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

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Everyone is invited to the opening reception for the

SOUND OF MANY WATERS ART EXHIBIT

featuring local artists
Shelley Mangold and Caitlin Seidler

Sunday, December 7 — 6:30-7:15 p.m.
Arnstein Jewish Community Center
6800 Deane Hill Drive

This international art exhibit features Israeli and American artists from our P2G Southeast Region Consortium. The exhibit will be on display December 7-24.

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The 2014 KJA Annual Meeting
will be held at 5:30-6:15 p.m., prior to the exhibit opening.

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Knoxville Jewish Alliance

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2014 Knoxville Jewish Alliance Annual Meeting

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UT Faculty Lecture Topic: Ebola Update

Erwin

The December 1 UT Faculty Lecture series features Paul Erwin, MD, DrPh, who will speak about the current Ebola outbreak in West Africa, covering the epidemiology of the disease and address concerns people in the US have about Ebola. The lecture is at **7:30 p.m.** at the Arnstein Jewish Community Center.

Erwin is a professor and department head of the Department of Public Health. He joined the UT faculty in 2007 to establish a Center for Public Health, which served as the springboard for establishing a Department of Public Health in 2010. Before joining the UT, Erwin worked with the Tennessee Department of Health for 16 years, with the last 12 years spent as East Tennessee Regional Health Office director.

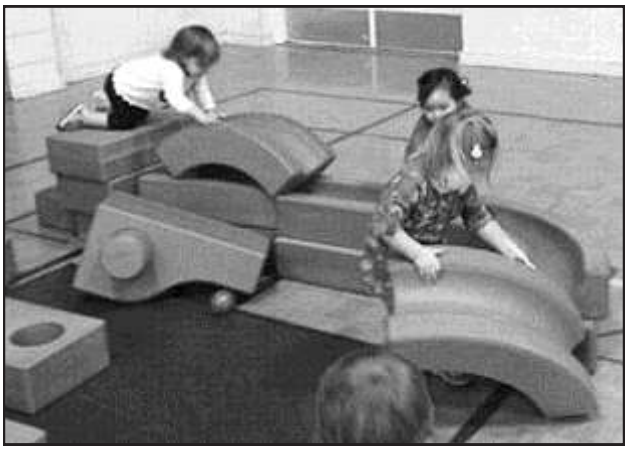
KJA 2014 Campaign

Campaign Goal $360,000
As of November 14, 2014
2014 Annual Campaign: $289,063
33 new donors
111 increased gifts from 2013

It's not too late to make your gift.
*Please call the KJA office at 690-6343 or go online at www.jewishknoxville.org and click "**donate**."*

It's Imagination Playground Time at the AJCC

By Kristen Cannon, AJCC Preschool Director



The AJCC Preschool would like to say thank you to everyone who contributed to the purchase of our Imagination Playground. Over the past month, our staff completed training and our students began imaginative play with this wonderful addition and they are having a blast.

With winter approaching, we want to remind you of our new weather alert system. When winter weather hits and we make a decision, parents will receive an alert via *Remind.com*. Parents, if you have not signed up to receive these alerts, please stop by the AJCC Preschool office.

SAVE THE DATE: The AJCC Preschool Annual Art Gala will be April 2, 2015 — 5:00-7:00 p.m.

The AJCC Preschool needs donations for our 2015 Art Gala Silent Auction. If you are interested in donating a gift certificate, service, or monetary gift, please contact the preschool office at 963-8001 as soon as possible. All gifts are tax deductible.

AJCC Preschool's Winter Break is December 22, 2014–January 2, 2015.
On behalf of the AJCC Preschool, we would like to take the time and wish everyone a Happy Chanukah!

Celebrate Chanukah with Us at Friendshippers

By Laura Faye Berry, BSSW, Esq., Director

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

Wednesday, December 17, 2014: Chanukah ♫Sing-a-Long♫ with Joyce Traugot and Charlene Gubitz. Anyone who has heard Charlene Gubitz and Joyce Traugot perform will know the fun and musical talent they bring to an audience. At our festive Chanukah party, you may sing along with them or just enjoy, plus nosh on some latkes!

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

The luncheon begins at noon and the program begins at 12:45 p.m. Lunch is $8.00. There is no cost for attending the program alone. Transportation is available upon request—please have your ride requests in by the Monday morning before the program.

For more information, please contact Laura Berry at 690-6343, ext. 18 or lberry@jewishknoxville.org

Entertainers extraordinaire Joyce Traugot and Charlene Gubitz bring back their festive and popular Chanukah Sing-a-Long.

KJA's Stop the Sirens Campaign Update

By Jeff Gubitz, Executive Director

This past summer was a trying time for our family and friends in Israel, as they suffered through days of bombing from terrorists in Gaza. The situation was particularly trying in the south of Israel around the Gaza periphery, as Israelis there were forced to spend an inordinate amount of time in bunkers and shelters.

The Jewish Federations of North America (JFNA) initiated the Stop the Sirens Campaign, calling on Federations to raise money for various forms of support for southern Israel.

Our Knoxville campaign here is something that we should all be proud of, as we raised nearly $15,000 for this much-needed care. JFNA has allocated the funds to where the money is needed most, providing trauma support, psychological counseling, respite and direct services with the lion's share of the funds. JFNA is now talking with our partner agencies in Israel to determine how additional funds should be allocated.

WE should all be proud of this achievement. Thank you to all who made a contribution and supported our community efforts to support Israelis affected by Operation Protective Edge.

Marilyn Presser and Sandra Licht enjoy bagels at the October Friendshipper luncheon. Tellico Tappers entertained an audience of Friendshippers and AJCC Preschoolers.

The Knoxville Jewish Alliance Thanks Its 2014 Campaign Donors

Donations received as of November 7, 2014.

If you'd like to support your Jewish community through the KJA Annual Campaign, call (865) 690-6343 today.

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UT Hillel Hosts Tailgate Party

UT Hillel students welcome Alan Greenberg and wife Joy to campus prior to the UT-Alabama game. Greenberg, a College of Information Sciences and Communications alumnus, was honored as a UT Distinguished Alumni at a dinner that weekend. Wife Joy Greenberg is a former AJCC Preschool Parent Committee chair and the Alice Greenberg Preschool Fund is named for his mother.

Former Knoxvillians Josh Koller, Daniel Roberts, Sonya Bendriem, and Megan Koller gather before the UT-Alabama game on October 25.

PJ Library Provides Books to Youngsters

PJ LIBRARY mails free, high-quality Jewish children's literature and music to families with children ages 6 months to 8 years. PJ Library is a program of the Harold Grinspoon Foundation, made possible through partnerships with philanthropists such as the Theriot family, The Gene and Pat Rosenberg Fund, and local Jewish organizations such as the KJA.

Enroll your children or grandchildren today! The local program is steered by Charlene Gubitz and Emily Theriot. Visit www.jewishknoxville.org/PJLibrary to register online or email kja@jewishknoxville.org to request a brochure.

Attention: ALL AJCC SNOW BIRDS
Please let us know your winter mailing address!
Email: kja@jewishknoxville.org today! Thank you.

December 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 7:00a minyan-HA 6-9:30p fencing-gym 7:30p UT Faculty Lecture Series: Dr. Paul C. Erwin-AJCC	2 10:15a yoga-JCOR 6p Exec Board-TBE 6-9:30p fencing-gym 7-9p JLI-How Happiness Thinks-AJCC AL	3 4:15p Religious School-HA 5:45p Midwk Pizza-TBE 5:45-6:45p ZUMBA-gym 6-6:30p Aftercare Staff-BR 6:15p Midwk Hebrew-TBE	4 7:00a minyan-HA 5:45-6:45p ZUMBA-gym BBYO basketball 7:30-9:30p Israeli dancing -gym	5 7:30p Shabbat Service-TBE	6 9:30a Legacy Shabbat Service-HA 9:30a Shabbat Service-JCOR 6p Dor L'Dor Chanukah Concert-Laurel Theatre
7 9:30a minyan-HA 9:30-12:30p Religious School-TBE 9:30a HARS-HA 9:45a Torah Tots-TBE 10-11:30a Gan K'Tan-HA 10a "Domestic Violence Awareness: Recognizing the Signs" program-TBE 5:30-6:15p KJA Annual mtg-AJCC 6:30-7:15p Sound of Many Waters Art Exhibit Opening Reception	8 7:00a minyan-HA Sound of Many Waters Art Exhibit-AJCC 6-9:30p fencing-gym 7:15p Exec Comm-AL The Sound of Many Waters Art Exhibit—December 8-24-AJCC	9 10:15a yoga-JCOR 6-9:30p fencing-gym 6:30p Board-TBE 7-9p JLI-How Happiness Thinks-AJCC AL	10 4:15p Religious School-HA 5:45-6:45p ZUMBA-gym 6:15p Midwk Hebrew-TBE 6:45-9p fencing-gym	11 7:00a minyan-HA 5:45-6:45p ZUMBA-gym 7:30-9:30p Israeli dancing -gym	12 7:30p Shabbat Service-TBE	13 9:30a Shabbat Service 9:30a Shabbat Service-JCOR
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21 Chanukah Regional BBYO Convention-Knoxville 9:30a minyan-HA	22 Chanukah Regional BBYO Convention-Knoxville AJCC Preschool closed 7:00a minyan-HA 6-9:30p fencing-gym	23 Chanukah Regional BBYO Convention-Knoxville AJCC Preschool closed 10:15a yoga-JCOR 6-9:30p fencing-gym	24 Chanukah Regional BBYO Convention-Knoxville AJCC Preschool closed 7a minyan-HA	25 Christmas Day 9:30a minyan-HA KJA and AJCC Preschool closed Heska Amuna closed Temple Beth El closed	26 KJA and AJCC Preschool closed Heska Amuna closed Temple Beth El closed 6p Shabbat Service-TBE	27 9:30a Shabbat Service 9:30a Shabbat Service-JCOR
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Happy Chanukah from the KJA Board and Staff

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Menorah maDness Presents:
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ADMISSION - $7 Per Person
Family Max (Admission Only) - $35
'All you can JUMP' wristband - $3 PP
Sponsor - $180
Thursday December 18
5 - 7 PM

HAPPENINGS

B'nai Tzedek Teen Philanthropy Program Signing

The B'nai Tzedek teen philanthropy program creates philanthropic funds for local teens in cooperation with contributions from their families, their respective congregations, and the Jeff & Nancy Becker Community Enrichment Fund, a Knoxville Jewish Community Family of Funds (KJCFF) fund. By giving teens the opportunity to be philanthropists, we place into their hands the most valuable gift—we teach them how to give. Throughout the year, participants learn about what it means to be a philanthropist and that one does not need to be rich to make a difference. Joining with other teens, they start to identify areas of particular concern in Jewish communities around the world and start to develop their own unique way of getting involved in the work of *tikkun olam* (repairing the world).

More than 65 local post-bar/bat mitzvah age teens have created a fund for themselves. These funds are the start of a permanent endowment fund that they can manage through the KJCFF for years to come. Didn't have a bar or bat mitzvah? Didn't get around to creating one at that point in their lives? It is never too late to start a B'nai Tzedek fund: contact KJA's B'nai Tzedek Director, Mary Ann Merrell, by email at mamerrell@yahoo.com or call the KJA at (865) 690-6343. While the B'nai Tzedek teen philanthropy program is a Knoxville Jewish Alliance program, the funds are held and managed by KJCFF. *Donations to B'nai Tzedek funds should be made out to KJCFF, with the name of the B'nai Tzedek fundholder in the memo line of your check and mailed to KJCFF, 6800 Deane Hill Drive, Knoxville, TN 37919.*

On Sunday, November 2, KJCFF President Scott Hahn, B'nai Tzedek chair, Mark Abrams, and KJA B'nai Tzedek coordinator, Mary Ann Merrell, welcomed ***Jacob Hale****, son of Chris Hale and Rachel Hale, as he signed his commitment letter and created his B'nai Tzedek fund. Pictured above, are Mary Ann Merrell and in the group photo:Scott Hahn, Chris Hale, Jacob Hale, and Rachel Hale.*

Calling All Bakers, Shoppers, and Donors! Local Knoxville BBYO Teens Need You

Knoxville will host the BBYO Cotton States Regional Convention December 21-24, 2014. Please help us welcome BBYO staff and volunteers with a top-notch, well-stocked and maintained hospitality suite. Let's show all our Volunteer spirit.
There are two online sign-up lists maintained by www.signupgenius.com. One sign-up sheet details requests items for the hospitality suite and one sign-up sheet lists time slots to help maintain the hospitality suite.

- ***BBYO Regional Convention Dec. 21:*** http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0f45a5a92da0f58-stocking
- ***Maintain Hospitality Room, Dec. 21-24:*** http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0f45a5a92da0f58-maintain/22897267

The wish list includes homemade baked goods, individually packaged chips, muffins, granola bars, fruit, yogurt, cheese, crackers, bagels, cream cheese, bottled water, and paper goods.

You may deliver your items to the Arnstein Jewish Community Center beginning Sunday, December 9-Sunday, December 21. Perishable items requiring refrigeration should be delivered after December 18. Please label your items "BBYO" and use disposable containers. If you keep a kosher kitchen, please indicate that on your homemade items.

Please contact Rebecca Charles (865) 482-3061 or gchar2@aol.com or Jill Weinstein (865) 556-3855 or jkweinstein5@gmail.com with any questions related to the hospitality suite.

Thank you for your support!

Heska Amuna Synagogue
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HESKA AMUNA SYNAGOGUE

JOIN US FOR A SPECIAL

LEGACY SHABBAT

Saturday, December 6

We will celebrate those in our congregation who have been committed members of Heska Amuna Synagogue for 25 years or more.

We will celebrate tradition, community, and commitment on this wonderful Shabbat!

Cheshvan-Kislev 5775

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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*).

FROZEN Matzah Ball

The night Hanukkah froze over.

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Saturday, December 20th

- 6:15 p.m. Havdallah
- 6:30 p.m. Menorah lighting and songs
- 6:45 p.m. Matzah Ball Soup, Latke, and Ice Cream Bar
- 7:30 p.m. Frozen Movie for Kids including Babysitting
- 7:30 p.m. Einstein Simplified in Rosen Social Hall

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From the Rabbi's Desk

Can You Lie to God?

By Rabbi Alon Ferency

At Beit T'Shuvah, a rehab in Los Angeles, we began work with addicts by asking simply, "What are the lies you tell yourself?" I often thought, "How would I possibly know that?"! Surely, we all lie; even more that we realize or admit. In *The Little Drummer Girl*, John LeCarre describes Kurtz, an Israeli spymaster, as someone who "wheeled and dealed and lied even in his prayers."

My question is, can we lie to God? The *Machzor*, our high holiday prayer book, says emphatically no, because "You [God] know the secrets of the world." Which is surely to say that even if you can lie to yourself, it's just a kind of fooling yourself, and you can't fool God. And frankly, unless you're a sociopath, most of us aren't even very good at fooling others. Here, too, the Talmud teaches that our body and soul will rebel against any pale veneer of false self-presentation, and ultimately, we will all be called to account. The first question we'll be asked in judgment is whether we dealt honestly with others. Did you?

If it is not permissible to lie, then is it permissible to hide? Not lie, per se, but remain concealed. Whether by shyness, shame, or oversight, is it alright to omit the things we'd rather not share? Yes, our tradition teaches that privacy is a prerogative, and you may hide, or at least remain safely out of light. It's even prohibited to force someone to reveal themselves, and no less a figure that Rabbi Akiva was taken to task for calling another out. So, it's Ok if you aren't ever ready to share your worries; you can remain private, and that is fine. The 27th Psalm teaches that God will conceal and hide us in times of trouble. In fact, the *midrash* suggests even God has moments of private emotion, where God weeps in secret.

Unfortunately, here's the rub: hiding doesn't work. In this, I am inspired by my colleague Rabbi Gil Steinlauf, the dynamic leader of Adas Israel congregation in Washington, D.C. Shortly after the High Holidays, Rabbi Steinlauf made a momentous announcement to his community. "I am writing to share with you that after 20 years of marriage," he began, "my wife Batya and I have decided to divorce." In itself, this is a tremendous and challenging admission for a pastor, when so much rides upon religious leaders' "family values" that many delay or defer divorce for fear of professional consequences. Then, Rabbi Steinlauf bravely continued, "We have arrived at this heartbreaking decision because I have come to understand that I am gay." Wow. Rabbi Steinlauf, whom I had only met briefly through a fellowship, became alive to me as never before with his courage, warmth, and authenticity. He was determined to live a true life, with newfound clarity and without hiding. Candidly, Rabbi Steinlauf's candor is far from common. Too few follow Maimonides' *halakhah* that "One's inside should be like one's outside."

Admittedly, it is not easy, but it is vital. Living a life without integrity and authenticity is possible, but it does not ennoble the world around us. Although our tradition permits us to hide if not lie, it also advocates for revealing one's spirit, self, and greatness. Says Rabbi Kook, Palestine's first chief rabbi, "Everyone must know and understand that within them burns a candle and no one's candle is identical with the candle of another and there is no human being without a candle. So everyone must know and understand that one is obligated to work hard to reveal the light of one's candle in the public realm for the benefit of the many. One needs to ignite one's candle and make of it a great torch to enlighten the whole world."

Friday Night Chill

Heska Amuna Synagogue

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Tot Shabbat

Friday, December 19

Come "chill" with us and experience Shabbat with this new lay person-led learner's minyan. A participatory, engaging, family-friendly Friday night experience.

5:30 p.m. Tot Shabbat Service
6:00 p.m. Shabbat Dinner
6:45 p.m. Carlebach-style Kabbalat Shabbat service
8:00-10:00 p.m. – Chill time: socialize, board games, relaxing conversation, etc.

Bring the kids, come as you are.
All are welcome to learn and celebrate with us!
Would you like to Sponsor a Chill
or would you ike more information,
please contact Anna and Jared Iroff-Bailey at
fridaynightchill@gmail.com.

Chanukah and Legacies of Different Kinds

By Barry P. Allen, Chair, Board of Trustees

I expect that most of us would agree with the sentiment that Chanukah is a joyful holiday that typically brings back warm memories of when we were kids, with visions of how we celebrated with our parents and siblings, or extended family members, or just friends. It is also a holiday that typically has similar present day memories that we associate with our own children or grandchildren. There are probably more than a few memories of special latke recipes, serious and gag gifts that were given or exchanged, singing the blessings together (whether on or off-key), and, of course, lighting the menorah. Many of us have one or multiple menorahs that we treasure, either because they were made at an early age by our own hands or some child in the family, or because they have been passed down from generation to generation. To say that Chanukah is a treasure trove of memories, a legacy of family experiences, probably would not be overstating things at all.

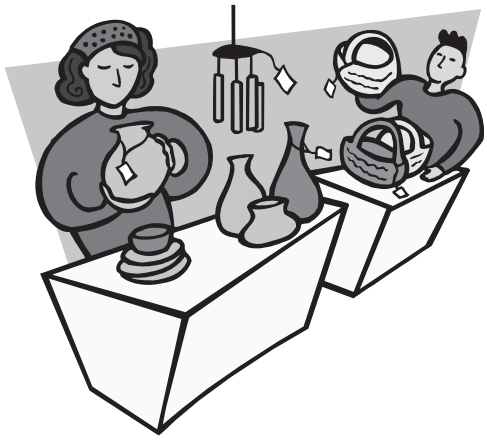
Besides the joy of the holiday later this month, there is another kind of legacy that our congregation will be celebrating on December 6. We will have Shabbat services - what you have heard described elsewhere as our Legacy Shabbat - and a special Kiddush to honor those families and individuals who have been members of our congregation for 25 years or more. Believe it or not, roughly 40 percent - yes, I said 40 percent - of our 205 membership units (both individuals and families, which is why I use the term "units") have been members for that length of time, or longer. This translates to about 80 individuals/families. For any congregation, but especially one of our size, such longevity of membership and involvement is simply amazing.

The people who make up that 40 percent are our past, our present, and our future. The legacy they have created is certainly their past accomplishments and the community they worked to build and nurture, but it is also so much more. Their legacy is who we are today. It is the values, lessons, traditions, and interconnectedness that they have transmitted to their children and grandchildren, and to the friends they have influenced. Thus, their legacy is as much about the future of our congregation as it is about the future of the individuals and families. Our legacy members are our congregation's living legacy, the past and present that nurtures our future.

There is another type of legacy that you will be hearing more about in the coming weeks and months. We are embarking on a program to invite as many members as possible to create a legacy gift to Heska Amuna in any amount in their Last Will and Testament. Part of this program will involve the creation of a book, where those who choose to give some financial gift (again, of no predetermined amount - whatever the giver feels is appropriate) will also be able to leave a permanent message to the family, or create a brief family history. These items will be collected and bound in a custom designed book that will be available for generations of future congregants and family members to read.

As you have no doubt determined by now, the legacy of Chanukah, with all of its family connections and history, as well as its vision of the future, is a perfect backdrop and stage for our Legacy Shabbat and the legacy endowment program. We are extremely fortunate to have so many wonderful legacy events to celebrate this month, and to use these events and programs as a foundation and springboard for our future.

To all our legacy members, thank you for being there for us always. We trust you will enjoy the Shabbat services and Kiddush, and *kvell* and "*shep naches*" with your family and friends. For those who are interested in our legacy endowment program, we will make all of the details available to you to explain how you can be involved, and what kind of legacy you can leave for your children and grandchildren. For everyone who will be celebrating Chanukah, the Board, Staff, and I, as well as our families, wish you a Chag Sameach - Happy Chanukah.



Sisterhood Art and Crafts, and Bake Sale

Sunday, December 14
10:00 a.m.
Heska Amuna Synagogue

Participants still welcome!
Please consider selling your handmade art, crafts and baked goods. It will be a fun day of profit, music and sweets for Chanukah. Let Harriet Glasman, hmglas@tds.net, know what you're selling!

From the President

By Jenifer Ohriner

On Yom Kippur I spoke regarding the importance of each of us to our community. In that same light, our community needs people to help run our services. Please, if you can lead any part of our services, read Torah, or chant a HafTorah -- we need your help. It's very simple to sign up for services.

Go to www.heskaamuna.org, click on services, scroll down to upcoming & signup, and sign up! We would love to be with you as you daven services for us.

Musicians and singers from Heska Amuna Synagogue and Temple Beth El performed at a Concert by Neighboring Kingston Pike Congregations on September 23 at Second Presbyterian Church.

Contributions From Caring People

For a list of synagogue funds, please visit www.heskaanuma.org. Donations listed were received as of October 27, 2014

COHEN – PRESSER FUND
In memory of Joe Goodstein
By: Linda Grey-Slovis, Haina and David Slovis

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OUTSIDE BEAUTIFICATION FUND
In memory of Joe Goodstein
By: Marilyn Burnett
In honor of Marilyn Liberman's award for outstanding community advocate from the University of Tennessee.
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In memory of Joe Herson, Carole Martin's father
By: Jeff and Shelley Hecht
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In honor of Marilyn Goeltz
By: Rhonda, David, and Marian Jay

RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND
By: William and Kappy Lapides
By: Victor and Pricilla Skalet
In honor of our Lay Hazanim and the high holiday service
In honor of Debbie Johnson
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In honor of Arnold Schwartzbart
In honor of Gilya Schmidt
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In honor of Anna Iroff-Bailey being named Kallat Torah
By: Carole and Bob Martin
In honor of Anna Iroff-Bailey and Josh Hedrick
By: Lydia and Bradley Drew
In honor of Anna Iroff-Bailey and Josh Hedrick being honored at Simchat Torah
By: Gale and Peggy Hedrick

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In memory of Phyllis Levine
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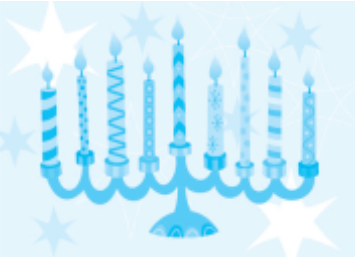
In memory of Mordecai G. Heiser
By: Gilya Schmidt
In memory of Anna Leibowitz
By: Gale and Peggy Hedrick
Margaret Goldman

Heska Amuna Religious School News — December

By Betty Golub, Youth and Family Programming Director

Every day we perform mitzvot without even thinking about it. Sometimes a mitzvah is something you do individually and sometimes it is a family affair. We are all blessed with shelter, clothing, good health, food and family members who care about us. During our celebration of Chanukah, we need to reflect each night think about how we can perform a different mitzvah for each of the eight nights of Chanukah. I would like to offer the following for the eight nights:



The First Candle

Fulfill the Mitzvah of ***MAZON*** - feeding the hungry. Light one candle for the Jews who tonight have no place to light candles. After the candle is lit, put aside a box or can of food and bring it to Religious School so we can donate it to a local food pantry.

The Second Candle

Tonight, work towards **KLAL YISRAEL**, unity of the Jewish people. Light two candles for two family members who cannot light candles with you tonight. After the candles are lit, go and call or write a Chanukah card to two family members. Be sure to remember any grandparents!

The Third Candle

Fulfill the Mitzvah of **PIDYON SHIVUYIM** - redeeming captives. Tonight as you light three candles, look at the world around you and imagine those who couldn't even light one Chanukah candle. Write a letter to your senator or congressperson on behalf of one oppressed group of people (for example, Jews in Iran, women in Afghanistan).

The Fourth Candle

Fulfill the Mitzvah of ***BIKUR CHOLIM*** – visiting the sick. Light four candles and remember those who haven't received even one present on this holiday of Chanukah. Take some of your OWN money and purchase a small Chanukah gift for a child. Bring it to a nearby hospital pediatric ward.

The Fifth Candle

Fulfill the Mitzvah of **HACHNASAT ORCHIM** – welcoming guests, and brighten up someone's day. Tonight, treat your parents as guests. Light five candles for the five days of the week (at least) that many of your parents work so hard. Help your parent prepare dinner tonight and then clean up the kitchen after the meal.

The Sixth Candle

Tonight, focus on the Mitzvah of ***KEDUSHAH*** – the capacity to focus our attention and recognize the "specialness" of things. Take one thing that you do every day (for example, brushing your teeth, getting dressed) and write a blessing to recognize the "specialness" of this activity.

The Seventh Candle

Fulfill the Mitzvah of ***SHALOM BAYIT*** – household harmony. After you light seven candles, list seven things that you, as an individual, can do to help your family members. Have a family conference and, after you promise to try out your list, discuss exchanging a gift for this holiday that would enhance the whole family.

The Eighth Candle

Light eight candles and smile! Tonight, with the Chanukiah fully ablaze, work towards ***TIKKUN OLAM*** – **REPAIRING THE WORLD.** Complete one activity that might eliminate the darkness of someone else's life.

Wonderful Story Books for Families to Enjoy During Chanukah:

- *Maccabee!* (Tilda Balsley illustrated by David Harrington)
  Judah and his small army of Maccabees fight to free Jerusalem from the cruel King Antiochus
- *Jodie's Hanukkah Dig* (Anna Levine illustrated by Ksenia Topaz)
  During Hanukkah vacation, Jodie and her father join an exciting archaeological dig in Modi'in, the home of the Maccabees
- *Sammy Spider's First Hanukkah* (Sylvia A. Rouss illustrated by Katherine Janus Kahn)Sammy Spider watches longingly as Josh Shapiro lights another candle and receives another gift
- *The Ziz and the Hanukkah Miracle* (Jacqueline Jules illustrated by Katherine Janus Kahn)
  As winter comes, the giant mythical bird the Ziz has a hard time making his dinner
- *Latke, the Luck Dog* (Ellen Fischer illustrated by Tiphanie Beeke)
  Rescued from a shelter, Lucky celebrates with the family
- *Sadie's Almost Marvelous Menorah* (Jamie Korngold illustrated by Julie Fortenberry)
  So excited about her menorah, Sadie trips and the menorah breaks, except for the shammash
- *Esther's Hanukah Disaster* (Jane Sutton illustrated by Andy Rowland)
  It is so hard to pick the right gifts when you are a gorilla
- *The Count's Hanukkah Countdown* **(**Ellen Fischer and Tilda Balsley illustrated **by** Tom Leigh
  The Count visits his Israeli Muppet friends and learns 8 is the perfect number.

Gan K'Tan

December 7— 10:00 – 11:30 a.m.

We come together for music, art, stories, games, Hebrew, snack and good friends all in a fun Jewish environment. This year we want each class to be even more special than it was last year. So…*every child will receive a gift of a Jewish book to add to their library.*
$5.00 per session.

For more information, contact Betty Golub at morahbetty@heskaamuna.org

Friday, December 19 5:30 p.m.

Tot Shabbat is designed for children 2 to 6 years old.

Shabbat dinner begins at 5:30 p.m. with services following dinner. We welcome Shabbat with good food and good friends.

$10.00 per family for dinner.

Dates to Remember

- **Sunday, December 7**
  Gan K'Tan 10:00 – 11:30 a.m.
- **Friday, December 12**
  Tot Shabbat — 5:30 p.m.
- **Wednesday, December 17**
  Chanukah Celebration & Dinner
- **Friday, December 19**
  Friday Night Chill
- **Saturday, December 20**
  Family Minyan—10:15 a.m.
- **December 21 – January 6**
  Winter Break
- **Wednesday, January 7**
  Classes resume

Mitzvah of the Month: *Hesed*

Our mitzvah this month is Hesed. Hesed means kindness and compassion; unselfish deeds without the thought of reward.

Hesed appears in the Torah to communicate God's kindness and love toward humanity as well as human kindness and love toward each other. Hesed emerges as one of the essential ways humans engage with God to sustain creation.

The Talmud further establishes hesed as one of the core pillars of human behavior. ("The world rests upon three things, *Torah*, *Avodah*, and Gemilut Hasadim." Pirkei Avot 1:2) This month volunteer on Christmas or Christmas Eve and Christmas Day at a hospital or a soup kitchen.

On **Saturday, December 27**, the Kiddush will be sponsored by Mark and Carol Harris in celebration of their 50th anniversary.

The entire community is invited to join this wonderful occasion.

Adult Education Classes

Famous Jewish Women: Written Out of History

Beginning Wednesday, December 3 for 3 weeks at 7:00 p.m.
Description: Come and learn about women who made significant contributions to the Jewish people and to Judaism, but time has forgotten them. We will delve into the lives of women who lived in Biblical times, the inquisition, and medieval times through modern times. *Taught by Betty Golub.*

Beginning Hebrew

Call for Dates—522-0701
Description: Learn to read the Hebrew Alphabet. We will use *Aleph Isn't Tough: An Introduction to Hebrew for Adults* by Linda Motzkin and Hara E. Person. Fee: $5.00 (book and cd pronunciation guide) *Taught by Peggy Littmann.*

Advanced Beginning Hebrew

Sundays at 9:30 - 10:30 a.m.
Description: Learn comprehension, study grammar, improve Hebrew reading skills. We'll study *Prayerbook Hebrew the Easy Way* by Motzkin Anderson. *Taught by Peggy Littmann.*

Israel Book Club

1st Sunday evening of each month at 7:30 p.m.
Description: Together, we will read Ari Shavit's *My Promised Land*, a nuanced and affecting account of one family's generations in the Land of Israel. Monthly readings will be complemented by other fiction and non-fiction excerpts, as well as film and other arts from Israel.

Loss & Legacy

5 sessions—T.B.A.
Description: Join together to discuss Jewish perspectives of retirement, late life, bereavement, and the after-life. One session will be devoted to the Jewish practice of writing an Ethical Will, and a specialist may be brought to consider estate planning, as desired.

If you have questions about these classes, please contact the Adult Education Coordinator, Dr. Raphael Panitz, at gilgamesh3@verizon.net.

Heska Amuna Salutes Its Volunteers

Todah Rabah to **Michael Zemel, David Ortiz, Irv Russotto, Elizabeth Spenser, Gabe Spenser, Lydia Drew, Isaac Drew,** and **Bradley Drew** for helping to put up and take down the Sukkah. Todah Rabah to **Frank Floyd** and **Jens Juhl** for preparing the Break the Fast this year. Thank you to **Marty Iroff** for power washing the courtyard for the High Holy Days. Todah Rabah to **Jared Iroff-Bailey** for helping clean up the synagogue.

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

Among Our Members

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

High Holy Day Greeting Corrections

The *Ha'Kol* publication staff and partners thank each of the families that purchase High Holy Day and Passover greetings during our annual fund raising efforts. Funds raised through this initiative help underwrite the costs of producing our community newsletter so that our East Tennessee Jewish community can share news, participate in events, learn about Jewish preschool, day school, teen, and adult educational opportunities, and worship at the institutions of their choice.

Because, two 2014 High Holy Day ads were unintentionally combined in our September issue, we are reprinting these families' good wishes to our community:

May the New Year Bring You Peace, Good Health, and Happiness.

Norman and Sandra Licht

Holiday Greetings from the Dreyer Family

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Permanent Schedule

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

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

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

For a list of Heska Amuna's funds and other information, please visit *www.heskaamuna.org*

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HESKA AMUNA SYNAGOGUE

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.

TEMPLE BETH EL
TIMES

Chanukah: A Time of Dedication

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

This year, Chanukah begins on Tuesday evening, December 16. Each evening as we recite the blessings over the Chanukah lights, let us take time to reflect on the theme of dedication. Consider the following questions: As a Jew, as a member of this congregation, as a human being: to what am I dedicated? How can I strengthen my dedication to my family, my faith, my community, and God?

I want to share with you brief readings that you may want to include after lighting the *chanukiah*.

THE *SHAMESH* OR SERVANT LIGHT (to be recited each night):

As one candle may kindle many others and yet lose none of its own light, so Judaism has kindled the light of truth for many religions in many lands and still shines brightly today. As we share our love with others, we do not lose anything, but we gain so very much, we feel closer to family and friends.

On the first night:

The first light reminds us that God is One. God's spirit guides us and strengthens us. Adonai leads us all, and as we love each other, we honor the Holy One.

On the second night:

The second light is the light of the Torah. Torah has brought learning and truth to all the world. "The commandment is a lamp and the Law is a light."

On the third night:

The third light is the light of *tzedakah* – of giving something of ourselves to help others. We know that so many people still are hungry, cold, ill, and homeless. We show our belief in justice and mercy by sharing with those who have less than we. (Each member of the family gives *tzedakah* at this time).

On the fourth night:

The fourth light is the light of family. Together, we celebrate Jewish living. We laugh together and we cry together. As we stand together, we feel God's spirit moving through us. We thank God for the love we share.

On the fifth night:

The fifth light is the light of Israel. We thank God for the Jewish State, for her music, dance, and poetry which we enjoy; for the pride of her people, for the Hebrew language which lives, and for *Eretz Yisrael* – where all Jews know freedom.

On the sixth night:

The sixth light is the light of the Jewish people, wherever they may be. We are tied to them by strong bonds – of faith and history, of language and tradition, of ideals and hope. We are *am echad*, one people. *Am Yisrael Chai* – the Jewish People Lives!

On the seventh night:

The seventh light is the calm light of patience. Little worthwhile can be achieved in haste. The spreading tree and the human soul grow slowly to perfection. King David said, "Trust in God, wait patiently for the Eternal."

On the eighth night:

The eighth light is the light of *Shalom* – of peace. Let there be peace among the members of our family and between us and our friends. Let us respect the stranger and work for peace in our community and in all the world.

May the messages of Chanukah continue to inspire each of us and our entire world.

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Temple Beth El

invites the Knoxville Jewish community to join our

CHANUKAH LATKE CELEBRATION

Friday, December 19, 2014

6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

This year's celebration includes a traditional latke and brisket dinner with all the extras, lighting of the Chanukah candles, and service.

Cost: $7.00 per person.
Send your payment to the TBE office
or pay the night of the event.
ALL participants **must RSVP by December 14.**

Let us know that you're coming by calling the TBE office or e-mailing
Amy Rosenberg at Rockybergs@tds.net

Bring your own menorah to decorate the table!
We will supply the candles.

Temple Beth El: A Semi-Annual Report

By Liz Gassel, TBE President

The Temple Board of Directors and Committee Chairs offer reports and updates to the Congregation two times per year. The Semi-Annual Meeting typically takes place in October. However this year, because of the preparations and events of our 150th Anniversary, it was moved to mid-November. These meetings provide a setting for the congregation to hear about current activities, accomplishments, new undertakings and plans of the Board, Committees, Rabbi and Religious School.

I know you won't be reading this until December, but I thought I would review with you some of the things I will have shared in my semi-annual report. These are things that I consider real accomplishments at Temple Beth El. If you weren't able to attend that meeting, here are some highlights.

- A **150th Celebration Weekend** that honored our rich history and our long years of continuing Jewish identity in Knoxville
- A **Lobby Renovation** that refreshed and updated the space
- A **Shabbat service honoring our members who are veterans** with guest, Colonel Jack Jacobs, Congressional Medal of Honor recipient
- A **50th Anniversary of the Civil Rights Movement presentation**, with reminiscences by activists from that era, hosted by TBE
- A **summer and a fall concert** produced and performed by our choir
- A **Cemetery Committee working hard to clean up and renovate the grounds** of both the new and the old cemeteries, to produce an updated plan of the properties and gravesites and to create a working relationship with the adjacent neighborhood group
- A **House and Property Committee** devoted to refurbishing the Temple grounds, interior updates and a greener approach to TBE operations
- A **5775 High Holy Days experience** to awaken and engage us created by our Rabbi, Cantor, Choir and Ritual and Worship Committee, followed by **Sukkot** with a sukkah sporting a breezy fabric roof under the sky and a fall harvest décor 'extraordinaire,' created by our students. A **Simchat Torah and Consecration** offering a joyous ceremony of unrolling and re-rolling the Torah.
- The **establishment of a new endowed fund** to be entitled "The Henry and Claudia Fribourg Holocaust Memorial Library Bookshelf Fund"
- A **Library Gallery Committee that hosted two shows**: artist Christina Mattison Klaven's work was displayed through the spring as she guided our Religious School students in the creation of the mosaic that graced our building and our 150th anniversary t-shirts. Local artist and sculptor, Arnold Schwarzbart's work is currently on display
- A **revamped Caring Committee** that is working to keep up with the needs of our ill or homebound members
- An **office administrator** who, since joining us this past February, continues to learn and take on the myriad needs of our congregants and staff
- A **Torah Tots program** that is bringing Jewish learning to our youngest students

Guest Rabbi Israel Dresner and Rabbi Matt Michaels of Temple Beth El chat at a reception celebrating the 50th anniversary of the Civil Rights Movement.

Of course, I could go on but suffice it to say that these are some of the "Big Things." Day to day we are involved in the many small accomplishments that build to create the larger. Sometimes we have to step back and see that bigger picture as the tasks of everyday, the brush strokes, can be overwhelming so close up. But in those strokes we are working together to develop the important relationships that form our community, our Temple family. I will continue to push those two words '**community and family**,' throughout my presidency.

The list above says 'Success' but it is only a success story if, in the process of the doing, we build more meaningful relationships, more connection and more community. Rabbi Jonah Pesner says, in a recent URJ '*Inside Leadership*' e-mail, that "As we challenge our communities to deepen people's engagement with meaningful Jewish experiences, we should also be focusing on the extent to which we are strengthening their social networks within our communities."

Ron Wolfson, in his book *Relational Judaism*, asks: Are we bureaucratic organizations that offer programs? Or are we communities of people, in meaningful relationship, bound by common purpose?

The undertakings I've listed above could not happen without all of you, who work tirelessly to support our community. In that process, I am hopeful that you are building and strengthening your social networks within Temple Beth El.

It's Time for Sisterhood at Temple Beth El

By Karen Smith and Kathy Young, Sisterhood Co-Presidents

At Sisterhood's meeting/program on **Sunday, December 7** at 10:00 a.m. at Temple Beth El, Sisterhood will welcome YWCA victim advocates who will present *Domestic Violence Awareness: Recognizing the Signs*. Topics include signs of domestic violence, types of domestic violence, and community resources for victims and families. The program is open to the entire community. RSVP to Heather Laing at teamlaing@gmail.com.

Sisterhood's next meeting/program will be on **Sunday, January 11, 2015** at 10:00 a.m. at TBE. The program is in the planning stages so watch the *Temple Blast* and future announcements for information.

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

It's never too late to join Sisterhood! Please send your check for $45.00 payable to Temple Beth El Sisterhood so we can include YOU in a rewarding and fun year of Sisterhood. We are stronger together as we contribute our talents and gifts through our active and lively Sisterhood.

Domestic Violence Awareness:
Recognizing the Signs

Sunday, December 7, 10:00 a.m.
Temple Beth El Social Hall

The community is invited to this TBE Sisterhood meeting presented by YMCA victim advocates.

RSVP to Heather Laing at teamlaing@gmail.com

Temple Beth El Sisterhood's Mah Jongg Madness Tournament

Sunday, October 27 was an afternoon of mah jongg, delicious desserts, and snacks at Temple Beth El's annual mah jongg tournament.

Beverly Schultz, Margaret Dorey, Patricia Adevai, and Charlene Gubitz compete at Table 2.

High and low tournament winners:
Minki Feigerle (door prize),
Marilyn Giddish (door prize),
Patricia Adevai (low score),
Susan Cohen (low score),
Jan Roussa (low score),
Margaret Dorey (third place),
Jean Begue (second place),
and Leslie Badaines (first place).

TBE Library Gallery Opens Schwarzbart Art Exhibit

Temple Beth El's Library Gallery opened its exhibit of the works of Arnold Schwarzbart on Friday, October 24. Schwarzbart is a full -time Judaic artist who resides in Knoxville. His works include commissions for synagogues as well as symbolic and ritual objects for the home.

The works on exhibit include paintings, sculptures, ritual objects, and photographic reproductions of some of Schwarzbart's major commissions. The show is open to the public and will remain in the Library Gallery through May 2015.

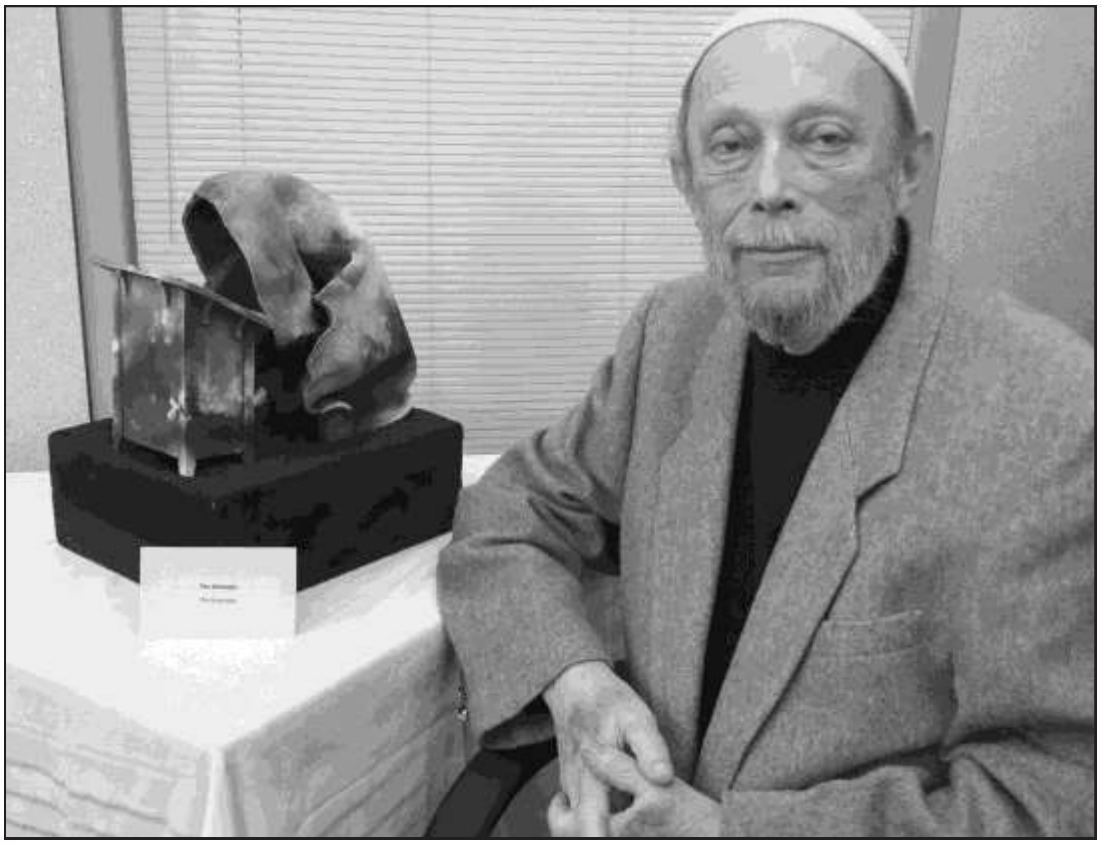
The wine and cheese reception and opportunity to speak with the artist was attended by many community members. Also attending was Flora Rosefsky, the Atlanta artist who was the first artist to exhibit in the Gallery and who assisted the committee in launching the TBE Library Gallery project.

The Library Gallery Committee thanks Arnold and Mary Linda Schwarzbart for their assistance in preparing this (their third) show, Abram Hanford for helping to transport the artworks, Jeff and Nancy Becker for loaning the sculpture *The Shtender*, Wes James, Larry Winston, and Tom Webber for assistance in hanging the show, and all those who contributed to the TBE Gallery Fund.

Contributions to the "Friends of the Gallery" fund help defray the costs of our exhibits. Checks made out to Temple Beth El with "Friends of the Gallery" on the memo line are appreciated. The Gallery Committee is chaired by Shelley Mangold. Members include Liz Gassel, Meredith Jaffe, Diana Steinfeld-Hicks, Susan Watson, Lennie Scott Weber, and Linda Zaretzki.

Flora Rosefsky, Arnold and Mary Linda Schwarzbart.

A crowd gathers for a wine and cheese reception held prior to Shabbat services at the opening of TBE's art exhibit.



Arnold Schwarzbart with the sculpture, The Shtender, at the exhibit.

Exhibit Runs Through May 2105

Temple Beth El Religious School December Update

By Norma James, Religious School Director, normajames@tbeknox.org or nfjames77@gmail.com

The 150th Celebration was amazing!

I want to thank everyone for participating in our 150th Celebration. Special thanks go to the fabulous 150th Committee and chairperson Ellen Markman. I could never have managed the family day without the help of our wonderful School and Youth Committee led by Gina and Al Feldblum with Missy Noon, Melinda Gibbons, Tara Bain, Rabbi Michaels, and special volunteer for the 150th, Melinda's mother Sylvia Miller. The students had a fabulous time!

Thank you, Betty Golub and the Religious School of Heska Amuna, for hosting us at the Global Day of Learning.

We had a wonderful time studying together with all of you. We look forward to hosting everyone next year. This spring we will host Heska Amuna for a CLC day on April 12.

Midweek Pizza Dinner December 3 at 5:45 p.m.:

Don't forget to arrive early for our monthly pizza and socializing 5:45-6:15 p.m. Classes will begin at 6:15 p.m. as usual.

Torah Tots meet Sunday, December 7 -- 9:45-11:15 a.m.:

It's time for another great session of fun for our youngest children and their parents. I am so excited about how great this program is going. Emily, Rabbi, and I have such a good time coming up with lessons that the kids will love. If you have a child age 2, 3, or 4, you need to bring you child to Torah Tots. The 90-minute session includes stories, songs, movement, a craft, and a visit from the Rabbi. This is a wonderful way to introduce young children to our Religious School. The parents have also enjoyed getting to know each other. Our theme for December is Chanukah. Temple membership is not a requirement for Torah Tots participation.

13th Annual TBE Macabbiah December 14:

I plan for this to be the best Maccabiah EVER! All students will be placed on Team Hay, Shin, Nun, or Gimel. Families stay together. The teams will compete in wacky games with a Chanukah theme. The younger children work with the older students in a great family atmosphere. It is as much fun to watch as it is to play. We need lots of parents to help in the kitchen, at the luncheon, and as judges. PLEASE contact Al and Gina Feldblum gfeldblum@att.net if you can volunteer some of your time. We would love to have every student and parent attend this fun event.

Chanukah Celebration and Latke Supper December 19!

DO NOT MISS THE FUN! Bring the whole family to our Chanukah celebration. We will begin with supper at 6:00 p.m. followed by a short service. Bring your family menorah to decorate the table as we all light our candles together. This is a perfect event for all ages of RS children. The whole event will end by 7:45 p.m. with time to get everyone home. If you need to put your tot to bed sooner, we will understand if you leave early. Don't let that keep you from coming.

Religious School Winter Break Wednesday, December 17-Sunday, January 4.

Religious school starts back on Wednesday, January 7 with a pizza dinner at 5:45 p.m.

New Fund Added to Temple Beth El Endowed Funds

The Funds Finance Committee of Temple Beth El is pleased to announce the endowment of the **Henry and Claudia Fribourg Holocaust Memorial Library Bookshelf Fund**. The Committee, on behalf of Temple Beth El, expresses its grateful thanks to Henry and Claudia Fribourg for their continued generosity to Temple Beth El and the Jewish community at large.

This fund will allow the purchase of printed, digital, and other appropriate media materials related to the occurrence of intolerance, bigotry, and persecutions such as the Holocaust, the Inquisition, the Crusades, and other similar historical periods. The materials provided by the monies of this fund will be available to our Temple, the Jewish community at large, and the greater Knoxville area to examine and learn from these events and periods of history.

The endowed funds of Temple Beth El continue to help fund a significant portion of our Temple activities and mission. All Jewish community members are invited to make contributions to any of our funds and help us continue our Jewish tradition in Knoxville. A complete listing of our available funds is available in our Temple Directory or from our Temple office.

Thanks again, Henry and Claudia!

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What About the Women?

By Scott B. Hahn, Esq., KJCFF President

Sometimes, when placed in the proper context, certain events transpire to help you form a bigger picture of what's going on. The trick is always to piece these bits of information together before the moment slips away. October was that kind of month for me. There were several things that occurred that made me think about the role of women in philanthropy locally and nationwide.

During October, there is Breast Cancer Awareness Month. This nationwide event was founded in memory of Susan Komen, by her sister, Nancy Brinker--two Jewish women originally from Peoria, Illinois. I also read a book recommended to me by friend, Stephen Nagler, entitled, *The Ladies Auxiliary* by Tova Mirvis. Mirvis, a Memphis native, tells the story of how a group of women deal with change in the Orthodox community in Memphis. The book is told entirely from the women's perspective. It was a very good read, which I would recommend. The final event that fits into the theme was found in the *Knoxville News Sentinel*'s Life section on October 26, 2014. There was an article in the society column that talked about this year's opening event of the Women's Fund of East Tennessee. The group, founded only a few years ago, by and exclusively for women, has a simple mission: "to transform the lives of low income girls and women in East Tennessee." While I read over the long list of attendees, I did not see a Jewish name among them (I am unaware if the group has Jewish members or not).

I am well aware the important role Jewish women have had in philanthropy here in Knoxville. Knoxville has active Hadassah and Sisterhood chapters that have long helped to shape and impact our community. Women have also helped to fund raise in a myriad of other ways through past events like Women's Division for the Campaign and the Heska Amuna Bazaar. However, to the best of my knowledge, there is no specific fund in the Jewish community devoted solely to women's issues. I believe it is high time such a fund, or funds, be created. Women have a certain perspective and certain sensibilities all their own. What better way to celebrate these differences than creating a KJCFF fund. I challenge the women of this community to put their creative minds and resources together and establish such a fund. As always, the KJCFF is here to offer resources and guidance. So by this time next year, I hope to be reading about the kick-off event for the Jewish Woman's Fund of East Tennessee.

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- **Allen, Leibowitz, Pearson Family Fund**
  Barry and Heidi Allen

- **Cohen-Presser Endowment Fund**
  In Memory of Joe Goodstein
  Linda Slovis

Grants

- The Knoxville Jewish Alliance received a grant from the **Zelda and Max Morrison Cultural Enrichment Fund** to underwrite a portion of the expenses for KJA's celebration of Jewish Book Month with guest author Michael Bar-Zohar.

- The KJA also received a grant from the **Abe Collins Cultural Fund** to support the 2014 Sundown in the Sukkah program.

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Jewish Congregation of Oak Ridge

From the President's Corner

By Sig Mosko

The High Holidays are long past for this year, but I need to express a very special thank-you to our cantorial team that really did a fine job. Bruce Tomkins, Jim Bogard, and Mel Tobias are the primary team members who now can boast of two years experience. We also had lots of help from Torah and Haftorah readers that especially includes Zane Bell.

Looking ahead it's time to start thinking about upcoming events like our **"Ah-Men Feast"** which is scheduled for **Sunday February 8, 2015**. Start saving your "white elephants" and other gems for our famous "silent auction." Once again, we will be looking for entertainers.

Last year, we found lots of great talent within our congregation. Be sure to mark your calendars. The Ah-Men Feasts in years past have been lots of fun and excellent fund raisers.

Sisterhood's Rosh Chodesh Program Lively One

Susan Shor was our speaker on the Jewish influence on American Musical theater. Susan explained the evolution of musical theater in America including the influence of Yiddish theater and Vaudeville. Many of the composers and lyricists for some of the most famous and innovative musicals including an early musical, *Showboat* (Jerome Kern and Oscar Hammerstein II*)* and a more recent musical, *Sweeney Todd* (Stephen Sondheim) were Jewish or of Jewish descent. Susan presented video and sound clips to let us see and hear actual productions. There was a lively sing-along with music provided by Susan on the Viola and her husband Joel Shor on the piano. Thanks so much to Susan and Joel for an educational and enjoyable program!

Susan and Joel Shor perform during Sisterhood's Rosh Chodesh program on Jewish Influence on American Musical Theatre.

Sisterhood Chanukah Sale

Sunday, December 7
11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
JCOR Library

JCOR Sisterhood will host its Annual Chanukah Sale on **Sunday, December 7.**
Please come early for best selection. We have new merchandise including all kinds of gift items, candles, dreidels, games, wrapping paper, and books.

Contact Mira Kimmelman (483-7972) or Judy Raman (482-1509) for more information.

Upcoming JCOR Events

December 6, After Shabbat Morning Services. Study Session: "*Ask the Rabbi*"

December 13, 7:00 p.m., Jewish Film Festival, *Divided We Fall*, 2000, PG-13, 123 minutes (Academy Award Nominee)

In Nazi-occupied Czechoslovakia, Josef and Marie Cizek grudgingly agree to shelter David, a Jewish concentration camp escapee, in their tiny apartment. When Josef takes a job with a Nazi collaborator to ease suspicion, mayhem consumes the household. Filled with pungent humor and universal truths about the fragility of the human condition, director Jan Hrebejk's poignant film skirts a fine line between comedy and tragedy.

(L-R) *Dory and Solomon lead the children's torah procession during Simchat Torah, with Lilah, Moses, Megan, and Levi.*

Becky Charles helps granddaughter Megan hang some cute bird crafts in the sukkah.

Todah Rabah to our ritual crew for leading us into a sweet new year: Bruce Tomkins, Rabbi Rashkovsky, Mel Tobias, and Jim Bogard.

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Lilyan Cohen from Arlene Katzman Cohen
David Sencer from Don & Roberta Steiner

In Memory of Jerry Braunstein:
Rose Feldman (**Ralph Einstein Fund**)
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Contributions to Oak Ridge Hadassah

To order certificates, please call Mira Kimmelman, 483-7972 or Sylvia Goldenberg, 482-1896.

- Sympathy card to Bruce Tomkins on the death of his father, *from Judy Raman*
- Condolences to Laura Floyd and the Ginsberg family in memory of Jeff Ginsberg, *from Blanche and Larry Dresner, Alice Feldman and Al Good, Anne and Eli Greenbaum, Mira Kimmelman, Hilary Shreter*
- HMO sympathy card to Bruce Tomkins *from Bobbie Cantor, Mira Kimmelman*
- Tree certificate to the Goodstein Family in memory of Joe Goodstein, *from Alice Feldman and Albert Good, Genevieve Kramer and family, from Alice Feldman and Al Good, Penny Lukin, Jim and Ronnie Bogard*
- Tree certificates in memory of Joe Goodstein to Marion Goodstein and family in Jerusalem, *from Genevieve Kramer and family*
- Donations in memory of Jerry Braunstein, *from Anne and Eli Greenbaum, Jim and Ronnie Bogard, Shirley Schwartz, Leon and Vera Maya*
- HMO condolence certificate to the Hobson family on the loss of son, grandson, and brother, *by Mira Kimmelman*
- HMO condolence card to Elinur Danon on the passing of her mother, *from Bobbie Cantor*

Donations to Oak Ridge Sisterhood

- Donation in appreciation of the comfort provided by Sisterhood members during Jerry's illness, from Catherine Braunstein
- Donation to Torah Fund in honor of the Oak Ridge Chapter from Joann Hotimsky (Eileen Handler's daughter)

DECEMBER HOSTS and HOSTESSES

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

Dec. 6 Mel Tobias, Bruce Tomkins
Dec. 13 Yardena and Moshe Yair, Elena and Carlos Bamberger
Dec. 20 Reeva and Marvin Abraham, Ronnie and Jim Bogard
Dec. 27 Linda and Zane Bell, Becky and George Charles

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CHOICE!

By Rabbi Yossi Wilhelm

Living in a democracy we get to make many choices as we recently got to vote on government positions as well as many issues that are dear to our hearts. So the elections are finally over. No more approved ads bashing each other. No more signs in our lawns. And the winners are… well that depends on whom you ask, some are happy and some are disappointed. Some are motivated and some are frustrated. Some feel they won and some feel they lost….

About 3,327 years ago we made a choice as well. At that time we all won. It was a unanimous decision. That choice didn't involve any debates, there weren't any ads, and there weren't promises made. Just one promise "if you obey Me and obey My covenant, you shall be to Me a treasure out of all peoples.. And you shall be to Me a kingdom of princes and a holy nation."

After political elections we keep hearing about the good job or bad job the elected officials are doing, he or she were elected to work on behalf of the people and the people judge their success or failure based on what is being done for the people.

In contrast to current day elections our choice 3,327 years ago was made by saying WE will do and WE will listen. It's not about what we get it's about what we give.

Reb Zalman Senders a wealthy chassid of Rabbi Schneur Zalman, the first Chabad Rebbe was able to marry off his children and establish them in business. A generous man by nature, when the responsibilities of his immediate family became less pressing, he committed himself to pay for the weddings and dowries of his relatives 'children.

Suddenly, however, his business affairs took a sharp turn for the worse, he found himself in debt and unable to meet his commitments. He hurried to Liozna to receive advice and blessings from the Alter Rebbe. At his yechidus [private audience], he poured out his heart to the Rebbe, saying that he was prepared to remain impoverished himself, but he needed to pay his debts and honor the commitments that he had made to his relatives.

The Alter Rebbe responded: "You are speaking about what you need. But you have not given a thought to what you are needed for." Reb Zalman Senders fainted and the Alter Rebbe's attendant had to help him out of the Rebbe's room. When he came to, he began to devote himself to prayer and study, without thinking of his business concerns.

After Reb Zalman Senders had conducted himself in this fashion for some time, the Alter Rebbe sent for him. Standing before the Rebbe, the vision of his previous yechidus came to mind, and he could barely muster the strength to look the Rebbe in the face. This time, however, the Alter Rebbe spoke to him gently: "Now you appreciate G-d's truth.... You can return home...; may G-d grant you success."

Reb Zalman Senders made his way home and discovered that the gloomy picture he had seen previously could be corrected. A few favorable business moves in the right direction gave him the opportunity to right his financial situation.

The Alter Rebbe gave people a sense of mission, enabling them to see what they were needed for. Commitment to a purpose beyond self-empowered them to redefine their sense of self and live fuller and more complete lives. Simultaneously this awareness helped them refine their own character traits.

We can live our whole life thinking about what we need and deserve and forget about our responsibilities, forget about what we are needed for, and forget about our contribution to ourselves, our family our country etc.

Let's all take a few moments and think about what we can contribute to our families, friends and community. When giving to others we find purpose, meaning and fulfillment in our lives.

As President John F. Kennedy said "And so, my fellow Americans: ask not what your country can do for you — ask what you can do for your country."

The Tefillin Club

Give ARMS to our brethren in ISRAEL: The Torah (Deut. 28:10) tells us: "The nations of the earth will see G-d's name inscribed upon you, and they shall fear you. According to the Talmud (Berachot 6a) this refers to Tefillin.

December 14, 2014—10:00 a.m.—Chabad House—7148 Wellington Drive, Knoxville

Bring your own Tefillin or use one of ours. Join us the first Sunday of every month to nourish your body & soul as we lay Tefillin, say the Shema, and enjoy a delicious breakfast. PLUS: A special 15-minute video presentation of "The Living Torah" series.
No prior experience necessary. For more information please contact Rabbi Yossi at (865) 588.8584 or rabbi@chabadknoxville.org.

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Heska Amuna Synagogue

December 6
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December 20
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December 12
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Hadassah Highlights

"Fall" into Hadassah Celebration

By Barbara Mintz, Membership V.P.

Twenty two women gathered together at the lovely home of Betty Golub to "**FALL" into HADASSAH** in October**.** This membership activity brought Jewish women together to network, make personal connections, share Hadassah experiences, have fun, and of course eat quite well.

The participants included UTK Hillel members, women coming to their first Hadassah event, and Hadassah members ranging from one day to more than 30 years. Each attendee wore a colored ribbon to signify their years of membership in Hadassah. We were quite excited to welcome Dahlia Smith as our newest Hadassah member.

Hadassah memberships impact each of us differently and our memberships enable us to support many diverse priorities, such as medical research and our hospitals in Israel, and/or support personal goals as leadership skills and developing friendships. Instead of listening to one speaker share their perspectives of Hadassah every member participated. Each member answered a question to share two important things Hadassah does, two things Hadassah has done for that member, or two things that excite them about the Knoxville Chapter of Hadassah.

All the guests could ask any question to find out more about Hadassah or our Knoxville Hadassah Chapter. Hadassah is engaged in so many important roles and activities there were not many duplicate replies. What was repeated was that Hadassah Knoxville is a special organization that welcomes women from local congregations and nonaffiliated women to get together while working to support hospitals, and critical research, and Israel, and our environment, and our own personal growth and having fun while we are doing it all!

We may have **"FALLEN"** into **Hadassah** at our October event but we are always **"SPRINGING"** into our mission and supporting each other.

Any time you would like to join us or if you have questions please feel free to contact me at Barbara@bmintz.com.

What's a Jewish event without good schmoozing and wonderful noshing? This potluck bounty was both beautiful and delicious.

UT Hillel members Elyse Mekelburg and Sharon Soleman enjoy learning about Hadassah during the Celebration event.

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(First Row) Knoxville Hadassah's Bonnie Boring and Lee Kansas, (Second Row) Marla Kameny, Marilyn Martel, Catherine Braunstein, Judy Holzer, Susan Smolinsky, Dana Waxler at the Birmingham regional conference., which was held in early November. Mazel tov to Boring, who was re-installed as Regional Outreach Vice President.

Hadassah Book Club News

By Peggy Littmann

On **Tuesday, December 23**, the Hadassah Book Club will discuss *The Boys in the Boat: Nine Americans and Their Epic Quest for Gold at the 1936 Berlin Olympics* by Daniel James Brown. We will meet at **7:30 p.m.** at Barnes and Noble on Kingston Pike in the coffee shop area. All Jewish women and friends are welcome. For updates, check the Hadassah web site at http://jewishknoxville.org/ - tab onto Adults, then under Social Action you will find the Hadassah tab.

Book Review: *The Boys in the Boat:* Some books have the power to be life-changing. They spur interests and the desire to learn more. They foster hope and offer inspiration. *The Boys in the Boat* is one of these books. From the testimony of Joe Rantz during the last few months of his life and his daughter Judy's help with the gathering of old letters, photographs, diaries, and newspapers, Daniel James Brown creates a brilliant telling of nine college boys from Washington who took home the gold in the 1936 Berlin Olympics. This amazing true story chronicles the life of Joe Rantz and his friends during the early years of the Great Depression, following sons of loggers, farmers, fishermen and merchants in a struggling area as they overcome first their greatest rival on the west coast, then the ivy league elites on the east coast, and finally the favored British crew as well as Hitler's crew in the Berlin Olympics.

"I shook Joe's hand again and told him I would like to come back and talk to him some more, and that I'd like to write a book about his rowing days. Joe grasped by hand again and said he'd like that, but then his voice broke once more and he admonished me gently, 'But not just about me. It has to be about the boat.'"

Upcoming Hadassah Book Club Selections:

January 20: *Jewish Luck* by Leslie Levine Adler

February17: *Max and Helel* by Simon Weisenthal

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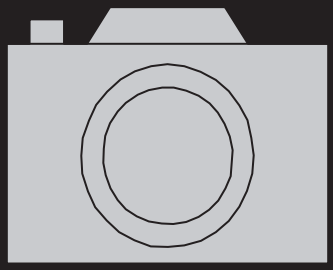

Please send photos from Hadassah conferences, events, and programs to Nora Messing, chapter historian, so that she can work on the Hadassah scrapbook.

Thank you!

Hadassah Highlights

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Stanford Eisenberg Knoxville Jewish Day School

Dory shows the first stage of the state insect project. A collage of "Compassion Hands." The entire school is focusing on compassion for all members of our community.

Art In Everything We Do!

Art is in everywhere. Sometimes as adults we do not see the art in everything we do, but for art teacher Annie Clark, it is her life's work. KJDS set a goal to ensure what was studied in the art room was relevant to the classroom. We knew a dynamic teacher would be able to make these links. What we have seen is the amazing cross curriculum connections. Annie explains some of her projects in the second and third grade class as we move past the first quarter of the school year.

First we worked on a compassion project, tracing our hands, cutting out the shape and writing a word inside that fit within compassion. Some students wrote "Compassion" or "Thank You" or "I love you." This project incorporated pattern, color, line and unity. This project is a school- wide effort to cultivate a culture of compassion for all who enter KJDS.

We then started work on a cityscape, which connected to the 2-3 students' geography unit. Instead of creating landscapes, students painted a cityscape with watercolors and added sample paint chips as the building to create a mixed media collage project. Some students cut up the paint chips into trees, some students drew on them for buildings, lots of creativity in this project.

After that we began working on a fun project incorporating some of our State Symbols to work with the local Geography unit they are studying in class. We talked about some of the state symbols, trees and flowers in particular. We drew the trunk of the tree and then using old soda bottles created a print that looked like blossoms/ flowers on the trees. This incorporated pattern, color, rhythm, and contrast.

Next we continued talking about local geography, this time moving onto insects, focusing on the butterfly. We created our own butterfly by mixing paint on one side of the paper and then folding it over to create the same pattern on the other side. After that we cut out shapes with construction paper and added it on top to create our own local bugs/butterflies. This incorporated symmetry, color theory, pattern, shape, texture, and form.

Currently we are finishing up a small project still working on the local geography and state symbols, with lightning bugs. All students were given a print out of a jar and started by painting in yellow for the Lightning bugs/fireflies (a state insect) the next step was to draw the legs of the bugs and create the environment for the jar, where is it sitting, a table, outside, outer space, etc. This is a mixed media project of paint, pencils and markers. It incorporates, pattern, color, rhythm, unity.

We will be sharing more of Annie's projects that keep art alive at KJDS.

Cityscape drawn by the second and third classes to tie in with their Social Studies unit.

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Nutrition Fun!

By Katie Bell

Did you know you can eat a rainbow? First graders and kindergarteners did during our nutrition unit in October! Nicole Fey spoke to the students about the food pyramid and whole grains. She discussed with the students how to make a balanced plate. She helped use make yummy fruit kabobs with strawberries, apples, melon, and bananas.

Students were given a challenge to eat a rainbow (foods from all different colors of the rainbow) three times to earn a beautiful certificate and sing the "I Ate a Rainbow" song.

The kids did so great with this challenge that I had to issue another one! We read *Picky Mrs. Pickle* and then I challenged the students to try to incorporate three new foods into their meals as it can take up to 10 exposures to a new food to get your taste buds to accept it. We wrapped up our nutrition unit in art class with some beautiful artwork made with celery and potato stamps.

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A is for Apple

By Katie Bell

During September our kindergarten and first grade classroom went head over heels for apples! We kicked off our unit by visiting the Fruit and Berry Patch in Halls. While there, we learned about apple graphing, picked apples in the orchard, and went on a wagon ride. In science, we studied the parts of an apple, the apple life cycle, and the seasons of an apple tree. We also completed several apple experiments! First we predicted and graphed whether or not an apple and seeds would float. The next experiment had our room exploding with excitement! We used hollowed apples, vinegar and baking soda to make apple volcanoes.

Our next experiment involved using the scientific method. After hollowing out the apples for our apple volcanoes, we noticed that the cut-up apples turned brown very quickly. We then began to wonder: What can you put on an apple slice to keep it from turning brown? We setup an experiment with different variables – water, milk, lemon, and soda. We made a hypothesis as to which liquid would keep the apples from turning brown so quickly. We discovered lemon juice works best! We had leftover apples so we made apple boats. I challenged the students to use the engineering process to get apples to float with a toothpick and a sticker sail attached. We discovered that using lighter stickers worked best.

Parker, Cora and Noah with their "appleboats."

Lia and Noam add blue vinegar to baking soda to make an apple volcano.

Noam, Amos, Parker, Ellie, Chayale, and Louis sport pot hats in honor of Johnny Appleseed's birthday!

Last we headed outside to test how tough an apple's skin is. Turns out, it's pretty tough! Tough enough to withstand 11 drops to the concrete! During reading we read *Johnny Appleseed*, a tall tale by Steven Kellogg. First graders worked on finding the story's main idea and detail. Kindergarteners read *Apples A to Z* and recalled apple facts.

Apple activities extended into math as well! We did a great number pattern activity with the Dr. Seuss book *Ten Apples Up on Top.* All of our math centers were apple themed! We measured with apple counters, sorted odd and even apples, apple addition, and much more!! To wrap up our unit, the students made beautiful stained glass apples in art class with Ms. Annie Clark.

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Lil Liberman's 80th Birthday Party

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