ◆ Bernard Levenson  
 ◆ Harold Markman ◆ Shirley Sturm ◆ Edith Hecht ◆ Pessa Brody  
 ◆ Debra Caylor ◆ Alan Schwartz ◆ Benjamin Kay ◆ Shirley McGuire  
 ◆ Sheila Popkin ◆ Dani Rosenberg ◆ Jon Shefner ◆ Elaine Freeman  
 ◆ Lily Jeanette Hirsh ◆ Sandra Khaddouma ◆ Rebecca Winston  
 ◆ Rachel Kline ◆ Rachael Feinbaum ◆ Mark Kaufman  
 ◆ Benjamin Margulies ◆ Lyubov Morkovnikova ◆ Robert Feinberg  
 ◆ Jessica Frankel ◆ Gilya Schmidt ◆ Chris Hale ◆ Bonnie Kolnick  
 ◆ Karen Smith ◆ Nina Reineri ◆ Thomas Evans ◆ Ann Wayburn

### Happy Anniversary!

Alan and Karen Smuckler  
 Louis Gross and Marilyn Kallet  
 Bud and Caren Berman  
 Robert and Ruth Feinberg  
 Larry and Barbara Winston



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## TEMPLE BETH EL

### January 3

◆ Luba Golburt ◆ Samuel Levy ◆ Leonard Rader ◆ Ben R. Winick ◆ Bernie Frankel ◆ Esther Reich ◆ Abe Schwartz ◆ Samuel Mofsky  
 ◆ Lena Silverman Moskowitz ◆ Rabbi Jacob M. Rothschild ◆ Rosa Bart ◆ Rika Licht Goodfriend ◆ William Haas ◆ Bernard Newton  
 ◆ Pauline Orovan ◆ Morris Schwartz ◆ Lawrence R. Sloan ◆ David Solomon ◆ Lillian S. Weiss ◆ Jacob Caller ◆ Oscar Green ◆ Mone Hess  
 ◆ Ida Feldman Kaminsky ◆ Fred Levy ◆ Tammie M. Brodie ◆ Jean Fribourg ◆ Sam Morrison ◆ Harry Bronstein ◆ Josephine Engle  
 ◆ Alexander Feldblum ◆ Jacob Friedman ◆ Robert Oury

### January 10

◆ Rochelle Goodwin ◆ Arthur Slome ◆ Marcus Bressler ◆ Ruth Lisser ◆ Lillian Solomon ◆ Gladys S. Weisman ◆ Minnie Aron ◆ Bella Zavel  
 ◆ Molly B. Smith ◆ V. F. Fisher ◆ Adele H. Greenberg ◆ Lena B. Konigsberg ◆ Edward J. Moss ◆ Robert (Bob) Dean Parsons ◆ Isadore Beiler  
 ◆ Louis Gershberg ◆ Michael Kostinsky ◆ Delia Skalet

### January 17

◆ Henrietta Feldblum ◆ Telsie Greif ◆ Harold Stanley Harris ◆ Sam Webber ◆ Minette Jacobstein Clark ◆ Temma Nassau Schwartz  
 ◆ Grigory Targonsky ◆ Morris Wolpert ◆ Mordechai Goodfriend ◆ Milton Heller ◆ Mary Lippner ◆ Nina Ostrovsky ◆ Howard Stamey  
 ◆ Stanley Webster ◆ Minnie Hochenberg ◆ Mary Kichler Licht ◆ Irene Schiffer ◆ David Farin ◆ Sadie Goldberg ◆ Regina Schwartz  
 ◆ Max Zuckerman ◆ Fannie Liebman Beiler ◆ Mortimer Berger ◆ Walter N. Blaufeld ◆ Fannie Burnett ◆ Henry Handler ◆ Alfred Korkin  
 ◆ Helen Sandberg ◆ Jacob Spiro ◆ Beatrice S. Steinfeld ◆ Muriel Zuckerman

### January 24

◆ Kingdom Balzer ◆ Robert Goldstein ◆ Caroline Schwartz ◆ Vera Gelvin ◆ Ella Marx ◆ Meyer Schwartz ◆ Frank Bernard  
 ◆ Mary S. Bernard ◆ Bill Dillon ◆ Theodore Hecht ◆ Robert Hyatt ◆ John Kelleher ◆ Dennis Silver ◆ Joseph Herman Bush ◆ Meyer Ostrovskiy  
 ◆ Howard Teitelbaum ◆ Maxine H. Arbital ◆ Ethel Brown ◆ Sarah Vendig Samuel ◆ Herman Seabold ◆ Irvin Shenkman ◆ Joseph Soss  
 ◆ William Steinberg ◆ Clarence "Sonny" Mongeon

### January 31

◆ Annie Joffe ◆ Basia Shusterman ◆ Boris Shusterman ◆ Evalyn B. Weiss ◆ Romayne Eisenstadt ◆ Julius Hohenemser ◆ David Barnes  
 ◆ Albert G. Bessel ◆ Leo Diamond ◆ Frank Heart ◆ Charlotte Loebel ◆ Helen M. Siegel ◆ Robert Harwell ◆ BettyAnn Feldblum  
 ◆ Regina W. Lippner ◆ Tom Watson ◆ Gustav Dreyfuss ◆ Oscar Sisman ◆ Fannie Spiro ◆ Carolyn S. Ziegler ◆ Paul Lee ◆ Bernard Silverstein

## *Heska Amuna Synagogue*

### January 4

◆ Seymour Chasan ◆ Delia Skalet ◆ Ida Solganick ◆ Sam Morrison ◆ Samuel Fenrow ◆ Charles O'Brien ◆ David Cohen ◆ Herman Sebold  
 ◆ Cecil Nichols ◆ Jack Orlick ◆ Milton Shamitz ◆ Mae Stern ◆ Samuel Brown ◆ Romayne Eisenstadt ◆ Annie Joffe ◆ Joseph Soss

### January 11

◆ Celia Berry ◆ Caroline Schwartz ◆ Frank Winick ◆ Gladys Johnson ◆ Jack Scott ◆ Harry Tobe ◆ Lillian Klein ◆ Alexander Licht  
 ◆ Rose Shapiro ◆ Jacob Goodstein ◆ Anne Dolinka ◆ Lillian Morrison ◆ David Panitz

### January 18

◆ Hilda Presser ◆ Lena Rosenfield ◆ Sarah Rubenstein ◆ Charles Silverman ◆ Harry Strauss ◆ Helen Hahn ◆ Milton Finkelstein ◆ Rose Imbrey  
 ◆ Esther Rosen ◆ Vera Stallings ◆ Lela Lippner ◆ Fran Sturm ◆ Joseph Richer ◆ John Gitman ◆ Deborah Kaplan ◆ Clarice Weinstein

### January 25

◆ Myer Sachs ◆ Max Finkelstein ◆ Louis Balloff ◆ Isadore Kleg ◆ Ethel Brown ◆ Saul Cohen ◆ Chaya Goodstein ◆ Frances Klein  
 ◆ Mollie Saroff ◆ Harry Ziskind ◆ Harold Brown ◆ Louis Joffe ◆ Joseph Billig ◆ Abraham Fay ◆ Jack Feld ◆ David Rabin ◆ Gertrude Wolf

# Jewish Congregation of Oak Ridge



## From the President's Corner

By Sig Mosko

As we finish the winter holiday season, it's time to begin preparation for our favorite fund raising activity, **The JCOR Ah-Men Feast**. First of all, be sure to reserve **Sunday, February 16** for the feast. Second of all, begin setting aside your "white elephants" that you will donate to our "Silent Auction." We need quality items that people cannot resist. You might also consider donating your special crafts or services such as baking specialty items, providing music service, or providing instructions for technical devices. The silent auction always provides a major portion of our income from this event. Start planning now for an evening of good food, good entertainment, lots of fun, and a chance to acquire some great bargains at our silent auction.



*(Top Right) This past November, 18 people came out to our third monthly Nosh & Kibitz at Dean's Restaurant & Bakery.*

*(Top Left) Zoey, Deron, and Kieran Applegate bake Chanukah cookies with Levi Laxton and Lewis Niad.*

*(Above) Becky & George Charles & friend, Anne & Eli Greenbaum, Sam & Nona Poole enjoy a Sunday hike at The Point Trail at Lilly Bridge*

*(Left) Becky Charles and Peggy Laxton with our junior bakers.*

## Sisterhood Happenings

Congratulations to **Zane Bell** and **Yehuda Braiman**, recipients of special awards presented by *R&D (Research and Development)* magazine's 100 AWARD for innovations and products. Mazel tov!

We will observe Women's League for Conservative Judaism Sabbath in the latter part of January. Information will be forthcoming.

## From Sisterhood Gift Shop

By *Mira Kimmelman and Judy Raman*

Sincere and warmest thanks to all our friends who helped with our annual Hanukah Gift Shop Sale. We could not have succeeded without your help and support.

Todah Rabah to Melissa Sturm - Heska Amuna Gift Shop chair; Gilya Schmidt, Jim Bogard, Alice Good, Rita Hoenbrink, Peggy Laxton, Sig and Brenda Mosko, Matt Niad, Sam and Nona Poole, Rabbi Rashkovsky, Hilary Shreter, Bruce Tomkins, Moshe Yair and our loyal customers.



*The JCOR Sisterhood Hanukah Judaica Sale featuring the sales crew of Rita Hohenbrink, Alice Feldman, Judy Raman, Sig Mosko, Peggy Laxton, and Mira Kimmelman.*

## Donations to JCOR

### Yahrzeits:

**Milton Bloom & Ethel Bloom** from Bruce Tomkins (HHCF)  
**Shmuel Levitin** from Victor and Avigail Rashkovsky  
**Simon Braunstein** from Jerry & Catherine Braunstein (RDF)  
**George Schwartz** from Shirley Schwartz  
**Rose Feld & Harry Kastenbaum** from Marvin & Helen Kastenbaum  
**Sidney Fine** from Karen Brunner  
**Ben Bursten** from Andy Bursten  
**Dave Goldenberg & Ada Schain** from Sylvia Goldenberg  
**Leonard Polonsky** from Rose Feldman

### Other Donations:

- ◆ To Jerry & Catherine Braunstein on the birth of their grandson, Tobias and to Eli & Anne Greenbaum on the birth of their grandson, David from Sylvia Goldenberg
- ◆ From Jim & Rhonda Bogard to the Mosko's on their 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary
- ◆ From the KJCFF/Fran Sturm Fund for the 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

## Upcoming JCOR Events

### Jewish Film Series

**Saturday, January 18, 7:00 p.m.**

*Out of the Ashes*

USA. 2003, 113 minutes

Based on a true story, this heart-wrenching film follows the journey of Gisella Perl (Christine Lahti), a Jewish-Hungarian doctor who survives Auschwitz. Decades later, she applies for U.S. citizenship when she becomes accused of colluding with the Nazis. As Perl struggles to explain the circumstances, her judge and jury are three INS investigators (Bruce Davison, Richard Crenna and Beau Bridges) who must decide her fate.

### Junior Film Pajama Party

**Saturday, January 18, 7:00 p.m.**

JCOR Parents, bring your kids down in their PJs for a film party of their own while you enjoy the Jewish Film Series upstairs - for only \$5.00 per child. Popcorn, drinks, and fun included! Contact Katie Niad for additional information: [katie@niad.net](mailto:katie@niad.net).

**Saturday, January 25 following services**

Study Session: "Ask the Rabbi"

## Torah Fund

### Get Well:

- ◆ Catherine Braunstein, from Hilda and Irving Barrack, Sisterhood
- ◆ Dennis Badurina, from Sisterhood JCOR, Eileen Handler

### Mazel Tov:

- ◆ Larry Landau, on his 90th birthday, from Sisterhood, Eileen Handler
- ◆ Mel Sturm, on his 90th birthday, from Sisterhood, Eileen Handler
- ◆ Linda and Zane Bell, on the engagement of Kira and Andrew Start, from Sisterhood and Handler
- ◆ Beth and Fred Meyer, on the birth of granddaughter, Lily, from Sisterhood and Handler

## Hosts and Hostesses

Thank you for your hospitality. If you need to make an exchange, please do so, and notify Eileen Handler 482-1341.

<b>Saturday, January 4</b>	Fran Silver, Jill and Stuart Chasan
<b>Saturday, January 11</b>	Ilana and Moshe Siman-Tov, Vera and Leon Maya
<b>Saturday, January 18</b>	Sarah and David Stuart, Melvin Tobias
<b>Saturday, January 25</b>	Bruce Tomkins, Yardena and Moshe Yair
<b>Saturday, February 1</b>	Reeva and Marvin Abraham, Elena and Carlos Bamberger



# Hadassah Highlights

## Cheers to Another Great Year With Hadassah

By Shuli Mesa, Co-President

Happy New Year! We have had a tremendous 2013 with Hadassah but cannot wait to see what 2014 brings! Our new board has been installed and received training from the fabulous Lee Kansas, Southern Region President and we plan to hit the ground running!

Knoxville Hadassah is teaming up with the local Sisterhood groups, to begin the Biggest Loser Weight Lose Challenge; Jewish Edition. Join us on January 19 at 9:30 a.m. at Heska Amuna Synagogue to begin this 4-month weight loss challenge. Prizes will be awarded to the top three winners, but everyone wins in this challenge!

We will be meeting with nutritionist Nicole Fey to learn how to eat healthy and kick our weight loss into gear! It is only \$36 to join the weight loss challenge and we will be meeting with a variety of specialists during those four months. Join us and remember.....Every Beat Counts!

## Hadassah Nefesh

By Laura Floyd

When I joined Hadassah, I only knew that it was an organization of Jewish women that helped raise money for medical care in Israel, as well as an organization that my mother was a part of and that she cared about. So I joined as a life member, jumping in with both feet and getting put to work right away by the Knoxville Chapter.

What I have learned about Hadassah since that time has made me very pleased to be part of this world-wide organization. The medical aspect of Hadassah is what intrigues me. The story of Hadassah's beginning with Henrietta Szold sending two nurses to Israel to bring pasteurized milk to new mothers and babies and help stop the spread of disease fascinated me. Once there was an actual hospital, the fact that anyone would be treated with equal care was a testament to the Jewish ideal of *tikkun olam*, repairing the world.

As a mother of a child who spent time in the NICU and in East Tennessee Children's Hospital, I appreciate the current steps that are being taken to keep children in Hadassah hospitals better protected from other illnesses while they're in the hospital. "The PICU staff has designed systems to prevent children from picking up infections while hospitalized; to enhance the safety of mechanical ventilation; and to guarantee that medications are given in both safe and effective doses." (from an hMedicine article on *Hadassah.org*). This means that children get better faster and more children can be treated. I personally like the sofa bed in the rooms in the Sarah Wetsman Davidson Tower so you can stay with your loved one, which is essential when it's your child. Having slept many nights in the recliners or on the window seat at Children's, I can tell you this is a fantastic idea!

Hadassah continues its cutting-edge research in all aspects of medicine. It is exciting that our fundraising efforts are bringing these new ideas and technologies to the Hadassah hospitals in Israel and from there to the rest of the world.

## Thank You

Hadassah received the following note of appreciation:

Thank you to Hadassah members for the beautiful certificate you sent in memory of my mother Lillian Silver. Your kindness and thoughtfulness are greatly appreciated. The Knoxville Jewish community is small in numbers but huge in heart.

Nancy Silver Britcher



## Hadassah Book Club News

The Hadassah Book Club welcomes all Jewish women and friends from the greater Knoxville area. We meet at Barnes and Noble Book Store on Kingston Pike at 7:30 p.m. in the coffee shop area. We usually meet on the third Tuesday of the month, but occasionally change Tuesdays to avoid scheduling conflicts. Here is the slate for upcoming meetings:

In January we'll have a special meeting. We've been invited to participate with the Heska Amuna Sisterhood and attend a discussion of Natasha Solomons' novel, *The Gallery of Vanished Husbands*. Ellen Kern has agreed to guide our discussion and I am looking forward to a rewarding and most interesting session. The plan is to meet at Heska Amuna Synagogue on **Sunday, January 26**, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Date and time might change, so check the community calendar or call or e-mail Peggy Littmann for up-to-date information.

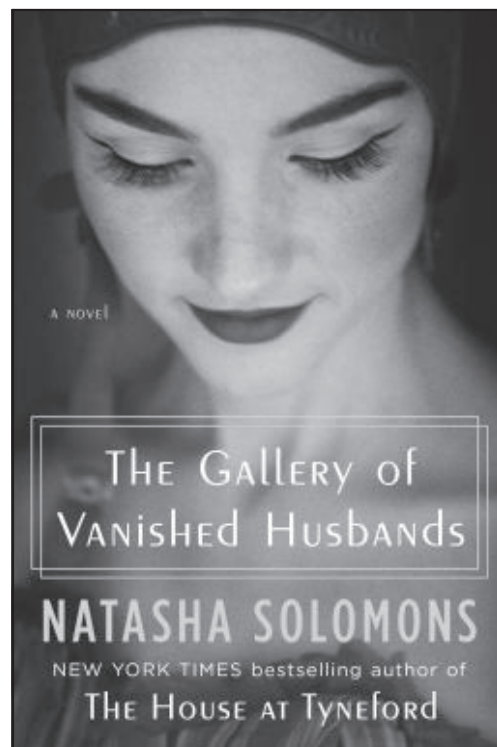
On February 18, we'll read *The Love of a Good Woman* by Alice Munro.

On March 18, we'll read *If a Tree Falls* by Jennifer Rosner.

### **The Gallery of Vanished Husbands:**



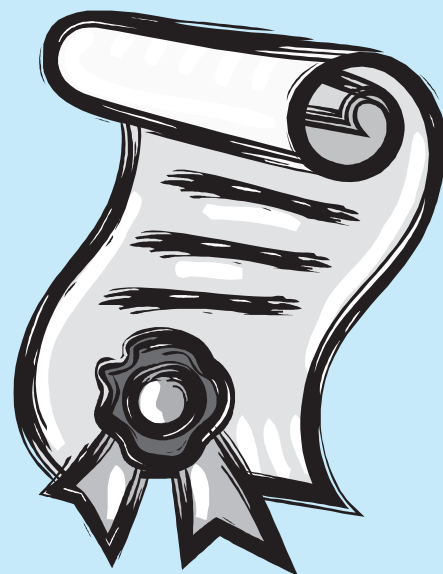
When Juliet Montague's husband disappears, so does she. As far as her Jewish community is concerned, she is invisible. Until, on her thirtieth birthday, she does something unexpected. Instead of buying a fridge, she impulsively spends her savings on a portrait of herself. The painting leads Juliet out of suburbia and into the heady art scene of 1960s London, where she proves an astute spotter of talent. Yet she remains an outsider in both her worlds: a mother of two, drawn to a reclusive artist who never leaves Dorset, and unable to feel free until she has tracked down her husband – a quest that leads her to California and a shocking discovery. This is the captivating tale of an unusual woman's journey through life, each stage hinged on a portrait. Written with infectious verve and humor, it confirms Natasha Solomons as an exceptionally talented young writer. Any questions, please call or e-mail Peggy Littmann 588-6661, [plittmann@comcast.net](mailto:plittmann@comcast.net).



## Large Certificates

Recent large certificates include:

- In honor of the 100th birthday of Silvia Silver
- In honor of the Bat Mitzvah of Sarah Siegel, daughter of Betty and Mark Siegel
- In memory of Ruth Wilson, sister of Mimi (Arthur) Pais
- In memory of Morris (Mike) Goodfriend, father of Linda (Gary) Johnson and Bob (Wendy) Goodfriend
- In memory of Bernard Binder, brother of Marilyn Abrams
- In memory of Lillian Roth Silver, wife of Nathan Silver and Mother of Nancy (Tom) Britcher and Larry (Denise) Silver
- In memory of Linda Scheiner, wife of Jim Scheiner and mother of Stephen and Stephanie Scheiner
- In memory of Lewis Kay, father of Jeffrey (Larissa) Kay
- In memory of Lawrence (Larry) Harris, husband of Diane Harris, father of Marla Harris and Jennifer Harris-Dunham
- In memory of Mabel York, mother of Joyce York (Michael Messing)
- In memory of Heinz Baerman, father of Jeff (Sally) Baerman
- In memory of Richard (Dick) Zivi, father of Richard (Nancy) and Robert Zivi, and Diane (Mathew) Marks



## HMO Luncheon

As Hadassah rolled out its Every Beat Counts campaign, Knoxville was quick to embrace this program and get the word out on heart health. The 2013 HMO Luncheon was dedicated to educate women on the dangers and successes of heart health.

While noshing on a wonderful lunch, we had the opportunity to listen to Rabbi Matthew Michaels. He spoke on matters of the heart in the Torah. We also heard from cardiologist, Dr. Emily Diltz. She shared information on all sorts of matters involving heart health, including the current heart medical trends in medicine, testing, and treatments.

We ended the afternoon with two very special awards. First, Barbara Mintz was named as the 2013 Woman of the Year. As the Membership Vice President, she has become an imperative part of our organization. The second award was given to a very surprised John Goan. He received the Associate of the Year Award. John has proven that being an associate does not mean you sit on the sidelines and let the ladies do their thing. He has taken on numerous roles and is always willing to lend a manly hand when asked. Congratulations to both Barbara and John on your awards, we are so lucky to have you!!

A special thank you goes to Kathy Goldstein and Shuli Mesa for chairing this event and to Jill Weinstein and Marian Jay for your help with sponsorships. Thank you to Raeus Cannon for being a fabulous MC and to Bonnie Boring for introducing the Every Beat Counts campaign. Most importantly, thank you to all of the hostesses and hosts, those that attended, and our amazing speakers! We could not have had this beautiful event if not for you!



*Rabbi Matt Michaels speaks at the HMO Luncheon*



*Raeus Cannon presents Associate of the Year Award to John Goan*



*Raeus Cannon presents the 2013 Woman of the Year Award to Barbara Mintz*



*Dr. Emily Diltz, cardiologist, speaks at the HMO Luncheon.*

## Help Israel by Purchasing Tree or Water Certificates

Fires have ravaged the Carmel Forest, near Haifa, in northern Israel. Many of us met the Israeli firefighters who visited Knoxville and showed pictures of this tremendous fire and the destruction. Five million trees on 12,500 acres are gone. We must reforest, replant, regrow. Plant a tree – or ten, or more – today. Since 1926, through generous donors like you, we have partnered with JNF to drain swamplands, plant forests, develop water resources and preserve Israel's ecology.

Giving opportunities include:

*One Tree - \$18*

*Ten Trees - \$150 (Circle of Trees)*

*Fifty Trees - \$750 (Garden of Trees)*

Yes, you can help Israel simply by contacting Joyce York and purchasing a tree certificate for \$18.00 or a much needed water certificate for \$18.00. You may designate a name for either certificate in memory of someone, sending get well wishes to an individual, in honor of a birthday, anniversary, birth, marriage, engagement or someone's accomplishment. Israel is always in need of trees and water. Please help the forests by planting a tree and helping the trees grow in Israel by giving them some water. You can call Joyce at 384-6177 or e-mail Joyce at [joyceyork12@gmail.com](mailto:joyceyork12@gmail.com) to arrange for a tree or water certificate to be sent out for you.



## Hadassah Layettes

By Judi Abrams

It is not too late to add your name to these two newest LAYETTES....

- ★ Moshe and Marcia Shloush have a grandson, Jacob Adam Love
- ★ Steve and Joni Hirschhaut have a grandson, Isaac David Hirschhaut
- ★ Bob and Carole Martin are the proud grandparents of twins, Amelia and Parker Jacobson

Please send me an e-mail at [jmksa1@aol.com](mailto:jmksa1@aol.com) to add your name or if you have any questions about the program, please let me know!

I look forward to hearing from you and thanks for supporting this HADASSAH program.

Have a happy and healthy 2014!



# Hadassah Highlights

## Knoxville Chapter of Hadassah

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## We've Given You the Words That Drive and Depict Us. Now Lets' Show What They Look Like in the Classroom:



*Linoy and Cora are taking turns reading and helping each other with hard words*

### Individualized Learning:

Throughout the school our students are divided into literacy groups that address their individual needs. These groups are fluid and students will often move from one group to the next as they master new skills. Case Example: Kindergarten Literacy Groups. Eight Kindergartners spread throughout three different literacy groups allows each child to maximize their potential and move along at a pace comfortable for them. While one group works on matching voice to print, beginning, middle and ending sounds and sight words, students in another group are working on comprehension strategies, making text to text, text to self and text to world connections!

### Prepare for an ever changing world, Giving and Accepting Constructive Criticism, Communicate Compassionately

Ms. Kari thought her 4th-5th grade students' writing was coming along nicely but there seemed to be a disconnect between their writing and their audience. Looking to ignite a passion and energy she was seeing in other subjects, into writing, she did some research over the summer and decided to move their writing to a blog. Ms. Kari got to work right away teaching the students how to create blog posts, researching which platform was the best to host their blogs in terms of safety, supervision and ease of use. "Students took to it immediately, it comes naturally to them and the energy in writing is back." Students are required to create a blog post once a week and respond to at least two friends' posts. The quality of their posts, range of topics and wonderful dialogue going on between the students is so exciting!

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### Collaboration, Instill Confidence, Accept Criticism:

Nothing demands collaboration more than acting together on stage and our phenomenal cast is learning to work together, play off of each other and move on if someone forgets a line or says the wrong one. In theatre, we "work through" the scenes and often need to change and perfect. Our actors and actresses have become adept at taking constructive criticism and growing from it. Best of all, students find their voice and become confident performing. Each year they get more and more comfortable on stage. At KJDS we work on transferring these skills to public speaking, storytelling and team building off stage as well. Last year each of the students, coached by Ellen Kern, presented a Pechakucha presentation about their passions.



*Rehearsal for Alice in Wonderland!*

### Mystery Skype calls...

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Today I will be talking about the mystery Skype calls...

We did this thing called Skype, it is were you call someone else(from your COMPUTER) that uses Skype. But you don't just talk talk to them you can see them!!!! So what we did is our teacher would call another school and we didn't know were the school was so we had to try to find out where they were, by using a map and asking them questions about that state.

2 Comments



Hallie

Your comment is awaiting moderation.

November 21, 2013 at 3:04 PM

Dear Frank,  
I love your blog!!!! I love the comedy you sprinkled in there, and has lots of great information!  
Love your friend,  
Hallie

*Ms. Kari's class on [KidBlog.org](#)*

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## We've Given You the Words...

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### Discover a sense of wonder, Impassioned Learners, Critical Thinking:

Learning to navigate and use the easy-access information the digital revolution has brought us is just one of the benefits Ms. Jessica highlights in her 2nd-3<sup>rd</sup> grade Genius Hour. As unique individuals we all have different things that “turn us on.” During Genius hour, students get to choose something they are passionate about and study it! “The biggest challenge during Genius Hour,” says Ms. Jessica, “is harnessing the enthusiasm and excitement into ‘controlled chaos’.” With 12 students each studying different topics and getting so excited to share what they are finding with friends, it takes Ms. Jessica’s superb classroom management and structure to keep everyone learning. Student’s topics range from tropical birds, to snakes, astronauts, and wild horses in Texas to then creating your own product. Students are taking notes, analyzing, deciding which material is most important, and once they’ve gathered the information they’ll be presenting what they’ve learned. Working off of a rubric, students will all make sure their presentation includes the rubric checkpoints but can use any medium they’d like to present.



*2nd and 3rd grade class working during Genius Hour!*

### Critical Thinking, Active Learners, and Integrated Curriculum:

Gaming in the classroom has been a big buzz in the education world and Ms. Jessica’s pilgrim unit showed the benefits. Students partook in a simulation unit where, throughout their study of pilgrims and Native Americans, they had opportunities to “experience” what it would’ve

been like to live in those times. For example: After covering each topic simulation activity, students had to write a journal entry from a pilgrim’s perspective...a rubric included topic, spelling, how much content, etc. Each journal entry was graded using the rubric. Collectively, their colony would have a “fate” based on the average of individual grades. The collective grade determined if your colony experienced a miracle, destiny or misfortune. A miracle might have meant you were able to build two more houses; a destiny might be that you built all your houses or nobody got sick, and a misfortune might have been that one house in the colony burnt down.

### Problem Solving, Learn from Mistakes:

Singapore Math has been our program of choice for the last five years. The curriculum is based on a progression from concrete experience—using manipulatives, then moving on to a pictorial stage and finally to the abstract level. This sequence gives students a solid understanding of basic mathematical concepts and relationships before they start working at the abstract level. Singapore Math includes a strong emphasis on model drawing, a visual approach to solving word problems that helps students organize information and solve problems in a step-by-step manner. And in math class, or any class at KJDS, our motto is....

“Failure is simply the opportunity to begin again.” Henry Ford  
We emphasize this daily as we work our way through challenging word problems, celebrating when we’re successful and learning from our mistakes. Here is an example of a 4<sup>th</sup> grade word problem, and the solution using bar models:

*A drawer has some red, green, and blue marbles. There are 33 marbles. There are 4 times as many red marbles as green marbles. There are half as many blue marbles as green marbles. How many blue marbles are in the drawer?*

*We first drew our red bar, 4 times the length of the green bar, because there are 4 times as many red marbles as green. We then drew our blue bar, half the length of the green bar because there were half as many blue marbles as green. Then, using the size of the blue bar, we cut the bigger bars to have equal size bars, giving us 11 total bars. We then divided  $33/11$  to get 3, telling us that each unit was equal to 3. That gave us our answer then, that there were 3 blue marbles. Which also meant we had 6 green marbles, and 24 red marbles.*

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*Example of a bar model*

## We've Given You the Words...

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### Global Awareness, Critical Thinking, Collaboration:

Not being limited by text books allows us to delve into thematic literature units to analyze and make deep text connections. The discussions engage our students to think critically, and take away lessons for our lives today. One literacy group just finished reading *Sadako and the Thousand Paper Cranes*, a story about 12-year-old Sadako, who was diagnosed with leukemia, also known as "atom bomb disease." Students really enjoyed studying about the Japanese culture. The glimpse into history had them discussing consequences to our actions and the long-term effects of our deeds.

In another class, students had researched a Native American group and began studying the explorers. One of the things they learned was that many of the explorers brought with them new illnesses that wiped out many natives who had no immunity built up to these diseases. Many hearty discussions are the pulse of Ms. Kari's Socials Studies classes and in this case the kids found themselves discussing how in pursuing our own dreams we sometimes hurt others. Pursuing dreams should be done but also we must understand the importance on how pursuing those dreams might affect others.

### Ethics and Morals, Embrace Social Responsibilities, Strong Sense of Community:

Our school is built on the foundation of a strong sense of community and feeling responsible for one another. We begin the day as a full school community and it is a delight to see the older kids help the younger ones with the Hebrew *tefillot*. Our a Kavod Code, honor code, that students and staff follow helps our students take responsibility and self-check their own behaviors. In K-1 they've created their own social contract to guide their interactions and behaviors as they begin the journey of elementary school. Our Hebrew classes use the Talam curriculum and in each grade there are new Jewish morals and values discussed. The 4/5 class just got through studying a unit with Morah Revital discussing "כך לא מתנהגים" and "כך מתנהגים" This is the correct way to behave, and this is not the correct way to behave, etc. Hebrew stories with characters the same age our students, struggling with struggles typical for kids their age, makes the learning fun and meaningful.

### Developing the Whole Child:

While every school has academic goals, we are most proud of goals to that help to turn our 5<sup>th</sup> graders into responsible, confident and capable students. Starting in Kindergarten, the teachers work hard to develop students' social skills and their responsibility, independence, organization, how to manage themselves, such as unpacking backpacks and body control. In order for our students to actualize their potential, they need to learn to be "students." While much of what we do is embedded in the culture of our school, here are a few examples that work directly to this goal. In K-1, a weekly star student gets a "compliment sheet." Students take turns giving the "star" a compliment and the star in return says thank you after each compliment. All the compliments are written onto a compliment sheet and go home with the star student at the end of the week. In literacy, Daily Five is a literacy venue where children practice independence and need to be self-motivated to work their hardest without a teacher overseeing. Throughout the K-1 years, Ms. Julie and Mrs. Cruz slowly give students more and more independence so that they feel confident and successful.



*Lili telling her class about her Star Student poster!*

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### Vashti's Banquet

Heska Amuna Sisterhood held its first Vashti's Banquet in March of 2009, inviting all women of the Jewish community to attend in costume and be entertained. Here are Knoxville'ians Dina **Kramer**, Nancy **Young**, and Ellen **Kern**, three of the many who participated.

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